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Eventful, varied and ambitious: the 2016 polo year certainly had a lot to offer. One of the biggest highlights of the European polo summer season was the XI FIP Polo European Championship on the historic Maifeld in Berlin. FIP president Nicholas Colquhoun-Denvers and European representative of the world association Dr Piero Dillier were also present in Berlin. The only downer was that the title defenders from England couldn't be there as they cancelled their participation at short notice. Despite this, it was a great European Championship for which POLO+10 had the honour of producing the 100-page tournament magazine. All eyes will now be on the World Championship in Sydney in autumn 2017.

The POLO+10 World Tour also continues with some exciting destinations. Mongolia, Ibiza and India were on the agenda and we're pleased about the huge demand from polo players all over the world who are interested in one or several of the destinations on our World Tour. You can find more dates and details on our website. We hope you have fun reading all about the different polo-related topics that took us from Berlin to France, Brazil and elsewhere as well as lots of useful information on tournament systems and penalties that professionals such as Mark Holmes assisted us with.

Ereignisreich, vielseitig und ambitioniert: Das Polojahr 2016 hatte einiges zu bieten. Mit der XI. FIP Polo Europameisterschaft auf dem historischen Maifeld in Berlin und dem großartigen Sieg der Iren feierte der europäische Polosommer eins seiner großen Highlights. Auch FIP-Präsident Nicholas Colquhoun-Denvers und der Europaverantwortliche des Weltverbands, Dr. Piero Dillier, waren nach Berlin gekommen. Einziger Wermutstropfen: Die Titelverteidiger aus England fehlten. Sie hatten ihre Teilnahme kurzfristig abgesagt. Trotzdem eine großartige Europameisterschaft, für die POLO+10 die Ehre hatte, das 100-seitige Turniermagazin zu produzieren. Jetzt richten sich alle Blicke auf die Weltmeisterschaft in Sydney im Herbst 2017.

Auch die POLO+10 World Tour ist mit spannenden Destinationen weitergegangen. Mongolei, Ibiza und nun Indien standen auf dem Programm und wir sind glücklich über die große Nachfrage von Polospielern aus aller Welt, die sich für eine oder mehrere Destinationen unserer World Tour interessieren. Weitere Termine und Details finden Sie auf unserer Website. Wir wünschen Ihnen eine spannende Lektüre mit unseren Polothemen, die uns von Berlin nach Frankreich, Brasilien und weiter geführt haben sowie mit den vielen wissenswerten Hintergründen zu Spielsystemen und Penalties, für die uns Profis wie Mark Holmes als Experten zur Seite standen. ●

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## THE POLO COUNTRY OF AUSTRALIA

From 17-29 October 2017, the XI FIP Polo World Championship will take place at Sydney Polo Club. This marks the second time that Australia has hosted the international competition. Reason enough to tell you a little bit more about this polo country.

With 800 registered players and 41 clubs, Australia has the most members behind Argentina, the United Kingdom and the USA (5<sup>th</sup> position in the global rankings after France) and is 4<sup>th</sup> in the global ranking of polo nations with the most clubs. But it's not just the numbers that are worthy of a mention; the standard is also world class. In Bob Skene and Sinclair Hill, the fifth continent has produced two 10-goalers, and pros from Down Under work for some of the top polo teams in the world. Australian polo ponies are also highly valued internationally. Tim Clarke, president of the Australian Polo Federation: “Polo has developed from a rural based pastime to a modern urban game. The sport is becoming more affordable and easier to access. If you want to play polo, you no longer have to have your own farm, a horsebox and eight horses, but can hire ponies and indulge your passion close to a city.” And so the number of players is increasing continuously, as is the number and quality of polo fields and horses. More women

in particular are discovering the oldest team sport for themselves and around a quarter of all current players are female. Polo is played in all states but not the territories of the Northern Territory or ACT. Most clubs and players can be found in New South Wales (NSW, largest state by number) and Victoria (the fastest growing of the polo states) which together produce around 70 % the country's players. Polo playing locations can be found clustered around Sydney (NSW) and Melbourne (Victoria) in particular. Ellerston and Garangula are still the most important high goal private operations but a growing number of private clubs with exceptional fields are emerging. Polo was brought to the Australian continent very early on by British cavalry men out of India and the first games were recorded in Sydney and Country Victoria in the early 1800s. The Australian Polo Council was founded in 1924 and changed its name five years ago to the Australian Polo Federation (APF).  
www.australianpolo.com.au



## GERMAN POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year Niklas Steinle (0) indeed has put his ability to the test: at the age of just 16, he won all three German polo championships in 2016 – High, Medium and Low Goal.

The young and talented player's winning streak started with his triumph at the High Goal Championships in Munich. Together with Heino Ferch (0), Patricio Gaynor (4) and Pablo Jauretche (6), Steinle came through against the best players in Germany and secured the most important title in German polo. At the Medium Goal Championships in Berlin, the cousin of Heino Ferch's wife Marie-Jeanette once again reached the top of the podium with Christopher Kirsch (3), Marcelo “Tuky” Caivano (3) and Emanuele Boni (0). And at the Low Goal Championships, which also took place in Munich, the polista from the Polo Club Landsberg-Ammersee e.V. achieved success with Heino Ferch (0), Reinhold Hofmann (0) and Moritz Gädeke (2). Last but not least, Steinle won the German Youth Championships in Stuttgart with Tizian Müller (-2), Lenny Wolf (-2) and Sophie Jaenecke (-1). What a series of victories! Niklas Steinle was thus rightly named “Player of the Year 2016” by the German Polo Association (DPV).

The German Arena Polo champions for 2016 were Heinz-Otto Blank (0), Philipp Sommer (2) and Patrick Maleitzke (4). This meant that the Düsseldorfer Reit- & Polo Club successfully defended its title from last year. The Arena Polo Championships took place for the second time in 2016.  
www.dpv-poloverband.de

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- 4 Thomas Winter
- 3 Maximilian Bosch, Caesar Crasemann, Caspar Crasemann, Heinrich Dumrath, Moritz Gädeke, Christopher Kirsch, Patrick Maleitzke
- 2 Christian Badenhop, Eva Brühl, Juan Alberto Corea, Comanche Funk-Gallardo, Daniel Hauss, Michael Keuper, Peter-Phillip Kienast, Christopher Kiesel, José Matias Legman, Sven Schneider, Lukas Sörenka, Peter-Alexander Schwarz, Philipp Sommer, Carlos Alberto Velazquez, Dominik Carlos Velazquez, Christopher Winter

1 Victor Beckers, Daniel Crasemann, Michael Fass jun., Joachim Feller, Heino Ferch, Felix Gädeke, Ezequiel Gallardo, Gregor Gerlach, Laura Gissler-Weber, Moritz Haesen, Maurice Hauss, Federico Heinemann Mayol, Helge Holst, Christian Ascan Jarck, Jürgen Karger, Mark Pantenburg, Alexander Piltz, Rico Richert, Eduardo Raoul Romero, Niclas Sandweg, Sebastian Schneberger, Oliver Sommer, Niklas Jan Steinle, Daniel Tümpel, Christoph van Eupen, Dominic Vockrodt, Oliver Winter, Nico Wollenberg, Carl-Eugen Prinz zu Oettingen-Wallerstein, Philipp K. Fürst zu Stolberg-Wernigerode

0 Dirk Baumgärtner, Andreas Bihrer, Emanuele Boni, Sabrina Bosch, Jasmin Bumanowski, Dr. Niko Charalambakis, Stefan Cozma, Albert Darboven, Johanna Droste, Laura Fass, Michael Fass sen., Marie-Jeanette Ferch, Dr. Wolfgang Friedrich, Ulrike Gabrin, Wolfgang Gabrin, Lucas Gädeke, Sylvia Gädeke, Philipp Gesell, Bernd Gipser, Thomas Gissler-Weber, Anton Grabosch, Paul Grabosch, Matthias Grau, Christian Grimme, Gregor Gruber, Romy Grüner, August Grupp, Dr. Cornelius Grupp, Dr. Diedrich Haesen, Dr. Christian Hartig, Cornelia Häufele, Marie-Luise Haupt, Reinhold Hofmann, Maike Hölty, Svenja Hölty, Bernd S. Hotz, Barbara Huber-Royer, Dr. Hannes Hühnlein, Dr. Dele Iversen, Benedict Jaenecke, Wolf Werner Jage, Florian Jütte, Wolfgang Kailing, Magnus Kaminiarz, Theo Kersche, Dietmar Kirsch, Prof. Dr. Wolfram Trudo Knoefel, Tileman Kühl, Barnim Kühl, Fabienne Last, Lukas Leibold, Harald Link, Patrick Maass, Sibylle Maeder-Zuellig, Markus Maier-Schambeck, Thomas Maiti, Paul Netzscht, Bernhard Niederhammer, Dr. Roger Orzelski, Longin Penkner, Beate Pfister-Leibold, Alexandra Plenk, Ingo Pyko, Johann Peter Reinhardt, Marion Ringer, Peter Ristic, Patricia Rohde-Deutsch, Steve Rose, Susanne Rosenkranz, Hathumar Rustige-Canstien, Dr. Philipp Saame, Bernd Sannwald, Karl-Werner Schlüter, Jürgen Schneider, Vanessa Schockemöhle, Naomi Schröder, Rackham Schröder, Tahnee Schröder, Uwe Schröder, Dr. med. Ingeborg Schwenger-Holst, Matthias Sdranka, Dr. Helmuth Seidel, Ben Selkirk, Thomas Selkirk, Marc-André Seif, Babak Shadi, Peter Silling, Maximilian Singhoff, Peter R. Slupinski, Isabel Sobetzki, Dr. Patrik Straßer, Dr. Jochen Strtmann, Thomas Strunck, Jens Thomsen, Mathieu van Delden, Maximilian van Eupen, Gustavo Juan Velazquez, Christian Völkers, Philipp von Criegern, Daniel Graf von der Schulenburg, Frhr. Hans-Albrecht von Maltzahn, Isabel von Morgenstern, Dr. Ingo von Morgenstern, Steffi von Pock, Clemens Graf von Wedel, Andreas Walther, Alexander Weiland, Wilhelm Widmann, Klaus Winter, Isabelle Wippermann, Stefan Zou Diepold, Christian Prinz zu Fürstenberg, Jeanette zu Fürstenberg, Georg Prinz zu Stolberg-Wernigerode

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7 Gastón Maiquez

6 Eduardo Anca, Santos Anca, Juan Cruz Guevara, Pablo Jauretche, Raul Laplacette, Matias Maiquez, Santiago Cruz Marambio, Ignacio Tillous

5 Lucas Di Paola, Guilherme Lins, Pedro Fernandez Llorente, Pierre-Henri Ngoumou, Valentin Novillo Astrada, Marcos Riglos, Federico Rooney





## ANNIVERSARY YEAR

The Polo Club Schloss Ebreichsdorf celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016.

In 2016, players, sponsors and visitors celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Polo Club Schloss Ebreichsdorf. Many polo players made their way to Ebreichsdorf for the anniversary and some new players also experienced the splendid ambience of Schlosspark Ebreichsdorf for the first time, enjoying the family feel and warm atmosphere of the tournaments. The highlight was the Austrian Polo Open (8-12 goal) that inspired visitors with high-quality, emotional and hotly contested matches and family-like hospitality. Over the coming year, the club will continue to focus on encouraging young polo players and the first courses will begin at the start of the season at the end of April. [www.poloclub.at](http://www.poloclub.at)



## POLO+10 WORLD TOUR

The new exclusive tournament series around the globe: The POLO+10 World Tour offers a unique combination of playing, coaching and party atmosphere.

“A polo handicap is your passport to the world”, these famous words of Winston Churchill inspired POLO+10 to create and start the POLO+10 World Tour in 2016. The World Tour takes its participants to the most beautiful and exotic polo destinations around the globe. Often this is a unique opportunity for the players to play at their dream destination once. The whole idea is as simple as it is charming: The players register for the tour and book their flight, POLO+10 takes care of everything else. Polo at its best and 100% fun for the players is guaranteed. POLO+10 takes care of the entire organisation, all services as well as the polo ponies and grooms are included. The first two tournaments of the tour were held in April at the Ibiza Polo Club and at the PGH Palmeraie Polo Club in Morocco. Unforgettable polo moments – on the field as well as together with the international guests. After a break throughout the summer months, the POLO+10 World Tour continued in November with a wonderful tournament in Jodhpur/India. Next station is Costa Careyes at the Pacific Coast in Mexico where polo coach and professional player Thomas Winter from Germany will present a fantastic personal polo coaching to all the participants. Further amazing destinations are planned for 2017. [www.poloplus10.com/world-tour](http://www.poloplus10.com/world-tour)

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4 Martin Podesta, Martin Podesta jun., Martin Riglos

3 Lanos Juan Martin Fernandez, Luis Benmergui, Alexis de Boismenu, Fabian Andres Bollantero, Walter Cortez, Carlos Genes, Francisco Podesta

2 Tomas Astelarra, Gery De Cloedt, Emmanuel De la Cuesta, Kelly Facundo, Juan Manuel Frascino, Reto M. Gaudenzi jun., Chris Kiesel, Martin Luginbühl, Simon Luginbühl, Juan Pablo Marenda, Bernardo Peralta, Guillermo Ramirez Rogelio, Roberto Rochelle, Juan Sanchez, Joaquin Sequeiros

1 David Amar, Oliver Climaud, Franco Delneri, Andrew Drummond Morray, Gualtiero Giori, Yves Luginbühl, Robert Mehm, Fabio Meier, Luca Meier, Jean-Bapiste Ory, Sacha Pictet, Stefan Roth, Carlos Sprüngli, Dominique Velazquez, Thomas Wolfensberger, Uwe Zimmermann

**AUSTRIA 2017 (EXCERPT)**  
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6 Joaquin Maiquez, Tomas Maiquez, Santiago Cruz Marambio

4 Juan Clemente Marambio, Fernando Miño

3 Abel Flamenco

2 Dante Barroso, Damian Di Claudio

1 Benjamin Darroux, Dieter Ehart, Sasha Hauptmann, Gerhard Hermann, Robert Kofler, Konstantin Rhomborg, Eugen Sanchez de la Cerda, Walter Scherb

0 Richard Drasche-Wartinberg, Valerie-Sophie Drasche-Wartinberg, Harald Göschl, Raphaela Göschl-Marambio, Werner Graf, Leon Hauptmann, Paulo Kaukal, Benedikt Kerres, Christoph Kerres, Koko Kofler, Emil Kraus, Nadine Kraus, Tilman Kraus, Farid Rifaat

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3 Edgardo Llambi  
2 Martin Bleier  
1 Peter Godanyi, Martin Magal, Polina Nazarova  
0 Leonard Ivanics, Ivan Weiss



## POLO ROYALE

The 4<sup>th</sup> Monte-Carlo Polo Cup was attended by Monaco’s royal couple.

The fourth edition of the Monte-Carlo Polo Cup delighted its audience with exciting polo matches, brilliant sunshine and royal atmosphere. The event was once again held under the high-patronage of Prince Albert of Monaco and this year’s edition was also attended by the Prince himself and his wife Charlene. Four teams participated in the tournament. In the final match the team of title sponsor Elena Sivoldaeva, including organiser Francesco Mitrano, defeated the opposing team Suisse Bank by 10-4.5 and thus won the trophy Elena Sivoldaeva. The tournament took place once again at a luxurious private domain’s field up in the beautiful hills of Monaco, the “Domaine de Vire-Vent”. [www.montecarlopoloclub.mc](http://www.montecarlopoloclub.mc)



## HALL OF FAME

Museum of Polo reveals new inductees to Hall of Fame.

Each year the Hall of Fame at the Museum of Polo honours the heroes of the sport by inducting outstanding polo personalities and magnificent polo ponies into the ranks of the great. In 2017, four men and two polo ponies will join the former icons of the past and eligible living heroes. Next to 10-goal icon Mariano Aguerre (see above), who will be honoured for his long and illustrious career in American polo, the new inductees are John “Jackie” Murphy, a star of the 50s and 60s who won 4 consecutive U.S. Opens, Leverett S. Miller, Museum of Polo founder, as well as George Miller, founder of the Austin Polo Club. Furthermore, the polo ponies Chicken and Nebraska Sunset will be honoured. [www.polomuseum.com](http://www.polomuseum.com)



# EUROPEAN CHAMPION

Ireland is European Polo Champion 2016. The national team from the Emerald Isle with Max and Stephen Hutchinson, Creighton Boyd and Michael Henderson defeated France in the final at the Maifeld in Berlin with 7-4 and gains the title for the first time.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY MATTHIAS GRUBER

# Berlin





**RANKING**  
**XI FIP EUROPEAN**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP 2016**

**#1 Ireland (8)**  
Creighton Boyd (0)  
Stephen Hutchinson (1)  
Max Hutchinson (3)  
Michael Henderson (4)

**#2 France (8)**  
Julien Reynes (3)  
Florent Garaud (3)  
Louis Jarring (2)  
Tancrede Viguié-Desplaces (0)

**#3 Germany (8)**  
Casper Crasemann (3)  
Caesar Crasemann (2)  
Heinrich Dumrath (3)  
Niklas Steinle (0)

**#4 Austria (8)**  
Walter Scherb (1)  
Diego Braun (4)  
Martin Bleier (2)  
Robert Kofler (1)

**#5 Italy (8)**  
Ginevra d'Orazio (0)  
Goffredo Cutinelli (3)  
Paolo Grillini (2)  
Marcelo Caivano (3)

**#6 Netherlands (7)**  
Jim Souren (1)  
Niels van der Hoeven (2)  
Alexander van Andel (2)  
Maurice van Druten (2)

**#7 Poland (6)**  
Milos Ruskowski (2)  
Maciej Oibrych (2)  
Michal Czatoryski (1)  
Jack Ukwenya (1)

**#8 Slovakia (7)**  
Ivan Weiss (1)  
Felipe Kelly (4)  
Martin Magal (1)  
Justo Santamarina (1)









The teams of the XI FIP European Championship.



The matches for fifth and seventh place at the FIP European Polo Championship were played the day before the final match on the historic Maifeld, where polo was a discipline in the Olympic Games for the last time in 1936.

The Irish national team has taken part in a European Polo Championship five times so far: they lost in the final twice (1999 and 2014), making them runners-up, and they made it to third place once (2012). However, on 4 September 2016, the Irish team stood at the top of the podium for the very first time at the 11<sup>th</sup> FIP European Polo Championship. The Frenchman Louis Jarring opened the final with the first goal, but Ireland quickly steamed ahead with persistence and tactical cleverness. Max Hutchinson scored a goal and then after further goals by Creighton Boyd and Michael Henderson, the national team from the Emerald Isle eventually emerged victorious with a score of 7-4. France, which has won the title twice, had to be content with second place.

Austria and the very young national German team met in the Championship match for third place. Even in the semi-finals, the Germans showed that they were willing to put up a fight and only just missed the chance to get into the final. Casper Crasemann (3), Caesar Crasemann (2), Heinrich Dumrath (3) and Niklas Steinle (0) once again delivered a sensational performance and were ahead until the fourth chukka. But Austria refused to be outclassed and shortly before the end, Martin Bleier scored three amazingly skilful goals one after the other. The match went into extra time and Caesar Crasemann finally decided the outcome

with a 6-5 “golden goal” for the German team. The last time Germany came near the top of a European Championship was quite some time ago: in 1999, the German team was third behind England and Ireland in Chantilly. A great success for this young and talented team of dangerously good goal scorers.

The matches for fifth and seventh place at the FIP European Polo Championship were played the day before on the historic Maifeld, where polo was a discipline in the Olympic Games for the last time in 1936. Poland beat Slovakia in the match for seventh place with a score of 6.5-4, which was down to good team work. In the match for fifth place, Italy, which won the title once in Vreeland in Holland in 2005, met the Netherlands. Instead of Emanuele Boni and Juan Pepa, the Italian team this time comprised Ginevra d’Orazio and Goffredo Cutinelli. In this formation, Italy beat the Netherlands in a high-quality and fast-paced game with a score of 6-4.

The Berliner Moritz Gädeke, along with his family and company sevendays poloevent GmbH, provided an absolute highlight for the European polo calendar with this European Championship on the Maifeld at the Olympic park. The best location and high-class sport – truly inspiring!



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1 Nicholas Colquhoun-Denvers, President of the Federation of International Polo (FIP) 2 A few thousand spectators witnessed the thrilling final day at the historical Maifeld in Berlin 3 Team Poland finally ranked on the seventh place.



Fünf Mal hat die irische Nationalmannschaft bereits an einer Polo Europameisterschaft teilgenommen. Zwei Mal (1999 und 2014) verlor sie im Finale und wurde Vize, einmal (2012) reichte es für einen dritten Platz. Am 4. September 2016 stand das irische Team bei der elften Ausgabe der FIP Polo European Championship nun erstmals als neuer Polo Europameister ganz oben auf dem Treppchen. Der Franzose Louis Jarring eröffnete das Finale zwar mit dem ersten Tor, aber beharrlich, schnell und taktisch klug legte Irland kurz darauf nach. Max Hutchinson traf und nach weiteren Toren durch Creighton Boyd und Michael Henderson trug die Nationalmannschaft von der grünen Insel schließlich mit 7:4 den Sieg davon. Frankreich, das bereits zweimal den Titel errungen hat, musste sich am Ende des Tages mit dem zweiten Platz zufrieden geben.

Im Meisterschafts-Spiel um den dritten Platz standen sich Österreich und die sehr junge deutsche Nationalmannschaft gegenüber. Schon im Halbfinale hatten die Deutschen ein großes Kämpferherz gezeigt und den Einzug ins Finale nur knapp verpasst. Auch jetzt lieferten Casper Crasemann (+3), Caesar Crasemann (+2), Heinrich Dumrath (+3) und Niklas Steinle (0) eine sensationelle Leistung ab und lagen bis zum vierten Chukker vorn. Doch Österreich ließ sich nicht unterkriegen und kurz vor Schluss platzierte Martin Bleier drei gekonnte Treffer hintereinander. Das Spiel ging

in die Verlängerung und schließlich entschied Caesar Crasemann das Finale mit dem 6:5 »Golden Goal« für das deutsche Team. Deutschlands letzte Platzierung bei einer Europameisterschaft liegt lange zurück: 1999 wurde das deutsche Team in Chantilly Dritter hinter England und Irland. Ein großartiger Erfolg für diese junge, talentierte und torgefährliche Mannschaft.

