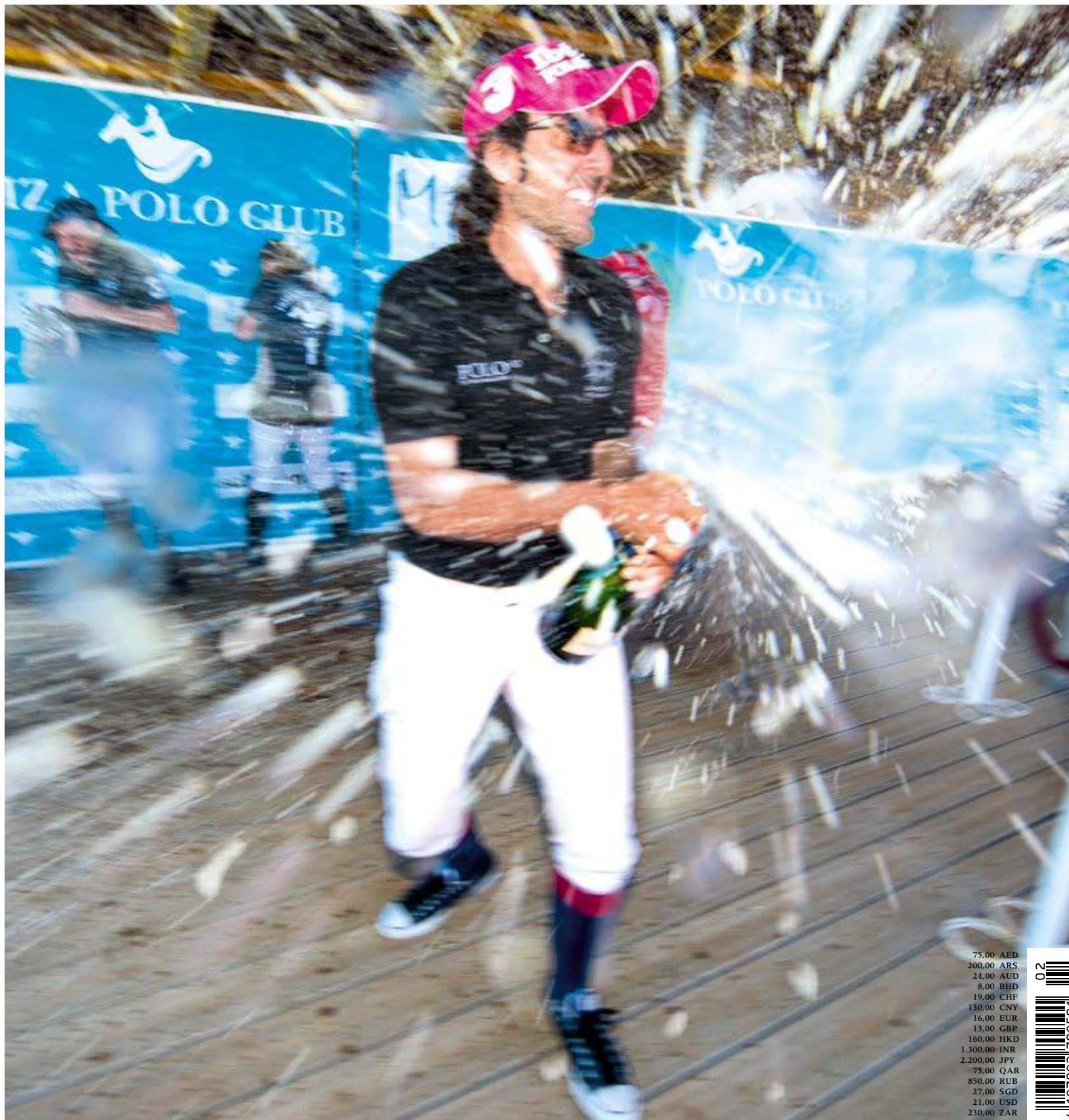


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With the POLO+10 World Tour we take a step into a new and awesome era. The next dates are already fixed.



For us 2016 commenced with a number of exciting new plans and projects. Last autumn we started thinking and discussing a new vision of POLO+10, which has become reality this spring. The POLO+10 World Tour brings polo patrons and polo players to the most beautiful, hidden, exotic and glamorous polo destinations in the world. We chose places a private person would not necessarily come to for polo because of extensive costs and logistics. Our polo guests just book and pay their flights, POLO+10 is taking care of everything else. Two very successful tournaments – the POLO+10 Patrons' Cup – were held on the beautiful island of Ibiza and in the north of Morocco, where Patrick Guerrand-Hermès runs his private polo club. We say thank you to the great Patrick Guerrand-Hermès to host us in his private villa in Morocco. And we are grateful to Gabriel Iglesias and his beautiful wife Eva to have us at the funny and sunny Ibiza Polo Club. The POLO+10 World Tour continues in autumn and the arrangements for the projected destinations are on the way. We are very thankful to be invited to bring a polo team to Mongolia and we are very much looking forward to bring the guests of the POLO+10 World Tour to places like India, China, Argentina and many others. On this score we keep you posted and publish the current and new destinations on our website.

This issue of POLO+10 World introduces you to great international polo people such as Melissa Ganzi, the wonderful polo lady from the United States as well as Melanja Jones, who is now manager in Santa Barbara all year round. We met nice guys from Nigeria, talked to the Mexican Polo Federation and their president Guillermo "Billy" Steta and took a look at the polo activities in Panama. For the European polo audience the European Championship, held at the Maifeld in Berlin, will be a topic of major interest. We are honoured to produce the tournament magazine for that important competition. Enjoy this excursion to the world of polo and follow all our news on www.poloplus10.com ●

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XI FIP POLO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

In 2001 Australia organised the World Championship for the first time and now Down Under will be host of the world event for the second time. From 17-30 October 2017 the XI FIP Polo World Championship will be held at Sydney Polo Club.

Peter Higgins, owner of the Sydney Polo Club, has long dreamt of bringing the Polo World Championship to his club. Through a lot of persistent determination, hard work and the support of strategic partner DNSW this dream will now become a reality: From 17-30 October 2017, eight teams will fight for the title in Sydney. Host country Australia and reigning world champions Chile are already fixed as participating teams. The Zonal Qualifiers will determine which will be the 6 other countries to compete, with the qualifiers being held in early 2017. About 25 countries will have the chance to qualify for one of the rare starting places.

Peter Higgins has set his sights high for the World Championship: "We hope to excite not only the polo community, but also to attract new people to the sport. We are working with a range of travel partners to draw visitors to Sydney, the Hawkesbury Region and the event itself. We will do everything to bring the sport to the

forefront and to create a world class event." Alex Taylor of the Federation of International Polo (FIP) has great expectations as well: "The XI FIP Polo World Championship will create a greater public awareness for the game of polo than any other WPC before. For the first time we will have teams representing 5 Zones. Furthermore the Australian Government, via Destination New South Wales, is a strategic partner of the event, which will ensure a large world coverage and promotion of the WPC." Sydney Polo Club is one of Australia's first polo clubs dating back to 1870 and covers an area of 222 hectares. Facilities at the club include 5 polo grounds, accommodation for over 100 horses, 2 indoor arenas, exercise tracks as well as a wooden horse. There are 5 other polo clubs within a stone's throw of Sydney Polo Club, which means the Hawkesbury Basin boasts a total of 20 polo fields. One of the biggest jobs of the Sydney Polo Club now is the procurement of over 250 horses, which will be needed for the tournament. www.wpcsydney.com

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45TH ANNIVERSARY

The 45th edition of the INDI International Polo Tournament will be held in 2016.

Each year, the best polo players in the world come to Andalucía to compete against each other in the International Polo Tournament, which is held at the Santa María Polo Club in Sotogrande. Over the years the event has built up a reputation as the most important tournament in continental Europe and in 2016 it celebrates its 45th anniversary, taking place from 27 July to 28 August. It consists of the Gold Cup, Silver Cup and Bronze Cup, which is played as Subsidiary Trophy of the Silver Cup. At the Silver and Gold Cup players can earn points for the ranking of the World Polo Tour. In 2016 the WPT Committee has raised the Gold Cup up to a Grand Slam competition due to its great competitive value. www.santamariapoloclub.com

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ARGENTINE TRIPLE CROWN

New playing system and new teams – changes are afoot at the Argentinian high goal tournaments.

Six teams are already confirmed for the Argentine Triple Crown 2016. The two long-time opponents La Dolfina and Ellerstina will start with an unchanged team line-up. The experienced quartet of Adolfo Cambiasso (10), David Stirling (10), Pablo Mac Donough (10) and Juan Martín Nero (10) will play for La Dolfina, a team that won a historic victory in 2015 with the Triple Triple. Ellerstina will once again rely on family power with Pablo (10), Nicolás (9), Gonzalo (10) and Facundo Pieres (10). Blood ties also unite the La Aguada Las Monjitas team as the four Novillo Astrada brothers will once again work together. Alegría will get support from the two new 10-goalers Hilario Ulloa and Sapó Caset. Team La Mariana will be making its debut and the sixth team in contention is team Washington. A number of comprehensive changes to the Argentine Open, the world's most important tournament, have just been decided. In the future there will be quarter and semi-finals in Palermo, in a similar way to the U.S. Open, which means that the tournament will be extended. Furthermore the six best teams in the Argentine Open 2016 will automatically qualify for the Argentine Open in the next year – regardless of the team handicap or team name – as long as the team maintains its line-up to 75 percent.



MUSEUMPLEIN POLO

The first arena polo venue in the cultural centre of Amsterdam is held in October.

On the 30 September, 1 and 2 October 2016 the first Amsterdam Museumplein Polo event will take place at the world famous Museumplein in the cultural centre of Amsterdam. Founders and hosts of this unique arena tournament are PRO SPORT Sport & Hospitality B.V., Polo Club Vreeland and Cor van Zadelhoff. Six international polo teams come to Amsterdam for these three days to compete for the cup. Organiser Paul Meulemans: "We invite all lovers and supporters of the spectacular sport of polo to join us at the Museumplein in Amsterdam in the freely accessible Polo Village during the first edition of the Amsterdam Museumplein Polo Cup." For more information visit www.ProSportHospitality.com



PREMIERE: BEACH POLO IN SINGAPORE

From 4-5 June 2016, the inaugural BMW Singapore Beach Polo Championship successfully celebrated its premiere at Tanjong Beach, Sentosa.

Four teams with an international line-up fought for victory at the inaugural BMW Singapore Beach Polo Championship at Tanjong Beach, Sentosa. The successful event, which was organised by the Singapore Polo Club and well-attended by 1,500 guests, was held over the course of two days and marked the first time polo was being played on the beach in Singapore. In the final match, team Oceania with Ric McCarthy (3), Ali Reda (1) and Lynly Fong (0) encountered team Asia, including Satinder Garcha (4), Dick Doolin (3) and Ali Namazie (0). Under the glistening sun, both teams put up a very strong and tough fight and presented an intense game to the enthusiastic audience. In the end team Oceania won by 3.5-1 and took home the title. The prize for Best Playing Pony was awarded to Ashhab, belonging to Ali Reda of winning team Oceania. It was a triple-win for Ali Reda, who also won the award as Most Valuable Player. Rickard Hogberg, President of the Singapore Polo Club: "For the first time, beach polo was played on the sand of Singapore and I hope this will be a memorable experience not just for our players but also our guests and the public. The event took about 2 months of planning and execution and all this would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors, partners, guests and staff." www.singaporepoloclub.org

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20 YEARS POLO CLUB DE CHANTILLY

Founded in 1996, the Polo Club de Chantilly is now one of the most important polo clubs in Europe. POLO+10 congratulates it on its 20th anniversary.

Patrick Guerrand-Hermès founded the Polo Club de Chantilly north of Paris in 1996. His aim: to open up polo to a wider audience and make the sport affordable for players and also more accessible to the public. Today, Chantilly is the heart of polo in France and the 205 hectare complex in Apremont is one of the biggest and most renowned polo clubs in Europe. The club can look back on a successful history: over the two last decades the club has welcomed a memorable World Championship (2004) as well as two European Championships (1999, 2014), and is the place where one of the biggest European tournaments, the French Open, is played. The 16-goal tournament regularly welcomes top players from across the world and will be played from 3-18 September this year. There has also been a special tournament for women for the past five years, the Ladies French Open. In 2016 the level of the tournament is reaching a new point and passing to 16 goals (in female handicap); the tournament (12-18 September) is now the ultimate, highest level championship for women outside the frontiers of Argentina. POLO+10 has cultivated a close partnership with the Polo Club de Chantilly since 2013. We warmly congratulate it on its 20th anniversary and wish it all the best for the next 20 years! www.poloclubchantilly.com

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NEW CLUBHOUSE

The Polo Club Saint-Tropez has finished the construction of its new clubhouse.

With the construction of its new clubhouse, the Polo Club Saint-Tropez has finished the second step of its aim to become one of the top five polo clubs in the world. The first phase included the construction of new high quality fields, new stables and an indoor arena. Now the second phase has been completed with the construction of a 1,400 m² clubhouse, which boasts lockers and changing rooms, a sauna, a hammam, as well as cryotherapy for the players and team patrons. Furthermore the club now possesses a new restaurant called "Polo 1999" and a polo club boutique. The next phase of construction starts this October and includes a top of the line sports center, tennis courts and a swimming pool. www.polo-st-tropez.com



FROM ZERO TO EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS

After hosting the first ever FIP Arena Polo European Championship in 2015, the ARAF-Elite Horse & Polo Club presents the 4th Arena Polo World Cup.

From 9-11 September 2016 four international polo clubs are taking part with their teams to compete for the trophy. The sponsors La Martina, Gilan, Maserati and Badrutt's Palace feature teams and players of the Evviva Polo Club St. Moritz, Santa María Polo Club Sotogrande, Alegría Polo Club Buenos Aires and the Elite Horse & Polo Club Baku. The teams can resort to 100 excellent polo ponies from Argentina (80) and the local region Karabah (20). For the 4th Arena Polo World Cup Reto Gaudenzi, who is as well the organiser of the world-renowned Snow Polo World Cup in St. Moritz, brings together the unique locations of Baku and St. Moritz. "We will stage a glamorous and traditional St. Moritz Night in Baku." Four days of great sport and excellent polo nights with great entertainment in Baku will welcome guests from all over the world. Polo was raised from zero to a remarkable international level in Azerbaijan during the last four years. Proof for that is not at least the victory of the Azeri team in the Arena Polo European Championship 2015. Now the local team has substantiated its role as defending champion with a three-month polo training in Argentina. In December, Azerbaijan will apply for the FIP European Championship 2018 played on full-size grass fields. www.worldpolo.com



NEW TALENTS

Brazil: New tournaments, promising talents and the current ranking.

Felipe Maia, Ziza Meirelles, Eduardo Junqueira, Dudu Zacharias, Eduardo Parisi, Pedro Sampaio, Oswaldo Mendonça and Jorge Junqueira – these eight up-and-coming talents currently have become a talking point in Brazil. Recently, they joined two friendly matches against Peru in the U-21 category and are also playing higher tournaments. Speaking of High Goal: At the Helvetia Polo Country Club the first edition of the Copa do Brasil was held at the end of the 2015 season and this year the first edition of the Copa Juracy Santos took place (both 18-goal). The current ranking of Brazilian players (ascertained by 30jardas) is currently led by Alexandre Junqueira: www.30jardas.com.br/30j-ranking



PREMIERE

The Norwegian Polo Club hosted Norway's first ever polo tournament.

On Saturday, 18 June 2016 the Norwegian Polo Club, based at Stall Kubberød near Moss in southern Norway, hosted Norway's first ever polo tournament. Two teams, among others including players from Kenya and Australia, have contested the charity exhibition match to the benefit of cancer research. The feedback was overwhelming. "What Thea and Nick have done is incredible" said Australian player Ross Ainsley. "To have launched polo in Norway is a huge achievement anyway, but to launch such great polo, on fantastic horses on a world-class ground in the most stunning setting is unbelievable. The base they have built here and the support they have from their members is something most clubs only dream of."



THE DRAGON ON BEST FORM

FIP Fortune Heights Snow Polo World Cup: a narrow victory for team Hong Kong China with James Harper (6), Matias Vial (6) and Henry Fisher (4).

Six teams from across the world came together at the start of the year at the FIP Fortune Heights Snow Polo World Cup to battle it out for the trophy at the Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club. The final saw the teams from Hong Kong China and England in opposition. England with George Meyrick (6), Jack Richardson (6) and Alastair Patterson (4) had a good start to the match and took the first chukka 3-1 in their favour. But in the second chukka, Hong Kong China took the gloves off and went on a catch-up offensive. At half-time, the score was equal at 3-3. In the third chukka, Matias Vial took Hong Kong China into the lead for the first time, but England countered – and so the third chukka finished with a draw of 4-4. In the fourth chukka, it was once again Matias Vial who took Hong Kong China into the lead at 5-4. England ran out of time and could not equalise. As the chukka bell rang, team Hong Kong China celebrated.

James Harper was named Most Valuable Player and praised the "awesome horses and organisation", adding: "There really aren't many places in the world that can host a tournament like this; it's a massive effort, so well done to the Metropolitan Polo Club." Chile placed third, while Argentina came fourth.

MEETING THE POLO CHAMPION!

Polo player Sébastien Le Page met Pablo Mac Donough during “Polo Clinics” at the Polo Club de Chantilly and spoke to him about his historic win at the Argentine Open.

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Sébastien Le Page and 10-goaler Pablo Mac Donough in Chantilly.

Sébastien Le Page of Polo Park Zürich currently is the most successful player of the POLO+10 World Tour and thus leads the ranking of the Tour. For this reason he was named POLO+10 Ambassador and as such was invited to “Polo Clinics” at the Polo Club de Chantilly near Paris with Pablo Mac Donough. The 10-goaler is Richard Mille Ambassador and one of the best polo players in the world. The “Polo Clinics” were organised by Richard Mille, the luxury Swiss watchmaker, and the renowned Polo Club de Chantilly to celebrate the extension of their partnership. Before the polo training Sébastien Le Page had the chance to interview Pablo Mac Donough for POLO+10.

SÉBASTIEN LE PAGE: PABLO, FOR SEVERAL YEARS YOU HAVE BEEN AND STILL ARE ONE OF THE BEST POLO PLAYERS IN THE WORLD. WHAT IS THE SPORT OF POLO AT ITS TOP LEVEL LIKE AND WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO REMAIN AT THAT HIGHEST LEVEL?

