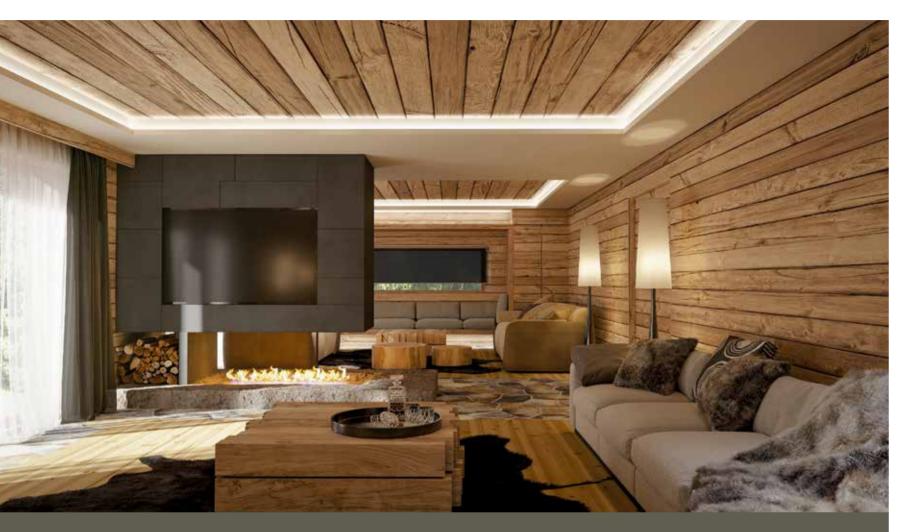


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LADIES POWER

The success story of the European Ladies Polo continued this summer with the 2nd Ladies Polo EC in Italy.



The Italian Team made it to the top of the podium at the XII FIP European Polo Championship in the Italian Villa a Sesta Polo Club at the end of September. 10 teams and 320 horses, a record of attendance of European Nations, were competing for the trophy. Second became the team from Azerbaijan who took part in a European Polo Championship for the first time ever.

The European Championships in the heart of Tuscany attracted a lot of international attention to the beautiful Polo Club Villa a Sesta owned by Riccardo Tattoni, which is located about 90 minutes south of Florence between Siena and Arezzo. For the world of Ladie's Polo it was the second time after Chantilly/France, that the title of the Ladies Polo European Championship was staged. Title defender Italy met a very strong team from Germany in the final. A great team, especially an outstanding Eva Brühl, who could not be stopped by any of the opposing teams. There was some controversy about handicaps and their height. The Federation of International Polo clearly stated that there is still a lot of international work to be done on the subject of women's polo handicaps before a uniform standard can be achieved.

But we also visited many smaller tournaments this summer and were amazed at the commitment and enthusiasm with which the sport of polo is lived and celebrated in the lower leagues. A personal highlight for the POLO+10 team was the Sentebale Polo Cup in the English Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club, a traditional charity event to which Prince Harry, the Duke of Sussex and his wife Meghan, had invited. The highlight of the German season was of course the German High Goal Championship on the Berlin Maifeld, which was again presented by title sponsor Engel & Völkers.

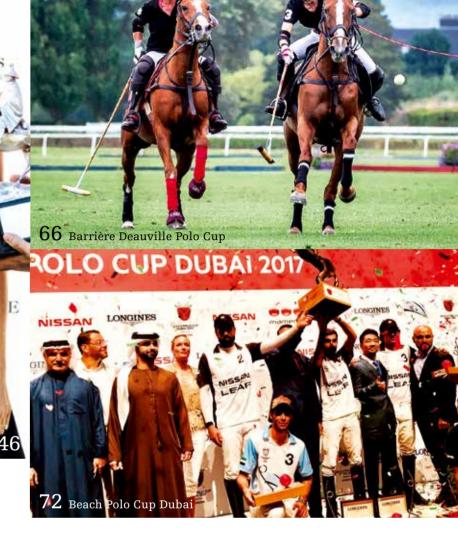
Small and big polo moments of the past months, remarkable enthusiasm and commitment of all actors as well as interesting conversations like the interviews with the Global Brand Manager of St. Regis Hotels & Resorts, Lisa Holladay as well as the acting FIP President Nicholas Colquhoun-Denvers and his successor Horacio Areco are the stuff of which the new edition of POLO+10 is made. Have fun reading. •

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SAVE THE DATE: SANDPOLO AT SANDBANKS 2019

On 12th and 13th July 2019 the famous beach polo event returns to Sandbanks, Dorset, UK. Sandbanks is probably the most exclusive beach community in the UK. The exquisite peninsular extends out across Poole Harbour on the scenic Dorset coast.

Year 12 and going strong! There is no stopping the enthusiasm of 1000's of people who flock to the beautiful beaches of Sandbanks, Dorset, UK on the second weekend in July to join in to what has become known as 'the Sandbanks weekend' in the sporting and social calendar of the South Coast of England. Curiosity bought people to watch high quality beach polo at Sandbanks for the first few years but since then the parties, hospitality, fashion shows and now a beach rugby element and Sandfest UK has kept the audience guessing and wanting more. With a heavily watered beach arena providing a firm playing surface surrounded by elaborate marquees, staging and grandstands above the high-water mark, the British Beach Polo Championships, otherwise known as Sandpolo has become a 'must go to' event. With a ticketed capacity of 5000 on site the polo can also be enjoyed by spectators along the beach from a raised sand platform. This gives polo, over the 2-day event, exposure to a wide variety of people and business platforms. The

polo, played under the authority of the Hurlingham Polo Association, attracts 4 competitive medium goal teams of 3 players. Each team plays on both days with a further exhibition game on the Saturday. A charity race is held between the 2 fastest ponies on each day. International teams are welcome and bring an interesting dimension. The event has welcomed Australian, South African, Argentinian, Irish and Welsh teams amongst others. Generous sponsorship from established brands such as Sunseeker, Barclays Wealth, Audi and Oakley has ensured the quality of the event remains high and guests are treated to the highest level of service. The likes of Idris Elba, Tinie Tempah and Trevor Nelson ensure the beach parties stay energised until the early hours of the morning.

With continued support from the local authorities Sandpolo will continue to adjust to the ever-changing social dynamic while staying true to its competitive polo roots. www.sandpolo.com



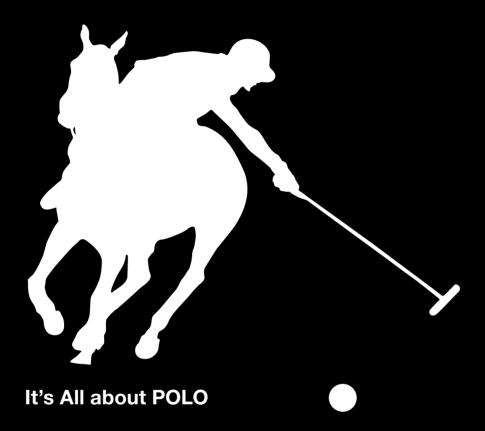
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The United States Polo Association (USPA), USPA Global Licensing (USPAGL) and International Polo Club (IPC) are elated to announce a thrilling new high-stakes tournament series for the sport – the GAUNTLET OF POLO™. The 2019 tournament series begins with the C.V. Whitney Cup held February 13-24, 2019 and continues with the USPA Gold Cup, February 24- March 24, 2019 culminating with the U.S. Open Polo Championship® March 27-April 21, 2019. The games will be livestreamed on the USPA Polo Network each week, with the final match aired to millions of viewers on CBS Sports on April 28. The team that wins all three tournaments will be crowned GAUNTLET Champion and take home a total prize of \$1 million USD. "In order to expand interest in the sport, it is essential that emerging players, as well as new teams, have the opportunity to participate in elite tournaments," said Mark Bellissimo, managing partner of the Wellington Equestrian Partners (WEP) and owner of the IPC. "Supported by the immense and historic addition of prize money this season and our unprecedented partnership with the USPA and USPAGL, we will ensure a change in the trajectory of polo in this country."

"The idea of the GAUNTLET OF POLO™ is to create something new and different that will draw attention to the tournament series and emphasize the difficulty of a team winning the sport's ultimate test – three tournaments, but only one champion," said David Cummings, chairman of USPAGL. "As the first event held in partnership between the USPA, IPC and USPAGL, the GAUNTLET OF POLO™ will elevate not only the spectator experience but will display the raw power and refined athleticism of the players and their horses." And we are proud to have the field name home of U.S. Polo Assn., the official licensed brand for the USPA."

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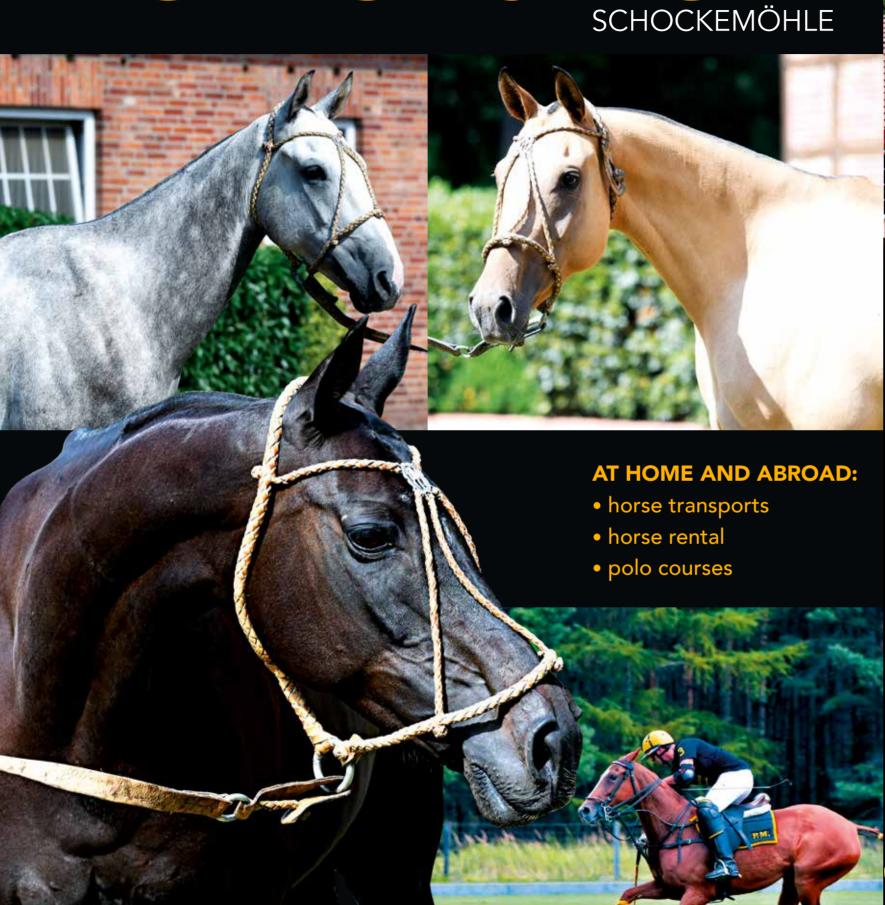
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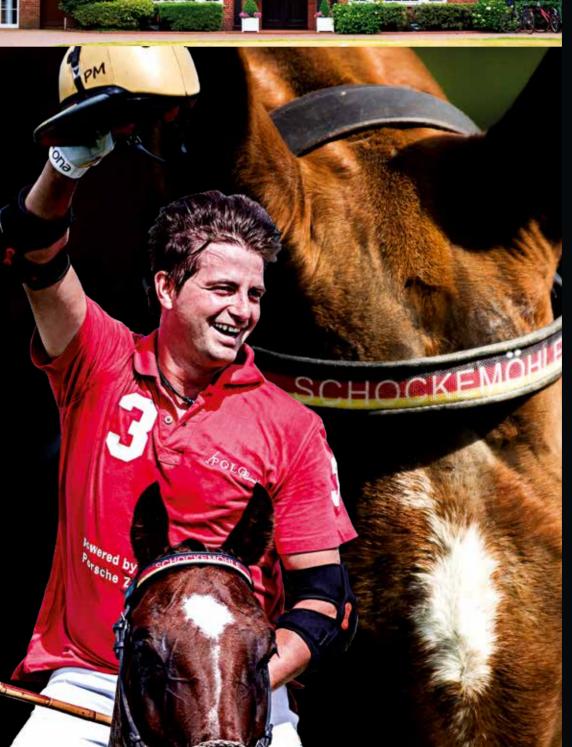
A lot has happened since the first issue of POLO+10 was published today the leading media service provider for polo sports. On Face-15 years ago. What began as a small, slim magazine has now devebook and Instagram, we reach over 75,000 fans in the world's larloped into the most important platform for polo sports. The latest gest polo community. POLO+10 Online has been the leading polo results, the most important events, the latest trends, background news website for years. We would like to take this opportunity to information, interviews - POLO+10 is always close to the action. In thank everyone who has supported and accompanied us over the 2019 we will celebrate our 15th anniversary. Many friends, orgayears. To the next 15 years! nizers and polo fans have been with us worldwide for many years.