Einen Tag zuvor wurden auf dem historischen Maifeld, wo 1936 Polo zum letzten Mal Disziplin bei den Olympischen Spielen war, die Spiele um die Plätze fünf und sieben der FIP Polo Europameisterschaft ausgetragen. Dabei besiegte Polen die Slowakei im Spiel um den siebten Platz durch gute Teamarbeit mit 6,5:4. Im Match um den fünften Platz traf Italien, das 2005 im niederländischen Vreeland bereits einmal den Titel geholt hatte, auf die Niederlande. In der italienischen Mannschaft saßen anstelle von Emanuele Boni und Juan Pepa jetzt Ginevra d'Orazio und Goffredo Cutinelli. In dieser Formation besiegte Italien die Niederlande in einem hochkarätigen und schnellen Spiel mit 6:4.

Dem Berliner Moritz Gädeke mit seiner Familie und seiner seven-days poloevent GmbH gelang mit der Austragung dieser Europameisterschaft auf dem Maifeld am Olympiapark ein absolutes Highlight im europäischen Polosport. Beste Location und hochklassiger Sport – wirklich meisterlich!





# ENGEL & VÖLKERS BERLIN MAIFELD POLO CUP



Parallel to the XI. FIP European Championship the traditional Engel & Völkers Berlin Maifeld Polo Cup was held at the Preußische Polo und Country Club in Phöben. The final and the match for the third place were featured at the Maifeld in front of the Olympiapark.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY MATTHIAS GRUBER





Even though the European Championship played the first role last summer in Berlin, the tradition of the Engel & Völkers Berlin Maifeld Polo Cup should not be interrupted. Therefore the Cup was integrated and played during the two weeks of the Championship matches. On six match days the four teams of the Engel & Völkers Berlin Maifeld Polo Cup competed for the trophy and there was no doubt that they played with the same excitement and joy as the participants of the European Championship. The final as well as the match for place number three were played on the historical Maifeld. Here Team Tom Tailor met their opponent Team Allianz Kundler. Tom Tailor took the lead straight away and could keep the superior advantage of 7-2 until the final bell. On Saturday Team Eltec defeated Team Engel & Völkers from Hamburg by 10-7,5.

Obwohl die Europameisterschaft in diesem Jahr in Berlin an erster Stelle stand, wollte man auch die Tradition des Engel & Völkers Berlin Maifeld Polo Cup nicht unterbrechen, weshalb dieser in die beiden Turnierwochenenden der EM eingebunden und ausgepielt wurde. An insgesamt sechs Spieltagen traten die vier Teams gegeneinander an und ließen an Spannung und Spielfreude auch gegenüber den internationalen EM-Teilnehmern nichts vermissen. Im Finale, das wie auch das Match um den dritten Platz auf dem Maifeld ausgetragen wurde, standen sich Team Tom Tailor und die Mannschaft Allianz Kundler gegenüber. Bereits zu Beginn ging Team Tom Tailor in Führung und konnte seine Überlegenheit auch bis zum Ende haushoch überlegen mit 7:2 behaupten. Im Spiel um den dritten Platz am Samstag besiegte Team Eltec das Hamburger Team Engel & Völkers mit 10:7,5.

ENGEL & VÖLKERS BERLIN MAIFELD POLO CUP 2016  
RANKING:

**#1 Team Tom Tailor (11)**  
Uwe Schröder (0)  
Daniel Crasemann (0)  
Gastón Maíquez (7)  
Cristobal Durrieu (4)

**#3 Team Eltec (12)**  
Nico Wollenberg (1)  
Moritz Gädeke (2)  
Marcos Riglos (5)  
Tatu Gomez Romero (4)

**#2 Team Allianz Kundler (11)**  
Paul Netzsch (0)  
Juan Jose Storni (5)  
Lucas Labat (6)  
Andreas Bührer (0)

**#4 Team Engel & Völkers (12/11)**  
Christopher Winter (2)  
Tim Ward (3)  
Thomas Winter (4)  
Christopher Kirsch/Oliver Winter (3/2)





# UNITED POLO NATIONS

Four winners from four nations: that is how the polo community works in the most charming and successful way.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY HOLGER WIDERA





Left: Sven Schneider and girlfriend Odette. Right: Christopher Winter has played almost every edition of the Berenberg German Polo Masters at Sylt.

Sylt is looking forward to a major anniversary this year when the sport of polo will be celebrating 20 years of its existence on the island. Jo Schneider brought the first polo chukkas to Keitum in 1998. Ever since then, the Berenberg German Polo Masters has made a name for itself as one of the most popular and prestigious tournaments in Germany. In 2008, it was joined by the beach polo tournament on the Oststrand, the eastern beach, at Hörnum and has since enjoyed huge popularity amongst the public, celebrities, players and sponsors.

Many young international players made the Berenberg German Polo Masters an interesting sports event to be at this year, and this is best exemplified by the winning team. Team Porsche zentrum Hamburg defeated title holder Berenberg with a spectacular and narrow 5-4. From start to victory, the young players Tim Ward (GBR), Nico Sherring (RSA), Micky Duggan (ARG) and Marc Aberle (GER) played confidently and in a tactically clever way against the defenders of the title. Tim Ward "discovered" the young 1-goaler Nico Sherring in South Africa and brought him to Sylt, where he was named "Most Valuable Player". The 19-year-old was ecstatic to win the prize. The Argentinian Micky Duggan, whose grandfather won the Olympic gold medal in polo on Berlin's Maifeld exactly 80 years ago in 1936, travels the world as a professional polo player and is also no stranger to Sylt. A well-earned victory for the quickest team in the tournament and polo at its best in glorious weather for the final. The 19<sup>th</sup> Berenberg German Polo Masters

had a superb commentator in the form of Alexander Schwarz, who did also host the European Polo Championship in Berlin. A total of 14,000 spectators from across Germany came to see the polo matches on Sylt. The Berenberg German Polo Masters has long been one of Europe's top tournaments. The fantastic public response was due in part to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sylt Horse Day where around 1,000 visitors to the polo pitch found out everything they needed to know about horses and the various equestrian sports. Equestrian life on Sylt and local horse enthusiasts played a major role here and helped to shape the informative Horse Day. Among those present were Matthias Töke (Kutschfahrten Sylt carriage ride service) and Ana-Rika Jansen from the riding school "Reitschule Grünhof".

The 19<sup>th</sup> Berenberg German Polo Masters was also once again a complete success for Germany's oldest private bank. Karsten Wehmeier, Communications Director at Berenberg: "Full of pleasant anticipation we are looking forward to the jubilee 2017. More than ever polo is an institution on the famous island of Sylt and excites a huge audience every year. With a maximum of verve we start the preparations for this birthday event." Event organiser Stephanie "Kiki" Schneider: "Straight after the tournament, we'll be starting the preparations for the 20<sup>th</sup> Berenberg German Polo Masters. We've got a number of things in mind for this anniversary".

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#### RESULTS:

##### Final, Gold Cup

Porsche Zentrum Hamburg vs. Berenberg 5-4

##### Silver Cup, Round Robin

König Pilsener vs. König Immobilien Sylt 2-2

König Pilsener vs. Lanson 0-4

König Immobilien Sylt vs. Lanson 2-2

#### RESULTS:

##### Gold Cup

###### #1 POLO TEAM PORSCHE ZENTRUM HAMBURG (7)

- 1) Marc Aberle (-1, GER)
- 2) Tim Ward (3, GBR)
- 3) Micky Duggan (4, ARG)
- 4) Nicolas Sherring (1, RSA)

###### #2 POLO TEAM BERENBERG (8)

- 1) Christopher Winter (2, GER)
- 2) Sven Schneider (2, GER)
- 3) Tatu Gomez Romero (4, ARG)
- 4) Jo Schneider (0, GER)

##### Silver Cup

###### #1 POLO TEAM LANSON (8)

- 1) Matthias Grau (0, GER)
- 2) Christian Grimme (0, GER)
- 3) Cristobal Durrieu (4, ARG)
- 4) Thomas Winter (4, GER)

###### #2 POLO TEAM KÖNIG IMMOBILIEN SYLT (8)

- 1) Estelle Wagner (0, LUX)
- 2) Philipp Sommer (1, GER)
- 3) Miguel Amieva (4, ARG)
- 4) Patrick Maleitzke (3, GER)

###### #3 POLO TEAM KÖNIG PILSENER (7)

- 1) Wolfram T. Knoefel (0, GER)
- 2) Britta Klatte (-1, GER)
- 3) Eduardo Anca (6, ARG)
- 4) Lukas Sdrenka (2, GER)

Ein großes Jubiläum steht im kommenden Jahr auf Sylt an. Dann nämlich feiert der Polosport sein 20-jähriges Bestehen auf der Insel. 1998 brachte Jo Schneider die ersten Polochukker nach Keitum. Seitdem haben sich die Berenberg German Polo Masters als eines der beliebtesten und prestigeträchtigsten Turniere in Deutschland einen Namen gemacht. 2008 kam das Beach Polo Turnier am Oststrand von Hörnum hinzu und erfreut sich seitdem ebenfalls größter Beliebtheit bei Publikum, Promis, Spielern und Sponsoren.

Viele internationale junge Spieler machten die Berenberg German Polo Masters in diesem Jahr sportlich besonders interessant, wie man am besten am Fall des Siegerteams erkennt. Mit einem spektakulären und knappen 5:4 schlug das Team Porsche Zentrum Hamburg den Titelverteidiger Berenberg. Die jungen Player Tim Ward (GBR), Nico Sherring (RSA), Micky Duggan (ARG) und Marc Aberle (GER) spielten gegen den Titelverteidiger selbstbewusst und taktisch klug von Anfang an auf Sieg. Tim Ward hatte den jungen +1-Goaler Nico Sherring in Südafrika »entdeckt« und mit nach Sylt gebracht, wo er nun gleich zum »Most Valuable Player« gekürt wurde. Den Preis holte sich der 19-Jährige übergücklich ab. Der Argentinier Micky Duggan, dessen Großvater 1936 – vor genau 80 Jahren – die olympische Goldmedaille im Polo auf dem Berliner Maifeld gewann, ist als Poloprofi auf der ganzen Welt unterwegs und auch auf Sylt kein Unbekannter. Ein verdienter Sieg für das schnellste Team des

Turniers und Polo at its best bei herrlichem Finalwetter. Exzellent kommentiert wurden die 19. Berenberg German Polo Masters von Alexander Schwarz, der wenige Wochen später auch die Polo Europameisterschaft in Berlin moderierte.

Insgesamt 14.000 Zuschauer aus ganz Deutschland sahen die Polomatches auf Sylt. Zu dem phantastischen Publikumszuspruch trug auch der 1. Sylter Horse Day bei, bei dem sich rund 1.000 Besucher auf dem Pologelände über alles Wissenswerte rund ums Pferd und die verschiedenen Pferdesportdisziplinen informierten. Auch das Sylter Pferdeleben und die pferdebegeisterten Insulaner spielten hier eine tragende Rolle und gestalteten den informativen Horse Day mit. Mit dabei waren zum Beispiel Matthias Töke (Kutschfahrten Sylt) und Ana-Rika Jansen von der Reitschule Grünhof. Auch für Deutschlands älteste Privatbank als Titelsponsor wurden die 19. Berenberg German Polo Masters wieder zu einem vollen Erfolg. Karsten Wehmeier, Kommunikationsdirektor Berenberg: »Voller Vorfreude blicken wir auf das Jubiläumsjahr 2017. Polo ist auf der Insel Sylt längst eine Institution und begeistert alljährlich ein großes Publikum. Voller Elan gehen wir diesem tollem Jubiläum entgegen.« Veranstalterin Stephanie »Kiki« Schneider: »Direkt nach dem Turnier starten wir mit den Vorbereitungen für die 20. Berenberg German Polo Masters. Für dieses Jubiläum haben wir uns einiges vorgenommen.«



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# IGNACIO GARRAHAN



Ignacio “Nacho” Garrahan is one of the most experienced professional players in Germany and for ten years he is coach of the Land Rover Team including Heino Ferch. This summer he successfully played in Saint-Tropez.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING  
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HOW DID YOU INITIALLY GET INTO THE SPORT OF POLO?

When I was really young I started with horses and a short mallet. It is like a family legacy somehow. My grandfather used to play with his brother. It was his passion and he passed it on to the following generations. But actually I even gave up polo for some years, and I remember he was not happy at all.

WHAT ARE THE PASSIONATE ASPECTS AND THE FASCINATION YOU FEEL ABOUT THE SPORT?

The most passionate part is the horses. For me there is nothing better than to see a horse being born, and then to dedicate all the time needed to make him a good polo horse. And the other passionate part is the game itself. Playing polo gives me an undescribably good feeling. The adrenaline and the taking of risks in that sport is very fascinating. It's almost like a virus that nobody

will understand til they are actually playing ... but be careful, because if you like horses and competition and then you try polo once, you probably will catch this lovely polo virus as well ... (laughs)

WHAT IS LIFE AS A POLO PRO LIKE?

For many or for most of the polo pros their lives are the best they can imagine. In my case I also do like it a lot, but obviously time passes, and I maybe gradually get a bit tired of traveling a lot, and of changing locations almost every weekend. The good thing of this of course is that I get to know a lot of places, with different ways of living and of thinking. That is something very interesting for me. On the other hand it is hard that you and your family are living like nomads. Nevertheless I will be forever grateful for all the opportunities that the sport of polo gives to me.

WHICH WERE YOUR MAJOR SUCCESSES IN YOUR POLO CAREER?

Honestly I don't remember all, and the worst is that there are not so many ... (laughs). Normally I don't play more than 15-goal tournaments. This year I had the chance to play the 22-goal polo tour in Argentina and it was amazing. As to my major successes there was the Saint-Tropez 15-goal, the Polo Masters at the Polo Club de Veytay in Geneva and the German Polo Tour tournaments which I won with MJ and Heino Ferch. Further the Vienna 10-goal, the Paris Bagatelle 10-goal and the Argentina Polo Tour 16-goal. A lot of fun everywhere, thank God.

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY PROS FROM ARGENTINA WORK IN GERMANY DURING THE POLO SEASON?

No idea .. but they don't work .. they play!!! This is not a job, it is a passion.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL WORKING DAY LOOK LIKE?

It is like a normal day at the stables. Checking the horses, schooling them, or playing. Trying to make everything as best as we can.

IN SUMMER YOU PLAYED THREE MONTHS IN SAINT-TROPEZ. DID YOU ALREADY KNOW THE GUYS YOU WERE PLAYING WITH?

I played with this team 5 years ago in Saint-Tropez also, and we were successful in the 15-goal section. So it's a pleasure to be part of the team again.

HOW HIGH ARE THE EXPECTATIONS OF PATRONS WHEN THEY BOOK YOU AS A PRO?

It depends on each person, what they expect, and what their personalities are. I like it when they get involved with the team, fight shoulder by shoulder with the team, just for the success and the fun, and not only for the image.

HOW MUCH DOES A PRO EARN PER WEEKEND OR PER SEASON?

I don't want to answer this one.

WHICH PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL POLO PRO?

I personally train with Juan Tedesco, who for me is the best coach in the world!!! He is the coach also of 10-goalers. I think I perhaps should do a little bit more, because this is the base of your performance. I never do psychological training ... I don't have any suitable solutions in my case ... (laughs)

FOR OVER TEN YEARS YOU WORK TOGETHER WITH MJ AND HEINO FERCH. WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT YOU AS A TEAM?

We don't work, we play together for 10 years. That's why we did it for so long, and why we will carry on .... Both of them understand what I mean when I answer a couple of questions before a game. We are a team and we play, fight, win, loose, have fun and success together !!! ... I like to take the best of each player and use it for the team. And then obviously we are training together, trying to improve the performance of each player .. I love to see guys like them that start from 0 and today are good polo players!!! And all this makes us closer friends as well, which is another important thing for me, in addition to our success. ●





# GERMANY POLO TOUR

More international, competitive and more spectators than ever before – in its seventh year, the German Polo Tour 2016 continues its success story.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN  
PHOTOGRAPHY VALERIA CETRARO

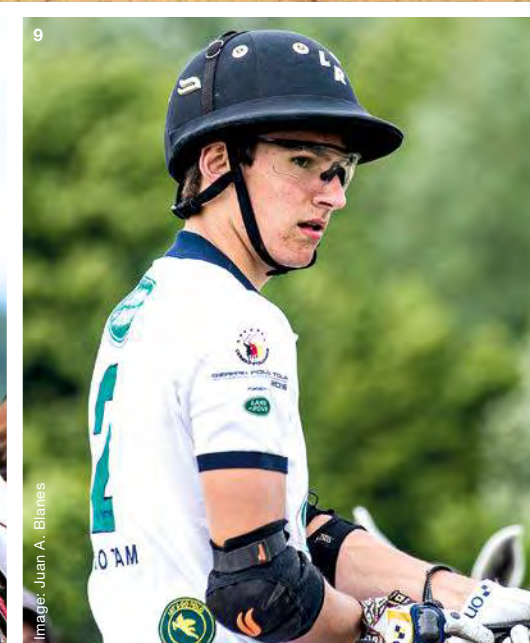




1 Eduardo Anca (6) of team Rémy Martin and Pablo Jaureche (6) of team Land Rover in Munich  
2 Argentinian atmosphere at the Bucherer High Goal Cup at Gut Aspern 3 Franz-Peter Krause, CEO of the Bucherer flagship store in Munich, Heino Ferch and GPT event organiser Christopher Kirsch. As team captain of the Land Rover Polo team, which won the German Polo Tour 2016, Ferch was presented with an exclusive C.F. Bucherer watch in Munich 4 Mark Holmes, one of the best polo umpires in the world.







5 Uwe Schröder (0) with his wife Judith  
6 Teams Land Rover and POLO+10 at the Bucherer Polo Cup in Berlin 7 Harald Link (0) from the Thai Polo Club 8 Pierre Henri Ngoumou (5) 9 Niklas Steinle (0), "Player of the year 2016" 10 Award ceremony of the Berenberg Polo-Derby Hamburg 2016 11 Daniel Crasemann (0) celebrates the victory of his team Meissler & Co at the Berenberg Polo-Derby in Hamburg 12 Tim Ward (3) from UK 13 Left: Dietmar Kirsch and Christopher "Niffy" Winter (2) 14 Naomi Schröder (0) 15 Christopher Kirsch (3) and Heino Ferch (0) at the Bucherer Polo Cup Frankfurt 2016 16 Commentator and polo player and expert Jan-Erik Franck.



The German Polo Tour 2016 was very positively received, both by the public and by players and sponsors. "We are of course really pleased: I couldn't imagine any better recognition of the quality of our GPT events than this", summarises Christopher Kirsch, organiser and initiator of the Germany-wide series of tournaments.

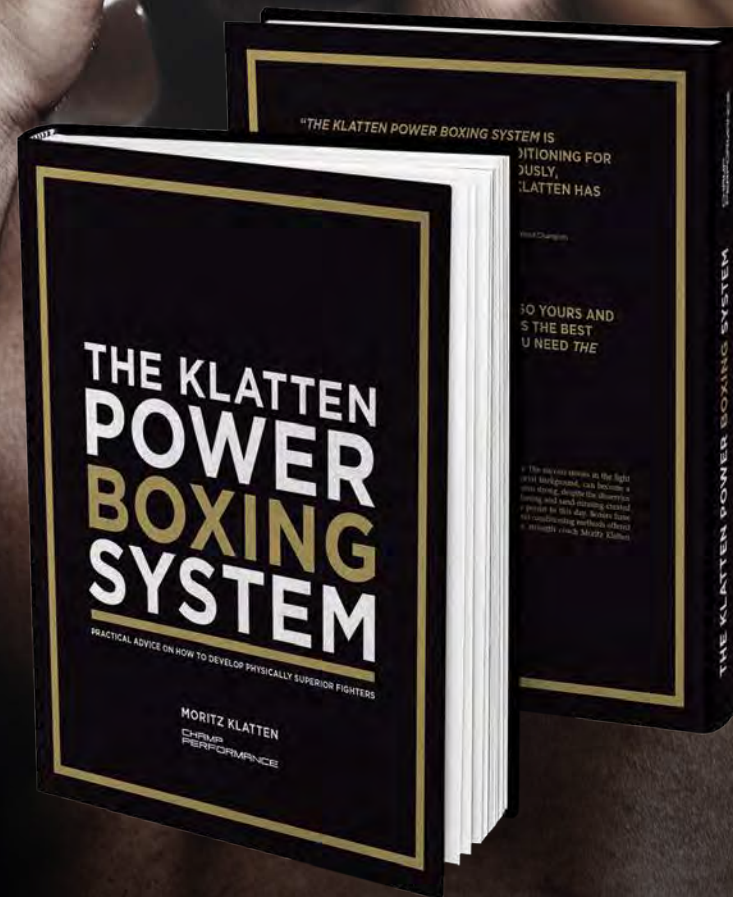
With Frankfurt, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Gut Aspern, Munich and Berlin, the 2016 tour once again comprises six tournaments. It is not necessarily the case that the same players play in every tournament. As is the case for the premier league in football or the national team, there is normally a pool of players that a team is made up from. Each team is ranked according to their four best results in the tournaments they have played in. Their other results are ignored. The winner at the end of the season is the team with the highest number of points. With two sensational victories in Frankfurt and Munich, Heino Ferch and his team achieved 5,600 points and thus secured overall victory in 2016. Team Aspern followed close behind in second place (5,400 points). The German Polo Tour is becoming ever more international: in 2016, Sébastien Le Page's team from Switzerland and a team from Slovakia under team captain Stano Herko took part for the first time. Harald Link from the Thai Polo Club also played at Gut Aspern. He wants to return to Germany next year and has already announced that he will take part in 2017. With the international teams, new professionals such as Felipe Kelly

and Francisco Ratagan have also joined the German Polo Tour. Christopher Kirsch: "It's great to have so many new players once again. What really pleased me was that the Podesta family also came to Munich with the Swiss team. They played sensationally. I must say though that many of the young German players once again had an amazing season. Particularly Niklas Steinle, and also Benedict Jaenecke, who is just 16". The highlight was without question the German High Goal Championship that took place in Munich as part of the German Polo Tour. After a break of six years, the highest playing category found itself back in Bavaria's state capital. Christopher Kirsch and his agency Pegasus Events are planning a high goal tournament in Munich again in 2017, and it will once again be the only one in southern Germany.

The organisation, the quality of the polo pitches and the first-rate catering and professional structure of the events on the German Polo Tour were highly praised. This also inspires sponsors who wish to present themselves in a high-quality environment. "The interest continues unabated and we are optimistic that we will once again present a high-quality series in 2017 with great new partners as well as our trusted old partners", says Kirsch, looking forward to next year. Demand is also unwavering amongst the teams and players and almost all the player places for the German Polo Tour 2017 have already been allocated.



