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THEY DID IT AGAIN

A historic win in the history of polo. At the Palermo Open, La Dolfina once again proved who the strongest team in the world is. In winning, they are the first team to win the Triple Crown three times in a row.



What a final, what a victory. La Dolfina has managed the ultimate win and POLO+10 was there, following all the matches. This is why we decided to dedicate the cover of the current issue to La Dolfina and its historic victory. The Triple Crown in Argentina is still the most important series in international polo and is where benchmarks are set. And the General Assembly of the Federation of International Polo (FIP) here in Buenos Aires is where the foundations for the future have been laid, as they are every year. We know now that Sydney has been chosen as the location for the World Championship 2017 and competitor Florida has lost out. Over the coming year, we can look forward to the European Championship on Berlin's Maifeld, whose event organiser Moritz Gädeke has just been named FIP ambassador by the international federation. We at POLO+10 are very much looking forward to producing the tournament magazine for this high-class event and taking care of the international PR work.

For this issue, we've been on the hunt for the most exciting polo stories from around the world. New Zealand, Singapore, Azerbaijan and Ascona are just some of the locations we want to take you to. We're particularly looking forward to a première in 2016: a polo tournament will take place for the first time on the Croatian Adriatic coast in Rovinj, Istria.

We would like to invite you to join us on an international polo tour with this issue of POLO+10 World. All the best, we'll see you again in spring 2016. Until then, you can follow all our news on www.poloplus10.com •

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MONGOLIA: THE SPORT OF POLO RETURNS

Once polo was very popular in Mongolia. In times of Genghis Khan the sport was part of the training programme of the Mongolian cavalry. But then for centuries polo in Mongolia came to a halt – until the early 1990s.

On a journey through Mongolia the German film-maker Christopher Giercke and his friend Kristjan Edwards discovered the potential in the land of horses and riders. In 1996 the Genghis Khan Polo Club was founded in the Orkhon valley, which is located 360 kilometres in the west of Ulan Bator – today the club is the centre of polo in Mongolia. The club has made it its business to get children and youths into the sport of polo and every year it trains 40-50 children from Nomadic families in summer polo camps. Ang Tshering: “The potential is huge. Each year thirty to forty thousand Mongol children are riding in the summer endurance races. With a greater training opportunity, some of those children could become polo players. So, our aim is to reach them and give them a start, but this will only be successful if we can build international bridges to other polo clubs and initiate exchange programmes for polo trainings.” Such as with the Opiango Polo Farm in Wanstead, New Zealand, owned by Hamish McLean and Harriet Kuru, where Mongolian

boys and girls are training regularly. By now there are four polo clubs in Mongolia. In 2013 the Khaan Polo Club was established, followed by the Mongol Polo Club and the Monfresh Polo Club in 2015. The biggest and most important tournament is the Genghis Khan Polo Cup (last week of August). Furthermore, polo is also part of the traditional Naadam festival (2nd week of July), which takes place in the ancient capital of Mongolia, Karakhorin and includes sports like horse racing, archery and wrestling in addition to polo. Since 2000 the Mongolian Polo Federation pools the sport’s interests. For sure it will take a while until polo in Mongolia again will be popular as it used to be. Thanks to intensive training programmes and an international support, the steppe land is on the right track. This is also proven by the development of the young D’Artagnan, captain of the national Mongol team. He is the first Mongol, who has received a polo scholarship at Harrow School where he runs the local polo team. www.genghiskhanpolo.com ●

Image: Ang Tshering Lama



POLO WITH A HEART

Charity project in aid of children and teenagers with cancer and their parents.

In May 2015, Thomas Fedier, President of the Swiss Polo Association, and Cédric Schveri set up the charity project “Polo mit Herz” (“polo with a heart”). The aim and purpose of the charitable association is to promote and support the spiritual and financial well-being of children and teenagers with cancer in need and their parents. The project was launched during the Pollo Cup at the Legacy Polo Club (picture), and two smaller events for the magazines “Maxim” and “Lawstyle” followed. A five-figure sum has been raised already. Fedier is extremely pleased about the positive feedback: “We have been welcomed with open arms everywhere and have been extremely impressed by the generosity of donors.” ●

Images: Marcel Sauder, Jacques Toffi



POLO+10 PLAYERS LIST

POLO+10 has begun to build up the first worldwide players database. In the future, invitations to tournaments will be sent via this list to the players.

It is a unique service for clubs and players across the globe: In October 2015, POLO+10 started to build up the first worldwide players database, called “POLO+10 Players List”. No matter whether you come from Europe, North or South America, Africa or Asia, in the “POLO+10 Players List” all will be united in one polo community. There is only one restriction: The registration is for players only! In the future, POLO+10 will communicate directly with the international players pool via this channel. Until now, the positive feedback from within the ranks of the players has been overwhelming and the number of registrations increases every day. By building up a worldwide players database, POLO+10 has the means to forward the tournament invitations of the clubs and tournament organisers directly to this huge circle of polo players. Via the “POLO+10 Players List” the tournament invitations will reach the biggest-ever range. Clubs and tournament organisers have the opportunity to send their tournament invitations to polo@poloplus10.com at any time so POLO+10 can provide all complete documents for the polo players on time. POLO+10 exclusively invites all polo players to register with their email. Of course the data will be kept in strict confidence and will not be passed on to third parties. For registration please visit www.poloplus10.com ●



POLO DREAM COUPLE

One of the most glamorous polo weddings has been announced for 2016.

Charlie Hanbury and Yoanna Otto, daughter of princess Anna Oettingen-Wallerstein, want to exchange vows in the 2016. For three years the two are having a relationship with each other and are living together in England. Yoanna started to play polo in 2009 due to her parents. Charlie Hanbury, 29 years old, is the oldest son of Major Christopher and Bridget Hanbury. He plays with a handicap of 4 goals in England and of 5 goals in Argentina and ranks among the most successful polo players in England. Charlie learned polo early in his life at the Pony Club in England and plays professionally since 2009. Furthermore he is managing his breeding program "Lovelocks Polo Stud" in Lobos, Argentina. www.lovelockspolostud.com



HOME OF PHILIPPINE POLO

Over 100 years ago the sport of polo found its way to the Philippines. The first and leading polo club of the country is the Manila Polo Club.

The Manila Polo Club was founded on 8 August 1909 by US Governor General William Cameron Forbes. Forbes, a keen polo player who had two polo fields in his estate in Boston, intended the Manila Polo Club mainly to be for "gentlemen of a certain class" who wanted to play polo. Today the Manila Polo Club is one of the leading polo locations of the country and is a meeting place for renowned personalities from politics, economy and high society. The original clubhouse in Calle Real, Pasay was burned to the ground during the war. In the 1950s, the Club was rebuilt where it currently stands – on a 25-hectare land located in the heart of Makati City, home to Manila's business and financial district. The club owns two polo fields, where polo is played from January to March. The season begins with the Past Presidents' Cup, which is followed by the William Cameron Forbes Cup in honour of the man recognized as the "Father of Philippine Polo" as well as the Mabuhay Cup. Finally, the season closes with the President's Cup. Michael Vincent Ybiernas, Polo & Equestrian Manager: "For the polo season in 2016, we will have both our seasoned players and young talents to give us another round of action-packed polo matches starting on 10 January 2016. We expect to have more young players this year." www.manilapolo.com.ph

Images: Tom Greenly, Manila Polo Club



20TH ANNIVERSARY IN GSTAAD

In August the 20th anniversary of the Hublot Polo Gold Cup Gstaad was celebrated, culminating in an unexpected final match.

It is one of the most impressive settings of all tournaments worldwide: In August the 20th edition of the Hublot Polo Gold Cup Gstaad was held on the Gstaad-Saanen airport field in front of the magnificent backdrop of the Bernese Oberland. The first polo tournament in Gstaad was held in 1996, so in 2015 the Gold Cup celebrated its 20th anniversary. The motto of the event was Switzerland and its traditions and the programme featured four days of intensive sport and a multitude of attractions. The tournament started with fiercely contested qualifying matches, but the penultimate day was met with heavy rain causing a waterlogged pitch which was deemed too dangerous to play a competitive match. As a result from this, the semi-finals were held as a penalty shoot and the final match on Sunday was replaced by a 4-chukka exhibition match. The four team patrons and the four best players of the tournament were split into two teams to play in a non-competitive manner. The teams remained head-to-head throughout each chukka until the final whistle blew with a finishing score of 7-7. In the end both teams shared the 2015 Hublot Polo Gold Cup Gstaad Trophy. To conclude the tournament a traditional Swiss-themed parade took place to mark the heritage of the tournaments home country. www.polo-gstaad.com

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BERLIN MAIFELD

In 2016, the Polo European Championship will be held at the Maifeld in Berlin.

The teams of the 2015 Engel & Völkers Berlin Maifeld Cup could not have presented a more spectacular final to the audience in Berlin. The matches were well worth seeing due to quick attacks and counterattacks as well as excellent strategic moves. At the end, Tom Tailor Polo Team made it to the top of the winners' podium by winning 10-7. In 2016, the European Championship will be held at the historic Maifeld, where in 1936 polo was held as an Olympic discipline for the last time. At the end of August, the preliminary matches will take place at the Polo- und Reitanlage Phöben. At the beginning of September, the final matches of the European Championship will be held at the Maifeld in Berlin. www.maifeldpolocup.de

Adolfo Cambiaso
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40 years old
1st Argentine Open:
1992
Played: 22
Winner: 12
Finalist: 8
Goals Scored: 829



Pablo Mac Donough
hcp 10

33 years old
1st Argentine Open:
2002
Played: 13
Winner: 6
Finalist: 5
Goals Scored: 153

Gonzalo Pieres
hcp 10

32 years old
1st Argentine Open:
1999
Played: 16
Winner: 3
Finalist: 6
Goals Scored: 171



Nicolás Pieres
hcp 9

24 years old
1st Argentine Open:
2009
Played: 6
Winner: 1
Finalist: 3
Goals Scored: 49

David Stirling
hcp 10

34 years old
1st Argentine Open:
2009
Played: 6
Winner: 4
Finalist: 3
Goals Scored: 66



Juan Martín Nero
hcp 10

34 years old
1st Argentine Open:
2004
Played: 11
Winner: 6
Finalist: 4
Goals Scored: 99

Facundo Pieres
hcp 10

29 years old
1st Argentine Open:
2003
Played: 12
Winner: 3
Finalist: 6
Goals Scored: 382



Pablo "Polito" Pieres
hcp 10

29 years old
1st Argentine Open:
2009
Played: 6
Winner: 0
Finalist: 2
Goals Scored: 122

HISTORIC VICTORY

They have made it: For the first time in the history of the sport of polo a team has managed to win the Argentine Triple Crown for three consecutive years. A historic victory!

BY HALINA SCHMIDT, STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY POLO PHOTOS

STATISTICS WINNING TEAMS OF ARGENTINE OPEN:

Team	Number of titles
Coronel Suárez	26
Hurlingham	14
La Dolfina	9
North Santa Fe	8
El Trébol	8
Venado Tuerto	7
La Espadaña	6
Indios Chapaleufú	6
Ellerstina	6
Indios Chapaleufú II	4
The Casuals	3
Las Rosas	3
Santa Inés	3
Santa Paula	3
Santa Ana	3
Las Petacas	2
Western Camps	2
Flores	1
La Victoria	1
San Carlos	1
Palomar	1
Coronel Suárez-Los Indios	1
La Rinconada	1
Meadow Brook	1
Tortugas	1
Los Indios	1
Los Pingüinos	1
Coronel Suárez II	1
La Aguada	1

The audience at Palermo witnessed a head-to-head race, which went right down to the wire: In the final of the Argentine Open, taking place at the "Cathedral of Polo" in Buenos Aires on Saturday, 12th December 2015, the long-standing rivals Ellerstina and La Dolfina encountered each other. As in the years before, La Dolfina included the four 10-goalers Adolfo Cambiaso, David Stirling, Pablo Mac Donough and Juan Martín Nero. Their opponent Ellerstina Piaget, consisting of the three Pieres brothers Gonzalo Jr. (10), Facundo (10) and Nicolás (9), who played alongside their cousin, new 10-goaler Polito, tried to foil La Dolfina's victory until the end of the match. The first chukka ended on a 2-2 draw, but in the second chukka La Dolfina took the lead. A grandios playing Adolfo Cambiaso, determined to win the match, scored one goal after another. The third chukka ended by 7-3 for La Dolfina and at half-time the foursome was in the lead by 8-4.

But Ellerstina did not give up and in the second half of the match they gave their all. At the end of the seventh chukka Ellerstina had narrowed the gap to 12-10. The eighth and final chukka left the audience breathless: Ellerstina scored again and thus shrinking La Dolfina's advantage to 12-11. La Dolfina responded by scoring again, 13-11, but Ellerstina was close on La Dolfina's heels and scored another goal. This meant 13-12 for La Dolfina and only 1,5 minutes left to play. Ellerstina tried another attack, but the chukka bell ended the historic match. Finally, La Dolfina defeated Ellerstina by 13-12 and thus did not only win the Argentine Open, but also the Argentine Triple Crown!

In 2013 and 2014 La Dolfina also won the so-called Triple Crown. The Argentine Triple Crown is a series of the most important tournaments worldwide and consists of the Tortugas Open, Hurlingham Open and Argentine Open. This year La Dolfina already managed make it to the top of the winners' podium of the first two tournaments of the Triple Crown. In case the team accomplishes to win the Argentine Open in 2015, the foursome would also be the winner of the Argentine Triple Crown for the third time on a row. This has never happened before in the history of the sport of polo.

Not even the legendary Coronel Suárez Polo Team has ever accomplished this feat, to win the magical Triple Crown for three consecutive years. The team won the Crown in 1968, 1972, 1974, 1975 and 1977. Two times – in 1994 and in 2010 – team Ellerstina gained the Triple Crown. Single winners are Santa Ana in 1973 and La Aguada in 2003.

The Argentine Polo Open is the most important polo tournament at club level. Since 1893 it has been held at the "Campo Argentino de Polo de Palermo" in Buenos Aires. The world famous stadium is also called "Cathedral of Polo". Between 1893 and 1923 the Argentine Open was known as "River Plate Polo Championship". As well as the other two main polo events, the Tortugas Open and the Hurlingham Open, the handicap of the teams must be between 28 and 40 goals. The tournament is organized by the Asociación Argentina de Polo (AAP) and attracts thousands of spectators each year to the stadium in Palermo, Buenos Aires. ●



OPEN_{DE} FRANCE

Even in Chantilly, such good horses and such a high playing standard isn't a given. The two finals of the Open de France 2015 were true thrillers with lots of surprising moments.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY RBPRESSE

Ladies final at the Open de France 2015 at field no. 9 in front of the beautiful Ferme d'Apremont Polo Club de Chantilly.



Ranking Open de France

- 1 Marquard Media
- 2 Tom Tailor Polo Team
- 3 Sainte-Mesme I
- 4 Ganthoot Racing Polo Club
- 5 La Quinta
- 6 Golden Goose Deluxe Brand
- 7 Sainte-Mesme II

Ranking Open de France féminin

- 1 Lowell
- 2 Tom Tailor Polo Team
- 3 Esprit du Maryland in the Wings

Facundo Llorente from Argentina scored three goals in the final of the Open de France 2015.



1 Duel between the Argentines Jota Chavane (5, Marquard Media) and Gastón Maíquez (6, Tom Tailor) in one of the best finals of the Open de France ever 2 Mare "Calixta" of Tahnee Schröder was awarded "Best Playing Pony" of the Open Féminin and was presented to the public by the pretty groom Emilie Caux 3 Benoit Perrier, polo manager in Chantilly 4 Fight for the little white ball between Naomi Schröder (Tom Tailor, left) and Emma Boers (Lowell) 5 Martin Aguerre jun. (7 goals in 2016) is proud of his mare Machitos Garganta, "Best Playing Pony" of the final. The mare was bred by his uncle Mariano, a former 10-goaler and seven-times winner of the Argentine Open 6 Team Marquard Media (Switzerland): Thomas Rinderknecht (0), Jota Chavanne (5), Martin Aguerre (6, scored 7 goals and 4 penalties) and Facundo Llorente (5, scored 3 goals) 7 Winners of the Open de France féminin: Team Lowell mit Emma Boers (3), Lottie Lamacraft (3), Caroline Anier (6) und Françoise Spek (0) 8 Emma Boers, the defender from England in the winning team Lowell.

Definitely not for the faint hearted: the two major finals in the Open de France 2015 in Chantilly were certainly not lacking in strength or the will to win. Every single goal of these polo matches was worth watching, especially because of the quality of the horses, which were of a standard not seen before. Philippe Perrier, polo manager in Chantilly: "The quality of the horses this year is higher than ever before. This raises the quality of play to a level that we've never had before in Chantilly."

Media with patron Thomas Rinderknecht (0), Jota Chavanne (5), Martin Aguerre (6) and Facundo Llorente (5) showed the stronger will to win on the day. The result? A nail-biting polo thriller. The difference in points was never more than one goal and at the end of the normal playing time, the score was a draw at 9-9. Victory had to be decided with an extra chukka. Martin Aguerre jun. was the one to score the important golden goal and secure victory for team Marquard Media in the 15th Open de France.

Proceedings kicked off with the women's final, in which the French-British team Lowell went into battle with Tom Tailor Polo Team from Germany, who were defending their title. Tom Tailor quickly took the lead and held it until the fourth chukka. However, team Lowell executed a couple of focused offensives at the end and secured victory in the Open de France Féminin 2015 with a winning goal scored by Emma Boers. Françoise Spek, Lottie Lamacraft, Caroline Anier and Emma Boers were ecstatic. The horse Calista ridden by Naomi Schröder was declared "Best Playing Pony" of the ladies' final.

For Thomas Rinderknecht and his team, it was a sensational success. "I'm overjoyed but also sorry for my old friend Uwe Schröder and his Tom Tailor Polo Team. The chukkas today were anything but short and sweet; both teams gave it their all." Marquard Media has been the sponsor of Thomas Rinderknecht for the past 20 years. The friendly Swiss has played polo in France for many years and came to Chantilly five years ago, where all his horses are now kept. For him and his team, victory in the Open de France is a huge success after having narrowly lost the 16-goal final in Deauville in the second half of August. Rinderknecht has played with Martin Aguerre for 5 years, and with his father before that for 15 years. Jota Chavanne has been part of the Rinderknecht team for four years, while Facundo Llorente has also been part of his close circle of fellow players for a long time.

The men's final was every bit as exciting as the women's. The Tom Tailor Polo team also made it into this final and put their all into repeating their victory the previous year. But team Marquard





PATRICK GUERRAND-HERMÈS

While attending the Open de France 2015, POLO+10 had the honour of accepting an invitation from Patrick Guerrand-Hermès to visit his home in Chantilly.

INTERVIEW & PHOTOGRAPHY STEFANIE STÜTING



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Hidden behind an inconspicuous iron gate on a village street in Chantilly, both ambassadors and statesmen have stayed on Patrick Guerrand-Hermès' estate. He leased the estate for 90 years when he arrived in Chantilly 30 years ago and set about establishing the polo club 1+5 View of the garden 2 The house dates from the 18th century 3 One of the largely original living rooms with fireplace 4 Patrick Guerrand-Hermès also set up the Polo Club PGH la Palmeraie in Morocco. He had to head to Morocco straight after our interview to take part in a state reception for France's President Hollande.



UK GOLD CUP

This year King Power Foxes could not be ignored in England. The team of patron Aiyawatt "Top" Srivaddhanaprabha was not only successful at the Cartier Queen's Cup, but also emerged victorious at the Jaeger-LeCoultre Gold Cup. With this, the foursome won two of the most prestigious trophies in the world in 2015.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN PHOTOGRAPHY CAMILLA SYKES



In the final UAE initially took the lead, but in the second chukka King Power Foxes (blue shirts) started to assume control of the match.

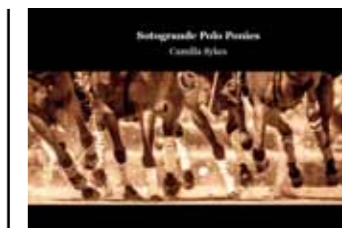


1 Award ceremony Jaeger-LeCoultre Gold Cup 2015 2 Cecilia Pieres (Gonzalo's and Facu's sister) and Maria Rapetti (Gonzalo Pieres' wife) is hugging Gonzalo's groom, who is wearing Gonza's old helmet 3 the King Power family.

What a season: Like no other team King Power Foxes has dominated this year's high goal tournaments in Great Britain. Following a phenomenal tournament – Aiyawatt "Top" Srivaddhanaprabha (1), Hugo Lewis (1) as well as the two brothers Gonzalo and Facundo Pieres (both 10) of team King Power Foxes remained unbeaten until the final of the 22-goal tournament – which culminated in the team's victory of the Cartier Queen's Cup at Guards Polo Club, five weeks later the four went one better: In the final of the Jaeger-LeCoultre Gold Cup the foursome defeated its opponent UAE masterfully by 14-8 and so sealed the British Open Polo Championship, which is one of the most coveted titles in the sport of polo next to the Queen's Cup. At the beginning UAE took the lead, but in the second chukka King Power Foxes started to assume control of the match. Jose Ramon Araya (0), Santiago Stirling (4), Lucas Monteverde (8) and Pablo Mac Donough (10) of UAE fought desperately, but could not offer enough opposition to King Power Foxes.

