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The Return of Good Times
Racing season starts at El-Gezira Sports
Club track

BY HT TEAM



THIS WEEK WE WITNESSED THE RETURN OF HORSE RACING TO EL-GEZIRA CLUB WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND MR. FAISAL AL RAHMANI, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF HORSE RACING, ONE OF THE SPONSORS OF THIS RACE.

“In the context of promoting the sport of horse racing, I am pleased to send to the UAE a letter of thanks, appreciation and gratitude for the great support and assistance it provided us in reviving this sport, and I am keen with my Colleagues, members on board to consolidate the bonds of cooperation with our brothers in the United Arab Emirates.





I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan - President of the UAE - for his encouragement and generous initiative to continue reviving this festival annually.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan - Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces - and Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan - Deputy Prime Minister - and thanks are also extended to all those interested in the affairs of horse racing”

Speech by Mr. Felix Youssef Sarhan - Chairman of the Supreme Committee for Horse Racing.

“I am very happy with the return of horse racing to El-Gezira Club, as it was the reason for its establishment, and horse racing in general is a major element in any country.

In addition, we were the first country to hold a horse race after England, so I am very happy with this step and keen on its continuity as we are planning to have 11 races in the winter season; a race every two weeks.



Finally, I would like to thank the United Arab Emirates, which contributed with the awards and trophies that were distributed today.”

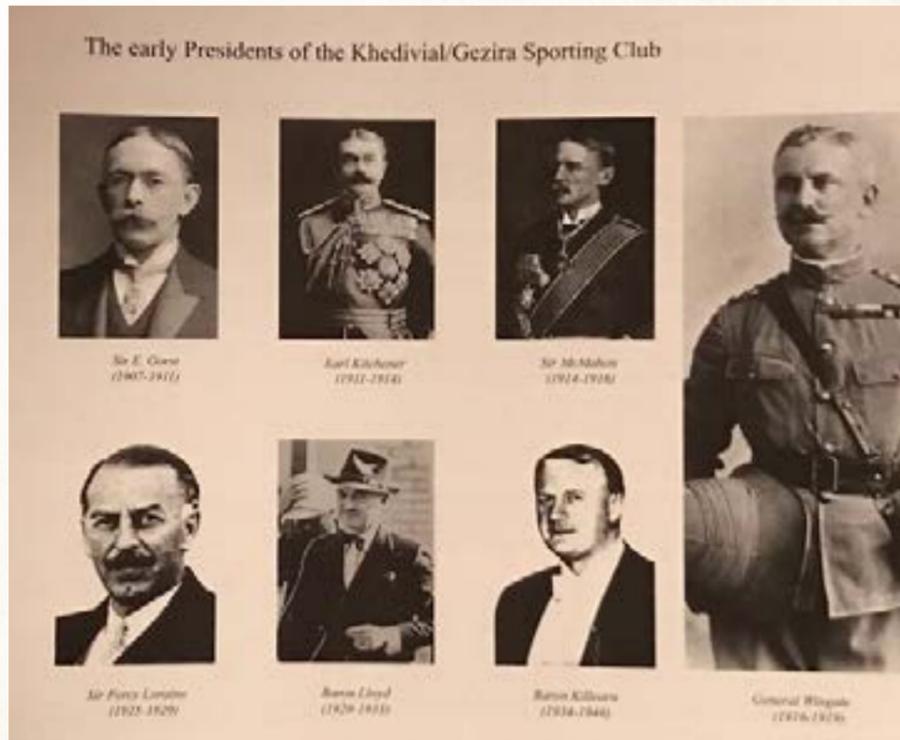
Hani Awad, head of the club’s horse racing committee to HorseTimes.

“El Gezira sporting club, founded in 1882, was initially established for horse racing. Unfortunately, races across Egypt have been on pause for years. However, this weekend, with the help of United Arab Emirates, we were ecstatic to see its return.

As one of the organizers of this event, I am happy to say that this is just the beginning, as we are planning for further development and reform. Our goal is to work together with the Arab countries to hold several races in Egypt and the Arab region, and raise the bar of horse racing, to showcase the beauty and essence of this sport. “

Hoda Elgendy , Member of the club’s horse racing committee to HorseTimes .