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17 Presentation in front of the Land Rover store in Munich 18 Martin Podesta jr. (4) at the German High Goal Championship.

Die Resonanz auf die German Polo Tour 2016 war großartig – sowohl vom Publikum als auch von den Spielern und Sponsoren. »Das freut uns natürlich sehr, eine größere Anerkennung für die Qualität unserer GPT Veranstaltungen kann ich mir nicht vorstellen«, resümiert Christopher Kirsch, Organisator und Initiator der deutschlandweiten Turnierserie.

Mit Frankfurt, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Gut Aspern, München und Berlin umfasste die Tour 2016 wieder sechs Stationen. Dabei spielen nicht zwingend genau dieselben Spieler jedes Turnier. Vergleichbar der Spieleraufstellung in der Fußball-Bundesliga oder der Nationalmannschaft gibt es in der Regel einen Pool von Spielern, aus dem heraus das Team jeweils besetzt wird. Jede Mannschaft bringt die vier besten Ergebnisse der gespielten Turniere in die Wertung ein. Die anderen Ergebnisse werden gestrichen. Gewinner ist am Ende der Saison das Team mit der höchsten Punktzahl. Mit zwei Sensationssiegen in Frankfurt und München haben sich Heino Ferch und sein Team 5.600 Punkte erkämpft und damit den Gesamtsieg 2016 gesichert. Auf Platz 2 folgt mit knappem Abstand das Team Aspern (5.400 Punkte). Die German Polo Tour wird immer internationaler. 2016 war erstmals ein Team von Sébastien Le Page aus der Schweiz

dabei sowie eine Mannschaft aus der Slowakei mit Teamcaptain Stano Herko. Außerdem hat Harald Link vom Thai Polo Club auf Gut Aspern gespielt. Nächstes Jahr möchte er wieder nach Deutschland kommen und hat seine Teilnahme für 2017 bereits angekündigt. Mit den internationalen Teams sind auch neue Profis wie Felipe Kelly und Francisco Ratagan zur German Polo Tour gestoßen. Christopher Kirsch:



»Es ist großartig, immer wieder so gute neue Spieler dabeizuhaben. Besonders gefreut hat mich, dass mit dem Schweizer Team auch die Familie Podesta nach München gekommen ist. Sie haben sensationell gespielt. Ich muss aber auch sagen, dass viele der deutschen jungen Spieler wieder eine herausragende Saison hingelegt haben. Allen voran sicherlich Niklas Steinle, aber auch Benedict Jaenecke mit seinen 16 Jahren.« Highlight war ohne Frage die Deutsche High Goal Meisterschaft, die im Rahmen der German Polo Tour in München stattgefunden hat. Nach sechs Jahren hat die höchste Spielklasse damit wieder Einzug in Bayerns Landeshauptstadt gehalten. Auch für 2017 planen Christopher Kirsch und seine Agentur Pegasus Events ein High Goal Turnier in München, das dann erneut das einzige in ganz Süddeutschland sein wird.

Die Organisation, die Qualität der Poloplätze, aber auch das erstklassige Catering und die professionelle Gestaltung der Events der German Polo Tour finden großen Anklang. Das wiederum begeistert die Sponsoren, die sich in einem hochwertigen Umfeld präsentieren wollen. »Das Interesse ist ungebremsst und wir sind zuversichtlich, 2017 mit großartigen neuen sowie den altbewährten, treuen Partnern eine hochwertige Serie präsentieren zu können«, blickt Kirsch ins nächste Jahr. Auch vonseiten der Teams und Spieler ist die Nachfrage ungebrochen und so sind für die German Polo Tour 2017 bereits so gut wie alle Spielerplätze vergeben. •

## GERMAN POLO TOUR 2017

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 Frankfurt

9–11 June 2017  
**High Goal Cup**  
 Düsseldorf

23–25 June 2017  
**Berenberg Polo-Derby**  
 Hamburg

30 June –2 July 2017  
**Bucherer High Goal Cup**  
 Gut Aspern/ Hamburg

14–16 July 2017  
**Bucherer High Goal Cup**  
 Munich/ Holzkirchen

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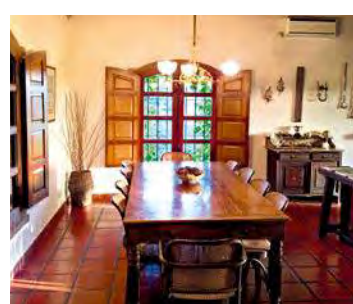




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The Argentina Polo Academy is open for training every day, a meeting point for polo trainers, coaches and international polo players. Clients come on an individual basis or with their polo club and take part in classes and events as polo clinics, tournaments and club chukkas.

The Argentina Polo Academy is located 45 minutes away from Buenos Aires in the middle of the Argentinian polo Mecca of Pilar, Open Door, surrounded by 350 polo pitches. Four polo pitches, the best qualified trainers, individual courses, a seminar house and over 50 polo ponies offer optimal training opportunities for polo players and those who wish to become polo players.

Whether absolute beginner or advanced player – the unique methodology developed by the Argentina Polo Academy guarantees a 100% intensive experience and fast progress. This is made possible through intensive training that does not impose any time limits as well as a highly motivated team made up of professional trainers and experts. This includes the famous polo coaches Santiago Novillo Astrada and Tomás Ezcurra, personal trainer Juan Pablo Arias, polo manager Fidel Rodríguez Alvarez and various professional players. The integrated training system combines technical, physical, tactical and psychological goals depending on the abilities of each student. The lesson formats are as varied as the content: from classes, coaching sessions, clinics and training sessions to club chukkas and tournaments, everything you need is here.

Three programmes with individual focal points are available to choose from. The most intensive experience is offered by the programme “Polo Holiday”. Daily personalised training and coaching sessions, club chukkas and theory and practical classes with no time limits ensure the fastest possible progress in polo. Those who

want to find out more about polo and everything related to it at little cost will find the programme “Polo Working” perfect. The daily private polo lessons guarantee fast improvement while the rest of the day is filled up with learning tips and tricks from the grooms and helping out with any activities at the Argentina Polo Academy, such as tournament organisation, club chukkas, field management, polo events or whatever else is happening in the everyday life of the Polo Academy and anything that would be interesting for course attendees to learn. The “Polo Exchange Programme” has been designed especially for polo clubs. With this programme, members get the opportunity to benefit from the excellent training facilities of the Academy for special conditions.

The courses are aimed at all active polo players as well as all those who want a taster of the Argentinian polo and horse lifestyle. Individuals (men / women / teenagers) and groups and families (the Academy includes the Kids Polo School for children from 5-15 years old) are all very welcome and can train at their own level with the Academy. Women travelling alone are also well catered for at the Argentina Polo Academy. The Academy organises pick up from the airport, as well as accommodation and varied polo training tailored to their needs. In addition to Ladies Technique & Tactics, this also includes taking part in women's practice sessions / club chukkas and women-only tournaments (if playing standard is adequate). The Academy itself publishes a calendar every year of the tournaments it organises (approx. one to two tournaments a month). Guests are

welcome to take part if they are of the required standard. It is also possible to participate in polo club tournaments in the local region and the Academy will take care of all the organisational aspects for players. Guests are accommodated in the Academy Seminar House. The colonial style country house is situated just five minutes away and surrounded by 15 hectares of green countryside with fig and lemon trees, paddocks, a Venetian pool and one of a total of four polo pitches. Full board is provided including typically Argentinian asado and the famous Malbec wine. In addition to polo training, trips to professional polo stores in Pilar (20 mins away) and group visits to high goal tournaments are also part of the programme. Also worth seeing: the famous cathedral in Lujan, just ten minutes away. Experience the Argentine polo lifestyle, train together with professional players, eat asado with the grooms, go polo shopping with the manager, visit high goal tournaments and practise your swing in daily classes and club chukkas – be right in there, welcome to the Academy!

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The 3 programmes offered by the Argentina Polo Academy

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From beginners to advanced players.  
Guarantees a 100% intensive experience and the fastest polo progress possible.  
Polo Holiday: 380.00 USD / day, including accommodation & full board.  
Players who stay for more than 12 days can apply to join the Academy's Training Programme, which means the Academy will partly sponsor the costs of training.  
Academy Training Programme: 240.00 USD / day, including accommodation & full board.

**Polo Working**  
The best option to learn polo at very little cost. The daily private polo lessons guarantee fast improvement while the rest of the day is filled up with learning tips and tricks from the grooms and helping out with any activities at the Argentina Polo Academy, such as tournament organisation, club chukkas, field management, polo events or whatever else is happening in the everyday life of the Polo Academy and anything that would be interesting for course attendees to learn.  
80 USD / day, including accommodation & full board.

**Polo Exchange Programme – for polo clubs**  
Polo clubs accepted into the Exchange Programme can give their club members the opportunity of taking part in Academy training for special conditions. The Academy will sponsor part of the costs for the training sessions. The application form for clubs can be requested by email.

**POLO FACILITIES**  
4 polo pitches, Academy Seminar House, over 50 polo ponies, covered seminar pavilion with life-size steel horse for training in all weathers, special field for training on the ground with short sticks and Bici polo (bicycle polo)

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Die Argentina Polo Academy liegt 45 Minuten von Buenos Aires entfernt mitten im argentinischen Polomekka Pilar / Open Door, umgeben von 350 Polofeldern. Vier Polofelder, bestens ausgebildete Trainer, individuelle Kurse, ein Seminarhaus und über 50 Polopferde bieten optimale Trainingsmöglichkeiten für Polospieler – und solche, die es werden wollen. Egal ob blutiger Anfänger oder fortgeschrittener Spieler – die einzigartige, von der Argentina Polo Academy entwickelte Methodik garantiert eine 100% intensive Erfahrung und schnelle Fortschritte. Möglich wird dies durch tägliches konzentriertes Training ohne Zeitlimit sowie ein hochmotiviertes Team aus professionellen Trainern und Experten. Dazu gehören unter anderem die bekannten Polo Coaches Santiago Novillo Astrada und Tomás Ezcurra, der Personal Trainer Juan Pablo Arias, der Polo Manager Fidel Rodriguez Alvarez und mehrere professionelle Polospieler. Das ganzheitliche Training kombiniert technische, physische, taktische und psychologische Aspekte und Zielsetzungen und wird auf die Fähigkeiten eines jeden einzelnen Teilnehmers abgestimmt. Die Unterrichtsformen sind dabei genauso vielfältig wie die -inhalte: Von Kursen über Coachings und Clinics bis hin zu Club Chukkern und Turnieren ist alles dabei.

Drei Programme mit individuellen Schwerpunkten stehen zur Auswahl. Die intensivste Erfahrung bietet das Programm »Polo Holiday«. Tägliches persönliches Training und Coaching, Club Chukker sowie Theorie- und Praxiskurse ohne Zeitlimit sorgen für den schnellstmöglichen Fortschritt. Wer das echte Polo mit allem drum und dran kostengünstig kennenlernen möchte, für den ist das Programm »Polo Working« genau das richtige. Tägliche private Polostunden garantieren eine schnelle persönliche Verbesserung. Den Rest des Tages lernen die Teilnehmer die Geheimnisse der Grooms kennen, blicken hinter die Kulissen der Akademie und helfen bei allen anstehenden Aktivitäten aus, z.B. Turnierorganisation, Club Chukker, Feldmanagement, Poloevents. Speziell für Polo Clubs wurde das »Polo Exchange Program« konzipiert. Damit bekommen Clubmitglieder die Möglichkeit, zu besonderen Konditionen von den exzellenten Trainingsmöglichkeiten der Akademie profitieren zu können. Die Kurse richten sich an alle aktiven Polospieler sowie alle, die argentinische Polo- und Pferdeluft schnuppern wollen. Einzelpersonen (Männer / Frauen / Jugendliche) ebenso wie Gruppen und Familien (Teil der Academy ist die Kids Polo School für



Kinder von 5-15 Jahren) sind herzlich willkommen und trainieren in der Academy individuell auf ihrem jeweiligen Niveau. Frauen sind auch als Alleinreisende bestens in der Argentina Polo Academy aufgehoben. Die Academy organisiert die persönliche Airport-Abholung ebenso wie die Unterkunft und das abwechslungsreiche, auf sie abgestimmte Polotraining. Dazu gehören neben Ladies Technik & Taktik die Teilnahme an Frauen-Practices / Club Chukkern und reinen Frauenturnieren (bei ausreichendem Spielniveau). Die Akademie selbst veröffentlicht jährlich eine Agenda mit den von ihr organisierten Turnieren (ca. ein bis zwei Turniere pro Monat). Gäste sind willkommen, daran teilzunehmen, wenn das erforderliche Niveau vorhanden ist. Zusätzlich ist die Teilnahme an Turnieren von Polo Clubs in der Nachbarschaft möglich, die Akademie übernimmt für die Spieler die komplette Turnierorganisation.

Untergebracht sind die Gäste im Academy Seminar House. Das Landhaus im Kolonialstil liegt nur fünf Minuten entfernt und ist umgeben von 15 Hektar Grünland mit Feigen- und Zitronenbäumen, Koppeln, einem venezianischen Pool und einem von insgesamt vier Polofeldern. Für Vollverpflegung inklusive typisch argentinischem Asado und dem berühmten Malbec-Wein ist gesorgt. Neben dem Polotraining stehen Ausflüge zu professionellen Polo Stores in Pilar (20 min entfernt) und gemeinsame Besuche von High Goal Turnieren auf dem Programm. Ebenfalls sehenswert: die berühmte Kathedrale im nur zehn Minuten entfernten Lujan. Erlebe das Pololand Argentinien, trainiere zusammen mit professionellen Spielern, genieße Asado mit den Grooms, gehe auf Polo-Shopping-Tour mit dem Manager, besuche High Goal Turniere und übe den Schwung in täglichen Kursen und Clubchukkern – Be right in there, welcome to the Academy!

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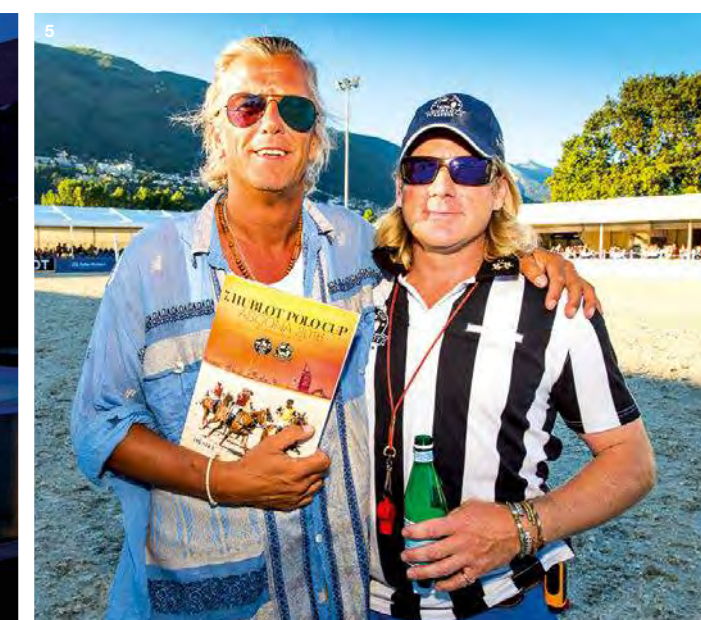
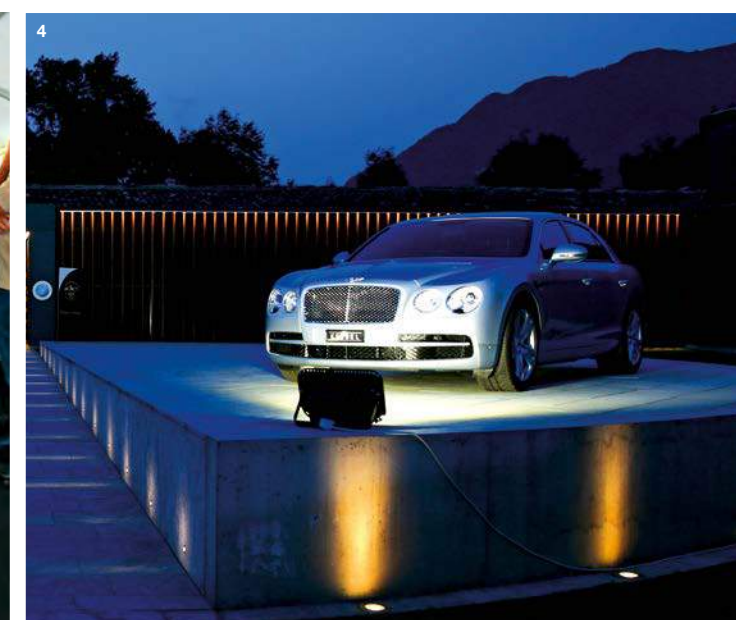


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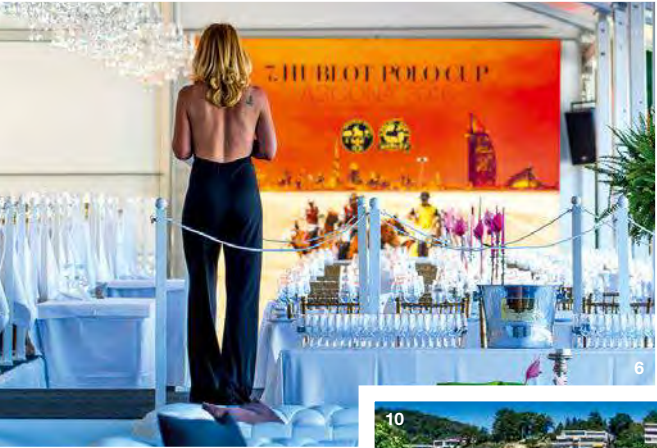
## HUBLLOT POLO CUP

“Dubai meets Switzerland”: The seventh edition of the Hublot Polo Cup Ascona in southern Switzerland was exciting and exotic, taking a leaf straight out of the pages of “1001 Nights”. Polo, party and performance at their best!

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY ROBERT W. KRANZ / POLOWERK







Line-up of the teams in front of the awesome setting of Lago Maggiore 1 The Zimmermann family: Philipp (0), Maxi (-1), Krisztina and Uwe (1) 2 Ascona provides an outstanding good arena polo surface 3 Longtime polo supporter Jean Marc Vuille and girlfriend 4 Bentley, Loris Kessel AG. Sponsors since day no.1 5 Fun but correct and fair...Jan-Erik Franck (speaker) and Mark Holmes (referee) 6 Not only a nice back... Nicole Pandiscia from event designers 7 parade through the streets of Ascona with Arabian riders 8 Team Rahn&Bodmer vs. team Mytowel/ECOVIS 9 Milli Labat serving refreshments for her team (Giardino/Fipa) 10 Parade 11 Bea Huwiler (left) and friends 12 Hats off on Friday with Krisztina and Uwe Zimmermann 13 Young talents conquer the polo saddles at the charity 14 Bernd Hotz and Teba al Hashemi 15 Players meeting with Lucas Labat, Michelle Cattadori, Gerardo Cosentino, Constant Jaqucot, Maximilian Zimmermann 16 Renato Bernasconi (polo member), Maurizio Checchi (Vice-Mayor, Municipality Ascona), Jürgen Sauer, Paolo Beltraminelli (President of the Council of State, Canton of Ticino) 17 Team presentation 18 Cédric Schweri und Michael Husted 19 The organisers Nicole Pandiscia, Uwe Zimmermann and Margit Sauer 20 Happy guests 21 Full swing...

Three magical days in July, idyllically situated on the banks of Lake Maggiore and surrounded by the incomparable flair of the Ticino region. One of the most beautiful polo tournaments in Europe has taken place on the former Ascona airfield for seven years now and it is famous not only for high-quality sport, but also its annually changing and surprising activity programme. “Dubai meets Switzerland” was this year’s theme – and the programme included a welcome party at the Giardino Hotel’s pool, a players’ party at the golf club in Ascona, a reception during the parade through Ascona (sponsored by the Seven restaurant group), a “1001 Nights” party on Saturday evening at the polo arena and a family polo brunch on the day of the final in the best summer weather on the banks of Lake Maggiore. What the Zimmermann family, the Sauer family and Nicole Pandiscia invest in their polo event in Ascona over the last 7 years is legendary and highly entertaining. Many international guests are traveling from far away to experience the elegance and hospitality of the tournament.

Umpire Mark Holmes oversaw the ambitious matches. The final on Sunday was won by team Giardino/Fipa with Piero Dillier (0), Lucas Labat (6) and Uwe (1) and his son Philipp Zimmermann (0),

who shared one position. Patrick Chanton presented the winning team Giardino/Fipa valuable watches from title sponsor Hublot. With a result of 12-6, the team won over their opponents team Ecovis/Mytowel, for which Matteo Beffa (0), Cedric Schweri (1) and Martin Riglos (5) sat in the saddle. On Saturday night the trophies endowed by the Dubai Sport Council and private bank Rahn&Bodmer were presented by Sam Katiela (Beach Polo Cup Dubai) and Martin Bidermann (Rahn&Bodmer private bank) in front of several hundred spectators. As always, all teams and horses were equipped by La Martina in a high-quality and colourful fashion. Attendees were spoilt with excellent catering by Mario Hüttenmoser and Al Porto, wines by Delea, champagnes by Laurent Perrier and Peroni Bier and superbly entertained by host Jan-Erik Franck. Uwe Zimmermann: “Huge thanks to all the sponsors, players, helpers and guests that supported us in the seventh year of the Hublot Polo Cup Ascona. Special thanks must go to the players in the charity polo match for their involvement. 6,000 francs were raised for the foundation “Right to Play”.





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22 Rahn&Bodmer trophy award giving 23 Polo action at night in front of several hundred VIP guests 24 Supporting polo and charity Martin Bidermann and Aaaron Keller from Rahn & Bodmer private bank 25 Arabian dancers and Cédric Schweri 26 "1001 night" with Mark Holmes, Reda Helal and Jan-Erik Franck.



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27 Masquerade at the players party 28 Beautiful Lago Maggiore by night 29 Creative costumes 30 Golf Club Ascona hosting the players party.

Drei zauberhafte Tage im Juli, idyllisch am Lago Maggiore, eingehüllt in das unvergleichliche Flair des Tessin. Schon seit sieben Jahren findet auf dem ehemaligen Flugplatzgelände von Ascona eins der schönsten Poloturniere Europas statt, das nicht nur für hochkarätigen Sport, sondern auch sein jährlich aufs Neue überraschende Rahmenprogramm berühmt ist.