As recently as last year King Power had made an impressive debut at Cowdray Park Polo Club: At its first participation in the Gold Cup, the team of Aiyawatt "Top" Srivaddhanaprabha straight away made it to the finals. This year Top returned with the double support of the Pieres brothers – and with this definitely backed the right horse. For Facundo Pieres this is the third Gold Cup victory (following 2009 and 2013), for his older brother Gonzalo the second one (2009) and Aiyawatt Srivaddhanaprabha and Hugo Lewis this year made it to the top of the winner's podium of the Jaeger-LeCoultre Gold Cup for the first time.

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GERMAN POLO TOUR



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BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY VALERIA CETRARO

GERMAN POLO TOUR 2016

20-22 May	Bucherer Polo Cup	Frankfurt
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09-11 September	Bucherer Polo Cup Berlin	Hoppegarten

RANKING OF THE GERMAN POLO TOUR 2015

PLAYERS

- 1 Gastón Maíquez
- 2 Pablo Jauretche
- 3 Tatu Gomez Romero

TEAMS

- 1 Team Aspern I
- 2 Team Land Rover
- 3 PC Mühlen

In 2015, Gastón Maíquez was the most successful player of the German Polo Tour.

POLO IN IBIZA

The Ibiza Polo Club offers a complete tournament schedule, a friendly and familiar atmosphere and a mild climate all year round. In 2015, this unbeatable combination once again attracted polo players from all over the world to the Balearic Island.

BY HALINA SCHMIDT PHOTOGRAPHY GAELE FARANO





1 Award ceremony at the sixth edition of Ibiza Beach Polo Cup 2 Ibiza Beach Polo Cup: Scholl Media Polo Team (red shirts) versus Ibiza Style Polo Team 3 Polo action at the Ibiza Beach Polo Cup 4 Marta Díaz, Carlos Martorell and Eva Márquez of Ibiza Polo Club at the Cultura Mezcal Polo Cup.

5 Gabriel Iglesias (second from right) with polo audience at the Cultura Mezcal Polo Cup. 6 The Ibiza Beach Polo Cup included a fashion show to entertain the spectators after the polo matches 7 Winning team POLO+10 at the award ceremony of the International Mixed Tournament.

The island of Ibiza, located on the east coast of Spain in the Mediterranean Sea, with its white sandy beaches, turquoise water and mild climate does not only fascinate thousands of vacationers every year, but also becomes more and more popular among polo enthusiasts. Established in 2011, the Ibiza Polo Club by now has built up an international reputation due to its wide variety of tournaments for all levels and handicaps. Thus, in 2015 the tournaments of the Ibiza Polo Club once again attracted polo players from all continents to the Balearic Island.

One of the highlights of this year's polo season in Ibiza was the second edition of the International Mixed Tournament, which took place in the middle of July at Ibiza Polo Club. The main characteristic of this tournament: Each team consists of at least one female player, so that the participating teams are mixed. For three days three teams with players from different nationalities such as Mexico, Argentina, Germany, Iran, New Zealand, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Spain competed against each other in exciting

polo matches and enjoyed a friendly and familiar atmosphere. Gabriel Iglesias, owner of Ibiza Polo Club, offered a positive summary of the tournament: "The good atmosphere between the participants made the event something special. People come here to enjoy, there is also competition, of course, but with no conflicts or discussions between players or with the referees." In the final match, the POLO+10 Team, including Thomas Wirth (0), Francesca Guise (0), Hormoz Verahramian (0) and Agustin Arestizabal (3), defeated the host team of Ibiza Polo Club by 4-3 and thus emerged as the winner of the tournament.

At the popular Ibiza Beach Polo Cup, which was held for the sixth time in the middle of August, all teams went for the win as well. Each year the event attracts polo players from all over the world and for the sixth edition of the tournament the participants came from Argentina, Sweden, Spain, Malaysia, Germany, Dubai (UAE), England, the US, Iran and the Netherlands. As part of this year's Ibiza Beach Polo Cup the club organised a tournament for male

players as well as for female players: Six teams competed against each other in the Men Tournament sponsored by Rolls-Royce Motor Cars and in the Women Tournament sponsored by Fashion TV three female teams fought for victory. In the final of the Men Tournament Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Polo Team, including Ricky Merhad (2), Robert Kofler (2) and Marianela Castagnola (4), defeated HV Polo Team by 6-3 and thus won the Copa Rolls-Royce Motor Cars. In the Women Tournament Fashion TV Polo Team, including Cristina Rodríguez Pujol (1), Barbara Hochuli (1) and Marianela Castagnola (6), took first place. The trio defeated Air Europa Polo Team by 6-3 and won the Copa Fashion TV. The award ceremony took place at sunset in a unique and unforgettable atmosphere. Following this, the players celebrated the successful tournament with a Farewell Polo Party.

In September the Ibiza Polo Club celebrated a very special event: The second edition of the Cultura Mezcal Polo Cup and Mexican Art Festival once again combined a comprehensive entertaining

programme, including various art disciplines under the motto "Mexico", with the sport of polo. Several Mexican players were guest of the Ibiza Polo Club and participated in the tournament, including Guillermo Steta, President of the Mexican Polo Federation. In addition to exciting polo matches the spectators enjoyed a potpourri of music, film, art exhibitions and fashion, which gave them an insight into the contemporary Mexican art scene. Two top Mexican chefs, Marcela Bolaños and Carlos Valdes, provided sustenance for the audience. Gabriel Iglesias: "It was an amazing weekend with a fantastic atmosphere! We already look forward to the third edition of the tournament, which will be held in September 2016." In January 2016, a team representing Ibiza Polo Club will visit Mexico and play at the most important polo clubs of the country, such as El Rey Polo Club, Yucatán Polo Club and also at Costa Careyes Polo Club, which is beautifully located at the Mexican pacific coast.

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In September, lady players from all over the world enjoyed the mild climate of Andalusia during the second edition of the Campeonato de Andalucía Femenino at the Polo Club La Mata del Herrador.

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September is an ideal time of year for polo in the Spanish province of Andalusia with warm, late summer sunshine and a slight breeze to keep players and ponies cool when in action. And certainly, there was plenty of exciting action in the second edition of the Campeonato de Andalucía Femenino, which took place in September at the Polo Club La Mata del Herrador. Situated on four hundred hectares, it is some thirty-five minutes by car from Seville, the ancient and historic provincial capital of Andalusia. Owned by a well-known Spanish player, Pepe Carrasco – his fifteen-year-old son, Jose, is also showing great potential in the game – the club is based on the family hacienda. As the name, La Mata, indicates, the estate was once a centre for olive oil production, and many relics of those days are on display.

The tournament, which saw lady players from Spain, Argentina, England, Russia, Germany, Austria and Slovakia competing, was organised by polo manager Klarina Pichler, a young Austrian professional. The three teams competing in this year's event were equally matched, each with two professionals. Over the course of two days La Mata del Herrador, Ital Fiocchi and CUE took part in a

four-chukka round-robin tournament. All games were fast and exciting, proving once again that players on the distaff side are not lagging behind the men when it comes to skill on the field. La Mata del Herrador and CUE equalised, 4-4, while Ital Fiocchi defeated La Mata del Herrador by a narrow 5-4 in the dying seconds of the game. CUE eventually beat Ital Fiocchi by two goals, so that Alex Jacob, Alexandra Benikova, Harriet Styles and Carla Alvarez rode out the overall winners, receiving the Copa Internacional Femenina from Juan Alvarez, president of the Federación Andaluza de Polo.

In addition to the action on the polo field, the players enjoyed an entertaining program throughout the weekend. Sightseeing trips to the historic city of Seville were organised, including visits to tapas bars to explore the Spanish cuisine. All participants were enthusiastic about the Polo Club La Mata del Herrador as well as about Seville and the tournament date for 2016 is already fixed: The third edition of the Campeonato de Andalucía Femenino will take place from 23-25 September 2016!

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1 Team Giardino Group/Fipa Group in blue trikots against team Styger Partner/Podium Swiss 2 The traditional parade through the village of Ascona attracts many spectators 3 Line-up of the teams in front of the wonderful setting of the Lago Maggiore 4 Uwe Zimmermann, President of the Polo Club Ascona 5 Ready for the players' party ... dressed all in white 6 Teresa Colley (USA) in the charity match for the "Medweth Foundation" in Brazil 7 Dancers from Brazil and lovely decoration gave the party a Latin touch 8 Joined up after the price-giving ceremony 9 Team Engel & Völkers/Bentley Lugano against team ECOVIS ws&p SA/mytowel.



ASCONA

A polo tournament of superlatives but with a charming, informal and warm atmosphere nonetheless. The Hublot Polo Cup in Ascona has a firm fanbase. Here, by the captivating Lake Maggiore in Ticino, you can watch one of the most elegant polo events in one of the most beautiful places in Europe. For 2016 the motto of the venue is "Switzerland meets Dubai".

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY ROBERT W. KRANZ

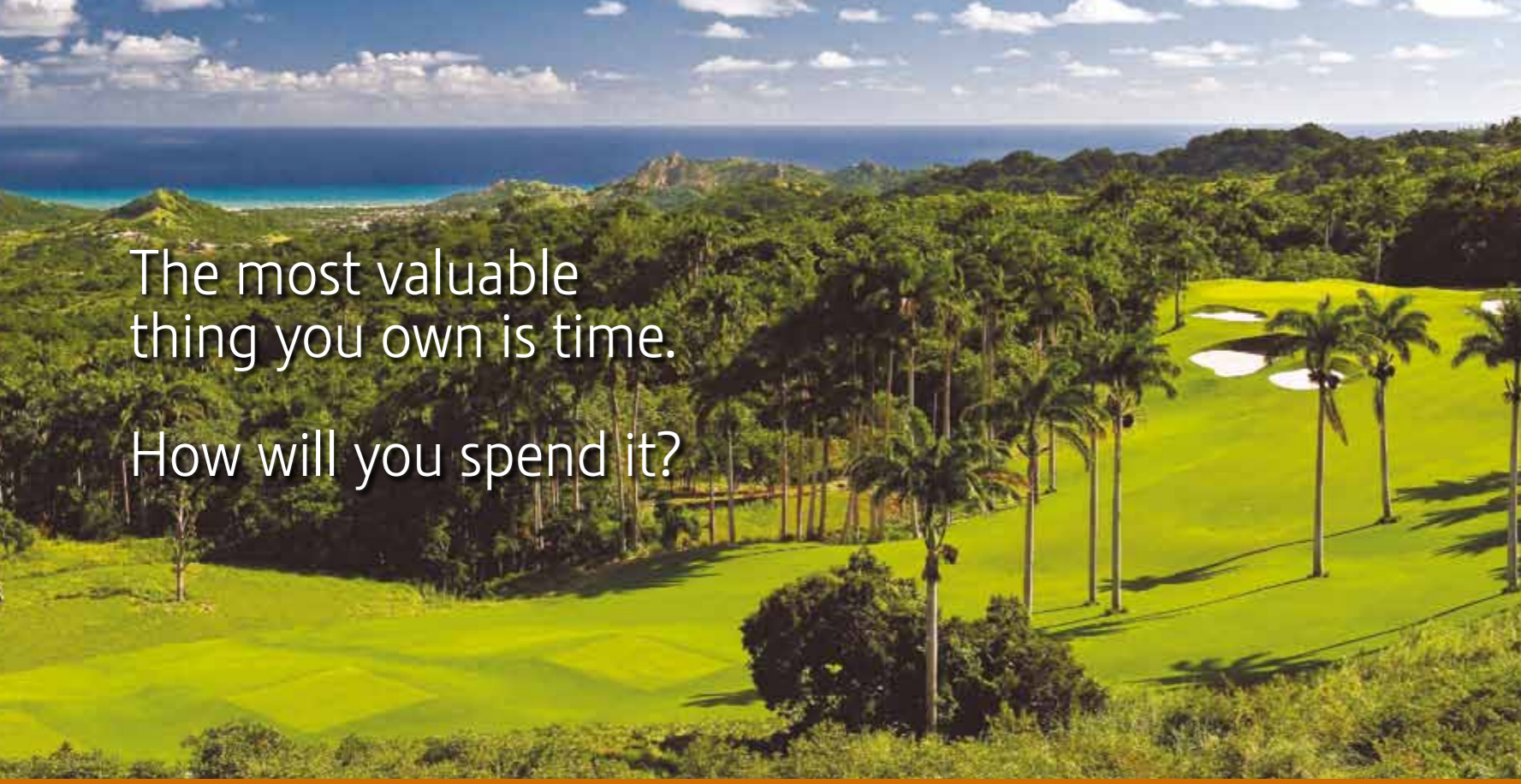
Brazil was the theme of the three-day polo festival in 2015, which has inspired its fans for six years now. The Polo Club Ascona organises its arena tournament with a love of detail and a different theme every year. In 2016, guests from Dubai will bring the theme "Tales from the 1001 Nights" to the south of Switzerland.

Review to the chukkas 2015: Winning team Styger & Partner/Podium Swiss, including Marcus Schalldach (1), Bruce Colley (1) and Guilherme Lins (5), won all its respective matches. In the last encounter the threesome defeated team ECOVIS ws&p SA/mytowel, consisting of Piero Dillier (0), Lukas Labat (6) as well as Uwe (1) and Philipp Zimmermann (0), sharing one position, by a margin of one goal and beat the team to second place. This position was shared with team Engel & Völkers/Bentley Lugano, including Cedric Schweri (0), Thomas Wolfensberger (1) and Martin Riglos (4). Team Giardino Group/Fipa Group with Michael Husted (0), Matteo Beffa (-1) and Australian Ross Ainsley (5) was placed fourth. Right after the price-giving ceremony Uwe Zimmermann, President of the Polo Club Ascona, said: "The Hublot Polo Cup in Ascona is a tournament for our friends and with our friends. In addition to being a top-class sport event, this tournament is an important social occasion with a huge advertising effect for Switzerland. Tomorrow we will start with the preparations for the coming tournament in July 2016."

The 2015 Hublot Polo Cup in Ascona enjoyed polo on a high level with tropical temperatures and fantastic parties such as the welcome party at the Hotel Eden Roc. The unique highlight was the atmospheric "White" players' party on Brissago Island, including 300 invited guests, who arrived on the island by boat. At the Brazilian night the international exclusive audience saw dancers in a colourful samba show next to the polo field. On Saturday morning spectators witnessed the traditional parade through the village of Ascona. With over 3,000 guests Ascona is one of the biggest polo events in Switzerland.

RANKING 2015:

- 1 Styger & Partner/ Podium Swiss (7)**
 Marcus Schalldach (1)
 Bruce Colley (1)
 Guilherme Lins (5)
- 2 ECOVIS ws&p SA/ mytowel (7/6)**
 Piero Dillier (0)
 Uwe Zimmermann / Philipp Zimmermann (1/0)
 Lukas Labat (6)
- 2 Engel & Völkers/ Bentley Lugano (5)**
 Cédric Schweri (0)
 Thomas Wolfensberger (1)
 Martin Riglos (4)
- 4 Giardino Group/ Fipa Group (4)**
 Michael Husted (0)
 Matteo Beffa (-1)
 Ross Ainsley (5)



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BMW POLO CUP BASTHORST

The traditional BMW Polo Cup took place for the eighth time in May 2015 on the idyllic northern German estate of Gut Basthorst. International teams are once again expected to take part in 2016.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY UWE ZIMMERMANN

Eight international teams with players from Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Uruguay, Hungary, Argentina, India and Great Britain had participated in the tournament over the course of two weekends. The Argentinean brand La Martina added an international atmosphere to the event by supplying the equipments for the teams and participating staff.

An international polo atmosphere on the wonderful old feudal estate is once again expected in 2016. Uwe Zimmermann has brought polo players from across the world here to north Germany for many years. The aim of the Vice President of the Polo Club Basthorst and President of the Polo Club Ascona is not only to maintain the high sporting standards, but also make the social side of the two polo weekends in May a special experience. "It should be fun. And the quality should be high in every respect" is Uwe and his wife Kriztina Zimmermann's motto. The players' parties and asparagus dinner that Baron Enno von Ruffin holds in his huge and festively decorated barn to mark the occasion of the polo event are already legendary. Aristocracy and celebrities have long been among the regular visitors to Gut Basthorst, and numerous members of the press welcome guests on the red carpet with a sea of camera flashes.

Bright sunshine accompanied the final of the BMW Polo Cup at Gut Basthorst on Sunday, 10 May 2015. Team BMW, consisting of Annita van der Hoeven (0), Philipp Zimmermann (0), Niels van der Hoeven (1) and Gonzalo Bernal (4), became the winner of the tournament. The foursome defeated team Hublot/Grabbe, including Magnus Kaminiarz (-1), Isabell Sobietzki (-1), Uwe Zimmermann (1) and Tuky Caivano (3), by 10-5 in the final match. Third place went to Thomas Winter (4), Victor Beckers (1), Mark Aberle (-2) and Christian Badenhop (1) of team Raiffeisen/DZ Bank. Uwe Zimmermann: "In 2016 we will only invite six teams in order to streamline the programme and not overburden the pitch. Our event is traditionally the first major polo

tournament of the season and we expect players from Switzerland, Hungary, Luxemburg and a team from India. La Martina, there from the beginning as exclusive equipment supplier, has once again pledged its support. As our media partner, POLO+10 will produce the tournament magazine". By the way: the annual general meeting of the Polo Club Gut Basthorst (with over 60 members) takes place on the first weekend of the tournament as well as the traditional spring market of Gut Basthorst.

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RANKING:

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| 1 BMW (5)
Annita van der Hoeven (0)
Philipp Zimmermann (0)
Niels van der Hoeven (1) TC
Gonzalo Bernal (4) | 5 Alsterhaus (5)
Estelle Wagner (0)
Yves Wagner (0) TC
Patrick Maleitzke (3)
Juan Correa (2) |
| 2 Hublot/Grabbe (2)
Magnus Kaminiarz (-1)
Isabell Sobietzki (-1)
Uwe Zimmermann (1) TC
Tuky Caivano (3) | 6 Allwörden/ Stoodio (5)
Wolfram Trudo Knoefel (-1)
Vanessa Schockemöhle (0) TC
Philipp Sommer (1)
Pedro Fernandez Llorente (5) |
| 3 Raiffeisen/DZ Bank (4)
Thomas Winter (4)
Victor Beckers (1)
Mark Aberle (-2) TC
Christian Badenhop (1) | 7 Germanagrar (3)
Matteo Beffa (-1) TC
David Kalberer (0)
Juan Pipo Sanchez (2)
Joaquin Sequieros (2) |
| 4 Sixt (+5)
Susanne Rosenkranz (0) TC
Heinrich Többe (-1)
Heinrich Dumrath (3)
Agustin Kronhaus (3) | 8 Engel&Völkers Resorts (3/1)
Mark Pantenburg (1)
Melanie Leimbacher (-2)/
Joe Reinhardt (0)
Christian Jarck (0) TC
Federico Heinemann (2) |



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BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY GEORG SUPANZ

In the first year of its title sponsorship of the traditional German Polo Masters on Sylt, the private bank Berenberg not only enjoyed a wonderfully successful polo event, but also a brilliant victory in the final. With a score of 11-6, team Berenberg with Peter Kienast, Santiago Gomez, Jo Schneider and Tatu Gomez Romero enjoyed a clear victory against team König Immobilien Sylt with Estelle Wagner, Philipp Sommer, Miguel Amieva and Patrick Maleitzke. Team König Pilsener with Reinhold Hoffmann, Joe Reinhardt, Cristobal Durrieu and Nacho Garrahan won the battle for third place against team Lafina / POLO+10 (Magnus Kaminiarz, Sergio Magrini, Juan Correa and Dutchman Pablo van den Brink) with a score of 9-4.

The latest Berenberg German Polo Masters marks the tenth anniversary of Stephanie Schneider's organisation of these island chukkas. "It's amazing how many new players we've seen here on Sylt in 2015 who haven't been here before, including from Munich and the Frankfurt area", she says. Many of the Sylt newbies have already stated that they will take part again in 2016. The event organisers are already deep in preparations for the 2016 German Polo Masters. "We've got some fantastic new things up our sleeves and want to surprise visitors with some fabulous evening events as well." To date, no more information has been forthcoming. The grooms did an excellent job when they had to fight the bad weather conditions even on the first playing weekend. A hurricane passed over the island at speeds of 100 km/h. "A barricade of lorries and transporters was created in front of the stall tents to protect the horses against the storm. Attendants and grooms stayed throughout the night." There was a varied and exclusive exhibitor area with new brands, fashion and design. This year was the biggest it has ever been. This also applied to the range of food and drinks on offer in the public area. The new Sylt luxury

hotel Severin's served pancakes and exquisite fish soup, while the food truck Hackbaron supplied polo fans with fresh burgers. Karsten Wehmeier, Head of Communications at Berenberg: "It was a complete success. An excellent tournament, sunshine on the final day and thousands of satisfied guests who experienced exciting polo. And then the victory of our team under team captain Jo Schneider! We really enjoyed the debut of the Berenberg German Polo Masters on Sylt."