Pablo Mac Donough: It is very difficult to reach the top and it is even more difficult to maintain it – just like with everything else in life. I have to admit that I have been kind of lucky in my life to be able to play in the best two polo teams of the last 20 years. I was glad I could play in Ellerstina, it was a great experience and I learned a lot. At the beginning we were very young, but then we ended up winning the Argentine Open twice (Editor’s note: in 2008 and in 2010), and the Tortugas Open and the Hurlingham Open several times. It was a learning process. Now I am in La Dolfina and we have been very successful in the last few years. The goal is to keep our motivation high, what gives our team the chance to keep on winning. You need to kind of forget what happened before and just focus on the future. I think that is the key.

SÉBASTIEN LE PAGE: SINCE YOU HAVE WON THE HISTORIC TRIPLE CROWN, IT COULD BE A TEMPTATION TO SLOW DOWN. WHAT IS THE NEXT MAJOR GOAL IN YOUR POLO CAREER?

Pablo Mac Donough: La Dolfina is one of the best teams in history of polo. If I think about my next goals I say to myself: Why should I stop trying and what could be my motivation to slow down if I have this team to play with? I am glad that I have won the Argentine Open six times, but if I could win the Open eight or ten times, it would be even better, so why shouldn’t I try? I am still young, I am 34 years old, and every year I get better horses and the teammates know each other even better. We still want to win more tournaments. It is not only a job, it is still a passion.

SÉBASTIEN LE PAGE: IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT POLO THAT A PLAYER SHOULD ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND?

Pablo Mac Donough: You always have to believe in yourself and be positive. Sometimes when you are on a winning track you gain confidence and sometimes things are not working out that well and you let yourself down a bit. But you should not be too dramatic when you lose and not too euphoric when you win. Believe in yourself and if things do not work out for some reason, the best way is to keep on trying.

SÉBASTIEN LE PAGE: WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIALS WHEN YOU TEACH POLO?

Pablo Mac Donough: To be honest, I do not feel like a good teacher. It is very difficult to teach the basics when you have



In 2015, Pablo Mac Donough and his team La Dolfina won the Argentine Triple Crown for the third time in a row.

started to play polo at a very young age, because then you do many things naturally. It is probably easier for me to teach people who already know how to play and to help them to improve themselves. Honestly, regarding the very beginning of playing polo there is not much I can say except one thing: The riding is very important, riding is everything! If you cannot ride you can forget about hitting the ball. When you start to play polo you should focus a lot on the riding. When you get the riding right polo will come naturally. Hitting the ball is much easier if you know how to ride. You can start to learn riding and playing polo at the same time, but you should not forget about the riding. You should spend equal time on both.

SÉBASTIEN LE PAGE: IN POLO, HOW MUCH PERCENTAGE IS THE RIDER AND HOW MUCH PERCENTAGE IS THE HORSE?

Pablo Mac Donough: Lets say 50/50. It is like in car racing: If you have a really good driver with a bad car, you cannot win a championship. In polo it is the same: you need the best players with the best horses, otherwise there is no way you can win. That is why I would say 50/50.

SÉBASTIEN LE PAGE: WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO BECOME A RICHARD MILLE AMBASSADOR?

Pablo Mac Donough: I have been introduced to Richard Mille with Prince Muda Bahar of Brunei. I am a very good friend of him since we were very young, since we are about 10 or 12 years old. When he got back to polo in Europe and we started playing together back in 2008/2009, he came up with this idea of collaborating with a brand and named Richard Mille. Through him I



The RM 053 Pablo Mac Donough is a limited edition of 15 pieces in microblasted titanium and titanium carbide.

met Richard Mille himself, who wanted to create a polo watch and we became partners. It is amazing, this is my fifth year with them and I really enjoy the experience with this brand. It is a small brand so you get to know everybody and Richard is such a nice guy.

SÉBASTIEN LE PAGE: IS IT TRUE THAT YOU EVEN PLAY TOURNAMENTS WITH THE WATCH ON YOUR WRIST?

Pablo Mac Donough: Yes, I always wear my Pablo Mac Donough watch on my wrist, it is my lucky charm. ●

KICKED OFF THE THRONE

Team Maserati wins the 32nd Snow Polo World Cup in St. Moritz 2016 with a tight 5-4 against Team Cartier. POLO+10 was present and reports for you at first hand!

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RANKING:

- #1 Team Maserati (16)**
Rommy Gianni 1 (ITA)
Luciano Vazquez 2 (ESP)
Dario Musso 7 (ARG)
Frankie Menendes 6 (ARG)
- #2 Team Cartier (15)**
Spencer McCarthy 1 (ENG)
Charlie Wooldridge 2 (ENG)
Chris Hyde 6 (ENG)
Nacho Gonzalez 6 (ENG)
- #3 Team Badrutt's Palace Hotel (15)**
Melissa Ganzi 0 (USA)
Augustin Merlos 9 (ARG)
Mariano Gracida 4 (USA)
Tito Gaudenzi 2 (SUI)
- #4 Team Perrier-Jouët (15)**
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Luca Zindel 1 (SUI)
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After winning the prestigious Snow Polo World Cup in St. Moritz three times in a row, Team Cartier was kicked off the throne by Rommy Gianni (1), Dario Musso (7), Luciano Vazquez (2) and Frankie Menendes (6) of team Maserati. After taking the lead in the first chukka, Cartier experienced a massive pressure and offensive strategy by Maserati. The two teams already played against each other on Saturday, so Maserati had enough time to get to know the opponent properly.

By the end of the third chukka Maserati had established a 5-2 advantage. Two converted penalty shots of "the Prof" Chris Hyde made the final moments of the match breathtaking thrilling. Commentator and polo expert Jan-Erik Franck: "Maserati could well prepare for the final today. And they did. In the second and third chukka the pressure on Cartier was immense." Most Valuable Player of the tournament became Dario Musso from Argentina, who had worked a lot for the victory of his team Maserati.

The match for the third place and the La Martina Trophy went to team Badrutt's Palace Hotel with Melissa Ganzi (1) and Mariano Gracida (4), both from the United States, Augustin "Tincho" Merlos, who was with 9 goals the highest handicapped player of the tournament, and Tito Gaudenzi (2). These two teams did also

play against each other the day before and a 5th chukka and Golden Goal decided finally which team emerged victorious. On Sunday both teams were very even again. They started at 3-3 in the beginning of the 4th chukka. Then team Badrutt's Palace got together all its power and took the lead with 5-3 goals.

For organiser Reto Gaudenzi, the "Godfather" of snow polo who invented the venue in 1985 and who gave new life to the snow polo tradition in St. Moritz last year, the venue was simply one thing: "Just perfect!". Dr. Piero Dillier, President of the Evviva Polo St. Moritz AG, could welcome far over 10,000 guests. Special guests were of course General Elcin Guliyev, President of the Equestrian Federation of Azerbaijan Republic (ARAF) and Bahruz Nabiyev, Secretary general of the ARAF as well as the former FIP President Dr. Richard Caleel and his wonderful wife.

Official supplier with a great presentation of the new collection was again La Martina. A superb polo experience at best conditions on 1,800 metres altitude. The audience, players and organisers are very much looking forward to the next year's edition of the Snow Polo World Cup in St. Moritz.

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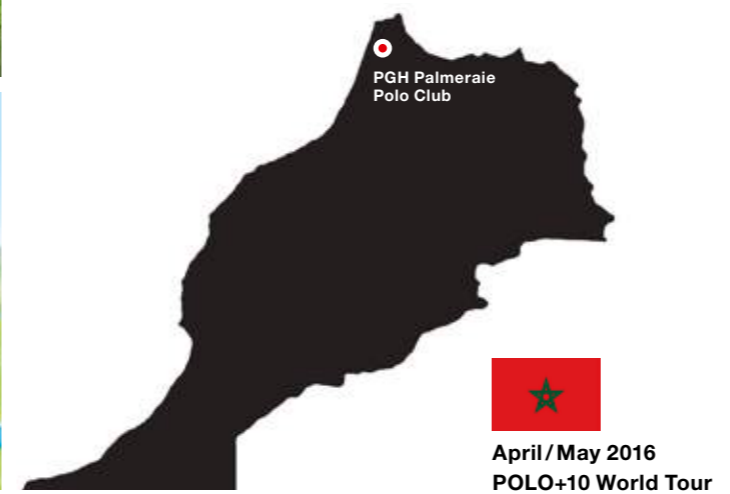


- RANKING**
- #1 POLO+10 (2)**
 Francesca Guise (0, NZ)
 Andrea Rocca (0, ITA)
 Sébastien Le Page (0, FRA)
 Gabriel Iglesias (2, ARG)
- #2 ME Ibiza (3)**
 Harriet Styles (0, UK)
 Gabriel Eckenstein (0, CH)
 Tim Ward (3, UK)
 Lucia Nocioni (0, ARG)
- #3 Hierbas de Ibiza (2)**
 Roman Fortunato (0, ARG)
 Katriona Shriver (0, UK)
 Brian Reynolds (0, UK)
 Julio Rinaldi (2, ARG)
- #4 Ibiza Polo Club (2)**
 Edoardo Fontana (1, ITA)
 Jan-Erik Franck (1, UK)
 Thomas Wirth (0, GER)
 Angela Walker (0, UK)





MOROCCO



14 Preparing the horses at the PGH Palmeraie Polo Club in North Morocco
 15 Anne Pascale Guedon and polo manager Ignacio Tejerina
 16 Jan-Erik Franck and Raymon Rafool
 17 Relaxing and watching the matches
 18 Sea view from the villa of Patrick Guerrand-Hermès
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 20 Natalia and Christoph K. from Austria
 21 Vera Kubick on a donkey
 22 Time-keeper Pierre and polo manager Lucia Halabíková
 23 Team Marrakech Polo Club
 24 Team PGH Palmeraie Polo Club
 25 Moroccan bazar about to open in the morning
 26 Team POLO+10
 27 Team Voltex
 28 Moulay Mhamed El Aammari, Manager of PGH Palmeraie Polo Club
 29 Dinner with sea view and sunset at the terrace of the villa
 30 Argentinean players' party at the beach
 31 Sébastien Le Page and Vera Kubick.



RANKING

- #1 Team Marrakech Polo Club (0)**
 Martin Magal (0, SLK)
 Natalia K. (-2, AUT)
 Christoph K. (0, AUT)
 Pablo Casero (2, ARG)
- #2 Team POLO+10 (0)**
 Sébastien Le Page (0, FRA)
 Anne Pascale Guedon (-1, FRA)
 Ignacio Tejerina (3, ARG)
 Vera Kubick /
 Thomas Wirth (-2, GER)
- #3 Team Voltex (-3)**
 Samy Jebabli (-2, FRA)
 Martin Gueritot (-2, SLK)
 Philip Chan (0, UAE)
 Mariano Lopez (1, ARG)
- #4 Team PGH Palmeraie Polo Club (-4)**
 Jean Paul Reshuan (-1, ECU)
 Raymon Rafool (-1, USA)
 Antonio Parra (-1, ECU)
 Slava Guerrand-Hermès (-1, FRA)



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The POLO+10 World Tour takes its participants to the most beautiful and exotic polo destinations around the globe. Often this is a unique opportunity for the players to play at their dream destination once. The whole idea is as simple as it is charming: The players register for the tour and book their flight, POLO+10 takes care of everything else. Polo at its best and 100% fun for the players is guaranteed. POLO+10 will take care of the entire organisation, all services as well as the polo ponies and grooms are included. Outward and return flight have to be paid by the players themselves. Four to six teams will participate in each tournament. The applications will be registered by POLO+10 according to the principle "First come, first served". Full teams as well as individual players can register for one or more tournaments.

The first two tournaments of the tour were held in April at the Ibiza Polo Club and at the PGH Palmeraie Polo Club in Morocco. Unforgettable polo moments – on the field as well as together with the international guests. Habib Ferogh, Manager of the POLO+10 World Tour and in charge of the tour organisation: "Now that our polo club partners and our patrons around the globe understood which impact these events with POLO+10 have, we are receiving daily more and more requests. This motivates us a lot and pushes us to new levels. Local audience, sponsors and our supporting partners will provide 100% assistance to make the events a great experience for everybody involved."

Standing ovations for the 1st POLO+10 Patrons' Cup at the Polo Club Ibiza, which was won by Francesca Nill (NZ, 0), Andrea Rocca (ITA, 0), Sébastien Le Page (FRA, 0) und Gabriel Iglesias (ARG, 2) of team POLO+10 after defeating team ME Hotel Ibiza by 5-4. In an exciting and balanced final match, at first team POLO+10 took the lead by 2-0. Harriet Styles (UK, 0), Lucia Nocioni (ARG, 0), Gabriel Eckenstein (CH, 0) and Tim Ward (UK, 3) of team ME Hotel Ibiza caught up and in the third chukka levelled the match, 3-3. But in

the end, Gabriel Iglesias and his team prevailed and won the match. Gabriel Iglesias has played as an international polo professional for years and by establishing the Ibiza Polo Club has built up a dream-like destination in the heart of the sunny island. "We are glad and proud to be the first station of the POLO+10 World Tour and will continue to host tournaments of the tour here in Ibiza." Polo professional and coach Tim Ward: "This was a sensational weekend, we had so much fun. I look forward to participate in one of the tour's tournaments soon."

The polo club of Patrick Guerrand-Hermès was host to the second station of the POLO+10 World Tour, which took the participants to the north of Morocco. An unforgettable polo adventure right next to the Atlantic Ocean and in the open countryside. Across the beautiful landscape close to Tangier, via sand pistes and across mountains and valleys, past donkeys and herds of goats you get down to the club's three excellent polo fields and the newly-built club house. Welcome to the polo paradise! For three days the international participants of the POLO+10 Patrons' Cup Morocco played for victory. Exciting and fast-paced chukkas, enthusiastic players and excellent horses made a go of the polo weekend in Morocco. The guests of POLO+10 were accommodated at the private villa of Patrick Guerrand-Hermès, where breakfast, lunch, the Players' Beach Party as well as a great Welcome Dinner were held. First place of the POLO+10 Patrons' Cup Morocco went to Team Marrakech Polo Club, including Martin Magal (0, SLK), Natalia and Christoph K. (-2/0, AUT) as well as the Argentine 2-goaler Pablo Casero. The match was fast and competitive. In the end, the winning team was successful against Team POLO+10, which consisted of Sébastien Le Page (0, FRA), Anne Pascale Guedon (-1, FRA), Ignacio Tejerina (3, ARG) as well as Vera Kubick and Thomas Wirth (-2, GER) sharing one position, by a narrow 4-3.



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SANTA BARBARA

The Santa Barbara Polo Club was founded in 1911 and is the third-oldest club in the United States. With Melanja Jones the polo club employed a very experienced polo lady who has been at the club seasonally for so many years and is now running it on a full year basis.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY SANTA BARBARA POLO CLUB





Jeff Hall (Lucchese Polo Team) takes aim at goal en route to the 2015 Pacific Coast Open title.



With 87 acres of manicured fields including 3 playing fields, a stick and ball field, an arena, an exercise pen, stabling for 360 horses and two clubhouses, the Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club offers a little something for everyone.

Nestled between the Santa Ynez Mountain foothills and the Pacific Ocean, the Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club is truly one of the jewels of the American Riviera. It offers an array of amenities such as three full-size outdoor polo fields, one arena, extensive horse boarding and exercise facilities, as well as stabling for 360 horses and two clubhouses. 10 tennis courts, a swimming pool and spa complete the luxurious polo destination. The Santa Barbara Polo Club is home to the Pacific Coast Open, the United States Polo Association (USPA) America Cup and the USPA Intra-Circuit Cup. On Fridays and Sundays the Club welcomes the public for Happy Hour and Sunday Polo. Polo matches are open to the public with a wide range of hospitality and guest seating. During the high goal season in July and August, international teams from all over the world and highest ranked pros play in Santa Barbara. The USPA Nespresso America Cup and the USPA Maserati Silver Cup are two of the most important polo tournaments at the West Coast.

An exhibition polo match was first played at the Santa Barbara Agricultural Park's 1894 Flower Festival. This match encouraged sufficient local interest in the sport so that by 1902 the fledgling Club boasted a 40-member roster. Polo flourished within the community as various fields "emerged", thereby drawing players to the area. The late 20's and the mid 30's saw the Santa Barbara Polo Club into its golden era. Teams, horses, and players would arrive by train, unload from the stock cars, and walk through downtown Santa Barbara all the way to the Club. Sundays at the Club became a great social event in this era. In the 50's polo became more and

more popular again. The U.S. Open tournament was played in Santa Barbara in 1963 and 1966. The owner at the time, Rudy Tongg, was able to secure participants by many impressive foreign teams. In 1974 the Club was renovated to encourage the new renaissance in polo and to implement tennis facilities. This included 141 deluxe condominium units, two swimming pools, a Jacuzzi, eight tennis courts and a tennis clubhouse.

Club President John Muse: "We are pleased to announce a robust tournament schedule for 2016, commencing in April and ending in October. Building on the success from last summer, we are getting close to confirming 8 teams in the 12-goal and high goal seasons. The objective is to have well-attended, competitive but safe matches. Last year, we had many close matches and championships won by a variety of teams in each tournament." The Santa Barbara Polo School offers lessons in the arena and on the grass. The popular "Coaching League" gives players the opportunity to practice their new skills in a controlled game environment with the guidance of a professional polo player or coach. Weeknight arena chukkas are also available. The Club has many options available for beginner and amateur players looking to hone their skills. To receive the "Learn to Play" brochure and see how Santa Barbara Polo Club can help you get started or improve your game please contact the Club.

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From pristine fields to beach rides, the polo lifestyle takes on a California flair for the Santa Barbara season.

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BACK IN TOWN

Since the end of 2015 Melanja Jones came back as a year round polo manager to the Santa Barbara Polo Club. She brings a wealth of experience in managing both high and medium goal tournaments as well as a familiarity with the club. With POLO+10 she talked about her wide range of targets for the club.

INTERVIEW STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY SANTA BARBARA POLO CLUB



Melanja Jones, polo manager at the Santa Barbara Polo Club.

YOU BRING OVER 10 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND A LOVE OF POLO TO THE POSITION AS NEW POLO MANAGER AT THE SANTA BARBARA POLO CLUB. WHAT DOES THE NEW JOB MEAN TO YOU?

Santa Barbara is a club that is very special to me and it is a unique opportunity to run the polo programmes on a year round basis after being at the club seasonally for so many years. Transitioning the Polo Manager position to year round will enable the club to bring continuity to the club's polo programmes. My aim is to make the club inclusive and inviting while providing high quality polo and customer service for our polo members.

THERE IS A HUGE ARRAY OF POLO PROGRAMMES AT THE SBPC. ARE YOU GOING TO ADD NEW ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS TO THE SCHEDULE?

As you note, we already have a large array of programmes here, we are one of the only clubs in the country to offer everything from Polo School to 16-goal polo. So we do have to make sure we don't get so busy starting new programmes that we lose focus on the things we do well. We are expanding our Learn to Play Options this year, as a club we are focusing on growing our membership of new players coming into the sport. We have added more clinics, month long Polo 101 courses in the summer, and an Arena Membership. I started a Coaching League programme five years ago and it is a primary goal this year to help new players progress to the Coaching League this year.

