

# HALL OF FAME



## MR JAMES ASHTON

### *Founding Inductee*

The APF Hall of Fame recognises the lifetime contribution to the sport of polo by Mr James Ashton. Mr Ashton had a long and distinguished polo playing career that culminated in a handicap of 4 goals. Mr Ashton enjoyed considerable on-field success, winning many major tournaments around Australia as well as playing extensively overseas.

Mr Ashton's contribution to the sport is also measured by his considerable efforts to develop the sport through administrative roles including President of the NSWPA (1994-96) and Australian Polo Council (1999-2002).

Mr Ashton represented Australia as a delegate to the Federation of International Polo (FIP) where he became treasurer. Mr Ashton was bestowed the highest accolade in world polo administration becoming President elect of FIP shortly before his untimely death.

Mr. Ashton not only fostered the development of the game at the elite level around the world, but was also a great supporter of 'grass roots' polo.

During his long career, Mr Ashton introduced countless players to the sport and made time for everyone who sought his counsel.

Mr Ashton will forever be regarded a seminal figure in Australian polo history.



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## MR JIM MACGINLEY

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The APF Hall of Fame recognises the lifetime contribution to the sport of polo by Mr Jim MacGinley.

A long and distinguished polo career culminated in a handicap of 8 goals.

Mr MacGinley was regarded to have significantly influenced a change in the structure of play in Australia following his return from a playing stint in the United States.

Mr MacGinley played with and against the world's best players of his time and was held in the highest regard by teammates and opponents alike. Mr MacGinley was first selected to play for Australia in 1967,

represented his country on 14 occasions and was captain in 13 of those games.

Through his celebrated playing career, Mr MacGinley won most of Australia's major trophies including the Australasian Gold Cup (5), Easter Gold Cup (5), Northern Challenge Cup and many significant trophies in the US.

During a lifetime in polo, Mr. MacGinley has continued to shape and influence the sport through coaching, as well as developing young players and horses.

Mr MacGinley will forever be regarded a seminal figure in Australian polo history.



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## MR KEN TELFORD

### *Founding Inductee*

The APF Hall of Fame recognises the lifetime contribution to the sport of polo by Mr Ken Telford.

Mr Telford's long and distinguished polo career culminated in a handicap of 7 goals as well as recognition by his peers as one of the finest players in the country.

Mr Telford was regarded as one of the great analysts of the game and was a dominant figure in the sport during his years at the top.

A gifted sportsman, Mr Telford played with and against the best players of his time and was considered without peer in many aspects of the game.

Mr Telford was first selected for Australia in 1957, represented his country on five occasions and captained the team twice.

He won the QLD Gold Cup 10 times, Easter Gold Cup 4 times; the Northern Challenge Cup and the Australasian Gold Cup.

During and following his playing career, Mr Telford continued to shape and influence the sport, coaching and developing young players and in the game's administration.

Mr Telford will forever be regarded a seminal figure in Australian polo history.



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## MR PETER CUDMORE

### *Founding Inductee*

The APF Hall of Fame recognises the lifetime contribution to the sport of polo by Mr Peter Cudmore.

Mr Cudmore's long and distinguished polo career culminated in a handicap of 7 goals.

Mr Cudmore was one of the dominant figures in Australian polo during his celebrated career, winning most of the major trophies including the Countess of Dudley Cup (10), Australasian Gold Cup (3) and Easter Gold Cup (5).

Mr Cudmore was also selected to represent Australia on at least 8 occasions, playing his first game in national colors in 1962.

Mr Cudmore played with and against the best players of his time and was considered without peer in the back position.

During and following his playing career, Mr Cudmore continued to shape and influence the sport through coaching, developing young players and in administration.

Mr Cudmore was the President of the NSWPA in 1983-84, a delegate for many years and his contribution to the sport, both on and off the field, was immense.

Mr Cudmore will forever be regarded a seminal figure in Australian polo history.



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## THE ASHTON BROTHERS

### *Founding Inductees*

The APF Hall of Fame recognises the contribution to the sport of polo by the Ashton Brothers: James, Philip, Robert and Geoff.

During the 1920's and '30's this team of four brothers from Goulburn dominated Australian polo and then took on the best in England and the United States.

Their most notable achievements were two tours to the UK and the USA in the 1930's, the first of their kind undertaken.

Taking their own string of ponies, the brothers enjoyed outstanding success and were feted in both countries for their dashing style of play.

In Australia, during the years 1929-39 the team was unbeaten but once, and then only after giving a 14 goal start and losing 14-15.

Regarded as great strategists, the brothers were held in high regard by all they played; each a fine player and virtually unbeatable as a team.

Their story is one of the most colourful chapters in the sport's history and their legacy has resounded for generations.

The contribution of the Ashton Brothers should rightly be indelibly marked in Australian polo history.



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## MR SINCLAIR HILL AM OBE

### *Founding Inductee*

The APF Hall of Fame recognises the lifetime contribution to the sport of polo by Mr Sinclair Hill.

Mr Hill's distinguished polo career culminated in a handicap of 10 goals.

Mr Hill played with and against the world's best players of his time and was held in the highest regard by both teammates and opponents.

Mr Hill was first selected to play for Australia in 1962, represented Australia 14 times, captaining the team in each game.

Mr Hill was the dominant figure in Australian polo for many years with multiple wins in the

Countess of Dudley Cup (8), Australasian Gold Cup (8), Easter Gold Cup (7), Queensland Gold Cup (3) and Northern Challenge Cup (8).

Mr Hill also competed extensively overseas playing the world's best in Argentina, United States and the United Kingdom.

During a lifetime in polo, Mr Hill influenced the sport through coaching, developing young players and horses, and in administration with the NSWPA and the APC.

Mr Hill will be forever regarded a seminal figure in Australian polo history.

### *Immortal*

The achievement of a 10 goal handicap, significant success in major tournaments and wider contribution to the administration and development of the game, warrant recognition as an immortal of the sport.



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## MR BOB SKENE

### *Founding Inductee*

The APF Hall of Fame recognises the lifetime contribution to the sport of polo by Mr Bob Skene. Mr Skene's outstanding polo career culminated in a 10 goal handicap - which he held for 18 years.

Mr Skene was not only one of Australia's finest players, but also one of the world's all-time greats.

A founding inductee of the US Polo Hall of Fame, Mr Skene is also recognised in the Sport Australia Hall of Fame and lauded in the United Kingdom.

Although playing his formative polo in Australia and India, Mr Skene's ability was soon recognised abroad and he began playing in England and the United States.

A burgeoning polo career and was interrupted for 9 years by WW2, during which time Mr Skene spent 3 years in the notorious Changi Prison Camp. After the war, Mr Skene resumed his career within 6 months had reached 9 goals. In 1951 he made 10 goals.

In a career of many firsts, Mr Skene most notably was the first foreigner to play for an Argentine team in the Argentine Open – which he won twice. Other major victories include 3 US Opens, 4 Pacific Coast Opens and the Monty Waterbury Cup.

Through a lifetime in polo, Mr Skene continued to influence the sport through coaching and administration, mostly at the Santa Barbara Polo Club in California.

### *Immortal*

Mr Skene's extraordinary achievements and significant contribution to polo warrant further recognition as an immortal of the sport.



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