»Dubai meets Switzerland« hieß es in diesem Jahr – und auf dem Programm standen eine Welcome Party am Pool des Giardino Hotels, eine Players' Party im Golf Club von Ascona, ein Empfang während der Parade durch die Gemeinde Asconas (von der Seven Restaurantgruppe gesponsert), eine »1001 Nacht«-Party am Samstag Abend in der Poloarena sowie ein Family Polo-brunch am Finaltag bei bestem Sommerwetter am Ufer des Lago Maggiore. Was Familie Zimmermann, Familie Sauer und Nicole Pandiscia in den vergangenen sieben Jahren in ihre Polo Events in Ascona investiert haben, ist legendär und hochgradig unterhaltsam. Viele internationale Gäste reisen von weither an, um die Eleganz und Gastfreundschaft dieses Turniers einmal mitzuerleben. Umpire Mark Holmes wachte über die ambitionierten Spiele. Das Finale am Sonntag gewann Team Giardino/

Fipa mit Piero Dillier (0), Lucas Labat (+6) sowie Uwe (+1) und seinem Sohn Philipp Zimmermann (0), die sich eine Position teilten. Patrick Chanton übergab dem Siegerteam Giardino/Fipa eine hochwertige Uhr vom Titelsponsor Hublot. Mit einem Ergebnis von 12:6 besiegte die Mannschaft ihren Gegner Team Ecovis/Mytowel, für das Matteo Beffa (0), Cédric Schweri (+1) und Martin Riglos (+5) sattelten. Die am Samstagabend vom Dubai Sport Council und der Privatbank Rahn&Bodmer gestifteten Trophäen wurden von Sam Katiela (Beach Polo Cup Dubai) und Martin Bidermann (Rahn&Bodmer Privatbank) vor vielen hundert Zuschauern übergeben. Wie immer wurden alle Teams und Pferde von La Martina hochwertig und farbenfroh ausgerüstet. Mit exzellentem Catering von Mario Hüttenmoser und Al Porto, Weinen von Delea, Champagner von Laurent Perrier und Peroni Bier wurden die Anwesenden verwöhnt und vom Moderator Jan-Erik Franck amüsant unterhalten. Uwe Zimmermann: »Allen Sponsoren, den Spielern, Helfern und Gästen, die uns im siebten Jahr des Hublot Polo Cup Ascona unterstützt haben, ein herzliches Dankeschön. Einen besonderen Dank an die Spieler des Charity Polo Matches für ihren Einsatz, bei dem 6.000 Franken für die Stiftung 'Right To Play' gesammelt wurde.«





# CBC SPORT ARENA POLO WORLD CUP AZERBAIJAN

Following the first ever FIP Arena Polo European Championship in 2015, presented by the ARAF Elite Horse & Polo Club in cooperation with the World Polo GmbH, in September 2016 the Club hosted the CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan. Fine and thrilling Arena Polo.

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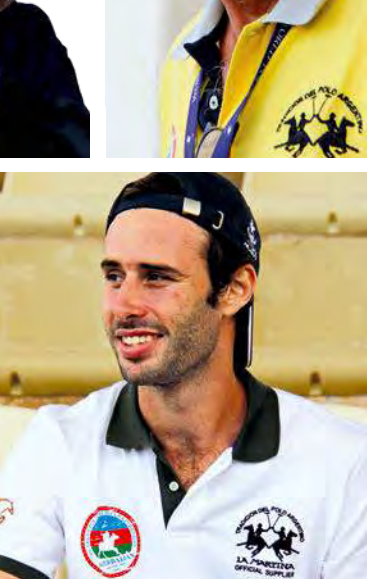




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In a close and nerve-wracking final in front of around 5,000 home fans frantically cheering their team on, team Bogner with Richard Fagan (1), Mario Gomez (4) and Santiago Torreguitar (3) narrowly won with a score of 5-4 in the very last second against last year's champions, the Azeri team Gilan Holding. Azeri stars Elchin Jamalli (3), Tarlan Qurbaneliyev (2) and their Argentinian coach Agustin Kronhaus (3) played a high-speed match, but despite the good opportunities that came their way in the third chukka, team Bogner rose to the challenge time and again. The match for third place was narrowly won by team Italdizain with Swiss brothers Fabio and Luca Meier as well as strong 4-goaler Fabian Bolanterio with a score of 8-7 against team Badrutt's Palace Hotel. Tito Gaudenzi, Patrick Maleitzke, who was later injured, René Kleinlugtenbelt and the 17-year-old Enno Grams fought hard but only managed to catch up with their opponents in the last chukka.

The legendary Hotel Badrutt's Palace in St. Moritz was responsible for the VIP catering this year for the first time and created an unforgettable "Baku Moritz Gala Night" for several hundred invited guests in cooperation with the local caterer. Reto Gaudenzi from World Polo was himself General Manager of Badrutt's Palace for several years and organised the first snow polo tournament in the world 36 years ago in his home town of St. Moritz. Yves Gardiol is the current General Manager



**RANKING:**

**#1 TEAM BOGNER (Santa María Polo Club Sotogrande, Spain)**  
Santiago Torreguitar (ESP, 3)  
Richard Fagan (IRL, 1)  
Mario Gomez (ESP, 4)  
Daniel Gariador (ESP, 2)

**#2 TEAM GILAN HOLDING (Elite Horse & Polo Club Baku, Azerbaijan)**  
Elchin Jamalli (AZE, 3)  
Tarlan Gurbaneliyev (AZE, 2)  
Rashad Hasanov (AZE, 2)  
Ali Rzayev (AZE, 0)

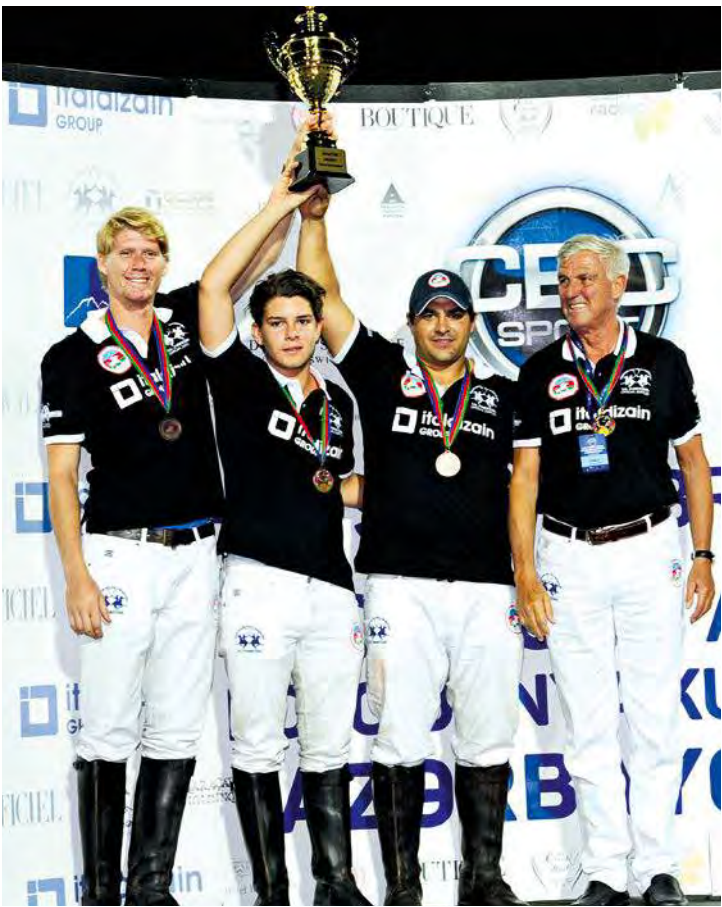
**#3 TEAM ITALDIZAIN GROUP (Alegria Polo Club Buenos Aires, Argentina)**  
Fabio Meier (CH, 2)  
Luca Meier (CH, 2)  
Fabian Bolanterio (ARG, 4)  
Werner Meier (CH, 1)

**#4 TEAM BADRUTT'S PALACE HOTEL (Evvisa Polo Club St Moritz, Switzerland)**  
Patrick Maleitzke (GER, 4)  
Tito Gaudenzi (CH, 3)  
René Kleinlugtenbelt (GER, 1)

at Badrutt's Palace Hotel and was a guest at the arena polo in Baku for the first time: "I'm really impressed by this modern and open-hearted city as well as the warm welcome that we got here. We're ready to talk and continue this unique cooperation over the coming year".

Azerbaijan is known as a country in which polo has been deeply rooted for centuries. The ancient form of the game is called Chovgan and it is still recognised as part of Azerbaijan's cultural heritage. In 2013, polo was brought back to Baku with the 1<sup>st</sup> Grass Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan. Bahrüz Nabyev, General Secretary of the Equestrian Federation of Azerbaijan (ARAF) organised this first arena polo tournament in Baku together with Reto Gaudenzi from World Polo and his team. The birth of modern polo.

Thanks to the visionary efforts of General Elcin Guliyev and Manuchehr Ahadpur Khangah, polo in Azerbaijan has developed from nothing to a respected international level. The Azeri polo team are intensively trained by Argentinian coaches and have also completed several intensive training sessions in Argentina. This year, Reto Gaudenzi (World Polo) was named the ARAF official representative for international polo relations by General Elcin Guliyev, President of ARAF. Azerbaijan is applying to host the FIP European Championship on a large grass pitch in 2018. Two full-size pitches with complete infrastructure are currently being built for this purpose in Gebele (140 kilometres away from Baku).







Within a few years polo in Azerbaijan has developed to a respected international level. Recently Azerbaijan is applying to host the FIP European Championship on a large grass pitch in 2018.

In einem engen und nervenaufreibenden Finale vor rund 5.000 einheimischen Fans, die ihr Team frenetisch feierten, gewann Team Bogner mit Richard Fagan (+1), Mario Gomez (+4) und Santiago Torreguitar (+3) knapp mit 5:4 in letzter Sekunde gegen die Champions des Vorjahres, das Azeri Team Gilan Holding. Azeri Star Elchin Jamalli (+3), Tarlan Qurbaneliyev (+2) und ihr argentinischer Coach Agustin Kronhaus (+3) spielten ein Match auf höchstem Tempo, aber auch ihre guten Chancen im dritten Chukker machte Team Bogner ihnen immer wieder streitig. Im Spiel um den dritten Platz konnte sich Team Italdizain mit den Schweizer Brüdern Fabio und Luca Meier sowie dem starken 4-Goaler Fabian Bolanterio mit 8:7 knapp gegen Team Badrutt's Palace Hotel durchsetzen. Hier hatten Tito Gaudenzi, der später verletzt ausgeschiedene Patrick Maleitzke sowie René Kleinlugtenbelt und der 17-jährige Enno Grams hart gekämpft, waren aber erst im letzten Chukker an den Gegner herangekommen.

Zum ersten Mal zeichnete in diesem Jahr das legendäre Hotel Badrutt's Palace aus St. Moritz für das VIP-Catering verantwortlich und kreierte gemeinsam mit dem lokalen Caterer eine unvergessliche 'Baku Moritz Gala Night' für mehrere hundert geladene Gäste. Reto Gaudenzi von World Polo war selbst jahrelang General Manager des Badrutt's Palace und veranstaltete in seiner Heimatstadt St. Moritz vor 36 Jahren das erste Snow Polo Turnier der Welt. Yves Gardiol ist heutiger General Manager im Badrutt's Palace Hotel, und zwar zum ersten Mal Gast beim Arena Polo in Baku: »Ich bin absolut beeindruckt von dieser modernen und offenenherzigen Stadt sowie

dem herzlichen Empfang, der uns hier bereitet wurde. Gerne sind wir gesprächsbereit diese einzigartige Kooperation auch im kommenden Jahr fortzusetzen.«

Aserbaidschan ist bekannt als ein Land, in dem der Polosport seit Jahrhunderten tief verankert ist. Chovgan heißt die antike Art des Spiels, die bis heute als kulturelles Erbe Aserbaidschans anerkannt ist. 2013 war der Polosport mit dem 1. Grass Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan nach Baku zurückgekehrt. Bahruz Nabiye, Generalsekretär des Reitsportverbands von Aserbaidschan ARAF, hatte dieses erste Arena-Poloturnier in Baku gemeinsam mit Reto Gaudenzi von World Polo und dessen Team organisiert. Die Geburtsstunde des modernen Polosports.

Dank der visionären Bemühungen von General Elcin Guliyev und Manuchehr Ahadpur Khangah hat sich Polo in Aserbaidschan seitdem von Null auf ein beachtliches internationales Niveau entwickelt. Intensiv trainiert das Poloteam der Azeris mit argentinischen Coaches und hat auch vor Ort in Argentinien schon intensive Polotrainings absolviert. Im vergangenen Jahr wurde Reto Gaudenzi (World Polo) von General Elcin Guliyev, Präsident der ARAF, zum offiziellen Repräsentanten der ARAF für internationale Polobeziehungen ernannt. Für 2018 bewirbt sich Aserbaidschan für die FIP Europameisterschaft auf großem Rasenplatz. Dafür werden bereits in Gebele (140 Kilometer von Baku) zwei Full Size Plätze mit kompletter Infrastruktur gebaut.



# BRAZIL

The polo scene in Brazil – and particularly at the Helvetia Polo Club at Indaiatuba (São Paulo) – took remarkable steps throughout the years and developed at a rapid speed. An excursion to the new polo mecca Brazil.

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Tigres Polo (yellow shirt) playing with Maragata Julius Baer.





1 Guiga Lins (left) and Alexandre Junqueira 2 One of the finals between Tigres Polo and Maragata Julius Baer in 2016 season.



3 Henrique Junqueira 4 Aberto do Estado de São Paulo finalists 5 Ronnie Scott, Mauro Souza Aranha, Luigi Cosenza and Gustavo Garcia.



Full of family ties, traditional and incredibly competition-oriented. These are arguably the most important characteristics of Brazilian polo, which has experienced an impressive rise in popularity over the past few years. In the 1920s, British immigrants brought their enthusiasm for polo with them to South America. Here, where there are vast landscapes and a tradition of horse breeding, the sport was met with huge enthusiasm. The first reports about polo in Brazil originate from Rio de Janeiro where the English founded the Gávea Polo and Golf Club in the 1920s. While Argentina is the number 1 polo country in the world today, the sport does not enjoy quite the same popularity in its neighbouring country of Brazil. However, Brazil has won the world championship title three times and was also a founding member of the world polo association, the Federation of International Polo (FIP). The FIP was founded on 25 November 1982 in Buenos Aires. One of the founders was the then president of the Argentinian polo association, Marcos Uranga. Founding members included the national polo associations of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, El Salvador, France, Italy, Mexico, Peru, Spain and Zimbabwe.

Brazil’s polo season runs from March to October. The higher classes of the sport are very much at home in the region around São Paulo. The Helvetia Polo Country Club, which was founded in May 1975 by Giorgio Moroni and is based on the model of Tortugas, plays a central role here and is still the place where the most important tournaments in the country are played. The Helvetia Polo Country Club is located in the city of Indaiatuba near Viracopos international airport and around 110 km away from the capital city of São Paulo. 10 association polo fields are at the disposal of over 200 active players and the over 3,000 horses that are accommodated here over the season. An entire “Helvetia village” has sprung up around the main part of the club. In June 2014, the association opened a new office

building, a latest generation spa with sauna and changing rooms, a library, restaurant, TV room, children’s play area and large spectator stands with a unique view of pitches 1 and 2. The highlights of the season at the Helvetia Polo Country Club are the 26-goal São Paulo State Open and three other 22-goal tournaments: the Giorgio Moroni Cup, Helvetia Open and São José Gold Cup, which is also the only FIP tournament in Brazil. Sylvio Coutinho, member of board of directors at Helvetia Polo Country Club at Indaiatuba (São Paulo), notices remarkable steps his club took through the last years. “The club counts today ten top tifton fields plus over 100 first-class quality stables. Also the level of umpiring has increased as we have brought foreign umpires plus invested in the formation of local umpires.” In general, the situation of polo in Brazil has been affected by the economic crisis, Coutinho says. “The economic crisis that Brazil has gone through the last years had an impact on the polo as other similar sports. The challenge remains in increasing the amount of players/teams. We are looking to improve the organisation of our traditional tournaments plus add more sponsors /partners to the club’s polo season. We will also organise an international tournament in the second half of the year.”

In order to better understand polo in Brazil with its amateur and professional side, qualification rounds and breath-taking finals, you have to know that it is very often all about family. It is not a rare occurrence to see several generations of the same family playing together in one team. This means that although matches are very much focused on competition, they do tend to be incredibly friendly too. Everyone knows each other and is related to each other. Polo in Brazil is a family business.

[www.helvetiapolo.com.br](http://www.helvetiapolo.com.br)

### Interview with Beto Ribeiro and Junior Lourenço of 30jardas.com.br

#### HOW HAS POLO DEVELOPED IN BRAZIL OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS?

Polo has enjoyed incredible development here, not only in terms of the number of players, but also when it comes to the tournaments and horses. Over the past 20 years, Brazil has won the world championship three times (1995, 2001 and 2004) as well as the Snow Polo World Cup in 2015. There are also several Brazilian players who have taken part in international tournaments, such as João Paulo Ganon, Rodrigo Andrade and Juraci Santos (who unfortunately passed away this year), to name but a few.

#### HOW MANY CLUBS AND ACTIVE PLAYERS ARE THERE IN BRAZIL?

We recently had 20 active clubs and 500 active players in Brazil.

#### WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT POLO TOURNAMENTS IN BRAZIL?

There are five main tournaments to highlight here in this country: the Aberto do Estado de São Paulo (26 goals), Copa Giorgio Moroni (22 goals), Aberto do Helvetia (22 goals), Copa Ouro (22 goals) and the Campeonato Brasileiro (18 goals). Most of these are interesting and important not just because of their high playing categories, but also their long tradition. The Aberto do Estado de São Paulo has taken place for the past 80 years, while the Campeonato Brasileiro celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

#### WHO ARE THE FIVE BEST PLAYERS IN BRAZIL?

It is really hard to name just five players here because there are lots of top players in Brazil at the moment. If we base the answer on handicaps and international experience, we would have to say João Paulo Ganon,

Rodrigo Andrade, Olavo Novaes, Pedrinho Zacharias, Aluísio Villela, Leandro Rodrigues, Willian Rodrigues and Alexandre Junqueira. But there are also many other excellent players in Brazilian polo.

#### WHICH FOREIGN PLAYERS ARE REPRESENTED IN BRAZILIAN POLO?

We often have visits from international players who are invited to Brazil to take part in polo tournaments. At the moment we have Nachi du Plessis (Maragata Julius Baer) and Santiago Toccalino (Guabi Polo) playing as professionals here in Brazil.

#### WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT POLO REGIONS IN BRAZIL?

Indaiatuba is the city where some of the most important tournaments in the country are played. We would definitely recommend a visit to the Helvetia Polo Country Club where you can see lots of good Brazilian polo matches. There are also good clubs in other cities in São Paulo state, such as Franca, Orândia, Colina and São Paulo. Polo enthusiasts visiting Brazil can also see their sport being played in Rio de Janeiro, Mato Grosso do Sul, Rio Grande do Sul and Distrito Federal.

#### HOW CAN OUR READERS KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT’S HAPPENING IN BRAZILIAN POLO?

Our website 30jardas.com.br provides news, results, tournament information, rankings, photos and videos about Brazilian and international polo. We also provide a newsletter with news in English and videos with subtitles.

[www.30jardas.com.br/international-newsletter/](http://www.30jardas.com.br/international-newsletter/)





Copa do Brasil 12-goals finalists.



José Klabin,  
President of the Brazilian Confederation of Polo (CBP)

Interview with José Klabin

POLO+10: IS IT TRUE THAT BRAZIL RANGES AMONGST THE 10 BIGGEST POLO NATIONS IN THE WORLD?  
José Klabin: Absolutely. Regarding high handicap polo, Brazil is within countries that hosts 24 to 26-goals tournament with around 4 to 6 teams formed usually only by Brazilians. In mid handicap, Brazil has won three World Championships.

POLO+10: PLEASE GIVE US AN OVERVIEW ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE SPORT OF POLO IN BRAZIL.  
José Klabin: Polo in Brazil is developing year after year. Although we have a lot of high handicap players, sport has still some amateur characteristics, because many players are from traditional families that are in polo for generations. However, there is a young generation playing really well in Brazil guaranteeing future of our polo.

POLO+10: WHAT ARE THE AFFORDS OF THE BRAZILIAN CONFEDERATION TO SUPPORT AND EXTEND THE SPORT IN THE COUNTRY?  
José Klabin: Brazilian Confederation (CBP) provides relationship with international polo, tournaments and events. State Federation and clubs are responsible for local development.

POLO+10: WILL BRAZIL PLAY FOR VICTORY AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN SYDNEY 2017?  
José Klabin: Brazil is always a contender to win any competition, even understanding the difficulties. Regarding World Championship of 2017, before we start to think about it we need to concentrate on South American Qualifiers!

POLO+10: HOW DOES YOUR COLABORATION WITH THE NATIONAL CLUBS FUNCTION?  
José Klabin: There are important clubs in Brazil and CBP provides institutional support. However, State Federations are responsible to assist and support local tournaments (in São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Sul, Mato Grosso do Sul and Distrito Federal). •

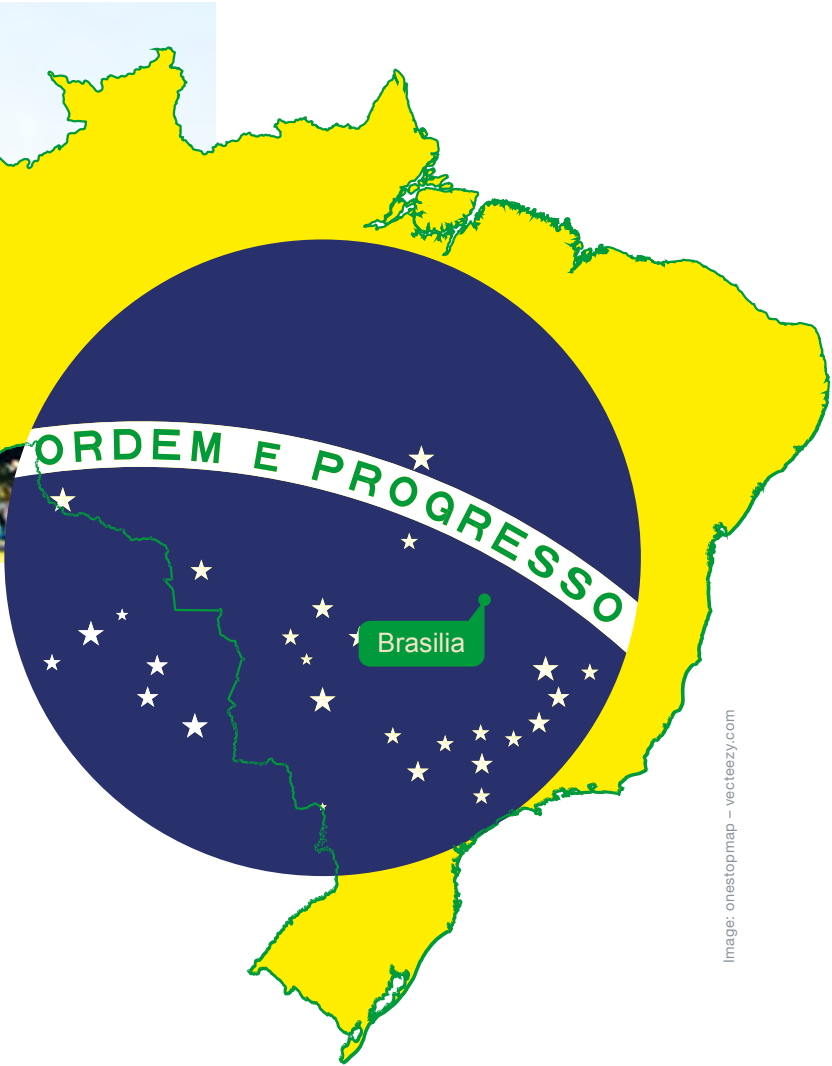


The Helvetia Polo Country Club in Indaiatuba (São Paulo).

