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Night of Raj royalty

Guests turn up in Indian-style outfits for Singapore Polo Club's gala dinner

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THE muggy weather left some of the more elaborately dressed guests sweating like horses, but that did not dampen spirits at the Singapore Polo Club's annual gala dinner. It was held outdoors last Friday night at the club's premises in Mount Pleasant Road.

A highlight of the fourth Cartier International Polo Tournament, a week-long competition which ended yesterday, the dinner saw 216 guests turn up in Indian-inspired outfits as befitting the night's theme, Days Of The Raj.

Entertainment for the evening included a display of trick horse-riding by the President's Bodyguard Of India, an elite unit of the Indian army, as well as dance floor grooves by Mumbai club fixture DJ Amit.

It was all for a good cause, too, as an auction held during the gala dinner raised about \$30,000 for the Pistorio Foundation, a Switzerland-based charity which aims to improve the living conditions of children in developing countries.

Some of the items that went under the hammer included a private dinner for six cooked by celebrity chef Emmanuel Stroobant of St Pierre Restaurant, a two-night stay at the luxurious Ava Gardner suite at the Raffles Hotel and an abstract painting titled Lazuli by local artist Om Mee Ai.

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