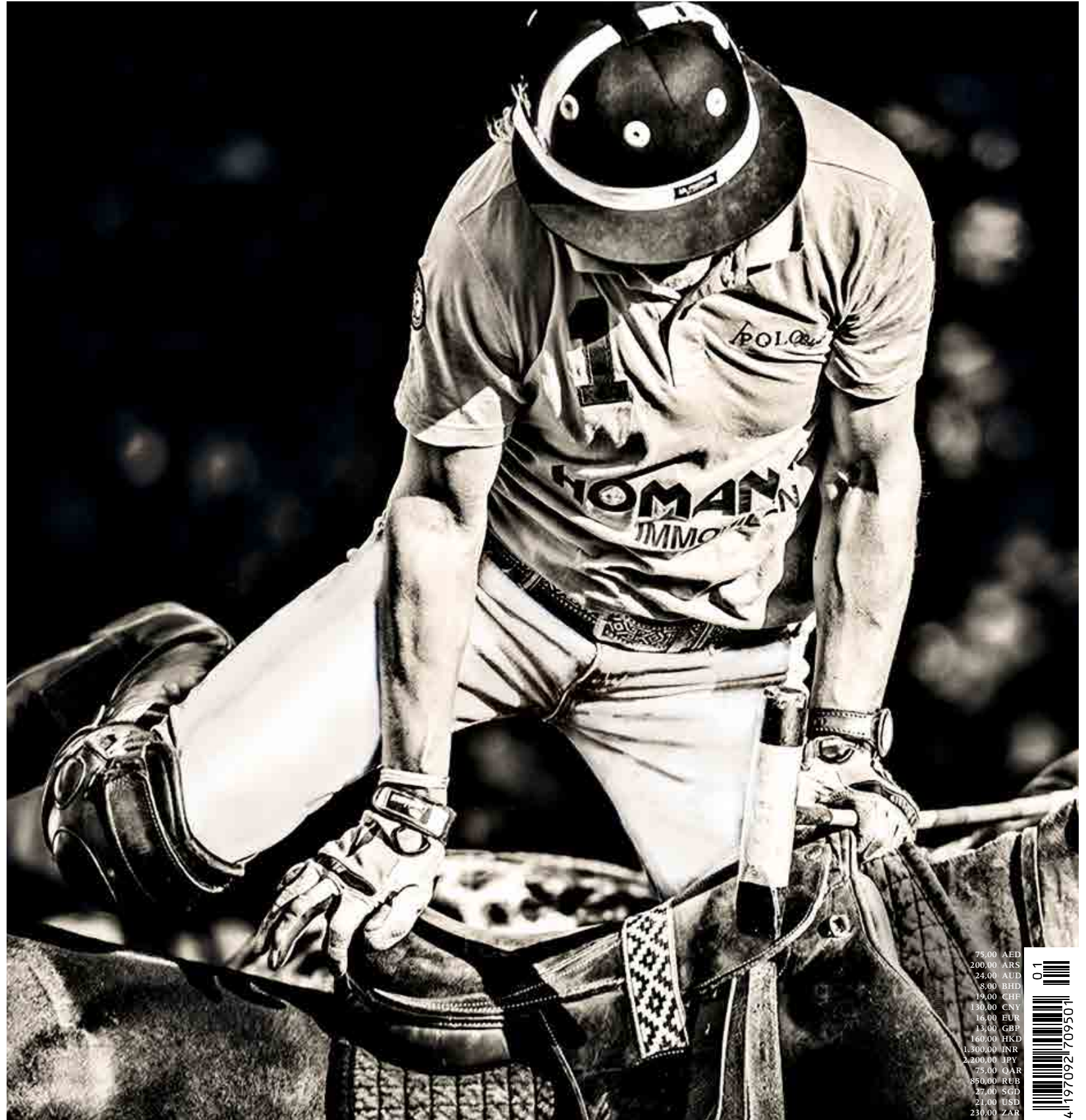


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NEW IDEAS

Many polo clubs, players, associations and experts are heading for new shores this year. We are on.



Not only new tournaments and the Polo European Championship in the Italian Villa Sesta are on the program this year. In many places and on many topics there is renewal and optimism in the air. Whether it is the new HPA safety regulations on polo helmets, which has been in force since the beginning of the year and which we report on in this issue. Or be it the first Ladies Argentine Open in Buenos Aires, which took place last December for the first time in great public interest. Great ladies teams played their final in the run-up to the men's Argentine Open Finals in front of crowded stands in Palermo. Overall, Ladies Polo is on the rise all over the world. No polo or division grows as fast and durable as Ladies Polo.

Our friends from the Polo Park Zurich, Sébastien Le Page and Morgan Van Overbroek, who can celebrate their club's 20th anniversary this year, are also contributing to this. At their Estancia San Eugenio in Argentina, they once again held the San Eugenio Ladies Cup – a great success. And in Zurich Ladies Polo is again focused this year. Likewise, polo clubs in the United States are thinking about ladies' polo and, like the Grand Champions Polo Club of Melissa and Marc Ganzi, are taking the issue a step ahead.

In this issue we also look back to the Polo World Championship in Sydney, where the organizers delivered a great event last October, including the new World Champion Argentina. And we look forward to a promising summer season in Europe.

Join us on a road trip through Europe and the world – and enjoy the new issue of POLO+10 •

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12. FIP EUROPEAN POLO CHAMPIONSHIP IN VILLA SESTA

Villa Sesta Polo Club will host the 12th Fip European Polo Championship, in collaboration with the FISE (Italian Equestrian Sports Federation) and FIP (Federation of International Polo) from 20 to 30 of September 2018.

In the heart of Chianti's countryside in Tuscany, one can enjoy unique scenery that is steeped in art, history and nature. Villa Sesta is an evocative ancient village. The Villa Sesta Polo Club is the host of the 12th Fip European Polo Championship from 20 to 30 of September 2018. The tournament will host 14 men polo teams and 4 women polo teams from all Europe. Villa Sesta is one of the top polo clubs in Italy. Its facilities include three polo fields built according to international polo regulations (all made of Tifton) and a world-class practice field. The Sol-Leone field, opened in 2017, is the largest field in Italy, with adjacent private lake for drinks and chill after game.

Grandstands made of travertine marble alongside field No.1 and a covered, well-equipped reception area of over 100 square meters with an elegant mid-field bar render Villa Sesta Polo Club the ideal location to host international polo tournaments. Furthermore, a new bar for the field No.1, the new gym inside the Relais La Martina

and a convention center for 100 people was inaugurated in March 2013. Over 100 hectares of land are reserved as paddock space for the horses during winter. Villa Sesta offers 180 stalls during the sporting season, with an additional area for 230 mobile stalls, and 80 during winter. The Argentinean Alejandro Battro, number one in the world in the creation and maintenance of polo fields (including the Palermo Stadium in Buenos Aires, Argentina, known as the "Cathedral of Polo"), is personally responsible for the grounds at Villa Sesta. The club also offers:

- 3 sand riding arenas for training and galloping School horses
- Lodgings for professional players and their grooms
- Proshop with accessories, equipment etc.
- 24-hour guaranteed veterinary service (the club is also located a short distance from an important veterinary clinic)

www.villasestapoloclub.com



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- ▄ Roberto Zedda (4)
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- ▄ Patrick Uretz (4)
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HAWAII POLO LIFE

Team HPL Black wins the Hawaii Polo Life Spring Invitational on the O'ahu's North Shore. POLO+20 is delighted to announce the new cooperation with Hawaii Polo Life of Chris Dawson. Do not miss the Hawaii Polo Life Invitational in September 2018.

BY HAWAII LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY CECIL DAVIS

An elite line-up of eight hand-selected pro polo players traveled to Hawaii from around the world to go head-to-head at The Hawaii Polo Life Spring Invitational at the Hawaii Polo Club in Mokulē'ia. Hundreds of attendees enjoyed world-class polo in a 20-goal match tournament – the highest goal polo match ever to be played at this club in 30 years – and watched as Team Black reaped the championship title that day on O'ahu's famed North Shore.

Following the match was a high-energy, oceanfront concert by top Billboard reggae recording artist and North Shore native Landon McNamara, whose hit record "Loss for Words" is currently no.1 on iTunes and Hawaii radio stations. The Hawaii Polo Life Invitational is the vision and passion of Chris Dawson, who is a prominent Native Hawaiian and business leader and an avid horseman and polo player who served on the Board of the United States Polo Association for more than 10 years. While serving on the national board, he had a unique opportunity to participate in the marketing, branding, and merchandising of the sport of polo on a global scale while simultaneously bringing it to life here in Hawaii.

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ABOUT HAWAII POLO LIFE

Hawaii Polo Life (HPL) is a lifestyle and apparel brand that pays tribute to polo, the sport of kings, which has been played in Hawaii since 1880. The brand honors the historic, luxurious and highly-adorned polo life in the Hawaiian Islands. As a strong community supporter of land and ocean sports, HPL sponsors both polo and ocean athletes. A portion of every HPL sale goes towards supporting The Hawaii International Polo Association (HIPA). For more information, visit www.hawaiipololife.com.

ABOUT HAWAII INTERNATIONAL POLO ASSOCIATION

The Hawaii International Polo Association (HIPA) was founded in 2013. The most reputable polo players in Hawaii serve as advisors and ambassadors, each with more than 20-years of polo experience and contributions to Hawaii. This Association not only celebrates the rich history of polo in Hawaii, but also assures that the next century is even more spectacular. Our challenge now is to ensure polo's place in Hawaii for generations to come. Toward this goal, Hawaii Polo Productions was created to identify unique venues, produce world-class polo events and showcase individual and collective talents. Hawaii should be showcasing world-class polo. In doing so, we celebrate our rich history of polo in the Hawaiian Islands, dating back to 1880 during the reign of our King David Kalakaua, while promoting polo for future generations.

ROVINJ

BEACH POLO CUP

The second edition of the Beach Polo Cup Rovinj left no doubt: Three unforgettable polo days in May 2017 were the best proof that the Beach Polo Cup at Biondi Beach in Rovinj will prevail as a polo destination in the future. The 3rd edition takes place from 7-10 June 2018.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY CROATIA POLO





Thrilling polo chukkers under the croatian sun in front of the backdrop of the blue Adriatic Sea and the skyline of old town Rovinj. Unforgettable moments in a unique atmosphere made the second edition of the Beach Polo Cup Rovinj last year to one of the most outstanding polo tournaments in whole Europe.

The organizers from Croatia Polo, Uwe Zimmermann and his team, even further improved the technical infrastructure and setting of the polo arena and vip tent. „We have set up Europe’s largest and best technical polo arena here. The conditions are perfect.“ And indeed: Three unforgettable polo days in May 2017 were the best proof that this particular location at Biondi Beach in Rovinj will prevail as a polo destination in the future. A total of six teams from nine nations including amateur and professional players started at the Beach Polo Cup Rovinj in 2017. Finally Team Miller with Sebastian Dawnay, Cédric Schveri and Matteo Beffa emerged as happy winners at the second Rovinj Beach Polo Cup 2017 with 8:6 against Team Veuve Clicquot with Frank Kirschke, Philipp Zimmermann and Agustin Kronhaus.

2018, six international teams from all over the world will participate in the Beach Polo Cup in Rovinj. The programme includes indeed some great surprises! Several high profile celebrities are expected to visit Rovinj during the four days event. Each day up to 600 invited guests will be entertained by top class polo matches with players from twelve nations and 60 Argentine polo ponies. For the first time in history, „Polo by Night“ will be played under floodlight in Rovinj on 8th June, accompanied by a first class dinner. Saturday morning, 9th of June, the traditional parade of polo players and horses will attract again thousands of spectators in the streets of Rovinj. Saturday night, superstar Sophie Ellis-Bextor will give a private concert in the polo arena of Rovinj. With its third edition the Rovinj Beach Polo Cup has grown into an international recognized event in the world of polo.

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- TEAMS 2018**
- Team Miller (+7)**
 - 🇨🇪 Celine Lawrence (0)
 - 🇩🇪 Markus Schalldach (+2)
 - 🇬🇧 Harold Hodges (+5)
 - Team Veuve Clicquot (+5)**
 - 🇩🇪 Frank Kirschke (0)
 - 🇩🇪 Philipp Zimmermann (+1)
 - 🇦🇷 Agustin Kronhaus (+4)
 - Team Bentley Wien (+6/+8)**
 - 🇨🇪 Cédric Schveri (+1)
 - 🇩🇪 Uwe Zimmermann/
 - 🇩🇪 Maximilian Zimmermann (0/+2)
 - 🇬🇧 Johnny Good (+5)
 - Team Franck Dubarry (+6/+8)**
 - 🇩🇪 Marie-Isabel Wendeln-von Fricken (0)
 - 🇮🇳 Narendra Singh/
 - 🇮🇳 Pacho Singh (+1/+3)
 - 🇮🇳 Abhimanyu "Abby" Pathak (+5)
 - Team Adris (+8/+7)**
 - 🇮🇹 Guillermo Steta (+2)
 - 🇺🇸 Bruce Colley/
 - 🇺🇸 David Colley (+2/+1)
 - 🇦🇷 Marcello Caivano (+4)
 - Team Caprice-Mevisto (+7)**
 - 🇩🇪 Denise Schurzmann (0)
 - 🇩🇪 Alexandra Plenc (+1)
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GRAND CHAMPIONS



The Grand Champions Polo Club of Melissa and Marc Ganzi saw a great and ambitious spring season 2018.