Familiär, traditionell und höchst wettkampforientiert. Das sind wohl die wichtigsten Merkmale des brasilianischen Polosports, der in den vergangenen Jahren eindrucksvoll an Fahrt aufgenommen hat. In den 1920er Jahren brachten britische Einwanderer ihre Begeisterung für Polo mit nach Südamerika. Hier, wo weites Land und Pferdezucht traditionell verankert sind, stieß der Sport auf große Begeisterung. Die ersten Berichte über den Polosport in Brasilien stammen aus Rio de Janeiro, wo die Engländer in den 20er Jahren den Gávea Polo und Golf Club gegründet hatten. Während Argentinien heute Pololand Nummer Eins auf der Welt ist, hat Brasilien den Sport nicht in dem Maße wie das Nachbarland aufgenommen. Immerhin konnte Brasilien aber bereits drei Mal den Weltmeistertitel holen und war auch bei der Gründung des Weltverbands, der Federation of International Polo (FIP), dabei. Die FIP wurde am 25. November 1982 in Buenos Aires gegründet. Als Gründervater gilt der damalige Präsident des argentinischen Poloverbands, Marcos Uranga. Gründungsmitglieder waren die nationalen Poloverbände von Argentinien, Brasilien, Kolumbien, Chile, El Salvador, Frankreich, Italien, Mexiko, Peru, Spanien und Simbabwe.

Von März bis Oktober ist Polosaison in Brasilien. Vor allem in der Region um São Paulo ist der Sport in den höheren Spielklassen zu Hause. Der im Mai 1975 von Giorgio Moroni nach dem Vorbild von Tortugas gegründete Helvetia Polo Country spielt hier eine zentrale Rolle und ist bis heute Austragungsort der wichtigsten Turniere des Landes. Der Helvetia Polo Country Club befindet sich in der Stadt Indaiatuba, in der Nähe des internationalen Flughafen von Viracopos und rund 110 km von der Hauptstadt São Paulo entfernt.

Zehn vereinseigene Polofelder stehen den über 200 aktiven Spielern und über 3.000 Pferden, die hier im Laufe einer Saison untergebracht sind, zur Verfügung. Ein ganzes »Helvetia Dorf« ist mittlerweile rund um die Kernstruktur des Clubs entstanden. Im Juni 2014 eröffnete der Verein ein neues Bürogebäude, ein Spa der neuesten Generation mit Sauna und Umkleideräumen, eine Bibliothek, ein Restaurant, TV-Raum, einen Kinderspielplatz sowie große Zuschauertribünen mit einzigartigem Blick auf die Spielfelder 1 und 2. Die Highlights der Saison im Helvetia Polo Country Club sind die 26-Goal São Paulo State Open und drei weitere 22-Goal Turniere: der Giorgio Moroni Cup, die Helvetia Open und der São José Gold Cup, der auch das einzige FIP-Turnier Brasiliens darstellt.



Sylvio Coutinho, Vorstandsmitglied im Helvetia Polo Country Club in Indaiatuba (São Paulo) spricht von bemerkenswerten Fortschritten, die sein Club in den vergangenen Jahren gemacht hat. »Wir haben heute zehn top Tifton Spielfelder und mehr als 100 Ställe. Auch das Niveau der Schiedsrichter ist gestiegen weil wir ausländische Umpires nach Brasilien gebracht und auch in die Struktur der einheimischen Umpires investiert haben.« Generell habe der Polosport in Brasilien unter der Wirtschaftskrise gelitten, sagt Coutinho. »Die ökonomische Krise, durch die Brasilien in den vergangenen Jahren gegangen ist, hatte wie auch auf andere, vergleichbare Sportarten einen enormen Einfluss. Vor uns steht nun die Herausforderung, die Zahl an Spielern und Teams zu erhöhen. Wir wollen die Struktur unserer traditionellen Turniere verbessern und mehr Sponsoren und Partner für unsere Saison und den Polo Club gewinnen. Außerdem werden wir in der zweiten Hälfte 2017 ein weiteres internationales Turnier im Helvetia Polo Club organisieren.«

Um den Polosport in Brasilien zwischen Amateuren und Profis, Qualifikationsrunden und atemberaubenden Finalen besser zu verstehen: Es geht sehr oft um die Familie. Nicht selten finden sich mehrere Generationen einer Familie in einem Team. Das führt dazu, dass die Matches zwar sehr wettkampforientiert, aber letztendlich doch bemerkenswert freundlich ablaufen. Man kennt sich, man ist miteinander verwandt. Polo in Brasilien ist ein »Family Business«.



# THAI POLO CUP

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Thai Polo Cup at the Thai Polo & Equestrian Club in Pilar was a huge success: A record number of 16 teams fought for the trophy.

BY HALINA SCHMIDT PHOTOGRAPHY GUILLERMO LLAMOS







Below: Before the final was played, an exclusive parade of classic cars that was much applauded by the audience took place.

Above: classic cars; Below: Malevo; Right: Harald Link, founder and director of the Thai Polo & Equestrian Club, with his daughter Caroline.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thai Polo Cup, taking place at the beginning of November at the Thai Polo & Equestrian Club in Pilar, boasted a record number of 16 teams with a handicap of 14 goals fighting for victory. In an exciting final match, team La Bien Mirada, including Fabio Meier (0), Fabián Bolanterio (3), Juan Jaureche (5) and Pablo Jaureche (6), defeated team Power Horse, consisting of Gastón Maíquez (6), Tomás Garbarini (4), Octavio Olmedo (3) and Walter Scherb (1), by 9-8 and thus became champion of the third edition of the Thai Polo Cup. In addition to the polo action the event had plenty to offer in the matter of entertainment: Before the final was played, an exclusive parade of classic cars that was much applauded by the audience took place. At halftime a spectacular race between a horse, with Salvador Jaureche as rider, and a car by Bugatti, impressed the 800 spectators.

At the award ceremony trophies and presents were given to the champions and the runners-up. Pablo Jaureche of winning team La Bien Mirada was named Most Valuable Player. Harald Link, founder and director of the Thai Polo & Equestrian Club,

thanked each of the patrons of the sixteen participating teams and the twenty-one sponsors: La Martina, Localiza, La Sagrada Familia, QA Company, Rutini Wines, Virgen Waters, Tregar, Polo Line, Royal Salute, Alvear Palace Hotel, Sushi Club Miami, Café Cabrales, Aeropuertos Vip Club, Verzasca Group, Aurora Sunny Isles, In Miami Real Estate, Santino, Pasaporte Licere, ViiO, Warsteiner and Reaktor.

Following the award ceremony Malevo, a group of ten Malambo artists from Argentina which became finalist of America's Got Talent, thrilled everyone with a show set on a spectacular stage with imposing lights and fire. The tournament ended with an impressive fireworks display and a well-attended party, which saw the guests dance to the music of the DJ. Altogether the event was a huge success and Manuel Cereceda, organiser of the tournament, concluded: "The first year we started with only six teams. This year we already had sixteen and we are going for more!"

[www.thai-polo-club.com](http://www.thai-polo-club.com)

Anfang November fand im Thai Polo & Equestrian Club in Pilar (Argentinien) der dritte Thai Polo Cup statt. Insgesamt 16 Mannschaften mit Teamhandicaps von bis zu 14 Goals gingen an den Start und kämpften um den Sieg – Rekord. Das Finale besetzten die Teams La Bien Mirada mit Fabio Meier (0), Fabián Bolanterio (+3), Juan Jaureche (5) und Pablo Jaureche (+6) sowie Power Horse mit Gastón Maíquez (+6), Tomás Garbarini (+4), Octavio Olmedo (+3) und Walter Scherb (+1). In einem spannenden Match setzte sich am Ende La Bien Mirada knapp mit 9:8 durch und sicherte sich damit die Gewinnertrophäe.

Pablo Jaureche vom siegreichen Team La Bien Mirada konnte sich über eine weitere Auszeichnung freuen: Der 6-Goaler wurde als Most Valuable Player geehrt. Harald Link, Gründer und Präsident des Thai Polo & Equestrian Club, dankte bei der Siegerehrung außerdem jedem Patron der 16 teilnehmenden Mannschaften und 21 Sponsoren: La Martina, Localiza, La Sagrada Familia, QA Company, Rutini Wines, Virgen Waters, Tregar, Polo Line, Royal Salute, Alvear Palace Hotel, Sushi Club Miami, Café Cabrales, Aeropuertos

Vip Club, Verzasca Group, Aurora Sunny Isles, In Miami Real Estate, Santino, Pasaporte Licere, ViiO, Warsteiner und Reaktor. Nicht nur der Polosport begeisterte die 800 Zuschauer und Gäste, auch das Rahmenprogramm stieß auf große Zustimmung beim Publikum. Insbesondere die exklusive Oldtimer-Parade vor dem Finale sorgte für reichlich Applaus. In der Halbzeitpause lieferten sich ein Pferd, geritten von Salvador Jaureche, sowie ein Bugatti ein spannendes Rennen.

Nach der Siegerehrung präsentierte die Gruppe Malevo, zehn Malambo-Künstler aus Argentinien und Finalist der Fernsehshow »America's Got Talent« (»Das Supertalent«), eine spektakuläre Bühnenshow mit eindrucksvollen Licht- und Feuereffekten. Ein imposantes Feuerwerk und eine gutbesuchte Party, bei der alle zu DJ-Musik tanzten, beendeten das Turnier. Veranstalter Manuel Cereceda zeigte sich zufrieden mit dem Erfolg und der Entwicklung des Events: »Im ersten Jahr sind wir mit nur sechs Teams gestartet. Dieses Jahr waren 16 Mannschaften dabei – und wir freuen uns auf mehr!«

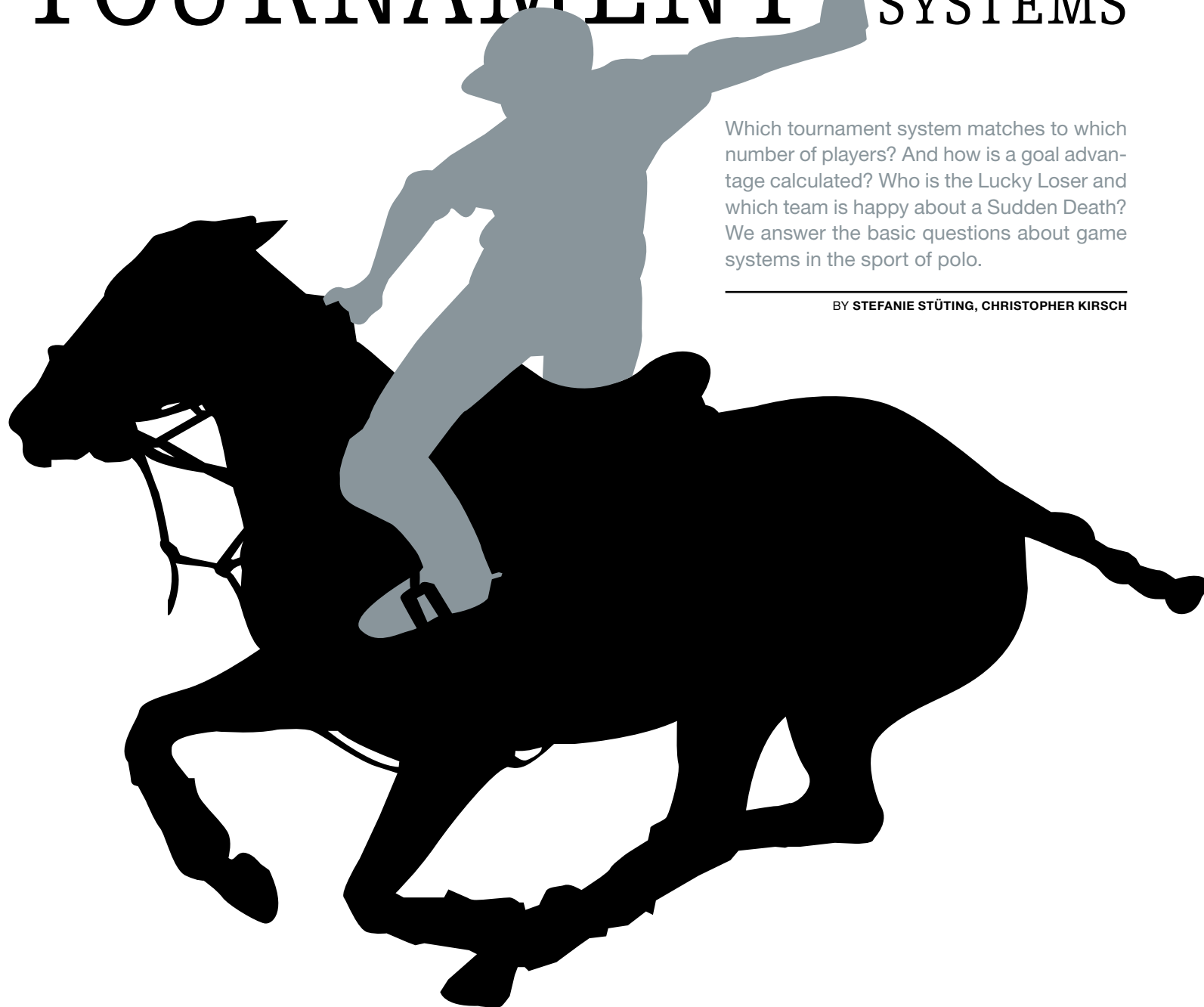


# POLO

## TOURNAMENT SYSTEMS

Which tournament system matches to which number of players? And how is a goal advantage calculated? Who is the Lucky Loser and which team is happy about a Sudden Death? We answer the basic questions about game systems in the sport of polo.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING, CHRISTOPHER KIRSCH



### HOW MANY CHUKKAS ARE PLAYED IN POLO?

The individual periods of play in polo are called chukkas. Each chukka lasts 7.5 minutes. If there is a foul, the timer is stopped.

In Europe, 4 chukkas are normally played, and this is also the case in the rest of the world, except for the three main polo countries (“The BIG 3”: Argentina, the USA and England). In earlier times, playing 6 chukkas in accordance with the rules of the Hurlingham Polo Association was far more widespread than it is now.

In the high goal categories in England and the USA, 6 chukkas are also standard, but only 4 chukkas are played at the lower levels. In Argentina, 6 chukkas are regularly played, and only the lower playing categories are limited to 4 chukkas. There are just two tournaments in the world where a match lasts 8 chukkas: the final of the Hurlingham Open and all matches at the Palermo Open in Buenos Aires, the biggest and most important polo tournament in the world.

### WHAT IS A GOAL ADVANTAGE AND HOW IS IT CALCULATED?

A so-called goal advantage is there for the purposes of ensuring fair play if the opposing teams have differing handicaps. If an “open” is being played, the goal advantage is dropped and all teams start at 0.

Calculation of the goal advantage:

$$\frac{\text{Diff. hdc} \times 4}{6}$$

Difference between the handicap  $\times$  4 chukkas  $\div$  6

The “divided by 6” rule originates from earlier times when 6 chukkas were played in accordance with the English HPA rules.

The rule of thumb is: **“Any fraction equals half a goal”**

All results that produce a fraction are rounded down to a half goal. Even if the result is over 0.5, the number is not rounded up.

**Example:** Two teams with team handicaps of 5 and 7 meet, which means they have a goal difference of 2.

Calculation of the goal advantage:  $2 \times 4 \div 6 = 1.333$   
Goal advantage = 1.5

**Example:** Two teams with team handicaps of 5 and 8 meet, which means they have a goal difference of 3.

Calculation of the goal advantage:  $3 \times 4 \div 6 = 2$   
Goal advantage = 2



WHAT DIFFERENT  
TOURNAMENT FORMATS  
ARE THERE?

Depending on how many teams are taking part in a tournament, there are various tournament formats:

Round Robin / American Tournament (synonym)

Round Robin and American Tournament are two names for one and the same tournament format. It is used when there is an uneven number of teams and just one match day.

3 matches of 2 chukkas each are played:

- a – b
- a – c
- b – c

This means that all 3 teams play a total of 4 chukkas and against every opponent. The winner is determined from the number of points and the goal difference if necessary.


Teams find themselves under the same kind of high pressure when playing American Tournament (AM) as the results are determined after just 2 chukkas. A goal advantage with AM is calculated from the **difference between the hdc x 2 chukkas ÷ 6**.

Teams with a higher handicap are not normally too happy about AM with a goal advantage as the goal advantage of the opponent in relation to the short playing time is seen as disadvantageous.

Knockout tournament

The knockout tournament can only be played with an even number of teams and is normally used when there are 8 or more teams and at least 2 match days. 4 matches of 4 chukkas each are played. (Example: 3 day tournament)

First Round:



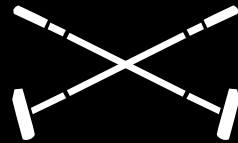
a – b

c – d

e – f

g – h

Second Round / Semi Finals:




Match 1: winner 1 – winner 2

Match 2: winner 3 – winner 4

Match 3: loser 1 – loser 2

Match 4: loser 3 – loser 4

Finals:



winner match 1 – winner match 2

loser match 1 – loser match 2

winner match 3 – winner match 4

loser match 3 – loser match 4

There is a draw to determine the opponents for the first round, then 4 x 2 teams play against each other. The 4 winners go into the semi final and play for a place in the final. The 4 losers from the first round are the runners-up who then play the second cup for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> place.

Group system

The group system is for tournaments comprising 6 or more teams that are played over two weekends or which start on a Thursday.

6 teams play 2 matches of 4 chukkas each per day:

Thursday

a – b, Group 1

a – b, Group 2

Friday

a – c, Group 1

a – c, Group 2

Saturday

b – c, Group 1

b – c, Group 2

Sunday

Match for 5<sup>th</sup> place

Match for 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Final: Match for first place

The respective winners are determined by the number of points and the goal difference. When it comes to the rankings, teams with the same number of points are first compared on all their matches with each other. Then the goal difference is taken into account, then the number of goals. If the teams are still equal, a coin is tossed.

WHAT IS A  
“LUCKY LOSER”?

If 6 teams play each other in one weekend, after 3 matches on the first day of play there will be three winners and three losers.

3 matches of 4 chukkas each are played:

- a – b
- c – d
- e – f

On the second day, the following teams play

- winner 1 – winner 2
- loser 1 – loser 2
- best winner – lucky loser

The “lucky loser” is determined by draw out of the three losers. They get the opportunity to go against the “best winner” from the first round (determined by points and goal difference).

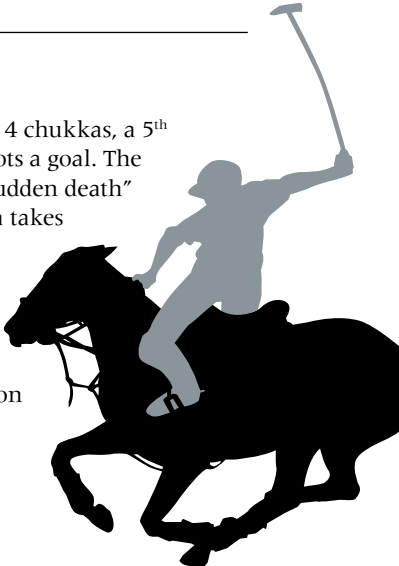
**A new system under discussion** is a version that determines the “lucky loser” using more than pure luck of the draw. Provided the teams and horses are on the pitch, in this version all the losing teams play a penalty shoot-out with one shot per player from the 40 yard and 60 yard line. The “lucky loser” is the winner of the penalty shoot-out, i.e. the one with the most goals.

WHAT IS A  
“GOLDEN GOAL” OR  
“SUDDEN DEATH”?



If the outcome is still undecided following the regular playing time of 4 chukkas, a 5<sup>th</sup> extended chukka is played that only ends when one of the teams shoots a goal. The first goal scored in the extended chukka is the “golden goal” or the “sudden death” of the opponent. If neither team scores in the 5<sup>th</sup> chukka, a 6<sup>th</sup> chukka takes place where the width of the goals is doubled. If no goal is scored, the whole baseline is considered the goal line in the 7<sup>th</sup> chukka.

To spare the horses, the team captains have the opportunity to forgo the extended chukka with the approval of the event organiser and determine the result in a penalty shoot-out. This option should be specified in the tournament advertisement.







# BRIEUC RIGAUX

In April 2016, Brieuc Rigaux's handicap was raised to 6 goals, which makes him the best French polo player at present. POLO+10 spoke to him about his beginnings in playing polo, his polo career so far and his favourite horses.

BY HALINA SCHMIDT PHOTOGRAPHY RBPRESSE



Brieuc Rigaux started to play polo as a professional at the age of 18. Today, at the age of 32, he plays with a handicap of 6 goals and currently is the best French polo player.



The Château de Chantilly is located ten minutes by car from the Polo Club de Chantilly.

HOW DID YOU COME INTO CONTACT WITH POLO?  
WHEN DID YOU START TO LEARN IT?

I moved to Apremont with my parents when I was 10. I saw the club being built. I saw the cultivation fields turning into polo grounds and I discovered horses and polo there. I went there whenever I had spare time as a kid, when I was about 14, to help, to take care of the ponies and one day, to thank me for my help, they put me on a pony, so I started and learnt how to ride. Turned out I was OK in the saddle and with a mallet. I had never ridden a horse "classic style" before that, it all started with polo. It quickly grew on me, and I spent all my time there, then I started to play for different teams and that helped me, and that's how you grow up and progress in this sport.