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You are successful as a polo player all over Europe. How did the 2018 season go?

This year was very successful for us. I have played in Chantilly/France, Barcelona, England and Kitzbühel and have brought home many victories. I am particularly proud that many of our horses were awarded the title "Best Playing Pony" at the tournaments.

Which bloodlines do you breed? What is special about your horses?

We breed with bloodlines of the world famous horses of La Dolfina and Ellerstina. Our horses are direct relatives of Dolfina Lapa, Dolfina Cuarteterra and Irenita Golondnina. Most of our horses have already played in the Camera de Disputados, Hurlingham, Tortugas and the Argentine Open in Palermo.

How many horses are for sale?

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What does your Polo Club Mühlen offer? Who is at the right address here? At Polo Club Mühlen I offer polo courses

for beginners and advanced players. Here, polo players can train on all game levels, of course also on horses borrowed from us. During the season we organize numerous polo tournaments, during the week we play Club Chukker regularly. Many professional players are stationed in the Polo Club Mühlen with their horses and train here.

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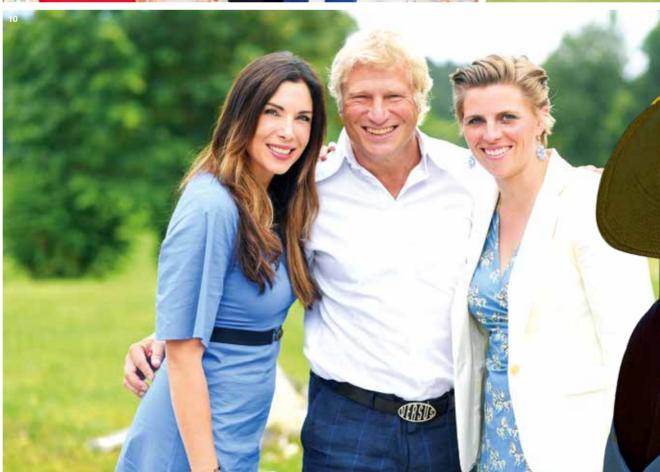






















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Last July, the people magazine BUNTE climbed into the polo saddle for the first time and presented a spectacular polo weekend in cooperation with the Chiemsee Polo Club Gut Ising e.V. and the Hotel Gut Ising. Amateurs and professionals from various classes competed in this medium goal tournament throughout the entire summer weekend. Hotel Gut Ising welcomed not only polo and equestrian athletes, but also numerous prominent guests. Conclusion: Polo sport for everyone, star feeling and a wonderful atmosphere despite the rain.

The games had already started on Friday and ended on Sunday afternoon with a victory for Team Gut Ising. Team Kölln and Ketterle followed in second and third place. Fourth place went to Team LGT with Germany's best polo player, European champion and chairman of the Chiemsee Polo Club Gut Ising e.V. Eva Brühl. The teams Scavi & Ray and BUNTE finished fifth and sixth. Six teams with more than 100 horses competed. The BUNTE team included actors and Bambi award winner Heino Ferch. The fact that the

BUNTE team took last place did not diminish the enthusiasm: "No sport combines dynamics, elegance and glamour as perfectly as polo. Society is not only part of the game, it also meets beide the polo field," says Robert Pölzer, editor-in-chief of BUNTE. "I'm very happy that BUNTE was present at such a fascinating event as an organiser with his own team."

Despite some rain the atmosphere at Gut Ising couldn't be better. Star guests like model Gitta Saxx, actress Nina Bott, presenter Birgit Lechtermann or the pop stars Marianne and Michael Hartl managed to create a very special atmosphere - a bit like Ascot in Bavaria. With delicious drinks at the Scavi & Ray Bar and fine food from the Isinger kitchen, everyone watched the games, moderated by Alexander Schwarz, with excitement. With a lot of charm and wit, the successful polo player led through the matches and introduced the audience to the fast-paced sport. We are very happy about the outstanding success of the first BUNTE Chiemsee Cup at Gut Ising. It was a great pleasure for me not only to have welcomed equestrian

enthusiasts and to have once again established Polo as a social highlight at Gut Ising", says Christoph Leinberger, General Manager of Hotel Gut Ising and adds: "My special thanks go to our great team at Gut Ising, the partners who actively supported us and the people magazine BUNTE, who made this event possible in the first place. I am already looking forward to the further cooperation and to many more highlight events at Good Ising." After the games on Saturday evening the BUNTE Players' Night took place. Invited guests, polo players and celebrities celebrated in an exuberant atmosphere.

The 170-hectare Gut Ising is picturesquely situated on Lake Chiemsee with a view of the Alpine panorama. With a tradition of historical dimensions dating back to the ancient Roman state estate USINGA, Gut Ising is the calling card of Bavarian hospitality at the highest level. With its ensemble of buildings and its unique range of leisure activities, the estate owned by the Magalow family meets the highest standards. Gut Ising is known far beyond the borders of Germany as an El Dorado for riders and polo players. The El Condor polo school is run by the Argentine professional Carlito Velazquez. Special taster courses for women's and men's teams or as a group are offered here.

The estate also has its own golf course and offers guests outdoor and indoor tennis facilities. Hiking, cycling, ballooning and sailing round off the sporting programme. Guests at the "Goldener Pflug" restaurant are pampered with traditional, upscale country cuisine. Head chef Gunnar Huhn creates upscale Alpine culinary delights in the USINGA gourmet restaurant and "Il Cavallo" prepares Italian moments for visitors at Lake Chiemsee. Gut Ising has made a name for itself with cultural events and, with its new exclusive "Gut Ising Spa & Wellness", is one of the country's top addresses. Gut Ising also offers ideal conditions for conferences, weddings and family celebrations.

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RANKING TEAMS

1. GUT ISING

- Isabel Beyer von Morgenstern (0)
- Benedikt Jaenecke (0)
- Francisco Rattagan (+3)
- Segundo Copello (+3)

2. KÖLLN

- Paul Grabosch (+1)
- Anton Grabosch (+1)
- Kim Grabosch (-1)
- Ismael Iraizoz (+3)

3. KETTERLE CAR GROUP

- Philippa Luserke (-1)
- Christian Jarck (0)
- Clarissa Marggraf (0)
- Manuel Elizalde (+5)

4. LGT CAR GROUP

- Barbara Huber-Royer (0)
- Dr. Jochen Stratmann/ Sandra Schneider (0/0)
- Eva Brühl (+2)
- ☐ Patricio Gaynor (+4)

5. SCAVI & RAY

- Johanna Droste (0)
- Dr. Eva Marquard (0)
- Beto Farias (+3)
- Williams Prestiges-Ferreira (+2)

6. BUNTE

- Reinhold Hofmann (0)
- Alexandra Plenk (0)
- Cristobal Durrieu (+4)
- Heino Ferch (+1)















1 Champagne Perrier-Jouët 2 Pure enthusiasm and fully occupied spectator stands 3 Polo action on the playground 4 Caspar Crasemann, winning team ENGEL&VÖLKERS 5 Gastón Maíquez with wife and baby 6 Dr. Piero Dillier (FIP Europe) plays for many years at the German championship on the Maifeld 7 Team Riller & Schnauck 8 Team E&V 9 Former and Acting President of the German Polo Association: Hans-Albrecht von Maltzahn and Oliver Winter.

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Around 10,000 spectators cheered on their teams on the two final days against the historical backdrop of the Berlin Olympic Stadium. Here, where Polo was last played as an Olympic discipline in 1936, the audience was thrilled by the exciting and fair games. There is no doubt that Berlin's Maifeld is one of the most beautiful and best-known polo destinations in Europe. The Hamburg-based Caesar and Caspar Crasemann with their father Daniel and the Argentinian Juani Gonzales and their team sponsor ENGEL & VÖLKERS have once again fought their way to the top of the list for the championship title. The "family team" has already been successful on the Maifeld several times in recent years. Both Crasemann sons are also part of the German Polo National Team, which finished 4th at the Polo European Championships in Italy at the end of September. The 12-year-old mare "Mandrina" by Caesar Crasemann was awarded Best Playing Pony of the tournament. Team ELTEC with the outstanding Gáston Maíquez, whose horses were among the best and fastest of the tournament, together with the Austrian Renate Seidler and the two Argentinians Thomas Luchessa and Ignacio Brunetti had been considered the favourite of the championship after the preliminary rounds in the Prussian Polo & Country Club in Phöben. Seldom has the German Polo seen such skill and speed as von Maíquez during the Maifeld-Chukka 2018.

Together with his teammates Nico Wollenberg (who was awarded as Most Valuable Player) as well as Heinrich Dumrath and Manuel Elizalde, Tournament organizer Moritz Gädeke and his team CAR-FACTORY made it to the third place of the German Championship after an exciting game. With a final score of 7:5, the team finally had a nose ahead against RILLER & SCHNAUCK led by team captain Dr. Ingo von Morgenstern of Polo Club Tagmersheim after a close match. In the best weather, the guests watched the games in a sporty, elegant setting and with excellent catering. Organizer Sylvia Gädeke, President of the Prussian Polo & Country Club Berlin-Brandenburg: "We thank all partners, sponsors and helpers for their great support, this edition of the ENGEL & VÖLKERS Berlin Maifeld Polo Cup was sensational and we have already decided to continue it in 2019".

www.maifeldpolocup.de

RANKING TEAMS

1. ENGEL&VÖLKERS (+12)

- Caesar Crasemann (+3)
- Caspar Crasemann (+3)
- Juani Gonzales (+5)
- Daniel Crasemann, TC (+1)

2. ELTEC (+12)

- Renate Seidler, TC (0)
- → Thomas Luchessa (+2)
- ☑ Ignacio Brunetti (+3)

4. CARFACTORY (+12)

- Nico Wollenberg, TC (+1)
- Moritz Gädeke (+3) ■ Manuel Elizalde (+5)
- Heinrich Dumrath (+3)

3. RILLER & SCHNAUCK (+12)

- Segundo Copello (+3)
- Santiago Marambio (+6)
- = Francisco Rattagan (+3) Dr. Ingo von Morgenstern, TC (0)

- 5. KUNDLER (+12) Dr. Piero Dillier, TC (0)
- Andreas R. Bihrer (0)
- Lucas Labat (+6) ■ Bautista Baguyar (+6)

6. PERRIER-JOUËT (+12)

- Christian Ascan Jarck (0)
- Sven Schneider (+2)
- ■ Adrian Laplacette (+6)
- Thomas Winter, TC (+4)

7. LEHMANN (+10)

- Wolfram Trudo-Knöfel (0)
- Eduardo Anca (+5)
- Patrick Maleitzke, TC (+3)
- Christopher Winter (+2)

8. REUER (+12)

- Ivan Weiss (0)
- Clarissa Marggraf, TC (0)

With a "Final Chukka" low-goal tournament, Pol-

oPark Berlin has brought its successful 2018 season to a close.