BY SHARON ROBB PHOTOGRAPHY GRAND CHAMPIONS POLO CLUB



In one of the most exciting finishes in club history, Team Palm Beach Illustrated won the coveted \$100,000 World Cup presented by Audi at Grand Champions Polo Club. The defending champion and underdog going into the championship final won its' second consecutive title with a thrilling 10-9 victory over Grand Champions in front of a packed house and ESPN Latin American television worldwide audience.

The tournament was resurrected by Grand Champions owners and polo players Melissa and Marc Ganzi thanks to the generosity of Glenn Straub of Palm Beach Polo, where it was last played in the late 1990s. Straub watched the final and participated in the post-game awards presentation.

What made this tournament so unique was the fact it was open to teams 0-26 goal on handicap including an all-women's team for the first time, similar to the Copa Republica in Argentina where teams of any handicap from 0-to-40 can compete. In addition to ESPN's coverage, the tournament was live-streamed by Wellington-based ChukkerTV.

The vibrant season at Grand Champions went on with several exciting tournaments. End of May, the spring season finished with another great news.

Grant Ganzi, Tony Calle and Justin Daniels, representing Grand Champions Polo Club and Lucas Arellano of Everglades Polo Club will represent the United States as newest members of Team USPA. Growing up together, they have played with and against each other in youth and adult tournaments on the polo fields of Wellington. The young players were recently named to the team after a three-day tryout in Aiken, S.C. Team USPA's mission since it was created in 2010 is "to enhance and grow the sport of polo in the U.S. by identifying young, talented American players and providing mentored training and playing opportunities leading to a pool of higher-rated amateur and pro players" while giving back to the sport. Ganzi, 20, a third generation polo player, will be a junior this fall at Lynn University. He has represented the U.S. in two victorious International Cups at Grand Champions and Royal Polo Match in Toronto.



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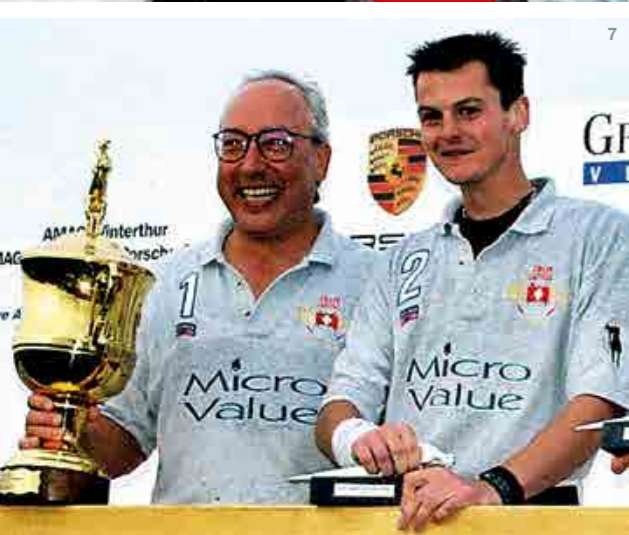
Time goes by... A picture review through 20 years of polo people and unforgettable moments at the Polo Park.

BY POLO PARK ZÜRICH PHOTOGRAPHY POLO PARK ZÜRICH,
KATHRIN GRALLA, ROBERT W. KRANZ, THEO GSTOEHL,
EVELINA JAKOVLEVSKAJA, CLARA PODESTÁ

Band Traktorkestar invited at the opening of the club.



Zürich Polo Championship Low Goal Patron's Cup 2017. Winners: Belen Podestá, Laura Vuille, Eduardo Greggi and Thommy Gräff. Last tournament of the season, the Patron's Cup is always a great success and the last occasion for the players to play polo before their winter break.



1 Markus, Irene and Thommy Gräff. (Horse Dustin) 2 From left to right: Susana Oliva, Gösta Bergholtz, Birgit, Victor and Thomas Hollenstein, Manfred Schuler, Thommy, Irene & Markus Gräff, Tanja Schmid, Valentin Frischknecht, Yves Luginbühl, Belen and Francisco Podestá, Nicole Weber, Urs Troxler, Marcel and Sandra Lanz, Steven and Elfi Indjic, Hans Peter Bärtsch, Fredy Weisser, Christine Seyffer, Stefan Roth, Dieter Nussbaumer, Edith Koch & Susy Keller 3 Rege Ludwig & Rene Müller 4 Steven Indjic, Raffaella Agosti, Christina Bär & Thomas Wolfensberger 5 Martin Podestá 6 Francisco Podestá 7 Urs Schwarzenbach & Sebastian Dawnay 8 Teams 9 Winners: Team of Philipp Maeder 10 Irene Gräff, Cristina Süter & Sibylle Maeder 11 Polo is played on many different levels at PPZ 12 Irene and Cinja Gräff 13 Goal charger, Pepe Molina 14 Piero Dillier & Robert Kofler.



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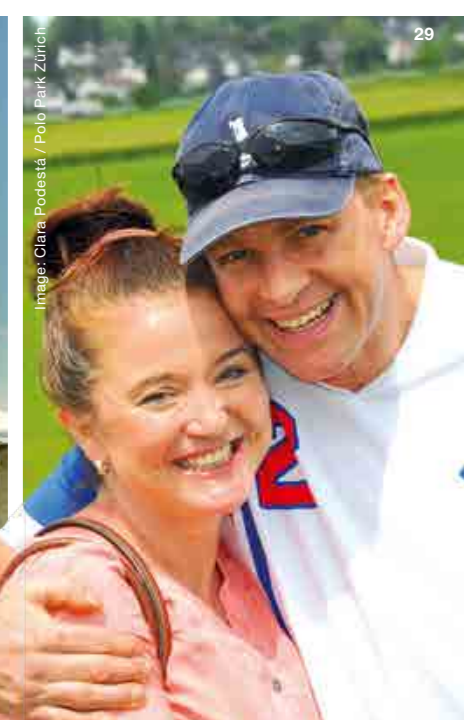
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It was not easy to find the right location in a small country full of mountains. He was looking for a flat place, with enough space to have two polo fields, stables, paddocks, and - to make it more complicated - near Zurich. He found it end of 1998, located in the picturesque Zürcher Weinland of Winterthur-Ohringen, so to speak at the foot of the metropolis of Zurich, and after checking with Francisco Podestá, he immediately decided that the place was all that he was looking for, and even more. He was totally right. And with the support of his wife Irene, they started this club. The first year, the club had to stay in a "provisional" stable and to play in a "provisional" polo field until everything was ready. But the spirit, the energy, the support and the trust of the people were always there. We could name many players and fantastic people that were with us during these 20 years, but we want to make a special mention to those that celebrate with us the 20th Anniversary: Family Gräff, Family Podestá, Inge & Rodolfo Binz, Werner Meier, Tutti Wolfensberger, Elfi & Steven Indjic and Dieter Nussbaumer. Thanks for your support and for being part of this amazing club all these years. With the help of farmers of the area: Markus Ackeret and Richard Stucki, PPZ was able to build the first polo field in 1999, our actual Polo Field No. 1 as well as the Stick & Ball field. For the first time, the polosport in the Zurich area got a foothold. And by no means as an elitist game of some super-rich, but as a horse sport discipline which is, for 20 years - at least in PPZ - steadily increasing in popularity.

Since then, Polo Park hosted very important and well know tournaments: Bank Hoffman Polo Open, AAM Swiss Open, ATAG Polo Open, Sarasin Swiss Open, Piaget Polo Open,

Swiss Polo Championship, our traditional Zürich Polo Championship, and the popular International Ladies Polo Cup, which is presently in its 19th year. We were fortunate to receive the visit of many High Goal players such as Matias McDonough, Bautista & Marcos Heguy, Martin Garrahan, Javier Novillo Astrada, Hilario Ulloa, Milo Fernandez Araujo, Juan Bolini and many more, without forgetting of course Sunny Hale and Hazel Jackson for the ladies' side.

On the 28th June 2013, Markus Gräff sold the club to Sébastien Le Page, a French national living in Zug, who got, together with his wife Morgan Van Overbroek and their son Armand, the "virus" of this amazing sport, and saw the potential of it as an intense and harmonic family and friends sport. With Sébastien, Polo Park started a new era. A long project and dream became true: Polo Park finally received, after a long wait, the permission to build new infrastructures. With the construction of a clubhouse (with bar/restaurant, terrace, changing rooms, showers, apartments, toilets and parking) to welcome polo players and non-players alike, and 57 new boxes, a horse walker, and the construction of a third field, the club is now implementing the extension of its infrastructure, which had been planned for more than 10 years. This change in philosophy, has led to the modification in name from Polo Park Zürich to Polo Park & Country Club Zürich to better reflect the notion that PPZ is a place for all, players and non-players alike. Polo Park Zürich is today, 20 years later, the biggest club in Switzerland, with more than 60 active members and over 120 VIP members.

MORGAN'S HORSES

Some years ago Morgan Van Overbroek has changed her life into a polo universe. At the Polo Park Zürich as well as at the Estancia San Eugenio in Argentina, horses are taking a very important place in her life.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY ALIZÉE DE VANSAY

HOW MANY HORSES DO YOU ACTUALLY HAVE AT THE POLO PARK AND HOW MANY ARE YOURS?

The club hosts about 150 horses. Most of them are members' horses which are placed in the clubstables or at farms next door. Together with my husband, we own 37 of them.

DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR FIRST OWN HORSES? HOW WERE THEIR NAMES, ATTITUDES AND CHARACTERS?

I am a very recent horse owner. Since I was very young, it was my dream to ride horses. I asked my parents for a black stallion to keep in our yard. It never happened. The first horse I rode was at the age of 8 in Tunisia. Her name was Charah and she was an Arabian thoroughbred retired from the races. I was galloping in my second lesson. That day, my dream came true and I discovered the total happiness of being an equestrian. Much later when I was a teenager, I rode a horse named Django. It was in an equestrian club in Belgium and the horse loved to gallop and stop when his nose was touching the wall. Somehow I was the only one staying on him and therefore I became his regular rider. Then I stopped riding for 20 years. My first ever polo pony was Malvada, I still play her once in a while. Then I became a better rider and played higher tournaments and Laucha arrived in my life. She is tiny and has an amazing heart. Whatever the size of the horse next to

her has, if I push her to the riding off, she goes, no fear, no questions, she trusts me.

WHICH IS AT THIS MOMENT YOUR FAVOURITE HORSE AND WHY?

My actual favorite horse is Claro. He arrived in Europe two seasons ago but I didn't play him in the beginning. He was too good and I needed to improve. Now, with him, I feel I can do everything. He feels and thinks faster than me, he knows the game, he knows his job and he's very happy to do it.

WHICH ATTRIBUTES IN THE CHARACTER OF A HORSE DO YOU APPRECIATE MOST?

Patience and trust.

WHAT KIND OF HORSES ARE BEST FOR POLO BEGINNERS? AND WHICH ONES FIT FOR PROFIS?

It all depends on your riding abilities. A beginner player should have a well trained and experienced horse, to take him to the ball and be patient with the rider's mistakes and misses. A good amateur horse has to be faster, experienced but can be young too, and pushing the player to increase his riding abilities. A profi horse will have to perfectly suit his rider. Character, thinking and speed must fit and such a horse needs as well a great heart.



Horse lover and polo enthusiast Morgan Van Overbroek: On the beach in Deauville with Malacara.



POLO HORSES SEEM TO BE RELAXED MOST OF THE TIME...
HOW IMPORTANT ARE GOOD NERVES?

I love those pre-game pictures when you see horses and their grooms waiting for action. The groom is watching the game to ensure to be ready on time and the horse has his eyes half closed. For me, it looks like the horse knows what is coming and just enjoys his peace before going on the field and play. When you change horses or you play, you have to focus on what you do. To have a nervous or jumpy horse will handicap you because you'll need to focus on the horse instead of the game. A horse like that can also injure you or others by kicking or throwing you away. This is why our horses are selected amongst other things for their special character. Very peaceful outside the game and full of power when playing.

SOME PEOPLE SAY A GOOD POLO HORSE CAN „READ“ THE GAME.
IS THAT TRUE?

Some horses are thinking faster than you, reacting faster than you and in one second you are sitting on the ground next to your horse. So yes, they can read the game, it is part of a good training. Make them understand the game's movements and taking their rider to the ball.

DO YOU THINK THAT HORSES HAVE ANYTHING LIKE „FUN“ OR
„THE WILL TO WIN“ AS DRESSAGE AND JUMPING RIDERS TELL?

This once again, depends on the training of the horse. But for our horses let me say, yes, I want to think that they have fun. I remember stick and balling once next to our club chukkers and my horse always wanted to go to the big field to play with the

other ones. She did not want to stay alone with me waiting that I manage to hit the ball correctly.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SATISFACTION FOR A POLO HORSE?

Not sure about satisfaction, but joy will be food, for sure. And that perfect moment, after the shower, dried by the sunshine, you bring them to the paddocks and they roll in the dust.

DID YOU EVER EXPERIENCE ANYTHING LIKE JEALOUSY OR ENVY
AMONG THE HORSES?

They fight, they communicate, they have their character and likes or dislikes. They have their friends and others they don't like to have too close. You have the bossy horses, the cuddling horses, the lazy ones, the grumpy ones, the always happy ones, the instahorses, the food addicts,... just like us. And when you know your horses, you see much faster when something is wrong.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE MOMENTS WITH YOUR HORSES?

All moments they don't need to work and I can spend time with them. In the stables when they rest, in the paddocks when they eat or lie down. They are incredibly beautiful animals to watch.

WHAT CHANGES IN YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU OWN A HORSE?