WHAT FASCINATES YOU ABOUT POLO?

The beauty of places we get to see and end up playing in thanks to polo. In every country I've played, I've enjoyed extraordinary conditions and seen amazing things, beautiful loca-

tions. It's what makes polo so unique and surprising. For example, when we go to China to play the Snow Polo World Cup, the place isn't particularly stunning but the setting and the context make it special and sparkling. Simply amazing. We played in Rome, and that is a wonderful memory as the setting was special and the odds in our favour. In particular, we can meet people from all around the world, share our memories, get to talk to distinguished players who have been in all types of places, and share stories with people from different backgrounds. In our polo world, we can meet with an old acquaintance ten years later at a tournament in a different country, and that's what brings the magic to our sport.



SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU PLAYED POLO AS A PROFESSIONAL? WHAT WAS THE REASON FOR THIS DECISION?

I turned pro when I turned 18. I gave up school and my studies, even though my parents where pretty scared of my leap into the unknown and not so fond of the decision at the time, and I started full time polo.

WHAT WERE YOUR THOUGHTS WHEN YOU HEARD YOU ARE NOW RANKED WITH A HANDICAP OF 6 GOALS?

Yes, I started this season with a new handicap of 6; it's really a great achievement for me, but also for all the people around me who helped make it happen. This new handicap will mean a lot more individual involvement and serious commitment from me in order to play properly at this level. It naturally leads to more concentration, and I need to have the best horses possible because I will obviously have more responsibilities as the level is not very high in France; for example, with my handicap of 6, in a 12 goal tournament, I represent half the team on my own, so I have to assume that "weight".

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING A POLO PLAYER NEEDS TO BEAR IN MIND?

We always have to keep in mind that it's our horse and our team that allow us to win. We play a collective and equestrian sport above all, and we must not forget that. It's the only way we can evolve and progress in polo.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR POLO CAREER SO FAR? AND IS THERE STILL SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE?

I have a lot of great memories in my career so it would be difficult to pick just one of them...but in the future, I really want to win the Open de France in its 16-goal form. I won it when it was 14 goals, but have never done it at 16. This year we had a good team, we were a group of friends playing together and it would have been perfect to win the tournament but we didn't. So we'll try again next year!

IN WHICH COUNTRIES HAVE YOU PLAYED POLO SO FAR? WHICH WAS THE MOST INTERESTING?

I've been kind of everywhere polo is played...for example, Thailand, Mongolia, China, Hong Kong, India, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Morocco, Argentina, Italy, Germany, etc... They are all different and each one of them has its specific features, characteristics and a certain special something. Like I said, in every country I've played, I've enjoyed extraordinary conditions and seen amazing things, beautiful locations.

HOW MUCH IMPORTANCE DO YOU ATTACH TO YOUR HORSES? DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE HORSE?

I have a very strong relationship with my horses, because I believe that 80% of a player is his horses. Really knowing your horses, developing a connection with them and arriving on the field anticipating their every move and reaction really helps a player. When you don't know the horse you're riding, you need time to adapt, you don't know how fast

Brieuc Rigaux with his groom Luciano Martinez after winning the 2015 Charity Cup at the Polo Club de Chantilly.



Brieuc Rigaux: "I have a very strong relationship with my horses, because I believe that 80% of a player is his horses."

they can be, what distance they need to stop and it can be confusing. But when you know them really well and you develop a relationship with them, it can really make the difference on the field.

Actually I have two favourite horses. The first is the one I had when I was young, who grew up with me and helped me become the player I am today, named Taquero. I have a strong relationship and special connection with him. The other one is Chamarrita, the last Argentine mare I have in my team. She is particularly friendly.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CLONING OF HORSES? Cloning is a huge chance to preserve strains for future breeding. It allows breeders to benefit from the best horses and to develop the best products and future generations of top sport horses.

WHAT KIND OF CHANGES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE WAY THE SPORT OF POLO IS PLAYED NOWADAYS? A development through sponsoring that would allow the sport to be a solely professional one in future; that would be a change that would bring the best of all worlds. It would be amazing for us to not depend on patrons and sponsorships anymore, but to



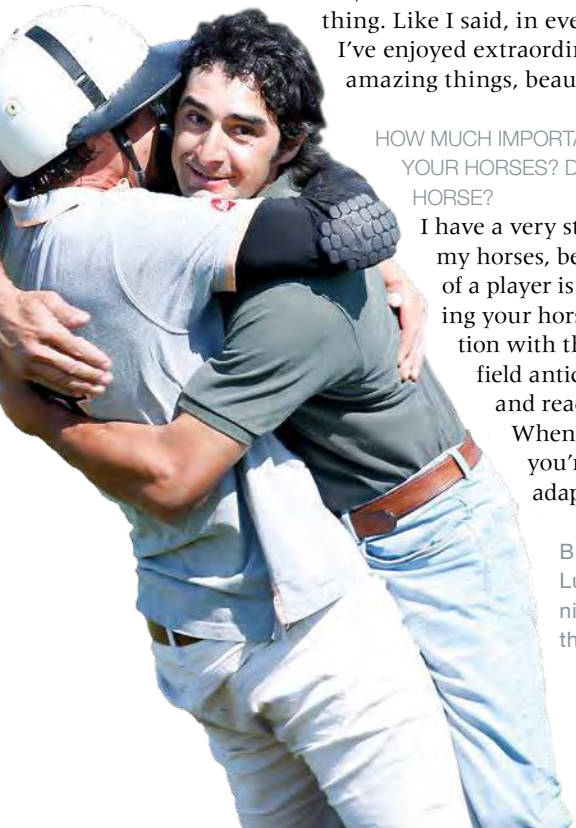
Brieuc Rigaux played polo in numerous countries around the globe.

just worry about playing the tournaments we can. Of course, we will keep this pro-amateur circuit, but we could also have a professional league, either just in Europe or across the world, with official sponsors. That would be ideal for us.

WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR FREE TIME, DO YOU HAVE HOBBIES? My life is actually very calm when I'm not playing polo. I like to spend time in the stables, close to my horses, it's relaxing and I can focus on important things. Otherwise, I like to go out, spend some time with my friends, and play golf. I'm a normal person! (smile)

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY IN 2017? If I could play the same season as the one that just happened, that would be simply amazing!

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE? To keep investing in horses and improving at this level. I want to carry on what I began when I decided polo would be my profession. ●





# PENALTY

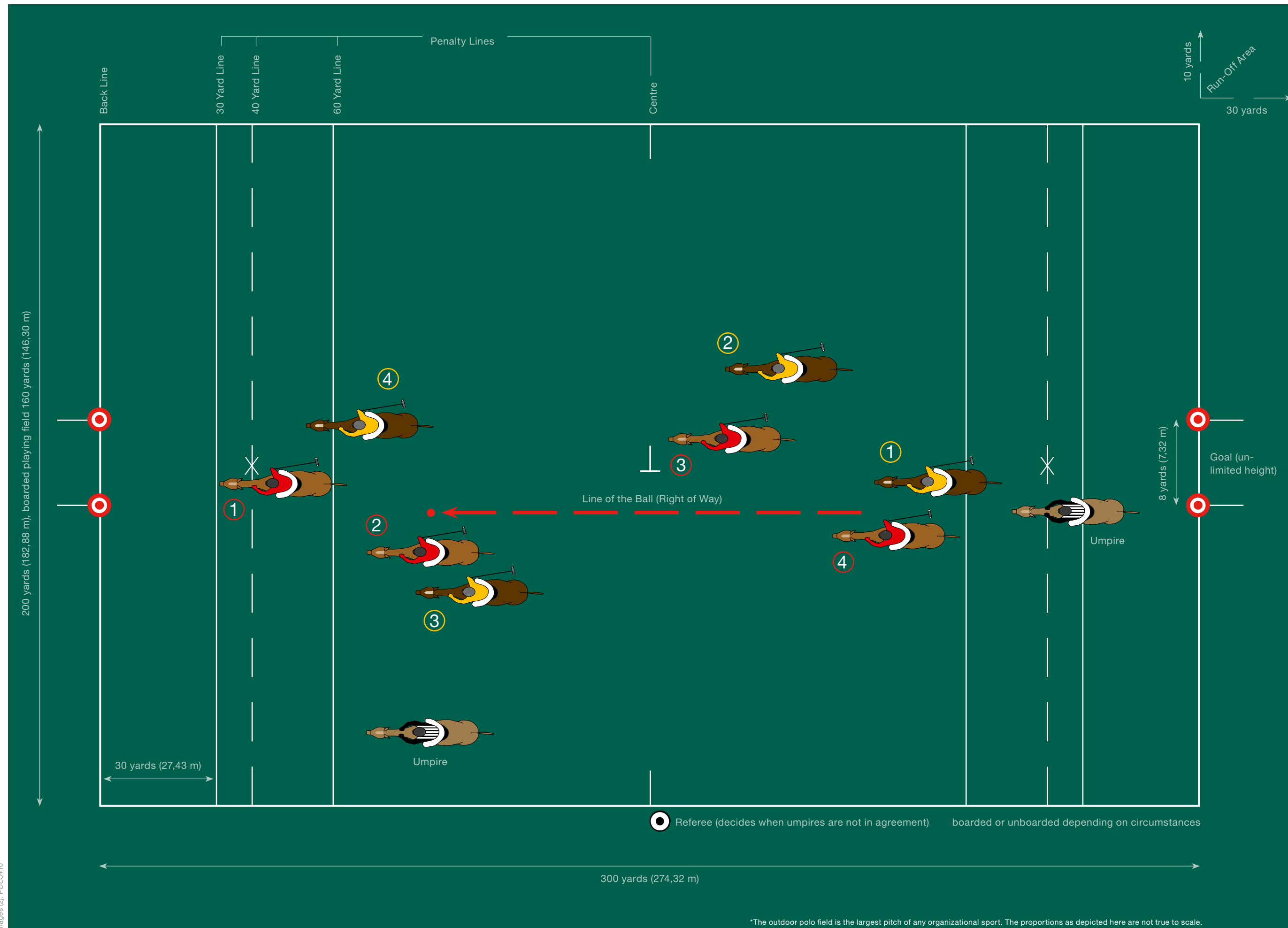
Mark Holmes is one of the best and continuously booked certified umpires in the international polo world. Here, he explains in detail everything you need to know about the different kinds of penalty in the sport of polo.

BY MARK HOLMES



Image: Mark Holmes





The rules of polo and penalties can appear to be very complicated to players, whether new or old, and spectators alike, so my aim is to try and clear them up and simplify them for everyone. As a professional polo umpire we are on the front line in terms of observing players and knowing the rules, and these rules are always subject to interpretations of space, speed and distance.

Generally the rules of polo are intended to keep ponies, players and spectators safe and if we as players and umpires keep this in mind then hopefully we can enjoy safe and fast polo. The principal rule and, in my view, the rule most frequently broken, is the right of way: very simply, the player and horse that are following the exact course of the ball with the ball on their right hand side and moving in the same direction as the ball has the right to safe access to play the ball. Therefore any other player who attempts to play the ball by putting themselves or their horse in the space the first player needs to play the ball would commit a foul.

There has been a move within polo globally to speed up the game and to encourage positive play and prevent players manufacturing fouls or trying to create fouls to win penalties from less experienced players.





Image: Jacques Toffi

**Any infringement of the rules constitutes a foul and the umpires should stop the game unless interrupting the game and awarding a penalty results in a disadvantage to the team fouled.**

**Positioning the Ball:** For a free hit, making a tee is not allowed. One player only may position the ball. Once the umpire has called ‘Play’, the striker must take no longer than fifteen seconds to start to take the hit.  
***Comment Mark Holmes:** This is an interesting situation: The quality of polo fields has improved hugely in recent years so as a consequence players are finding it more difficult to find natural tees to place the ball prior to taking penalties (usually 60 yarders). I have seen on many occasions players race off to the spot the penalty is to be taken from, and stopping quickly to try to create a area to place the ball on.*

**Penalty 1** If, in the opinion of the umpires, a player commits a dangerous or deliberate foul in the vicinity of goal in order to save a goal, the team fouled shall be awarded one goal.  
***Comment Mark Holmes:** Not a penalty that is awarded very frequently in field polo, perhaps I would award 1 or 2 season, mainly if the play has been extremely dangerous.*

**Penalty 2 - Hit from the Spot or 30 Yard Hit.** One free hit 30 yards from the goal line of the team that has fouled opposite the middle of the goal or, if preferred, a free hit from the spot (spot hit) where the foul occurred, the choice to rest with the Captain of the team fouled. A spot hit is not offered if the foul occurred outside the 30 yard line.

***Comment Mark Holmes:** Umpires would award this if a foul was caused in a very dangerous situation or if the attacking players were within the 30yard zone or when the umpire believes there was a strong possibility of the attacking team scoring.*

**Penalty 2a. Spot Hit.** If the team fouled chooses to take the penalty from the spot where the foul occurred, the team facing the hit may defend the hit but may not be within 30 yards of the ball or in front of their back line, nor enter the field of play through the goal posts during this phase of play; players from the team taking the hit shall be positioned behind the ball.  
**Penalty 2b. 30 Yard Hit Un defended.**  
***Comment Mark Holmes:** If the foul occurred within the 30 yard zone the attacking team can choose between a hit from the spot where the foul was or a hit from the 30 yard line directly in front of the goal with 1 shot undefended. If the penalty is taken from the spot the attacking team can play the ball more than once, but it can be defended, but they must be 30 yards from the ball before it is hit or hit at and the mustn’t enter between the goal posts.*

**Penalty 3 - 40 Yard Hit Defended.**  
***Comment Mark Holmes:** Another attacking penalty, there is no spot penalty option, the ball will be placed by the umpire on the 40 yard line directly in front of the goal. The striker of the ball must hit with the intention of scoring with one shot. All defending players must be behind the goal line, not in the goal and cannot ride out between the post to try to stop the ball, the may ride across the goal (not between the posts) once the ball has been hit or hit at, but may not entry the field until the attacking play has been made. Simply 1 or more players will ride across the goal as the ball is hit and try to block it from going in the goal.*

**Penalty 4 – 60 Yard Hit.** One free hit by the team fouled from the centre of the 60 yard line nearest the goal of the team that has fouled.  
***Comment Mark Holmes:** A less severe penalty. The attacking team may place themselves where they like, the defending team must be behind the 30 yard line. The ball must be hit with the intent of scoring with one shot, the ball remains live once it has been hit and play continues*

**Penalty 5 – Spot or Centre.**  
**Penalty 5a: Hit from the Spot.** A free hit from the spot where the ball was when the foul occurred, but at least 4 yards from the boards or side lines.  
***Comment Mark Holmes:** This penalty would be awarded in order to give the ball back to the defending team, often if the defending team is on the back hand, so little offensive progress would be made, therefore having a stationary ball and going forward would be deemed enough of an advantage.*

**Penalty 5b: Hit from the Centre.** A free hit from the centre of the playing Field.  
***Comment Mark Holmes:** If the foul occurred within the defending teams half or they were going across the field and it was a less severe foul the umpires can place the ball in the middle of the field, the attacking team can place themselves where the like, the defending team has to be 30 yards from the ball, umpires can give this penalty if in their opinion a shot at goal would be too harsh.*

**Penalty 6 – Safety 60.** One free hit from a spot on the 60 yard line opposite where the ball crossed the back line, but no more than 40 yards outwards from the centre of the goal.

***Comment Mark Holmes:** The polo equivalent to a corner kick in football. For example if the team defending hits the ball over their own goal / back line.*

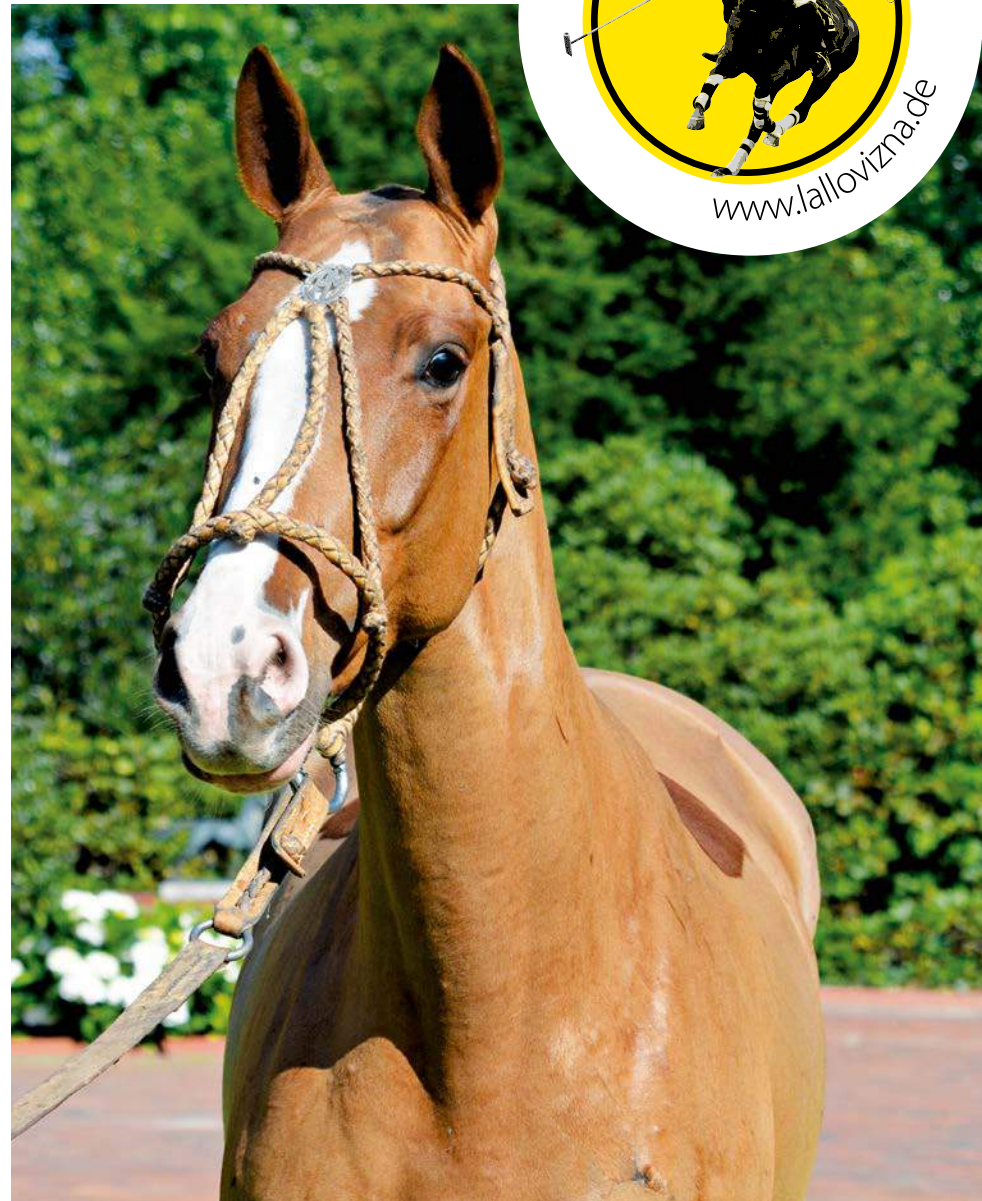
**Penalty 8a – Throw In.** A throw in from the spot where the penalty was taken or due to be taken, towards the nearest boards, but if in the middle of the field of play with the right arm of the umpire nearest the back line.  
***Comment Mark Holmes:** This can be used if the umpires disagree regarding a foul in order to re start the game, or if a penalty is cancelled, incorrectly taken or for wasting time.*

**Penalty 10a: Sent off for 2 Minutes of Playing Time (Yellow Flag).** This may run across two chukkas. The referee will fly a yellow flag at the start of any 2 minute suspension which he will lower when the two minutes of play has been completed.  
***Comment Mark Holmes:** This is a “sin bin” used for unsportsmanlike behaviour or persistent breach of the rules. It can be issued for a single offence or after a second yellow flag. This has helped umpires hugely with talking to the umpire, excessive appealing or bad language etc. 1 yellow card normally is sufficient to get better conduct players, as they don’t wish to be sent off for 2 minutes. This is a new addition to 2016 rules, in my opinion this has helped umpires create a cleaner quieter game.*

**Penalty 10b: Sent off for the Rest of the Match (Red Flag).** The sent off player may be substituted but only by a qualified player of the same handicap or less after 2 minutes of playing time as above.  
***Comment Mark Holmes:** For very sever abuse, violence, bad language or a second sending off offence. ●*



# Schockemöhle Polo Stud



## + Breeding

The Schockemöhle Polo Stud is the biggest one in Europe in terms of the number of stallions of the breed Polo Argentino. No goal, no win, if the horse is not fast, not agile, not fit enough. The quality of the polo horses you play decide the match. The Schockemöhle Polo Stud provides best conditions for the breeding of four-legged top athletes. Vanessa Schockemöhle, daughter of equestrian legend Alwin Schockemöhle, has started her own breeding programme in 2011. All stallions are registered in the SRA (Sociedad Rural Argentina) of the "Asociación Argentina de Polo". All foals receive papers that identify them as horses of the breed Polo Argentino. Information about the stud fee is available on request. Learn more about the stallions online at [www.pologestuet-schockemoehle.de](http://www.pologestuet-schockemoehle.de).

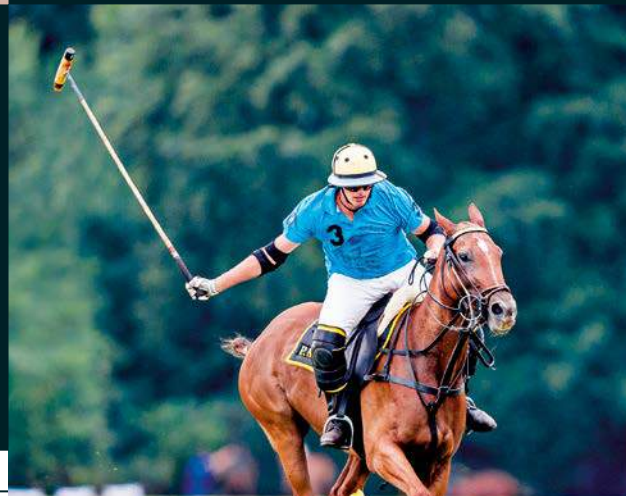
## + Sale

Schockemöhle Polo Stud has excellent quality horses for sale. Horses are available to suit all abilities at any level. They are all schooled for polo and have been played in matches. We also offer talented youngsters from our own breeding. Trying our horses couldn't be easier. Let us know the type of horse you are looking for and your budget and we will organize a practice. Transport can be arranged to anywhere in Europe.