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RANKING

1 Berenberg (8)

Peter Kienast 1 (GER)
Santiago Gomez 3 (ARG)
Jo Schneider 0 (GER)
Tatu Gomez Romero 4 (ARG)

2 König Immobilien Sylt (8)

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

3 König Pilsener (7)

Reinhold Hofmann 0 (GER)
Joe Reinhardt 0 (GER)
Cristobal Durrieu 4 (ARG)
Nacho Garrahan 3 (ARG)

4 Lafina / POLO+10 (7)

Magnus Kaminiarz 0 (GER)
Sergio Magrini 3 (ARG)
Juan Correa 2 (GER)
Pablo van den Brink 2 (NL)

5 Lanson (7)

Matthias Grau 0 (GER)
Christian Grimme 0 (GER)
Agustin Kronhaus 3 (ARG)
Thomas Winter 4 (SA)

6 Mr Porter (8)

Frank Mauersberger 0 (GER)
Susi Rosenkranz 0 (GER)
Federico Heinemann 2 (URU)
Eduardo Anca 6 (ARG)



1 Cristobal Durrieu 2 Winning team Berenberg 3 Competitive and breathtaking: At the Berenberg German Polo Masters polo is played on a high level and in a unique relaxed atmosphere 4 Lucas Labat and Christopher "Niffy" Winter.

POLO PARK



ZÜRICH

At the Piaget Polo Open Zürich 2015, which took place at the beginning of July, four teams played some hotly contested matches at the Polo Park Zürich in brilliant sunshine and in front of an enthusiastic audience.

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1 Markus Gräff of team Piaget 2 Philippe Léopold-Metzger, CEO of title sponsor Piaget, was present at the final match day 3 Polo audience 4 Bright sunshine accompanied the polo matches at Polo Park Zürich.

In the blazing summer heat and brilliant sunshine, four teams met at the start of July to compete for victory in the Piaget Polo Open Zürich at the Polo Park Zürich. Despite the high temperatures, around 500 spectators came to watch the final matches on the Sunday and enjoyed some top-flight polo with players from Argentina, England, France, Belgium, Italy and of course Switzerland. In contrast to the previous year, the handicap was raised from 6 to 8, making the competition between the teams in this year's event even more exciting.

All matches were fiercely fought and the mostly close scores ensured that the enthusiastic audience followed the matches with much excitement, cheering the teams on loudly. In the first match of the final Sunday, team Piaget with Markus Gräff (0), Manuel Perez (2) and Joaquin Maiquez (6) as well as Thommy Gräff and Irene Gräff (0), who shared a position, met team Aganola, for which Morgan van Overbroek (-1), Thomas Dartiguelongue (6), Luis Benmergui (3) and Werner Nepple (0) played. Under the leadership of Markus Gräff, President of the Polo Park Zürich, team Piaget won against its opponent with the close score of 3-2, securing third place on the winners' podium. Markus Gräff: "The Piaget Polo Open was the 'most competitive tournament' of the year for our team. This was due in part to the temperatures of over 30 degrees, but also to the fact that the teams were so evenly matched that sometimes just half a goal was enough to decide victory or defeat."

Team Los Lobos Sébastien Le Page (-1), Martin Podesta (4), Martin Podesta Junior (3) and Facundo Kelly (2) and team Bentley with Daniel Aegerter (0), Manuel Gonzales (0), Francisco Fucci (6) and Juan Martin Fernandez Llanos (2) then met in the final to contest the Piaget Trophy. The match was exciting right up until the last minute: shortly

before the end of the last chukka, the score was 5-4 in favour of Los Lobos, but three seconds before the final whistle, team Bentley were awarded a penalty because of a foul by team Los Lobos and thus given the opportunity to even the score – goal! This made the score 5-5 and the match went into extra time. In the extra chukka, Martin Podesta shot the golden goal and managed to take his team Los Lobos to victory. With a score of 6-5, the team left the pitch as glorious victors.

Sébastien Le Page, owner of the Polo Park Zürich, played for team Los Lobos throughout and enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere at the event: "Although the tournament was of the highest standard, there was a friendly and family-oriented atmosphere. That's very important to me because that's the aspect of polo that I most treasure: the feeling that we're all part of a big family." The next edition of the tournament is already being planned for the coming year. The tournament will probably take place in mid-September at the same time that the new clubhouse at the Polo Park Zürich is opened and the new watch collection of the title sponsor Piaget goes on sale. Sébastien Le Page: "We've not yet made a firm decision, but we will probably increase the team handicap to 10. Teams from Germany, France and Italy have already shown an interest in taking part in the next tournament and we look forward to seeing them there. The Los Lobos team will definitely be there again and we will try to defend our title. We're expecting more spectators next year and thus also planning a Players' Night and black tie dinner. We're working hard to make the Piaget Polo Open Zürich an internationally renowned polo event!" In addition to the clubhouse, the Polo Park Zürich is currently building 57 new stall spaces which should be ready by April 2016.

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1ST FIP ARENA EC

Team Azerbaijan was the surprise winner of the 1st FIP Arena European Championship in Baku. Team Germany became second. In December, Azerbaijan applied for the FIP Polo World Championship 2020.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY POLOLINE

BAKU





The Azeri team (left) remained unbeaten throughout the whole tournament.

From 4-12 September 2015, six teams from Germany, Ireland, Switzerland, Italy, Spain and a host team from Azerbaijan competed against each other and fought to win the title of the 1st FIP Arena Polo European Championship Azerbaijan. The tournament was organised by World Polo GmbH together with the Equestrian Federation of Azerbaijan Republic (ARAF). General Elcin Guliyev, President of ARAF, is a real visionary concerning the sport of polo. He is willing to bring major international tournaments into his country and into its vibrant capital Baku within the next years. Bahruz Nabiye, Secretary General of ARAF, and his team did a great job in organising the venue together with World Polo GmbH of Reto Gaudenzi.

In December, Azerbaijan applied to the General Assembly of FIP in Buenos Aires to host the European Polo Championship 2018 on grass and also the World Championship 2020 on grass. "The construction of four new full-size polo fields is already in full swing", says Reto Gaudenzi. Two polo fields will be built in Baku and two in the city of Gebele, which has a 1,500 metre difference in altitude compared to the Azerbaijani capital. The horses will be better able to cope with the climactic conditions there during the hot summer months. The new polo school in Baku is continuing its work and aims to train even more Karabakh horses for polo.

A true polo thriller: after team Azerbaijan remained unbeaten throughout the tournament, Silvestre Garros, Elchin Jamalli and Tarlan Gurbanaliyev from the Azerbaijan team also won against their final opponents Germany with the very close score of 6-5. The match was exciting right up until the last seconds of the fourth chukka. Patrick Maleitzke, Philipp and Oliver Sommer and Niklas Steinle were more than worthy opponents and it was anyone's guess as to who would end up in the leading position here at the Elite Horse and Polo Club Bina. The German team enjoyed a respectable but confident start in the final. The players did not give an inch, or indeed easily relinquish any of the balls. The excitement continued to rise after both team captains, Garros and Maleitzke, fell off their horses in spectacular fashion but resolutely climbed back into the saddle again. Silvestre Garros was declared goal scorer of the tournament with 38 goals, while Patrick Maleitzke from team Germany scored 30 goals, putting him in second place. "Coca Cola", ridden by Patrick Maleitzke, was awarded best playing pony of the final.

Following the Arena World Championship, Reto Gaudenzi from World Polo was appointed the ARAF's official representative in international polo circles by General Elcin Guliyev (President of ARAF). Gaudenzi: "We've experienced great sport and friendship in exciting competitions here. The high number of spectators meant that the atmosphere at the edge of the field was lively. Many thanks to the players and trainers for their cooperation in the name of polo".

The Arena Polo World Cup will take place in Baku again in 2016, when four teams will take part in the four-day event. Reto Gaudenzi, who also organises the world-famous Snow Polo World Cup in St. Moritz, aims to foster links between the two unique locations of Baku and St. Moritz. "We will host a glamorous and



Team Ireland against Italy.



1 Bahruz Nabiyev, Secretary General of Equestrian Federation of Azerbaijan Republic 2 Tito Gaudenzi played for the Swiss team 3 General Elcin Guliyev, President of Equestrian Federation of Azerbaijan Republic (ARAF) and Reto Gaudenzi from World Polo 4 Italy against Germany 5+6 Entertaining and military music presentations 7 Positive support and many congratulations came from the official host, General Elcin Guliyev and his guests 8 Christina Schockemöhle from World Polo with husband Alexander 9 Overwhelming atmosphere after the victory of team Azerbaijan.

RANKING:

1 Team Azerbaijan
Elchin Jamalli
Tarlan Gurbanaliyev
Hasanov Rashad
Silvestre Garros

2 Team Germany
Patrick Maleitzke
Oliver Sommer
Philipp Sommer
Niklas Steinle

3 Team Ireland
James Connolly
Siobhan Herbst
James Kennedy Jr.
Keelan McCarthy
Patrick Ephson

4 Team Spain
Marcos Álvarez Talegón
Alvaro Álvarez Talegón
Antonio Ayesa Guix
Luis Benjumea Llorente

5 Team Switzerland
Luca Zindel
Cedric Schweri
Tito Gaudenzi
Fabio Meier

6 Team Italy
Franco Piazza
Oscar Caronna
Giordano Magini
Gianluca Magini

traditional St. Moritz Night in Baku". The legendary hotel Badrutt's Palace in St. Moritz will also offer a special package during the Snow Polo World Cup, which will take place from 29-31 January 2016.

Azerbaijan is the cradle of polo and in September 2013, polo returned to Baku with the Grass Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan. A glittering debut for General Elcin Guliyev and his team. Back then, the exceptionally high prize money ensured that the chukkas were hotly contested and very exciting. In December 2014, the Federation of International Polo (FIP) approved Azerbaijan's application at its General Assembly to host the 1st FIP Arena Polo European Championship in the history of international polo in 2015. In this session, Engadine-native Reto Gaudenzi and his friend Dr Piero Dillier, who has represented the European chapter of FIP for many

years and who is also President of Evviva Polo St. Moritz AG, which hosted the snow polo tournament in St. Moritz, were given another honour: both were named "Lifelong FIP Founder Ambassadors".

Reto Gaudenzi has organised over 100 polo tournaments on grass, snow and sand across the world. He also took part in the European Championship 1993 in St. Moritz and won the bronze medal together with Mario Zindel, Adriano Agosti, Werner Maier and Piero Dillier – the only polo medal Switzerland has ever won. An interesting family affair and a generational change: son Tito Gaudenzi, who regularly plays in Baku with a Swiss team, took part with the sons of Zindel and Meier, Luca and Fabio, in 2015. 28 years after the Swiss bronze medal, their sons now sit in the saddle. Tito jokes: "Back then our fathers had the money but no talent. Now we have the talent but no money!"



1 The famous Italian singer Andrea Bocelli (with organiser Patrizia Lencioni) was present at the Viareggio Polo Beach Cup – Versilia Tuscany
2 Team Fipa Group 3 Fipa Group presented its new luxury yacht AB 145 on the water in the background of the polo field.

FIPA GROUP STRIKES AGAIN!

Fast horses, elegant luxury yachts and the unique landscape of the Tuscany: The seventh edition of the “Viareggio Polo Beach Cup – Versilia Tuscany” once again boasted one of the most beautiful settings for beach polo in Europe.

BY HALINA SCHMIDT PHOTOGRAPHY IACOPO GIANNINI

The sandy beaches of the coast of Versilia, the blue Mediterranean sea, action-packed polo matches and the beauty of luxury yachts: Early in October, near the end of the European season, the worldwide polo community once again gathered at one of the most beautiful settings for beach polo in Europe to enjoy the seventh edition of the Viareggio Polo Beach Cup – Versilia Tuscany in front of the magnificent backdrop of the unique landscape of the Tuscany. Over three days, four teams with international polo players from Great Britain, Argentina, Switzerland and Italy fought for victory at the beach polo arena, which was constructed by using new technologies, in front of the Park Hotel Villa Ariston. After the huge success in the previous year, title sponsor Fipa Group had decided to bring this year's edition of the tournament again to the renowned beach

resort “Lido di Camaiore”. The Italian Fipa Group is one of the international leading producers of luxury yachts and is fully committed as a sponsor to the sport of polo all over the world. To give the polo event a special atmosphere, Fipa Group presented its new luxury yacht AB 145 on the water in the background of the polo field. In addition, the guests enjoyed a sailing regatta under the motto “Sailing Polo”, which was held parallel to the polo matches directly on the coast – a unique combination.

The new beach polo arena brought the spectators close to the action. The audience on the sidelines cheered for the teams during the highly competitive matches and thus created a lively atmosphere. All players showed a good performance and a strong will to win. After the

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WINNER



Team Fipa Group became the winner of the Viareggio Polo Beach Cup – Versilia Tuscany for the second time in a row and celebrated its success at the price giving ceremony.

first two days of the tournament one team emerged as most successful: Last year's winning team Fipa Group, including Matteo Beffa (-1) and Cedric Schweri (0) from Switzerland with Argentinian pro Martin Riglos (4), won against team Dr. Vranjes on Friday by 8-6 and showed an impressive competition against team Engel & Völkers on Saturday, defeating the team by 9-1. In the final match on Sunday, which was accompanied by bright sunshine and watched by many spectators, team Fipa Group once again proved their skills and claimed victory. In an exciting match the trio defeated team Park Hotel Villa Ariston, consisting of Edward Foxon (1), Oscar Carona (2) and Andrew Foxon (0), by 3-1.5. The third position was claimed by team Engel & Völkers, including Gary Pike (1), Federico Ferraresi (1) and Denis Venturato (2). The trio won against Peter Elser (1), Marcos Antinori (4) and Raimondo Visconti di Modrone (-1) of team Dr. Vranjes by 5-2. At the price giving ceremony the players and guests witnessed one of the highlights of the tournament: The famous Italian singer Andrea Bocelli presented the trophy to the winning team Fipa Group.

The two commentators Gian Luca Magini and Jan-Erik Franck took care of providing an amusing presentation of the matches. Gian Luca Magini: "The final was a very exciting match! Each player played very well, but Martin Riglos finally made the difference. We saw good polo during the whole tournament and it was a very nice show for all the people who came to see the matches. We had a great time and were lucky with the weather, as the sun was shining on Sunday just in time for the final matches. The seventh

edition was the best of all since the beginning of the tournament!" The event also included an entertaining social programme for the VIP guests and players and during the gala dinner on Saturday evening a charity auction was held. The gains of the auction were donated to the "Andrea Bocelli Foundation", which helps children in need in Haiti. Patrizia Lencioni, president of the Viareggio Beach Polo Club, was once again responsible for the organisation of the tournament. Patrizia Lencioni: "I'm particularly proud of this 7th edition, which really led the tournament to its maximum exposure, both for international guests and the interest shown by the media. We raised more and more our target, and have already started working on the 2016 edition, with a promotion tour that will start in Dubai, in November. There's also a project for the most innovative polo field, but that will be the top surprise of the next tournament!"

Representatives of Miami Beach Polo and the International Polo Club in Wellington Palm Beach, Florida, of Jodhpur, India, as well as of the Hublot Polo Cup Ascona in Switzerland and Polo Club Croatia were present at the tournament and congratulated the organisers on the successful event. Rudolf Berglehner from the Fipa Group cherished the positive feedback and said, "I look forward to welcome all guests and players again in 2016 to the Viareggio Polo Beach Cup – Versilia Tuscany. Let's enjoy for an other time the sunshine, the horses and games and the unique ambiance of polo at the beach and powerful yachts!"



BEACH POLO DOWN UNDER

In 2015 Pinctada Cable Beach Polo, Australia's only beach polo tournament, marked its fifth anniversary – and celebrated Australia's best beach party.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN PHOTOGRAPHY CABLE BEACH POLO PTY LTD.



1 Sunset at the Broome Port 2 Patrons, players and sponsors after the award ceremony 3 Polo action 4 About 2,000 spectators enjoyed a fantastic polo weekend in Broome 5 Marilynne Paspaley, organiser of the Pinctada Cable Beach Polo 6 A bevy of barefoot beauties enjoying the VIP Marquee for the Sunday finals 7 Aboriginal stockman Ian Long who is one of the recipients of the Cable Beach Polo Scholarship. He competed in the Airnorth Kimberley Challenge.

Located about 2,000 kilometres in the north of Perth, the nearest capital city with an active polo community, Pinctada Cable Beach Polo indeed is the most remote beach polo event in the world, but also without doubt a tournament played in one of the most remarkable parts of the world. Due to the paradisiacal location on the beach of Broome, the gorgeous surroundings of the Kimberly region with some of Australia's most iconic natural attractions, best sand conditions and a great organisation, Cable Beach Polo is an unforgettable experience.

In this year's Airnorth Kimberley Challenge, the two participating low-goal teams again included two young aboriginal stockmen who had been recipients of the Cable Beach Polo Scholarship. In Sunday's main match – the Paspaley International Beach Polo Cup III – the teams Rodd & Gunn (12) and Merchant Shipping (11) encountered each other. The Rodd & Gunn team had won the BMW New Zealand Open 2015 and came to Broome to compete for the Cup, but despite their vigorous play were marginally defeated by 7-6 in extra time by team Merchant Shipping including Clinton Wheatley (0), Matt Grimes (6) and Jack Archibald (5). On the weekend, about 2,000 spectators witnessed the sandy chukkas. But Cable Beach Polo is much more – patrons and players are

invited by the organizers to spend one week in Broome, including fishing trips, golf at the unusual Broome Golf Club and visits to the Paspaley pearling fleet for a "behind the scenes" view of the Australian pearling industry. One of the highlights of the week is the "Dinner under the Stars", held at a long-table on Cable Beach under the Kimberley night sky.

"Cable Beach was an epic adventure built on vision and dedicated horseman willing to go that extra mile", the Australian player Paul Banks (hdc 0) raves. "It ensured that people were entertained with the beauty of polo on a stage that has no better outlook." This is no single opinion as organiser Marilynne Paspaley joyfully tells: "Cable Beach Polo 2015 received such a positive response from our sponsors and their guests as well as the general public that its future is assured for the next five years. The unique and personal style of hospitality along with the exciting matches on the field have won the hearts of those who attended this year and many guests have already pledged their intention to return for the event in 2016." The date is already fixed: In 2016 the event will take place from 21-22 May.

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ROVINJ

POLO GOES CROATIA

From 12-15 May 2016, the sport of polo will conquer the beautiful coast of Istria/Croatia. Beach Polo at the Adria ... finally this dream comes true.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING

It's ten years since polo was first played on the Brijuni Islands near Pula. Even the Croatian President came to the final, and sponsors, players and the event organiser alike all hoped they had laid the foundation stone for a long tradition of polo on these islands. Unfortunately, completely the opposite happened. Bureaucratic confusion and the issue of the Brijuni Islands, which long served as the state residence of the former ruler of Yugoslavia, Josef Bros Tito, destroyed all sporting ambitions.

Now, Uwe Zimmermann, President of the Polo Club Ascona and long one of the visionaries of European polo, has discovered the captivating Adriatic coast of Istria for himself. The first beach polo tournament in Croatia will take place in mid-May 2016 in Rovinj. Four international teams will take part, including players from India, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Croatia and Argentina. Three

players will play per team with a team handicap of 4-6 goals. The whole infrastructure, including the 70x45m polo arena, will be set up especially for the 3 days of the tournament. As team sponsors Adris/Maistra, Heineken, Agrokor and Tagheuer will present the venue.

"We are pleased to have support from our main sponsor, the ADRIS Group, as well as Tagheuer, Heineken Bier, Bentley, La Martina, Hotel Lone and several others." The polo tournament will take place in the arena directly on the beach in the wonderful city of Rovinj. "The backdrop is unique and perhaps even comparable to that of St. Tropez." All players will stay at the five-star Hotel Lone and can look forward to a varied and exclusive fringe programme in addition to the polo. Uwe Zimmermann: "Rovinj, Istria and Croatia want to present themselves to a wide international

public with this event. Polo is a common passion for a cosmopolitan audience that will surely discover a new favourite destination for itself here on the Adriatic coast." Red Bull has hosted the "air race" in Rovinj for several years, so the launch of this arena polo event will provide yet another sporting and social highlight on one of the most beautiful coasts in Europe. The international organisational team comprises partners from Croatia and Slovenia who have years of experience in the organisation of large and high-quality music events. The foundation of the first Croatian polo club is already in the preparation stages. Rovinj and its polo tournament has already set up partnerships with similar tournaments and polo clubs in Dubai, Brazil, Warnemünde, Basthorst and Ascona.

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Thrilling polo action in a breathtaking idyllic environment at the Adriatic coast of Istria.

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POLO CLUB ROME

The Rome Polo Club looks back on a vibrant season and successful tournaments in the Eternal City. POLO+10 interview with Gian Luca Magini about the club and the sport of polo in Italy.

INTERVIEW STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY GIAN LUCA MAGINI/POLO CLUB ROME





1 Club house and field of the Rome Polo Club 2 Entrance to the club house 3 Comfortable and homely with heavy armchairs and a fireplace
4 Gian Luca Magini (left) of the Rome Polo Club with Alessandro Giachetti, FIP Italy in Baku/Azerbaijan 5 International chukkas at the Eternal City, the club is looking forward to the season 2016.



HOW DID THE SPORT OF POLO DEVELOP IN ITALY THROUGHOUT THE LAST 10 YEARS?

In the last ten years major Italian polo clubs (Milan, Rome, Villa a Sesta and Argentario) have developed improving and increasing the number of tournaments especially during summer.

HOW MANY PLAYERS DO YOU HAVE IN THE ROME POLO CLUB?

In the Rome Polo Club there are around 50 players.

WHO IS THE BEST PLAYER IN ITALY?

The best Italian Polo player is Goffredo Cutinelli Rendina (hcp 4).