Everything, you need to adapt to that new partnership. And being a rider, sitting on your own horse, your way to look at the world changes. You change perspective, feelings, your way of thinking. For some people it is obvious and fast, for others it takes more time. ●



THAI

POLO OPEN

High visit to the Thai Polo Open at the Thai Polo & Equestrian Club Pattaya. And the Ladies Pink Polo was again one of the highlight of the polo season in Southeast Asia.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY DOMINIC JAMES



12. THAI POLO OPEN

RANKING

- 1. Royal Pahang (+13)
 - HH Tengku Muhammad (0)
 - HH Tengku Amir Nasser (+1)
 - Tomasito Fernández Llorente (+7)
 - Tomás Gándara (+5)
- 2. Axus (+12)
 - Brian Xu (0)
 - Damián Marcos (+3)
 - Diego Gómez (+3)
 - Dario Musso (+6)

FINAL: Royal Pahang 6-4.5 Axus

- 3. La Familia
- 4. Fast Fish
- 3. PLACE MATCH:
 - La Familia 9-5 Fast Fish

- 5. Thai Polo
- 5. 22BR
- 5. PLACE MATCH (Friday):
 - Thai Polo 2-2 22BR

Umpire:
Daniel Boudou
Juan José Díaz Alberdi

Most Valuable Player:
Tomás Gándara

Best Playing Pony:
Tinta One. Owner:
Brian Xu. played by Dario Musso



Team Royal Pahang Polo Club from Malaysia made it to the very top winning the 12. Thai Polo Open at the Thai Polo & Equestrian Club in Pattaya with 6:4.5 over Brian Xu's Axus polo team. Prince Amir and Prince Muhammad playing alongside Tomas Gandara, who was awarded Most Valuable Player, and 7-goaler Tomasito Fernandez Llorente featured a fast match and put pressure on their opponents from the very start. Both Royal Pahang's Princes played excellent and profited from their improved horsepower. By the third chukker they took a lead of 6:2.5, received a setback of some Axus goals in the final chukker but finally took home their first win in the Thai Polo Open. Congratulations to this young and pleasant team who is featuring the game of polo with power and lots of fun.

In the subsidiary final, Mohamed Moiz's Team La Familia from China defeated Team Fast Fish, also a Chinese-led team by patron Windson Rao, by 9:5. The encounters had already played against each other in a qualifying match. But in the game for the third place La Familia left no doubt that they are the superior team regarding pace and precision including highly dangerous actions in front of the rival's goal this time.

Surprisingly, 2016 winners Team 22BR and the champions of the RMPA International League for four consecutive years, Team Thai Polo, failed to qualify for the semi-finals and played the „B. Grimm Anniversary Cup“ under the royal eyes of Her Royal Highness Princess Sirivannavari Nariratana who attended the Thai Polo Open 2018 personally. With a final result of 2:2 the two teams share the 5th place. The final day of the Thai Polo Open 2018, which is the most important polo tournament in Southeast Asia was accompanied by a great and elegant social and equestrian event, coronated by the royal presence.

Hundreds of guests and celebrities from all over the world as well as broadcasting stations and international press attended the chukkers and enjoyed a wide variety of shopping booths and activities for the whole family as well as a superb international lunch buffet. Nunthinee Tanner and Harald Link, owners of the Thai Polo & Equestrian Club once again set up one of the most elegant international polo tournaments which ended in an exclusive pool cocktail party with a great firework over the palmtrees.

Polo Pool



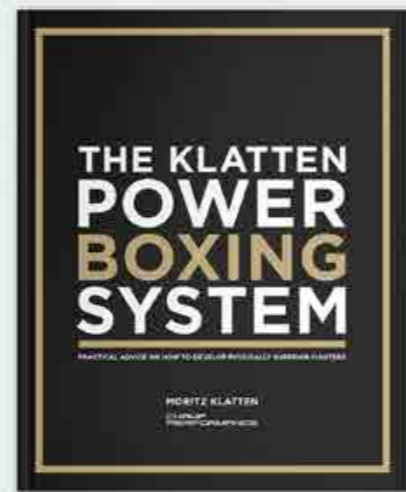
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10. QUEEN'S CUP PINK POLO

RANKING

La Familia (+14)

- Nurul Noorajala (0)
- Maria Seculini (+2)
- Carolina Arteta (+3)
- Lia Salvo (+9)

La Tabita Polo Farm (+13)

- Eva Brühl (6)
- Constanza Marchiorello (+3)
- Steffi von Pock (+2)
- Johanna Droste (+2)

Thai Polo (+14)

- Caroline Link (+3)
- Isabel Morgenstern (+1)
- Holly Butler (+2)
- Hazel Jackson (+8)

La Esperanza (+10)

- Pei Bei Koh (0)
- Leah Siboni (+2)
- Caro Brown (+1)
- Sarah Wiseman (+7)

Kuda Lari (+14)

- Lara Reynoso (+3)
- Daryl Yap (+4)
- Vittoria Marchiorello (+3)
- Carla Alvarez Nunez (+4)

Most Valuable Player:

Sofia Lorenzo

Best Playing Pony: Mimo, owned by La Familia

The Queen's Cup Pink Polo is one of the most prestigious international women's tournaments. The charity event takes place in support of the Queen Sirikit Breast Cancer Center at King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital in Bangkok. Perfectly warm weather of 30 degrees at the Thai Polo and Equestrian Club and the well-known all-over pink decoration made the tournament again one of the best and most impressive ones in the polo calendar of South East Asia.

In front of a delighted crowd of around 700 spectators who contributed to the Pink Polo success in its 10th edition, Team La Familia with Nurul Noorajala, Maria Seculini, Carolina Arteta and 9-goaler Lia Salvo 9 wins the Queen's Cup Pink Polo 2018. Second place went to Team La Tabita Polo Farm with Eva Brühl, Constanza Marchiorello, Steffi von Pock and Johanna Droste. After La Familia won in the semi-finals with a narrow 8-7 against Team

Thai Polo, it met La Tabita Polo Farm in the final of the Queen's Cup Pink Polo. Although La Tabita scored the first goal, La Familia countered directly with two goals in the first Chukker. Finally La Familia took the lead with four goals in the second and third chukkers and did not give up that advantage since then.

At the beginning of the last chukker, La Tabita was already behind but La Familia again scored two goals. In the end Team La Familia proved its clear superiority and won against La Tabita 8: 3. In third place was Team Thai Polo with Caroline Link, Isabel Morgenstern, Holly Butler and Hazel Jackson against Team La Esperanza, for whom Pei Bei Koh, Leah Siboni, Caro Brown and Sarah Wisman played.



HELMETS 2018 RULE CHANGE

Since 1 January 2018, the new HPA helmet rules apply. POLO+10 interview with Dr Victor Chua, chairman of the HPA Safety Panel and the HPA Disciplinary Committee, who is himself a surgeon and low-goal player from Cambridge.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY VICTOR CHUA

FOR MANY YEARS, THE HPA CONSIDERED SAFETY EQUIPMENT AS A MATTER FOR INDIVIDUAL DECISION. WHY DID THEY CHANGE THEIR OPINION? Polo is probably the only equestrian sport in the UK which does not have detailed rules on protective equipment. In the last five years, we have counted 5 fatalities due to head injuries in the US and UK; the total worldwide is greater. Polo players are busy and most do not prioritise reading up on safety standards, so an element of compulsion is necessary. Look at what the FIA has achieved by implementing rigid safety rules to the number of deaths in Formula 1 in the last 30 years, for example.

WHAT IS THE NEW RULE EXACTLY ABOUT?

From 1st January 2018, helmets have to adhere to one of the following standards, or successor standards. PAS015:2011, SNELL E2001, VG1 01.040 2014-12, UTAC/CRITT 04/2015. We are using the same standards as used by the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) and Irish Turf Club after extensive consultation with them.

HOW CAN I CHECK IF MY HELMET FITS TO THE NEW RULE?

The helmet should be marked with one of the above standards. The HPA is aware of the following helmets which meet the standards, you see in the chart below.

These are the certified helmets, marketed for polo, that we are aware of. Certified helmets for general equestrian use are also acceptable.

MANUFACTURER	MODEL	STANDARD
Charles Owen	Palermo Polo	PAS015:2011 and VG1 01.040-2014
Charles Owen	Polo Edition	PAS015:2011 and VG1 01.040-2014
Charles Owen	Young Rider Polo	PAS015:2011 and VG1 01.040-2014
Armis	Armis	PAS015:2011 and VG1 01.040-2014
GPA	Speed Air/X2	UTAC/CRITT 04/2015
Instinct Polo	Instinct	PAS015:2011
KEP Italia	Cromo*	PAS015:2011 and VG1 01.040-2014
Samshield	Shadowmatt* or Premium* with Polo Visor	PAS015:2011 and EN1384:2017

* The Manufacturers of these models have not sent us their certificates, but because they are adapted general equestrian helmets, we accept them.



THE HPA ANNOUNCED THE RULE IN MARCH 2016 – OVER TWO YEARS AGO. DO YOU THINK THAT ALL INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS AND CLUBS ARE WELL INFORMED TODAY?

UK players are pretty well informed. However, I think that players outside the UK are generally not very well informed about the ‘helmet rule’. The HPA also requires clubs to appoint a Club Safety Officer, whose role is to promote and oversee safety within the club. We encourage our overseas affiliate clubs to appoint Safety Officers.

WHAT'S NEW IN HELMET TECHNOLOGY ?

The new rules have encouraged the development of two quite distinctive technologies. The ARMIS polo helmet has a system which protects against glancing impacts. The Instinct polo helmet uses an aluminium honeycomb to absorb impacts rather than expanded polystyrene.

DO ALL MANUFACTURERS PROVIDE HELMETS ACCORDING TO THE NEW GUIDELINES?

I believe that La Martina, Casablanca, and Falcon are all in the process of producing helmets which are compliant with the new guidelines, but they have not sent me their final test certificates. It will be good to have their participation.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TYPE APPROVAL AND QC? WHAT ABOUT THE KITEMARK? WHAT ABOUT CE MARKS?

A CE mark means that the helmet meets the EU requirements for “Personal Protective Equipment”, and is required for retail sale of helmets in the EU.

A CE mark is obtained by “type approval” which means that helmets are submitted to an EU registered testing organisation and these helmets are tested. The manufacturer self-certifies that the helmets for sale are of the same type and standard as those tested.

A QC mark goes further and typically requires regular testing and a factory audit. The BSI Kitemark is a type of QC Mark, but there are others QC marks promoted by other testing laboratories, eg. SEL,

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TO WHOM CONCERN THE NEW HELMET RULES? EVERY PLAYER ALL OVER THE WORLD?

Broadly speaking, the HPA's rules cover players who are not in the USA or Argentina. But players in the US and Argentina should be aware that safety rules are coming. We have been discussing with both the USPA and the AAP safety committees. The USPA is bringing in their own helmet rule from June 2020. Their standard is based on the NOCSAE standard, which is a stricter standard than the European standards, and results in a heavier helmet. NOCSAE is based on American football and the European standards are based on horse-racing. The AAP safety committee is six

months old and has yet to issue standards, but we have shared our data with them and will support them as they decide what to do. For us the important things are: three-point harness, to avoid helmets falling off on impact, and appropriate shock-absorbing material to reduce the g-forces on the head to below 250g.

WHICH ARE HPA-AFFILIATED INTERNATIONAL POLO ASSOCIATIONS? Australia, Austria, Barbados, Brunei, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Czech, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Zambia, Zimbabwe

HOW LONG DOES A HELMET NORMALLY STAY ALIVE AND FUNCTIONAL, WHEN SHOULD I CHANGE IT?

Helmets should be changed every four years or after a major impact, which deforms the shock-absorbing material.

WHICH PRODUCT AND MANUFACTURER DO YOU PREFER PERSONALLY? I have personally purchased helmets from almost every manufacturer, as I am very interested in safety and I wish to see the advances for myself before writing about them. I like them all, they are all major advances on the traditional two-point harness model.





BERKSHIRE

POLO CLUB

The Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club is one of the very special polo addresses in England. Founded by Bryan Morrison, who has written music history as the manager of Pink Floyd, the club is the first privately owned. 28 July 2018, the famous “International Day”, one of the most important and prestigious events in British Polo, will take place at the Berkshire.

Left: From the left Jamie Morrison, Luke Tomlinson, Bryan Morrison, Roddy Williams, Satnam Dhillon right: Adolfo Cambiasso.