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

The summer high goal season, which features 16-goal teams this year, has a very impressive tournament schedule of the Belmond El Encanto Polo Classic, USPA Maserati Silver Cup, USPA Nespresso America Cup, and the Gulfstream Pacific Coast Open. The Gulfstream Pacific Coast Open is our crown jewel, unlike the other major tournaments where the trophy is owned by the national Association, the PCO is our club's permanent trophy

and as such has a special place in club history and tradition. In the Spring 12-goal, we host the USPA La Martina Intra-Circuit, and the Fall 8-goal offers a National Tournament with the USPA President's Cup.

WHAT MAKES THE SANTA BARBARA POLO CLUB UNIQUE FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW?

We offer a lot with the perfect weather, amazing fields, beach-side proximity, and the excitement and variety of things to do in the local community. But the thing to me that is really special is the way players from all over the world and all over the handicap range stable together, ride together, work together in our club barns and play together at the club facilities for tennis, swimming and the gym. It is truly a polo family when everyone is here for the tournaments.

WHICH ARE THE PARALLELS AND MOST SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SB AND PALM BEACH, WHERE YOU WORKED BEFORE?

The parallels are in the quality of polo and the commitment to excellence. The differences are that here 90% of the players stable together, unlike in Palm Beach where everyone has their own barn, and here I spend a lot more time working on medium goal, low goal, and Learn to Play programmes where at IPC the club focuses exclusively on high goal polo.

WHAT IS YOUR OWN PERSONAL POLO CAREER LIKE? HOW DID YOU GET INTO THE SPORT?

I was always a horse person but never encountered polo until I went to college, where I learned to play on the Colorado State University Intercollegiate team. I am fortunate that I have been able to work with training polo horses and polo management, now I have a few horses of my own that I play in Ladies Tournaments and use to help with the student polo here. I wouldn't say I have a polo career so much as splendid opportunities that arise because I work in polo.



Top: Antelope Polo Team celebrates winning the Pope Challenge 12-goal. Right: The historic Pacific Coast Open trophy. Bottom: Women players are an important part of the club's polo programmes.



WOULD YOU SAY THAT BEING POLO MANAGER AT THE SBPC IS A DREAM JOB SOMEHOW?

Absolutely! I love it here in Santa Barbara, we have a great staff and membership, and there are only a very, very few clubs that offer this kind of wide ranging opportunity.

HOW IS THE ENHANCEMENT OF YOUNG TALENTS ORGANISED AT SB? ARE YOU GOING TO SET A FOCUS ON THAT?

We have been diligent supporters of Team USPA and seven of its members are playing in our leagues this year with a few others still working on possible jobs – Jesse Muller, Felipe Viana, Jim Wright, Geronimo Obregon, Steve Kreuger, and Costi Caset are all playing at our club this year. One thing that is so unique at our club is that we have seen a lot of these youngsters start out playing in the World Gym / Miguel Torres and Linfoot Memorial youth tournaments, then play in the 8-goal, then 12-goal and now they are playing on 16-goal teams. We have a two time Intercollegiate Champion arena team in our Westmont

University team, coached by John Westley. There are two other I/I teams that are based out of Santa Barbara – the SB Interscholastic Girls and the SB / Central Coast Open team. We are now seeing teenage members who learned to play in our Coaching League such as Charlie Walker and Jake Klentner play in the 12-goal with their fathers, which is really neat and also humbling to see how fast the young players progress. We are also seeing some young ladies come into the sport via the young player programmes such as Cory Williams and Mia Bray. I think the club has been very generous and focused on the youth development and we intend to keep on with all those programmes this year.

HOW IS THE SPORT OF POLO GENERALLY DEVELOPING IN THE UNITED STATES?

There are a lot of people smarter than me who will have theories on that. I see that the sport is becoming much more standardized from coast to coast and now there is much more emphasis on programmes like the Player Development and Ladies Polo. ●

A FAMILY PASSION

Panama has a long tradition of horses, but it was only in 1993 that polo got a foothold thanks to the Serrano family. In 1994, they founded the Hacienda Country Club to the north-east of Panama City, the first and still the only polo club in the country.

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The Panama Polo Open is the country's biggest and most important tournament. In 2016 Rogelio Igartua, Jorge Serrano, Jorge Habib and Alejandro Arango of Team Hackett won the tournament.

Panamas polo community meets at the Hacienda Country Club in the north-east of Panama City.

When the Serrano family emigrated from Guatemala to Panama in 1993, they realised to their regret that the country did not offer any polo-related activities. So they decided to do something about it themselves. They bought a property on the outskirts of Panama City and set up the Hacienda Country Club with lots of enthusiasm and commitment. Today, the Club has a polo field, indoor arena, outdoor arena and 80 stalls. There are two restaurants, two bars, 4 meeting rooms, swimming pool, kids zone, brand new tennis courts, paddle tennis courts, a gym and a 9 hole executive Par 3 golf course, which may be illuminated so it can be played at night. "We are experiencing a lot of growth in all equestrian activities so in the near future we foresee the need for more stables and paddocks, we also need to train grooms and personnel," says Jorge Serrano, one of the club's owners, about the current developments. "For polo we really have potential to become a fun destination to have people come and enjoy tournaments and polo vacations. Panama City has great appeal for its shopping, restaurants, nightlife, cultural attractions, the Panama Canal, etc. It has become a very modern metropolis."

Even as young boys, Jorge and his two brothers Arturo and Juan Pablo loved to spend the whole day riding across their grandfather's coffee plantation in Guatemala. The three became acquainted with polo from an early age on a cattle ranch that belonged to a school-friend of their father's and had two polo fields. Jorge began actively playing polo at the age of 19. Today, all three brothers play with a handicap of 1-goal and 14-year-old Arturo Jr and 10-year-old Juan Pablo Jr have also played for the past three seasons. "Polo is a passion, the horses, the adrenaline, the speed, the tactics, teamwork etc. And for us it has become a family passion having the opportunity to share the love of horses with all the family. This is great and it is something my parents have supported and now we are encouraging our kids because is one thing that brings all the family together," enthuses Jorge. "We have owned running horses, jumping horses, my sister is an international FEI Judge, we all do team penning, in the winter we organise trails through the jungles on the property. We travel to play and ride, it has been a great blessing for us as a family."

The Hacienda Country Club has a total of 16 players. The outdoor season lasts from the end of December to mid-May. The biggest and most important tournament is the Panama Polo Open, which has been played for the ninth time in March 2016. Set up as a small event in 2008, the Open has developed into a big summer event over the past nine years and is supported by the most important companies in the country, including Copa Airlines, Ron Abuelo, K Magazine, MMG Bank and Aquacai bottled water as well as big international brands such as Hackett and Veuve Clicquot. In 2017, the tournament will celebrate its ten-year anniversary.

The biggest challenge for polo in Panama is horses. Although Panama has great horses including thoroughbreds and quarter horses, the big challenge is making them suitable for polo. "It takes time and work with no one knowing exactly how to reign a horse for polo in the country," explains Jorge. "What has worked for us is buying working horses and after a couple of seasons you have a playing horse. The other option is importing horses which we have done but prices almost doubled and that has been a hurdle also for bringing playing horses. This year we started to breed, we have all the retired playing mares and brought a sire with great blood and a great record at the track and we are expecting nine new potential polo players in the next three months."

The Serranos have brought polo to the small country between Colombia and Costa Rica and work continually on developing the fast-paced sport in Panama. Their own horsebreeding programme is an important step in this, as is nurturing up-and-coming talent and improving the polo facilities. When asked what drives him to do so much for the sport of polo, 44-year-old Jorge doesn't have to think for long: "Polo has been a great excuse to make great friends and meet amazing people all over the world and a great way to keep healthy. That has been the best for me and now my aim is to prepare for my kids so they can enjoy the game and I'm pretty sure they are going to have the opportunity to really enjoy it and be very good at it."

A POLO OASIS IN MARRAKECH

Only a short flight separates mainland Europe from Jnan Amar Polo Resort in Marrakech, Morocco. The perfect escape for the polo aficionado, who is eager to continue playing the sport of kings once the European season comes to an end.

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The Ritz-Carlton branded residences are designed in eight distinctive styles overlooking the polo fields and the majestic Atlas Mountains.

Amar Abdelhadi once had a dream about polo in northern Africa and he made it real by establishing the Jnan Amar Polo Resort. This 50-hectare resort is home to the Marrakech Polo Club, founded 3 years ago and host to several exciting international competitions such as The Eve Branson Foundation Polo Day, the British Polo Day and the Moroccan Polo Open. Since its foundation the club has also been noticeably present in the European community, participating in tournaments around England, Spain and France.

After 3 years of solid growth, the club is now working on developing its calendar, with the main focus on developing the sport in the region. Polo Manager Pablo Casero explains: "We have received a great welcome from both the community and Marrakech visitors. Luxury tourism has been growing enormously in the last decade and polo seems to be the perfect fit. The club's polo school has been set up for this reason, to cater for both the polo spectator who wishes to take on the sport while being on holidays and to those looking to continue improving their polo skills while the weather doesn't allow it in Europe. The Marrakech Polo Club will shortly be accompanied by a 60-suite (including The Royal Suite) Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 20 hotel villas, 85 private Ritz-Carlton branded villas, a luxury clubhouse and an equestrian center.

Last April, the Moroccan Polo Open marked the closing of this year's season. With teams of the calibre of the Royal Guard and La Palmeraie – Patrick Guerrand-Hermès' own polo club in north Morocco – the competition was fierce. Players were welcomed with an Argentine asado hosted at one of the resort's luxury 5-bedroom villas. During the tournament, players, friends and their families were able to enjoy the authentic Moroccan hospitality. After a



3-day competition, the Royal Guard lifted the coveted trophy, with the lightly snowed Atlas Mountains acting as the perfect backdrop for the prize-giving ceremony.

With the Moroccan Polo Open now an established tournament in the polo world's calendar, Jnan Amar Polo Resort is getting ready for another exciting season, filled with new tournaments, charity events and polo aficionados travelling from all over the world. •

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AT THE LAST SECOND

6,000 spectators came along to the Guards Polo Club on the final day of the Cartier Queen's Cup and experienced high-quality polo, close matches and what was probably the most exciting final in the history of the tournament.

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Final of the 2016 Cartier Queen's Cup: Dubai (green white striped shirts) against La Indiana (white shirts). Top right: Adolfo Cambiaso.

The Cartier Queen's Cup took place this year on a Saturday rather than a Sunday because of the 90th birthday celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II. Despite this, 6,000 spectators still came along to Guards Polo Club and were rewarded with one of the most exciting finals in the history of the trophy. The teams La Indiana and Dubai enjoyed a dramatic battle that was decided only in the last few seconds. La Indiana, Michael Bickford's (1) team, produced an impressive performance over the course of the 22-goal tournament. But Dubai was the clear favourite going into the match, with the statistics providing a very clear picture: team Dubai had already won the trophy five times and polo superstar Adolfo Cambiaso went into the final with a total of eight victories under his belt – no other player has won the tournament more often.

Team Dubai, for which Rashid Albwardy (2), Kian Hall (1) and Juan Martin Nero (9) climbed into the saddle alongside Adolfo Cambiaso (10), quickly did justice to its position as the favourite and at half-time, the score was already in favour of Dubai at 9-4.

But in the second half, La Indiana seemed a changed team. The quartet fought their way back into the game by giving it their all. In the sixth and last chukka, it looked as though the final would have to be decided with a golden goal in an extra chukka. But at the very last second, Adolfo Cambiaso scored again and secured the sixth victory for team Dubai with a score of 12-11 and his own ninth tournament win at the Cartier Queen's Cup. Michael Bickford (1), Nicolas Roldan (7), Agustin Merlos (8) and Julian De Lusarreta (6) from La Indiana placed second.

The match for third place was also very close. In extra time, the HB Polo team – Ludovic Pailloncy (1), Ignacio Toccalino (8), David Stirling (10) and Sebastien Pailloncy (3) – scored the necessary goal and won against Sifani with a score of 10-9. By the way: after three weeks of closely-fought matches, this was only the second golden goal.

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HURLINGHAM

The Hurlingham Club in Buenos Aires Province is one of the oldest polo clubs in Argentina, the cradle of the Argentine Polo Association and home of the Hurlingham Open, one of the most important polo tournaments in the world.



Each year the Hurlingham Open attracts the best polo players in the world to come to the Hurlingham Club in Buenos Aires Province.

Everyone in the world of polo knows this name: Hurlingham. It stands for the first steps of polo in Europe and is also strongly connected to the sport of polo in Argentina. But let's start at the beginning: In the late 19th century, many British immigrants tried to make a new start in Argentina and in their new homeland they wanted to exercise the same sports as back in their native country. Unfortunately in and around Buenos Aires there were very few opportunities to do so and thus John Ravenscroft, an Englishman living in the rural village of Puan, Buenos Aires, had the idea to establish a social and sporting club where the AngloArgentine community could come together and practise all the sports of their homeland within one institution.

He was inspired by the Hurlingham Club, located in Fulham, London, which was the headquarters of polo in Great Britain back then. In 1875, here the Hurlingham Polo Committee (later renamed Hurlingham Polo Association) drew up the first English polo rules, on which all polo rulebooks today are based upon. John Ravenscroft wanted to create an Argentine counterpart of the

Gentlemen's club and in 1888 the Hurlingham Club was founded in Buenos Aires Province. In the following spring, the club's facilities were established on a land close to the tracks of the Pacific Railway, which was extended during that time to join Palermo with Mercedes in the interior of Buenos Aires Province. The town of Hurlingham and the district of Hurlingham Partido grew around the club, taking its name. Its year of foundation makes the Hurlingham Club one of the oldest still existing polo clubs in Argentina until today. On 16 May 1890 the Hurlingham Club hosted its first polo tournament and during that same year the club held its first cricket match, its first rugby match and its first football match.

Soon polo became more and more popular in Buenos Aires Province and only five years after the club's foundation the Argentine Open (back then called River Plate Polo Championship) was held at the club for the very first time in April 1893, organised by the Polo Association of the River Plate, the predecessor of the Asociación Argentina de Polo. Thus Hurlingham Club is the birthplace of the most important polo tournament in the world. The



1 In 2015, La Dolfina Polo Team won the Hurlingham Open. From left to right: Juan Martín Nero, Pablo Mac Donough, David Stirling and Adolfo Cambiasso 2 Hurlingham Polo Team at the 1937 Hurlingham Open. From left to right: Eduardo Rojas Lanusse, Jack Nelson, Roberto Cavanagh and Luis Lacey 3 The clubhouse, built in traditional English style 4 Luis Lacey (left) and Roberto Cavanagh of the Hurlingham Polo Team.

inaugural edition was won by the Hurlingham Polo Team, consisting of Francisco J. Balfour, Frank Furber, J. C. Tetley and Hugo Scott Robson. In 1929 the tournament moved to the polo grounds in Palermo, Buenos Aires and from then on was called Campeonato Argentino Abierto de Polo, today outside of Argentina mostly known as Argentine Open. In that year the Hurlingham Club started to host its own major polo tournament, the Hurlingham Open. Today the Hurlingham Open is the second most important polo tournament in the world. It is part of the Argentine Triple Crown, which consists of the Tortugas Open, the Hurlingham Open and the Argentine Open, and each year in October it attracts the best polo players in the world to compete for The Ayrshire Cup.

In 1922, the club was setting of another important incident in the history of polo in Argentina: On 14 September 1922 the Argentine Polo Association, called Asociación Argentina de Polo (AAP), was founded at the Hurlingham Club as a merging of its predecessor Polo Association of the River Plate, founded in 1892, and the Federación Argentina de Polo, founded in 1921.

Until today the Hurlingham Club remains a popular a social and sporting club with about 1,000 members. On its 73 hectare large site the club includes five polo fields, stabling for 300 polo ponies, an 18 hole golf course, 18 tennis courts including six grass courts, a cricket pitch, two swimming pools, three paddle tennis courts and an indoor complex with a gym, squash court and dressing rooms. The clubhouse is built in a traditional English style and has elegant function rooms, restaurant and bars, a billiard room plus hotel rooms available to members. Jose "Pepe" Ramon Santamarina, President of Polo committee at the Hurlingham Club: "For the future we would like to maintain the top quality of our polo fields for the Hurlingham Open. In addition my idea is to build a museum at the club. Here is the place where everything started, the Campeonato Argentino Abierto de Polo was held here for the first time, the AAP was founded at the club and every year the best players come and play here at the Hurlingham Open. It is a way to honour the club and the history of polo in Argentina."

GERMANN

POLO TOUR

Germany's leading polo league will be even more competitive this year.

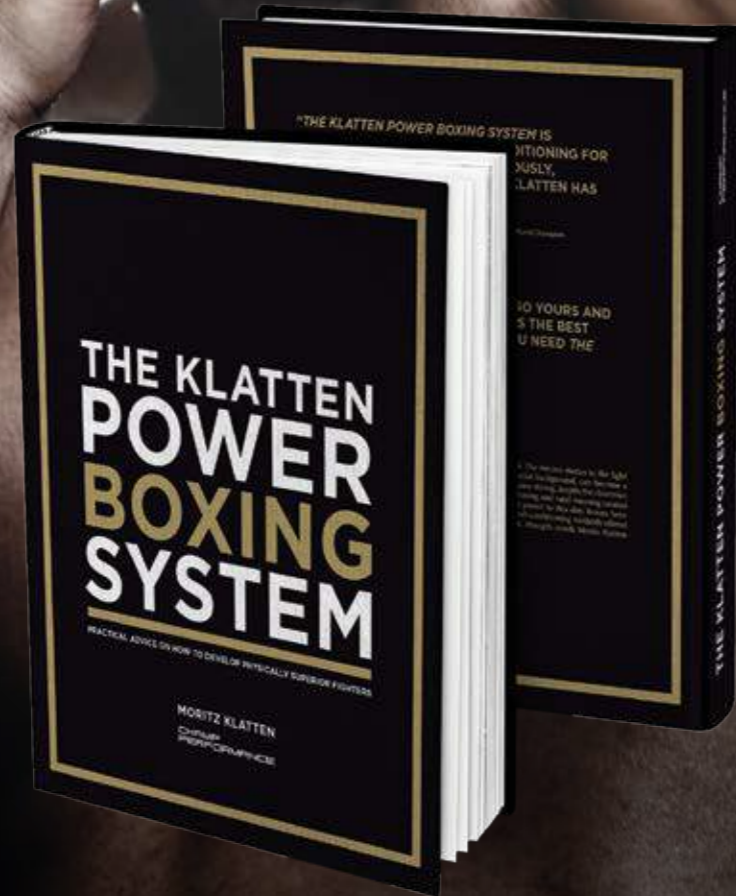
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1 The 5-goaler Marcos Riglos from Argentina 2 Thomas Winter (4) and Gastón Maíquez (7) in Hamburg 3 Christopher Kirsch (3) and Heino Ferch (0) at the Bucherer Polo Cup Frankfurt 2016 4 Christopher Kirsch's Gut Aspern is one of the best polo addresses in Germany 5 Heinrich Dumrath (3) and Pablo Jauretche (7) 6 Berenberg Polo-Derby at the Hamburger Polo Club: 2015 was the 15th jubilee of the tournament 7 The winners of the German High Goal Championship 2015: Gastón Maíquez (7), Reinhold Hofmann (0), Christian Badenhop (1) and Cristobal Durrieu (4) with Armin Prinz, CEO of CSS 8 Commentator and polo player and expert Jan-Erik Franck 9 Groom Ramon Vega 10 Land Rover team meeting at the Bucherer Polo Cup Frankfurt 2016 11 Patrick Maleitzke (3) playing at Gut Aspern.