WHICH ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT TOURNAMENTS IN THE COUNTRY?

According to the tournaments we have: Coppa Duca d'Aosta (hcp 8/10) at the Rome Polo Club; Coppa Italia FISE (hcp 3/6) at Argentario Polo Club; Summer Cup (hcp 8/10) at Argentario Polo Club; Winter Cortina Polo Snow (8/10) in Cortina in the north of Italy and the Beach Polo in Versilia (Tuscany) and the tournament in Villa a Sesta (hcp 6/8).

HOW IS THE STRUCTURE OF PATRONS/HOW MANY ARE THERE?

As in the rest of the world, the Italian polo patrons have a certain number of horses and foreign professional players that play for them during the polo season.

WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL FASCINATION ABOUT POLO?

Playing polo was and still is a privilege. But above all it's a sport I share and play with my son Giordano.

HOW AND WHEN DID YOU START TO PLAY? HOW WENT YOUR POLO CAREER?

Unfortunately I started to play polo 25 years ago when I was still young... I've always played as a gentleman and I reached hcp 1 in 2004. I had the chance to play polo in many foreign countries (Argentina, India, Egypt and in Azerbaijan last September). They have all been very important and fascinating experiences. Since my son has started playing polo, I enjoy being the speaker during the most important tournaments in Rome Polo Club.

WHAT DO YOU MISS IN THE ITALIAN POLO? ARE THERE THINGS WHICH COULD BE IMPROVED?

Nothing is missing in the Italian polo; we have clubs, good polo fields and many young players we can count on.

HOW GOOD IS ITALY'S POLO COMPARED TO THE REST OF EUROPE?

It is absolutely in line with the polo played in France and Germany, for example, even if we have less players.

WHICH ARE YOUR FAVOURITE POLO DESTINATIONS IN THE WORLD?

After Argentina where I usually go, my favourite destination is Jaipur in India. I went there several times and it has always been a great polo and I had a great time.

FOR VISITORS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES: WHICH TOURNAMENT OF THE ROME POLO CLUB WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TO ATTEND?

I recommend the Coppa Duca d'Aosta because it's the oldest one in Rome, very fascinating played in the Eternal City. ●

LAND ROVER NZ POLO OPEN

The NZ Polo Open at Auckland Polo Club is the premier polo tournament in New Zealand. On 21 February 2016, the high goal tournament will take place for the 49th time.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN PHOTOGRAPHY ZILLIONSTARS LTD & CARMEN BIRD



In the past year, about 7,000 spectators came to the Auckland Polo Club, which is located in Clevedon 40 minutes from Auckland city, and witnessed the fast and thrilling matches of the New Zealand Polo Open in a relaxed and elegant atmosphere. Picture top right: Award ceremony 2015 – Team Rodd & Gunn won the first place.



POLO CLUBS IN NEW ZEALAND

North Island Clubs

- 1 Auckland
- 2 Birchleigh
- 3 Cambridge
- 4 Hawke's Bay
- 5 Hololio
- 6 Kihikihi
- 7 Lanherne
- 8 Morrinsville
- 9 Mystery Creek
- 10 Northland
- 11 Poverty Bay
- 12 Rangitikei
- 13 Taupiri
- 14 Waimai
- 15 Wanstead



South Island Clubs

- 16 Amuri
- 17 Blenheim
- 18 Christchurch
- 19 Port Hills
- 20 South Canterbury
- 21 Waipara



Ross George and Sam Hopkinson of winning team Rodd & Gunn.

The NZ Polo Open was created in the 1960s. The event started from the grass roots, and now in its 49th year the annual tournament attracts international polo players, superior ponies, and diverse spectators from around the globe. The Land Rover NZ Polo Open decides the New Zealand Polo Championship and is the premier polo tournament in New Zealand. In 2016, six teams will compete in the 18-goal tournament, which will be held on 21st February at Auckland Polo Club. There are further 24 teams in the other grades that play throughout the week in the build-up for the Land Rover NZ Polo Open. Hannah Marshall, Auckland Polo Club Event Manager, already presents a forecast of the teams: "We have an exciting array of international players that head to New Zealand to play in the New Zealand Polo Open and this year we have a patron from the UK entering a team. Our teams are scattered from the regions of New Zealand, including two that travel from the South Island." The exact team line-ups will be announced in February.

The Auckland Polo Club is based in Clevedon in Southern Hills of Auckland. The club was established in 1888 and thus was one of the first polo clubs to be formed in New Zealand. Today Auckland is one of the most important polo centres of the country. Highlight of the polo season is the NZ Polo Open, annually held in February – an international and glamorous event, but at the same time with a family and casual atmosphere. "Our vision is to attract international tourists and players to New Zealand to enjoy the Land Rover NZ Polo Open as part of the global polo circuit. That said we aim to maintain our local grass roots feel to ensure the event is unique to New Zealand," says Hannah Marshall.

Last year 7,000 people attended the event and were thrilled about the action packed chukkas being held on "Fisher Field". For the upcoming edition on Sunday, 21 February 2016, the event organisers are expecting a similar turnout. "If not more, as we have increased capacity for our General Admission area. This year we are encouraging more families to take a picnic and enjoy a day in the countryside, and there is a young hip city demographic too, who adore the change in scenario plus our legendary After Party. Spectators enjoy the sport of polo, and hopefully the tournament might encourage new polo players!"

In 2016, for the first time Land Rover will be title sponsor of the event. "The NZ Polo Open has been going from strength to strength for a number of years. We have been looking to partner with a business and brand that reflects the class and sophistication of our sporting event," says Hannah Marshall to explain how the cooperation came about. "Land Rover is the perfect fit, because it has similarly aligned ideals with its longstanding relationship with equestrian sports globally." For Land Rover this new partnership is a win-win-situation as well. James McKee, Marketing Manager at Land Rover NZ: "Sponsorship of events such as the Land Rover New Zealand Polo Open allow us to reaffirm Land Rover's longstanding links with equestrian sport, but also allows us to engage with customers around the capability of our vehicles in a luxury environment – two things that Land Rovers are synonymous with."



SINGAPORE

POLO CLUB

Interview with Rickard Hogberg, President of the Singapore Polo Club, which was founded in 1886 and ranges among the most exclusive polo clubs in the world. The club expanded a lot, the number of players has doubled in the last 10 years.

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WHAT MAKES THE SINGAPORE POLO CLUB UNIQUE IN THE WHOLE WORLD?

The history of the Singapore Polo Club is as full of incident and colour as the game of polo itself. It was founded in 1886 and we have many fond memories where noble players such as HRH Prince Philip and HRH Prince Charles, they were here in 1965 and 1974 respectively, both echoing the guidance and interest of their uncle, Lord Mountbatten, who inspired the resurgence of polo in Singapore in 1945.

Singapore Polo Club is unique in the sense that it is in a top global city, it's a membership club and members rush down 4 times a week, 4-7 pm for a game, it's a true family club with polo. Members / Patrons come as a team for tournaments with high quality polo with 6-12 goals, it is a family and equestrian club where many members / non-members have their business meeting here as well.

HOW MANY ACTIVE PLAYERS, MEMBERS AND HORSES DO YOU HAVE?

220 horses, 150 polo ponies, 100 active polo players and 500 active riders.

IS IT TRUE, THAT A STABLE CAN NOT BE RENTED BUT ONLY INHERITED DUE TO SPACE CAPACITIES?

Lease stables and allocated stables, historically allocated stables run with the length of the land lease.

WHAT MAKES LIFE IN SINGAPORE SPECIAL?

Very civilized and good quality of life, superb connectivity and communications, safe and conducive environment for bringing up a family, although hot and humid most of the times.

IS THERE A HUGE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY OF POLO FANS?

With the sophisticated residents in Singapore, it is growing.



Rickard Hogberg, President of the Singapore Polo Club.

WHICH ARE THE BIGGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT TOURNAMENTS OF THE CLUB?

Triple Crown, Singapore Open, Corporate Leagues and Women's International Cup.

ARE THERE MANY PLAYERS COMING FROM ABROAD TO PLAY IN SINGAPORE?

Half are non-permanent residents, 1/3 are professionals in Singapore temporarily and they are here to play 1-2 dozens times, about 50 people who comes to the club to play are guests.

HOW DID THE CLUB DEVELOP DURING THE LAST 10 YEARS?

We have expanded significantly and have doubled the number of players in the last 10 years.

IN WHICH DIRECTION WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IT DEVELOPING IN THE FUTURE?

We have to recognize limitations, utilizing the teams to play 40-50 chukkas a week, the field / grass is watered well in a tropical climate like Singapore and we cannot play more polo without the quality affected. I would like to see a test new grass species for improved wear and tear tolerance, flood light for night polo, more members' participation in our club's activities and Singapore Polo Club to be the icon of all the clubs in Singapore and all polo clubs in Asia.

MR HOGBERG, PLEASE LET OUR READERS KNOW ABOUT YOUR OWN POLO CAREER!

I have been riding for more than 30 years and being a Swede, I love the outdoor life. I love the camaraderie and adrenalin rush at the polo club and it makes me feel like it's the second home for the family.

As I am competitive, playing for Sweden in the no 3 position in 1997 and 1999 for Sweden National team championship and World Cup Qualifier Lahora in 2006 where I played for Singapore. My polo enthusiasm has brought me to the United States, England, South Africa, Sweden, Australia, Malaysia, Holland, Thailand, Belgium, Germany, Portugal and of course Argentina, the Mecca of Polo. Now I'm happy playing for a beer with my friends at the club on my own ponies. ●



The club house at the Singapore Polo Club.



24/7 POLO

Argentina Polo Day is one of the leaders in both professional and amateur polo and the best alternative for those who know that polo is not about seasons.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN PHOTOGRAPHY ARGENTINA POLO DAY

Run by a passionate and enthusiastic couple, Celia Alfie and Ruben Jabib, the company owns and manages two polo clubs: El Camino Polo Club and La Carona Polo Club, located in Pilar. Both clubs are exclusive places to learn and play polo all year round and because they are situated only 45 minutes from both the international airport and Buenos Aires City, they are easily accessible to visiting players and guests. "We love welcoming visitors from all over the world and give them the best polo experience ever," says Celia Alfie. "We offer polo for everyone, every day of the year. Everyone can learn, everyone can start playing, everyone can come and enjoy our polo holidays. And every day of the year, means every day. We have no seasons. Rain or sun, we play polo. This is unique."

Argentina Polo Day offers excellent polo fields, instructors, horses, and practice of up to 6 chukkas, 24-hours security and polo tournaments all year. An annual membership with a monthly payment allows access to all club amenities, the clubhouse, the swimming pool, the extensive BBQ area and all the benefits that go along with the club and its community. The polo school is open all year and is a must for those amateurs or professional international players who want to improve their game in Argentina, the capital of polo. Argentina Polo Day's services portfolio includes also the possibility to organise corporate, social and charity events, incentive days and professional polo tournaments.

"In our second polo club, La Carona, we are building an arena field to play polo at night," comments Celia Alfie on the current plans. "That means, that we are going to play polo every day, 24 hours! No other place in the world could do that, and we do it and welcome everyone to share it."

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THE ANNUAL PRINCE OF WALES POLO CUP

Terrific polo and the magic of Africa: The Prince of Wales Cup is one of the most important tournaments of the sport of polo in South Africa. Spectators and players alike were once again delighted with the 108th edition at the Waterfall Polo Club.

PHOTOGRAPHY ADRIAN ABRAHAMS



1 Winning team Free State at the award ceremony of the 2015 Prince of Wales Polo Cup 2 The guests were treated to the finest food 3 Four teams competed against each other in exciting matches at the 108th edition of the tournament.

In 1925, His royal Highness Prince Edward of Wales toured South Africa and played in a series of polo matches as he experienced the magic of Africa through the sport of kings, polo. At the end of his visit, Prince Edward himself donated the cup that has become the centrepiece of the entire event giving this tournament its name and starting a long history of polo at its best.

The Prince of Wales Polo Cup has a lot riding on it for the South African polo community as the best players in the country compete in their teams for the prestigious cup and honour of being chosen for the South African national team.

Taking place on the last weekend of August annually, this three day tournament attracts polo fans, seasoned aficionados of the polo lifestyle, business people, celebrities and newcomers looking to experience this royal sport in a discerning way. Whether guests prefer to book a table for business or pleasure or enjoy a picnic basket in the African sun with friends and family, there is a little bit of decadence for everyone.

As one of the prime tournaments on the polo calendar, the event is brought to Johannesburg, South Africa by Mr Concierge. Mr Concierge has partnered with Perrier-Jouët champagne, the Four Seasons Hotel and Macallan whiskey and together play tribute to the art of polo worthy of the title the sport of kings.

For more information on how to book a tournament visit for 2016: www.powcup.co.za





1 The coveted trophy of the USPA Gold Cup 2 Polo action at the International Polo Club 3 Each Sunday the polo matches attract a huge audience 4 The winning team of the 2015 U.S. Open Polo Championship: Valiente including Adolfo Cambiaso, Guillermo Terrera, Alejo Taranco and Bob Jornayvaz.

PALM BEACH

The International Polo Club Palm Beach is known for hosting some of the most prestigious high goal tournaments in the world. POLO+10 takes a look at the stories behind the trophies and presents the 2016 high goal winter polo season.

BY HALINA SCHMIDT PHOTOGRAPHY LILA PHOTO

When it comes to high goal polo in the U.S. there is no possibility to get around the International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington, Florida. Here some of the most important high goal tournaments are held, attracting every year the top polo players in the world, such as the 10-goalers Adolfo Cambiaso, Sapó Caset as well as the cousins Facundo and Pablo Pieres. So when the winter season arrives, it's time for high goal polo in Wellington!

On 3 January 2016 the season kicks off with the final of the 20-goal tournament Herbie Pennell Cup. This trophy is named after Alfred "Herbie" Pennell, who is remembered as polo manager of Meadowbrook Polo Club, N.Y. and the Palm Beach Polo and Country Club. He carried a handicap of 6 goals on the field and an impressive 8-goal handicap in the arena. He sustained, mentored, and trained hundreds of polo players and by doing this made his contribution to the promotion of the sport of polo. One week later starts the 20-goal Joe Barry Memorial Cup, which is held in honour of Harold "Joe" Barry. He played as an impenetrable back at 9 goals and it is said no one could hit a longer ball or provide a more reliable presence. The third 20-goal tournament of the winter season bears the name of Bill Ylvisaker, founder of the Palm Beach Polo and Country Club as well as of the Polo Training Foundation to teach and develop young polo players. During his playing career, Ylvisaker was a 7-goal player and won three U.S. Open Polo championships, two Coronation Cups against England and Australia as well as the USPA Gold Cup. He served as chairman of the U.S. Polo Association from 1970-75. The Ylvisaker Cup will be played from 31 January to 21 February 2016.

The 28 February 2016 is the starting signal for the 26-goal tournaments at International Polo Club Palm Beach, also called the American Triple Crown of polo. The USPA C.V. Whitney Cup was first held in 1979 and is named in memory of Cornelius Vanderbilt "Sonny" Whitney, and his cousin John Hay Whitney, who were important polo patrons in the 1930s. C.V. Whitney won the U.S. Open Polo Championship three times (twice against his brother) and was a renowned owner and breeder of thoroughbred horses. The USPA C.V. Whitney Cup's final is held on 6 March 2016, which means one week later next major tournament at Palm Beach starts: The USPA Gold Cup® is played from 13-27 March 2016. The USPA Gold Cup, first played in 1974 at the Oakbrook Polo Club in Illinois, shows high goal polo at its finest. This tournament has been played at various polo clubs throughout its history, and since 2007, International Polo Club Palm Beach has proudly hosted this prestigious event. The highlight and conclusion of the high goal winter polo season will once again be the U.S. Open Polo Championship®, which will take place from 3-24 April 2016. The U.S. Open Polo Championship dates back to 1904 when it was first played at Van Cortlandt Park, New York and it has been played at the International Polo Club Palm Beach since 2004. Each year the tournament gathers some of the best polo players from around the globe in Wellington to fight for the coveted trophy of the most prestigious tournament in the United States. This 2016 high goal winter season promises 17-weeks of non-stop polo action at its best!

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BEACH

The underlying concept of beach polo was to bring polo to the people, to offer a more casual approach to the “sport of kings” and bring it to places that would otherwise not have the opportunity to observe this regal and exciting equestrian sport.

INTERVIEW STEFANIE STÜTING
PHOTOGRAPHY CABLE BEACH POLO PTY LTD.





Joy Countess du Lau d'Allemans (President IBPA) and Alex Webbe (Chairman IBPA).

Alex Webbe, Chairman of the International Beach Polo Association, talks about the worldwide popularity of Beach Polo, the special challenges for the ponies and the players, as well as Beach Polo as a “moveable feast”.

WHAT ARE THE TASKS AND AIMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BEACH POLO ASSOCIATION (IBPA)?

The IBPA currently serves as the organizational and active agent for the game. The IBPA is designed to advise, guide and encourage the advancement of this great equestrian sport. The Association will work to create and organize additional tournaments and events, and actively encourage the development of new venues, and sanction key locations for inclusion in the Association's World Beach Polo Tour. The IBPA has created resources for the current and future beach polo clubs around the world, including a book of rules and regulations and suggestions as to the construction and maintenance of the beach polo venues.

HOW MANY BEACH POLO VENUES DID THE IBPA COUNT IN 2015?

There were 19 formal events, with some familiar venues (Miami) siting it out this year. Over the years, a number of events have suspended tournament play for a year or so (Dubai, Australia's Cable Beach, Acapulco, Mexico, etc.) only to regroup and reappear.

IN HOW MANY COUNTRIES BEACH POLO IS PLAYED TODAY?

Currently there are over 20 countries around the world who have organized beach polo events, with a dozen or more in the planning stages.

WHAT ARE THE MAIN TOPICS AND CONCERNS THE IBPA IS ASKED AND CONTACTED FOR?

There are a number of concerns to be considered when planning and organizing a beach polo event from rules and the footing and the size of the available venue to the staging area for the horses and concerns for proper water for them. Each location offers a different challenges that need to be addressed. The IBPA tries to be available and reach out to all prospective beach polo organizers and assist in the planning stages to alleviate future problems.

WHEN WAS THE IBPA FOUNDED?

2008.



HOW MANY MEMBERS DO YOU HAVE TODAY?

Beach polo is a loosely organized fraternity and as such reflects the early formational stages of the FIP. The Association was formed to act as a resource for beach polo events and emerging beach polo events. We would like to think that each and every beach polo event is connected to the IBPA.

WHAT ARE THE FUTURE PERSPECTIVES FOR THE NEXT YEARS?

WHAT IS THE ASSOCIATION WORKING AT CURRENTLY?

The IBPA continues to reach out to emerging events (like the Scandinavian World Cup in Denmark, New Zealand's Porangahau Beach Polo and Bondi Beach Polo in Australia). Additionally we try to help revive past events (Cancun and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, St. Brelade in Jersey, Goa, India and a number of others

who have chosen to take the game to the beach). Based on feedback from the various tournaments, additional adjustments to the rules continue and an effort to coordinate sponsors throughout the beach polo community remains a priority.

WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL ACCESS TOWARDS THE SPORT OF POLO? HOW DID YOUR POLO CAREER PROCEED?

My family played as we had a small field at our home. Through the patience and assistance of family grooms and my father, my talents progressed. I have been fortunate enough to have traveled to numerous polo playing countries in my lifetime to compete with and against, or in some cases to just watch some of the game's top horses and players. I have seen the glorious spectacle of snow polo and the excitement that it arouses in the spectators.

“BEACH POLO BRINGS THE GAME TO THE PEOPLE. THE RELAXED ATMOSPHERE OF AN OCEAN-FRONT VENUE ELIMINATES THE SENSE OF EXCLUSIVITY AND OPENS THE GAME TO A WIDER AUDIENCE.”

ALEX WEBBE Chairman of the International Beach Polo Association

After watching my first beach polo match, my feelings were that this could be another vehicle that could introduce this great game to people who would never have had the opportunity to see it up close and personal. Beach polo was never created to compete with the 40-goal competitions that Argentina produces each fall, but it is an opportunity for the game to be offered in a casual setting to new audiences in an effort to grow the game.

SUN, BEACH, OCEAN & POLO – THIS COMBINATION SEEMS TO BE PERFECT. ALL OVER THE WORLD BEACH POLO EVENTS ARE VERY WELL ATTENDED. WHY IS BEACH POLO SO POPULAR?

A major factor in its popularity is the fact that a playing surface that is less than one-tenth the size of a polo field allows the spectators to get up close and personal with the game, the horses and the players. The proximity of the spectators to the game allows them to see the action up close, to observe the skills of the horses and players. Unlike the field game that requires spectators to drive miles out into the country to watch the game of polo, beach polo brings the game to the people, to population centers. The relaxed atmosphere of an ocean-front venue (or lake-front in some cases) eliminates the sense of exclusivity and opens the game to a wider audience. At a beach polo match attendees can wear anything from blazers and summer dresses to bathing suits and feel equally comfortable – no social stigmas attached.

DOES THE POPULARITY OF BEACH POLO HELP TO PROMOTE THE SPORT OF POLO?

