



Internaut Day

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How Pluto turned into a dwarf planet?

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Today happens to be 'Pluto Demoted' Day. The day marks Pluto being excluded from the elite list of planets, reducing their total number to eight. On 24 August 2006, Pluto's status was downgraded from a full sized planet, which it had donned for more than 70 years, to a dwarf planet by the worldwide society of professional astronomers - International Astronomical Union (IAU).

How was Pluto discovered?

On 18 February 1930, astronomer Clyde Tombaugh the observing assistant working at the Lowell Observatory in the United States, saw this hidden planet. Renowned astronomer Percival Lowell believed that this planet, then called Planet X, perturbed the orbits of Uranus and Neptune. However, this hypothesis of Lowell was later proved incorrect.

Talking about the discovery, the IAU website reads, "As he (Tombaugh) flicked from one plate to the other, trying to see if something moved slightly between the two (the tell-tale sign of the planet he was hunting), he spotted something. In one part of the frame, a small object flitted a few millimetres as he switched between the two plates. Tombaugh had found his new planet!"

The American Astronomical Society, the Royal Astronomical Society in the UK and the IAU acknowledged the Tombaugh discovery and officially included the object in the list of planets, adopting the name Pluto.

How did the scenario change?

But after subsequent discoveries and advancement in technology, astronomers found over 1,000 objects orbiting beyond Neptune. The zone is now called the trans-Neptunian region, and these bodies are labelled as Trans-Neptunian Objects.

These discoveries perplexed astronomers to give a second thought to Pluto being a planet, as it might simply be the first of a population of

War history is full of stories of animals who have served heroically alongside their human companions. There are many tales of dogs, horses and even cats who have displayed great courage and grit, and who have shown tremendous loyalty to their human friends in times of war. However, sometimes animals which are not known for their domestic traits get involved in wars too. One such animal was Wojtek, the Syrian brown bear who accompanied a Polish artillery supply unit into battle in WWII, and who eventually earned himself an honorary rank in the unit and became an internationally-known celebrity for his war service.

A Soldier Named Wojtek



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In the opening phases of the Second World War, Poland found itself invaded from two sides by both Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia. British pressure on the Soviets would lead to the freeing of many of these POWs, who would form the Polish Free Army.

Although serving on many difficult and notable fronts throughout the war, it was perhaps for a different reason that the Polish armed forces were so well remembered: it was the only army to have a bear registered as an enlisted combatant and soldier.

Wojtek, the Syrian brown bear, would accompany the Polish forces throughout the entirety of their manoeuvres during the war. Not simply a mascot, Wojtek the bear was enlisted and even saw active service in Italy, earning himself a promotion in the process.

By the end of this war, this bear would be perhaps the most known emblem of the Polish forces, more-so than any man.

Anders' Army & Wojtek the Bear

On the 1st of September 1939, Nazi Germany launched its invasion of Poland, starting World War II.



Despite Poland being an Allied nation to both Britain and France, the Soviet Union would nonetheless invade two weeks later on the 17th of September.

Without even declaring war, the Soviet Union effectively allied with the Nazi regime and partitioned Poland between the two powers, much to the disgust of their allies in Britain and France.

In the wake of this invasion, tens of thousands of Polish officers, soldiers, and political prisoners were killed in the Katyn massacre, while hundreds of thousands more, along with civilians, were deported to gulags and prison camps across the Soviet Union.

This quickly proved to be a great point of diplomatic tension. The Polish government in exile had relocated to the United Kingdom and held the Soviets rightfully responsible for their part in the invasion and occupation of Polish territory.