PHOTOGRAPHY BALTIC POLO EVENTS GMBH



Successful conclusion of a successful season. Also for team sponsor POLO+10: winning team with Tuky Caivano, Thomas Strunck, Viktoria Wolfrum and POLO+10 publisher Thomas Wirth.

Four teams with 19 players from Chiemsee, Leipzig, Berlin, Hamburg, Lüneburg and Prague played for victory with their 65 horses in sunny 25 degrees and brilliant autumn weather. POLO+10 was also a team sponsor - and finally stood at the top of the podium with organizer Thomas Strunck. With a big asado, players and guests bid farewell to each other in the 2019 polo season.

www.baltic-polo-events.de

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- 1. POLO+10 (0)
- Tuky Caivano (+3)
- Thomas Strunck (0)
- Viktoria Wolfrum (-1) Thomas Wirth (-2)

2. OSTSEEBAD SELLIN (-2)

- Comanche Gallardo (+2)
- Johan Funk Gallardo (-1) Milo Funk Gallardo/
- Steffen Lange (-2/-2)
- Laura Quiering (-1)

3. POLOPARK BERLIN (-2)

- Berty Carlos Zalazar (+3)
- Mona Scharf (-1)
- Thomas Müller (-2)
- Holger Kabisch (-2)

4. WIZARD TEXTILMANUFAKTUR (0)

- Dr. Dele Iversen (0)
- Bernhard Niederhammer (0)
- Jeanette Diekmann (0)
- Romy Grüner (0)



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SELLIN/RÜGEN GERMAN BEACH POLO CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

9 years of Beach Polo in Sellin, 9 years of fast-paced games directly on the sandy beach in front of the impressive backdrop of the pier. The Beach Chukker on Rügen were again a real highlight at the end of September 2018.

PHOTOGRAPHY BALTIC POLO EVENTS GMBH, KURVERWALTUNG SELLIN/POCHA BURWITZ

For almost a decade now, the Baltic seaside resort of Sellin on Rügen has earned itself a firm place in the calendar of events of German Polo Sports and this year again delivered a grandiose performance with enthusiastic chukkers and lots of fun. "The discipline of beach polo is attractive for spectators, as the pitch in Sellin with a size of approx. 100 x 40 metres is considerably smaller than the normal polo pitch and provides a wonderful view of the entire game from all sides," explains Thomas Strunck, organiser of Baltic Polo Events. Eight teams with players from Germany and Argentina competed against each other in two rating systems in order to reach the respective final. Over

65 Polo horses came with the players for the weekend on the Baltic island. "A great and top-class sporting event that thrills the audience and has long since had a sworn fan community here in Sellin," says Thomas Strunck. All four games per day were expertly and entertainingly presented by actress and singer Bianca Karsten and Thomas Strunck. "The Baltic seaside resort of Sellin is proud of being a hot spot for the polo community for 9 year and presenting hot action, splashing sand and lots of celebrities", says Adriana Zawisza, the spa director of the Baltic resort

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Looking forward to the gala evening 6 exclusive gala dinner in the castle 7 the historic palace park as a special backdrop for the gala event reception 8 prizes and souvenirs for the players 9 polo players.

1. OCTOGONE (+6)

William Berry (0) Jeremy Pemberton (0) Emanuele Boni (0) Juan Zubiaurre (+5)

2. TRIGEMA (+5)

Sasha Pictet (+1) Søren Haestrup (-1) Federico Rosales (0) Santiago Loza (+5)

3. PIERRE LANG

Laurenz Gabrin (-1) Edouard Laubie (0) Alejo Badano (+3) Tomas Maynard (+4)

4. FÜRSTENBERG BRAUEREI (+5)

Clarissa Marggraf (0) Christian Jarck (0) Manu Elizalde (+5) Mehdi Nayebi (0)

5. BERENBERG (+6)

Joaquin Castellvi (0) Juan Pepa (+2) Manu Lopez (+2) Jorge Pepa (+2)

6. MASERATI/GOHM (+6)

Christian zu Fürstenberg (0) Darko Horvat (-1) Roddy Williams (+3) Dave Allen (+4)

7. AHG/LAND ROVER (+5)

Pedro Solimano (+2) Edouard Guerrand-Hermès (0) Gonzalo Mendoza (+1) Jaime Restrepo (+3)

8. BAD DÜRRHEIMER (+3)

Paul Schilling (-1) Jesus Bordoni (+2) Ismael Iraizoz (+3)



4 host Christian zu Fürstenberg plays in Team Maserati/Gohm.

"The sporting fight lasted until the end," Hereditary Prince Christian zu Fürstenberg sums up the matches for the Gold Cup at the Fürstenberg Polo Cup presented by Berenberg. Team Octogone finally won with a Golden Goal in extra time against Team Trigema with 5:4. The spectators fevered with the teams until the last moment and enthusiastically took part in the tournament full of excitement, drama and speed. First, Team Trigema leads the final 3:0. In an exciting race to catch up Team Octogone could turn the game around - not least thanks to the world-class player Juan Zubiaurre (+5) from Argentina, who competed with outstanding horses in Donaueschingen.

Eight international medium goal teams played in Donaueschingen in mid-July to win the Fürstenberg Polo Cup. "We've never had so many different nations and so many new players at the start," said the Hereditary Prince. The Octogone team, sponsored by the financial services provider and featuring players from Argentina, France and England, was able to take home the coveted trophy. It prevailed completely scarcely against the team Trigema (with players from France, Argentina, Denmark) with 5:4. Hereditary Prince Christian zu Fürstenberg played with full commitment in Team Maserati/Gohm, but was beaten by Team Berenberg 9:5 and thus fourth in the fight for the Gold Cup.

Team Pierre Lang take home the Silver Cup this year. Laurenz Gabrin (15 years old) from Waldshut, Germany, played in this team and was awarded as Most Valuable Player for his outstanding performance. His team prevailed against Team Brauerei Fürstenberg with 5:4, in which the excellent German rider Clarissa Marggraf also fought Mehdi Nayebi from Iran. Nayebi's polo horse Smash was awarded Best Playing Pony. The third place in the Silver Cup went to Team ang/Land Rover, which won 9:4.5 against Team Bad Dürrheimer. In this team the youngest player of the tournament, Paul Schilling (13 years), who fascinated the spectators just like his Indian team mate, Abhimanyu Singh. "The many spectators were offered international polo at the highest level," summed up Alexander Schwarz, chief referee.

Presenting sponsor of the tournament was again the private bank Berenberg. Founded in 1590, the owner-managed bank has been involved in polo for over ten years and is the main sponsor of some of Germany's most prestigious tournaments. The teams are also generously supported by the textile company Trigema, Bad Dürrheimer Mineralbrunnen, the financial service provider Octogone, the car dealership A. Gohm, the ahg Autohandelsgesellschaft mbH, Pierre Lang and the Fürstenberg Brewery. Official timekeeper is the Swiss luxury watch brand Fortis.

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RANKING TEAMS

XII FIP European Polo Championship

Team Line-Up in the Final, Place 1-4

1. ITALY

Martin Joaquin (+4) Tomas Joaquin (0) Nicolas Lopes Fuentes (+3) Gualterio Giori (+1)

2. AZERBAIJAN 🔤

Elchin Jamalli (+2) Ali Rzayev (0) Agustin Kronhaus (+3) Fabian Bolanteiro (+3)

3. IRELAND

Creighton Boyd (0) Stephen Hutchinson (0) Michael Henderson (+4) Max Hutchinson (+3)

4. GERMANY

Niklas Steinle (+1) Niclas Sandweg (+1) Caesar Crasemann (+3) Caspar Crasemann (+3)

Team Line-Up as played in the respectively last match of the tournament

5. AUSTRIA

Robert Kofler (+1) Martin Bleier (+2) Walter Scherb (+1) Benedikt Kernes (0)

6. SWITZERLAND

Sacha Pictet (+1) Martin Luginbühl (+2) Tito Gaudenzi (+2) Simon Luginbühl (+2)

7. NETHERLANDS

Aki van Andel (+2) Philip de Groot (+1) Philip van der Kloot Meyburg (+1) Tomas Ussher (+4) Jim Souren (+1)

8. FRANCE

David Amar (+1) Louis Jarrige (+3) Florent Garaud (+3) Pierre Hamelin (+1)

9. SPAIN E

Javier Cunill (0) Alfonso Figar (+1) Antonio Ayesa (+3) Nicolas Ruiz Guiñazu (+4)

10. SLOVAKIA 🔤

Felipe Kelly (+4) Justo Santamarina (0) Ivan Weiss (0) Ramon Santamarina (0)



1. GERMANY

Sabrina Bosch (0) Marie-Luise Haupt (+3) Eva Brühl (+6) Laura Gissler-Weber (+3)

2. ITALY

Costanza Marchiorello (+3) Ginevra D'Orazio (+4) Maria Vittoria Marchiorello (+3) Ginevra Visconti (+1)

3. FRANCE

Latitia Macaire (+3) Lavinia Fabre (+3) Charlotte Garaud (+3) Romane Jamet (+2)

4. NETHERLANDS

Stephanie Haverhals (+4) Brenda de Boer (+2) Julia Hiebeler (+2) Charlene Goudkuil (+2)

As most of the national teams were featuring a various number of substitute players, we list the names of the players, who played in the respectively last match of the tournament.

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The new Ladies European Polo Champions 2018: Team Germany with FIP President Nicholas Colquhoun-Denvers and Dr. Piero Dillier.

Thirteen years after winning the championship in 2005 in Amsterdam, Italy won back the title in the 12. FIP European Polo Championship – Quantocoin Cup at the Villa a Sesta Polo Club (Ripaltella – Bucine/Arezzo). In the final match for the gold medal, the Italian team with Gualtiero Giori, Nicolas Lopes Fuentes, the brothers Tomas and Martin Joaquin (MVP) and coach Eduardo Menendez, defeated Team Azerbaijan "Land of Fire" 8-4. For the Azeri Team around Coach Lala Laplacette it was the first time to participate in an European Polo Championship.

Third became Ireland with Creighton Boyd, Michael Henderson as well as Stephen and Max Hutchinson. The title defender won against the young team from Germany (Niklas Steinle, Niclas Sandweg, Caesar and Caspar Crasemann) with a tight result of 5,5-5.

Great victory for the Ladies Team from Germany: Eva Brühl (MVP), Sabrina Bosch, Marie-Luise Haupt and Laura Gissler-Weber are the new European Polo Champions. They defeated title defender Italy, who had won the ever first Ladies European Championship in Chantilly 2017, with a convincing 9-4,5 score.