Absolutely. I consider beach polo to be a “moveable feast” that allows polo to come to the people rather than forcing the people to come to polo. Popular beaches throughout the world are introducing the game of polo to a new and growing audience. The beach polo events happen once a year. After a weekend of beach polo many of the novice polo spectators inquire as to where they can see this game played locally, and make their way to the field polo venues.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT VENUES WHERE BEACH POLO IS PLANNED IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

We have been approached by groups from all over the world, from India to the French Riviera, and continue to assist in the organization of tournaments at many international venues. We are currently communicating with an Australian group that is planning on an event next year at Bondi Beach. We are in discussions with the Hong Kong Polo Club and have been working with the beach polo efforts in Denmark and Coronado, California. ●

THE MALTESE CAT BOOK SERIES

A Book Review. Meet the Maltese Cat, a refreshingly new and exciting character in suspense and adventure books. He travels the world, battling corruption, helping those in need, and fighting the good fight. And wherever he travels, he usually has his mallets and boots with him.

BY POLO+10 PHOTOGRAPHY 7-THEMES.COM, PAKISTANPAEDIA.COM

Suspense books often find their main protagonist associated with a particular sport. James Bond tangled with Goldfinger on the golf links before they battled each other at Fort Knox. In *I Spy*, Kelly Robinson's cover was as an international tennis player. The sport of polo has usually been left out of literature, with the rare exceptions of Harold Robbins' character, Dax, or Evan Lee Hayman's hero, Thomas Crown, both who dabbled in polo. That has now changed with an exciting, new fictional character named The Maltese Cat.

The Maltese Cat is an adventurer, a world traveler, a staunch individualist, a passionate polo and tennis player, an excellent cook, and an inadvertent crusader of justice who is able to spread the wealth.

Officially, he is a business consultant. In actuality, he has been involved far more over the years in corporate espionage. He targets corrupt businessmen and politicians, and makes a handsome living out of it, correcting their inequities. Having lived abroad for years, his home base now is the internet capital of the world, his native San Francisco. He is assisted by Zap, Inc., a collective of young and brilliant computer wizards. The Cat gave them their start as a computer users group when they were still in high school. They provide him with technical and research support. Known to his close friends and his polo acquaintances simply as "Cat", he acquired the nickname as a child after Rudyard Kipling's character of the same name. Like the original Maltese Cat, he is a student of the game who helps all that come within his orb. The Cat had intended to retire in San Francisco to a quiet, unassuming life. But his destiny

will not allow that. Intrigue has a way of finding him wherever he goes. The Maltese Cat plays polo but you would not find him at major tournaments in Florida or England. He plays for the pleasure of participation and not for public accolades. You would be more apt to see him in private clubs in northern California or in exotic places such as Shandur Top, Pakistan, or Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, playing among friends. His style is that of days gone by – a casual elegance which is the essence of "Sprezzatura". He plays tennis in the same manner. Both sports allow him the needed relaxation in between his many adventures.

In whatever the Maltese Cat undertakes, things are not what they seem. Subterfuge and stealth are his modus operandi rather than brute strength. The plots in these stories have more twists and turns than San Francisco's renowned Lombard Street. Right when you think you have figured out what is happening, something else emerges to throw you off balance. This makes for high excitement from page one right until the end.

The writer is The Maltese Cat himself, told in the third person. If you are looking for an action packed book which gives you a detailed glimpse into the world of polo, The Maltese Cat series needs to be in your library. Watch out for the publishing launch scheduled in 2016, found in both e-book format and hard copy from amazon.com.

Follow the books on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheMalteseCatSeries

“THE PLOTS IN THESE STORIES HAVE MORE TWISTS AND TURNS THAN SAN FRANCISCO'S RENOWNED LOMBARD STREET.”

THE MALTESE CAT Author

THE FIRST TWO BOOKS IN THE MALTESE CAT SERIES AS FOLLOWS:



Book One – Escheatment

The first installment of the Maltese Cat series finds friends of the Maltese Cat seeking his help in a moral injustice. A young woman has been seduced with rohypnol and savagely gang raped by a group of five young, rich stockbrokers and bankers who call themselves the Boys Club. The Cat agrees to help out and plans for the financial destruction of the Boys Club and then a commensurate punishment. But something seems to be amiss. The Boys are not as wealthy as they appear and it seems more and more that their lifestyle is funded by the Taliban, an Afghani political terrorist organization. Nothing seems to make sense as the Maltese Cat and the Zap Kids dig deeper into the Boys Club's machinations. The story leads them from San Francisco to Switzerland, from the Caribbean to Singapore and Macau, and even finds the Maltese Cat playing polo at the top of the world in the Hindukush mountains at the Shandur Festival in northern Pakistan, in search of the Taliban. There, with his polo playing friends, he is taken at knifepoint and held captive by the Taliban. Will he be able to escape and solve the riddle of the Boys Club, as well as punish them for their moral turpitude? He wouldn't be the Maltese Cat if he couldn't.



Book Two – Pogrom

The Maltese Cat is invited to Saudi Arabia by his polo playing friend Bruce and a prince from the ruling royal family, ostensibly to work on a consultancy project. When he arrives he finds that there are rumors that an atomic weapon is being constructed in Saudi Arabia by an alleged member of the Royal Family, a black sheep who is known as the Rogue Prince. The target: Israel. Although the Cat initially declines the project, he stays on to assist in the search. Aided by the Zap Kids, who have problems of their own in San Francisco and by Mossad, Israel's intelligence unit, the laboratory and the bomb are discovered in time. All appears to be well. The Cat begins to enjoy his stay with Bruce and his friend the prince by playing polo in the newly created club in Jeddah. But The Rogue Prince has other plans. The laboratory was only a diversion to cover up his real target. He is now free to initiate a nefarious plot that could have not been anticipated. Upon discovering this, the Cat tries to bring Mossad back for help. The Saudi government believes it is just a bad rumor and refuses to help once more. If the Rogue Prince succeeds, it will change the entire world map and forever alter the shape of nations in every corner of the world. The Maltese Cat must succeed this time. The clock is ticking...

CORONEL SUÁREZ A FAMILY AFFAIR

Coronel Suárez is considered to be the most successful team in the history of the sport of polo. POLO+10 took a look at the history books and presents the most important numbers, facts & figures.

BY HALINA SCHMIDT PHOTOGRAPHY ADE ADEDEJI/PEPE SANTAMARINA



The Coronel Suárez Polo Team in 1959. From left to right: Juan Carlos Harriott sen. (8), Luis A. Lalor (7), Juan Carlos Harriott jun. (9) and Horacio Heguy (7).



Family ties: Juan Carlos Harriott sen. (left) and his son "Juancarlitos". During the time the two polo stars both played for the Coronel Suárez Polo Team, the team won the title of the Argentine Open seven times.

FACTS & FIGURES ABOUT THE CORONEL SUÁREZ POLO TEAM:

- The Coronel Suárez Polo Team has won the Argentine Open a total of 26 times – a record unbroken until today.
- In 1972, the team was the first in the history of polo to win the Argentine Triple Crown.
- In 1975, Coronel Suárez was the first team to play at the Argentine Open with the highest possible handicap of 40 goals.
- The Coronel Suárez Polo Team has won the Argentine Open ten times in a row – a unique feat in the history of the tournament.
- The Argentine Triple Crown, consisting of the Tortugas Open, Hurlingham Open and Argentine Open, was won by Coronel Suárez six times – in 1968, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977 and 1983. This record is held by Coronel Suárez until today.
- The most successful team line-up of the Coronel Suárez Polo Team comprised two pairs of brothers: Juancarlitos and Alfredo Harriott as well as Alberto and Horacio Heguy. Starting in 1967, the team in this set-up won the Argentine Open eleven times.
- For nearly 20 years Juan Carlos Harriott jun. played with a handicap of 10 goals. It was lowered at his own request to 9 goals in 1980.
- Did you know? The city of Coronel Suárez is named after Manuel Isidoro Suárez (1799–1846), a colonel of the Argentine army, who commanded Peruvian and Colombian cavalry troops in their wars of independence. Manuel Isidoro Suárez was the great-grandfather of Argentine writer Jorge Luis Borges, who commemorated him in three poems.



The Coronel Suárez Polo Team after winning the final of the 1975 Argentine Open, from left: Horacio Heguy (9), Juan Carlos Harriott jun. (10), Alberto Heguy (9) and Alfredo Harriott (9).

They are most successful polo team of all time and players from across the world look up to them: Coronel Suárez. The team still hold the record today with 26 wins at the Argentine Open, the most important tournament in the world. The history of this world-famous polo team started with the foundation of the Coronel Suárez Polo Club. The club was named after its home town, Coronel Suárez, located in the province of Buenos Aires. The first polo match in the town was played on Estancia La María in June 1927. Enthusiasm for the fast-paced sport quickly grew and plans for founding the town's own polo club were set in motion. The first polo pitch was quickly established and the club celebrated its opening on 29 May 1929. After just two years, the club had its first major tournament success by winning the National Handicap Championship to gain the Copa República Argentina, and numerous other victories followed over the years.

A Coronel Suárez Polo Club team won the Argentine Open for the first time in 1934. Following a number of other successes at the National Handicap Championship, the Argentine Open and the Hurlingham Open with different people playing in the team, the Coronel Suárez polo team's career really took off in 1957. The trigger for this was an event that strongly influenced the success story of the legendary polo team: Juan Carlos Harriott jun., who many still think was the best polo player of all time, joined the team and from this point on, the Coronel Suárez polo team was unstoppable: from 1957 to 1983, the team won the Argentine Open 23 times, and only in 1960, 1971 and 1973 were they beaten by another team to the title. All in all, the Coronel Suárez Polo Team achieved 26 victories at the Argentine Open: This makes them the undisputed number one in the polo world, even today. Team Hurlingham lies far behind in second place with 15 wins, followed by La Dolfina with nine wins. The team also performed brilliantly in many other tournaments and enjoyed several other successes, including winning the Hurlingham Open 21 times and the National Handicap Championship 13 times.

One of the most important success factors for Coronel Suárez was the structure of the team, which was strongly dominated by family ties right from the start. The team that achieved the first win for Coronel Suárez at the Argentine Open in 1934 comprised two pairs of brothers: the Garrós brothers Ricardo and Eduardo and the Alberdi brothers Enrique and Juan. From 1957 to 1964 Juan Carlos Harriott jun., known as "Juancarlitos", led the Coronel Suárez Polo Team to victory with his father Juan Carlos Harriott sen. Juan Carlos Harriott sen. was a very successful polo player and played with a handicap of 9 goals at the height of his career. He won many tournaments throughout his career, including eight Argentine Opens and eight Hurlingham Opens. Following an injury sustained at the Argentine Open in 1964, he retired from polo.

His son Juancarlitos was practically introduced to polo in his cradle by his family; in addition to his father, his uncle was also a successful polo player. He grew up on his family's Estancia in the town of Coronel Suárez and learnt to ride and play polo as a child. Following his big success with his father in the Argentine Open, he achieved the dream of



Top picture (f.l.t.r.): Juan Carlos Harriott sen., Juan Carlos Harriott jun., Daniel González and Horacio Heguy. Bottom: The Coronel Suárez Polo Team in action during the 1978 Argentine Open.



The Coronel Suárez Polo Team won numerous titles during its career. The team line-up consisting of Alberto Heguy, Horacio Heguy, Juan Carlos Harriott jun. and Alfredo Harriott (f.l.t.r) was the most successful, winning the Argentine Open in Palermo eleven times.

every polo player in 1961: Juan Carlos Harriott jun.'s handicap was raised to 10 goals. He played with the highest possible handicap in the sport for nearly 20 years and his handicap was only lowered at his own request to 9 goals in 1980. Over the years, Juancarlitos enjoyed many successes: he played in the Argentine Open 26 times in a row and won the tournament with his team Coronel Suárez 20 times, a success quota of 83.33 per cent. He also enjoyed 15 wins at the Hurlingham Open and eight at the Tortugas Open.

With his brother Alfredo as well as the brothers Alberto and Horacio Heguy, Juancarlitos ushered in the peak period of the Coronel Suárez polo team. Starting in 1967, the team in this setup won the Argentine Open eleven times. In 1968, the team was the first in the history of polo to win the Argentine Triple Crown. The Triple Crown is the most important and renowned tournament series in the world and comprises the Tortugas Open, Hurlingham Open and Argentine Open. Three years later, the team in this formation also achieved another milestone that went down in the history books of polo: the Coronel Suárez team was the first team to play at the Argentine Open with the highest possible handicap of 40 goals. Only five teams in the tournament's 122-year history have ever managed this. This incarnation of the team won the Argentine Open every year up to and including 1979. In 1980, following the victory of the Coronel Suárez polo team in the Cup of the Americas in San Antonio, Texas, Juan Carlos Harriott jun. and Horacio Heguy retired from high goal polo. This brought that era of polo to an end and the Coronel Suárez polo team's star began to wane. However, the team did manage a few more important victories: in 1981, Benjamín Carlos Araya, Alberto Heguy, Alfredo Harriott and Celestino Garrós led the Coronel Suárez polo team to another victory in the Argentine Open. At the age of 17, Benjamín Araya was the youngest winner in the history of the tournament. With the same players, the team defended their title the following year. 1983 marked the end of the Coronel Suárez success story: a team from the Coronel Suárez Polo Club, comprising Benjamín Araya, Juan Badiola, Daniel González and Horacio Araya won the Argentine Open for the last time.

This was the last success for the legendary polo team. But the history of polo continues to be written: in the final of the 2015 Argentine Open, La Dolfina won, and the four 10-goalers Adolfo Cambiaso, David Stirling, Pablo Mac Donough and Juan Martín Nero thus achieved a historic victory. La Dolfina also had won the Argentine Triple Crown in 2013 and 2014, and in 2015, the team once again turned the tables in its favour in the finals of the first major tournaments in the Triple Crown, the Tortugas Open and the Hurlingham Open. Their victory at the Argentine Open in the same year completed the triumph: La Dolfina won the Argentine Triple Crown for the third time in a row. No other team has managed this and they are thus the first in the history of polo to do so. To be continued ...



THE CORONEL SUÁREZ WAY

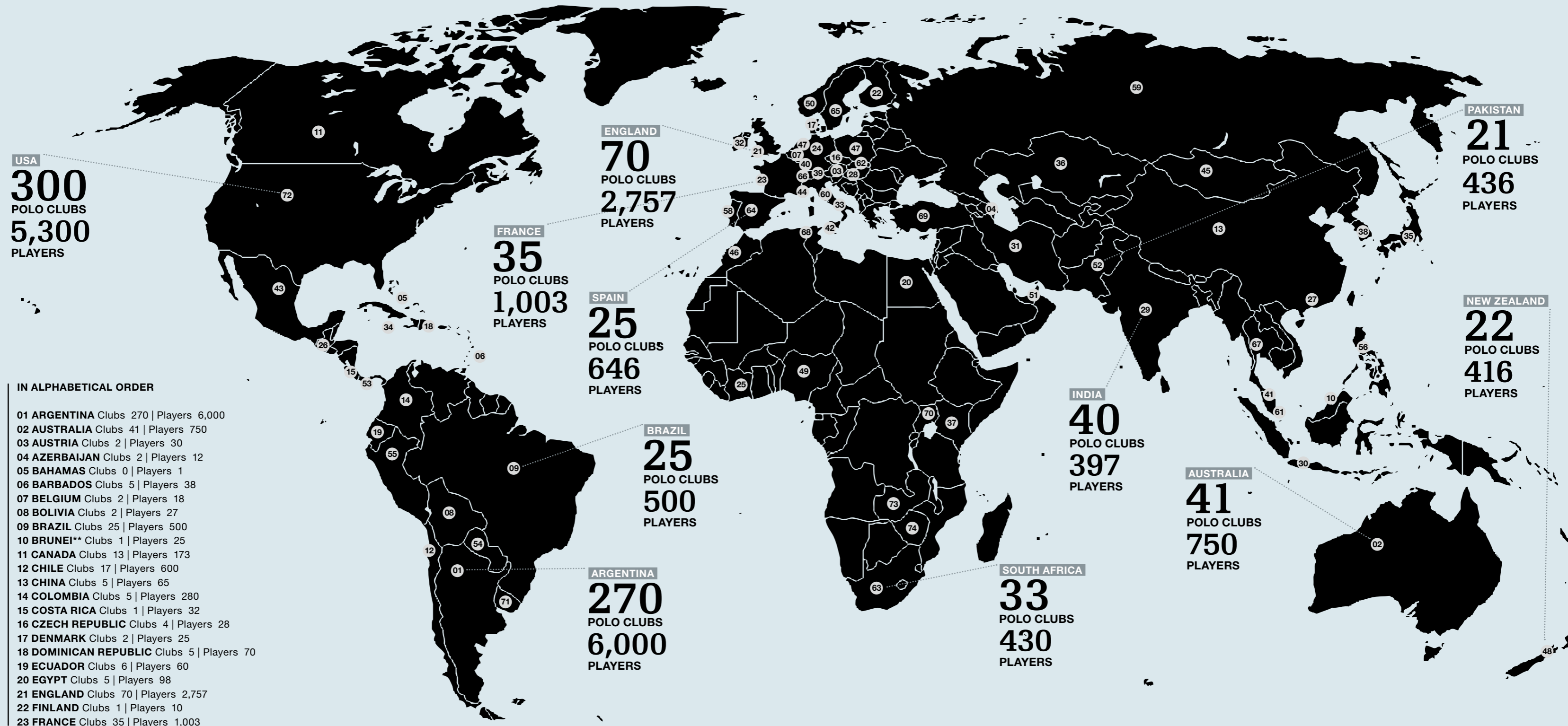
More than three years ago, Jose Ramon "Pepe" Santamarina, President of Polo committee at The Hurlingham Club in Buenos Aires, and Ade Adedeji, software engineer and avid polo player, started to work on the book "The Coronel Suárez Way". The book explains how Coronel Suárez was able to become the most successful team in the history of the sport. For this project, Pepe and Ade met surviving members of the Coronel Suárez organization such as Juancarlitos and Alfredo Harriot (see above). The book will be published in 2016.

www.thecoronelsuarezway.com

POLO IN NUMBERS

Argentina, USA and Europe are the big polo nations. More than half of all clubs and players can be found here. But what about the other countries? And how many clubs and players can be found worldwide? POLO+10 did some research and presents the polo universe in terms of numbers. Many thanks to everyone for the great support!

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN



USA
300
POLO CLUBS
5,300
PLAYERS

ENGLAND
70
POLO CLUBS
2,757
PLAYERS

FRANCE
35
POLO CLUBS
1,003
PLAYERS

SPAIN
25
POLO CLUBS
646
PLAYERS

BRAZIL
25
POLO CLUBS
500
PLAYERS

ARGENTINA
270
POLO CLUBS
6,000
PLAYERS

INDIA
40
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AUSTRALIA
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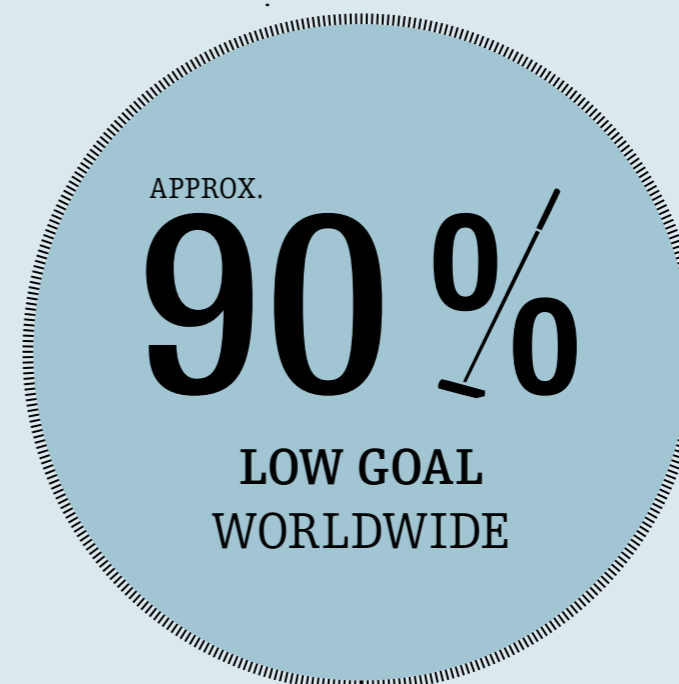
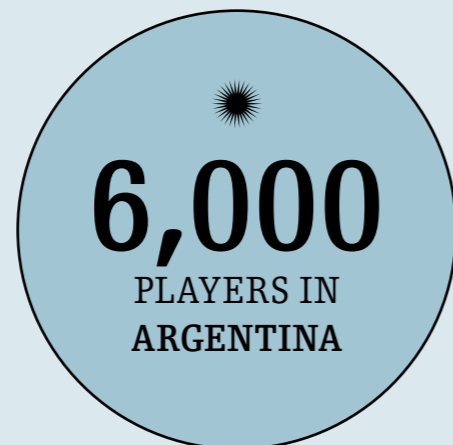
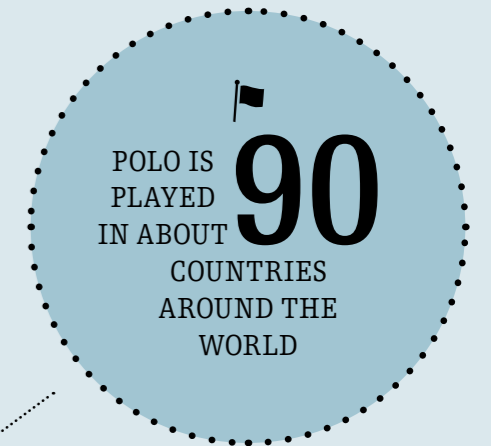
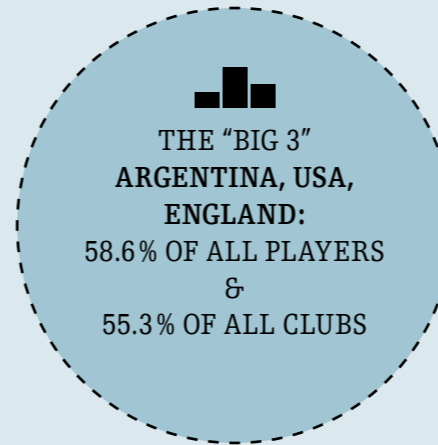
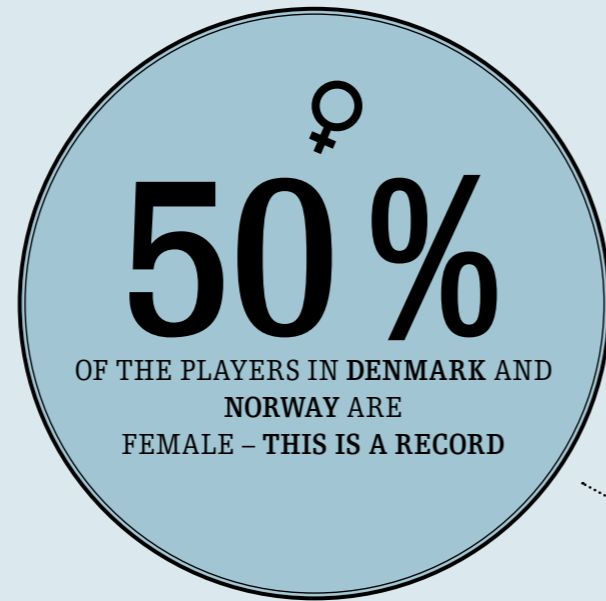
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NEW ZEALAND
22
POLO CLUBS
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IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