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12 The Berenberg High Goal Cup in Düsseldorf celebrated its 10th jubilee in mid June. The venue ranges among the most popular and best visited polo tournaments in Germany 13 Max Bosch (3), winner of the tournament in Düsseldorf, with Laura Gissler-Weber 14 Mark Holmes, one of the best polo umpires in the world 15 Carlos Alberto Farias (3).

Frankfurt, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Gut Aspern, Munich, Berlin – a total of six locations will once again form the German Polo Tour in 2016. While last year saw three high and three medium goal tournaments, the tour now comprises four competitions in the highest playing category. This is more than ever before. “They are even the only four high goal tournaments in Germany this year,” explains Christopher Kirsch, organiser of the Germany-wide polo league. Founded in 2010, the German Polo Tour (GPT) is the first polo series and league on the German polo scene and has built up an excellent reputation amongst players and sponsors alike. A development that Kirsch is more than happy with: “The quality standard of the tournaments is very high. Our sponsors value this. All partners will be here once again in 2016. In sporting terms, the German Polo Tour has come on in leaps and bounds when it comes to quality.”

The German Polo Tour has long since become internationally renowned. Twenty teams with 80 players and almost 1,000 horses will participate in the event in 2016. Argentina, Brazil, Switzerland and Austria are strongly represented and more and more English players are also taking part in the tour. Many of the players regularly play tournaments across the world. One of the highlights is without question the German High Goal Championship in Munich. From 8-17 July, the best players in the Republic will battle it out for the most coveted title in German polo. Major international companies such as Germany’s oldest private bank Berenberg, Swiss jeweller Bucherer and Land Rover will accompany the league as sponsors on its tour around the country. Kirsch: “Sponsors particularly value the continuous presence throughout the tour because they can present themselves as a partner of the sport in a very exclusive environment over the longer term and invite their guests.” In 2016, Süddeutsche Zeitung will increase its support and become even more involved in polo.

More and more locations are showing an interest in hosting the German Polo Tour. Christopher Kirsch and his agency Pegasus Events check all the offers very carefully because the conditions need to be right: the quality of the pitch and infrastructure need to be suitable and meet the tour’s quality levels. “Organisationally speaking, it is much more work than many people think. It isn’t just about the weekend on which the tournament is played. The preparation insofar as sponsors, teams, players and everything else is concerned is very intensive,” says Kirsch. The sport needs flagship locations where high-quality sport can be showcased in a great atmosphere. The concept of the German Polo Tour – consistency and continuity – has completely proven itself and players, spectators and sponsors can look forward to well organised tournaments and several matches that are guaranteed to be hotly contested in what is now the seventh year of the polo league.

THE DATES OF THE GERMAN POLO TOUR 2016

- 20–22 May
Bucherer Polo Cup
 Frankfurt
- 10–12 June
Berenberg High Goal Cup
 Düsseldorf
- 24–26 June
Berenberg Polo-Derby
 Hamburg
- 1–3 July
Bucherer High Goal Cup
 Gut Aspern/Hamburg
- 8–17 July
German High Goal Championship – Bucherer Polo Cup
 Munich/Holzkirchen
- 23–25 September
Bucherer Polo Cup
 Berlin-Hoppegarten

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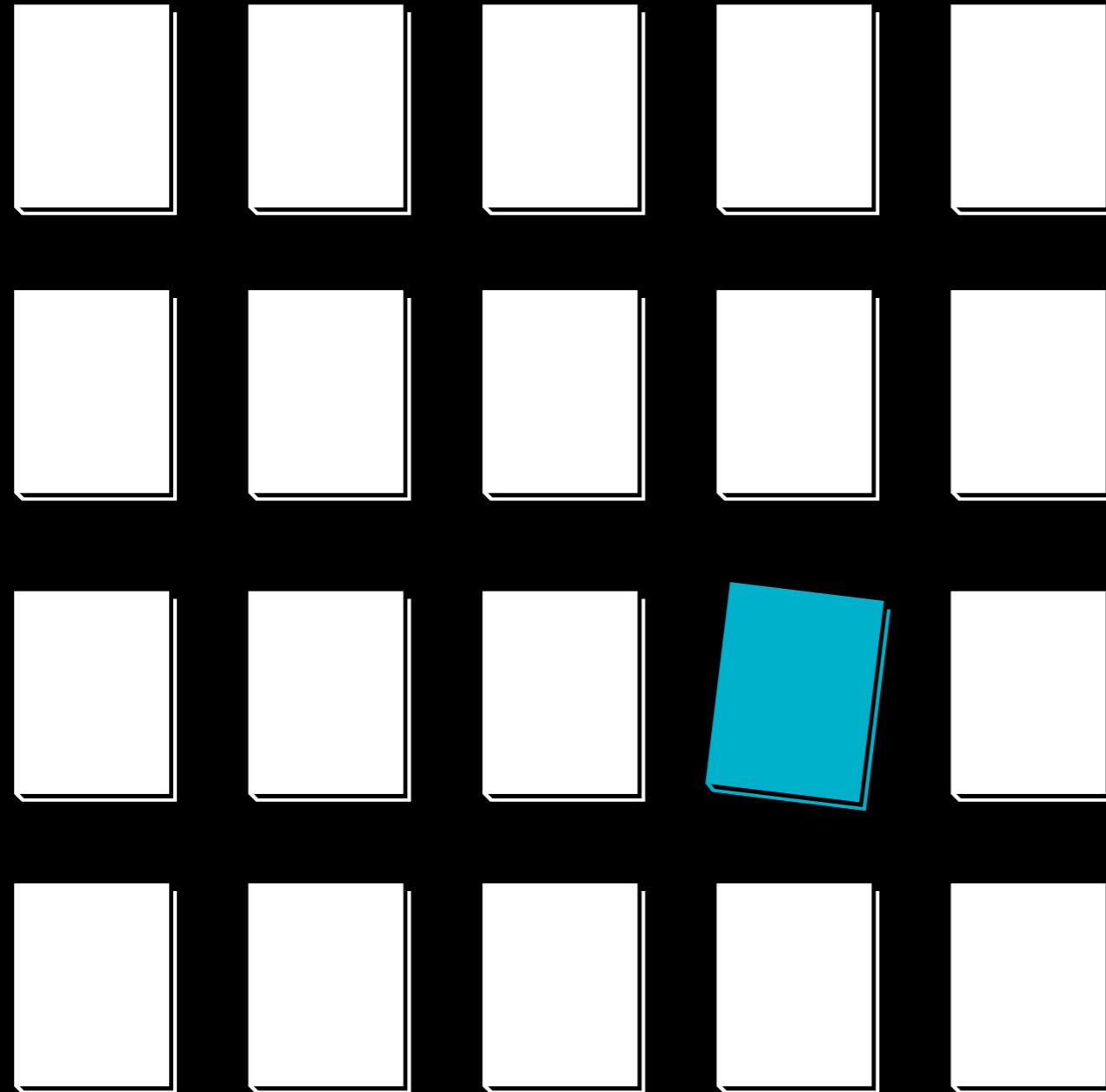
Polo has established a foothold for itself on the wonderful Adriatic coast of Istria this year. A sensational première that has us looking forward to next year already.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING
PHOTOGRAPHY CROATIA POLO



1 Reception on the yacht "My Joy" 2 Ivana Trump also came to Rovinj as a VIP guest. In the picture: Ivana Trump with Uwe Zimmermann and Leo Ivanjko 3 The unique scenery with a view to the historic city of Rovinj 4 Niclas Johannsen, Susi Rosenkranz and Cédric Schveri in the parade through Rovinj 5 Winning team Adris with Uwe and Philipp Zimmermann, Bruce Colley and Marcello Caivano 6 Frederique and Jürg Winter, Krisztina, Philipp, Maximilian and Uwe Zimmermann, Theresa and Bruce Colley with Bruce Colley Senior 7 The port of Rovinj and a view of the historic city at night 8 A Spanish horse show was also part of the entertaining programme 9 Crowded ranks in Rovinj.

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10 Gala dinner at the former tobacco factory 11 Team Heineken in a car of Bentley Wien at the White Players Party 12 Obviously, Maximilian Zimmermann is very popular – not only on the playing field.

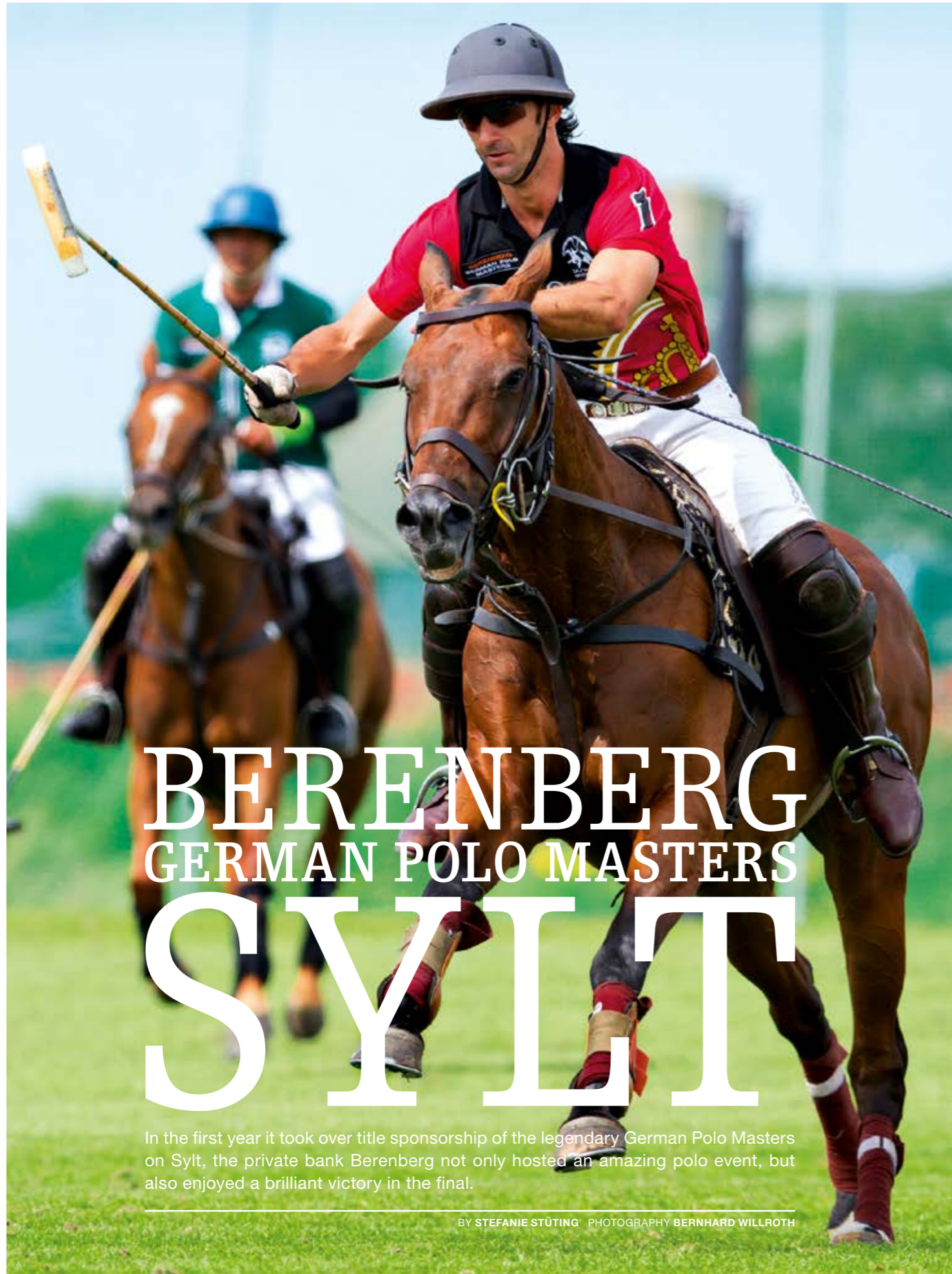
The inaugural Rovinj Beach Polo Cup in Croatia at Whitsun signals a new chapter in the history of European polo. Picturesquely situated by the crystal clear Adriatic on the Istrian peninsula opposite the old town of Rovinj, international teams faced each other in the polo arena on Porton Biondi beach. With a score of 10-7, team Adris with Bruce Colley (1), Philipp (0) and Uwe Zimmermann (1) and Tuky Caivano (3) won against team Heineken with Matteo Beffa (0), Cedric Schweri (0) and Marcos Riglos (5). In the battle for third place, team Jamnica was able to win against team TAG Heuer. Referee Marc Holmes chaired fair matches and Tarquin Southall provided entertaining commentary on the games with his Croatian colleagues. The teams were cheered on by spectators in the packed stands and there was a brilliant atmosphere in the early summer temperatures. Beach polo doesn't get any better than this. A large parade through the centre of Rovinj was part of the fringe programme and was eagerly followed by numerous tourists, curious onlookers and Rovinj locals.

Uwe Zimmermann, president of Polo Rovinj, has painstakingly prepared and planned the tournament for 12 months: "The fringe programme for this polo event was elaborate, varied, colourful, fun, sexy...just one big party. Thanks to everyone who got involved in the programme and all our guests for respecting the dress code." The organisation and quality of the event received lots of praise and positive feedback. Lots of international guests such as Ivana Trump attended the tournament in order to experience the matches on the beach up close. Other guests included Gitta Gräfflin Lambsdorff (Tiffany), the Medweth family (Madame), Axel Suhrendorf (Stylebob), the Vlahovic family (Adris), the Todoric family (Agrokor)

and Philippe Roten (TAG Heuer). Local politicians from the region and the Minister of Tourism, Anton Kilman, also supported the event with their presence. Enno von Ruffin, president of the Polo Club Gut Basthorst, attended the première with his family.

Anton Kilman, Minister of Tourism: "The polo event in Rovinj was the first and only event of this kind that has been hosted here. It has made a huge contribution to making the country and the city of Rovinj better known to tourists as a European destination worth visiting. My warm congratulations to the organisers. We hope that the many polo fans will visit us here in Croatia again soon." The polo tournament took place with the support of important brands such as Adris, Heineken, TAG Heuer and Agrokor (Jamnica) as team sponsors as well as the world-famous Argentinian polo label La Martina, the English luxury car brand Bentley, jeweller Tiffany and Zepter, a company that produces, sells and distributes exclusive and high-quality consumer goods across the world. The many sponsors contributed to the successful initial tournament and supported the first-rate organisation of the event. Guests' physical well-being was also well-catered for with top chef Andrew Gaskin being responsible for the excellent catering.

Uwe Zimmermann: "I would particularly like to thank the organisational committee with Leo Ivanjko, Hugo Baus, Dominik Cernjak, Dubravka Civjic and Nino Vidovic as well as our main sponsor Maistra with Tomislav Popovic and Goran Fabris for their excellent help and support in realising this event. I hope that we will all see each other again in the coming year for the next Beach Polo Cup in Rovinj."



BERENBERG GERMAN POLO MASTERS SYLT

In the first year it took over title sponsorship of the legendary German Polo Masters on Sylt, the private bank Berenberg not only hosted an amazing polo event, but also enjoyed a brilliant victory in the final.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY BERNHARD WILLROTH



1 Kim and Christopher "Niffy" Winter 2 Polo players Reinhold Hofmann (left) and Frank Mauersberger (right) with friends 3 Presentation of the e-bikes from BAYK AG 4 Live cooking at the VIP tent from DIE BANK Catering, Hamburg 5 Happy winners 2015: Karsten Wehmeier (Berenberg), Peter-Philip Kienast, Santiago Gomez, Tatu Gomez Romero, Jo Schneider and Dr. Hans-Walter Peters (Berenberg) 6 Eduardo Anca, Matthias Grau and Agustin Kronhaus 7 Training equipment of the Win PoloSchule (poloschule.de) for everybody who wanted to try a hit with a polo mallet 8 Madeline Huke, Cristobal Durrieu, Reinhold Hofmann, Nacho Garrahan and Joe Reinhardt 9 Parade of the grooms and horses at the official prize-giving ceremony of the 18th Berenberg German Polo Masters in 2015.

With its new title sponsor Berenberg, a name that been an established fixture in German polo for the past 15 years, the German Polo Masters has entered a new era. The première last year was highly successful and attracted great media interest. With a score of 11-6, team Berenberg with Peter Kienast, Santiago Gomez, Jo Schneider and Tatu Gomez Romero enjoyed a clear victory over team König Immobilien Sylt with Estelle Wagner, Philipp Sommer, Miguel Amieva and Patrick Maleitzke. Both teams had a 8-goal handicap and enjoyed a smooth run to the final. From the third chukka onwards, however, team Berenberg, particularly 4-goaler Tatu Gomez Romero, was ahead. The final goal was scored by Jo Schneider, who set up the German Polo Masters in 1998.

High-quality, fast-paced polo and superb support from the grooms and event organiser. The biggest exhibitor area the event has seen so far with new brands and partners also inspired the spectators. The last Berenberg German Polo Masters also saw event organiser

Kiki Schneider celebrating her tenth anniversary as organiser of the island chukkas: "We received very positive feedback and would like to thank all sponsors, partners and players from the bottom of our hearts. Sven Schneider, who has played at all Sylt tournaments since 1998, had to pull out because of injury for the first time ever in 2015."

Karsten Wehmeier, Communications Director at Berenberg: "The Berenberg German Polo Masters enjoys a privileged position in Germany: the only grass tournament on an island combines polo with the particular flair of Sylt. A holiday atmosphere and top sport come together and enthusiastic polo fans experience thrilling sport. As Germany's oldest private bank, we're pleased to be able to experience the 19th tournament in 2016 and present the best German players and international polo greats to both residents and holiday guests on Sylt."