While initially unwilling to cooperate, the German invasion in the summer of 1941 changed the dynamics of power greatly

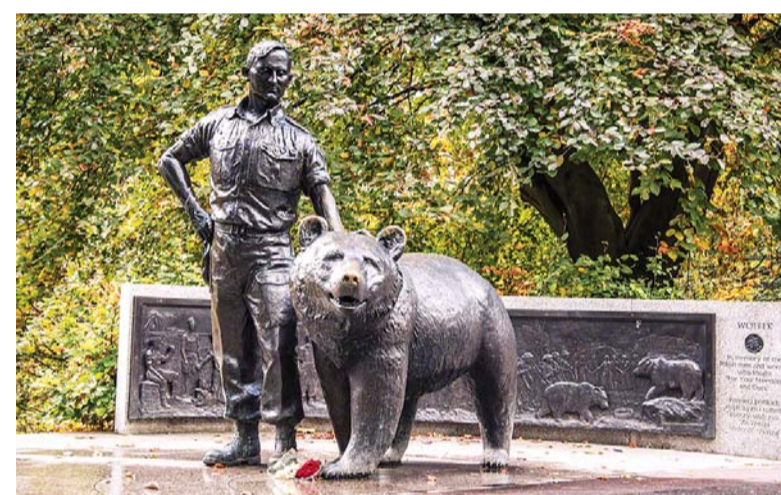


The bear was named Wojtek and became more than a mascot, just another person of the unit, he was smoking cigarettes which he later ate up, drinking beer and play wrestling with the men. He was treated like another soldier in the army and adored by everyone. Wojtek's upbringing continued to reflect the lifestyle of a soldier.

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With the Soviets rapidly losing ground and desperate for British assistance in the form of Lend-Lease aid, Stalin's regime quickly

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caved to diplomatic pressure. It invalidated its previous annexation of Polish land, which would release the vast majority of Polish citizens. Furthermore, it was agreed that the now freed soldiers



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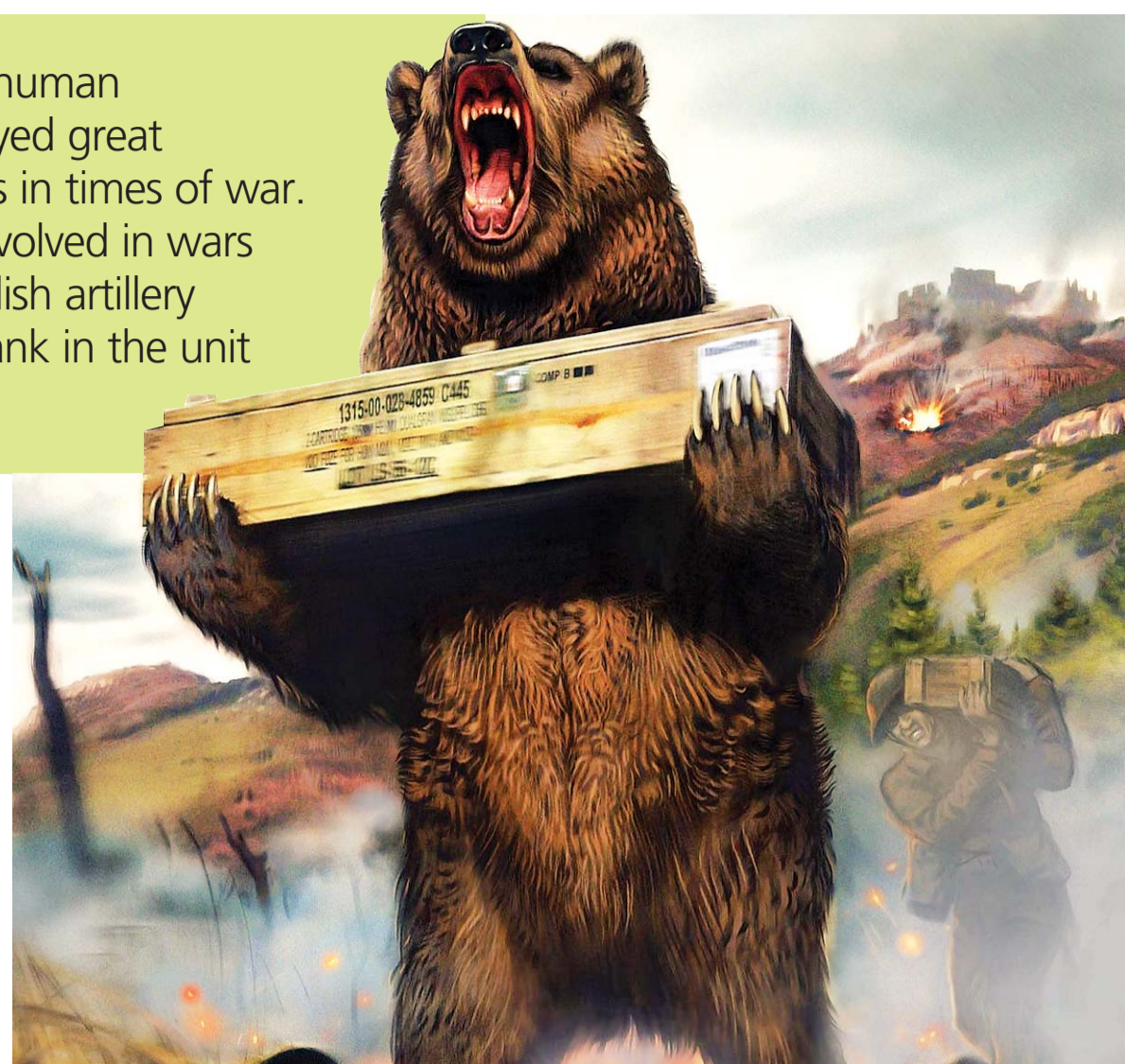
soldier in the army and adored by everyone. Wojtek's upbringing continued to reflect the lifestyle of a soldier. He grew very fast and was soon large enough to wrestle with the soldiers for fun. A dedicated caretaker was assigned to his well-being. However, his smoking habits continued as he emulated the soldiers around him and even went so far as to march on his hind legs alongside the other soldiers in formation. Wojtek proved popular with both civilians and soldiers, quickly becoming an icon for the 22nd Artillery Supply Company, which would later be assigned to the Polish II Corps under British command.