The 12. FIP European Polo Championship 2018 were held in the wonderful setting of the Villa a Sesta Polo Club, in the heart of Chianti Classico in Tuscany. For the first time two different tournaments were played under the single heading of the FIP European Polo Championships – Quantocoin Cup. The event with 14 teams from 10 nations was organised jointly by the International Polo Federation (FIP), the Italian Equestrian Sports Federation (FISE) and the Villa a Sesta Polo Club (VAS).

Juan Bozzi, Polo Manager at the Villa a Sesta Polo Club: "Seven years have gone by since we last accepted the challenge of organising the most important international event ever hosted at the Villa a Sesta Polo Club." It was 2011 when the first Tifton playing field at VaS Polo Club hosted the Play Offs for Europe in the FIP World Championships. Juan Bozzi: "As both coaches and players unanimously acknowledged, the event was a great success and an important result for our well-matched team, which, in addition to satisfaction, experienced the awareness that in accomplishing its tasks it had gone well beyond all expectations. On that occasion, Villa a Sesta understood that, in addition to being an excellent polo club, it could also be a special location for top events on the international calendar. The 2018 FIP European Championships -Quantocoin Cup was after Chantilly the second edition in which a women's version of the European Championship was added to the traditional "mixed" version to be held on the same date and at the same venue, marking another important moment confirming our progress with ten days of matches, 30 matches played, 350





1 M. Ahadpur Khangah from Azerbaijan and his wife 2 Polo parents Luisa and Daniel Crasemann 3 Tito Gaudenzi and Dr. Piero Dillier 4 Team Italy, the new European Polo Champion 5 Franco and Silvia Piazza, Franco is the coach of the Italian Ladies Team.

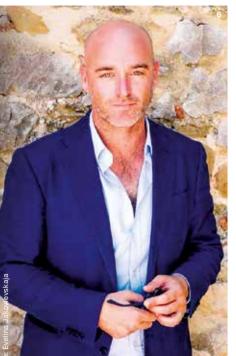
polo ponies and 14 teams from ten countries."

For Bozzi and his team the success of the event is an extraordinary reward for the investments the Polo Club and its owners, the Tattoni family, have continued to make by building two more full-size polo fields of great beauty, as well as increasing facilities that make events much more pleasant for spectators, players and all those involved with the club.

"The event's success and the great performances by the Italian teams resulted in significant media attention and this resulted in good reporting on the championships. This was very satisfying because in order to become more popular in Italy, and achieve the credibility it needs to attract the interest of sponsors. Polo needs visibility. We are delighted this happened also because the Italian Equestrian Sports Fédération, which is investing in interesting projects for the world of polo, and the Italian Olympic Committee devoted a great deal of attention and investments to these 2018 European Championships. We are now already concentrating on future projects and 2019 will be a year filled with events including the Kings Polo Master, a 15 goal handicap tournament scheduled for the end of June once again carrying the VAS to the Olympus of European polo clubs."

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WITH ALESSANDRO GIACHETTI, FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA SPORT EQUESTRI (FISE)

THE ITALIAN TEAM HAS PLAYED IN THREE EUROPEAN FINALS AND WON THE TITLE IN 2005 IN AMSTERDAM, NOW YOU ARE EUROPEAN CHAMPION AGAIN. DID YOU EXPECT SUCH A BIG SUCCESS?

Every medal we won in the past was always unexpected. This time our team – two of the players are brothers – started the preparation already some months before the European Championship in Villa a Sesta. That gave the players time to check the team – and they played really well toghether.

MOST OF THE ITALIAN TEAM PLAYERS HAVE ARGENTINEAN ROOTS. HOW WAS THE ITALIAN TEAM NOMINATED AND PUT TOGETER?

I think it's quite common, even in other sports, to see sportsmen with different roots on the same team. Maybe it's another effect of globalization?

As always it is the coach of the team that chooses the players. This time the Italian team was instructed by Eduardo Menendez. He also managed the selection of players and I must say, that he did it very well!

HOW DID YOU EXPERIENCE THE TEAM FROM AZERBAIJAN? TO PLAY IN THE FINAL IS A BIG SUCCESS FOR THE FIRST PARTICIPATIONIN THE TOURNAMENT, ISN'T IT?

The Azerbaijan Team played really very well. They were well organized. The team arrived in Villa a Sesta in July with more than 8 players and they did their choice of players during two months of intense training.

HOW IS THE REACTION OF THE HOST POLO CLUB VILLA A SESTA. DID THE ITALIAN FEDERATION AND FIP APPRECIATE THE TOURNAMENT'S ORGANISATION?

Maybe I'm not the right person to express a judgment, since I was personally involved in organizing the event, but I can safely say that VAS is one of the most organized clubs in Europe and working with them is always a great pleasure. We have received congratulations from all the leaders of the FIP and the FISE, for the excellent work done with this double version of the European Championships!

THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT THE TEAM HANDICAP OF THE GERMAN LADIES TEAM. WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM?

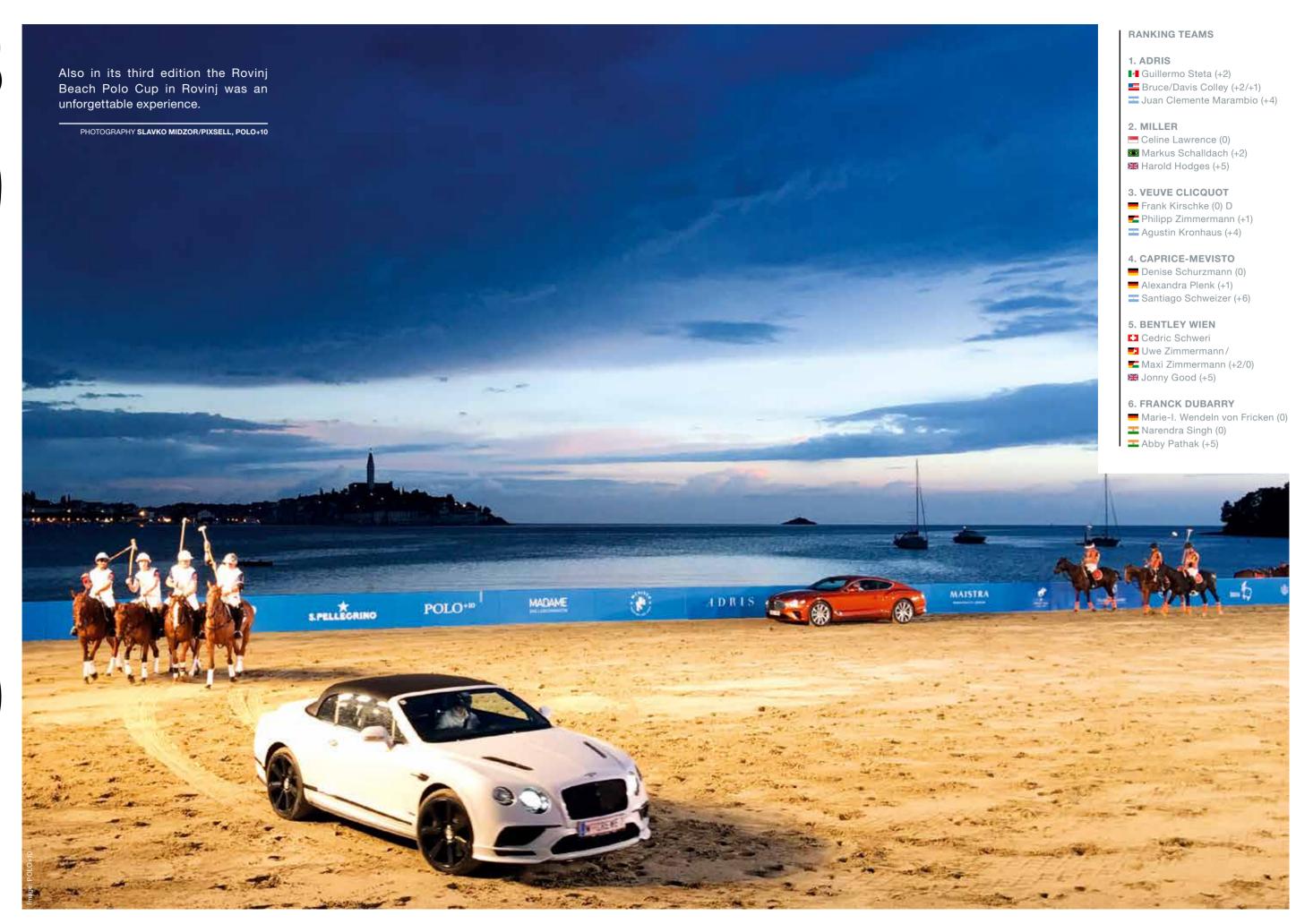
This was only the second edition of a European Ladies Championship, so there are inevitably several things to improve in the regulation. Especially with regard to the female handicap which is still not existing in many countries and not always easy to be defined for all players. The FIP has applied the existing regulations, which will certainly be updated after this experience. In the end all teams were very satisfied with the tournament.

WHAT ROLE IS THE POLO CLUB VILLA A SESTA PLAYING FOR THE SPORT OF POLO IN ITALY?

As I told before, VAS is one of the best Polo Clubs in Europe. They have a tremendous organization and invest a lot in the development of the club, communication and hospitality. VAS is undoubtedly an important reference point in the panorama of the Polo in Italy. •

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1 Good-humoured but hard-fought polo matches 2 Breakfast break after the polo parade through the old town of Rovinj 3 Maximilian and Philipp Zimmermann 4 Bruce Colley and Narendra Singh 5 World class Live-Entertainment 6 Narendra Singh, father of the Maharaja of Jaipur 7 Floodlight Chukker 8 Marie Isabel Wendeln von Fricken, Denise Schurzmann, Krisztina Zimmerann, Celine Lawrence, Alexandra Plenk 9 Stephanie Göttmann and Paul Schirnhofer, BUNTE 10 Live-Act Franka Bateli.

With players and prominent guests from India, Mexico, the USA, Brazil, England and many other nations, the Rovinj Beach Polo Cup 2018 in Croatia has continued its phenomenal success story of the past three years. Under floodlight, the teams met in the first By Night Chukkers - the best view for the audience from the complex arena built especially for the Beach Polo Cup. What David Flam from the main sponsor Maistra Group and organizer Uwe Zimmermann have delivered this year in terms of technical effort, supporting programme, evening events and, last but not least, the great parade of polo players through the idyllic old town of Rovinj, is second to none in European polo sport. Narendra Singh, father of the Maharaja of Jaipur, came from India. For Billy Steta, chairman of the Mexican Polo Federation with Croatian roots, the trip to Rovinj was also a historic family trip. Greatest joy about the victory of their team ADRIS with Bruce and Davis Colley from New

York. Father and son were thrilled by their first impressions of the Croatian Adriatic. In addition to the fast polo matches, which were commented on informatively by Filip Brkić and Tarquin Southwell, the concert of world star Sophie Ellis-Baxtor in the Polo Arena was one of the highlights of this extraordinary polo spectacle.

Uwe Zimmermann, who through his contacts and polo friends all over the world can always welcome a particularly international mix of players and guests at his tournaments, would like to postpone the Beach Polo Cup 2019 to September in order to give the topic of culinary delights a larger space. Wine and truffle harvesting will then be the order of the day in Croatia and will inspire the polo community in Rovinj.