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MASERATI POLO TOUR

In its third year the Maserati Polo Tour in collaboration with La Martina once again goes on a journey around the world to some of the most exclusive polo destinations. The Maserati Polo Tour visits Switzerland, Dubai, Great Britain, the USA, Spain and China in 2016.

BY HALINA SCHMIDT PHOTOGRAPHY MASERATI





MASERATI POLO TOUR 2016

29 – 31 January
Snow Polo World Cup
 St. Moritz / Switzerland

4 – 8 April
Maserati Dubai Polo Challenge
 Desert Palm Polo Club / Dubai

18 June
Maserati Charity Polo Trophy
 Beaufort Polo Club / United Kingdom

15 – 24 July
Maserati Silver Cup
 Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club / California, USA

27 July – 28 August
45th International Polo Tournament
 Santa María Polo Club / Sotogrande, Spain

September (tba)
 Beijing, China



The Snow Polo World Cup in St. Moritz was won by Team Maserati, consisting of Rommy Gianni (1), Dario Musso (7), Luciano Vazquez (2) and Frankie Menendes (6).



Maserati Dubai Polo Challenge: In a narrow final, Team Desert Palm defeated their opponents of Team Maserati, who put up a strong fight, but could not score enough goals to put the match into extra time and thus was placed second.

Maserati has always had close links with the game of polo. The House of the Trident features yet again on the world's most prestigious polo playing fields of the Maserati Polo Tour, when Maserati partners with La Martina, the official supplier to the Maserati teams. Established in 2014 on occasion to celebrate the 100th anniversary of luxury car brand Maserati, the Maserati Polo Tour in collaboration with La Martina recurs for a third round in 2016 and includes six exclusive polo destinations. The 2016 Tour began with a thrilling start at the Snow Polo World Cup St. Moritz, the most prestigious snow polo tournament in the world, which took place on the spectacular frozen lake of St. Moritz at the end of January. A successful beginning for Maserati, as the Team Maserati captured the coveted trophy.

Following its Swiss inauguration, at the beginning of April the Maserati Polo Tour flew to Dubai for its second round, the Maserati Dubai Polo Challenge, organised by Guards Polo Club. The event, held at Ali Albwardy's Desert Palm Polo Club and Hotel in Dubai, was newly added to this year's schedule of the Maserati Polo Tour and gave proof of the continuing influence of the United Arab Emirates as a key player in global polo community. Team Desert Palm narrowly won the final, only going ahead to win the match in the last chukka. Their opponents, Team Maserati, put up a strong fight on Desert Palm's impressive hotel grounds, but could not score enough goals to put the match into extra time.

Succeeding the Maserati Royal Charity Polo Trophy at Beaufort Polo Club, one of the oldest and most prestigious English polo clubs,

on 18 June 2016, the Maserati Polo Tour returns to California. As in the past year, Maserati will once again sponsor the Maserati Silver Cup at the Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club. The event is one of the oldest tournaments in North America, ranked in the top four USA polo tournaments and in 2016 takes place from 15-24 July. The Tour will then fly to the renowned Santa Maria Polo Club in Sotogrande, Spain, were the 45th International Polo Tournament, the most important polo tournament in continental Europe, is held from 27 July to 28 August 2016. The last round of the Tour will be hosted in September in China.

The Maserati Polo Tour 2016 provides the setting for #Polostories, a series of impressive videos created by Maserati and La Martina to celebrate both the elegance of polo and the luxury of cars, aiming as well to tell all of what's behind the Game of Kings. The project is devoted to exploring the origins, backgrounds and intrinsic links that bind La Martina and the Game of Kings to the very heart of Maserati. Elegance, finesse and style, together with strength, speed and competition are just some of the features racing and riding have in common. Maserati has built a special relationship with a game that is based on the finest attention to detail, the pursuit of excellence and the continuous and dynamic equilibrium between grace and power. Each location and every tournament have their own history and their own values to express. This digital project has been inspired by these very same principles, which put together, depict a global picture of what Polo represents: passion, hard work and dedication.

MEXICAN POLO FEDERATION

POLO+10 spoke to Guillermo Steta Mondragón, President of the Mexican Polo Federation, about the development of polo in Mexico and the plans of the Federation for the next year.

BY HALINA SCHMIDT PHOTOGRAPHY MEXICAN POLO FEDERATION



Four teams participated in the 2016 Handicap Polo Classic, which was held at Ameyalco Polo Club.



1 Francisco Granados at the first Mexican Caribbean Open Polo Tournament 2 Award ceremony of the Handicap Classic Polo Cup 2016 3 Pepe Díaz and Iriana del Rivero at the first Mexican Caribbean Open Polo Tournament, which was held at the Polo Rey Country Club 4 Polo audience 5 Guillermo Steta Mondragón, President of the Mexican Polo Federation.

HOW DID THE SPORT OF POLO IN MEXICO DEVELOP DURING THE PAST YEARS?

Polo in Mexico is growing slowly, we now have more than 350 polo players and in the past year we had more than 35 polo tournaments endorsed by the Mexican Polo Federation.

HOW MANY ACTIVE POLO PLAYERS AND HOW MANY POLO CLUBS CAN CURRENTLY BE FOUND IN MEXICO?

Currently we have more than 350 polo players and 15 polo clubs registered in Mexico.

WHICH ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT POLO TOURNAMENTS IN MEXICO?

The three most important polo tournaments in Mexico are: The Mexican International, held at Tecamac Polo Club, the Copa Agua Alta organised by Costa Careyes and the Copa Abierto de Tecamac, also held at Tecamac Polo Club. Mexico, with its 6,000 km coastline in three different seas, also offered great beach polo tournaments.

WHAT DOES THE MEXICAN POLO FEDERATION TO PROMOTE THE SPORT OF POLO IN MEXICO?

We help to create polo schools around Mexico. We now have schools in Mexico City, in Santiago de Querétaro, which is located in central Mexico, in Monterrey in the northeast of Mexico and in Yucatán. In addition, we have a very close communication with all our polo clubs.

WHAT DOES THE MEXICAN POLO FEDERATION TO SUPPORT THE UP-AND-COMING TALENTS IN MEXICO?

We take them out to play polo in countries that have a better level of polo than us.

HOW DOES LADIES POLO IN MEXICO DEVELOP? HOW MANY WOMEN CURRENTLY PLAY POLO IN MEXICO?

Ladies Polo In Mexico is not big, we have six girls actually playing polo in Costa Careyes, at the Club de Polo Balvanera and at Yucatán Club de Polo.

IS THERE ANY COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MEXICAN POLO FEDERATION AND POLO FEDERATION OF OTHER COUNTRIES?

We have a very good communication with the Federation of International Polo (FIP) and we have friends in the United States Polo Association (USPA), Canada and some countries in Central America and the Caribbean.

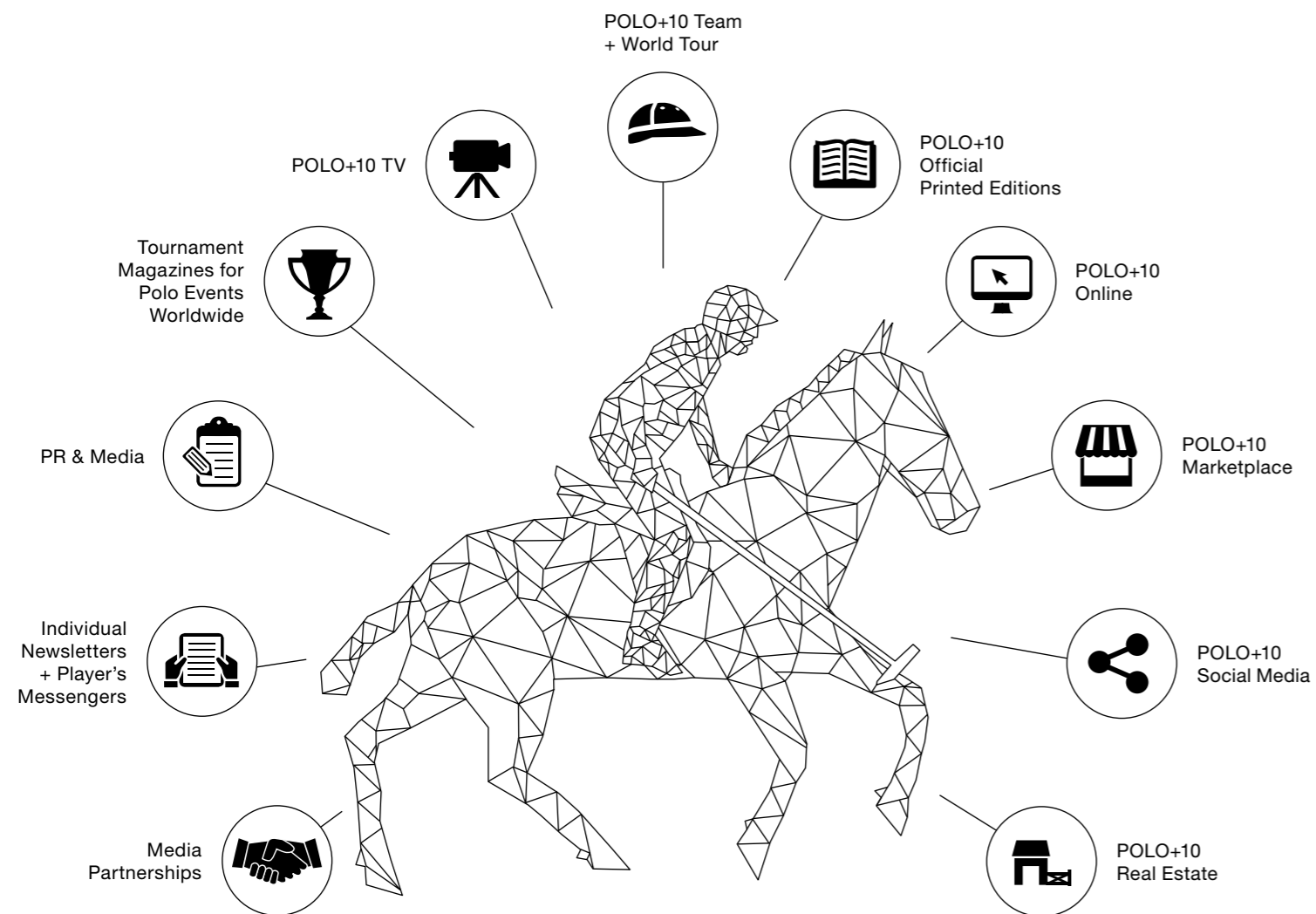
WHAT ARE THE PLANS OF THE MEXICAN POLO FEDERATION FOR THE NEXT YEAR?

The plans that the Mexican Polo Federation has for the next year it to grow polo in certain parts of Mexico, which means to provide enough horses and to help you good polo players to reach a handicap of 5 goals. And we would like to participate in the next World Championship in Sydney, Australia in 2017. •

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Handicap Classic Polo Cup 2016 at Ameyalco Polo Club.



A total of 15 polo clubs can currently be found in Mexico, spread across the whole country. La Patrona Polo and Equestrian Club, located in the Mexican state Nayarit, is the newest club in the country.

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THE MEXICAN POLO FEDERATION CURRENTLY HAS 15 CLUBS LISTED ON ITS RECORDS:

- Asociación de Polo de Jalisco: located in Guadalajara, one of the most developed states in the country in terms of economical, commercial and cultural activities.
- Club de Polo Las Anitas: located in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua and comprises one playing field of official proportions and two practice fields.
- Centro Ecuestre y Polo La Constanza: situated in Pachuca, Hidalgo, also has a playing field of official FMP proportions.
- Club de Polo Tecamac: one hour away from Mexico D.F., one of the most important clubs with players such as Roberto González Gracida, cousin of deceased polo legend Carlos Gracida, who also has a very successful career, as well as the brothers Valerio (5) and Pancho (3) Aguilar and the President of the Federation himself with a 1 goal handicap. This polo club has the highest number of associates and best quality players as well as three official-sized playing fields and one indoor field.
- Club de Polo Costa Careyes: home of one of the most important polo tournaments, the Copa Agua Alta from November to April, this polo club is one of the most beautiful polo locations in the world. In addition to the beautiful landscape and a world-class resort, Costa Careyes has first-rate polo facilities, with two regulatory fields developed in collaboration with the ultimate polo field expert, Alejandro Battro.
- Centro Ecuestre y Polo Monterrey: located among the mountains in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon has over 50 years of experience and one official-sized playing field.
- Club de Polo Balvanera: this club is one of the pioneers of the sport in Mexico. Has two regulation polo fields, a stable for 300 horses, a golf course and a beautiful club house.
- Asociación de Polo de Querétaro, El Marqués: this club, located within the premises of the peaceful El Marqués Country Club, also has two polo fields developed with Alejandro Battro, thus ensuring the quality of the premises.
- Centro Ecuestre y Polo de Guadalajara “El Molino”: located 20 minutes away from the city of Guadalajara, this equestrian centre not only offers one official-sized polo field.
- Club de Polo Bahía de Banderas “La Patrona”: on the Riviera Nayarit, there is a new spot in the middle of the jungle where you find not just two polo fields built by Alejandro Battro, but also 150 stables, a breeding clinic and a tastefully decorated restaurant where you can enjoy Mexican cuisine once you finish your training session.
- Moranza Polo Club: hosting some exciting tournaments, this Guadalajara based club owns one polo field.
- Club de Polo El Rey: in the middle of the Caribbean beaches, El Rey promotes polo in Cancún, offering a tempting combination of turquoise and white sand beaches, interesting archaeological sites, museums and much more. Their polo field was also developed with the help of Battro Polo Fields.
- The Pacific Polo Country “Los Cabos”: a unique location in Baja California with beach polo and a polo club that will host its fifth annual Club Polo Baja Gold Cup in November.
- Club de Polo Todos los Santos: just across the frontier with the US is located the “gateway to Mexico” – the city of Tijuana – where the club is located.
- Club de Polo Yucatán: the Yucatán peninsula is not only the home of the intriguing ruins from Mayan culture, such as Chichen Itzá, but one can also enjoy world class polo at the Yucatán Polo Club, one of the two polo clubs in Mexico with both grass and sand playing fields, the first one entirely designed by Battro Polo Fields.



COSTA CAREYES

Costa Careyes is an exclusive luxury estate resort with 12 kilometres of private coast. It is located in Costalegre on the Mexican Pacific beaches of the south coast of Jalisco, Mexico, between Puerto Vallarta, famous for the film with Richard Burton “Night of the Iguana”, and Manzanillo, famous for the movie “10” with Bo Derek.

PHOTOGRAPHY COSTA CAREYES

Founded by the visionary Italian Gian Franco Brignone in 1968, this continuously family owned and operated unique private beach estate combines the sensuality of the Mediterranean with a unique architecture and the hospitableness of Mexico. The community of 42 nationalities in Costa Careyes is equally as important, beautiful and colourful as the place itself. Eccentric, elegant, educated, multi-lingual and generally fascinating, they are all characters.

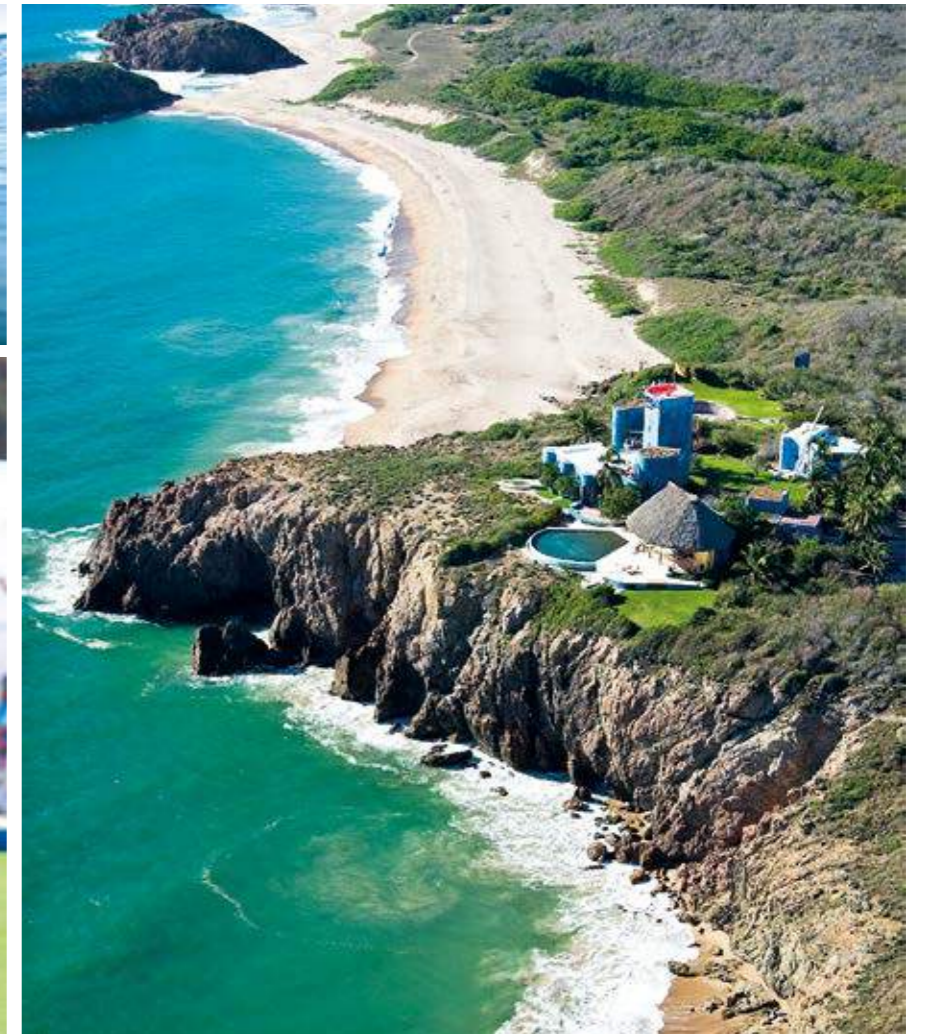
Costa Careyes is surrounded by the 13,000 ha of the Chamela-Cuixmala Biosphere Reserve where jaguars live. Some of the beaches are also sanctuaries for the sea turtle species.

The polo season runs from November to April every year, but the resort is open all year round. The polo club includes: 2 impeccable

polo fields with bermuda grass, more than 100 horses easy in play are available during the season, a polo school, livery stables, 4 bars, 4 restaurants.

Services: Costa Careyes Polo Club provides Polo Holidays as well as its Polo School. The club caters for its clients’ needs and offers the following services:

Polo: All Polo Holidays are designed for what the clients want, as each client is different, and kids are welcome. The Club is under the management of the well-known Susan Stovall with many years of experience of El Dorado Polo Club in Palm Springs and Polo Club Saint-Tropez in France. The polo programmes include: Polo riding lessons, Stick and Ball lessons, one on one instructional lessons,



A paradisiacal location and top-class polo: The Costa Careyes Polo Club, located in the Mexican state Jalisco at the coast of the Pacific Ocean, is part of the renowned Costa Careyes Private Resort & Polo.