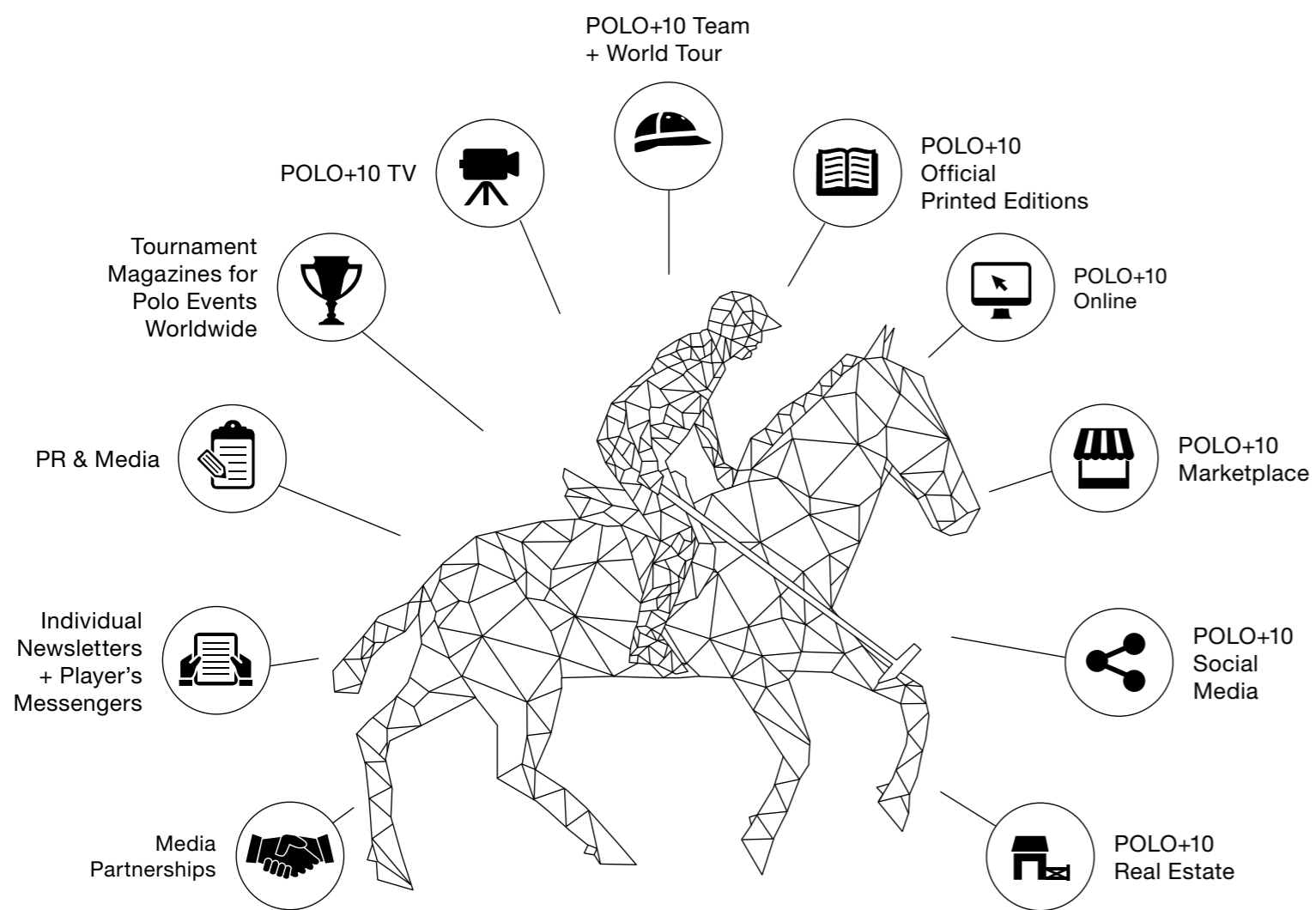


The East End of London referred as the 'East End', where the 'Cockney' lived, often thought of as a 'rough and ready' part of London, Bryan Morrison came from the East End, yet was no such man. I never met Bryan however, with my research I confess I would have wanted to meet him. His view on life, his goals, family and passions defined Bryan to be a great guy. Bryan's fortune was made in the music industry, which included Wham, the Bee Gees and my all time favourite band, Pink Floyd. All known globally, all big or even massive names and would completed a mans life to have achieved such. However, Bryan Morrison had so much to give us he was certainly not just another brick in the wall but was a crazy diamond. The Daily Telegraph wrote "Morrison liked to cultivate the air of a cigar-chomping, East End hustler; but he was a self-made man of great flair and unfailing instinct. Physically large and robust, he displayed charisma and self-confidence which led some to accuse him of arrogance." The Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club known as the 'Berkshire', founded in

1985 from which was once the site of the Windsor Forest Stud which housed horses for Royal Ascot. Jamie Morrison spotted it while in the back of his dad's car, although the area was a run down area, Bryan bought it and vowed to make it into a premier polo club for all who wanted to play polo where ever they came from as well for Bryan himself. Jamie Morrison said, "Dad wanted it to be a club where anyone could come and learn to play this incredible game that he had become addicted to, no matter their colour or creed." Morrison and Lobel, who was Bryan partner did not have it easy either, with planning permissions issues, rain that washed away the seeding on a newly prepared grounds. In 1986 only a year later the club opened with its first member Prince Charles, since that day the club has continued the ethos that polo is for those who love it and want to play. The jewel in the "Berkshire's" crown, held under the patronage of H.R.H. Prince of Wales. The Prince of Wales, a tournament first played in 1986 continues to be one of the four major championships in the English polo season.

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1 PREVISE CONOSCO Will Emerson, Jeremy Pemberton, Stefan Sund, Hissam Ali Hyder 2 Arena Gold Cup Final 2017. Sifani vs SUPA Polo. Dr. Hilali Noordeen, Seb Hancock 3 Jamie Morrison, Chairman of the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Club.



Attracting the world's best teams and players, this tournament has a unique history & goes from strength to strength. For the first time this year, the Berkshire will be hosting 'The International Day', as the opposing team will be the USA meaning that the Berkshire will now be hosting two of the big UK games, another sign that the club is a leader amongst stallions. Jamie, working closely with the HPA has made this an inspiring year ahead for the club. Another first, the Berkshire was the first club in Europe to introduce arena polo, seen by Morrison in the Windy City, Chicago. During the winter months, the Berkshire is a hive of excitement, high goal and low goal players are attracted to play. For me, it is Morrison's way of changing the rules to suit those who love the game of polo and want to play. I am personally in favour of polo, and for those who want to enjoy this fantastic sport, Morrison's vision was just that.

The Berkshire offers a lot of the same as other clubs, polo and polo training. So what makes the Berkshire stand out from the other top clubs? It was the first privately owned club and who change polo forever, because it was about inclusion and not exclusion It has already been mentioned that this is the club that accommodates all those who want to play polo but the Berkshire extends their hospitality to the whole polo community wherever you are from. Sadly in 2008, Bryan Morrison died from the result of a polo accident, and Jamie took over the family business. Continuing from his dad's legacy the club has continued to break ground, Jamie, a former England polo player, has a privilege not many have, to keep one's fathers legacy and taking it

into the modern era. Greta Morrison, Bryan's wife, is someone I have never meet, however, many have. So my words are based on others opinions. Greta should be a Damme; she is the most beautiful person you could meet. She stood by Bryan and her children, Jamie and Karina often just coming to see Jamie play but regularly coming to the club to present cups whatever the weather. Greta is committed to the club, and its future, she has great faith in the team and the continuing future of the club. Jamie backed with fantastic staff at the Berkshire who are all well known in the industry where trust is

a big part. You need to know that your tack is correctly fitted when you are charging around a polo ground! Believe me; you will be thankful for the professional staff that the Berkshire boasts. I have spent a fair amount of time with Michael Amooore the general manager; he is the kind of chap whom you respect for the knowledge he has. The same for Simon and Alex the Polo managers who help complete the professional team Jamie needs to run this club as a serious contender as a top polo ground in the UK. One thing you will notice about the Berkshire are the grounds and that the layout is particular, English and welcoming. Boasting over 200 stables, tack and feed rooms the Berkshire is not a small club by any means. One of the features is the Colonial style Pavilion on ground one, which is unique, fitting perfectly into the theme of the club and where a game can be observed in style.

The Berkshire has a lot to offer as a traditional polo club, Jamie and his team are also expanding the organisation into events, high profile wedding venues as well as a place for young polo enthusiast to party when Royton Prisk puts together one of his famous polo parties. All this amounts to a club that offers all a traditional polo club should, to anyone who what to play but also those who want to be apart of this fantastic sport. This is no Cinderella Story, but one of passion and determination, anything that is driven for these reasons is going to stand a good chance to succeed, and the Berkshire is a club that is going to be around for a long time yet. If you are in the area walk in and have a look around, you will be meeting with a welcoming smile. My personal view is that when I first got involved with the Berkshire, I always felt comfortable, never feeling that my limited exposure to the world of polo was an issue at all. People are busy doing their jobs needed to keep the club functioning. The Berkshire is a place of beauty come along and see for yourself.

I came across an article in a UK newspaper The Daily Telegraph; it is more about Bryan than the club. However, I feel many have had a situation where they would love to do the same.

"Once when he attempted to join a Real Tennis club, he was kept waiting for months – because he decided, he was viewed as a parvenu. Morrison bided his time, then bought the club and sacked the secretary – claiming that few things in life had given him so much pleasure." In my book, this made Bryan a Rock Star! He became a gentleman in Polo, and his name will continue to live on.





PARIS POLO

Impressions and behind the scenes images of the Spring Tournament in Paris by the great equine photographer Irina Kazaridi. The 124. Open de Paris final takes place on 24 June.

BY IRINA KAZARIDI



1 Getting ready for the chukkers 2 Robert Strom 3 Finalists La Concepcion Polo versus Red Falcon. La Concepcion is the winner 2018 4 Little Olympia is the daughter of Isabelle Strom and the Argentine polo player Clemente Zavaleta 5 Robert Strom and Gonzalo Bernal, Saint Mesme Polo Team Above: Prizegiving at the Polo de Paris spring tournament.

2018 Paris Polo Season :

- Tournoi Members Games (4/6 goals) : 28-29 April, 2018
- Tournoi de Printemps (8/10 goals) : 28 April – 13 May, 2018
- Tournoi de la Ville de Paris (8/10 goals) : 19 May – 3 June, 2018
- 124e Open de Paris Engel & Völkers (8/10 goals) : 9 June – 24 June, 2018
- 20e Open des Dames (4/8 goals) : 27 – 28 June, 2018
- Tournoi d'Automne (6/8 goals) : 1 – 16 September, 2018

“Polo de Paris” is a private club in the Bois de Boulogne, uniquely located in the heart of Paris, just a few minutes from the famous Champs Elysées. The Polo Club de Paris organizes six major tournaments each year, including the Open de Paris. This historic and world-famous tournament has already left the best players hoping to be at the top of the podium once in their lives. In June, “Polo de Paris” will organize the 124. Open de Paris. Five teams will participate in this major French polo event, including the winners of 2017, Team Kazak-Outsiders. The 124. Open de Paris Finale, which will not miss an elegant party, will take place on 24 June. At the end of September, the “Polo de Paris” will also host a stage of the French Polo Championships organized by the French Polo Association.

The first of the three 8-10 Goal Tournaments of the Paris Polo season, “Tournoi de Printemps”, welcomed six teams from April 28 to May 13, 2018: Sainte Mesme, Red Falcon, La Concepcion Polo, Kasak-Outsiders, Le Pommeray and Land Rover.

Sainte Mesme, winner of the Tournoi de Printemps since 2011 (except Team Costa Rica in 2016), wanted to secure the title again in 2018. But also the five other teams played with great ambition and good fair play for victory. For five days, the audience followed the qualification rounds with Red Falcon and La Concepcion Polo and their entry into the final. La Concepcion Polo, named after the splendid estancia of the Diego Braun family in Argentina, with Hanspeter Spek as captain, was the winner of the 2018 edition of the “Tournoi de Printemps”.

TEAMS

SAINTE MESME (+10)

- Robert Ström (+5)
- Jaime Serra (+2)
- Gonzalo Bernal (+3)
- Birger Ström (cap) (0)

RED FALCON (+10)

- Laurent Dassault (cap) (0)
- Jules Legoubin (+2)
- Ramiro Zavaleta (+4)
- Matthieu Delfosse (+4)

LA CONCEPCION POLO (+10)

- Hanspeter Spek (cap) (-1)
- Simon Zavaleta (+3)
- Martin Joaquin (+4)
- Diego Braun (+4)

KAZAK-OUTSIDERS (+10)

- Sébastien Aguetant (cap) (0)
- Nicolas Desjouis (cap) (0)
- Clément Delfosse (+5)
- Patrick Primaël Paillot (+5)

LE POMMERAY (+8/+9)

- V. & C. Smith (-1/0)
- Caroline Anier (+2)
- Facundo F. LLorente (+6)
- Derek Smith (cap) (+1)

LAND ROVER (+10)

- Alexandre Sztarkman (cap) (+1)
- Sam Sztarkman (0)
- Pierre-Henri N'Goumou (+6)
- Julien Reynes (+3)



Team Cartier win again at the Top of the World in St. Moritz. The final was an epic battle which reflected three tournament days of fierce challenges. After a tight 4,5:4 against Maserati The Red emerged victorious again.

BY NICK HINE PHOTOGRAPHY TONY RAMIREZ/IMAGES OF POLO

SNOW POLO WORLD CUP ST. MORITZ



Winning Team Cartier 2018. All that remains to be said, is, we can't wait for the Snow Polo World Cup St. Moritz 2019, on 25, 26 & 27 January 2019!

From the very first moment the ball was in play, the Cartier goal-scoring machines Dario Musso, Chris Hyde, Rommy Gianni and new Cartier teammate Juan Cruz Greguoli were on fire. As the teams thundered around the frozen lake in the first chukker, the boys in blue, Maserati, stuck to their 'Red Devil' adversaries like glue, desperately trying to keep the goal-scoring firepower at bay. Greguoli was the first to convert his continued efforts on goal, an excellent example of the ease with which these high goal players convert their grass polo expertise to snow. Despite a goal-less first chukker – Hissam Ali Hyder raced up and down the field with Robert Strom and Gerardo Mazzini ably backing him up. In a great play, Strom dribbled through not one, nor two, but three Cartier players to gently place the ball through the posts, thus narrowing the gap between the scores to 3,5:3 going into the final chukker. As the final chukker of the Snow Polo World Cup St. Moritz 2018 ticked by, Hyde suddenly became alive with polo fervour. Following a perfect penalty 4 goal, to put the scores to 4,5:3 he raced in front of the tense crowd with his stick in the air, who responded with a roar of thunderous applause led by the Cartier Managing Director (Switzerland) Mrs Laurence Bourgeois. With 1.41 minutes on the clock, Maserati made one more attempt to even the scoreboard and with the successful goal it looked like they might be able to break through, but the clock had other ideas.