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SENTEBALE

ISPS HANDA POLO CUP 2018

The highly anticipated 2018 Sentebale ISPS Handa Polo Cup at the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club on July 26 featured an exhilarating match between the teams Sentebale St. Regis and Royal Salute.



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1 In one of the hottest British days on record the audience enjoyed the polomatches and cold drinks 2 polo matches 3 charity guests and polo fans 4 Lounge at the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club 5 Nacho Figueras and his wife Delfina Blaquier 6 Team Sentebale St. Regis heading for the next goal 7 HRH, the Duke of Sussex in polo action.













Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle.



12 Cool and elegant sounds 13 ready to donate for the charity 14 Berkshire polo manager and Meghan Markle 15 beautiful hostess service in the lounge 16 the Sentebale team with Prince Harry and Prince Seeiso in Lesotho.

A unique and unforgettable polo experience 2018 was the Sentebale ISPS Handa Polo Cup hosted by Jamie Morrison in his beautiful Royal County of Berkshisre Polo Club. The annual invitationonly fundraising event, which started with a luncheon followed by a polo match, raises money for Sentebale, the charity foundation of Prince Harry. POLO+10 was delighted to attend this great event on invitation of title sponsor St. Regis. In one of the hottest British days on record crowds gathered to watch Senteable's Co-Founding Patron The Duke of Sussex take home the Sentebale ISPS Handa Polo Cup alongside his teammates, including the charity's Ambassador, Nacho Figueras. Sentebale's flagship fundraising event has been running since 2010, and has taken place in different locations around the world, from Singapore to South Africa. This is the first time since that the prestigious event has returned to the UK.

Sentebale is a charity founded by The Duke of Sussex and Prince Seeiso in 2006 following Prince Harry's gap year to Lesotho in 2004. In front of the huge audiece of the luncheon, HRH, The Duke of Sussex explained the work of Sentebale: "We help the most vulnerable children in Lesotho and Botswana get the support they need to lead healthy and productive lives. Sentebale works with local grassroots organisations to help these children, the victims

of extreme poverty and the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Together, we're making a big difference to these children's lives. Our vision is to work in partnership to transform positively the lives of the children." Team Sentebale St. Regis with HRH, The Duke of Sussex, Nacho Figueras, Ashley Van Metre Bush and Miguel Mendoza clinched victory against Royal Salute with Riley Ganzi, Chet Lott, the English pro and team captain Malcolm Borwick and Saad Audeh. It was a close match, culminating in a winning pass from The Duke of Sussex to Sentebale Ambassador Nacho Figueras, who scored the final goal to a final 5 – 4 score.

St. Regis, partners of Sentebale for nine years, has long been associated with the world of polo, beginning at the turn of the last century when St. Regis' founding family, the Astor's, were a prominent fixture at the matches on Manhattan's Governors Island. That association continues today, expanding around the world alongside the brand's growth, and the past few years have seen St. Regis hosting spirited polo matches in Aspen, the United Kingdom, India, Thailand, Singapore, Dubai and South America, among other global destinations.



WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO GIVE US AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF THE ST. REGIS FOUNDER FAMILY, THEIR PHILOSOPHY AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT FOR THE SPORT OF POLO?

St. Regis Hotels & Resorts has long been associated with the world of polo, beginning at the turn of the last century when St. Regis' founding family, the Astors, were a prominent fixture at matches on Manhattan's Governors Island. That association continues today, expanding around the world alongside the brand's growth, and the past few years have seen St. Regis hosting spirited polo matches in Aspen, the United Kingdom, Jaipur, Thailand, Singapore, Dubai and South America, among other global destinations.

Professional polo player Nacho Figueras has been a St. Regis Connoisseur since 2010. In this role, Nacho helps shape future guest experiences and cultivate the next generation of St. Regis guests, while bringing awareness and appreciation to the iconic international sport of polo for the brand.

St. Regis has also been a partner of Sentebale for nine years, and this year St. Regis Hotels & Resorts sponsored the Sentebale St. Regis Team for the 2018 Sentebale ISPS Handa Polo Cup, taking place at the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club on July 26. This annual fundraising event, which started with a luncheon followed by the polo match, raises money for Sentebale, the charity founded by The Duke of Sussex and Prince Seeiso, which supports vulnerable children and young people affected by HIV in Lesotho and Botswana in southern Africa.

ST. REGIS STANDS FOR WORLDWIDE 5-STAR LUXURY TRAVEL AND SIGNATURE SERVICES. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE INNER CORE OF THE BRAND, WHAT MAKES ST. REGIS UNIQUE?

St. Regis was born in the Gilded Age but continues to define the Modern Age by leveraging its history in a way that speaks to the luxury traveler of today. The brand's founding family, the

renowned New York Astor family, helped shape the definition of taste and sophistication in the modern world. Today, our guests experience the exquisite and extraordinary at our hotels, receiving a taste of what it might be like to have been part of the Astors world. We create this through subtle and refined design, bespoke and anticipatory services, thoughtful amenities and unique experiences, as well as partnerships with like-minded brands and those who resonate with the next generation of style icons, athletes and musicians.

St. Regis celebrates and honors the the Astors through signature rituals and traditions including The Bloody Mary, St. Regis' signature cocktail, evening champagne sabering and even afternoon tea. Moreover, St. Regis is committed to delivering unparalleled service demonstrated by the iconic St. Regis Butler service.

HOW MANY HOTELS IN HOW MANY DESTINATIONS/COUNTRIES DOES THE ST. REGIS PORTFOLIO INCLUDE?

The St. Regis portfolio includes over 40 hotels in 21 countries and territories.

WHICH ARE THE LATEST DESTINATIONS ST. REGIS ADDED TO ITS PORTFOLIO? AND WHERE ARE YOU HEADING FOR THIS/NEXT YEAR?

St. Regis Hotels & Resorts recently added hotels in Astana and Shanghai to its ever-growing global portfolio. In 2018/2019, St. Regis will continue to grow where luxury grows with hotels opening in Toronto, Amman, Hong Kong, and Cairo – just to name a few! Additionally, later this year, The St. Regis Rome will debut a full-scale renovation.

WHAT MUST A DESTINATION HAVE TO OFFER TO BECOME A ST. REGIS ADDRESS?

From the Maldives to Mexico City, Istanbul to Shanghai, the St. Regis brand continues to build its portfolio in the most sought-after destinations. Given St. Regis' relatively small footprint, we have an exciting opportunity to grow the St. Regis brand in urban and resort locations in a combination of established global hotspots and emerging destinations. Before entering a destination, we want to be sure it is a place where there is growth in the luxury sector and that appeals to our guests. We also want to be sure we are truly at the best address in whatever city we are opening to ensure a seamless and enjoyable guest experience.

WHERE/WHAT IS THE BENCHMARK FOR 5-STAR STANDARDS AND LUXURY TRAVEL TODAY? WHAT ARE GUESTS LOOKING FOR?

Since the opening of the first St. Regis hotel, The St. Regis New York, over a century ago by John Jacob Astor IV, the brand has remained committed to an uncompromising level of anticipatory service for all its guests. Guests of St. Regis are looking for bespoke experiences when they travel, and St. Regis works with several tastemakers and artisans to offer guests exclusive access to these experiences such as custom products from St. Regis Connoisseur Jason Wu or polo experiences with St. Regis Connoisseur Nacho Figueras.

IS ST. REGIS EXPANDING CONTINUOUSLY? OR IS THE SECRET TO SUCCESS THE ULTIMATE HIGH STANDARD AT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF LOCATIONS?

St. Regis Hotels & Resorts is one of the fastest growing ultra-lux-ury brands and is on track to reach the milestone of opening its 50th hotel by 2020. The success of St. Regis Hotels & Resorts is partly due to the brand's devotion to providing the highest standards at each and every St. Regis hotel worldwide, promising an unforgettable experience, and as our guests demand hotels in new destinations, we look to be the brand to provide them with a home away from home wherever they may be traveling.

WHO IS THE PROTOTYPE OF A ST. REGIS GUEST? WHO IS FEELING PERFECTLY COMFORTABLE IN THE ST. REGIS UNIVERSE?

St. Regis guests are global influencers and tastemakers who appreciate the brand's history and modern glamour. They expect the uncompromising level of personalized and anticipatory service that St. Regis delivers.

DO YOU THINK THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY IS CHANGING? WHAT WILL BE THE CHALLENGES IN THE FUTURE?

In recent years, we have seen a demand for more bespoke and personalized travel experiences across the travel industry and even more so in the luxury hospitality sphere. Finding ways to meet these demands has been challenging, but also quite exciting as we embrace high design, creative food & beverage programming, bespoke experiences and on-property programming to embrace the best the destination has to offer.

POLO PEOPLE LOVE TO TRAVEL. ARE THERE RECENT TRAVEL TRENDS (COUNTRIES AND HOTELS) YOU CAN RECOMMEND TO THE COSMOPOLITAN POLO COMMUNITY?

Looking toward 2019, we are thrilled to be opening our first St. Regis hotel in Egypt with The St. Regis Cairo. The destination is having a moment of resurgence and we expect to see Cairo become one of the most sought-after places for luxury travelers to visit in the next few years. It is a truly exceptional place, and we look forward to offering guests the St. Regis experience in Egypt!

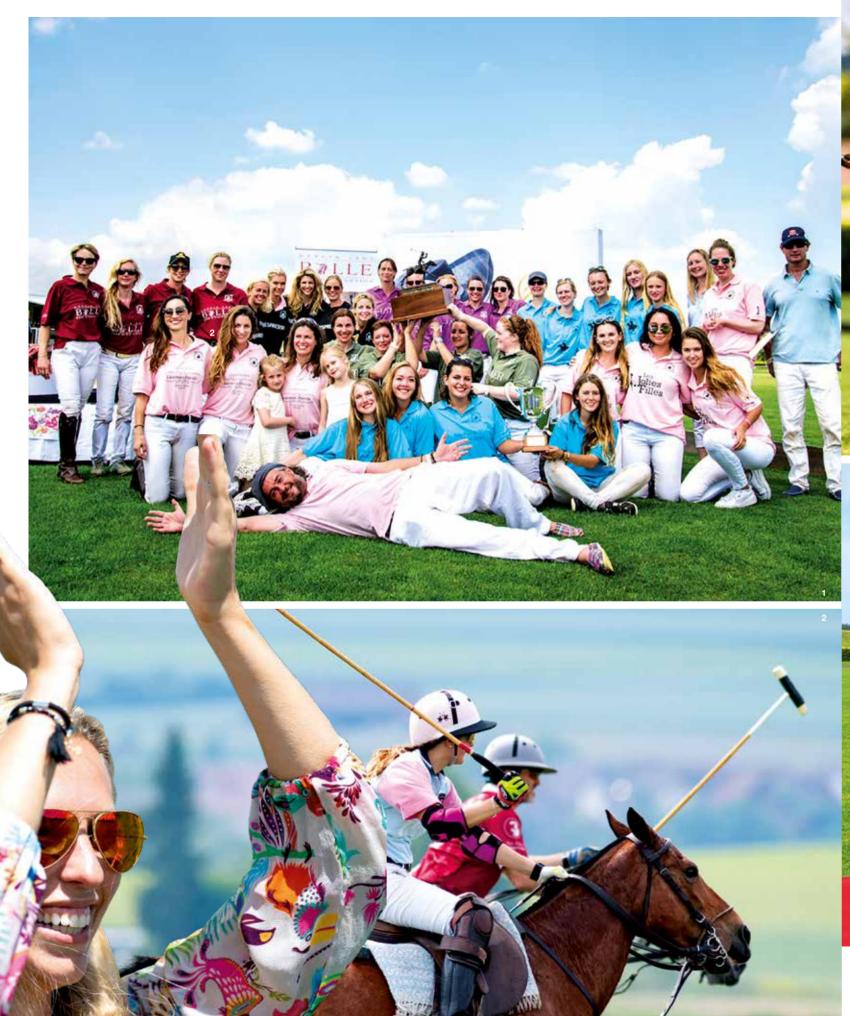
WHICH IS YOUR PERSONAL FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION THIS YEAR?

