

PLETTENBERG BAY SUMMER POLO

The Plett Summer Polo season gets underway with the Stonefield Invitational commencing on the 12th December. Six sponsors will bid for their high goal professional at an auction evening preceding the start of the tournament. Play for this event is scheduled for December 12th, 14th and 16th. The Formosa Cup follows immediately after this on Saturday 17th with five teams competing for this magnificent old trophy dating back to the 1800's. Teams will consist of a blend of youth and experience with many of South Africa's top professionals back from playing abroad.

Running concurrently with this will be an Eight and Two goal tournament basically ensuring polo action everyday weather permitting. The finals of these tournaments take place on Friday 23rd December just before Christmas. Entry into Kurland is free other than for the final matches where there will be a cover charge of R200 per car - the proceeds of which will go to a local charity. Spectators are most welcome and free to bring a picnic basket or better still enjoy the fine cuisine and beverages of the Pavilion Restaurant.

Kurland will be opening their new Katarina Restaurant on the 9th December situated in the renovated "Tack Shop" building. The restaurant boasts a new state of the art kitchen/chef where the public can enjoy a Bistro style menu in the tranquil settings of the Kurland Estate.

Polo commences after Christmas again on the 27th of December with another Twelve Goal running through to the 7 January 2012. The well known "Black Bears" team based in the UK will be taking part in this tournament for the first time featuring SA's Jean du Plessis who was recently promoted to 6 goals in the English league. Another visitor who hasn't frequented Plett for a few seasons, is 7 goal Argentine Gonchi von Wernich, who will be turning out for Kurland alongside George Morgan, Clifford Elphick and Cody Ellis. Jaeger Polo will feature two 6 goal players in the form of Tom de Bruin and Gareth Evans which should prove to be a formidable force. Mike Griffith's Rocksteady team have the services of a young South African, Leroux Hendricks, who hasn't played in Plett for a number of seasons but who will be keen to show his talents in a keenly contested tournament. He will be ably assisted by Chris MacKenzie, finalist in the 2011 British Open and recently promoted to 5 goals.

With the abundance of talent on show, spectators will be treated to some exciting polo with goals a plenty - members of the public are most welcome to enjoy an afternoon at Kurland interacting with the players and ponies, ending off a perfect day with sundowners on the deck at the Pavilion.

For information regarding the polo schedule and times please contact Clive Peddle on 082 454 9746 or log onto the Plett Polo website on www.plettpolo.com