- 01 ARGENTINA Clubs 270 | Players 6,000
- 02 AUSTRALIA Clubs 41 | Players 750
- 03 AUSTRIA Clubs 2 | Players 30
- 04 AZERBAIJAN Clubs 2 | Players 12
- 05 BAHAMAS Clubs 0 | Players 1
- 06 BARBADOS Clubs 5 | Players 38
- 07 BELGIUM Clubs 2 | Players 18
- 08 BOLIVIA Clubs 2 | Players 27
- 09 BRAZIL Clubs 25 | Players 500
- 10 BRUNEI** Clubs 1 | Players 25
- 11 CANADA Clubs 13 | Players 173
- 12 CHILE Clubs 17 | Players 600
- 13 CHINA Clubs 5 | Players 65
- 14 COLOMBIA Clubs 5 | Players 280
- 15 COSTA RICA Clubs 1 | Players 32
- 16 CZECH REPUBLIC Clubs 4 | Players 28
- 17 DENMARK Clubs 2 | Players 25
- 18 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Clubs 5 | Players 70
- 19 ECUADOR Clubs 6 | Players 60
- 20 EGYPT Clubs 5 | Players 98
- 21 ENGLAND Clubs 70 | Players 2,757
- 22 FINLAND Clubs 1 | Players 10
- 23 FRANCE Clubs 35 | Players 1,003

- 24 GERMANY Clubs 35 | Players 400
- 25 GHANA Clubs 1 | Players 25
- 26 GUATEMALA Clubs 3 | Players 130
- 27 HONG KONG Clubs 0 | Players 50
- 28 HUNGARY Clubs 5 | Players 116
- 29 INDIA Clubs 40 | Players 397
- 30 INDONESIA Clubs 1 | Players 63
- 31 IRAN Clubs 5 | Players 151
- 32 IRELAND Clubs 7 | Players 120
- 33 ITALY Clubs 10 | Players 160
- 34 JAMAICA Clubs 3 | Players 55
- 35 JAPAN Clubs 0 | Players 30
- 36 KAZAKHSTAN Clubs 5 | Players 90
- 37 KENYA Clubs 3 | Players 124
- 38 KOREA Clubs 1 | Players 40
- 39 LIECHTENSTEIN Clubs 1 | Players 28
- 40 LUXEMBOURG Clubs 1 | Players 26
- 41 MALAYSIA Clubs 11 | Players 261
- 42 MALTA Clubs 1 | Players 25
- 43 MEXICO Clubs 15 | Players 300
- 44 MONACO Clubs 1 | Players 25
- 45 MONGOLIA Clubs 4 | Players 56
- 46 MOROCCO Clubs 6 | Players 65
- 47 NETHERLANDS Clubs 4 | Players 72
- 48 NEW ZEALAND Clubs 22 | Players 416
- 49 NIGERIA Clubs 12 | Players 377
- 50 NORWAY Clubs 1 | Players 20
- 51 OMAN Clubs 1 | Players 22
- 52 PAKISTAN Clubs 21 | Players 436
- 53 PANAMA Clubs 1 | Players 16
- 54 PARAGUAY Clubs 4 | Players 44
- 55 PERU Clubs 1 | Players 50
- 56 PHILIPPINES** Clubs 7 | Players 60
- 57 POLAND Clubs 6 | Players 30
- 58 PORTUGAL Clubs 0 | Players 25
- 59 RUSSIA Clubs 4 | Players 30
- 60 SAN MARINO Clubs unkn. | Players 6*
- 61 SINGAPORE Clubs 1 | Players 100
- 62 SLOVAKIA Clubs 2 | Players 27
- 63 SOUTH AFRICA Clubs 33 | Players 430
- 64 SPAIN Clubs 25 | Players 646
- 65 SWEDEN Clubs 3 | Players 32
- 66 SWITZERLAND Clubs 9 | Players 157
- 67 THAILAND** Clubs 4 | Players 80
- 68 TUNISIA Clubs 0 | Players 6
- 69 TURKEY Clubs unkn. | Players 15*
- 70 UGANDA Clubs 1 | Players 12
- 71 URUGUAY Clubs 11 | Players 100
- 72 USA Clubs 300 | Players 5,300
- 73 ZAMBIA Clubs 4 | Players 85
- 74 ZIMBABWE Clubs 3 | Players 43



TOP 10 RANKING NUMBER OF CLUBS

- #01 USA: 300
- #02 Argentina: 270
- #03 England: 70
- #04 Australia: 41
- #05 India: 40
- #06 Germany: 35
- France: 35
- #07 South Africa: 33
- #08 Brazil: 25
- Spain: 25
- #09 New Zealand: 22
- #10 Pakistan: 21

TOP 10 RANKING NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- #01 Argentina: 6,000
- #02 USA: 5,300
- #03 England: 2,757
- #04 France: 1,003
- #05 Australia: 750
- #06 Spain: 646
- #07 Chile: 600
- #08 Brazil: 500
- #09 Pakistan: 436
- #10 South Africa: 430

These numbers were given to POLO+10 by the national polo associations. In addition to this, there are clubs and players, which are not affiliated to the associations. Multiple memberships in various national polo associations are possible. In the countries, which are not listed, no polo is being played or POLO+10 has no information at hand.

Status: October/November 2015, Source: National Polo Associations
*Status number of players: December 2014, Source: FIP • **Source: Polo Malaysia
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Left: Shamsheer is everywhere at the Sirmur Cup in Jaipur, India. Right: Shamsheer steals the ball away from Nacho Figueras during the St. Regis Cup.



SHAMSHEER ALI

INDIA'S AMAZING POLO JUGGLER

Lauded as Asia's premier player, Shamsheer Ali dazzles spectators and opponents alike with incredible stickwork. His ability to dribble the ball in the air has no equal in the world of polo.

BY JOHN FRANCIS JACKSON PHOTOGRAPHY RAJKUMAR SINGH



From left: Nacho Figueras, Shamsheer and wife Nazia, Nacho's son Hilario.

The polo player sweeps the ball from the ground in a swift, smooth motion, and then taps the ball in the air. Racing down the field at full gallop, he dribbles the ball on the edge of his mallethead, once, twice, thrice, as he continues onward, leaving his frustrated opponents in the dust. He traverses the entire field, untouched, juggling the ball in the air, as he passes through his opposition's goal posts. It sounds like a scene from a movie that has been compiled with multiple special effects featuring a prominent Argentine high goal professional. But to thousands of his fans in India, this player is a reality who thrills spectators with his acrobatic skills.

Born Syed Shamsheer Ali on 23 July 1982, Shamsheer lives in his native city of Hyderabad, India. It seems fitting that this star hails from the birthplace of modern polo. Although the origins of polo can be traced back two and half thousand years to Persia, the game was not widely known up until the 19th century, when British tea-planters and cavalrymen observed it being played in Manipur and started taking part themselves. From England, the sport of polo spread throughout the far reaches of the globe. Whereas the major polo tournaments today take place in Argentina, England and the USA, polo is still actively played in India. Shamsheer's polo playing

father, Syed Shujath Ali, encouraged all of his sons to take up the game. All four of the Ali boys, Faisal, Shamsheer, Basheer and Hamza, are well known in India, and Shamsheer is seen as the best player in all of Asia.

Shamsheer found success early. Already as a pre-teen, he participated in the 1995 World Cup in Colombia. He has represented India in the Youth and 10 goalers' program in the U.S. But, as in any sport, in order to improve, one needs to go to where the sport is played at its highest level. In polo, that means Argentina. In 2006, the Ali family acquired a farm near Pilar, Argentina, perhaps the most central area of polo in the world. Over the years, the brothers built up a string of 28 competitive ponies and played against the world's best during four months of the year there. Eldest brother Faisal commented about their play in India. "Here, my brothers don't play too much polo because there are 4 and 6 goal tournaments and they are used to 24-30 goal tournaments." All that changed in 2010 when Shamsheer was robbed at gunpoint at the farm. The following year it happened again when Shamsheer's brother was at the farm. Basheer was hit in the head and was unconscious for four hours. The grooms thought he was dead. Horses were stolen. The Alis decided to sell the farm at a loss and leave Argentina. Typical of Shamsheer's positive attitude, he says that in spite of the two robberies, "Argentina is a beautiful country and we miss Argentina."

Back in India, Shamsheer stopped playing for almost four years. "I stopped playing because I could not go back to Argentina to play and I had no horses in India, so I had to start from the beginning again and had no money. It was difficult to support the family and play, so I had to stop." There was also the case of his brother. "My brother recovered, but it was not easy on the family and friends ... so we had to stop." There were a couple of occasions in which he played, though, on other horses, most notably in the first Fortune Heights Snow Polo World Cup in 2012. He resumed play in October 2014 and plays now in Dehli, Jaipur and Jodhpur. Amazingly, he still has retained his 6-goal handicap despite his hiatus from polo play. This speaks well of his talent. Although he has played

around the world, in places such as Brunei, Malaysia, Australia, Argentina, Colombia, England and the U.S., he looks forward to playing again in the U.S.

Many of his fans call Shamsheer by his nickname 'Chamma'. In explaining how he got this peculiar name, he says, "It was given to me by my grandmother. When I was young, I was cute. (he laughs) Cham Cham is an Indian sweet. Very tasty. So it was given to me by my grandmother and everyone calls me Chamma."

Although Shamsheer is known for his flashy stickwork and his quick riding, it is his aerial dribbling that draws the crowds and has also landed him an appearance on the television show Ripley's Believe It or Not. Videos show him tapping up to 229 consecutive times. "I just do that for fun because it's unique and the people love it, especially in India." How did he discover this talent? "When I went to America in 2000, I saw (then 10-goal handicap) Mike Azzaro pick up the ball and tap the ball in the air. There I decided to tap the ball in the air." Explaining his playing style, he says, "I prefer to play in the front position, but in India I have to play number 3 or 4 because I have to carry the team. If I am playing Back, I hit the ball, but when I see a chance where I can run with the ball, I run." And run he does, as can be seen in videos on YouTube and on Facebook at Shamsheer Ali Official.

One might think that a player so talented might scoff at seeing videos of the top polo players dribbling considerably less times in the air than he can. In the most humble manner, Shamsheer displays a touch of class by saying, "They're the best players in the world. It's a dream to see them play. Facundo, Polito, Cambiaso, Nero, all of them." What is in store for 'Chamma'? "I am planning to play abroad in the U.S. and wherever I get a chance to play I will go and play." What other hobbies does he have? "I know only polo. Nothing else." This year starts the second season of his comeback. Wherever that is, he is certain to entertain the crowds with a show unlike any other player. "Now I am ready, raring to go and play. Like a hungry wolf." ●

PATO

THE TRADITIONAL ARGENTINE GAME

At the beginning the duck got the worst of it. Pato was first played in some Argentine provinces around the 16th century with any amount of players per team, with only one rule and the size the of the 'field the' land between two ranches. Only in the last century were rules laid down to make it less dangerous and more like polo and it is played in most of Argentina.

BY ERIC WEIL



1 Player tugging the ball from an opponent 2 Several players attempting to catch a high pass 3 Scoring a "goas" by throwing the ball into the basket.

The earliest reference to the game of Pato dates back to the year 1610, but it was probably played quite some time before. The Spanish word Pato means duck and the duck certainly got the worst of it in those days. A leather basket with handles and a duck inside it was placed midway between ranches which sometimes were a long way apart. Two teams of horsemen, either teams of workers from each farm, or two Indian tribes competed. The teams lined up at each ranch or village and at a given signal both teams raced across country for the duck to try and grab it and carry it home.

The game thus started as a trial of strength between horsemen wildly tugging at the basket's handles in several different directions. As one would be pulled off his horse and another would let go to avoid falling, another would manage to get away with the duck, or pato, and ride at full speed to his home base while others would pursue him. Any number could play and anything was allowed from lassoing an opponent to cutting his saddle free. The only rule was that the man in possession of the pato had to ride holding it with an outstretched right hand, thus offering it to an opponent to grab if he was caught which produced another tug-of-war. The winner was the team which managed to get the duck back

to their home farm or village. The game was often played on a festival day which would include the inevitable barbecue and insure that most of the participants would be worse for drink. It was followed by a dance at the winning farm for those still able to stand. As can be imagined, injuries were common and players were sometimes killed, usually by falling off their horse and being trampled on by other horses. Probably more than one died by being shot or knifed during arguments. History does not mention whether the duck lived through it or was possibly barbecued.

In fact, games often ended in fighting and disorder and the Catholic Church tried to ban the game in 1796 under the threat of excommunication for anybody who took part in it. In 1822, the government stepped in and banned it by decree. The punishment was one month of hard labour and the penalty was doubled on any subsequent offence. As a result, fewer games were played, but the 'sport', if one can call it that, continued to be played in the more remote parts of this big country and it proved impossible to kill it outright. Many of those in charge of maintaining law and order liked to watch it and were invited to the party afterwards, so they turned a blind eye to the proceedings. But the passage of time did what the authorities were unable to do. As farm workers became

more civilized they turned to less dangerous sports. Now it became necessary to promote the game in suitable modified form instead of repressing it. In 1937, Alberto Castillo Posse stepped in. A great champion of Argentine traditions, he took it upon himself to revive Pato, first drawing up a proper book of rules and then arranging exhibition games. A year later, the Argentine Federation of Pato was formed.

Today, Pato can best be described as a cross between Polo and Basketball. The duck has been replaced by a leather ball (like a football) with six leather handles, the playing field has set dimensions, 200 metres long by 90 metres wide. At each end there is a basket like those in basketball, but about three metres high. Games are played in six periods of eight minutes (of actual play) between teams of four players. One of the few links with the past is that players must wear the traditional gaucho riding boots and white breeches. Now they also wear head protection.

Before the game, the teams line up at opposite ends of the field and the players race, one by one, for the ball lying in the middle. The team picking up the ball most times has the right to choose ends or to start to play with the ball in possession. Play is started by a

player throwing the ball in the middle of the field. Team-mates can punch or throw the ball to each other. If it falls to the ground it must be picked up while riding at full speed. Some excellent horsemanship is seen. When a player rides with the ball, he must still hold it in his outstretched right hand. An opponent catching him up can try to pull it away from him. Many other rules have been created to minimise risks, but it is still that only those with the best horsemanship can safely take part. Players are handicapped, as in polo, and there are open and handicap tournaments. The season starts in March and finishes in December, when the National Open Championship is played.

At the last count there were 45 pato fields with over 100 teams and around 500 players all over the country. The game has gained in popularity, both for players and spectators, one of the reasons being the great improvement in the quality of horses used. This has made the game faster and more spectacular. Pato is traditionally an Argentine game, but exhibition games have been played in other South American countries and even as far as France and the United States. Once the Federation also said they had received requests or details from a school in Britain and maybe one day Pato will contest the world popularity of Polo.

LA TARDE

The La Tarde Polo Club is one of the most beautiful locations for a polo holiday in the Buenos Aires region.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN
PHOTOGRAPHY LA TARDE POLO CLUB





1 Tournament at La Tarde Polo Club; the clubhouse can be seen in the background. The La Tarde Polo team isn't just active at home, but also very successful elsewhere. In September, the team (with two guests) won a tournament at the English Dallas Burston Polo Club and in March they achieved second place at the Copa Comienzo in Palermo.

Polo, polo and more polo – right in the polo heart of Argentina, an all-round polo programme that leaves no wish unfulfilled awaits guests at La Tarde. From stick & ball and sticking cage training to detailed discussions on tactics right up to club chukkas and tournaments – at La Tarde, guests can live and breathe their polo passion and vastly improve their game. It's not for nothing that La Tarde's motto is "As much polo as you can take". Each guest sits in the saddle for at least four hours a day (and longer if they wish) and is trained intensively and individually by three professional players.

"In order to offer each guest an effective polo training you need to know what his or her deficiencies are," says owner and professional polo player Juan Martin Sarli about the training concept. "Each guest has different strengths and weaknesses. We analyse these in depth and create an individual training plan for each guest. Our aim is to get guests to improve their polo game at La Tarde. Furthermore, we want them to feel comfortable. At La Tarde we have 120 polo ponies to suit each guests requirement." Four to six chukkas are played every day. Trainers place particular importance on making sure that all guests are 100 per cent involved in the game and ensuring that they put what they learn from stick & ball exercises into practice. In order for guests to gain tournament experience, the club organises a tournament every week with players and clubs from the local area. "With us, they learn what polo is and how it's played," says Juan Martin Sarli. "With polo, it's not just about smashing the ball into the goal, but you've also got to understand and be able to read the game." Those who take a polo holiday

at La Tarde quickly realise that this is no ordinary club. The Sarli family manage the club with love and passion. At La Tarde, guests aren't strangers, but a part of the family and thus get the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the Argentinian lifestyle. Juan Martin Sarli: "La Tarde is a family-run business. That's a huge advantage. On the one hand, it's great to work with family. And the other aspect is that we can always communicate openly and honestly with one another." Longevity is an important key concept here: "A family business isn't about quick profit, but about building something for the next generation. Horse breeding is also a long-term investment. They go well together." The La Tarde polo family is constantly growing. It's not just private polo fans who value the broad-ranging polo offer, individual support and dream location – but more and more university teams (mainly from England and the USA) are discovering the club as a training location. The polo teams of the British Army and Navy also regularly train here. The club's own breeding programme is also very well received. Juan Martin and his father Alfredo have bred polo ponies for many years, and 20-25 new foals are added every year. Guests also benefit from the breeding programme. They can buy embryos that are then reared and trained at La Tarde. Guests can then either take their horses home or have them looked after at the club.

Families and non-polo players also enjoy their time at La Tarde to the full thanks to its comprehensive leisure programme. This includes trips to Buenos Aires, polo tournaments (e.g. Palermo, Hurlingham and Tortugas Open) and Pilar for polo equipment shopping (customised polo boots, polo sticks, stick bags, saddles



2 Juan Martin Sarli, owner and professional polo player. The 34-year-old plays with a handicap of 4 and has more than 10 years' experience as a polo coach (and has been an HPA qualified polo trainer for seven years) 3 Satisfied faces after the match 4 Whether absolute beginner or seasoned player – with its motto "As much polo as you can take", the La Tarde Polo Club offers unique polo holidays.



etc.) and to famous polo clubs (e.g. Ellerstina Polo Club). There are also riding courses and hacks through the country side as well as lots of group activities. The two pools also help guests to relax and have a wonderful view of the pitch. What could be nicer than relaxing in the sun while the others slave away during training?

The La Tarde Polo Club is already one of the most beautiful locations for polo holidays in the Buenos Aires region. In order to offer guests even more opportunities and a bigger variety to choose from, the club has grand plans. Only recently two of the three polo fields have been expanded to full-size pitches, an arena built and the polo fields equipped with new boards. But this won't be the end to the expansions and improvements: in 2016, not only will the freshly renovated rooms be made bigger, but the stall complex will also be increased in size. A new Matera will also be created (a room in which Mate is drunk in good company) – a chill-out area that invites guests to relax and socialise, complete with a library, a terrace with view of one of the polo pitches and comfortable sofas and tables. There are also plans to supply the club with solar energy in future – another step in the direction of 100% sustainability. "We want to give something back to the environment," explains Juan Martin Sarli. "We already take sustainability very seriously and we plant trees every year, for example. Our aim is to become 100% sustainable within the next few years." By the way, the best time for a polo holiday at La Tarde is between October and the end of April. This is when the weather is nicest and there are lots of polo tournaments taking place. So head for the no. 1 polo country – the place to be for any polo enthusiast.