One of my personal favourite holiday destinations this year is The St. Regis Maldives! Ideally located on the Indian Ocean, the spectacular 77 all-villa private island resort is the perfect warmweather destination. The resort also offers a range of exiting activities and experiences so guests to celebrate the holidays in style!

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1 Eight teams of Ladies at the Ladies Cup and club owner, Sébastien Le Page 2 Belen Podesta and Stefan Roth at Zürich Low Goal Championship 3 Nathalie Wolfensberger-Fasciati 4 Lia Salvo 5 Werni Meier and Sébastien Le Page, Zürich Medium Goal Championship 6 Winners of the Kensington 20th Anniversary Polo Trophy: Tommy Aegerter, Fabian "Pato" Bolantiero, Daniel Aegerter, Juan Manuel Fernandez Llanos with Miss Switzerland 2018 Jastina Doreen and Ivo Staudt from Staudt Watches 7 Carlos Solari.





8 Izzy McGregor 9 Zürich Championship Low Goal 10 Swiss National Team: Tutti Wolfensberger, Nims3s sponsor, Tito Gaudenzi, Martin Luginbühl and Sacha Pictet with Sébastien Le Page 11 Pato Bolantiero 12 Patron's Cup 13 Martin Podesta.

With 10 tournaments from 2 to 12 goals and a Ladies Cup at low- and high goal-level, the 2018 season at Polo Park Zürich was very busy. Due to the exceptional European weather this summer, the club owners Morgan Van Overbroek and Sébastien Le Page did not have to suffer any cancellation of tournament games.

The PPZ tournament season begun with the Zürich Medium Goal at 6 goal level, 4 teams in competition and the final victory of Sébastien Le Page's team Los Lobos with an amazing goal scored by Facundo Kelly (+2) riding Gavilan. To get fit in order to participate in the Swiss Championship, the Kensington Trophy - celebrating this year the 20th anniversary of Kensington - also welcomed 4 teams and saw the thrilling victory of Daniel Aegerter and his team Equilibrium in the last minute of the final. Kensington organized an impressive party with guests dancing under the stars until late at night.

The peak of the Swiss season is always the Swiss Medium Goal Championship, hosted this year as well by Polo Park Zürich. With 8 teams in competition - 7 from the Club itself, and the victory of Team Polo Park Zürich led by Morgan Van Overbroek, the club affirmed its polo predominance in the country. The final between Equilibrium and Polo Park Zürich did keep all its suspense until the final bell. All actual and past members were invited to celebrate in style this very special final day. In an amazing ambiance, all gathered together with a true spirit of celebration.

Morgan Van Overbroek: "Our Ladies Cup witnessed the registration of 8 teams, and the participation of Lia Salvo (+9), one of the best female players in the world. For the second time, Ladies' high goal was played in Switzerland while 6 teams were fighting to conquer the low goal title. The tournament ended-up in a big party celebration, dancing late on DJ DaZZla's vibes!"

In July, while most European clubs were on holidays, Polo Park Zürich hosted two 12 goal tournaments. During those weeks, the club could welcome numerous higher handicap players such as Francisco Fucci (+6), who was joined by Pierre-Henri Ngoumou (+6), Martin "Min" Podesta Jr (+6), Santiago Marambio (+6) and Carlos "Tachu" Solari (+5). "We had the chance to welcome for the first time Mohammed Julien Ndao from Geneva Polo Club and his team and Robert Kofler from Vienna." The two tournaments were won again by club owner Sébastien Le Page with different teams. What a double!

After a well deserved pause for horses and fields, the PPZ team attacked the last part of the season with the Vecinos Cup. Four teams from the club competing in this 8 goals tournament saw the victory of a team of real neighbors: Los Lobos (Sébastien Le Page, Morgan Van Overbroek and their Argentine neighbors: Martin Podesta (+4) and Carlos Solari (+5)). Along the tournament was played the San Francisco de Asis Cup, low goal, won by team Maniates led by Konstantin Nikiteas.

Sébastien Le Page: "To close the season in beauty, we played our traditional Patrons Cup. Great family atmosphere, friends, fun, and a lot of champagne. 5 teams, 22 players, and 80 people to share our last lunch and celebrate the closing of the season all together." Team Polo Park Zürich won again, this time with a team of young players from the club: Shiva Strub, Katja Grauwiler, Gerard Martinez, Armand Le Page and Thommy Gräff (+1). "It will be hard to have another season like the 2018 one, where we played 828 chukkas, had 10 tournaments and 27 new members. What a wonderful 20-years anniversary season."

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FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL POLO

POLO + 10 Interview with the incumbent FIP President Nicholas Coluphoun-Denvers and his designated successor Horacio Areco, who will head the Federation of International Polo from December 2018 onwards.

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TODAY THE FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL POLO HAS 86 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS. IS THIS NUMBER STILL GROWING?

Yes, FIP continues to grow and prosper year on year, in 2018 we added both Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates and there are several more in the pipeline. It is FIP's mandate to promote the sport of polo worldwide and so this includes assisting new emerging polo nations to form National Associations.

A WORLDWIDE COMMON SET OF AGREED-UPON RULES HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MAIN TARGETS SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE FIP IN 1982. HOW FAR HAVE YOU COME WITH THIS?

We've come a long way. FIP has fostered and promoted on-going meetings between the Rules Committees of the AAP, HPA and USPA. As a result of these meetings currently there are almost no differences between the rules of AAP, HPA and USPA. FIP have also promoted a system whereby new rules are discussed prior to implementation between the three Associations and a trial method is approved before making any permanent changes. Once these changes are approved they are communicated to all our Members Associations in order to obtain feedback from them as well during their implementation in the FIP Tournaments.

WHAT WOULD YOU NAME THE BIGGEST SUCCESSES IN THE HISTORY AND WORK OF FIP DURING THE LAST 36 YEARS?

Certainly having organized 11 World Polo Championships, 12 European Championships, 2 Ladies European Championships and more than 100 Ambassadors Cup shows that FIP and their members have worked hard in promoting polo. Let's not forget that we finally had polo as part of the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games for the first time since 1936 thanks to our work alongside the AAP and the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games Organizing Committee.

AND WHAT ARE IN YOUR OPINION STILL THE MAJOR PROBLEMS YOU ARE CONFRONTED WITH?

We need to continue our work with the IOC to encourage the re-introduction of polo in future Olympic Games, work on new initiatives such as 3 on 3 polo to try to bring it closer to new audiences and also continue to promote polo and secure future editions of the tournaments we already have and establish new FIP Tournaments in areas of the world where international competition would benefit the sport.

TO "ENLARGE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLAYERS" IS ANOTHER MAJOR AIM OF FIP. WHAT ARE THE PARTICULAR PROJECTS WHICH RESULT FROM THIS INTENT?

FIP tournaments are handicapped in a way that most of our member countries can present a team. We have around 22 to 25 teams participating in the World Polo Championship Playoffs and have been having more teams on each passing edition of the European

Championships. This year FIP organized the second edition of the Ladies European Championship and we hope to have in the near future the First Ladies World Polo Championship. FIP is also working to develop and promote polo in South East Asia and is currently working with the Philippines to have polo in next year's South East Asian Games.

Another important task is to assist and encourage our members to organize clinics for children, umpires and also communicate and promote issues such as player doping and horse welfare.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO IMPROVE THE UNDERSTANDING AND ENTHUSIASM FOR THE GAME AMONG NON-PLAYERS?

FIP works with the organizers of the tournaments to attract the non-polo audience. During the 2015 World Polo Championship in Chile more than 35.000 people attended the tournament and a similar figure was reached during last year's WPC in Australia. FIP also is very active in social media having grown significantly the number of followers during the last years.

The simplification of the rules that is being carried out with all polo associations is also a way to facilitate the understanding of the game for the non-player audience.

THE FIRST LADIES POLO ABIERTO 2017 WAS AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS - DO YOU THINK THAT LADIES POLO STAYS UP AND COMING AND GETS FURTHER SUPPORT BY THE FIP IN THE FUTURE?

Ladies Polo is growing rapidly all over the world and we plan to continue organizing tournaments like the Ladies European Championship. We have formed a FIP Ladies International Polo Committee and will continue to work improve issues such as handicapping, level of play, etc. As we said we are aiming to organize the First Ladies World Polo Championship in the future.

HOW DID YOU LIKE THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN VILLA A SESTA?

Villa a Sesta was a wonderful host and thanks to the effort of FISE and the Tattoni family we could have 10 teams at the XII European Championship and 4 teams at the II Ladies European Championship all at the same time. This meant more than 300 horses stabled and 30 games played in 10 days!

WHY IS AZERBAIJAN PLAYING IN A EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP?

After gaining its independence from the Soviet Union in August 1991, in 1992 Azerbaijan joined the United Nations and connected with other countries, mostly Europe. The EU-Azerbaijan Partnership and Co-operation Agreement was signed in 1996 formalizing the relationship between the country and the European Union. The country is an active member of the Council of Europe which it joined on January 25, 2001. In

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FIP included Azerbaijan in Zone C (Europe) as they wanted to participate in continental tournaments and are located halfway from other members in Zones D (South East Asia & Oceania)

WHY DID THE GERMAN LADY TEAM APPLY WITH AN UNDERESTIMATED HANDICAP TO THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP? STILL, IT SEEMS THEIR WIN WAS NOT AT ALL ACCEPTED BY THE OTHER PARTICIPATING NATIONS?

Germany's team did not apply with an underestimated handicap for the Ladies European Championship. FIP modified, as it is entitled to do so, the handicap of a German player after the team was entered. The other participating nations received the appropriate explanations and there have been no complaints from any association with regards to the result of the Championship. As you may know, players do not have a universal handicap, and FIP has to intervene in certain situations when there are handicap issues. In the case of Ladies handicaps it is a situation that will take some time to standardize, as it happened with men's handicaps, as very few associations have established ladies handicaps.

MR. COLQUHOUN-DENVERS, WHAT WAS YOUR MOST IMPRESSIVE EXPE-RIENCE DURING YOUR TIME AS FIP PRESIDENT? AND WHAT WOULD YOU SAY WHERE YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SUCCESSES AND PROJECTS YOU COULD REALIZE?



I think that between my predecessor Dr Caleel and myself the introduction of a CEO and an efficient FIP Office based in Buenos Aires allowed us to make FIP much more professional and relevant to our membership. The introduction of a 5th Zone, dividing Zone D into two much more manageable administrative areas will hopefully help in the future to encourage more competition in Zone E which includes the African sub-continent where a lot of polo is played but they currently do not benefit from much international competition. The highlight has to be the two World Championships, one in Chile and one in Australia that I was privileged to preside over during my time in office. They were both extremely successful and credit must go to all those involved.

MR. ARECO, YOUR ARE THE DESIGNATED NEW PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL POLO. WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AND HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OF FIP? ARE THERE ISSUES IN THE WORK OF FIP WHICH WILL BE CHANGED UNDER YOUR PRESIDENCY?