The early Presidents of the Khedivial/Gezira Sporting Club

Sir E. Giese
(1907-1911)

Karl Kitchener
(1911-1914)

Sir McMahon
(1914-1918)

Sir Percy Landon
(1925-1929)

Bernie Lloyd
(1929-1933)

Batoni Kilbourne
(1934-1940)

General Wingate
(1916-1920)

The early President of Khedivial Gezira Sporting Club



1950 Argentinian Polo Team



KING FOUAD AT GEZIRA SPORTING CLUB

A GLIMPSE TO THE PAST

While Khedive Ismail was enjoying the picturesque view of his Garden on the banks of the Nile in El-Gezira region, the idea of establishing a horse race area began to revolve in his head and he applauded it, especially since he was preparing to host the French Empress Eugenie in conjunction with the opening of the Suez Canal.

The beautiful view of his palace Garden was still remembered by the Khedive till he decided to implement his idea and choose a place to practice his favorite horse race. Immediately without hesitation, he referred to choosing and allocating the park to be a horse racing circuit, for the first horse racing championship to take place.

Thus, this park becomes the first step in establishing the entity of El-Gezira Club and the official club for horse racing, the first organized sports activity in Egypt.

The first horse race was held in 1883 on the club's land, announcing the start of horse racing in Egypt, for the first time, similar to the ancient racing clubs in Britain. 





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Talaat Tantawy

ONE MUST ALWAYS WONDER ABOUT THE JOURNEY OF BRINGING UP AN EQUESTRIAN CHAMPION; HIS LIFESTYLE AND THE ROLE OF HIS FAMILY IN SUCH SUCCESS. HORSE TIMES MAGAZINE HAS DECIDED TO WORK ON A SERIES OF INTERVIEWS THAT EXPLORE THE VALUE OF HORSEMANSHIP, AS WELL AS HOW FAMILY BONDS CAN LEAD TO FURTHER SUCCESS THAT ENDS WITH INTRODUCING A HERO TO THE EQUESTRIAN WORLD.



TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF.

I am Talaat Tantawy, graduated from Police academy; also I have a degree in law, now I am working as a lawyer, International security consultant and Security management advisor at Al Gezira Club.

DID YOU HAVE ANY HORSE RIDERS IN YOUR FAMILY?

I am the only one who was riding horses in my family, as I was Part of the equestrian team at the Police College.

WHY “HORSE RIDING “IS THE SPORT YOU CHOSE FOR YOUR SON OMAR?

Equestrian sport builds one’s character and teaches self-reliance and responsibility, no one helps you once you are on the horse.

In addition, I wanted my son to learn the manners of horsemanship; from pride, strength, self-esteem, firmness and sophistication.

WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU, HIS EDUCATION, OR ATHLETIC LIFE?

The both are very important, sports now are part of education; education is important for his academic life while sports are important for his social life. So the balance between them is very important.

HOW DO YOU SEE HIM/HER AFTER 10 YEARS FROM NOW IN THIS SPORT?

He will be a champion! I expect a bright future for him, and he will represent Egypt all over the world.

Now, His school has chosen him as a candidate within a group to enter the equestrian tournaments as it sees that he is promising child.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER TAKING UP THIS EQUESTRIAN SPORT AS A CAREER FOR YOUR SON?

If his talent and skills allow him to take up the equestrian sport as a career, then I don't mind. On the contrary, this is something that makes me proud.

HOW DOES THIS SPORT AFFECT HIS/HER BEHAVIOR GENERALLY?

His character becomes more mature; he becomes more independent, more sociable and more compassionate.

WHAT IS THE ADVICE YOU OFTEN SAY TO HIM?

In the sports, that he has to continue; He must be strict in his trainings, listen to the words of his coaches, strive and work hard to reach a higher level.

In life generally, to keep balance between everything in his life, to be successful, well learned and knows how to enjoy his time.

Moreover, learning and dealing with loosing is as important as enjoying the winning.

WHAT'S THE HAPPIEST MOMENT RELATED TO YOUR SON IN THIS SPORT THAT YOU REMEMBER?

His first competition, I was so proud of him as from his performance.

WHAT ADVICE YOU CAN GIVE TO OTHER PARENTS ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO MIGHT NOT CARE ABOUT THE SPORTY LIFE OF THEIR CHILDREN?

In my point of view, they have to encourage their children to try many sports as It is a part of building a healthy personality and is not an unimportant minor matter. 🏆



ART

SIHAM MOHARRAM

EGYPTIAN PROFESSIONAL WOOD BURNING ARTIST



WOOD BURNINGS:

SIHAM ART EXHIBITION WAS HELD IN CAIRO OPERA HOUSE FROM SEPTEMBER 13TH TO 19TH & MARKED GREAT SUCCESS AMONG THE AUDIENCE.

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