LA TARDE POLO CLUB

Much space, flat plains and the best polo locations and polo ponies in the world – the Buenos Aires Province is without a doubt the ultimate polo hotspot across the globe. Whoever comes here for polo holidays, to train his or her polo skills, is in good company and right in the middle of the world of Argentinean polo. One of the most beautiful polo locations is situated only one hour's drive from Buenos Aires and 30 minutes from Pilar: the La Tarde Polo Club.

The estate covers 180 hectares and includes three first class polo fields, 1 arena, 120 polo ponies, 60 horseboxes and two Sticking Cages. In addition the club offers its guests a luxury clubhouse, 12 private cottages, two swimming pools, sauna, gym and spa as well as a bar and a gift shop.

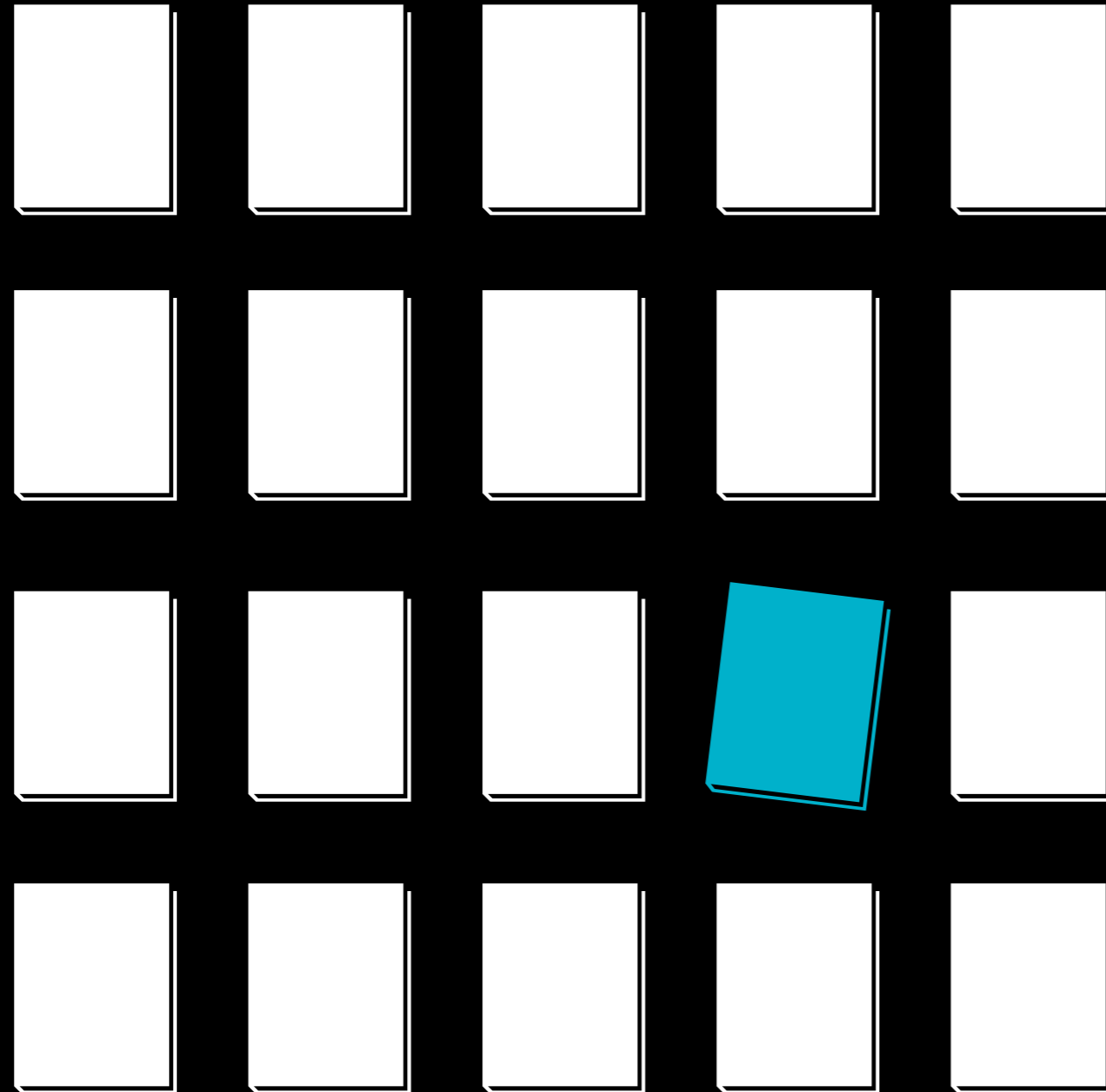
A typical day at La Tarde:

- Breakfast in the clubhouse
- 2 hours of stick & ball
- Group lunch
- Relaxing / time for your own leisure pursuits
- 4-6 club chukkas
- Mate & sundowner
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Worldwide charities and Hollywood stars included: The Berenberg Gary Player Invitational forms part of the world-leading charity golf event series.

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The Berenberg Gary Player Invitational concluded yet another successful event with some of the biggest names in golf, business and entertainment, which celebrated the Union of Golf and Giving with golf icon and Grand Slam champion Gary Player. The 2015 global invitational series has been extra special with the Black Knight celebrating the 50th anniversary of his career Grand Slam and his 80th birthday, while title sponsor German Private Bank Berenberg celebrated their 425th anniversary.

The all-star field featured the only golfer in history to have been awarded Player of the Year on all three PGA Tours, Tom Lehman, 2013 PGA Championship winner Jason Dufner, ninety-time international tournament winner and LPGA legend Annika Sorenstam or golf icons like Retief Goosen, Mark O'Meara and Hunter Mahan.

"I am very pleased by the success of the event and the funds we were able to raise for The Player Foundation," said Gary Player. Hendrik Riehmer, Managing Partner at Berenberg, commented, "The strong turnout was a great way to celebrate our 425th anniversary this year and Gary Player's Grand Slam anniversary and 80th birthday. It is important to help make a difference for underprivileged children around the world."



1 Hendrik Riehmer, Managing Partner at Berenberg, and golf legends Gary Player and Retief Goosen watching Miss America Kira Kazantsev at the "Black Tie Shoot Out" 2 Gary Player welcomes actor Michael Douglas at the Berenberg tournament.

The Berenberg Gary Player Invitational forms part of the world-leading charity golf event series, which has raised more than \$60 million for charities worldwide. The benefiting charity for the U.S. event was The Player Foundation, whose goal is to donate \$100 million by 2020 to the support of children's charities, the betterment of impoverished communities and the expansion of educational opportunities throughout the world.

SPENCER'S CORNER

Jan-Erik Franck is polo player, HPA instructor, polo commentator, La Martina Ambassador since 2015 and an all round nice guy ... Here comes his 2nd "Jef's Polo Column" in POLO+10.

BY JAN-ERIK FRANCK



Image: Matthias Gruber



Image: private

Greetings my friends, I hope this new POLO+10 World issue filled from cover2cover with exciting & interesting stories and reports finds you all well after a thrilling outdoor summer season 2015. For me it was indeed a very exciting and fun season taking me to Poland, Liechtenstein and Italy for the first time this year.

It has to be said that not only is the level of polo being played in these smaller polo nations growing at a very fast pace but also the organisation of these tournaments are very professionally run and managed. It really is great to see how the passion for this sport is growing throughout Europe and how no matter where I go I always meet very kind & friendly people who are all infected by this passion.

Once again 2015 took me all over Europe, from Basthorst, Sylt & Warnemünde in Germany to Holland, Austria, Switzerland, Poland, Liechtenstein and ending up in Tuscany for a superb beach tournament in October. Not forgetting the European Arena Polo Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan. A very exciting two weeks on the Caspian Sea and thrilling polo with an epic final won by Azerbaijan against Germany.

Unfortunately with all this travel, I only managed to get in the saddle myself to play just one tournament this year. Playing alongside Cédric Schweri and the sisters Amelie & Florence Mueller at the Legacy Polo Club on the outskirts of Zurich. We made it to the final but lost 2-3 (at least I scored both goals ...)

I also managed to catch up with some big names on the international polo circuit to find out how their season went and what their plans are for 2016. Here's what they had to say ...

Looking forward to seeing you in 2016.

Nacho Gonzales *My dear old friend ...*

"I had a great season played with Spencer McCarthy and his son James. We got to most finals, but didn't have much luck. We finally got to win the 'County Cup' and the 'r.b.p.c.' (both 15-goal) at the end of the season. It was great winning a major tournament with Spencer and his son. Well in January I am looking forward to be playing in St. Moritz with Spencer, Chris Hyde and Charlie Woodridge. We are all excited to be playing there. Next season I will be playing in Dubai and Argentina with Diego Cavanagh in all the 15 and 18-goal tournaments. I'm really looking forward to this. The guy is an amazing player and a good friend. I got high expectations for the season, so I hope it all works out well." •



Image: Nacho Gonzales

Thomas Winter *The living legend of German Polo ...*

"The season went very well, me and my team played several tournaments all over Germany, which was a lot of fun. We experienced outstanding hospitality in Berlin, where we had the honour to play at the recently newly restored Maifeld. In my opinion that is the best polo field in the whole country. 2016 the European Championship will be held at the Maifeld in Berlin. Absolutely fun was the 2015 DPV Youth Camp with a record amount of 36 participating children and teens. We screened the highly motivated young talents and saw a competitive final tournament. My main successes this year were the win of the German Medium Goal Championship and the win of the Berenberg Polo-Derby in Hamburg." •



Image: Steffi Schmalz

Spencer McCarthy *Another great ram, born on March 24th like me ...*

"Late 2014 I had a polo accident in Argentina, where I broke my back in three places, broke four ribs and fractured my sternum. I got back into the saddle for the 2015 UK season, where I played with my team Emlor the 12-goal with my son James, and Nacho Gonzalez the 15-goal and the 18-goal. We had a successful UK season getting to the final of the 18-goal Indian Empire Shield, the final of the 15-goal Eduardo Moore and winning the County Cup 15-goal with my son and Nacho. Going into 2016 I will be heading off to Argentina in February, where I will be playing in a 16-goal tournament Roger UK season. I will be competing in all the 15-goal with my son (0 goals), Nacho (6 goals) and Diego Cavanagh playing off 8 goals. Emlor will also be competing in all three main 18-goal UK tournaments." •



Image: Spencer McCarthy

Reto Gaudenzi *The Godfather of snow polo himself ...*

"After a very successful FIP Arena Polo European Championship in Baku / Azerbaijan in September, I am now busy preparing our Snow Polo World Cup in St. Moritz in January 2016! In order to make sure that the lake will freeze, we have taken all gay fish out of the lake! Also we have stopped warm water production in all hotels and households in St. Moritz and surroundings. All this does not make me very popular, but anything goes for our beloved Sport Polo! Evviva Polo!" •



Image: Swiss Image

Cédric Schweri *My very good friend from the Alps aka "Fladermus" ...*

"2015 was an amazing season with a lot of highlights for me and my team mates beside the chance to play for the Swiss national team in Baku, tournaments like the Legacy Pollo Cup and Ascona where definitely breathtaking. Now the season is over and planning for next year starts soon. Last week was my last tournament in Viareggio in Italy which ended with a win. What better than this to finish the season. Looking forward to see all my friends in January in St. Moritz where I am having a team with my buddy Olavo Novaes." •



Image: POLO+10

MORE THAN FLYING

Gulfstream sets high standards, not only in the sky, but also on the ground. This year for the first time the American aircraft manufacturer took over the title sponsoring of the most prestigious polo tournament in the Western United States, the Pacific Coast Open at Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN PHOTOGRAPHY GULFSTREAM AEROSPACE



Charles Ward (president, Idea Works), Shannon Meeks (event planner, Gulfstream) and Brent Monroe at the Gulfstream Pacific Coast Open 2015.

Brent Monroe – Vice President, North American Sales, West Division, Gulfstream – explains how this cooperation took place: “The Pacific Coast Open contacted us with the opportunity to be the title sponsor for this year’s Open. We thought it fit in quite well with our brand – polo is a world-class sport, and Gulfstream business jets are world-class products.” The Pacific Coast Open is one of the oldest polo tournaments in the world. Already in 1908 the “All American Polo Trophy” was played for the first time at the Coronado Country Club in West El Paso, Texas. This high goal tournament still exists today and brings high-class players from all over the world to Santa Barbara Polo Club every year. This year, five 16-goal teams fought for the huge trophy from 14th to 30th August. In a thrilling final, team Luchees including John Muse (0), Nacho Badiola (6), Jeff Hall (7) and Tete Grahn (3) won by 13-10 against team Alegria/Valiente and the four players joyfully celebrated their victory.

Brent Monroe watched the matches eagerly and discovered many similarities between Gulfstream and the sport of polo: “Because of its large field, traditional polo requires speed and range, as well as ponies and riders who possess top-notch agility, performance abilities and reliability. Gulfstream’s flagship G650ER, which was on static display at the Pacific Coast Open, and its sister ship, the G650, epitomize the best in speed and range. They fly farther faster than any other business aircraft and have the most comfortable cabin in the industry, which allows passengers and crew to have restful flights and arrive at their destinations refreshed and ready to compete. The G650 and G650ER were designed for safety, speed and range and, like the best polo matches, exceed even the highest expectations.”

Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation designs, develops, manufactures, markets, services and supports the world’s most technologically advanced business-jet aircraft and has produced more than 2,400 aircraft for customers around the world since 1958. Gulfstream’s vision is to create and deliver the world’s finest aviation experience. Gulfstream aircraft are known for their aircraft design, quality, performance, safety and reliability. They also offer the most technologically advanced flight deck and cabin systems, along with unparalleled comfort and industry-leading product support and service. The flagship, the G650ER, flies farther faster than any business jet in the world. It can travel 7,500 nautical miles/13,890 kilometers at Mach 0.85 and 6,400 nm/11,853 km at Mach 0.90. Gulfstream continuously works on improving its fleet and to offer its customers the best product support and service in the industry. Currently the aircraft manufacturer focuses on the G500 flight test program and ground testing for the G600, to prepare those aircraft for entry into service. The G500 and G600 are slated to enter service in 2018 and 2019, respectively.

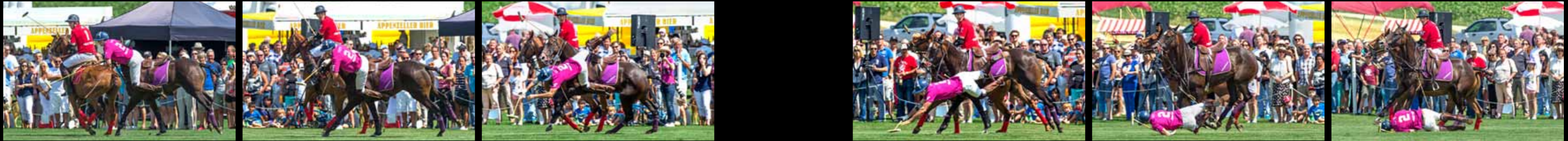
THE FLEET:

Gulfstream offers a variety of aircraft models to suit different operators’ mission requirements. The G150 can get you from New York to L.A. nonstop or around the continent, and the super mid-size G280 is a mid-size aircraft with large-cabin performance – it also offers best-in-class fuel economy, excellent climbing ability and nimble takeoff and landing performance. Among the large-cabin models, the G450, G550, G650 and G650ER, customers can choose what best fits their needs, whether they need to get across the Atlantic quickly and comfortably or around the world in one stop, which the G650ER recently accomplished.



MILESTONES:

The Gulfstream GI was the first purpose-built business aircraft in the industry; the Gulfstream GII was the first business jet to cross the Atlantic; and the GIII was the first business jet to fly over both poles. The Gulfstream G650, introduced in 2008, debuted as the most technologically advanced and fastest aircraft in business aviation. In 2014 Gulfstream presented an even longer-range version of the G650 with the debut of the G650ER. The latest milestone came in October 2014, when Gulfstream introduced not one but two new aircraft, the G500 and G600. These jets offer an optimized package of performance, wide-cabin comfort and technology that doesn’t exist outside of the G650/G650ER.



SAFETY

WHEN SECONDS COUNT...

The harsh landing after falling off the horse can easily take one's breaths away. With new hand-held emergency devices this critical situation can easily be assessed. An ideal companion in vital situations on the polo field.

BY DR ANDREAS KRÜGER, DR DAVID SRIVASTAVA PHOTOGRAPHY ROBERT KRANZ

The breathtaking speed and graceful athleticism of horses and players is what fascinates about the sport of polo. The power required for speed and the height of the fall are also unfortunately key factors in the severity of the injuries in this sport. If you land on your torso when you fall, your rib cage is particularly prone to injury. Breaking a rib can injure the lung underneath so badly that it can escalate into a life-threatening situation.

With 30 years of experience, Reto Gaudenzi has played and organised polo on almost all continents. He never organises a tournament without a specialist doctor from his World Polo team.

During the European Championships in Baku, a hand-held lung scanner was used on the sidelines for the very first time. It was used to provide an accurate assessment of the lungs. In the case of an emergency this device enables you to diagnose and treat the injured player immediately. Therefore it provides immediate life-saving measures on the spot. The world's smallest ultrasound comprises of a sonic head and screen. The sonic head can be operated via a PC, tablet or any standard smartphone. A player examined after a fall for any upper body injury and breathing problem can be established in real time using the corresponding app.

Ultrasound testing helps to rule out lung injuries with a very high degree of certainty. The examination can be repeated at any time as it is radiation-free and the results can be saved on a smartphone and forwarded directly to the nearest trauma centre. Thanks to the cooperation of the university emergency medicine unit at the Universitätsklinik Inselspital Bern, led by Prof Aris Exadaktylos and his consultant Dr David Srivastava, the Signos RT was used for the first time at the European Championship in Baku.

In accordance with the motto of the company Signos "See more, do more – now", polo player Cédric Schveri from Zurich was examined straight after his fall and given the green light to continue playing the next chukka after his ultrasound check came up negative. The biggest advantage of this hand-held device is that its compact design and size enable an examination to be carried out anywhere and anytime. This avoids the need for time-intensive and unnecessary visits to a hospital while also increasing playing safety.



Chief Medical Officer Dr Andi Krüger examining Cédric Schveri after he fell at top speed in Baku in 2015, landing on his torso.

“NO QUALIFIED DOCTOR – NO TOURNAMENT.”

RETO GAUDENZI Organizer of the Snow Polo World Cup in St. Moritz and the Arena Polo World Cup in Baku / Azerbaijan

“I WAS VERY HAPPY THAT A SPECIALIZED DOCTOR SOLVED MY MEDICAL PROBLEM, INSTANTLY.”

MARCOS ÁLVAREZ TALEGÓN Player Spanish National Team Baku 2015

PLAY LIKE GET TREATED BY **A PRO**

Zurich Health advises international patients on world-class sports orthopaedic treatments in Switzerland and Germany. POLO+10 has met Dr Jens Haarmann, Founder of Zurich Health, for an interview.

BY HALINA SCHMIDT

DR HAARMANN, WHAT BRINGS A HEALTHCARE SPECIALIST TO POLO?
This summer I was invited to a local polo game, as a guest. It was fun to watch, but I also couldn't help thinking: 'This is fast! It's probably twice the speed of ice hockey, but with not even half of the protection gear.' With such a high risk of injury, I was surprised to hear that the presence of a tournament physician is the exception rather than the rule.

YOU WOULD HAVE EXPECTED IT TO BE MORE COMMON?

If you play like a pro, then I think you deserve to be treated by a pro. Having sports medicine specialists on the sidelines has long been best practice in many other sports, like professional soccer. Given the high rate of shoulder and extremity injuries in polo, an orthopaedic specialist is probably the best choice for the most appropriate diagnosis and treatment. Starting treatment as quickly as possible, and consistent therapy, are key to a speedy recovery so that players don't have to miss the next major match. With telemedical follow-up, distance is no longer a real hurdle for continuing specialist treatment. Even travelling abroad to be treated by leading international surgeons has become easier, and is regularly practised by professional athletes.

DOESN'T MEDICAL TREATMENT ABROAD WASTE A LOT OF TIME, EFFORT AND EXPENSE WHEN YOU COULD HAVE THE SAME SURGERY LOCALLY?
While accompanying spinal surgeries, during my work for a surgical implant manufacturer, I was often surprised by the extent to which treatment quality varied, internationally and often even within the same hospital. A top international physician, who operates on 200-300 of the most challenging cases a year, might minimize complications to 2%, while the complication rate among other surgeons could be as high as 20%. This is why we focus on internationally recognized physicians who operate on hundreds of similar surgical cases per year, and whose treatment quality is measurable. Finally, medical concierge services like ours can assist you with reliable information, translation and organisation.

PERHAPS YOU COULD GIVE US A SPORTS EXAMPLE?

Let's take Usain Bolt, the famous Jamaican sprinter, who won three gold medals at this year's World Championships. In 2012, he was in constant back pain and saw his participation in the Olympics seriously endangered. He searched for the top specialist for chronic low back pain and found him, thousands of kilometres away, in possibly the best known sports doctor in the world: Dr Müller-Wohlfahrt, head physician of the German national soccer team. He applied a unique, cortisone-free therapy and succeeded where many physicians had failed before, enabling Bolt to run at the Olympics and win the gold medal.

Another example is the UK boxer and heavyweight world champion David Haye, who went abroad to be treated by Europe's leading specialist in minimally invasive shoulder surgery. Interestingly, Haye saw the same German specialist as Wladimir Klitschko, who had previously defeated him in a championship fight in 2011.

IS IT ONLY ATHLETES THAT USE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CARE?