## + Hiring

Who hires horses at Schockemöhle Polo Stud, books an all-inclusive package. We provide horses for lessons, chukkas and polo tournaments in Germany and in other European countries. No matter if you are a pro or a beginner: We will find the optimum four-legged partner for you. All horses for hire are in top condition and have excellent playing experience. Our grooms come along with the horses and take care of everything. All you need to do is playing polo. Enjoy the game!



## + Livery

A balanced nutrition, appropriate training and movement will positively influence the performance of your polo horses. Our spacious, modern facilities with two polo fields offer horses and riders optimal conditions. Unique in Europe is our roofed, more than one kilometer long exercise track, which allows a weather independent training at any time of the year. At Schockemöhle Polo Stud we supply a range of options from stable rental to full livery, a polo management service, buying, selling and rental of horses, organising polo professionals, grooms and tournaments, to the day to day care of your horses and polo. Please contact us for further information.



## + Coaching

The Schockemöhle Polo Stud in Mühlen is one of Germany's top addresses when it comes to play polo. Here you can learn from the best: With a handicap of 3 goals polo professional Patrick Maleitzke participates in all major tournaments in Germany. He is regarded as a highly talented player of his generation. This year he became vice-European champion as team captain of the German national team at the "1st FIP Arena Polo European Championship" in Azerbaijan. Operating from the very heart of the "Oldenburger Münsterland", the Schockemöhle Polo Stud offers the ultimate environment to master the magnificent sport of polo. The club offers a range of lessons, training days, instructional chukkas, low, medium and high goal tournaments in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, benefitting from world-class facilities in an incomparable setting. Unlike in many other German polo clubs, the excellent conditions at the Schockemöhle Polo Stud enable to join in throughout the year.



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We provide first class horse transportation services to anywhere in Europe. Using trucks and trailers that are specially equipped for the transport of horses, we ensure that your horses arrive at their destination safe and sound. The travel route will be professionally and carefully planned by us, so that our four-legged passengers arrive as quickly as possible.

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BY JAN-ERIK FRANCK

Greetings and a very warm welcome to you all and to the latest edition of JEF’s polo column. I hope you all had a great summer and are already looking forward to the arena polo season which has already started & snow polo season which is now just around the corner. What amazing season 2016 was, especially as it not only took me to several new destinations but it also got me back in the saddle and playing again. So after a very exciting winter season 2015/16, which ended as always on a high in Maastricht at the end of March, my 1<sup>st</sup> first stop was Ibiza for first edition of “The POLO+10 Patrons’ Cup” where I caught up with my dear old friend Gabriel Iglesias who has done an amazing job the last 4 years in developing his club on the island. Great atmosphere with very laid-back members who like to play just as hard off the field as on... (if ya know what I mean)

It was then off again with POLO+10 for POLO+10 World Tour but this time in Morocco and as guests of Monsieur Patrick Guerrand-Hermès. What an amazing place!! If you get the chance, even if just to see it, it’s well worth it. Stunning colours in a very raw, natural and set scenery with a beautiful carpet of the greenest polo fields you can imagine right on the beach. Superb facilities and a very warm and welcoming vibe. Hope to be back next year guys. It was then back up north to Europe where for the next 5 months from May until September I spent time in Poland, Germany, Holland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Really good polo at all levels with many new and friendly faces. Another first for me this year was visiting a town I had heard & read a lot about and had always wanted to visit: Dresden. I now know and understand why it is widely regarded as one of Germany’s most beautiful cities. The end of the season took me back to Holland for the first ever arena polo tournament held on the Museums square in the heart of Amsterdam. Partnering up with The Van Gogh museum, The Rijksmuseum, Stedelijk museum and the Royal Concert hall, all situated on this world famous square, the stage was set for what was an historic occasion. As in Maastricht, Paul Meulemans and his team who had been working hard on staging this tournament for several years, again hosted an amazing 3 day event. The very horse-passionate Dutch came out in full force to watch some excellent arena polo displayed by arena 10-goaler Chris Hydye who won the tournament alongside Jos Houben, Teun Swinkels and the very talented young Nils van der Hoeven.

I think it’s great that polo is making itself known and gaining awareness in more and more places all over the world which will hopefully also encourage a greater following and contribute in cultivating an even bigger generation of future polo players. So, I think that just about covers it for now except to thank all the great people who looked after me this year, the new friends I made and the old friends I was able to catch up with and play polo throughout the season.

For now I wish you and your families a very happy and merry festive season and all the best for 2017. See y’all on the field,

Best, Jan-Erik

Yves and Estelle Wagner

My friends father Yves and daughter Estelle Wagner...

“For the past three years, Estelle Wagner has worked at the Schockemöhle polo stud farm with Patrick Maleitzke and spends almost every weekend with her father Yves Wagner at a polo tournament in Germany or elsewhere. This year, around twenty tournaments were played in Germany and Estelle’s team achieved first place at the Arena Spring Cup in Rulle, the German Season Opener in Mühlen, Hanseatic Dolzer Polo Cup in Appel, the Lanson Cup in Hamburg and the Silver Cup of the German Beach Polo Championship in Sellin. They also won second place in the World Polo Trophy on Snow, the Maimarkt Turnier in Mannheim and the Berenberg German Polo Masters on Sylt for the Silver Cup. A highlight for Estelle was her first match in England at the famous Arena Gold Cup. For 2017, they are focusing on tournaments in southern France where Estelle and Yves will work with French professional Olivier Girard.”



Image: Yves Wagner

Gabriel Iglesias

My loco bro from the sunny island of Ibiza ...

“Season 2016 has really been a success. After I came to the Club with POLO+10 they had the famous event Ibiza Beach Polo Cup, this year was the seventh edition. It’s amazing how time goes by! Afterwards Gabriel and his team hosted the Sunset Cup and the Copa Hispanidad. Players from all over the world visited the Ibiza Polo Club: people from Philippines, Canada, USA and Singapore. The Club has become a polo destination for the whole family. That’s why the tournaments for Christmas time and New Year are interesting for European families, who want to spend a polo holiday in winter. Next season is going to be even better, says Gabriel. They increase the number of tournaments and will improve the polo school. And they continue their special clothing IBIZA POLO CLUB line by HV POLO. For 2017 Gabriel has launched a very nice new collection which is sold all over the world and of course at our polo boutique.



Image: POLO+10

Caesar Guinazu

The ever professional ...

“After we met in Hamburg last June, Caesar was more than happy to see his son Nicolas (Tuki) who was playing in Paris Bagatelle and Chantilly. At the end of July he went to Sotogrande, as he was called by Santa Maria PC for the big season. There he was in charge of the General Directorate of the tournament, working side by side with Santiago Torreguitar, and also as coordinator of the umpires. A job of great responsibility considering the magnitude of this tournaments. After Sotogrande Caesar returned to umpire some tournaments in Switzerland and France. He spent October in Spain to finalize the European season with the tournament in the city of Barcelona. A place that drives him crazy, but it was a chance to see his daughter Delfina who lives and goes to college there. At this moment he is in Buenos Aires, enjoying the Argentine Open and umpiring for the AAP. The season in Dubai that begins on 20 January, where for the third year he is in charge of the Gold Cup Series Management.”



Image: POLO+10

Matthias Ludwig

The beach polo organisers in Warnemünde by the Baltic Sea

“After the organiser of the Baltic Polo Event, the beach polo tournament that was founded in Warnemünde in 2011, had to cancel the 2014 event because of a lack of sponsors, new organiser Matthias Ludwig appointed me host in 2015. He also brought on board my friends Mark Holmes (umpire) and Uwe Zimmermann (tournament director) in order to bring in a proven and well-known team from the world of international polo. The 2015 and 2016 tournaments went really well and were a lot of fun. As the title sponsor, Aston Martin Berlin will present the beach polo chukkas in 2017 and S.T. Dupont will also be there as a new team sponsor. Matthias was previously involved in polo on Usedom and in Binz as a sponsor. In Warnemünde he has achieved mega success. I’m looking forward to having my charming colleague Rommy Arndt from n-tv by my side again to present the colourful side of the event.”



Image: SuccoMedia





# POLO DOC

## SPEED UP YOUR RECOVERY

Regeneration: Play longer – play better. Polo Doc Dr. Adreas Krüger from Zurich explains approved and established methods to regenerate from exhausting polo chukkas.

BY DR. ANDREAS KRÜGER, DR. MARCO TOIGO PHOTOGRAPHY TONY RAMIREZ – IMAGESOFFPOLO.COM

Regeneration and recovery is an essential part of any post-play routine. Your after-game recovery routine has a big impact on your performance on the field and allows you to play much more effectively. Unfortunately, most people don't have an after game recovery plan. Here are some tips to get your post-game plans on track.

### Why regeneration after the game is important

Recovery after game is essential to muscle and tissue repair. This is even more critical when playing under harsh conditions like heat and sun. A muscle needs anywhere from 24 to 48 hours to repair and rebuild, and working it again too soon simply leads to tissue breakdown instead of recovery.

### Fluid management and nutrition

Replace the fluids and drink water before during and after the chukka

You lose a lot of fluid during the game and ideally, you should be replacing it during the chukka, but filling up after the game is an easy way to boost your recovery. Water supports every metabolic function and nutrient transfer in the body and having plenty of water will

improve every bodily function. Adequate fluid replacement is even more important for tournament in harsh environments where you lose large amounts of water during the chukkas. Ideally, you should try to eat within 60 minutes of the end of your game and make sure you include some high-quality protein and complex carbohydrate.

### Perform active regeneration

Stretch after each game. After a tough game, consider gentle stretching. This is a simple and fast way to help your muscles.

### Perform active regeneration

Easy, gentle movement improves circulation which helps promote nutrient and waste product transport throughout the body. In theory, this helps the muscles repair and refuel faster.

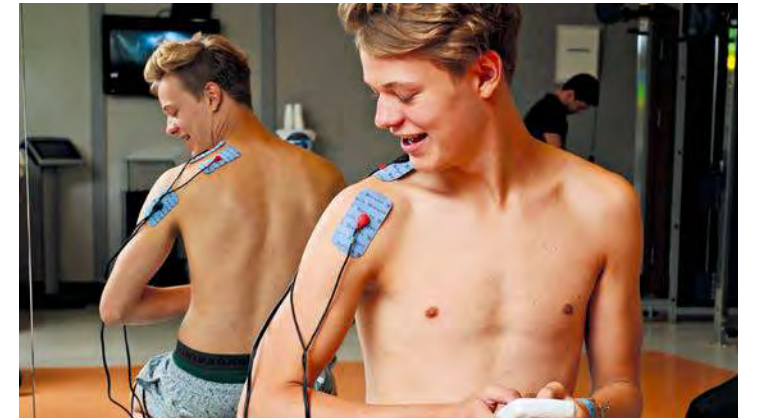
### Compex

Compex brings fresh oxygen and nutrients to the muscles to flush toxins out within 4 to 6 minutes, letting you recover faster through electrical stimulation and smooth contraction of the muscle. Different programmes can be used.

## MUSCLESTIMULATION



**Active Recovery** This programme has three parts to it. The first part with its rapid contractions at 9Hz, 8 Hz and 7Hz squeezes the blood out of the capillary beds, flushes out the waste products from the work done, and makes room for fresh blood to supply the muscle with the oxygen and nutrients it needs to recover. The second part of the programme, with contractions occurring at 6 Hz, 5 Hz, and 4Hz, stimulates the production of endorphins for an analgesic response. The third part of the programme relaxes the muscle with contractions at 3 Hz, 2 Hz, and 1 Hz. **Recovery Plus** This programme has both the flush and endorphin productions parts found in the Active Recovery programme. There is a greater emphasis on the endorphin production however. This programme was written to meet the recovery needs of those involved in very hard efforts day after day.



**Massage** This programme is dedicated to relaxing the muscle. Ischemic or knotted muscles will relax to allow better blood flow to the muscle, and sore muscles are relieved.

### Active Recovery Programme

The “Compex® Sport” Active Recovery cool-down programme produces muscle twitches at a very low frequency. Those twitches act like a massage and induce an increase in blood flow. They are responsible for a faster reduction of the lactic acid blood level (much better than mere rest) and accelerate the exchanges between muscle fibers and blood. Consequently, the stimulated muscles recuperate better from fatigue and the player has a feeling of relaxation and muscle lightness. This type of cool-down programme is recommended after hard games and competitions.

## COMPRESSION & COLD THERAPY



### NormaTec is the leader in rapid recovery

The NormaTec PULSE Recovery Systems are dynamic compression devices designed for recovery and rehab. The NormaTec's patented PULSE technology is designed to help athletes recover faster between trainings and after performance. The systems include a control unit and attachments which go on the legs, arms, or hips. They use compressed air to massage your limbs, mobilize fluid, and speed recovery with our patented NormaTec Pulse Massage Pattern. When you use our systems, you will first experience a pre-inflate cycle, during which the connected attachments are molded to your exact body shape. The session will then begin by compressing your feet, hands, or upper quad (depending on which attachment you are using). Similar to the kneading and stroking done during a massage, each segment of the attachment will first compress in a pulsing manner and then release. This will repeat for each segment of the attachment as the compression pattern works its way up your limb.



### Gameready

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# LA MARTINA

La Martina leads the way of innovation in high tech products for polo. Now the equipment and lifestyle brand presents the first ever saddle made from an indestructible carbon fiber core structure, designed and carefully crafted following the highest standards that give the brand its worldly supremacy.

BY HALINA SCHMIDT PHOTOGRAPHY LA MARTINA



The sport of polo is all about speed and adrenaline – and the higher the speed the bigger the risk for the polo player as well as the horse. For this reason safety is the most important thing when playing polo. Since its foundation in 1985, the polo equipment and lifestyle brand La Martina has put the polo players' and horses' safety as the most important goal of its activity. During the years this goal has led to make considered choices about investments, timing and resources. By investing in technical equipment, conducting research in laboratories, and developing cutting edge products, La Martina is consistently leading the way in safety and performance on the polo field. Since 2008, major and strategic investments have taken place in research and development of new technologies linked to polo equipment and gear.

But La Martina isn't just the market frontrunner for technical equipment; it also leads the way of innovation in high tech products for polo. Through the "Evolution Series", La Martina offers polo players the safest, most comfortable, cutting edge polo gear in the world. During these past years helmets, boots, kneepads, elbow pads, gloves and saddles have been developed, showing tangible signs of modernization along the way.

Polo players have shown their appreciation towards these initiatives, renewing their trust by choosing La Martina over any other competitor. Lía Salvo, best female polo player in the globe: "I am a true enthusiast of all La Martina Evolution Series products. The boots are amazing; I own a pair in every colour combination there is! The protection they provide is high standard, relieving that worry off my mind when I'm playing".

Now La Martina presents the first ever saddle made from an indestructible carbon fiber core structure, designed and carefully crafted following the highest standards that give the brand its worldly supremacy. The saddle, part of the "Evolution Series" category, has a key asset related to its weight, being 50% lighter than a traditional one, delivering a clear advantage to the horse by considerably reducing the weight they have to carry when performing inside the field. After many years of research and development, something truly unique has been achieved for the high handicap polo community. The use of carbon fiber allows the saddle to



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maintain its position while being extremely elastic and able to better absorb impact, guaranteeing the player's outmost comfort during the game.

Malcolm Borwick, active polo player for England's national team as well as La Martina brand ambassador for over 15 years: "The carbon saddle is the most wonderful improvement this kind of product has ever experienced. It is a clear technological step forward, allowing a much more comfortable and safer riding experience. Additionally, the horse is relieved from almost 4 kilograms off its back, potentiating its well-being like never before". La Martina's main goal is to provide polo players the maximum safety inside the field, without leaving comfort aside. Overall, focusing on the player and the horse's needs, aiming to improve and leverage their athletic performance. The goal is not to supply good equipment – the goal is to supply the best equipment. •

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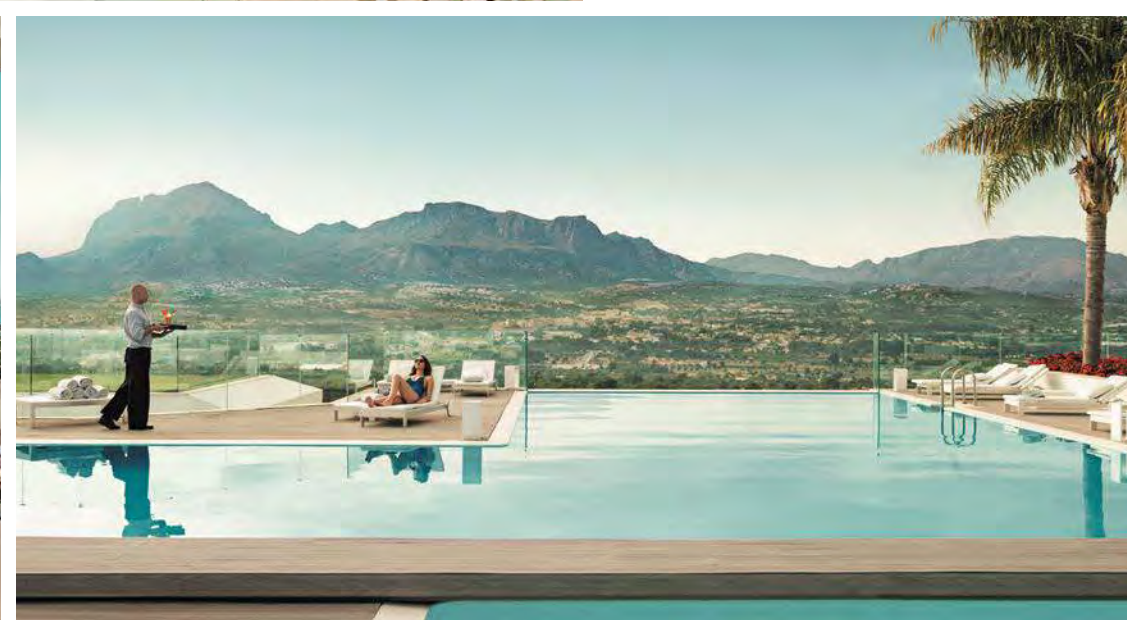
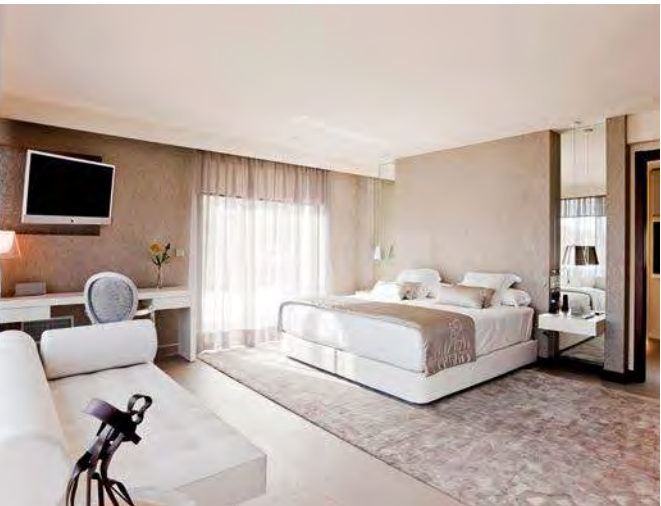


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SHA is a globally pioneering well-being clinic focused on improving and preserving people’s health and well-being through the fusion of the best natural therapies, which are rooted mainly in ancient Eastern wisdom, and the most advanced Western techniques. SHA’s major fields are nutritional and natural therapies (the SHA Method), healthy ageing and non-invasive aesthetic medicine.

PHOTOGRAPHY SHA WELLNESS CLINIC





The SHA Wellness Clinic aims to help society through the care of both mind and body by means of the ideal combination of ancient oriental techniques and the ultimate advances in western medicine, thus re-establishing a harmonious balance between body, mind and spirit. SHA's objective is that its guests feel revitalised, healthy and younger after a pleasant stay, look healthier and leave inwardly and outwardly renewed, giving rise to a fundamental change in their bodies that leads to an improved quality of life, slows down the ageing process and prevents illnesses.

The SHA Method combines the effective elements of healthy nutrition and the curative powers of natural therapies with SHA Academy, a dynamic and practical programme of educational activities. SHA offers 14 health programmes, completely personalised to meet the needs of each individual and his or her health goals. The Wellness Clinic aims to teach people how to create and maintain healthy habits to improve their quality of life as well as their mental and physical well-being, helping them to prevent and heal many modern illnesses. Meetings, talks, activities, introductory lessons to macrobiotic cooking, yoga, tai-chi, qi-gong, relaxation, breathing and laughter therapy, as well as many other techniques, give the guests the tools they need to carry on living a healthy life after they leave SHA. Before their arrival at the SHA Wellness Clinic the guest fills in a detailed questionnaire to give the team information about their health and the expectations they have of their visit. During their stay, the medical team and experts in



nutrition and natural therapies adjust the health plan to suit the needs of each person, creating a programme that is in keeping with the desired aims, such as detoxing the body, achieving one's ideal weight, slowing down the ageing process and prevention of premature ageing, stress control and prevention, anti-smoking treatments, the treatment of sleep disorders or recuperation of vitality, among others. On arrival, guests receive a detailed plan of the services and treatments they will enjoy during their stay and they can also consult this plan via the Clinic's exclusive iPad app. SHA

offers guests the chance to use an iPad during their stay where they can discover and share lots of information and multimedia content about their SHA experience in an app especially designed for them.

Located in Albir Beach near the picturesque town of Villa de Altea (an autonomous region of Valencia), SHA sits on a beautiful mountainside overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, part of the Sierra Helada Natural Park, one of Spain's foremost ornithological reserves. The mild microclimate of the area guarantees fantastic temperatures all year round and the area is recognised by the World Health Organisation as having one of the world's best climates, which is in itself an important factor for the maintenance of optimum health. The SHA building is one of the most recent creations by the prestigious Uruguayan architect, Carlos Gilardi, and the prize-winning European designer, Elvira Blanco Montenegro. Five architecturally surprising independent structures interlinked by bridges comprise the overall building, and they contain 92 suites with surface areas of between 80 and 320 m<sup>2</sup>. The complex, which comprises than 27,000 m<sup>2</sup> of buildings and over 15,000 m<sup>2</sup> of gardens, includes large swimming pools and waterfalls, fitness room with Technogym equipment, Pilates and yoga studios and an interactive cooking room, as well as many relaxation areas such as the Zen, Mediterranean and Tropical gardens. The Clinic & Wellness Areas have a surface of more than 6,000 m<sup>2</sup> dedicated to the health and well-being of the guests.