3 aside instructional chukkas, chukkas, matches, tournaments. The club can supply each guest with a polo kit if the guest does not have one, but always recommends to bring an own kit for comfort.

Golf: Careyes is located 30 minutes north of two famous golf courses: El Tamarindo 18 holes and Isla Navidad with 27 holes, which is probably the most beautiful club on the Pacific coast. Equipment can be rented.

Other activities: When not playing polo, guests can head down to the several beaches of the resort where they can paddle board, snorkel with the turtles or just relax under an umbrella sipping on a “margarita”. They can also mountain bikes, ride a horses in jungle or wild beaches, enjoy massages, do yoga and surf in Arroyo Seco.

Accommodation: Guests will find several Ocean Castles on romantic cliffs, more than 60 private villas from 3 to 6 bedroom, designed by famous Mexican architects, 40 colourful Casitas de las Flores from 1 to 4 bedrooms and 1 bedroom beach bungalow. All these houses come with an ocean front or ocean view and are fully staffed or include daily hotel service, and have free internet.

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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS 2016/2017

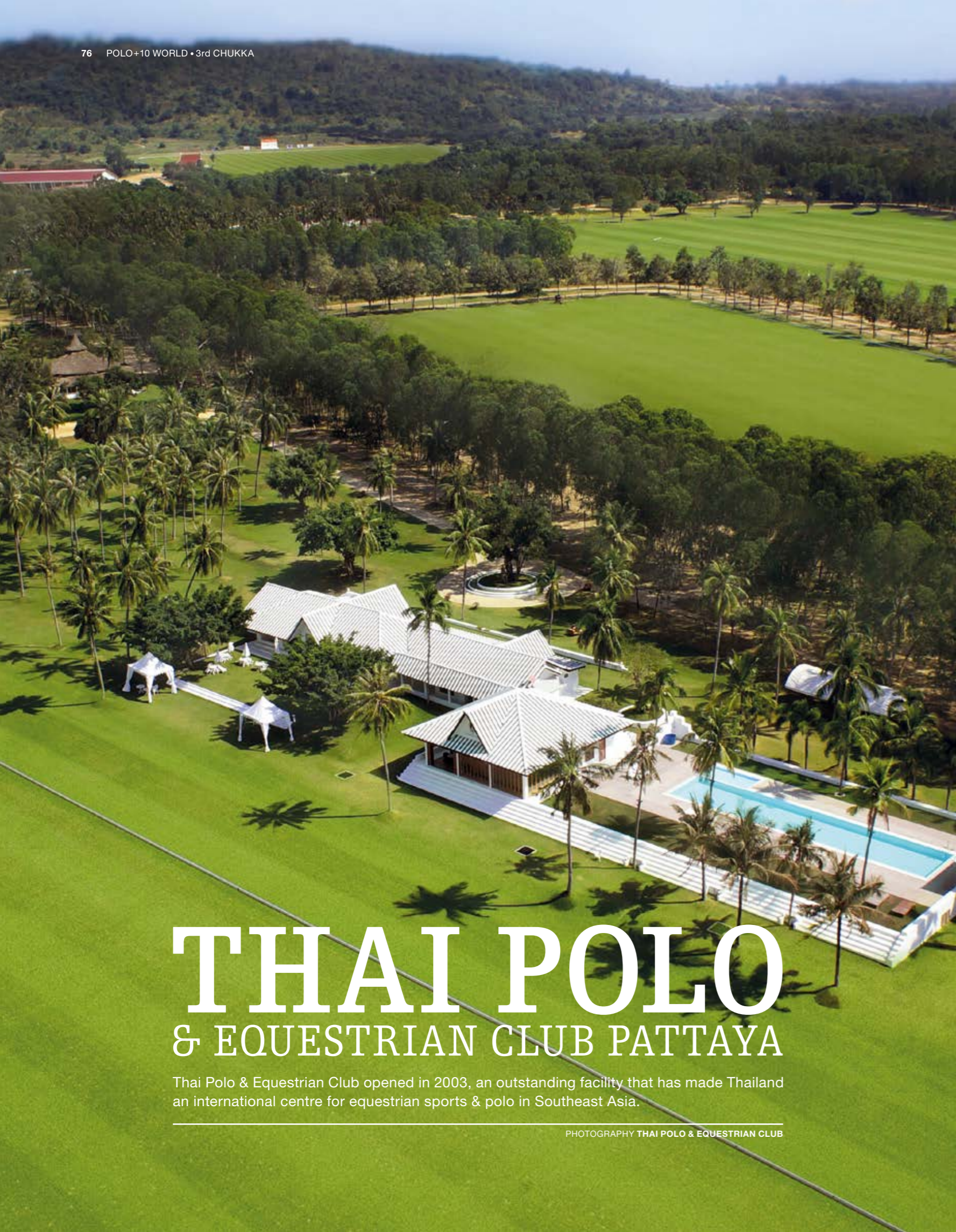
18 November	Fields and club open
19 - 26 November	Thanksgiving Tournament
29 Nov. - 4 Dec.	Canadian Women's Week

Clinics with Joe Henderson (played 8 goals, now 4 goals)

1 - 4 December	Play and theory
8 - 11 December	Play and experience
15 - 18 December	Beginners and kids
21 - 24 December	Practice games
27 Dec. - 6 Jan.	Careyes Cup New Year (0-4 goal & 8-10 goal)
15 - 21 January	Ladies Tournament / Giuliana Cup
25 - 28 January	Chinese New Year “The Rooster” (Celebration 28 January)
17 - 26 February	POLO+10 Patrons’ Cup Mexico
17 - 20 February	Presidents Week Tournament
4 - 12 March	Arte Careyes, Film and Art Festival (Polo from 9-12 March)
17 - 21 March	Juniors Tournament

Careyes Polo Festival (2 weeks)

8 - 15 April	XVIII Annual Agua Alta Cup (8-10 goal) and IV Annual Agua Baja Cup (4-6 goal)
18 - 20 April	Careyes Juniors and Amateurs Week
19 - 22 April	IV Copa de Oro (14-16 goal)
30 April	End of the Season



THAI POLO & EQUESTRIAN CLUB PATTAYA

Thai Polo & Equestrian Club opened in 2003, an outstanding facility that has made Thailand an international centre for equestrian sports & polo in Southeast Asia.

PHOTOGRAPHY THAI POLO & EQUESTRIAN CLUB



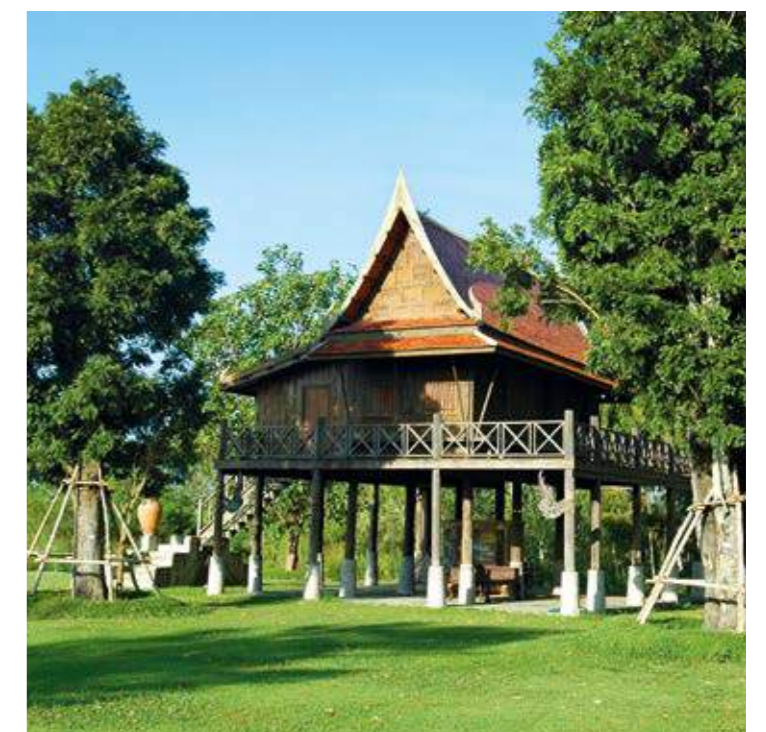
The Thai Polo & Equestrian Club, located outside of Pattaya, is one of the most prestigious and important polo destinations in Southeast Asia. From November to April much-noticed tournaments are held on the three top-class polo fields of the Thai Polo & Equestrian Club.

With wooded hills as a backdrop, the club's beautifully landscaped setting covering 800 acres includes three full-sized polo fields, two practice field, stabling for 250 ponies, numerous paddocks, horse hospital and the renowned Rege Ludwig International Polo School. Visitors can relax in the picturesque clubhouse, salt-water swimming pool and the Chukka Bar, a re-creation of the famous polo bar at the Langham Hotel in London, complete with original polo photographs, trophies and sporting memorabilia.

Players from all over the world regularly visit the Club to play in its prestigious tournaments, such as the Princess's Cup Thai Polo Open every January and Queen's Cup Pink Polo for ladies. In addition to its monthly tournaments, the Club is part of a unique polo league of Thai, Malaysian and Singaporean clubs, with each club taking turns to host a round-robin.

Thailand's polo season runs from November to April. Equestrian season runs almost all year round. Thai Polo & Equestrian Club also regularly runs the international equestrian events that approved by Federation Equestrian International (FEI) – CSI* Jumping World Cup Southeast Asia Leagues as well as international Dressage CDI*, Eventing CCI**, and Endurance CEI* from October to December every year.

www.thai-polo-club.com





EUROPEAN MAIFELD

CHAMPIONSHIP FELD

From 26 August to 4 September 2016, nine European nations will take part in the XI European Championship of the Federation of International Polo (FIP). The finals will be played at the historical Maifeld in Berlin.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING



Left: The reigning European Champion England. With a total of six victories England is the most successful team so far in the history of the European Polo Championship, right: In 2014, Ireland became runner-up.

PREVIOUS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

NUMBER	YEAR	LOCATION	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
X	2014	Chantilly (F)	England	Ireland	France
IX	2012	Sotogrande (E)	Spain	Austria	Ireland
VIII	2010	Ebreichsdorf (A)	France	Spain	England
VII	2008	Hamburg (D)	England	Belgium	France
VI	2005	Vreeland (NL)	Italy	England	Netherlands
V	2002	Rom (I)	France	Netherlands	Sweden
IV	1999	Chantilly (F)	England	Ireland	Germany
III	1997	Milan (I)	England	Italy	Spain
II	1995	Antwerpen (B)	England	Germany	Switzerland
I	1993	St. Moritz (CH)	England	Italy	Switzerland

RANKING LIST

RANKING	NATION	EUROPEAN CHAMPION	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
1	England	6	1	1
2	France	2	0	2
3	Italy	1	2	0
4	Spain	1	1	1
5	Ireland	0	2	1
6	Germany	0	1	1
6	Netherlands	0	1	1
8	Austria	0	1	0
8	Belgium	0	1	0
10	Switzerland	0	0	2
11	Sweden	0	0	1



1 European Championship 2010 in Ebreichsdorf (Austria) 2 Engel & Völkers Berlin Maifeld Cup 2015. This year the tournament will be held parallel with the European Championship 3 Moritz Gädeke, organiser, 2-goaler and FIP Ambassador.

The European Championship is organised by Preußischer Polo & Country Club Berlin-Brandenburg and sevendays polovent GmbH, headed by Sylvia Gädeke, her son the German two-goaler and FIP Ambassador, Moritz Gädeke as well as Carsten Erfurth. They are also organisers of the annual Engels & Völkers Berlin Maifeld Cup, which will be played at the same time as the FIP European Championship in Berlin. The Maifeld has a long tradition in polo. Here, the sport of polo has been an olympic discipline in 1936. The games attracted thousands of people and were one of the olympic highlights at that time.

France, Italy, England, Germany, Netherlands, Austria, Slovenia, Poland and Ireland will all feature 8-goal teams to play for the FIP title. This means that the three best placed teams of the 2014 European Championship are taking part again. Very strong contenders for the titles and favourites are probably England and France. To host the XI European Championship is a great success for the polo family Gädeke and a tribute to the historic Maifeld. In September 2014 they applied to host the Championship and the FIP agreed three months later in Buenos Aires. The qualifiers will be played from 26 August to 2 September at the Preußischer

Polo and Country Club Berlin-Brandenburg in Phöben, located at the outskirts of Berlin. After the qualifiers, the teams will play in the Berlin Maifeld on Saturday, 3 September; a game to determine sixth and seventh place will be played, and then, a round robin will decide seventh, eighth and ninth place. On Sunday, 4 September, the subsidiary finals and the final will be played, as well as the finals of the Maifeld Polo Cup.

Moritz Gädeke: "We have been thinking about doing this for quite some time. The Maifeld in Berlin is the perfect setting for hosting the Polo European Championship. Of course there will be many things that need to be organised, but we really are looking forward to it all. We are well positioned, as we have already started to prepare the way for this event in the past year. But of course we still have a lot of work to do, for example we need to modify the playing fields in Phöben a little bit, the sports hotel needs to be completed and we want to combine the whole complex with the nearby golf club to become one huge Country Club. For the 2016 European Championship we will present us in a new and even better way." •



8-GOALLER

NIC ROLDAN

With an 8-goal handicap rating, Nic Roldan currently is the leading American polo player. Next to being Captain of the U.S. Polo Team and successfully playing polo tournaments all over the world, the 33-year-old is actively engaged in numerous charity projects.

INTERVIEW HALINA SCHMIDT PHOTOGRAPHY JUAN LAMARCA

TELL US ABOUT YOUR BEGINNINGS IN POLO. WHEN AND HOW DID YOU START TO LEARN POLO?

I don't think I ever "learnt" polo as such it was always part of me from the start! I'm a fourth-generation polo player. My great grandfather won the Argentine Open and my father was a professional polo player so as is typical with any polo family I was holding a small polo mallet from day one. In particular whilst my father was based in Brunei playing for the Sultan of Brunei's Team I started to ride and play lots and then back in the USA I played my first tournament when I was 6. In 1998 aged 15 the U.S. Polo Open was the first tournament I played professionally and was lucky enough to win. I was always very fortunate that my family encouraged me and from a young age my father always tried to make sure I had appropriate horses to play which is priceless.

WHAT DOES YOUR DAILY POLO TRAINING SCHEDULE LOOK LIKE?

My day usually begins at 7:30/8 with a training session first thing in the morning but it sometimes depends on the trainers schedule, training consists of either cross training, cardio or stretching etc. depending on our polo schedule. I'll then go and spend some time in the barn to catch up with the horse-trainers and see how all my horses are. I will usually ride some signals or Stick'n'Ball or sometimes we will play a practice, again all depending on our game schedule.

HOW IMPORTANT ARE YOUR HORSES FOR YOU? DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE HORSE?

Horses are 80% of the game and are extremely important to both the player and team as a unit. The team that wins is the team that has the best organisation horse-wise, it's that simple. Yes of course players always have many favourites as do I, they are all favourites in their own ways as they all have different qualities, some due to their skills others for their characters or memories, each horse has it's own story.



WHAT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT MOMENT IN YOUR POLO CAREER?
I would have to say winning the U.S. Open in 1998, however not because it was the U.S. Open but because it marked a transition for me to really becoming a professional and it was the deciding factor in making polo my career, it just happened to be the U.S. Open that was my first professional tournament.

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS IN POLO FOR THE NEXT YEARS? IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE?

My biggest goals are to increase awareness and participation for the sport at all levels, I very much see it as part of my job to be global ambassador for the sport of polo. I aim to play the Argentine Open, claim a second U.S. Polo Open title, add more worldwide Polo trophies to my cabinet, in particular the Queen's and Gold Cup in the UK and help America reclaim the infamous Westchester Cup.

Apart from my polo activities I'm a dedicated philanthropist actively supporting a variety of charities at home and abroad, including Brooke USA and the Kids Cancer Foundation both of which I'm an ambassador for as well as the Neil S. Hirsch Boys & Girls Club of Wellington, I have also been fortunate enough to play with various members of the Royal Family to support their charities.

ARE THERE ANY KIND OF CHANGES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE WAY THE SPORT OF POLO IS PLAYED NOWADAYS?

I think it is crucial we find ways to speed up the game as games are taking far too long these days. I also think it important to simplify the game to make it easier for the spectators to follow the game. If we want to create a greater and broader audience we need to make it more palatable and simple.

DO YOU STILL HAVE TIME FOR OTHER THINGS NEXT TO POLO, SUCH AS HOBBIES?

I'm someone who inherently likes to be kept busy both on and off the field. I have many interests outside of polo. I very much enjoy development and interior design. Together with my mother Dee we have redesigned several houses and also with two good friends we have formed Bedford Park, an Equestrian Development company where we design top end equestrian properties. I'm all about the details both on and off the field. To relax I love to play golf.



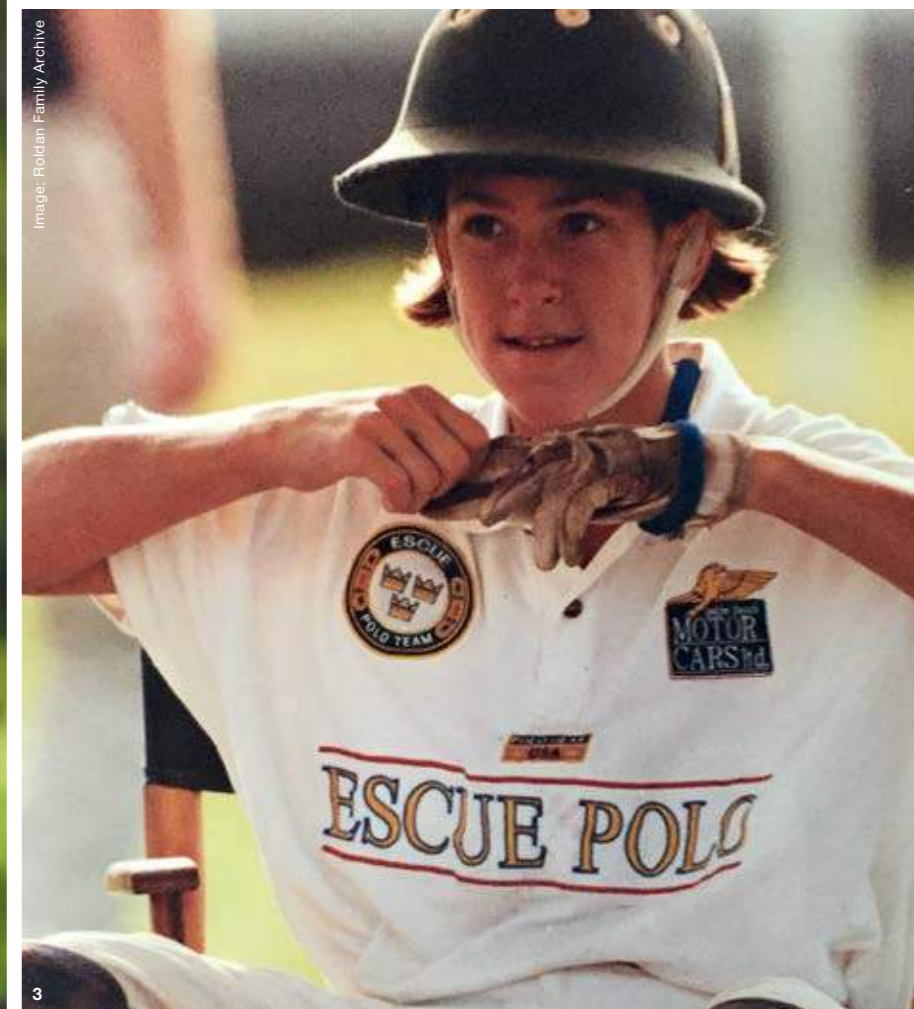
WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR 2016? WHERE WILL YOU PLAY UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR?