An Orphaned Bear Cub

Wojtek was found in April 1942 as a cub in the Zagros mountains of Persia (now Iran) by Polish P.O.Ws who were being transported from a Siberian gulag through the Middle East to Alexandria in Egypt. At the time he was being looked after by an Iranian boy who had found the cub after his mother had been killed by hunters.

An Army's Honourary Soldier

Allied leaders made a pact with Stalin that Polish prisoners would be released to help Allied troops in Italy. From Egypt, the men were shipped to Europe, along with the



troops during the Battle of Monte Cassino which was a significant battle during the Italian Campaign of the war.

Wojtek was officially enlisted as an honorary soldier and was given the rank of Private, a serial number and even a pay book as animals weren't allowed on campaign.

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Wojtek's Retirement

After the end of the war, Polish troops were scattered across the globe. Wojtek's caretakers did not want him to return to Soviet occupied Poland and become a symbol of Communism.

This did not happen and the

Wojtek was one of three thousand men on the camp and left him mark on the lives of the camps' inhabitants and the residents of the village. The local children would take it in turns sitting on his back and the bear even attended local dances with the soldiers. Although nothing of the camp remains today, on a particular tree you can still see scratch marks where Wojtek climbed his favourite tree.

When the soldiers began to leave the camp, a decision had to be made about what to do with the bear. This marked the end of his "human" life as Wojtek was taken in by Edinburgh Zoo where he lived out his retirement until his death in 1963 at the age of 21.

Soldiers visited him while at the zoo and he was said to perk up at the sound of familiar Polish voices.