First of all, we will continue with the good work done. We will put lot of emphasis in enhancing ladies polo and as it was said, we will organize the first ladies world polo championship in the near future. We'll also develop and promote youth and children tournaments among different countries. Being one of the goals from the very beginning of FIP's existence jointly with the promotion and spreading of polo, we'll continue to work with the Int. Olympic Committee in order to include the sport, in any possible manner and in any possible variation: regular polo, in the Olympic winter games through snow, indoor polo, in a 3 vs 3 format, etc. We will also work on the organization of regional polo championships replicating what we do in Europe in other FIP Zones like the South East Asia (Zone D), South America (Zone B), North America (Zone A) and the very extensive Zone E that comprises Africa and Middle East.

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Ladies Polo Cup: Lía Salvo, 44 years after her father.

LADIES POLO CUP

During the "ladies final" at the Barrière Deauville Polo Cup 2018, all eves were on the young 30 year-old professional player, Lía Salvo, handicap 9 and no.1 world lady player in the latest World Polo Tour ranking. Salvo is not an unknown name in Deauville because in 1974, the father and coach of Lía, Hector Salvo, won the mythical Gold Cup with the Cabaneros alongside the 10 goal player Hector Merlos. But a polo match is not won by just one player and if Lía was able to lift the ladies' trophy, it is thanks to the team that she built around her over the matches, motivating and raising the level of her amateur teammates: Margaux Perruchot and Marguerite Percheron, very present on the field as well as the young Adèle Renauldon, decisive in defense which did not prevent her from opening the score. There were some moments of nervousness when, at 4-2 in the fourth chukka, the opposing players of the Charlo team obtained a penalty but the French no.1 player, Caroline Anier failed to transform it. The relief was even more palpable when Marguerite Percheron scored a fifth goal for Brok Café.

This victory is also that of an Argentinian horse breeding farm run by Jorge Musso, in General Levalle, in the province of Cordoba: eight of the sixteen horses of the winning team came from there and were all trained by Dario, the son of Jorge Musso, handicap 6, former winner of the Gold Cup. Three of the four players were riding horses from this horse breeding farm. But the "blanket" for the best horse was awarded that day to a thoroughbred, a racehorse retrained in another discipline. A process encouraged and organized by the Association "Beyond the racetracks" whose president, Elizabeth Doumen, handed the blanket to Catharos, a 10-year-old chestnut by Limnos that Adèle Renauldon had bought from a horse-ball player. A double successful retraining.

The spectators took away from the 2018 Silver Cup final in Deauville the incredible performance of the young Argentinian player Rufino Bensadon, who will be 17 at the end of the year and who scored in particular an extraordinary golazo, at a crazy speed, right out in the front and with everyone else behind him on the pitch, he enjoyed the irreplaceable father-son complicity with Pancho, h8 today, but a former h9 and semi-finalist in the Argentinian Open: "Rufino will move up to 5 in September and I will move down to 7, we'll soon meet" jokes the father who is doing everything possible so that his son reaches the 10 handicap that his talent deserves. However, playing against them were heavy hitters including the "Argentinian Open" duo: Fran Elizalde - Tito Guinazu, a combined handicap of 15 between them.

The difference in the final score was narrow, 7-6, but it was clearly the "young" Rufino who allowed his captain, André Fabre, to win the trophy for the fifth time, a record for the Silver Cup. There is no rider without a great horse, but also, no great horse without a great rider! And so it is (almost obviously) an Argentine mare, the impressive gray Lucifeta, ridden by Rufino Bensadon, who won the blanket for the best horse in the final. Progression In The Wings: 2/1 - 4/3 - 5/4 - 6/5 - 7/6.

GOLD CUP

André Fabre and In The Wings were the winners of the Gold Cup 2018 and got the chance to capture victory in the French Triple Crown, a trilogy that ended with the Chantilly Open de France mid September. Team In The Wings featured the players Rufino Bensadon (6 goals), Alfonso Pieres Jr (3 goals), Pancho Bensadon (2 goals) and André Fabre. The 8-year-old mare Venuziana, played by Pancho Bensadon and breeded by Javier Tanoira was awarded Best Playing Pony of the Gold Cup 2018. André Fabre and Rufino Bensadon became Most Valuable Players. Three weeks after the Gold Cup in Deauville In The Wings was defeated by Sainte Mesme, the team of Robert Strom, in the Final of the French Open in Chantilly.

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Winning team and title defender 2019: Team Bendura Bank with Tito Gaudenzi, Dr Andreas Insam, Melissa Ganzi and Alejandro Novillo Astrada.

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CORUM (+9)

- Philip Sommer (+2)
- Lukas Sdrenka (+3)
- Patrick Maleitzke (+4)

MASERATI (+10)

- Marc Aberle (+1)
- Thomas Winter (+5)
- Caspar Crasemann (+4)

The 2019 edition of the snow polo extravaganza at the Münichauer Wiese in Reith bei Kitzbühel is promising to be the most spectacular to date. Faster polo, more spectators, more sponsors and all the glamour that has come to define the event will sparkle and delight the gathering of fans and international polo people.

Bendura Bank are returning as the headline sponsor, alongside team sponsors Bernd Gruber, Engel & Völkers, Polo Club Kitzbühel, Maserati and Corum, and Dr Andreas Insam of Bendura Bank has attended the legendary snow polo tournament for 17 years as title sponsor. Shortly after Bendura Bank's own 20 year anniversary, he is "proud and excited to be represented for the 17th time in the world's biggest polo tournament on snow as the main sponsor in 2019". Organizer Tito Gaudenzi, who will return in 2019 with his

2018 winning Bendura Bank line-up to defend the title, is more than delighted having re-signed "long term agreements with all our main sponsors, first and foremost our title sponsor, who has been with us from year one. There is no better affirmation of success than a long-lasting relationship and we are grateful to have these great partners on our side again."

After the first social evening on Thursday, play will begin on Friday 18th January, continuing on Saturday and Sunday starting at 11am. Surrounding the world-class polo on snow, the polo audience will enjoy first class catering in the VIP tent and the legendary Player's Party on Saturday night.

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One of the most spectacular Polo Events in the world is coming up in Dubai on 13th and 14th December 2018. For more than a decade the Beach Polo Cup Dubai has been a part of the prestigious sporting events calendar in the region. Due to an immense transformation of the event and growth in the vibrant city of Dubai over time, tournament organisers Gaby and Sam Katiela have shifted the date to December last year. Now, the Beach Polo Cup in Dubai is constantly pushing the limits at the purpose built arena at Dubai Harbour, formerly known as Skydive Dubai.

Four international polo teams featuring local professionals as well as players from all over the world, will compete for the Tonino Lamborghini Residences Dubai Beach Polo Cup Dubai 2018 Presented by Oriental Peals, at Skydive Dubai. Fun thrilling and exciting polo matches capture the imagination of the enthusiastic audience and the elegant atmosphere in front of the stunning backdrop of Dubai's skyscrapers creates a unique and unforgettable polo

experience. This year, the organisers surprise visitors and guests with a new idea. Gaby Katiela: "We are delighted to announce the Beach Polo Cup Dubai will be hosting a Christmas Market for the first time." The market will offer fun and interesting trends, arts and crafts, jewellery, holiday gift ideas, toys, and home decor, health & wellness products and of course anything related to horse and rider.

Again, the Beach Polo Cup Dubai 2018 will be hosted under the Patronage of HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince and Chairman of Dubai Sports Council. Here in Dubai, Beach Polo was played in 2004 for the first time ever. Gaby Katiela: "Beach Polo in a way changes the perception of traditional Polo as it is more relaxed and accessible to a huge audience and as well younger people. Beach Polo offers a modern take on an old and privileged social experience".

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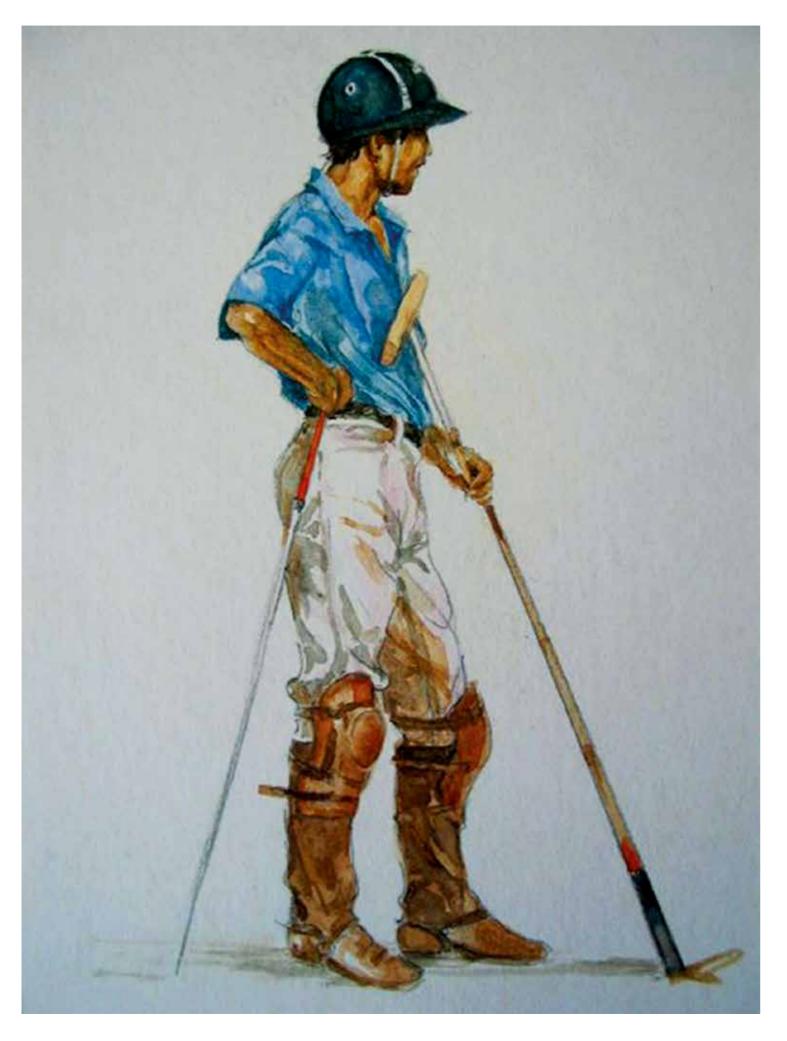
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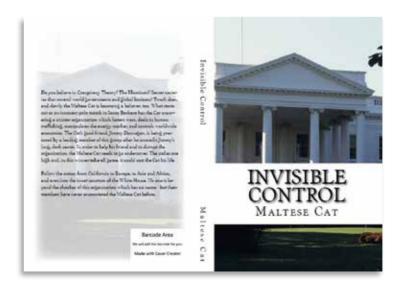
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POLO+10 World premiered the Maltese Cat Book Series in 2016. The third book in the series, entitled Invisible Control, has now been published.