The "Red Devils" won The Cartier Trophy and with it the Snow Polo World Cup St. Moritz 2018 – the third consecutive win for Captain, Rommy Gianni and a monumental seventh win for "The Prof" himself, Chris Hyde. The Cartier Trophy was presented by Mrs Laurence Bourgeois, Cartier Managing Director (Switzerland)

and Mrs Kaethy Dobers, the Boutique Director of Cartier St. Moritz. The Most Valuable Player was awarded to Dario Musso, whilst the Polo Times Best Playing Pony rug was presented to Zedan, played by Musso. Unsurprisingly, the Best Playing Patron was presented to the Cartier Captain Rommy Gianni.

The first match saw 2017 runners-up Badrutt's Palace take to the arena against AzerbaijanLand of Fire for the La Martina Cup. Azerbaijan, fresh from their win against the same team yesterday, were keen to have a repeat performance. With luck on their side and the pristine arena ready for action, cousins Adrian and "Lala" Laplacette were on their usual, vivacious form, expertly ferrying the ball up and down the arena to thunderous applause from the Azerbaijan fan-base in the stands. By half-time the scoreboard read 3:2 in Azerbaijan's favour and the goal scoring bonanza didn't stop there. Despite efforts from top goal scorer Melissa 'hattrick' Ganzi and her team, the boys in white had luck on their side and by the beginning of the final chukker it looked like it was all over. But, showing true resilience Badrutt's Palace came back fighting, with a goal in the final moments, however it just wasn't enough and Azerbaijan rode away the winners 5:4. Following the match, Enrico Roselli, CEO of La Martina Europe, presented the teams with their prizes to a roar from the Azerbaijani crowd. Ganzi said after the match, "I was the first woman to come to St. Moritz to play snow polo and it's so amazing to see so many lady players now showing an interest and taking part. I feel like I had a little part to play in that – it's a great feeling."

BEACH POLO CUP DUBAI

Great location, great polo: Team Nissan LEAF is the sovereign winner of the Beach Polo Cup Dubai 2017 presented by Nissan with a 9:6 against Team Royal Pearls.

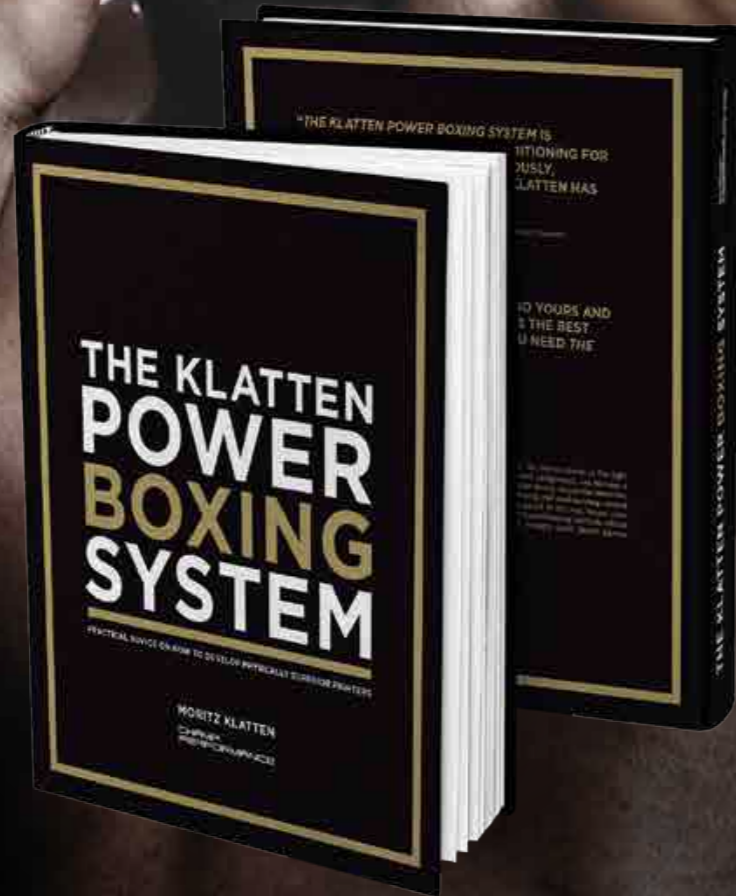
BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY BEACH POLO CLUB DUBAI

Team Nissan LEAF is the sovereign winner of the Beach Polo Cup Dubai 2017 presented by Nissan with a 9:6 against Team Royal Pearls. The Albwardy brothers Tariq and Rashed playing alongside Matias Machado, who is the resident instructor of the Desert Palm Polo Club, left no doubt about their superiority in the decisive match. Tariq, who has played polo all over the world, scored several goals for his team. Though Royal Pearls started the encounter with a goal by Lucas Labat, Nissan LEAF took the lead from then on and did not give away their advantage. Team Royal Pearls featuring Moritz Gädeke from Berlin and the Argentinean pro Lucas Labat as well as Dr. Piero Dillier and Andreas Bihrer from Switzerland sharing a position, fell back to 8:3 in the third chukker. In the fourth game, Piero Dillier, Moritz Gädeke and of course Lucas Labat could bravely catch up to the final score of 9:6 for Nissan LEAF.

The subsidiary final for the third place saw Team HILLS Advertising featuring the very strong Dubai debutant Juan Jose „JJ“ Storni from Argentina playing alongside the English Jan Bladen (Dubai resident) and the last years winner Sam Instone. With a 5:1 against ArtMarine with Ayyad Damouni, Rashed Al Sayegh and Maxi Malacalza, HILLS Advertising won clearly and deserved.

Under the Patronage of HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of Dubai Sports Council, the Beach Polo Cup Dubai 2017 presented by Nissan has been a part of the prestigious sporting events calendar in the region for more than a decade. The entire tournament was broadcasted again to the Dubai television and livestreamed on the internet and through international polo media. It is the

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RANKING

- 1. Nissan Leaf**
 - 🇨🇦 Rashed Albwardy
 - 🇨🇦 Tariq Albwardy
 - 🇧🇷 Matias Machado
- 2. Royal Pearls**
 - 🇨🇦 Piero Dillier
 - 🇨🇦 Andreas Bihrer
 - 🇩🇪 Moritz Gädeke
 - 🇧🇷 Lucas Labat
- 3. Hills Advertising LL.C**
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 - 🇩🇪 Sam Instone
 - 🇧🇷 Juan Jose Storni
- 4. Art Marine**
 - 🇨🇦 Ayaad Damouni
 - 🇨🇦 Rashed al Sayegh
 - 🇧🇷 Maxi Malacalze



1 Prizegiving ceremony at the polo arena 2 Maxi Malacalze, Team Art Marine & Winner Juan Jose Storni, Team Nissan Leaf 3 The new POLO+10 Fans.

venue at the Dubai Marina surrounded by the lightened skyscrapers and the most exclusive set-up of the polo arena, which makes the Beach Polo Cup Dubai presented by Nissan last December again to one of the most glamorous polo events in the world. In the break between the two matches the huge audience empathically applauded to diverse artistic horse actions and dressage presentations in a spectacular lightshow.

Jan-Erik Franck, Commentator: „Once again Sam and Gaby Katiela from mamemo have raised the barr making the Beach Polo Cup Dubai 2017 an exceptional and amazing experience. The atmosphere in the stands and the action on the field was electrifying and enjoyed by everyone. For any polo aficionado a ‘Must see’.” Nissan Leaf deserved to win, but the Royal Pearls were a

worthy opposition and finalist. Tournament Organiser and Managing Director Gaby and Sam Katiela: „It was an amazing feeling for both of us to receive so many compliments and beautiful smiles from all our guests, supporters, sponsors and players. The Beach Polo Cup Dubai 2017 presented by Nissan was the most beautiful and emotional edition for us since we started it in 2004. We look forward to many more to come. It proves again that passionate hard work, sophisticated performance, attention to detail, honesty and care in all parts and with everybody pays of. The surprise visit of HH Sheikh Mansour bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum made it all just perfect. This shows that Dubai/UAE is one of the greatest places to live in the world.“

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CBC SPORT ARENA POLO WORLD CUP BAKU AZERBAIJAN

In September 2017, the 5th CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan in Baku celebrated its local heroes when Team Azerbaijan won the arena polo final with a clear and deserved result of 11,5:5. The 6th issue of the successful arena polo event takes place in June.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING
PHOTOGRAPHY TONY RAMIREZ/WORLD POLO





1 March-in of the polo teams 2 Team Pasha Private Banking ended up on the fourth place 3 polo action in front of the scoreboard 4 Azeri polo fans 5 prizegiving ceremony with General Elcin Guliyev, President of the ARAF 6 exhibition of Improtex Motors.

RANKING

1. Team CBC Sport/Elite Horse & Polo Club (Baku, Azerbaijan)

- Elchin Jamalli, TC (+4)
- Rashad Hasanov (+2)
- Ali Rzayev (+1)
- Amil Namazov (+1)
- Tarlan Gurbanaliyev (+2)

2. Team Azersun/Evviva Polo Club (St. Moritz, Switzerland)

- Zhanna Bandurko, TC (+1)
- Raya Sidorenko (+1)
- Martin de Estrada (+4)
- Santiago de Estrada (+7)

3. Team Improtex Motors/Grand Champions Polo Club (Palm Beach, USA)

- Melissa Ganzi, TC (+1)
- Juan Bollini (+7)
- Tito Gaudenzi (+3)

4. Team Pasha Private Banking/Monte-Carlo Polo Team (Monte-Carlo, Monaco)

- Rommy Gianni, TC (+2)
- Chris Hyde (+9)
- Giles Greenwood (+1)

It was a rush of a final at the 5th CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan at the Elite Horse & Polo Club in Baku. The teams played in front of an enthusiastic crowd that enjoyed an awesome polo weekend. Fast and clever polo, thrilling matches and with Elchin Jamalli (+4) a captain of the winning team, who is not only the hero of the day but was also awarded “Most Valuable Player” of the tournament. The two finalists had both won their first encounters of the tournament on Friday. Saturday they met again, and the Azeri local Team CBC Sport emerged already victorious against Team Azersun/Evviva Polo Club with 7,5:4.

In the subsidiary final for the third place Team Improtex Motors/Grand Champions Polo Club (Palm Beach, USA) met Team Pasha Private Banking/Monte-Carlo Polo Team (Monte-Carlo, Monaco). Both teams featured a competitive encounter. Finally the Americans from Improtex Motors were able to take their chances and end up

with 6,5:3 against the English with Teamcaptain Rommy Gianni. 2017 the CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan entered the stage in a new appearance as the organisers Bahruz Nabiyeve of the Equestrian Federation of Azerbaijan Republic (ARAF) and Reto Gaudenzi and his team of Worldpolo presented the tournament with a significant bigger VIP area and glamorous new look. With CBC Sport a great title sponsor features the polo venue and provides a live coverage of all the matches on the Azeri TV with millions of viewers. Official Supplier is again the world-renowned polo fashion brand La Martina from Argentina.

As in 2016, the glamorous “Baku Moritz Night” at the Elite Horse & Polo Club Event Hall on Saturday night, featured an impressive range of artists, the Symphonic Orchestra of Azerbaijan and a unique cooperation with the legendary Badrutt’s Palace Hotel St. Moritz and the local catering of the Elite Horse & Polo Club Bina.

General Elcin Guliyev, President of the ARAF was very delighted to welcome the international polo community for the fifth time in the vibrant city of Baku. The tournament, which was launched to be held under the motto “polo is coming home” in 2013 is now at a point of huge international interest and awareness. “Due to the fact, that Azerbaijan State and the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Ilham Aliyev, have paid great attention to the development of sports in our country, we are now facing a formation of vertile conditions – also for the sport of polo. The victory of the Azeri team at the Arena Polo Championship in 2015 was the first continental championship in the sports history of Azerbaijan. I would like to express my deep gratitude to all sponsors and organizational staff, who supported the tournament and worked with great energy and competence in order to present the competition on the highest level.” Organizer Reto Gaudenzi from World Polo considers the recent issue of the CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan as “the best ever”. Polo nation Azerbaijan is about to become a ‘new polo force in Europe’. “We are very much looking forward to the next year’s issue of the CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan and are excited to host the European Polo Championship on grass in 2020.”



ARGENTINA
POLO ACADEMY
EUROPE

For all those who wish to combine polo lifestyle with intensive training and want to improve their polo skills rapidly, the Argentina Polo Academy offers active training 365 days per year. In May 2017, they opened as well an Academy in Europe – the Club in Jerez de la Frontera in Andalusio, close to the beautiful Costa de la Luz.



The Argentina Polo Academy in Pilar / Argentina is located 45 minutes from Buenos Aires, in the heart of the Argentine Polomecca of Pilar. Four polo fields, the most qualified trainers, one-to-one courses, a seminar house and more than 50 polo ponies offer optimal training conditions.

