

The Dawn OF Ferousia Club

Since the dawn of time, horsemanship has been considered a noble characteristic of the royal and elite societies all over the world. In Egypt, this sport has been treated in a very refined manner. It has been always practiced and loved by the Egyptian Royal family members at that time.

The importance of horsemanship, as a sport that should be practiced by the whole community, started back in 1938. At that time, the Ferousia club was first established by Taher Pacha in the 'Gabalaya' area. King Farouk the first, attended the opening of the club on the 30th of April.

In 1951, Fouad Pacha Serrag El-dine, president of the Ahly club, needed the Ferousia club's land for further expansion. So the club was granted part of Gezira club's land, to relocate in. Unfortunately, this new piece of land was not suitable for a refined sport like Horse back riding, which needed a better

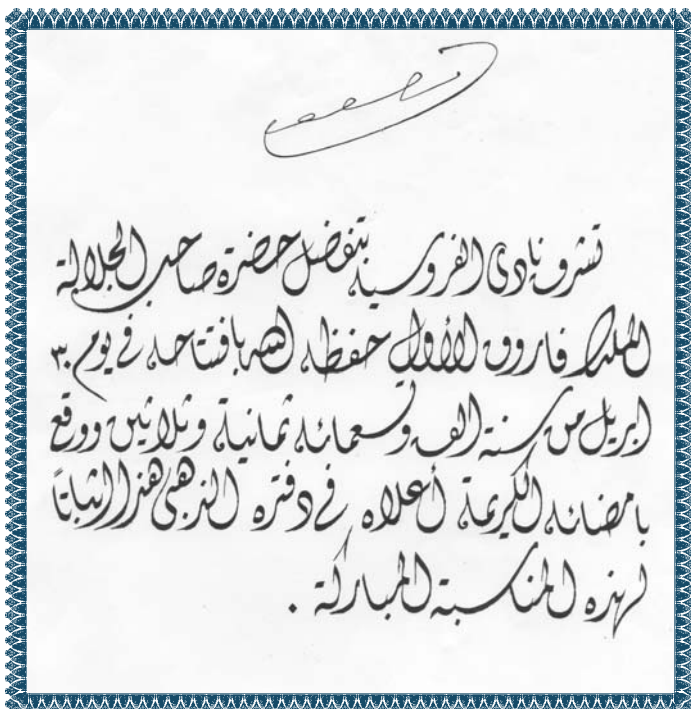
and smoother land for the horses. Therefore, Fouad Pacha called Mr. Delanquer, president of the Heliopolise company, who granted Ferousia club a piece of land, which is now part of palace hotel and Heliopolise club.

However, Taher Pach still worked in creating the infrastructure and reforming the land in Gezirah. Eventually after the revolution in 1952, a new map for the club was drawn, the club was again relocated in this area and kept the same location up till now and a new board of directors was formed.

The new General Secretary was General Youssef Ghourab continued the construction Taher Pacha began before until it was finished in 1958. Now the general secretary of the club since 1972, is **General Elwy Ghazy**, who was a member of the board since 1965. Ferousia club is now considered the most reputable club in Egypt and a pioneer in this field; it was the first Horse-related club to be founded in Egypt.



The memorial board hanged in Ferousia club stating that the opening in 1938 was attended by King Farouk the first and that the first Club's President was Mohamed Taher Pacha.



The document signed by his Royal highness the late King Farouk the first, on the occasion of opening the Ferousia club.

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Ferousia Club is the official organizer of a lot of horse back riding events in Cairo. It started with a yearly dressage, 'L' level for both males and females, competition, as well as a show jumping competitions. In April 1938 they organized the Egyptian Show Jumping Championship. Ahmed Abd El-Aziz from the Royal Cavalry, won the champi-

onship. He won the high jump clearing a 180cm height on his horse “Fahd”; in 1939 he also won a similar event with the same horse. Abd El- Aziz was a life-time hero; in 1948 he volunteered in the Palestinian war and died there, but he was always remembered, since a very well known street in Mohandessin was named after him:

“Al-Batal Ahmed Abd Al-Aziz Street”



The champion Capt. Ahmed Abd El-Aziz on “Fahd” jumping back in 1938, in the first championship to be held in the club.



The Ferousia club's new map drawn in 1975.

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