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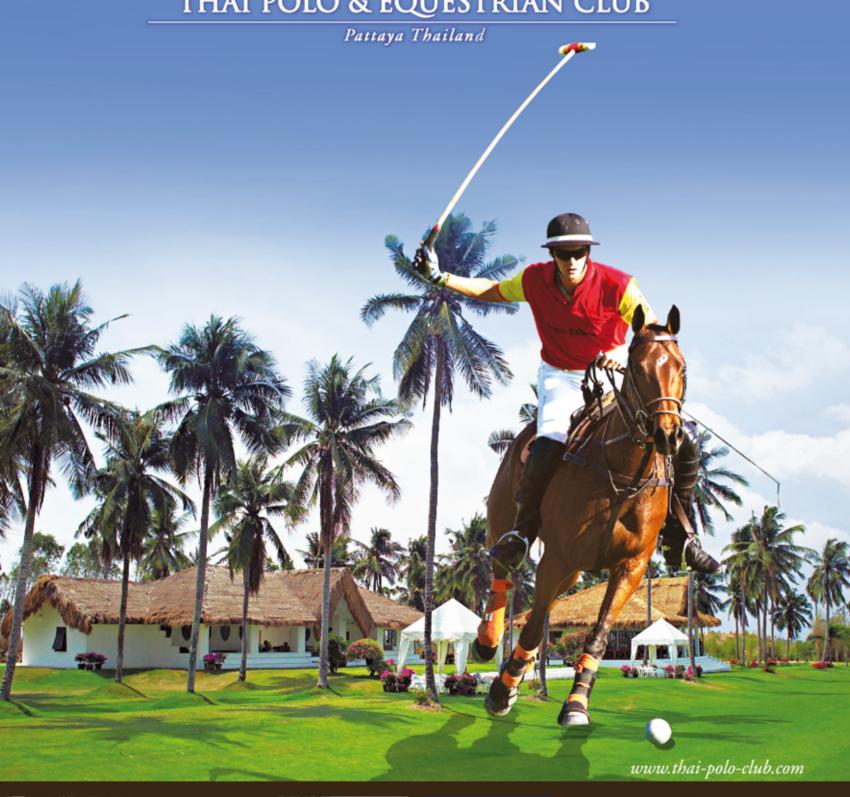


The luxury website 2luxury2.com boldly stated "There is a new hero in town – the Maltese Cat. He will probably do more for the sport of polo than any other fiction book written." But who is this Maltese Cat really? We decided to interview the author to find out more. We were in for a surprise.

The Maltese Cat Book Series involves an international adventurer whose recreational passion is polo. The author of the Maltese Cat Book Series is listed as the Maltese Cat. In the books, the Maltese Cat's name is John Jaxson. Both names are fictional, but the Maltese Cat really exists! Like the writer's character, he is a native San Franciscan who has lived abroad for most of his life. In fact, it is difficult to distinguish where the writer's life leaves off and where the fictional Maltese Cat's life begins.



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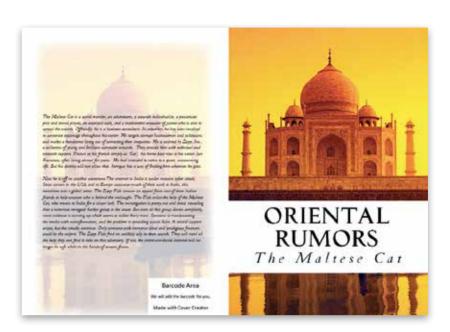
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INTERVIEW

YOU HAVE SAID THAT THE MALTESE CAT IS AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL. Much of it, yes, although the stories are pure fiction.

OK, LET'S START AT THE BEGINNING. A BFA IN MOTION PICTURES FROM UCLA AND A MASTERS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FROM USC, THEN YOU WORKED ON THE SPACELAB, FOR TWO FINANCIAL NEWSPAPERS, AND YOU WERE A STOCKBROKER AFTERWARD?

DO YOU PLAY POLO?

Recreationally, just like the main character. After playing in Europe and in the USA, I moved to Argentina, where I have lived for the past twelve years. Great opportunity to play polo every day. But any polo player who reads these books will realize right away that the author has an intimate knowledge of the game of polo. That you won't find in other novels.

HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THE IDEA OF THE MALTESE CAT? WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR IDEAS FROM?

After I moved to Argentina, a lot of my friends were asking me for polo advice. Since many had the same questions, including asking for plans of wooden horses and hitting cages, I created a website so I wouldn't have to repeatedly write the same things or download the same plans. I named the website after Rudyard Kipling's short story, The Maltese Cat. It is a story about a pony in a polo match who helps out his teammates with useful advice. It seemed appropriate for the website. As far as ideas for the book series, I get them from reading the news headlines. That always spurs ideas for plots.

WHAT ARE THE BOOKS ABOUT IN GENERAL?

Power, Money, and Greed. There are a lot of bad guys out there who present themselves as respectable businessmen and altruistic politicians. Their decisions influence our lives, from the things we buy, the news we see, and the laws that are made supposedly in our interests. The Maltese Cat has a history in corporate espionage. Although not by choice, he falls into one adventure after another, helping friends and battling these criminals who would normally go unpunished.

HOW IS THE POLO IN YOUR BOOKS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER NOVELS?

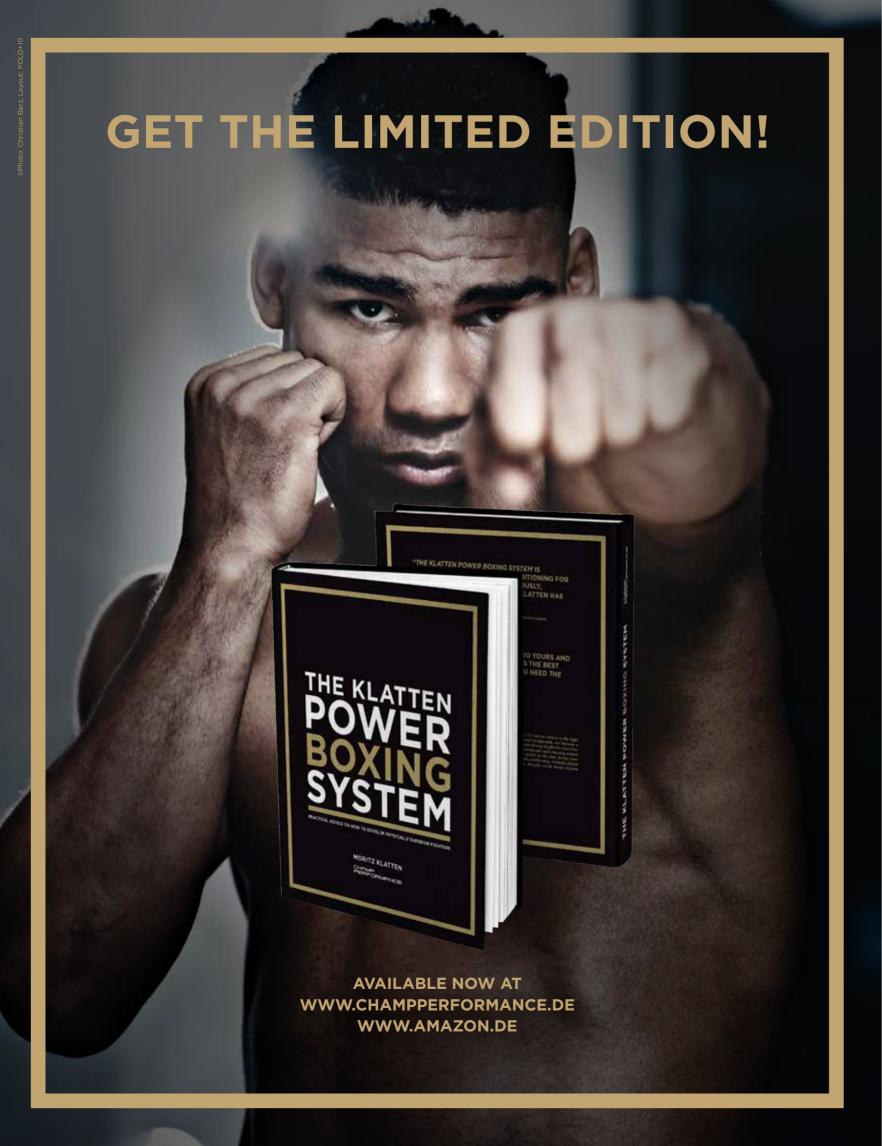
The sport of polo is seldom found in fiction. When it does appear, it is usually associated with the very rich. The Maltese Cat plays polo for the enjoyment of the sport. He plays with friends and tries to play when he is abroad. He realizes that the sport gives him access to people and areas which can benefit his investigations, but if he doesn't need to socialize, he prefers to be with the horses and the grooms.

SO, ONE MORE QUESTION I'M DYING TO ASK YOU. WERE YOU INVOLVED IN CORPORATE ESPIONAGE?

This is all fiction! Besides, I wouldn't tell you anyway. Perhaps one of these days I will write about that former life in more detail.

The fourth book in the series will be released later this year. In Oriental Rumors, the Maltese Cat travels to India to investigate a cyber attack on the internet which is disabling major global websites. •

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The new Signature Suite is really one of a kind. Besides from the comfortable and modern room, the private terrace has an exterior daybed where the guests are able to get a great view from Puerto Madero district. The sunset seen from this terrace is magnificent! Full of natural light and exquisitely designed, it is conceived to transform your morning start in a pleasurable experience.

With a focus on style and design, the hotel has in addition, other 197 spacious and innovative rooms. When you put your key card in the lock and open the door to your room or suite you will find a spacious, chic room - most of which have a private balcony - equipped with everything you need for a great stay. You can also enjoy the complimentary buffet breakfast every morning!

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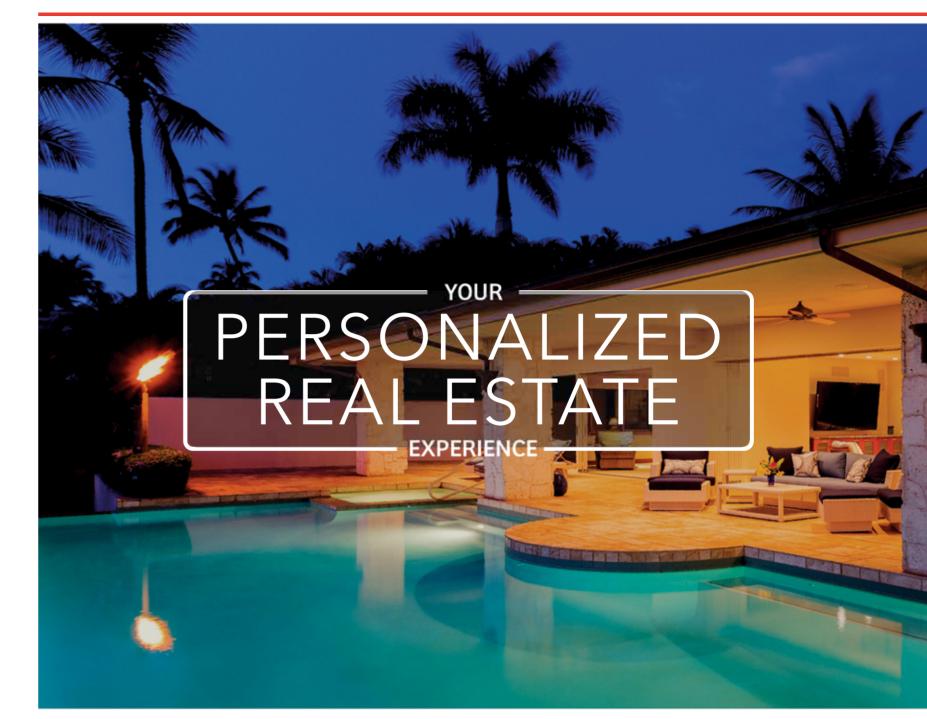












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