Wojtek's Memory

The bear became a significant source of entertainment and morale for Polish troops during the war. To this day, Wojtek remains an important symbol of Polish comradeship and the 22nd Artillery Supply Company changed its insignia to represent this.

The insignia now depicts an outline of a bear carrying an ammunition box as a reminder of Wojtek's service during the war. A memorial of the bear was also unveiled in Edinburgh's Princess Street Gardens in November 2015 to commemorate the extraordinary life of the brown bear.

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#POLO

PASSION FOR POLO

JRPC's Monsoon Polo Season, from August 21st to September 3rd, 2023, not only promises thrilling matches but also carries the mission of nurturing young polo talent and preserving the sport's rich heritage. Beyond the tournaments, JRPC's commitment to sustainability and gender equality reflects its broader vision for a vibrant and inclusive future in the world of polo.

Tusharika Singh

In the world of polo, few names resonate with as much reverence and prestige as Col. Kuldeep Singh Garcha. With a distinguished career spanning over 45 countries, Col. Garcha is a true luminary in the sport. He has not only represented India for more than two decades but also coached the Indian Polo Team to the finals in 1965 and again in 2001. Among his many accolades, the Arjuna Award in 1967 stands as a testament to his outstanding contributions to sports and games in India.

The Birth of JRPC

But Col. Garcha's passion for polo extends far beyond personal achievements. His fervour for the game and his unwavering commitment to preserving India's heritage sport gave birth to the Jaipur Riding & Polo Club (JRPC). Inaugurated on October 2, 2000, by the Late Rajinder Goyal, a Devil of Jaipur, JRPC stands as a living tribute to the golden era of equestrian glory in Jaipur.

A Polo Oasis

Situated in Bindayaka locality of Jaipur, JRPC is more than just a club; it is a symbol of the rich equestrian heritage that defines the region. With a sprawling 33-acre landscape, JRPC boasts 81 stables housing 80 Polo Ponies, including 50 thoroughbreds imported from Argentina and England. The Clubhouse itself is a marvel, built in the true Californian style and furnished with world-class amenities.



The Monsoon Polo Season

This year, JRPC is all set to make waves once again with the JRPC Monsoon Polo Season at Bindayaka. From August 21st to September 3rd, 2023, the club will come alive with the thundering hooves and the clashing mallets of polo enthusiasts. The season is not just about thrilling matches; it embodies a vision to revive Jaipur's golden era of equestrian glory and encourages young polo talent for a global platform.

Nurturing Young Talent

Two prestigious tournaments will grace this season: the Thunderbolt Cup from August 21st to August 27th, 2023, and the Maharaj Jagat Singh Memorial Cup from August 28th to September 3rd, 2023. What

sets this season apart is the focus on nurturing young talent. Low Goal Tournaments will provide a fertile ground for budding players, ensuring that the sport continues to thrive in the state of Rajasthan.

Col. Garcha succinctly sums up the club's aspiration, stating, "Our Motto is to encourage young polo talent for a global platform. Polo is about passion; the trophies will roll in. Essence is to create everlasting memories of the sport."

Promoting women in polo

Beyond the tournaments, JRPC has a rich history of hosting polo events since its inception in 2000. It has consistently brought together top-level teams from India and across the world, setting the stage for riveting matches.