Spa, clinic, luxury resort? None of these definitions fully describe the concept of the SHA Wellness Clinic; it is all of these and much more. It is a life-changing experience where health is not seen as simply the absence of illness, but rather as an optimal state of physical, mental and spiritual well-being that is in harmony with the environment, where the person is at their ideal weight and enjoys a great sense of vitality.

[www.shawellnessclinic.com](http://www.shawellnessclinic.com)





# VIETNAM'S JEWEL

Phu Quoc, Vietnam's largest island, is still a secret tip for those in the know. The five-star Salinda Resort is the first luxury beach resort on the island and authentically combines Vietnamese style with elegance and luxurious comfort.

PHOTOGRAPHY SALINDA RESORT PHU QUOC ISLAND

Inviting and elegant beaches, largely untouched nature, a relaxed atmosphere, friendly locals and great opportunities to go scuba diving and snorkelling in the crystal clear water as well as colourful coral reefs – with its tropical jungles, Phu Quoc is one of the pearls of Asia's coast that remains largely undiscovered. It is not for nothing that it is called the “Ko Samui of Vietnam”.

As the first luxury beach resort on the island, the Salinda Resort Phu Quoc Island opened its doors in October 2014. The 5-star hotel is just ten minutes away from the airport and is situated on the west coast directly on the 20 km Long Beach, surrounded by palm trees, a mango garden and natural river course that flows through the resort. The modern design concept of the hotel follows the maxim “luxury lies in simplicity” and emphasises the beauty of the natural surroundings in which the complex is located. The natural colours, materials and elements that were used in the furnishing of the Salinda Resort go well with the lush tropical vegetation on the island. The 121 spacious deluxe rooms, villas and suites are equipped with all modern comforts such as a king size bed, desk,

iPod docking station, individually adjustable air conditioning, satellite TV, minibar, safe and large bathroom with shower or bath and all have their own private balcony. Two restaurants leave no culinary wish unfulfilled. The “Salinda Restaurant” serves authentic Vietnamese and modern Indian dishes against the backdrop of a public open view kitchen with a view of the beach and sea. At “Casa Italiana”, the Italian head chef offers traditional and modern Italian cuisine comprising homemade pasta, fish and seafood. Wellness fans can allow themselves to be spoilt at the Salinda Spa in a relaxing, natural atmosphere with signature treatments such as the pearl massage and golden caviar face treatment. The oasis of well-being is spread out across two floors and comprises seven treatment rooms, steam room, sauna, rain showers and jacuzzi and is the only spa in Vietnam that is operated by an experienced spa team from Thailand.

By the way: the Salinda Resort got its name from the daughters of the hotel owner, Sandra and Linda.

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ME Ibiza is a realm of design and personalised service surrounded by sun, yachts and 360° views of white sand beaches. By the way: It's the first modern luxury hotel in Ibiza to be a member of the Leading Hotels of the World.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN PHOTOGRAPHY ME IBIZA



# ME IBIZA

ME Ibiza is a sophisticated beachside retreat at the heart of the Mediterranean's undisputed capital of exclusivity and international glamour. This is where sophistication blends with boho, where local culture welcomes travelers from far and wide, and where the music beats to your own individual rhythm. Nestled in a secluded bay with direct yacht access, this luxury hotel enjoys an almost private feel, perfect for those seeking both relaxation and play.

With 176 bedrooms and 29 deluxe suites showcasing a minimalist, Ibiza-inspired decor, ME Ibiza presents a truly indulgent experience for the lifestyle traveler. Take down a comforting massage or a range of other treatments at the soothing Skin Inc Spa up on the Rooftop, where your relaxation will be enhanced by the stunning 360° views of the island's famous white sandy beaches. Spacious rooms with a clean and minimalist feel are designed with the same ground-breaking style that inspires every corner of the hotel. ME Ibiza offers an impressive variety of spacious bedrooms and deluxe suites. Each one showcases a selection of bright and minimalist furniture with vibrant Ibiza touches, combining some local vibe with a crisp and contemporary environment. Thanks to a range of unexpected features and personalized details, ME Ibiza makes guests

feel comfortable and completely at home. Lavish touches that add to the experience include awesome in-room bars, digital media hubs with Bluetooth connections, mood lighting, superior quality bed linen, luxury rain showers and premium bathroom amenities. ME Ibiza presents an array of exclusive pools, adapting to the preferences of almost any traveler. The Rooftop provides a VIP experience with dazzling views accompanied by an infinity style pool and an array of bali beds, available only for adults. The ground floor presents an upbeat environment with daily DJs, bali beds and a delicious poolside menu, also available only for adults. Younger guests can enjoy a fun and personalized service in the children's pool with a team of experts offering an selection of activities and games from 10am until 6pm.

The rooftop restaurant serves up fresh seafood and Mediterranean flavours by the pool, bringing you a complete dining experience in the most stylish surroundings. ME Ibiza's close neighbour Nikki Beach, a lavish international beach club, hosts an extensive calendar of on-site events for ME guests to sample as they wish.

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# NAY PALAD

## BY CAROLIN DEKEYSER



Carolyn Dekeyser is the Founder and Creative Director of Nay Palad as well as board member of the Dekeyser&Friends Foundation. Portrait of a wonderful person, fashion globetrotter and visionary of humanity.

PHOTOGRAPHY NAY PALAD



Carolyn Dekeyser is a social entrepreneur and the founder of NAY PALAD, a modern accessories and fashion brand with a social mission. She is also on the board of DEKEYSER&FRIENDS, a family-run foundation that devises and supports projects financially, conceptually and with hands-on help. In 2014, Carolyn saw a singular opportunity to combine fashion with social engagement and sustainability as part of the Compostela Village Project, one of the foundation's largest ongoing initiatives.

### Exceptional Design and Social Entrepreneurship

Carolyn's story began on the island of Cebu in the Philippines. When she was a child, her father Bobby Dekeyser dreamed of starting a furniture company, which would go on to revolutionize the outdoor furniture market with a proprietary synthetic fiber that he had developed. The family moved to Cebu, an island known for its weaving tradition, and he founded DEDON in 1990. Today, the luxury outdoor furniture company operates worldwide. Cherished memories of her childhood in the Philippines kept drawing Carolyn back to Cebu. Carolyn ran DEDON's Hamburg showroom for a few years and later joined the company's American marketing team in New York. In 2009 DEKEYSER&FRIENDS was founded. While Carolyn was in New York, she started working with the foundation and its Compostela Village Project in Cebu, which began in 2010.

The Compostela Village Project aims to provide improved living conditions for over fifty families with children who had been surviving by scavenging a dumpsite on Cebu. The family foundation and its partners built a village in the rainforest on a plot of land owned by DEKEYSER&FRIENDS in order to give families the chance to make a fresh start in their own home in Compostela.

### Handmade With Love in Compostela

Drawing on her family's tradition of excellence in design and socially responsible entrepreneurship, Carolyn founded an ethical accessories and fashion brand that showcases the exceptional craft techniques she encounters on her travels around the world.

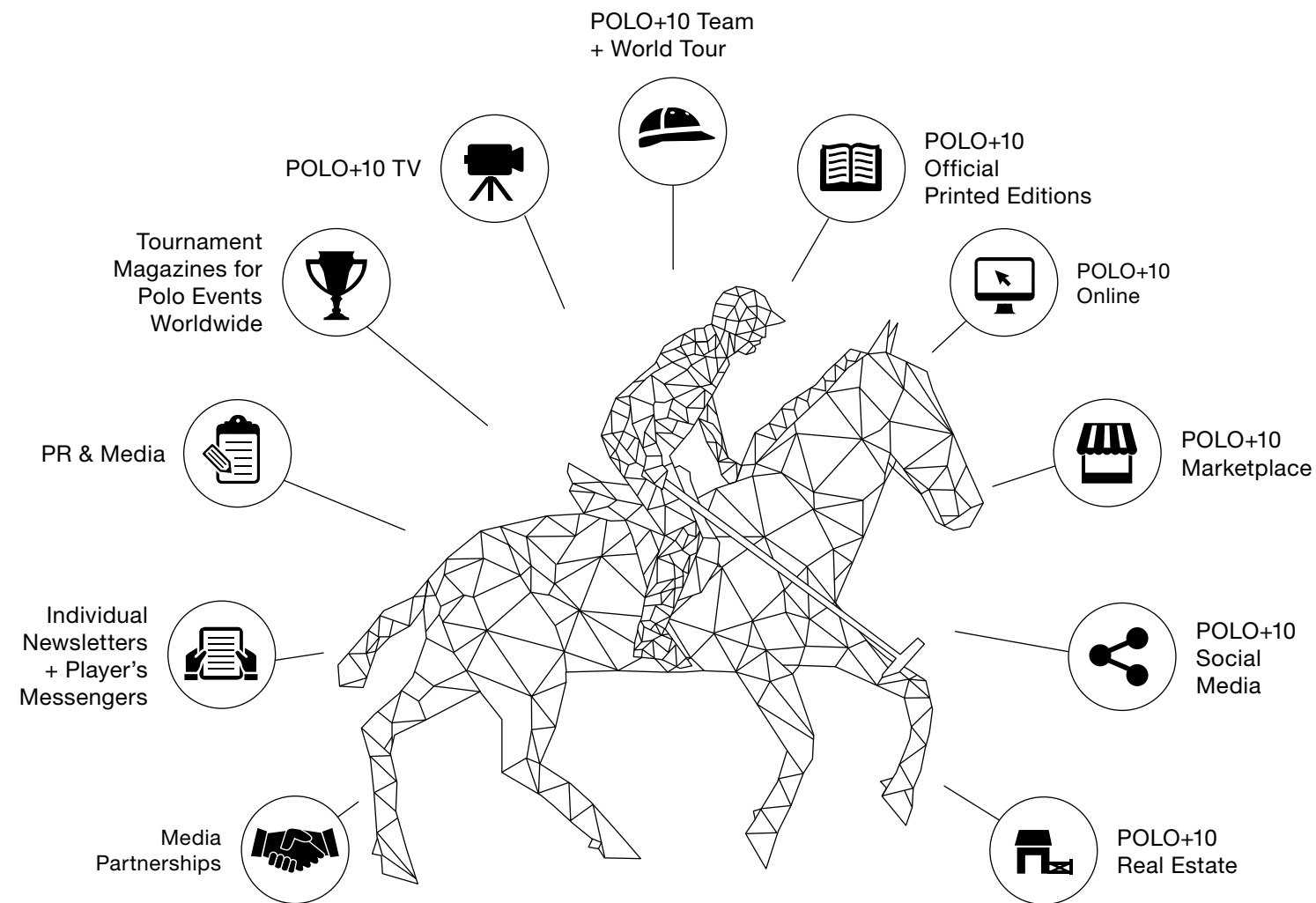


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Her goal was to create unique products with an elegant bohemian sensibility that were more than beautiful – they were also connected to a deeper mission. Through NAY PALAD, she wanted to help preserve cultural wealth and improve the lives of less privileged communities.

Inspired by the passionate people of Compostela and the local craft traditions, Carolin found a way to give the highly motivated women of Compostela a safe and flexible workplace that would allow these women to continue to build autonomous lives while strengthening their families and the community.

NAY PALAD was founded in 2015. The mothers of Compostela now produce a significant part of Nay Palad's collections. The workshop has become a beloved community hub. NAY PALAD's success has allowed an increasing number of women to join the company, ensuring their own and their children's futures.



Compostela Village Project in Cebu in the Philippines.



NAY PALAD's accessories and fashion collections, which are called "journeys," are inspired by Carolin's travels and experiences around the world. Whenever possible, the materials are locally and sustainable sourced in indigenous markets in the places where the products are made. In addition to the products that are handmade in Compostela – the "Compostela Journey" – Carolin is developing other Journeys together with selected manufacturers in Istanbul and Marrakesh.

Carolin continues to work closely with her father on marketing and on various projects for DEDON Island, an intimate "barefoot luxury" resort on the island of Siargao in the Philippines.

In 2015, Carolin moved NAY PALAD'S headquarters to Berlin. She is often on the road with her three rescue dogs, Miss Marple, an English Bulldog, Peggy Sue, a Chihuahua mix and Susie Sue, a mutt from Hungary.

www.naypalad.com





# GULFSTREAM G500 INTERIOR

Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. recently debuted the interior design scheme for the Gulfstream G500, one of the company's newest aircraft. Customers around the world will get to experience the G500 in flight when it goes into service in 2017.

PHOTOGRAPHY GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE CORP.

The wide-cabin G500 has been designed by Gulfstream to exceed passengers' expectations of comfort, flexibility and in-flight connectivity, and the guidance for that design came directly from Gulfstream customers. Who better to seek input from than those who spend hours at a time on long-range flights and know first-hand what they need to be productive and rested? "The G500 interior was designed in close collaboration with our customers and provides an industry-defining, unmatched passenger experience," said Mark Burns, president, Gulfstream. "Since revealing the redesigned G600 cabin last year, we have gathered extensive feedback. We combined that feedback with additional customer insights, to deliver a customer-centric interior design for the G500."

The centerpiece of the new G500 interior is the seat design. With the G500's ability to fly 5,000 nautical miles/9,260 kilometers at Mach 0.85 or 3,800 nm/7,038 km at Mach 0.90, nine-tenths the speed of sound, seats are the focal point. They incorporate design innovations and ergonomic enhancements that result in absolute comfort. As a result, fatigue levels over the long-haul flights the G500 can make are vastly reduced. The starting point for cabin customization is Gulfstream's new design themes: Classic, Layered, Sport, Minimalist and Next Gen. Each theme presents a uniquely structured seat with corresponding furniture, colors, fabrics and carpet patterns. The themes are in no way a room in a box – they are a launching pad for customers to create the cabin environment

that is perfectly suited to them and to how they will use their Gulfstream G500. Customization continues throughout the cabin with a focus on flexibility. The aircraft has forward and aft lavatories and a full-size galley that can be located either forward or aft. The galley features an optional steam oven, an interchangeable beverage maker and a refrigerator that can be placed above or below the counter, depending on the desire for storage or counter space. Customizable flooring options like stone and wood can be selected for the entry, galley and lavatories. The G500 cabin features three living areas and can seat up to 19 people. Passengers can work, dine, relax and sleep while on board. The cabin also allows passengers to stay connected through satellite communications and various internet options, including Jet ConneX, the high-speed Ka-band broadband service. The cabin management system gives passengers control of the lighting, window shades, temperature and entertainment options through touchscreen devices. The G500 cabin is also the quietest in the industry. It has the lowest cabin altitude and 100 percent fresh air that boost mental awareness and reduce fatigue, along with 14 panoramic windows that allow for an abundance of natural light. Whether you are hopping from north to south, heading from coast to coast or circling the globe, the G500 and its cabin design will get you there in unparalleled style, safety and comfort.

[www.gulfstream.com](http://www.gulfstream.com)





LUXURY, SPORTS & STYLE

# MASERATI

It is not possible to imagine the history and development of automobiles without the Italian car brand Maserati.

BY HALINA SCHMIDT PHOTOGRAPHY MASERATI

It all started more than one hundred years ago, when on 1 December 1914 the Maserati brothers Alfieri, Ernesto and Ettore set up their own business in Bologna, modifying vehicles by Isotta Fraschini for road racing. By 1926, they had produced their own racing car, the Maserati Tipo 26, which promptly won its class in the Targa Florio, an open road endurance automobile race back then held in the mountains of Sicily near Palermo, of that year. In the 1930s, '40s and '50s, Maserati enjoyed success after success on the racetrack.

1947 saw the company turn its attention to the manufacture of passenger cars and in the course of that introduced a number of important innovations, such as twin-spark ignition, disc brakes and fuel injection. In 1963, Maserati showcased the world's first luxury four-door sports sedan, the Quattroporte and, in the late '60s and '70s, launched a series of ultra-high performance supercars, the Mistral, Khamsin, Bora, and the first Ghibli. Today Maserati boasts a class-leading range that covers the entire luxury sector of the international car market, and is seeing ever-growing interest in the legendary 'Marque of the Trident'.

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QUATTROPORTE

When Maserati presented the first Quattroporte at the 1963 Turin Motor Show, it not only launched the fastest four-door car in the world, but also introduced a whole new category to the marketplace: the luxury sports sedan. The concept was a revolutionary one: take a successful Maserati racing engine and place it inside the body of a sedan. No one had attempted this before. With its exceptional handling and a race-bred V8 engine, the Quattroporte became the fastest sedan

in the world. In the following 50 years, the Quattroporte has remained as Maserati’s flagship model. Today, with the New Quattroporte launched in 2016, the luxury sports sedan is available with two new exclusive trim options: GranSport and GranLusso. An executive sedan with a racing pedigree, the Quattroporte combines luxury and comfort with state-of-the-art engineering. The Quattroporte has remained Maserati’s flagship model.



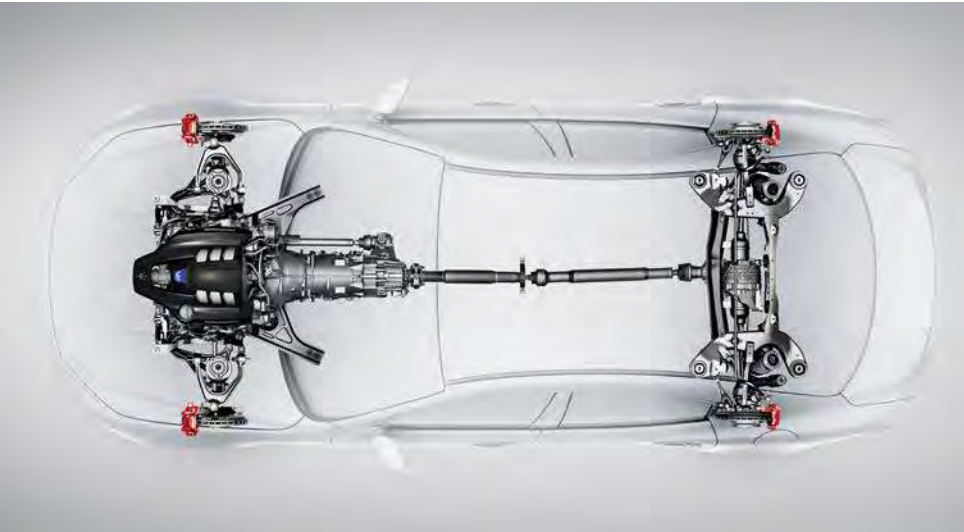
LEVANTE

The Levante is a genuine Maserati SUV. This unique SUV embodies all the engineering prowess, the aesthetic taste and attention to detail that customers worldwide associate with the brand. The Levante’s extraordinarily spacious interiors features exquisite design and the latest in audio and visual technology, to ensure unbeatable comfort for passengers and drivers alike. The Levante is also a 100% pure SUV, with a powerful Maserati engine, state-of-the-art security features and unbeatable handling, capable of dominating any type of terrain.



GHIBLI

A re-envisioning of the classic 1967 model, the Ghibli encapsulates the intrepid, bold soul of Maserati. From the sinuous lines of its design, to the power of its engine, the Ghibli’s confidence, verve and beauty envelop its driver as soon as they wrap their fingers around the three-spoke leather-clad steering wheel. Named after an exotic wind, like many other Maseratis before it. The styling of the Maserati Ghibli is simply breathtaking from whichever angle it is seen, with gorgeous lines, curves and contours that invite not only a long and admiring gaze but also a gentle fingertip caress. Key to the Ghibli’s dramatic, yet elegant appearance is its stunning silhouette and frameless door windows that give this four door sedan the appearance of a sports coupé. The front of the car is dominated by the distinctive Maserati grille, with concave vertical fillets inspired by the legendary Maserati A6GCS Berlinetta, whilst in the middle, there is the marque’s iconic trident badge.



Q4 SYSTEM

When the going gets particularly tough, sometimes traction from all four wheels is required. That is when the Quattroporte S Q4 and the Ghibli S Q4 come to the fore, providing a on-demand Q4 all-wheel drive to cope with more challenging conditions on the outside. The Q4 system is compact and lightweight, and continually analyses six parameters: driving style, steering angle, yaw angle, speed, wheel slip and power output. The distribution of drive torque between the axles is then varied accordingly.

In normal conditions, Q4 sends all the engine’s torque to the rear wheels, ensuring excellent driving dynamics and optimal fuel consumption. However, if the road surface turns slippery and grip starts to be lost, in just 150 milliseconds the intelligent all-wheel drive system transfers up to 50% of the power to the front wheels for maximum traction. Q4 therefore provides the best of both worlds: a stimulating drive in normal situations, coupled with controlled and balanced handling in the snow and on ice.





# TYPICAL TYROLEAN HOSPITALITY

The Hotel Tennerhof Gourmet & Spa Hotel – Relais & Châteaux is the first 5-star hotel in Kitzbühel and is one of the best hotels in the area. Historic, modern and luxurious – the Tennerhof achieves a balance of all these things in a playful way.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN PHOTOGRAPHY TENNERHOF

For generations, the Tennerhof has spoilt its guests with its exclusive ambience, cosy atmosphere, traditional hospitality and courteous service. It's no wonder then that the 5-star hotel is one of the most popular places to stay in Kitzbühel. Head receptionist Philipp Hink makes it clear what the special charm of the establishment is all about: "We move with the times and always offer our guests a new experience without forgetting our roots. Then there is also the typical Tyrolean hospitality that is lived and breathed by our employees". The Tennerhof is located just a few minutes away from

the town centre on an alpine plateau and offers an amazing view over the rooftops of the town and the Kitzbühel Alps. Calm, but still central, the hotel is the ideal location for a break in the mountains either in summer or winter.

Hiking and mountain biking routes start from right in front of the hotel and a free private shuttle takes guests to the nearby cable cars. After you've conquered the summit, been skiing or enjoyed a walk through the winter landscape, the spacious wellness area "Spa de



Charme", which is a Leading Spa Resort, and the extensive garden with outdoor pool are the perfect place to recover and relax. In culinary terms, the multi-award winning kitchen at the "Kupferstube" leaves no wish unfulfilled. The gourmet restaurant, which has been awarded Gault Millau toques for 30 years in a row, is currently managed by 33-year-old chef Stefan Lenz, who was honoured as the "Chef of the Year" at the world's biggest food trade fair Anuga in Cologne in October 2015. The hotel has been owned by the Pasquali de Campostellato family ever since 1929 and the history of

the estate can be traced back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Historic, modern and luxurious – the Tennerhof achieves a balance of all these things in a playful way. Over the past few years, the 39 rooms and suites, particularly the bathrooms, have all been renovated. The wellness area has also been renovated and expanded with a relaxation room. Right in time for the winter season, guests can expect a larger sauna area and redesigned treatment rooms in the spa area.

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