January to May I was playing in Palm Beach, in the 20-goal with Audi and then the 26-goal with FlexJet. I then played a few of the Grand Champions Spring tournaments and the Sentebale Royal Salute Polo Cup before going to the UK as part of the La Indiana team. It is the first time I was based down in Cowdray which I really enjoyed. As a warm up we played the Trippetts Challenge (a Cowdray based 22-goal) which we won, which was a great start to the season and then we played the Queen's and Gold Cups. After that I will go to Aspen to play at the Aspen Valley Polo Club, to spend part of the summer there in the mountains is simply amazing. After that I am off to Greenwich, Ct. to play in and defend our title of last years East Coast Open. In September I will then actually go on a trip to Guatemala to see first hand some of the work The Brooke does, one of the charities for whom I'm an ambassador and is all about looking after the needs

of working horses, donkeys and mules and thus the people who rely on them, I'm sure it will be quite the eye opener and I look forward to it. When I get back I will play the fall season at Grand Champions Polo Club, Palm Beach culminating in the USPA International Cup. In-between I will also play in an event in Scottsdale, Az. Then off to Argentina a few weeks before returning to Aspen for the World Snow Polo Championships.

LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR CHARITY WORK. YOU ARE INVOLVED IN DIFFERENT CHARITY PROJECTS SUCH AS THE "KIDS CANCER FOUNDATION" AND "BROOKE USA", THE WORLD'S LARGEST INTERNATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE CHARITY. WHAT IS THE MOTIVATION FOR YOUR ENGAGEMENT?

My main motivation is giving back. It is important to me to be an advocate for the horses that have worked so hard for me in my sport throughout my career. I make my living from the horses I work with, so I was thrilled in 2016 when I was chosen



1 In March, Nic organised the Inaugural Nic Roldan's Sunset Polo & White Party at The Wanderers Club benefitting Brooke USA. In the picture: Nic Roldan and Paige Bellissimo 2 Nic at the 2016 Sentebale Royal Salute Polo Cup, which took place at Valiente Polo Farm in Palm Beach, Florida 3 In 1998, Nic won the U.S. Open at the age of 15 – which made him the youngest polo player in the world to win the prestigious title.

as the first polo ambassador for Brooke USA, the sister organisation to The Brooke. The Brooke was founded in 1934 and is the world's largest international equine welfare charity, dedicated to improving the lives of working horses, donkeys and mules in some of the world's poorest communities and the people who rely on them.

The grace, joy and enthusiasm for life of numerous exceptional boys and girls battling against cancer has inspired me to particularly support the Wellington based charity Kids Cancer Foundation, for which I am an Ambassador. I feel blessed having the opportunity to interact with some of these most beautiful, loving, strong and admiral kids battling with something that restricts them from simply being kids.

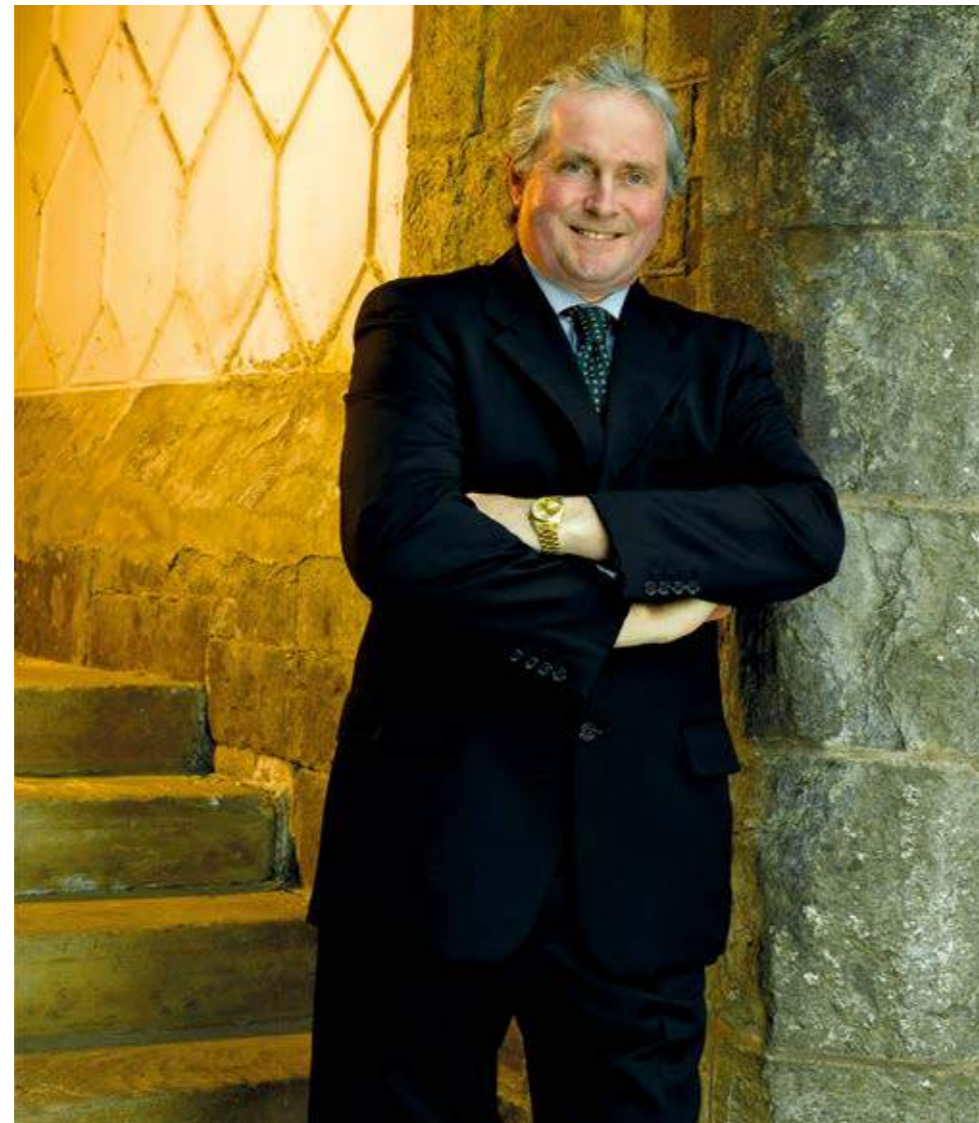
For both these causes I'm keen not only to raise funds but also to raise awareness. Early in the year at the end of March I organised an event in Palm Beach for Brooke USA which was I'm very proud of, it was a great event and I am so grateful to everyone who took part and helped us raise over USD 130,000. At the end of May I took part in the Vitality London 10,000, a 10K run through London also to help raise funds for The Brooke. •

www.nicroldan.com, www.brookeusa.org

UNIFIED POLO RULES

In April, the Hurlingham Polo Association (HPA) announced that the three major polo associations, the HPA, the Argentine Polo Association (AAP) and the United States Polo Association (USPA), agreed upon a unified set of polo rules. POLO+10 spoke to Stephen Hutchinson, chairman of the HPA, about this agreement and the most important changes in regard to the rules.

INTERVIEW HALINA SCHMIDT PHOTOGRAPHY HURLINGHAM POLO ASSOCIATION



The Hurlingham Polo Association (HPA) is the governing body for polo in the UK, Ireland and many other countries throughout the world.

IN THE PAST YEAR, THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT POLO ASSOCIATIONS, THE HURLINGHAM POLO ASSOCIATION (HPA), THE ARGENTINE POLO ASSOCIATION (AAP) AND THE UNITED STATES POLO ASSOCIATION (USPA), MET SEVERAL TIMES TO DEVELOP UNIFIED POLO RULES. HOW DID THE IDEA TO UNIFY THE RULES COME UP IN THE FIRST PLACE? AND WHAT WAS THE REASON TO IMPLEMENT THIS IDEA NOW? Lord Mountbatten wrote the first set of international rules in 1939 so the idea has been around for a long time. Various meetings have been held over the last 12 years to try to bring them closer together, but last year there was a meeting in Buenos Aires and there was a renewed enthusiasm from all parties to work to one set of rules.

WHICH ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT RULES THAT HAVE BEEN CHANGED?

There are still some minor differences but in essence most penalties are now the same and the way the game ends is the same. The big change is the introduction of the yellow flag for all levels of polo and the 2 minute sin bin. Previously, a yellow flag could only be awarded where professional umpires were being used and thus were restricted to the major tournaments. Now a player in any tournament can be given a yellow flag and if a player gets a second yellow flag he is automatically sent off for two minutes. Any time that the clock is stopped does not count and he can be off for the last minute of one chukka and the first minute of the next. In the past, he was sent off for the rest of the chukka, which could be 6 minutes or 30 seconds. If a player then gets a third yellow flag, he is off for the rest of the match but can be

replaced with a qualified sub after the 2 minutes but the game will not wait for the sub to get ready or be found. A flag should be awarded for unsportsmanlike play which ranges from abuse of the officials, other players or a pony, hitting the ball off the field after the whistle has gone to dangerous play.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR BRITISH POLO PLAYERS? DO THEY HAVE TO RELEARN THE POLO RULES?

The changes are highlighted so they only need to check those. They do have to open the rulebook though!

STARTING WHEN WILL THE NEW RULES BE APPLIED?

They are in place now.

HAVE THE AAP AND THE USPA ALSO CHANGED THEIR RULES BOOKS JUST AS THE HPA HAS DONE?

The USPA have done so partly for 20 goals and above but not for the rest of their polo, and my understanding is that the AAP has agreed to follow the rules from September although they may have to adjust their use of the yellow flag and sin bin; for many of their games there is only one umpire, and I suspect that they may be reluctant for a team to be reduced to 3 men at Palermo in the Open.

IN THE FUTURE WILL THE HPA, THE USPA AND THE AAP CONTINUE TO MEET AND WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH EACH OTHER?

Yes, there is still work to be done and meetings are scheduled for July in England. •

MELISSA GANZI

Grand Champions Polo Club, Wellington, Fla. Aspen Valley Polo Club, Carbondale, Colo.

BY SHARON ROBB PHOTOGRAPHY MELISSA GANZI

Melissa Ganzi grew up in Philadelphia, riding horses and competing in equestrian events where she was an accomplished horsewoman in dressage, show jumping and cross country. But it wasn't until December, 2000 when her father-in-law and polo player Wally Ganzi bought Ganzi her first polo pony for her birthday that she found her true passion.

One of the nation's top woman polo players, she plays professionally with and against men and is team captain of Flexjet, based at Wellington's Grand Champions Polo Club, which she and her husband, Marc, also a top amateur player, own and maintain year-round. Ganzi breeds and trains polo ponies at her Santa Rita Farm in Ocala, Fla. Among her horse-buying clients is Adolfo Cambiasso, the world's No. 1 ranked polo player. When she isn't competing in the high goal, summer and fall seasons and St. Regis World Snow Polo Championship and St. Moritz Snow Polo World Cup, Ganzi is all about diversity in polo. Her vision is to promote the sport of polo among the masses including kids, juniors and women.

Ganzi would like to see polo embraced by the general public and mainstream sports followers and bring new people to the sport. She has also played an integral role in introducing ChukkerTV, leaders in polo broadcasting. ChukkerTV live streams polo games throughout the world and offers instant replay and team challenges during games at the family's two clubs and International Polo Club Palm Beach.

Ganzi, a member of the USPA Board of Directors, was elected the sport's national governing body's Florida Circuit Governor, the first woman to be named to the prestigious position in the southeast United States. Ganzi is selfless and tireless when it comes to staging polo events including junior tournaments, International Cup, Women's Championship Tournament, spring and fall seasons, which have nurtured several top rising juniors and pros at Grand Champions, and The Polo School, for all players at all levels. Grand Champions is one of only three clubs in the nation to offer 20-goal tournaments and only club to offer a 12-goal, \$50,000 tournament.

Ganzi is president and top fund raiser for the Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame Board of Directors and secretary-treasurer of the Polo Training Foundation. Ganzi graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. She has a masters degree in family therapy from Hahnemann University Medical School, now part of Drexel University College of Medicine. Ganzi launched an educational project, PET (Polo Education Tour) where she travels to various libraries in South Florida educating adults and children about polo with a full display of polo equipment while talking about her amazing career in polo.

Ganzi has won the Ylvisaker Cup and Butler Handicap Cup, Hall of Fame Cup, Western Badge and Trophy 20-Goal, Mayors Cup, Miami Beach Polo World Cup, Aspen Snow Polo Championship, North America Cup, U.S. Open Women's Tournament and played with Prince Charles, Prince Philip and Prince Harry.



Flexjet player patron Melissa Ganzi.



Nico Pieres of Lechuza Caracas tries to defend Melissa Ganzi of Flexjet during a high goal game.

Ganzi has made history several times in the sport. She was the first woman ever to win the Monty Waterbury Cup at the Saratoga Polo Club in 2001, just one year after she started playing the game full-time. She also was part of a world record for most consecutive chukkas played, competing for 30 chukkas in a Wounded Warriors benefit match in Aiken, S.C. She is one of only a few women in the world to compete in the C.V. Whitney Cup, USPA Gold Cup and U.S. Open. She also played in St. Moritz, Switzerland in January, 2016 in the Snow Polo World Cup, which is the most prestigious snow polo tournament in the world. And, she is currently one of only two women to play full-time high goal polo at International Polo Club that attracts most of the top players in Wellington.

Ganzi was honoured during the Portrait Of A Woman Luncheon, part of Women's History Month, for her significant long-term contributions to individuals and various organisations and the positive impact she has had on the community, not only in polo, but charity work and organisations that specialize in helping the disabled.

Grand Champions Polo Club has been a long-time employer of disabled workers. She was also named the Polo Training Foundation's Volunteer of the Year.

The wife, mother, athlete, businesswoman and philanthropist's proudest moments are sharing her passion with her children Grant, a freshman at Lynn University and Riley, a student at St. Andrew's School in Boca Raton. Both play polo and hope to carry on the family tradition as third-generation players.

Grant Ganzi is a two-time national youth champion and at 17 was the youngest team captain of Casablanca for the 2015 polo season at IPC and Audi-Millarville for the 2016 season. At age 16, his team won the Herbie Pennell Cup season-opening tournament.

Melissa Ganzi hopes to continue to promote polo at the international and national level, particularly in her community and leave a lasting legacy in Wellington and the sport.



1 Badrutt's Palace Hotel teammate Tincho Merlos hugs Melissa Ganzi after winning the La Martina Cup at the 2016 St. Moritz Snow Polo World Cup 2 Melissa Ganzi receives a gift from the South Africa team after the 2015 International Cup at Grand Champions which the U.S. won 12-7 3 Melissa Ganzi and her polo playing family, daughter Riley, son Grant and husband Marc 4 Melissa hits the ball out of the air towards the goal.



AFRICA BEACH POLO NIGERIA

Africa Beach Polo is an international arena polo league held on the world's first permanent beach arena, "Play at Bamboo" in Lagos, Nigeria.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY TOYIN AIYEGBO



The maiden edition of Africa Beach Polo, an international arena polo league held on the world's first permanent beach arena, Play at Bamboo, Lagos.

Uneko Atawodi and Yemo Alakija, two enthusiastic polo players from Nigeria, created Africa's first permanent beach polo arena at the coast of Lagos in Nigeria. "Play at Bamboo" is the name of this new polo destination in Western Africa. Players from all over the world and international guests attended the soft opening with its first Africa Beach Polo exhibition match. Africa Beach Polo is meant to become a constant arena polo league in Nigeria.

Two teams made of players from around the world competed in that maiden edition of the new league. For Team World Thomas Hope from Argentina, Tim Ward from UK and Neku Atawodi from Nigeria played against Team Africa with Pierre Henri Ngoumou from France as well as Yemo Alakija and Sadiq Dantata from Nigeria. Finally Team Africa won the competitive beach chukkas by 6-4, with goals scored on both sides. A successful launch and inauguration for that up-and-coming new polo destination.

Guests of the exhibition match included the President of the Lagos Polo Club, Ade Laoye, the American Consulate and many polo fans. Nigerian celebrities supported the polo event including Eku Edewor, Wale Davies, Ladipoe, Boj on the Microphone, Bizzle, DJ Obi, Wana Sambo, CNN's Keturah King and others. The audience was entertained by the live violinist Godwin Strings. The graffiti artist Osa Seven live painted the game while it was played. The national anthem was performed by Nigerian Idol runner-up Beebee Bassey. After the exhibition match in May, which was even televised on Super Sport the league already continued with a tournament of seven national teams. Polo player and coach Tim Ward was exalted about the new polo location. "Neku and Yemo created an amazing event! The permanent stadium and clubhouse on the beach are fantastic! It is something very cool indeed!"

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PERU

Internationally renowned tournaments, good polo facilities and dream weather conditions – Lima Polo Club in Peru's capital city has a lot to offer in terms of polo.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN
PHOTOGRAPHY LIMA POLO CLUB



Lima Polo Club is one of the sportive and social meeting points in Peru's capital city.



Polo has a long tradition in Peru. The Lima Polo Club was founded back in 1895 by a group of Englishmen who lived in the Peruvian capital city. However, although the club is over 120 years old, the polo scene in the southern American Andean city is rather modest. Around 60 active players with handicaps ranging from -1 to 5 goals make up the club, which is the only one in the whole country. It plays in two locations on a total of five polo fields. "One location is situated in the middle of Lima, with one field and beautiful installations, where we usually play the finals, and another location in the southern outskirts of Lima, overlooking the famous Pachacamac Inka Ruins and the Pacific Ocean. Here is where we play most of the time and lodge the horses, with four fields in 30 hectares," explains Raffaella Piaggio from Lima Polo Club.