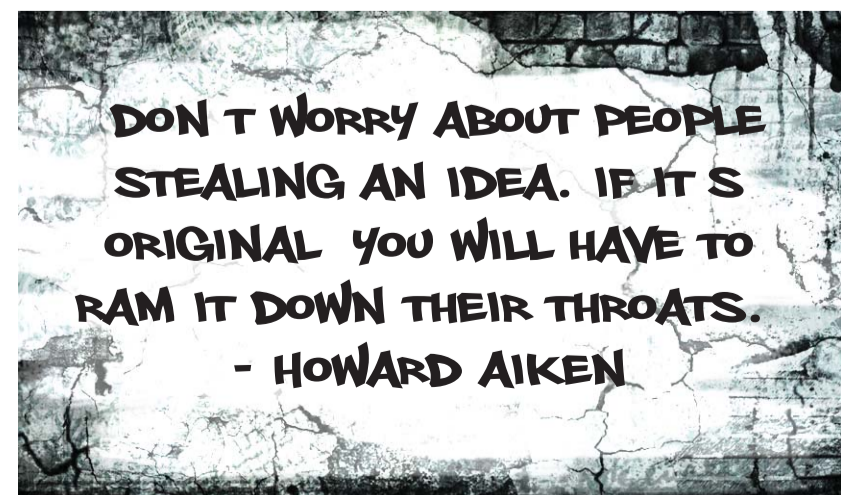
Additionally, JRPC has been at the forefront of promoting women in polo since 2002. The club hosted the first-ever International Ladies Polo Tournament in India and continues to train and empower young women to compete at the international level.

Passion for Sustainability

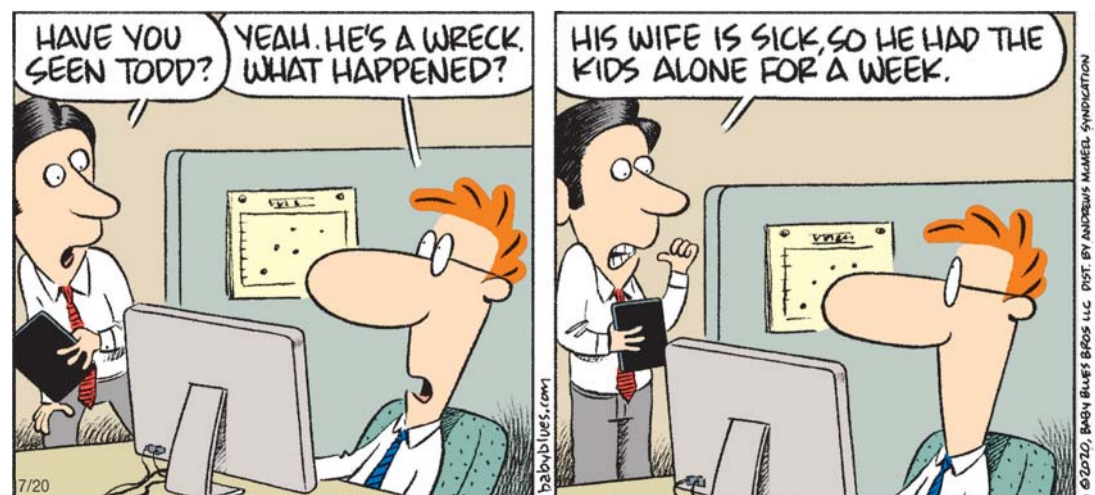
Sustainability is at the core of JRPC's values. The club not only cherishes the heritage of polo but also contributes to a sustainable business environment. Aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals, JRPC aims to impact sustainable environment, gender equality, global partnership, and inclusive opportunities through the sport. It stands as a beacon, encouraging individuals across the globe to unite for a sustainable future.



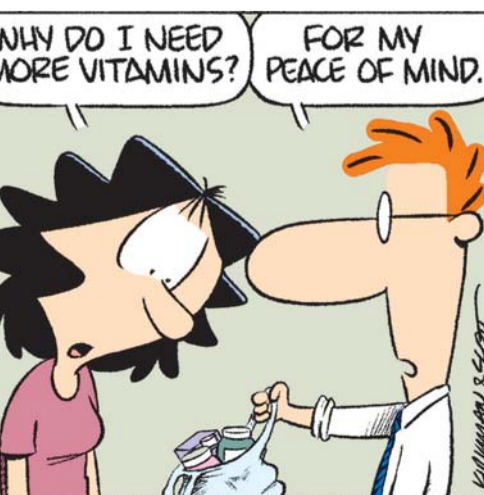
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