One year ago, in May 2017, the Argentina Polo Academy opened its doors as well in Jerez/Spain. Located at the Polo Club del Sol in the Andalusian countryside and 20 minutes from the old town of Jerez and the airport, the Argentina Polo Academy holds three official polo fields, a stick & ball field, one large hall for training and chukkers as well as 120 boxes, paddocks, a roundpen etc.. Jerez is located in Andalusia, 30 minutes from the most beautiful beaches of the Costa de la Luz and is known for its high quality of life: wine, flamenco, horses, and the old town with narrow streets and numerous bars. Andalusian traditions with the famous Ferias and 3,000 hours of sunshine a year make it a perfect destination.

The programme at the new Argentina Polo Academy in Spain features as many activities and classes as the destination in Argentina does. Focus lays on the daily player training and polo education. Guests are welcome for polo holiday, polo weekends and the polo working experience as well as regular clinics, polo events and tournaments.

The European Polo Horse Education Center Club at the Polo del Sol has currently more than 50 horses. Young horses are trained by Argentine professionals and players' horses can be picked up and corrected. Polo horses can be purchased. The Academy organizes on request accommodation and transfer from the airport. Horses and equipment are provided by the Academy.

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

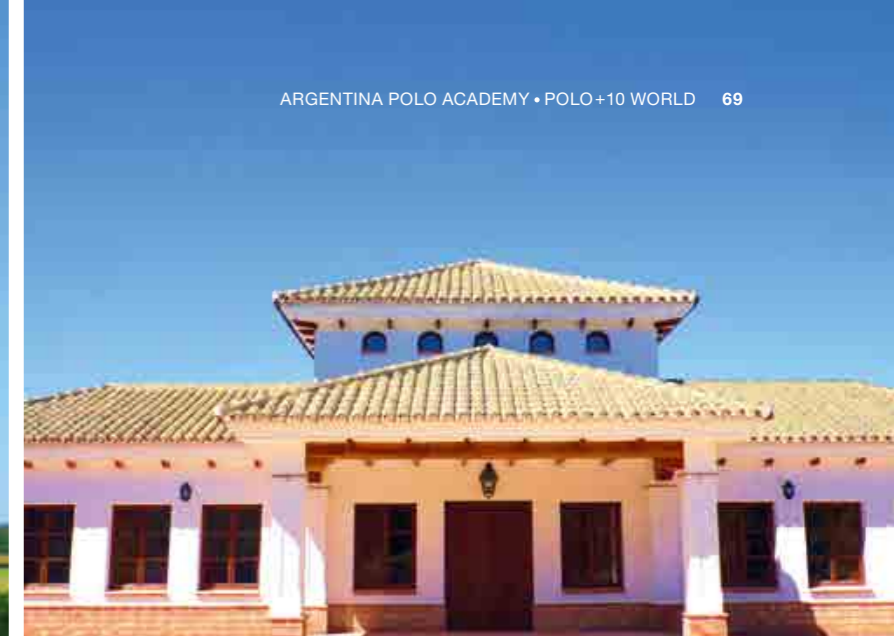
Whether absolute beginner or advanced player – the unique methodology developed by the Argentina Polo Academy guarantees a 100% intensive experience and fast progress. This is made possible through intensive training that does not impose any time limits as well as a highly motivated team made up of professional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

Three programmes with individual focal points are available to choose from. The most intensive experience is offered by the programme "Polo Holiday". Daily personalised training and coaching sessions, club chukkers and theory and practical classes with

no time limits ensure the fastest possible progress in polo. Those who want to find out more about polo and everything related to it at little cost will find the programme "Polo Working" perfect. The "Polo Exchange Programme" has been designed especially for polo clubs. With this programme, members get the opportunity to benefit from the excellent training facilities of the Academy for special conditions.

The Academy organises pick up from the airport, as well as accommodation and varied polo training tailored to their needs. Guests are accommodated in the Academy Seminar House. The colonial style country house is situated just five minutes away and surrounded by 15 hectares of green countryside with fig and lemon trees, paddocks, a Venetian pool and one of a total of four polo pitches. Experience the Argentine polo lifestyle, train together with professional players, eat asado with the grooms, go polo shopping with the manager, visit high goal tournaments and practise your swing in daily classes and club chukkers – get stuck in and welcome to the Academy!

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EASTER POLO WEEK - March 29-30
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JODHPUR POLO CLUB

HERITAGE AND HORSES



The Jodhpur Polo Season is undoubtedly the most sought after in India and for good reason. His Highness Maharaja Gajsingh II, Marwar, Jodhpur and other patrons promotes the sport in many ways. The Polo Club Jodhpur was also the venue for the POLO+10 World Tour.

**TEAM JODHPUR POLO CLUB**

From the left: Kr. Dhananjay Singh, Bhanwar Janmejai Singh, Katriona Shrivs (UK), Bhanwar Hemendra Singh.

**TEAM JAIPUR**

From the left: Mr. Deepak Udar, HH Maharaja Padmanabh Singh of Jaipur, Vera Kubick (GER), Stuart Allan (UAE).



Brenda Phillips (+10) and HH Maharaja Padmanabh Singh of Jaipur (Team Jaipur).

**TEAM POLO FACTORY**

From the left: HH Nripendra Bikram Shah, Mario Sander (PHI), Kr. Vikramaditya Singh, Capt. Rohit Baswain.

**TEAM POLO+10**

From the left: Jai Shergill, Brenda Phillips (USA), Nicole E.A. DeBerg (USA), Lamar Rutherford (USA).

1. Patron in chief: His Highness Maharaja Gajsingh II, Marwar, Jodhpur

Each winter, the Blue City of Jodhpur reverberates with the sound of horses' hooves and players; the Jodhpur Polo Season, is undoubtedly the most sought after in India and for good reason.

The onus of placing the City's heritage of Polo onto the map is undoubtedly to the credit of His Highness Maharaja Gajsingh II, Marwar, Jodhpur; he has used his love for the sport of polo to steer it in the direction of the game becoming more accessible to the common man as well as polo enthusiasts, both in and out of Jodhpur. As the Founder Patron-in-Chief of the Jodhpur Polo & Equestrian Institute and the All India Marwari Horse Society, His Highness has left no stone unturned to promote polo-speaking on myriad platforms of his concern for the welfare of the ponies, the

training facilities for the players and the sponsorships available. His efforts have slowly, but surely, borne fruit – women's polo is gradually picking up and the number of younger players is also on the rise. The Maharaja's ultimate aim is to restore Olympic glory to the Sport of Kings – who knows, with the efforts of patrons like himself, this dream could soon be reality.

2. Patron: HH Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh Singh of Jaipur

His Highness Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh Singh of Jaipur exudes grace and humility, unique to his age. 'Pacho' may well be hailed as the 'young icon of polo in India'! He has the distinction of scoring the golden goal in the zonal match in Iran in June 2017, sky rocketing the Indian team into the arena of the World Polo Championship which was held in Sydney last year. His Highness is the keen bearer of a rich legacy for it was none other than his late grandfather HH

Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II of Jaipur, who led India to victory in the World Cup in 1957, in France. Educated in India and the UK, this twenty-first century royal is unlike any other, as he humbles himself before polo veterans and stalwarts – learning and absorbing from the experiences of the polo greats. Impeccable taste, subtle elegance and a well-defined grace have catapulted Padmanabh into the world of brand ambassadorship, as there is no dearth of offers from India or even as far as Argentina. Polo needs Pacho, although the reverse is as true.

3. Patron: Polo Factory

Vikramaditya Barkana and Jai Singh are to be credited with popularising the Sport of Kings amongst people from all walks of life – bankers, entrepreneurs, politicians, socialites and the media. They have the distinction of giving the sport of polo a flair and elegance

which are synonymous with their brand Polo Factory. From its humble beginnings in 2012, Polo Factory has risen to a veritable force to contend with; with just a precious ten clients at first, today the Brand boasts of operations in fifteen countries – from Africa to the Middle East and from Ireland to Australia, including franchise stores in New Zealand and UK. Over four hundred horses and a hundred players sport the brand with pride!

'Chic, luxurious and suave', Polo Factory offers 'affordable luxury' specially crafted with the best raw materials, by top notch artisans. The Brand also offers consultation services on team & tournament management, off site polo events, development of polo infrastructure – to name a few; it is the endeavour of the Directors to introduce two new ranges every year, to increase their connect and support for the sport. Polo Factory is indeed a feather in the polo cap!



Jodhpur Polo & Equestrian Institute

The Jodhpur Polo & Equestrian Institute (JPEI) under the aegis of HH Maharaja Gajsingh II, Marwar, Jodhpur, is also referred to as the Jodhpur Polo Club.

The Blue City's showers utmost care and love on the equine beauties at the royal stables. Polo enthusiasts will agree that some of the best looked after and well cared for animals are at the JPC's three paddocks, with stabling for forty or more horses. The Club also offers two grass polo fields which readily welcome guests and players to use the grounds.

Polo has a special place in the history of the Rajput Royals, yet, the passage of time and the shifting tides of affairs meant a lull for the Sport.

It wasn't until 1993 that HH doubled the effort to restore glory to Polo. He first re-introduced the Jodhpur Polo Team, which was keenly led by Yuvraj Shivraj Singh. In the ensuing decade thereafter, Polo regained its glory, after almost half a century!

The Club today is the envy of many in the Indian polo circuit; the annual polo gala or the Jodhpur Season draws some of the world's best teams and players to spend a fruitful month playing polo and sampling the legendary Marwari hospitality.

Come November, polo ponies are a common sight as they trot the streets after their routine on the dew-soaked, early winter mornings. Their hooves provide a happy cadence that greets a fresh Season of grand play and festivities over the next few weeks.

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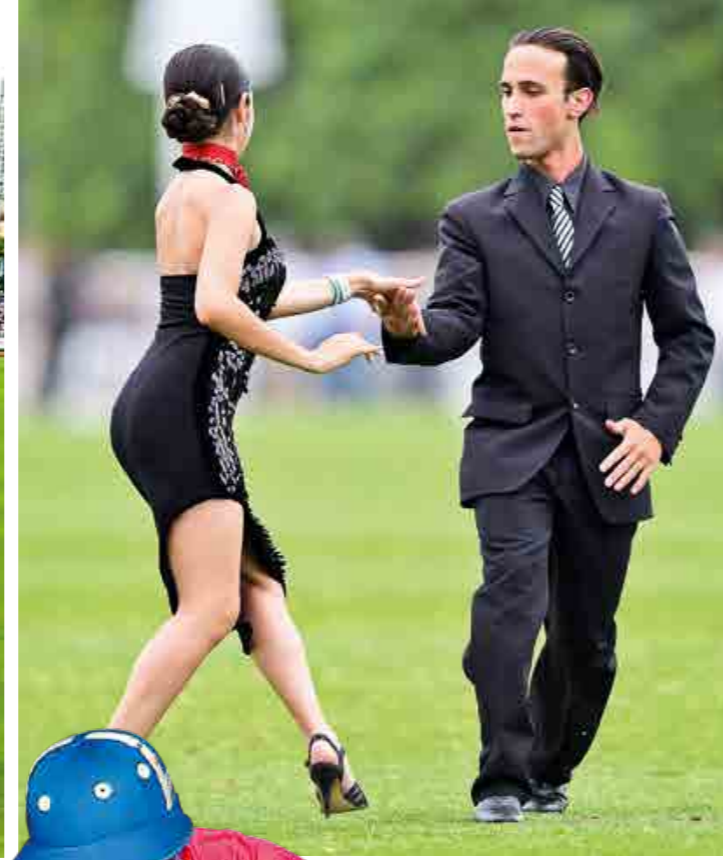
ARGENTINE

POLO OPEN

2 December 2017 was historic and for sure marked in the calendar of the international polo community. Not only that the crowd expected the „classic“ final of the Argentine Open – Ellerstina vs La Dolfina – but also the inauguration and final of the ever first Argentine Women’s Polo Open at the „Cathedral of Polo“ in Palermo/Buenos Aires.

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La Dolfina Brava with Mía Cambiaso 5, Milagros Fernández Araujo 6, Nina Clarkin 10 and Candelaria Fernández Araujo 6 was the winner of the 1st Argentine Open Women's Polo Championship.

The very first edition of the Ladies Argentine Open Championship was held at the Alfredo Lalor de Pilar headquarters of the Argentine Polo Association from Tuesday 21 November until 2 December. The Women's Final took place on 2 December before the grand final of the men at the Argentine Polo Field in Palermo. 6 women's teams with up to 30 goals teamhandicap and players from Argentina, Germany, USA, France and England took part. The Board of Directors of the Argentine Polo Association – since 1 May 31 led by Eduardo Novillo Astrada – had launched the new Argentine Open Championship of Women's Polo as one of the first official acts. Now the first edition of this new tournament set an exciting milestone in the history of Ladies Polo.

La Dolfina Brava with Mía Cambiaso 5, Milagros Fernández Araujo 6, Nina Clarkin 10 and Candelaria Fernández Araujo 6 was the winner of the 1st Argentine Open Women's Polo Championship. The final against Ellerstina featuring Clara Cassino 6, Hazel Jackson-Gaona 8, Lía Salvo 9 and Sarah Wiseman 7 was held right before the decisive men's match at the the Argentine Polo Field in Palermo. In a very good match in which the two unbeaten teams faced each other, La Dolfina Brava won the title after beating Ellerstina 7:6 in a supplementary chukker thanks to Nina Clarkin's golden goal after converting a penalty kick from the 30 yards. After the first chukker has offered various options for both teams, the second round was the opposite: tangled, locked and very fought, no goals. From there, La Dolfina Brava began to handle the actions and took the lead with 6:3. But in the last chukker, Lía Salvo realised the unthinkable and scored 3 goals in a row which took the match to supplementary. There, after two chances squandered by sisters Cande and Mila Fernandez Araujo, Nina Clarkin took advantage of a foul and saved the title for her team by scoring to 7:6 from 30 yards. The major trophy was awarded to the captain of La Dolfina Brava, Mía Cambiaso, by the president and CEO of

Newsan Group (ATMA), Luis Galli. Most Valuable Player of the 1st Argentine Open Women's Polo Championship became Candelaria Fernández Araujo while Lía Salvo was the tournament's leading scorer with 23 goals. Congratulations, La Dolfina Brava!