The mild climate with little rain means that polo can be played the whole year round. The tournament calendar is divided into two seasons: from April to July and September to December. The most important three tournaments in the country are the Max Peña Open in July, the Campeonato Nacional de Handicap in October and the Campeonato Nacional Abierto (National Open) in December; together they comprise the Triple Corona Peruana. The level of each tournament ranges between 6 and 12 goals. Polo players from across the world travel to Lima for the two Opens which are played at 20-goal level. "Last year the club invited nine international high level polo players for the National Open held in December, with an attendance for the final of over 2,000 people," says Raffaella Piaggio about last year's event highlight.



Campeonato Nacional Abierto 2015.

Internationally renowned tournaments, good polo facilities and dream weather conditions – Lima Polo Club has a lot to offer in terms of polo. In order to ensure that polo continues to grow in Peru, one thing above all is needed: more local players. The Lima Polo Club places a strong focus on getting more people interested in the fast-paced sport. But the club is not the only one to do so: Two polo schools, Poleritos and Escuela de Polo Guillermo Li, are open to interested parties and have a varied course programme that helps to get new faces onto the polo field.

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AL HABTOOR POLO RESORT & CLUB

The opening of the Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club is planned for beginning of November 2016. The ambitious project sets new standards for polo in Dubai. The first season has already been played on the new fields.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN



The interior of the new Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club presents itself luxurious and impressive.

Over the past few years, polo in Dubai and the United Arab Emirates has developed incredibly quickly. The region has long been one of the most prestigious polo destinations and players from across the world value the tournaments and clubs on the Persian Gulf. "The growth of polo in the Dubai was due to the patrons, teams and supporters," says Mohammed Al Habtoor, one of the region's biggest polo supporters. "We have all played a key role in the growth of polo in Dubai. The city is now well and truly part of the global polo circuit, which is a great source of pride for us all."

With the Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club, which will be opened by the beginning of November, the Emirate will once again set new standards. On a total surface area of 6 million square foot, a huge polo complex is being built in DubaiLand with a polo club, three first-rate polo fields, 1 stick & ball field, a state-of-the-art polo academy, a riding school, dressage and 520 stalls. The five-star St. Regis Hotel and 163 luxury villas are also part of the complex. The Habtoor family, one of the driving forces behind polo in Dubai, is responsible for the project. With its Al Habtoor Group, it plays a major role in developing the region. "Our family loves polo and we consider it as our passion," says Mohammed Al Habtoor about the passion for polo in his family, in which there are a total of six polo players.

Images (4): Gonzalo Etcheverry



1 & 3 The first season has already been played and everyone was enthusiastic about the new polo fields 2 Mohammed Al Habtoor, one of the region's biggest polo supporters.

With the Dubai Polo & Equestrian Club and the Desert Palm Polo Club, there are already two renowned polo locations with internationally respected tournaments but “there is a demand for more polo tournaments in Dubai,” explains Mohammed Al Habtoor. “We are short of fields in Dubai. We cannot have all of the big tournaments in the same fields as the fields will be destroyed.” The opening of the whole complex is planned for beginning of November 2016 but the Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club already has its first season behind it. Four tournaments have already been played here: the Polo Gold Cup (Silver and Gold), Polo Masters Cup, Dubai Challenge Cup and the Dubai Cup. Feedback received on the new fields is unanimous: “People are happy with the new grounds, amazing fields and some even compared it to the fields in Sotogrande and England.”

Dubai stands for growth and dynamism. There are big visions and dreams here and they are realised with a flourish. This is something that also applies to polo. The polo-mad Emirati have a few more things up their sleeves. “Each year the Dubai Gold Cup Series gets better and better attracting more teams and more players from the region and around the world,” says Mohammed Al Habtoor. “The Dubai Gold Cup Series was established in 2009. Since then it has grown in tandem with the city of Dubai. Today it is one of the highest handicap events in the Middle East and the fourth largest tournament of its kind after Argentina, the US and the UK.” In polo terms, Dubai has already achieved a lot but it certainly hasn't reached the limits of what it wants to achieve. “There will be introduction of more tournaments which will attract the best teams and major polo players around the world.” This is something that we should all be very excited about.

www.alhabtoorpoloresortandclub.com



In the front: Martín Gándara of Team Zedan.



KEMPINSKI GRAND HOTEL DES BAINS

The Kempinski Grand Hotel des Bains is located right on top of the Mauritius Springs, the water source of St. Moritz. As the only 5-star hotel in the region, it is located opposite the cable railway in the ski and mountain biking region of Corviglia.

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1 Dive in and relax: the 2,800 square metres large fitness and spa area at the Kempinski 2+3 The gastronomic offer is classically sophisticated and stylish as well as contemporary and modern. 1 Michelin star and 17 Gault-Millau points speak for themselves 4 27 residences offer stylish elegance and a luxuriously cosy atmosphere.

In 1864, a Swiss hotelier placed a bet and in doing so, laid the foundation stone for winter tourism in the Alps. He bet his British guests that winter in the Engadine could be just as sunny as the summer – and won. The St. Moritz healing springs were known about in as early as the Middle Ages and were a place of pilgrimage for guests from across the world during the summer months, but the place only really started to achieve the fame it enjoys today when it started to offer winter tourism. Ever since, St. Moritz has been regarded as the birthplace of winter tourism and celebrated its 150th anniversary during the winter of 2014/15.

The global reputation of St. Moritz is a multifaceted one and the Kempinski Grand Hotel des Bains plays a central role in this. The legendary Hahnensee descent on the Corvatsch side finishes at the hotel and the Engadine ski marathon's cross-country ski route also runs straight past it. The hotel is directly connected to the St. Moritz Medical Therapy Centre & Spa. Lake St. Moritz and the small bathing lakes that surround it are easy to reach on foot. Snowy white pistes and trails are on the hotel's doorstep in the middle of the breathtaking Engadine mountain landscape. Steep snowy slopes that glitter in the sun and a far-reaching valley that captivates. In short: a true snow sports paradise. In the ski

regions of Corviglia / Piz Nair, Corvatsch and Diavolezza / Lagalb as well as a few smaller areas, there are a total of 350 kilometres of pistes available. The Kempinski Grand Hotel des Bains has made a world-famous name for itself primarily as a modern sports hotel. More and more young people are now heading to St. Moritz in the summer months to climb the mountains and try out the numerous mountain routes on their mountain bikes.

The 184 rooms and suites and 27 residences on six floors are timelessly elegant and reflect simple luxury and classic style. The hotel's gastronomy offer is classically sophisticated and stylish, but also contemporary and modern. 1 Michelin star and 17 Gault Millau points speak for themselves. The historic images on the walls are evidence of St. Moritz's glamorous past, while the technical equipment reveals the hotel's modern slant. In addition to the rooms and suites, the hotel has four restaurants, a bar, a cigar lounge, six event rooms, a 2,800 square metres large fitness and spa area that is also open to daily spa guests, a Kids Club, a ski school and a sports shop as well as a casino.

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Fine wine & spirits merchant Justerini & Brooks has supplied the past eight generations of the British Royal Family, as well as collectors and connoisseurs around the world since its establishment in 1749.

ROYAL FINE WINE & THE SPORT OF KINGS

In 2016 the fine wine & spirits merchant Justerini & Brooks, which has supplied the past eight generations of the British Royal Family, is strengthening its presence in the world of polo by supporting a number of clubs and tournaments globally as part of its polo resurgence tour.

BY HALINA SCHMIDT

Known to be the “Sport of Kings”, polo always has been associated with a royal flair. The renowned wine & spirits merchant Justerini & Brooks has a long tradition both with polo and the British Royal Family. Founded in London in 1749, the company has been supplier of fine wine to every successive British Monarch since the coronation of King George III in 1761.

Justerini & Brooks’ heritage with the sport of polo includes the establishment of the ‘J&B Baroda Cup’ in Delhi in the 1980s – an international 12-goal event. The J&B Baroda Cup was the first time that sponsorship had been introduced to the game of polo

in India, which up until then had been mainly regarded as a military sport. Justerini & Brooks’ title endorsement, alongside that of a small group of highly distinguished influencers, brought the sport to increased eminence in Delhi, and polo in India became more and more synonymous with luxury amongst an international elite. During the same period back in the UK, they ran the J&B Pro-International polo tournament, with a J&B polo team captained by HRH Prince Harry’s former coach, James Lucas, which he took to victory in 1992. James Lucas is the grandson of Arthur Lucas, who played an important role in the revival of polo in England after the Second World War.



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Justerini & Brooks is wine partner for the British Polo Day Global Series. In the picture: British Polo Day Dubai in 2015.

In 2016 Justerini & Brooks will continue this heritage by supporting a number of clubs and tournaments globally as part of its polo resurgence tour. The tour has begun with British Polo Day's UK event in June. For the past few years Justerini & Brooks has proudly been the wine partner for the British Polo Day Global Series – a stunning celebration of polo and the best of British heritage. In 2016 as their global wine partner, Justerini & Brooks will be supporting every leg of the tour: spanning China, Saint-Tropez and Monte Carlo before moving on to Mexico and India – and to complete the round trip – Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Marrakech.

Furthermore, Justerini & Brooks, who provide wines for the most noteworthy restaurants and clubs in London, has been named as the exclusive wine supplier to two of the UK's most prestigious and historical polo clubs; Cirencester Park Polo Club and Guards Polo Club. A particular highlight will be the sponsorship of the Justerini & Brooks Arthur Lucas Cup, taking place from 16-28 August 2016 in the stunning surrounds of the Beaufort Polo Club. Over the two-week tournament, polo teams will play high-class polo to win this legendary cup in one of the most spectacular clubs in the UK. "Justerini & Brooks is delighted to be further strengthening its presence in the world of polo" says Chadwick Delaney, Managing Director at Justerini & Brooks. "Building on our historic involvement in competitive polo in both India and the UK. We are particularly thrilled to be supporting the Arthur Lucas Cup, after his grandson took the J&B pro-international team to victory nearly twenty-five years ago."

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JEF'S POLO COLUMN

Jan-Erik Franck is polo player, HPA instructor, polo commentator, La Martina Ambassador and an all round nice guy ... For POLO+10 he regularly features his "Jef's Polo Column".

BY JAN-ERIK FRANCK

Warmest greetings to you all and I very much hope you got off to a good start to 2016. There really is a lot to be said for Churchill's famous quote about polo, you know the one about the passport and handicap ... but I'll come back to that later.

Round my way 2016 kicked off with business as usual up in the Austrian & Swiss alps which is always a pleasure and never a chore. Kitzbühel once again displayed some superb polo and for the first time had a team from the US compete this year. Then just across the border and on to St. Moritz which once again surpassed itself with record crowds who watched some fantastic polo, combined with superb weather which created a great atmosphere on the lake.

February took me back to Zakrzow in Poland for the first time during a winter season with teams from the Czech Republic and Slovakia taking on 2 local teams. Well done Marek, keep up the great work you're doing in that part of the world.

It was then back home to the UK for 2 weeks of The Arena Gold Cup which for the first time in years, and with a team from Germany coming over, had six very talented teams compete for the coveted Trophy. It was Germany's best arena polo player Patrick Maleitzke's debut who after his performance throughout the tournament was rated as a solid 6-goal possibly 7-goal arena player. Weiter so lieber Junge!!

... and now back to Winston Churchill. I'd had been looking forward to my next trip since last July when I was asked to come to the Beach Polo Cup in Dubai in March. Let me tell you, it's a "must see" tournament and experience. For me it belongs right up there as one of the most prestigious, extremely professionally run & managed and by such a friendly team, polo events on the globe. Congratulations Gaby & Sam.

Now the summer season has started again taking me to polo tournaments all over Europe and further afield where I look forward to seeing all the great friends I have met over the years. In the next POLO+10 World issue you'll be able to catch up with what's been happening round my way.

In the meantime I wish you all a very successful, enjoyable, thrilling and above all safe season.

Yours Jan-Erik

Adrian Laplacette

My dear friend, the beautiful Adrian Laplacette ...

"Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, his family owns La Alegria polo farm where he grew up between polo and friends. After finishing high school he started University. After two years, at the age of 19 and with a 4-goal handicap, he decided to become a polo professional. Today Adrian is a 6-goal player and fully dedicated to polo, travelling wherever they call him. He loves discovering new places and meeting new people. 2016 after snow polo in Kitzbühel and the qualification for the Copa Republica he was about to play the polo tour with La Dolfina, when he broke his anterior cruciate ligament. Now, after six months of rehabilitation Adrian is ready again to play competitive polo."



Image: Adrian Laplacette

Jack Hyde

This young gentleman plays with the big ones ...

"Really good to catch up with Jack in Dubai. He had a great time out there playing for the famous UAE team. They had a shaky start to the season but ended up coming together well as a team and managed to win the Gold Cup. That was amazing and then Jack set his sights firmly on the UK season continuing playing with Lucas Monteverde joined by 10-goaler Pablo Mac Donough together with Lyndon Lee, owner of the team Zacara, which was a strong contender for the Queen's Cup and Gold Cup this summer. Jack was fortunate to have been selected to play with Facundo Pieres and Rodrigo Andrade for Ayala in the high goal tournament in Sotogrande down in sunny Spain. So the month of August which will be Jack's first time playing there will of course become a great experience!"



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Uwe Zimmermann

The polo visionary ...

"My dear friend Uwe is having a varied and very international polo season so far. He played the amazing Beach Polo Cup in Dubai before celebrating the premiere of his own new beach tournament at the beautiful Adriatic coast in Rovinj / Croatia. This beach venue is one we will hear a lot about in the future I am sure. Again I joined Uwe's tournament in Basthorst near Hamburg as commentator. The Basthorst Polo Cup features the familiar, friendly and personable character of all venues organised by Uwe and his charming wife Krisztina. Before moving on to his excellent tournament in Ascona, Uwe took the chance to play in the Mashomack Polo Club located in Pine Plains, New York. Mexico and Brazil are further locations where he will play later in the year. At the moment, Uwe is more than happy to play the first international season with his sons Philipp and Maximilian."



Image: Uwe Zimmermann

Kenney Jones

A living Rock Legend! The former drummer of "The Who"

"Together with his wife Jayne, Kenney is the owner of the Hurtwood Park Polo Club and host of 'Polo rocks'. Once again Jayne and Kenney have a full season of tournaments from low to medium goal. They have a few big events lined up for the coming season not least the Rock 'n' Horsepower event in aid of Prostate Cancer UK. Kenney was diagnosed in 2013 with prostate cancer. He decided for the brachytherapy treatment and is recovering well now. Kenney says that he firmly believes that awareness is the key to raising the profile of the disease and the purpose of these events is to raise awareness apart from much needed funds. He feels that the best way to raise awareness and reach out is through music, motors and sport. The Rock 'n' Horsepower events offer all the excitement and spectacle of polo, plus the chance to eyeball a jaw dropping array of high performance supercars. This is all topped off by an evening concert which has seen the likes of The Who, The Faces, Jeff Beck, Mick Hucknall, Mike Rutherford, Procol Harum and host of other supporting the cause. This year Kenney and Jayne have confirmed so far the Boomtown Rats, John Lodge, John Parr, Nik Kershaw and many others."



Image: Jan-Erik Franck



A HIT TO THE HEAD

One hit to the head – is one to many. Injuries of the head is the number 2 of all polo injuries but for sure the most dangerous. Rugby, ice hockey and American football officials are concerned about safety particular regarding injuries of the head. The Swiss Polo Doc Dr. Andreas Krüger explains the injury and diagnostic tools.

BY DR. ANDREAS KRÜGER PHOTOGRAPHY DR. ANDREAS KRÜGER, MATTZ90 – FOTOLIA.DE

In recent years the Hurlingham Polo Association (HPA) is focusing on safety of the head with new regulations and a new standard of polo helmets. But what is the crucial point when a player suffers from concussion? What can we learn from other sports?

Concussion is the historical term representing low-velocity injuries that cause brain “shaking” resulting in clinical symptoms, and which are not necessarily related to a pathologic injury. Concussion may be caused by a direct blow to the head, face, neck, or elsewhere on the body with an impulsive force transmitted to the head.

Concussion typically results in the rapid onset of shortlived impairment of neurologic function that resolves spontaneously. However, in some cases, symptoms and signs may evolve over a number of minutes to hours. Concussion may result in neuropathologic changes, but the acute clinical symptoms largely reflect a functional disturbance rather than a structural injury, and as such, no abnormality is seen on standard structural neuroimaging

studies. Concussion results in a graded set of clinical symptoms that may or may not involve loss of consciousness. Resolution of the clinical and cognitive symptoms typically follows a sequential course. However, it is important to note that in some cases symptoms may be prolonged. In sports like Rugby a concussion test (Head injury assessment) is performed at anytime when an action happened which possibly lead to a concussion.

Concussion Management

The cornerstone of concussion management is physical and cognitive rest until the acute symptoms resolve and then a graded programme of exertion before medical clearance and RTP (Return to play). The current published evidence evaluating the effect of rest after a sport-related concussion is sparse. An initial period of rest in the acute symptomatic period after injury (24–48 hours) may be of benefit. Low-level exercise for those who are slow to recover may be of benefit, with RTP of one week of symptom free time after injury is recommended. As described above, the majority of



Left: Polo Doc Dr. Andreas Krüger from Switzerland.

injuries will recover spontaneously over several days. In these situations, it is expected that an athlete will proceed progressively through a stepwise RTP strategy.

Tools for onfield detection and diagnostics

ARMIS Blackbox sensor: When the polo player is training on their own it pairs with a smartphone on the body (I.C.E Mode), during a game the sensor connects to the first responder’s (Coach, Parent, Umpire etc...) app via long range Bluetooth (Match Mode). The system is able to detect motion and impacts. When the sensor is triggered above a critical threshold an alert is initiated. The app will then notify your emergency contact and either suggests to seek medical attention (Match Mode) or send GPS coordinates of the incident if the player is on their own (I.C.E Mode). This allows for follow up actions to be taken and polo player to be encouraged to seek proper medical attention.

GForceTracker: Is a tool with which real time monitoring of impacts & performance across a lifetime of activity, coaches can

improve training, technique, and maximize player safety. Individual & team player profiles allow you to track performance activity, exertion, and monitoring player fuel gauges in real time. Raw data collection combined with lab test mode take the tracker even further, by providing valuable information for players and the trainer staff.

Infrascanner: Is a portable screening device that uses Near-Infrared (NIR) technology to screen patients for intracranial bleeding, identifying those who would most benefit from immediate referral to a CT scan and neurosurgical intervention. This handheld device was first worldwide used during the snow polo tournament in Kitzbühel. A Player was heavily hit on the head by the horse without unconsciousness. Immediate on field diagnostics could be performed so that the player was safely playing the final games and had continuous checks on the posttraumatic time with full recovery after one week.

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