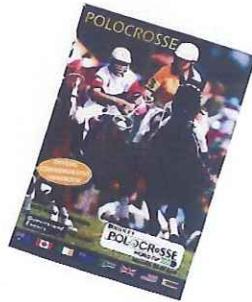
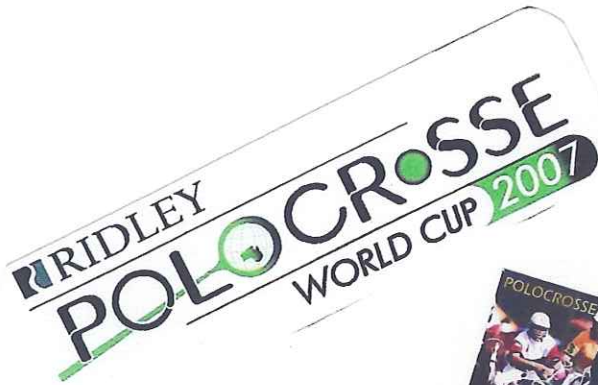


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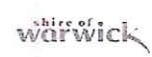


Under the banner of Queensland Events, you'll see twenty international matches and scores of club matches in the curtain-raiser, the Australian Equine Alliance Club Carnival. Such interest has the carnival generated that as well as players from across Australia, it has attracted entries from France, the Netherlands and Zambia.

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Introducing the guest nations

AEA Club Carnival to showcase talent from Australia, France, Zambia & Holland



Netherlands

Former South Africans Richard and Martine Griffiths introduced polocrosse to Holland shortly after relocating there in 2000.

Through an internet-horse-forum in 2004 Martine contacted Rob & Jouke Huisman and together they created an internet homepage which proved an important step in developing polocrosse in Holland.



Peter Cross from the UK found the webpage and invited the Dutch to the Pennine tournament in May 2005. From this first sighting of real chukkas, Dutch inspiration grew to develop polocrosse at home.

The sport is developing with the help of players from the UK, Ireland, France and Germany. There are four different regions where polocrosse is played in Holland, with 20 players and growing.

Participation in Warwick is another milestone for the Dutch and their horses are supplied by members of the Cunningham Polocrosse Club. Current Polocrosse Netherlands Chairman - Mr Martin Luitse.

www.polocrosse.nl

Fundraising efforts

How they made their way here

Fundraising is a way of life for every amateur sport and the traditional favourites of raffles and knocking on sponsor doors are used world-wide. Take a look behind the scene at some alternative ways some countries addressed the financial challenge of coming to Warwick

In the Netherlands fundraising is tough because polocrosse is an unknown sport. However, their chairman had a novel idea. He asked all the guests to his recent 50th birthday celebrations to make a donation for their team to travel to Warwick in 2007, in lieu of bringing him a present. This worked rather well; he raised €1000 (A\$1700) and he still got a few presents! The rest of the money for the trip was donated by the players and their close family.