No, they are not the only ones. In 2014, an estimated 10 million individuals, worldwide, left their country for medical care

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DR JENS HAARMANN Founder and General Manager of Zurich Health



1 Falls and accidents during polo matches might cause shoulder and extremity injuries 2 Boxing world champion Wladimir Klitschko during a fight 3 Surgery team in the operating room 4 Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt at the Olympics.

abroad: often to Asian hospitals, for cost savings, or to Europe and the US for the most technologically advanced medical care. Affluent patients and royal families frequently seek treatment abroad, for greater privacy and first-class hospitality, especially in private Swiss hospitals.

WITH ZURICH HEALTH, YOU FOCUS ON TREATMENT FACILITIES IN SWITZERLAND AND GERMANY. WHY IS THAT?
In Switzerland and Germany you can find hospitals with more than 100 years of orthopaedic specialisation as well as dedicated sports rehabilitation clinics. High specialisation has led to spinal, foot or upper extremity departments, which have excelled in minimal complication rates and less invasive surgical techniques. It is this reputation that convinces celebrities such as U2 singer Bono, NBA player Kobe Bryant or tennis champion Li Na to consult German or Swiss orthopaedic specialists. •



ABOUT ZURICH HEALTH

Dr Jens Haarmann is the Founder and General Manager of Zurich Health, an independent consultancy for international patients. He gained in-depth healthcare insights during a 10 year career in leading medical technology companies, for whom he visited hospitals around the globe, from Sao Paolo to Beijing. Jens Haarmann holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Zurich.

Zurich Health advises English- and Chinese-speaking patients on world-class orthopaedic specialists in Switzerland and Germany, and organises treatments.

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SACHA JÍ ECUADOR

Luxurious wellness hotel and sustainable architecture in harmony with nature – the boutique hotel Sacha Jí, a good 90 kilometres north of the Ecuadorian capital Quito, has managed to effortlessly combine seemingly contrasting worlds.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN PHOTOGRAPHY SACHA JÍ



The power of nature as an energy source for body and soul – the concept of Sacha Jí in a nutshell. Top picture: Breathtaking panorama: there is a view of the Imbabura volcano and Lake San Pablo from the hotel.

Located far away from the stress and hectic pace of life is an exceptional refuge in the Ecuadorean Andes: Sacha Jí. Situated not far from Lake San Pablo at the foot of the Imbabura volcano, which the local population consider sacred, the founder and architect of Sacha Jí, María Teresa, has found a place where body, soul and mind can enjoy peace and be at one. The sustainable design, vegetable and flower garden, relaxing wellness programme, organic gourmet food and spiritual experiences offer holistic, long-term relaxation.

Sacha Jí stands for sustainability in every respect. Heat insulation provided by a planted roof, organic gourmet food supplied directly from the retreat's own garden and replanting of trees that have been used are just a few aspects of this approach. The harmony with the surrounding nature and its healing effect is another key component in addition to the 100% sustainable architecture.

A central component of the natural experience at Sacha Jí (which translates to “beloved mountain”) is the culinary aspect, which is as important to María Teresa as the architecture and comfort. The architect began planning the garden complex, vegetable beds and fruit trees first before she focused on the design of the hotel. Traditional ingredients from the Andes, such as quinoa and amaranth, are used in the organic gourmet food and transformed into mainly vegetarian dishes. The activities and comprehensive treatments that are put together individually for guests at the “beloved mountain” inspire self-healing and promote physical and mental relaxation. Hippotherapy, yoga in the Panorama Pavilion or shaman cleansing make this place a personal Sacha Jí for its guests. The Sacha Jí is a “Healing Hotels of the World” partner hotel.





He always has a sense of humor and is one of the most cheerful hosts we ever met: Bernard Bessenay in his Restaurant Le Goutillon in Chantilly.



LE GOUTILLON

For the past 30 years, Le Goutillon by Bernard Bessenay in the heart of the equestrian town of Chantilly has been the culinary meeting place for polo players and horse lovers throughout the region alike. POLO+10 is also a fan...

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY ROBERT KRANZ

Everyone comes here to enjoy the fantastic homemade food by Bernard and Maxime Bessenay in Bernard's elegant but down-to-earth establishment. He has known anyone active on the polo scene of northern France for the past three decades, including Patrick Guerrand-Hermès, the founder of the polo club in Chantilly. The food at Bernard's – where several courses and wine are served at lunchtime, as is generally the case in France – is prepared using the highest quality products in a traditional and relaxed manner for the benefit of diners. Bernard himself, a cheerful and likeable man, is an institution in the area. He manages Le Goutillon together with his son Maxime. Enthusiasm about the dishes offered at Le Goutillon is as great as the welcome is warm. The homemade Béarnaise sauce is a classic and one of the diners' favourite dishes. Bernard and Maxime's place has a cosy atmosphere: there are circus horses on the ceiling...lots of them. It's all about horses here; after all, equestrian sports are what has made the small town of Chantilly world famous. One thing is certain: when POLO+10 comes back to Chantilly for next year's Open de France, we'll definitely be paying at least one visit to Bernard.



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FAST & FURIOUS

High speed, maximum comfort and a stunning appearance: the new AB 145 built by AB Yachts – Fipa Group combines the best in yachting.

BY HALINA SCHMIDT PHOTOGRAPHY A&B PHOTODESIGN



Image: Fipa Group

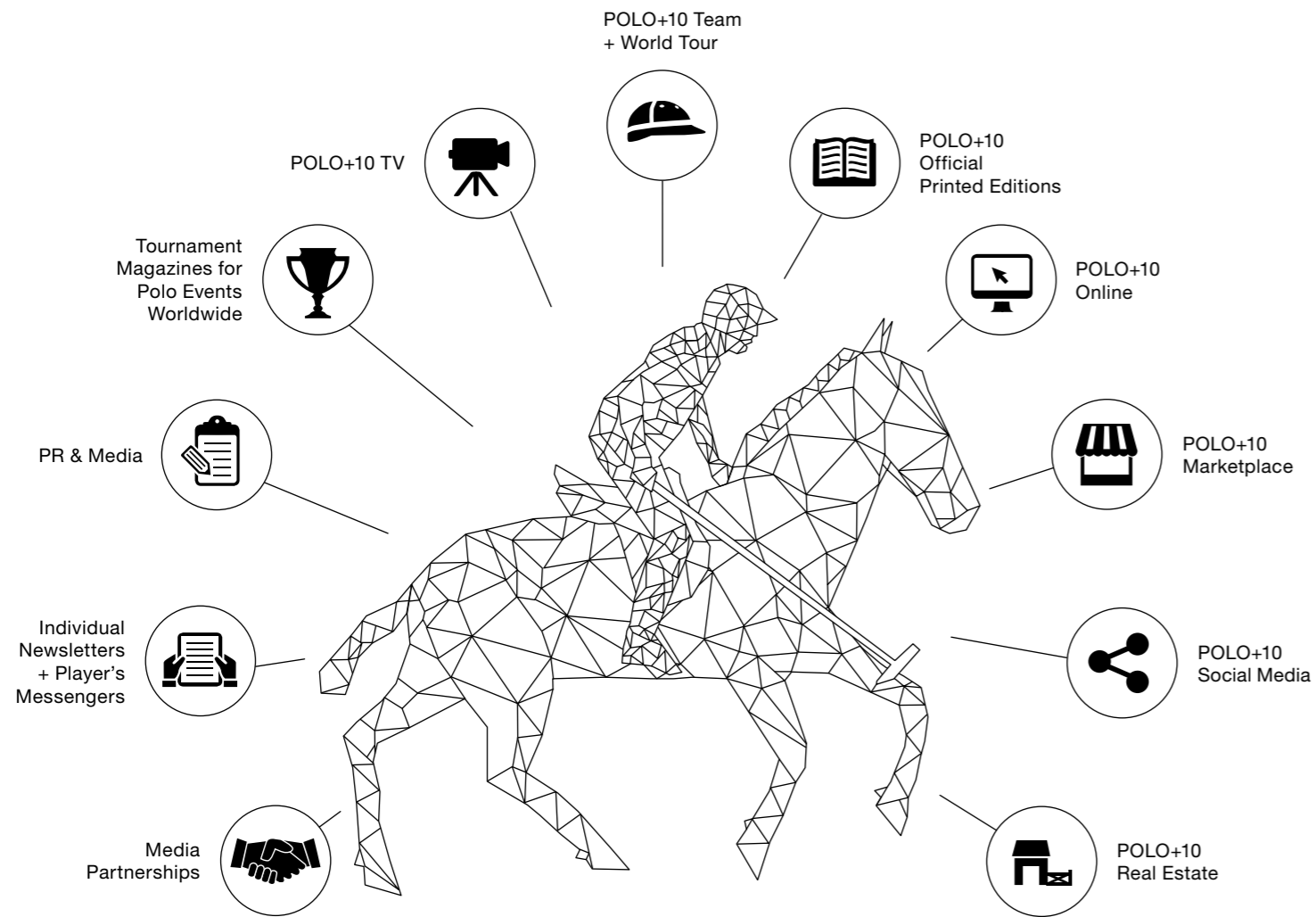


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Clear wood, light fabrics and minimalistic decoration were in mind to create a relaxing ambiance on board of the AB 145.

Fast & Furious – just as the Fipa team performs on the polo field, the new Fast & Furious AB 145 moves on the sea. And for everyone with love for the speed of a fast-paced polo match, the new yacht model of AB Yachts – Fipa Group, the AB 145, is the perfect choice: it literally flies on the water at a maximum speed of 43 knots and because of the high tech construction, which is typical for AB Yachts, it moves with the maximum stability during navigation. AB Yachts is the sporty brand of the Italian Fipa Group, a committed sponsor of polo, and it is the worldwide leader in the construction of fast open yachts with waterjet propulsion from 58' to 166' feet. Each model is built with waterjet propulsion to obtain high speed in total absence of vibration, noise and with perfect stability in navigation, even in very rough sea conditions. Jet propulsion has a unique manoeuvrability to move the yacht by a simple joystick. The construction of the yacht features the use of lightweight materials, advanced composites like Kevlar and Carbon and special bonding systems.

But this luxury yacht is not only about high speed, it also comes with an impressive size and offers new arrangements on deck with extended spaces both inside and outside. With a length of 44,60 meters it is the largest yacht built by AB Yachts – Fipa Group so far. Rudolf Bergelehner of Fipa Group: "The AB 145 cannot be unnoticed; not only for her size, mostly for her sporty design that combines comfort

and luxury, safety and practicality, elegance and aggression, tradition and innovation." The interior of the yacht, which is characterized by vast spaces, was created by the design office of AB Yachts – Fipa Group. A team of designers chose materials and fabrics for a unique result. Clear wood, light fabrics and minimalistic decoration were in mind to create a relaxing ambiance on board. Very particular is the owner's suite located on the forward main deck: the bed is in the central position of the cabin where the owners can enjoy a reserved view through the wide windows in front of the bed and the large side windows, irradiating the room with natural light. A private staircase leads directly to the outside area on the forward cockpit, dedicated exclusively to the owner in order to enjoy the complete privacy. Furthermore on the right side of the cabin there is a balcony on the sea, which gives to the owner cabin another additional outside space. Below deck there are 4 cabins with en-suite bathroom (3 double + 1 double with twin beds) and a fitness area, while the crew quarters are located in the bow area and include a professional kitchen equipped for any need and many service compartments.

So when it comes to luxury, comfort, size, speed and elegance, the new AB 145 by AB Yachts – Fipa Group makes your dreams come true – so get on board!

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THE WINEMAKER

Since 1844, Penfolds has played a pivotal role in the evolution of winemaking with a history and heritage that profoundly reflects Australia's journey from colonial settlement to the modern era. POLO+10 was honoured to meet Penfolds' chief winemaker Peter Gago personally.

BY STEFANIE STÜTTING PHOTOGRAPHY PENFOLDS

Stockholm, Paris, London, Hamburg... Peter Gago has travelled across the world to present his wines and is currently raising awareness of the new collection from the Penfolds cellars. Penfolds is the epitome of Australian wine and world-renowned for its unique Penfolds Grange – the most famous wine on the whole continent.

The Penfolds vineyard was founded in 1844 and has the oldest grapes and vines in the world. "Our Block 42 vineyard in the Barossa is the world's oldest continuously producing cabernet vineyard, planted in the mid-1880s. There are older vineyards in Bordeaux and in Chile, probably, but no one has older vines of cabernet sauvignon", explains Gago. The names of Penfolds wines, such as BIN311, BIN28 and BIN 389, of which approx. 100,000 bottles have been produced every year since 1955, are world famous, and are also known as "Baby Grange". (One of Peter Gago's favourites). The word "bin" is nothing other than a name for the respective "section" in which the wine is stored in the cellar. Ever since the mid-1950s it has been a Penfolds marketing term. The big Grange is the most famous wine produced by Penfolds and probably in Australia. The 6th Grange from 2007 was brought out to take its place in Penfolds history on 15 October 2015. Only when everything is just right and the year has supplied excellent grape material will a Grange even be produced. "It's part of Australia's DNA almost – even though people, myself included, are always complaining about its price. I pay for mine as well. Whether it's prime ministers, presidents, rock stars, sporting stars, it doesn't much matter – Grange does have an allure".

In 2012, Penfolds produced a special edition from the Barossa Valley that was filled into twelve ampoules and sold for \$168,000 per ampoule to wealthy wine enthusiasts across the world. A collector's item par excellence, whose value will only increase over the years. Peter Gago knows who the owners of the individual ampoules are

and where they keep their "treasure" across the world. An ampoule currently located in England is still waiting to be sold. As a winemaker, Gago is open to blends and is not a dedicated follower of purity: "People embrace diversity and for me, the magic word is selection". Is he more of a scientist or artist then, when he composes and balances his wines? "I'm an alchemist, I would say. And above all: Mother Nature determines everything". A mindset that the entrepreneur has long adhered to. "For me, Penfolds is not so much a brand, but a culture of life and work. Many of the Penfolds winemakers have been with the company for around 30 years. In this profession and generally, loyalty is simply priceless".

Peter Gago was born in 1957 in the English city of Newcastle from where he moved to Australia at the age of six with his parents. In Melbourne, he initially became a teacher of maths and chemistry but he couldn't get away from his love of wine and enthusiasm for the creative process of winemaking. At the age of 29, he studied oenology at Roseworthy College and started his first job at Penfolds in 1989. The start of a unique career and unrivalled success story. In July 2002, at age forty-five, Gago succeeded John Duval as Penfolds Chief Winemaker, becoming only the fourth person to hold the position since Max Schubert was first appointed in 1948. He has been involved with the market promotion of Penfolds wines since the early 1990s, travelling extensively to attend wine shows and conduct tastings and master classes. "The wine-making! What drew me into the world of wine was wine and wine-making. It's my 26th year with Penfolds and no two days have been the same. It's that whole thing of creating something – it must be what it's like for a musician to create a tune or an artist with a blank canvas and all of a sudden there's something at the other end". Penfolds has just opened its own museum in Australia. And Peter Gago is also off travelling again – to Shanghai, New York and Mongolia... •

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1 Powerplay at the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Polo Cup 2 Prof Yuko Hayashi and her daughter from Japan with Dhillon Marty Family 3 Jonathan Rothermere and his team Ferne Park winner of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Cup 4 Sonia Dhillon Marty presenting her calligraphy art inspired by Kanji symbol for horse to Jean Pierre Tuveri, Mayor of Saint Tropez, France.

BADRUTT'S PALACE HOTEL

It looks like a fairytale castle and is one of the best hotels in the world. Badrutt's Palace Hotel in St. Moritz awaits its guests surrounded by a breathtakingly beautiful unspoiled landscape.

PHOTOGRAPHY BADRUTT'S PALACE HOTEL

These guests not only enjoy the luxury and discretion of a unique five-star hotel, but also a wonderful view of Lake St. Moritz with its annual Snow Polo World Cup St. Moritz. Badrutt's Palace Hotel was opened in a blaze of glory in 1896 and hasn't lost any of its aristocratic charm since. This is mainly thanks to the responsible owners Hansjürg and Anikó Badrutt, as well as the committed Managing Director & Delegate of the Board Hans Wiedemann. The hotelier family consistently invests several million Swiss francs in the grand hotel, combining history and modern zeitgeist to form a perfect symbiosis.

The legendary traditional hotel has mastered the high art of hospitality perfectly and knows how to spoil the crème de la crème of St. Moritz's cosmopolitan clientèle with a sumptuous interior and the finest culinary endeavours. Exquisite treats from classic French cuisine are served in the hotel's restaurant Le Restaurant, while modern Japanese-Peruvian creations are served in La Coupole/ Matsuhisa@Badrutt's Palace and international and Italian cuisine offered in Chesa Veglia. After enjoying culinary delights, guests are either enticed back to the piste or they can enjoy a romantic

sleigh ride or perhaps a visit to the exclusive Palace gallery. Here, guests can see everything that is anything in the international fashion business.

The elaborately designed Palace Wellness area offers opportunities for guests of any age to recharge their batteries. The holistic wellness concept is aimed at improving well-being through natural daylight, fresh air and the incorporation of the surroundings and nature using local materials such as stone pinewood and silver granite from the San Bernardino pass. The Palace Wellness also comprises outdoor sporting facilities such as tennis in summer and ice skating in winter, a treatment centre offering classic and modern treatments, a wet zone with various saunas and a fitness area that makes it possible to follow a general sports programme.

Badrutt's Palace Hotel provides all guests who book a stay of two consecutive nights a ticket for all mountain railways in St. Moritz and the Upper Engadine that covers their entire stay.

www.badruttspalace.com

SONIA DHILLON MARTY FOUNDATION

Premiere: The Dhillon Marty Foundation presented the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Polo Cup at the world-renowned Polo Club Saint Tropez on 30 August 2015. In 2016, they want to continue their polo engagement.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY BRUNO MALEGUE

The Dhillon Marty Foundation, which is based in Tokyo, Paris and Portola Valley and is headed by Sonia Dhillon Marty, is an organization dedicated to providing the global community with the cultural enrichment and social activism programs through art, architecture, design, sustainable farming and technology. The Foundation represents programs throughout the year which include conferences, workshops, design competitions, art awards and community gatherings, in close partnership with the University of Tokyo and in cooperation with other educational institutions around the world.

At the end of August 2015 the Foundation presented the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Polo Cup at the world-renowned Polo Club Saint Tropez. This event has been designed to celebrate the historical Franco-Punjabi Alliance and is being facilitated by The Dhillon Marty Foundation. The event high-lighted the life and times of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, the 19th century Emperor of the Sikh

Kingdom of Punjab, and his French Generals, Jean Francois Allard, the head of Sikh's Cavalry forces and Calude Auguste Court, in charge of Artillery. Founder, Sonia Dhillon-Marty explains, "The events is a celebration of the common values of secular values of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, ruler of Punjab in the 19th century and the French Republic. We are hoping that The Maharaja Ranjit Singh Polo Cup and the ajoining Koh-i-Noor Gala Dinner will help to develop a global society from the seeds of secularism in order to reach the universal understanding". The tournament highlights included the Koh-i-Noor Gala Dinner at Tropezina, right on the beach in Ramatuelle, and the Final Match and the Award Ceremony for the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Polo Cup. The winning polo team received especially designed medals in the form of a belt buckle from California representing the western touch of the Foundation.

www.dhillonmarty.org



HOTEL MADERO

“Porteño” charm, state-of-the-art facilities and a distinctive sense of style – Hotel Madero in the exclusive and modern Puerto Madero district is a unique hotel for unique guests.

PHOTOGRAPHY HOTEL MADERO

The Hotel Madero was opened more than ten years ago and today is one of the most popular and best locations in Buenos Aires. The luxury boutique hotel is situated in the trendy dock area Puerto Madero and provides urban and contemporary comfort for hip, sophisticated Buenos Aires travellers who appreciate a unique sense of style. The design is inspired from the exclusive and modern Puerto Madero area in which it is situated – the hub of the most contemporary architectural styles in the city. The antique art galleries of San Telmo, the hip bars and restaurants, and the iconic Puente de la Mujer are a stone’s throw from the hotel.

Inside the doors you will find a warm and welcoming environment, friendly, top-notch service, artistic décor, and an ultra-cool vibe. The Hotel Madero has 197 spacious and chic rooms available – most with private balcony – equipped with everything you need to enjoy your stay including an in-room safe that fits your laptop, WiFi, minibar, LCD TV, work desk, and complimentary breakfast buffet served daily. When time to relax comes you have a wide variety of options inside the premises to experience. The White Bar features an exclusive terrace with a chic ambience and great music. The Executive Chef of the award-winning Red Resto & Lounge has

created an inventive menu of Argentinian Author Cuisine with a French touch complemented by an impressive wine cellar featuring the most prestigious Argentine wines. On the top floor the Madero Spa is situated, where pampering and relaxation will exceed your expectations. Indulge in the sauna or take a dip in the swimming pool. It is also the perfect place to enjoy a massage or facial. Furthermore, from up here you have the best panoramic views of the river and city.

There are 11 meeting rooms that can accommodate up to 400 people. Excellent service is guaranteed thanks to a team of professional staff dedicated to making your corporate, cultural or social event the best it can be. Hotel Madero offers a total of 1,867 square feet of event space – including the La Cave boardroom and the Des Arts Salon.

Apropos: Close to the financial district, or as Porteños say the “Microcentro”, Hotel Madero offers easy access to both domestic and international airport.

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