The legendary final of the best and most important polo tournaments in the world featured again the traditional encounters La Dolfina and Ellerstina. Ellerstina started the firstchukker with a lead of 3:1. But La Dolfina came back in the second chukker with goals from Cambiaso, MacDonough and Pieres – score 4:3. After an evenly balanced and thrilling match until the fifth chukker, which ended equally at 8 a piece, JuanMa and Pablo put the heat on during the 6th chukker, not letting anyone through their La Dolfina defence. By the beginning of the 8th and supposedly final chukker, Ellerstina was behind by 4 goals. But the Pieres brothers Polito and Facu scored and converted two further penalties into goals, the final one with only 30 seconds on the clock. The audience went wild! So, the encounter went into overtime at a 13:13 score in the 8th chukker. La Dolfina took advantage of an air shot by Polito Pieres to regain possession and Adolfo Cambiaso launched a long pass to Juan Martín Nero who scored the winning goal taking La Dolfina to a 14:13 win, their fourth consecutive win against Ellerstina and fifth win in a row at the Argentine Open.

La Dolfina won its 11th title in Palermo in its final No. 17 (13 consecutive) since the club was created in 2000 (only in 2004 La Dolfina did not reach the decisive match). Adolfo Cambiaso, who played his 100th match at the Cathedral of Polo in Palermo during the 124. Argentine Open, achieved his 14th title. Juan M. Nero and Pablo Mac Donough won their Palermo Open No. 8, while David Stirling was awarded his 6th title in history.



XI FIP
WORLD POLO
 CHAMPIONSHIP SYDNEY 2017

Argentina is the winner of the XI FIP World Polo Championship Sydney 2017. By defeating Chile in a nailbiting final, the polo nation claims its third world champion triumph.

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RESULTS
XI WORLD POLO
CHAMPIONSHIP SYDNEY 2017

FINAL
Argentina 8 – Chile 7

England 6 – USA 5

28th October 2017

New Zealand 9 – India 8

USA 15 – Spain 9 1/2

England 8 – Chile 5

Argentina 9 – Australia 5 1/2

25th October 2017

Chile 11 – India 2

New Zealand 11 – England 8

24th October

Argentina 12 – Spain 3 1/2

USA 7 – Australia 5

22nd October 2017

Chile 9 – New Zealand 2

England 16 – India 1

21st October 2017

Australia 10 – Spain 9

Argentina 12 – USA 9 1/2







Argentina is the winner of the XI FIP World Polo Championship in Sydney 2017.

After over a year of preparation, the Sydney Polo Club welcomed the international polo community for the XI FIP World Polo Championship Sydney 2017 from October 21-29. Established in 1987, the FIP World Polo Championship takes place once every three years in a different country around the world. In Sydney, Argentina won their third FIP World Championship with an overtime goal by Lucio Fernandez Ocampo in dramatic scenes. Argentina had the upper hand in the first half that saw the Chileans blunt the Argentine attack with relentless man marking. Time and time again Argentina tried to free up the play but saw multiple attempted passes blocked. If Argentina looked in more control in the first half, it was Andres Vidal who was the rock for Chile. He gained control of the game in the second half. While Argentina won far more first phase possession, winning 15 throw ins to six from Chile, it was Chile in the second half who managed to find runners and gain the ascendancy. As commentator Glen Gilmore said during the game, "both teams protect the man with the ball so well." In doing so, the game remained tense rather than free flowing.

The build up to the dramatic final started in the fourth chukker. In a nail biting last regular chukker, the Chilean defenders left the ball, terrified of committing a foul. Hector Guerrero picked up the ball and advanced up field. With 10 seconds remaining he was pushed off the play but his teammate Lucio Fernandez Ocampo was first to pick up the ball behind him, hammering a shot through the posts. Now the game was tied for Argentina with one second remaining in the final chukker. And it was again Ocampo, who scored the golden goal for Argentina in overtime.

As well in an overtime and thrilling chukker England beat USA to claim the bronze medal of the 11th FIP World Championship at Sydney Polo Club. The game had looked comfortable for England until the fourth chukka, winning almost double the throw-ins and benefitting from USA missing open chances to score from close range and a crucial 40-yard penalty at the start of the fourth chukker. With four professional players on each team, both teams looked to counter and use all their men at the first opportunity. Into the extra chukka the game went. USA fired from distance, as they had regularly all game, but the ball crept left of the post. Finally England claimed the bronze medal by scoring the golden goal to a 5:4 victory. "Great to win third but that wasn't the objective," said England's captain Dhillon, who again referred back to the game against New Zealand which they lost to hand Chile the advantage in Zone B.

Compliments on the horses were today taken a new level as players say they are considering buying some of the horses being lent to them. Whether that is just apres-game talk or not, what higher compliment could there be to the tournament and to those Australians who have lent their horses?

	City	1st	2nd	3rd
I	1987 Buenos Aires, Argentina	Argentina	Mexico	Brazil
II	1989 Berlin, Germany	United States	England	Argentina
III	1992 Santiago, Chile	Argentina	Chile	England
IV	1995 Sankt Moritz, Switzerland	Brazil	Argentina	Mexico
V	1998 Santa Barbara, United States	Argentina	Brazil	England
VI	2001 Melbourne, Australia	Brazil	Australia	Argentina
VII	2004 Chantilly, France	Brazil	England	Chile
VIII	2008 Mexico City, Mexico	Chile	Brazil	Mexico
IX	2011 Estancia Granco, Argentina	Argentina	Brazil	Italy
X	2015 Santiago, Chile	Chile	United States	Brazil
XI	2017 Sydney, Australia	Argentina	Chile	England

APPL WORLD TOUR

Felipe Viana, USA.

The All Pro Polo League (APPL) continued its 2018 World Tour in April, landing in its third destination of the year: Brazil. Three matches were played at Helvetia Polo Club, Indaiatuba, which saw top players like Pelon Stirling, Sapo Caset, Facundo Sola and Ignatius Du Plessis take to the field.

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1 Sylvio Coutinho & Eduardo Junqueira 2 Teams USA & ARG, ARG 3 Pablo Mac 4 Facundo Sola 5 80 goals, ARG 6 Sapo Caset 7 Justin Daniels, Hilario Ulloa, Jason Crowder & Jared Zenni, USA.

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All Pro Polo League, Team USA.

Caset and Du Plessis teamed up with Pedrinho Zacharias and Willian Rodrigues, both local 7-goal players, to challenge Facundo Sola and Pelon Stirling, who played alongside Joao Paulo Ganon and Olavo Novaes (also 7-goals). Action continued on Sunday with two matches, where the high goalers shared the field with Brazilians enthusiastic to play with APPL rules. The last time an outstanding Argentine player travelled to Brazil to play was in the year 2000, when the Heguys visited. So an appearance from 10-goal superstar Sapo Caset was very well received. "This was my first time in Brazil and it was a lot of fun," shares Caset. "The people are very considerate and kind. I was pleasantly surprised by the level of polo there, by the club, the fields, the private grounds, everything was first class. The APPL matches were competitive, and there were several Brazilians who play well and have a lot of potential."

"Playing the APPL is always good fun, and we are working to further polish the rules," continues Caset. "In fact, after discussing it with Javier Tanoira, we tweaked a rule before the games on Sunday. It is always positive to continue innovating and improving. I think Javier's concept of an APPL World Tour is great. So far this year I have played the APPL in the US, now in Brazil, and we hope to be able to organise an exhibition in Russia during the football World Cup. It's also likely that we will do something in England. I support the APPL and I'm happy to be a part of the project." Javier Tanoira, founder of the All Pro Polo League, is adamant that the level of polo can only grow on a global scale if players from diverse nationalities improve. He holds that this can only happen if these up-and-coming players can learn from the best in the world. Tanoira believes that Brazil has potential to become one of the central destinations of the international polo circuit. "Brazil has a very prominent polo culture," he explains. "Those who play have a higher than average level of polo than in other countries, so there are not necessarily many patrons. In most places, the only way to create good polo is by hiring foreigners, but the Brazilians can play good polo among themselves. Brazil is going to be a set fixture in the APPL World Tour. We are working together with the locals and we are very in sync with everyone there."

Brazilian Pedrinho Zacharias was much inspired by the concept behind the league. "I loved playing the APPL," he shares. "The game really changes with the new rules, it is a lot faster and more dynamic. Players nowadays change very frequently and I am not sure if today's horses can handle playing five minutes non stop, but we have to change that mentality and learn how to manage the horses. Playing with Pelon, Sapo, and Facu was an amazing experience." The next stop on the All Pro Polo League WORLD TOUR: France!

Follow @allpropolo on social media for information on fixtures.

TEAMS

- Sao Jose (32)**
 - Pedrinho Zacharias (7)
 - Willian Rodrigues (7)
 - Sapo Caset (10)
 - Ignatiues Du Plesses (8)

- Toca do Gato (18)**
 - Sapo Caset (10)
 - Rafael Villela (5)
 - Jorge D. Junqueira F. (3)
 - Tom Ferreira (0)

- Itaguaí (17)**
 - Guilherme Lins (5)
 - Javier Tanoira (5)
 - Serginho Figueiredo (3)
 - Luiz D. Junqueira (4)

- Sao Martinho (33)**
 - Facundo Sola (9)
 - Joao Paulo Ganon (5)
 - Pelon Stirling (4)
 - Olavo Novaes (0)

- Abacateiro (18)**
 - Facundo Sola (9)
 - Sylvinho Coutinho (5)
 - Ubajara Andrade (4)
 - Edinho Leite (0)

- Maragata (17)**
 - Luiz Paulo Bastos (6)
 - Alexandre Junqueira (7)
 - Eduardo D. Junqueira (3)
 - Sergito Cardoso (1)



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JAVIER TANOIRA

FOUNDER OF THE ALL PRO POLO LEAGUE (APPL)

WHAT IS THE GENERAL IDEA OF THE ALL PRO POLO LEAGUE?

The APPL works to encourage dynamic, open polo and motivate a professional attitude towards the sport. Fundamentally, the league hopes to make polo a more straightforward, enjoyable spectator sport, by enhancing the qualities that make the game so thrilling. This is done through a new set of rules, which have been put in place to simplify the game, not only for spectators, but for players and umpires as well.

YOU HAVE BEEN YOURSELF A 7-GOAL POLO PRO. WHEN AND WHY DID YOU COME TO THE POINT WHERE YOU DECIDED TO MAKE POLO SIMPLER, MORE DYNAMIC, MORE OPEN AND MORE ENJOYABLE FOR THE VISITORS? I retired from polo when I was still young, at thirty-two, because what I was playing was not exciting anymore. The speed of the game had decreased and that was a big turn off. My generation was the last to be taught that if you hit the ball and went flat out you would win. I fell out of love with polo in 2002 when I saw it start to deteriorate, and from that moment it has continued to slide downhill. In 2009, I wrote an essay entitled "A Reflection on Argentine Polo" commenting on the

problems the sport was facing. It's quite simple, actually: If the players on the field are having a good time, then so will the spectators. For that to happen polo needs to regain the speed and rhythm it once had. In 2015, I decided to put my words into action and I founded the All Pro Polo League.

THEREFORE YOU DEFINED NEW RULES, WHAT ARE THEY ABOUT IN PARTICULAR?

The rules are designed to make the game faster and simpler to understand. I can tell that the players really like this kind of game. They have to think faster and it helps them improve. We generally talk about speed but what we are trying to achieve is rhythm of play; rhythm is what makes the game entertaining. The key to good polo is maintaining the speed throughout the whole chukka, and APPL rules are designed to promote this. In most high-goal or patron-based polo you get a couple of chukkas that are fast, but then there is a foul, play stops, and you have a period of time where play is very tangled, players are shouting and sticking their mallets up. That is what we are trying to avoid.

But the most significant rule imposed by the APPL is the limitation of one horse per chukka. There are two fundamental reasons why we believe this rule is beneficial for polo. The first is simply common sense, considering that twenty years ago, when polo was more fluid than it is today, only one horse was played per chukka. Consider that good mares used to play two whole chukkas in the Argentine high goal. Horses did not tire because polo was a team sport; the problem is that polo today is centred on the individual. Horses do not tire from running; what exhausts them is the constant stopping, starting and crashing that is so common in polo nowadays. By limiting the number of horses allowed per chukka, we intend to force players to play polo as it was originally. Our aim is to create a more attractive spectacle for everyone involved, beyond winning or losing. The other reason has to do with self-limitation.

Every season more people, namely patrons, distance themselves from the polo world because they cannot compete with the big organisations with unlimited budgets and players who use twelve or fourteen horses per game. By limiting the number of horses to be played per chukka, thus allowing only six horses per match, we are rewarding the players who focus their efforts on riding well and training their horses correctly, those who administer the energy of their horses, and overall, we are rewarding the best horses. We believe that this rule will revolutionise the sport of polo, making it more accessible to a wider audience. This type of limitation has already been enforced in other sports—motor racing limited the number of cars a team could use during a championship—and has seen positive results. In these first editions of the APPL, we have reduced the length of a chukka from seven minutes down to five. Players will be able to adjust to the rules and have time to prepare their horses for the challenge, but we hope to play seven minute chukkas with one horse in future editions.

