

POLOCROSSE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA



President – Hannes Van Aswegen , Cell 0833139025 Email :hva @mtnloaded.co.za
Vice President – Francois Du Toit, Cell 0824624760 Email francoisd40@gmail.com
Secretary – Jo Cocker, Cell 0839424607 Email: pasa@futurenet.co.za

POLOCROSSE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA – PRESIDENT’S REPORT

I am proud to report that Polocrosse adhered to and aligned itself with the SAEF and SASCO constitutions and manages well. Polocrosse is financially stable and is a member in good standing to the SAEF as well as IPA. Polocrosse South Africa had a busy 2017 with many official and unofficial International tests series.

In April 2017 we sent a full ladies and men’s South African Protea side to play in Australia. Our men held their own and won all three of the tests. This is the first time in polocrosse history that Australia has been beaten in Australia on Australian horses.

Our yearly Junior Classics for junior development was successfully hosted in Mooi River with many overseas visitors from France, Zambia and Australia.

We hosted a Quadrangular in Mooi River with a full Ladies and Men’s South African A and B team, A Ladies and Mens team from the United Kingdom and a Ladies and Men’s team from the United States of America. We used this test series to develop a lot of our upcoming players. We were proud of the overall results.

There was an u16 incoming Zambian official test which we unfortunately lost.

We sent our u14 side to Zambia for an official tour where the South African u14’s won the test series.

Our 2019 World cup team was announced with our back to back World Cup winning team coach Bruce McLarty and team manager Heleen Steenkamp. Our Congratulations to Jannie Steenkamp, Retief Steenkamp, Travis Timm, Graham McLarty, Natalie McLarty, Leigh Higgs, Cayley Higgs and Jacque Minaar for making the side, we know they will make us proud.

We had a successful Inter Provincial Tournament in Richmond, Kwa-Zulu Natal, which was greatly supported.

Our SA Club Champs was held in Bethal with many clubs attending. We held our annual AGM at this tournament.

PASA elections were held and I was re-elected as President, we now have a whole new executive committee as well as a new secretary.

All in All it was a successful year.

The start of 2018 has had a few challenges with the new SAEF systems, but we have quickly adapted to the changes and look forward to this year.

South Africa hosted a u21 official test series against Ireland at the end of March in Mooi River, Kwa-Zulu Natal. Our u21’s held their own in all three tests winning the series 3-0.

Our annual Junior Classics took place in the beginning of April in Mooi River. It was a very successful tournament with visitors from Australia, Zambia and France. We started the development of our juniors, with each team having a different coach for the weekend. It was well supported and was a competitive tournament all round.

Our World Cup preparation is in full swing with our Protea senior team.

Looking forward to an exciting year

Hannes van Aswegen