THE APPL IS WORKING ON A NEW DEFINITION AND UNDERSTANDING OF POLO IN THE FUTURE. WHAT ARE YOUR NEXT STEPS IN THIS DIRECTION? It is not so much a new definition, but more a way of recovering the sporting values that have been lost. We must remember that polo is the oldest team sport in existence, dating back thousands of years. A boring sport doesn't survive that long. Polo was once a spectacular sporting event, but over the years it has transformed into something terrible to play and watch. This happened because everyone, and I include myself, let the sport be governed by self interest. The players changed the game to benefit themselves, as did those in leading positions, and the polo world failed to control this behaviour. We need to look at what made polo such an attractive sport originally and work to merge those principals with the increased skill and growth in technology there is today.



YOU ALREADY HAVE A BROAD SUPPORT FROM THE IMPORTANT POLO ASSOCIATIONS. WHAT IS THEIR COMMENT ON THE APPL AIMS? They all support the APPL and are in favour of what we are trying to promote. We need them to be more proactive, however. Our aim is to unite every Association and let them be the owners of the League, that way they will do everything possible to grow the APPL. We want to League to revolutionise the sport and benefit everyone.

THE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL APPL TOURNAMENTS INCREASED SINCE 2015. WHERE ARE YOU HOSTING APPL TOURNAMENTS IN 2018? This year we are hosting our first APPL World Tour. We started with a tournament in Palm Beach, USA, in March. We now travel to Brazil, then England in June, France in July, Spain in August, and back to Argentina in November.

WHY IS THE IDEA OF A LEAGUE (KIDS AND PROS) IMPORTANT AND WHAT DOES THIS STRUCTURE INTEND?

We believe that Argentina's dominance is a barrier to the development of the sport, and it is time that we, as Argentines, do something about it. That is why we have started to structure our tournaments around 10 goal players and local, up-and-coming youngsters. The only way a polo player of any level can improve is by playing with and against the best players in the world at a level superior to the one they are used to. That is how Argentine players grow, and it is unfair that other nationalities don't have that possibility on a recurring basis. Our current format is unique because it gives American, French, Spanish, English and Brazilian players the chance to learn from the best.

WITH YOUR ESSAY "A REFLECTION ON ARGENTINE POLO" YOU CREATED THE BASIS OF WHAT THE APPL DEALS WITH TODAY. WHAT NEEDS TO BE RENEWED IN POLO IN GENERAL?

Polo was transformed forty years ago when patrons came into the picture. The necessity to fund the sport destabilised the game. Professionals began playing with amateurs and the quality of play decreased enormously. This never happened in any other sport; pros always play with pros, children with players their age, and veterans compete with veterans. When amateurs started becoming an integral part of polo, no one stopped to consider the rules, or if anything in the game needed to be adapted. As a result, polo became slower, more dangerous, and almost political. Towards the end of the 1970s polo reached a breaking point and nobody stepped in. We need to renew the vibrancy of polo of the past by allowing professionals to compete among themselves. We need to recover the fundamentals of polo, and tie them in with the advancements made in skill and technology. ●

VAL DE VIE ESTATE

Surrounded by the awe-inspiring mountain ranges and vineyards of the famous Paarl-Franschhoek Valley, Val de Vie Estate is one of the most spectacular polo estates in the world.

BY VAL DE VIE ESTATE

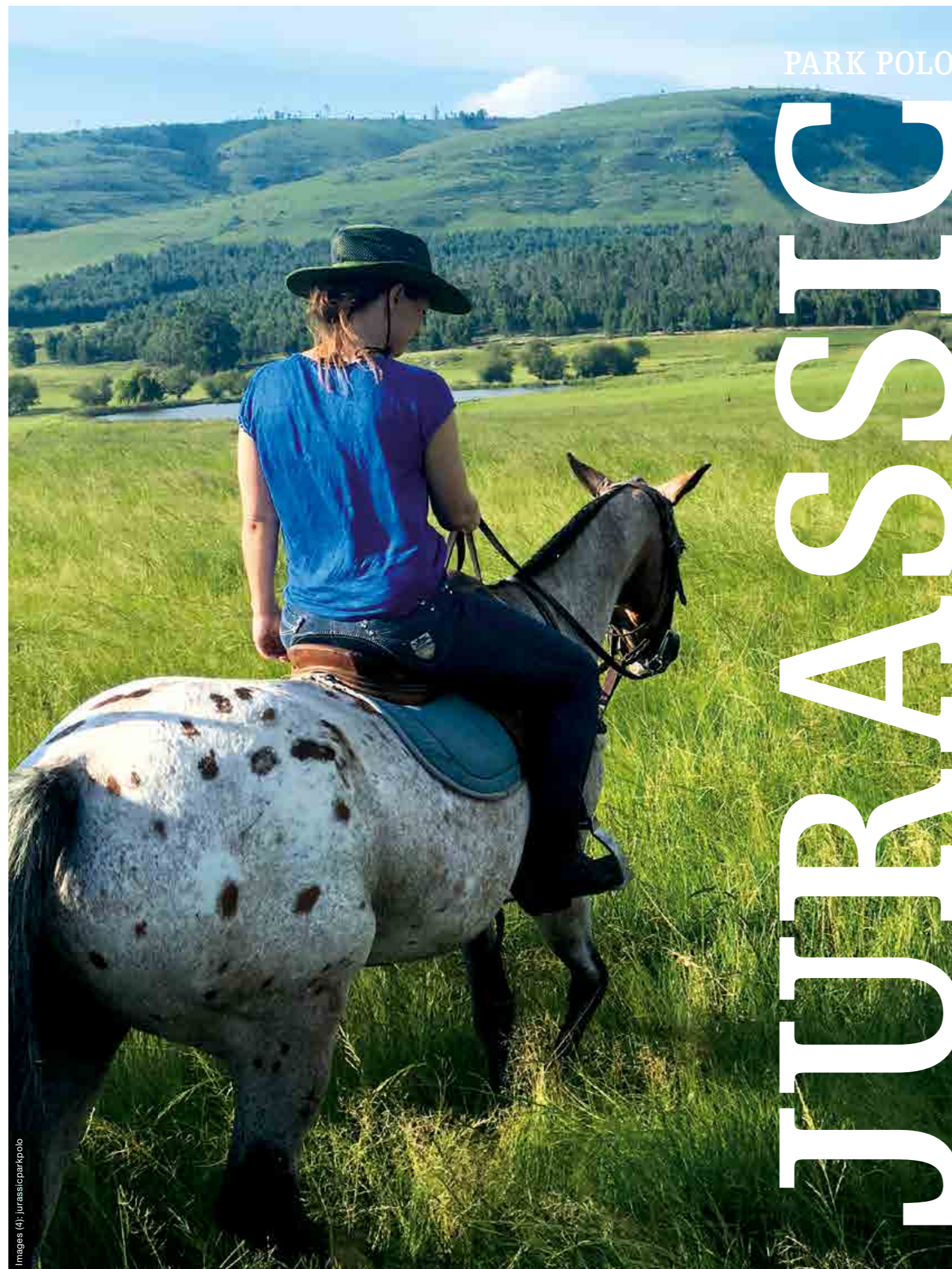


As an unrivalled polo destination, the sought-after estate is a luxury residential development that has been ranked the best of its kind in Africa. A mere 30-minute drive from Cape Town and the Cape Town International Airport, Val de Vie Estate is perfectly situated as a destination for world-class polo events. Prestigious events such as the Veuve Clicquot Masters Polo, Sentebale Royal Salute Polo Cup, ISPS Handa and Cintron Pink Polo have been hosted on the Hurlingham standard polo fields of the estate, welcoming international polo players and royalty – including His Royal Highness Prince Harry, Argentine player Nacho Figueras and Holland's Aki van Aniel.

The vibrant polo culture of the estate has necessitated an additional two polo fields to be built, which will bring the total number of polo fields to five by 2020. Alongside the lush polo fields are state-of-the-art stables which are home to competition and polo horses. While being managed by an equine team renowned for their commitment, expertise and horsemanship, the stables encompass a lifestyle of freedom for these astounding animals. With kilometres of running, cycling and hiking trails on the estate, there is a vast surrounding environment for outrides where the horses can move freely. All equestrian disciplines are catered for and an all-weather international riding arena provide fantastic fibre footing for show jumping and dressage. At the Val de Vie Estate polo academy even non-riders get to enjoy the camaraderie and exhilaration of polo, from their very first lesson. A recently opened Pony Club provides facilities for youngsters to learn horse-riding and polo playing techniques. Val de Vie Estate is invested in the development of the sport in South Africa and has significantly contributed to the advancement of grooms and farriers to become promising players.

Val de Vie Estate was established in 2004 and in 2016 amalgamated with adjacent Pearl Valley, subsequently increasing the size of the estate to 917 hectares. An iconic Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course, one of the top five in South Africa as ranked by Golf Digest magazine for 2018/19, forms part of Val de Vie Estate while the newly opened Pearl Valley Hotel by Mantis provide ample accommodation and conferencing facilities.

Culinary enthusiasts are catered to, not only with the culinary capital of South Africa – Franschhoek – on their doorstep, but also with the Polo Club restaurant and a second The Valley restaurant, both overlooking the natural beauty of the mountains and the estate. Val de Vie Estate has its own wine warm producing award-winning wines and is home to the L'Huguenot Cellar and Vinoteque - one of South Africa's top exporting wine cellars Val de Vie Estate was ranked by New World Wealth in 2015, 2016 and 2017 as the top residential estate in South Africa. Modelled on French Provençal and Cape Vernacular styles, Val de Vie Estate's homes portray the allure of the estate's rich history, while offering world-class modern living.



One day you have to see Palermo, there is Sotogrande, Palm Beach, Dubai and the Queens Cup. But playing chukka's as part of a local polo community in an environment far away from your own is a special sensation of enjoying polo.

Jurassic Park sucks you into the family right from the pick-up at the airport. Grandma Merle waits for us and proves why she is the mother of a poloplayer by driving the mini-van professionally and fast through the beautiful hills of Eastern South Africa. It is not only 5-goaler Selby Williamson as a coach, but the Williamsons have 3 generations ready to make the stay at Jurassic Park a warm one. Selby's mom and dad drive the vehicles, assist with meals, especially desert, and tell stories at the fire-place with drinks. Selby's partner Jacky is an expert on horses, riding and a strong player. The kids vary in ages in handicaps and join the guests on weekends and holidays. And for doglovers there are 10 more family-members.

When we join the group to go with some Dutch, German and English polofriends there so many questions. Is it safe to go, do I need my sticks, do we do anything else than polo, can I join as a beginner, are stay and food included, are there any zebra's? The answer to all of that was yes, so there we went. All of us arriving from separate international destinations joining at the local airport of Pietermaritzburg. A little surprised by the feeling of an English atmosphere in a sunny climate and African culture.

We doze off despite of the amazing view of hills and lakes, with little African round huts with thatch roofs. All of a sudden we turn left and arrive at the main house. A herd of dogs greet us like they have known us for ever and we are all divided between romantic little cottages in the garden. Before we have time to think we are on our way to the clubhouse and on the polofield playing chukka's.

The horses in South Africa are based very much on the thoroughbreds of the racetrack which makes them elegant and fast. At Jurassic Park there are around 150 horses and we visit the breeding

mares in the hills around the field. The paddocks are of the size of a nature reserve and hold two groups of zebra's who live happily along the polohorses. For us this is like a mini-safari on the way to the top of the mountain where we have sundowners looking down from high-up to the club and enjoying the sunset.

We play chukka's at the homefield surrounded by the hills and zebra's watching us by sunset. After a rainy day we move to the neighbouring club at Swartberg where the local members of the club join us. All questions that arise about rules are adressed over drinks at the polobar at night. Selby is a great believer of creating a solid technical basis on the wooden horse, and we start every day with the 4 basic shots and little secrets that make us hit further and more accurate.

The seasons in South Africa are reverse from Europe like Argentina which makes October till April the perfect time to travel. Before there were very clear hot or rainy months but this changed as it did all over the world. Generally the temperature is pleasant from 18 degrees up to hot days with 30. But the nights are cold in the hills so every day starts cool again. Even with rain there are several options for fields close-by so very little days are lost. The alternative of swimming with the horses and practising penalties is not that bad either ..

The days pass easy, we cuddle with a baby zebra, talk endlessly about polo, eat too much and more. And we challenge ourselves on the polofield. As these kind of weeks do, time flies and before we know we have to leave our polo paradise and travel back with great memories, some new friends and eager to start our poloseason at home. My advice, keep a good percentage of your polo budget for travelling. Polo in your home country is a great way to relax after the office, to make friends and enjoy the benefit of spending time with horses. Travelling for polo is making it all complete. •



POLO ART

Guzman Garcia Lenguas is a gifted illustrator from Montevideo. His unique polo pictures are spontaneous, dynamic and powerful – like the sport itself.

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BIOGRAPHY

Born in Montevideo/Uruguay on 3 October 1970, Guzman dedicates his life to painting from the age of 18, when he discovered that his hands spontaneously drew portraits after shortly seeing a photo.

He is a portraitist, hyper realistic, passionate about detail, self-taught. His mystical jacket emerges from living a large part of his life in Lavalleja, on the land of his parents where he got to know the love for horses, gauchos and the intensity of them in a natural frame.

After a few years he found a new passion at the polo, almost by chance. And how those loves at first sight, began his way of the polero portrait: horses and players spontaneously come out of his brushes with an extraordinary realism that makes him one of the most recognized artists in the environment.

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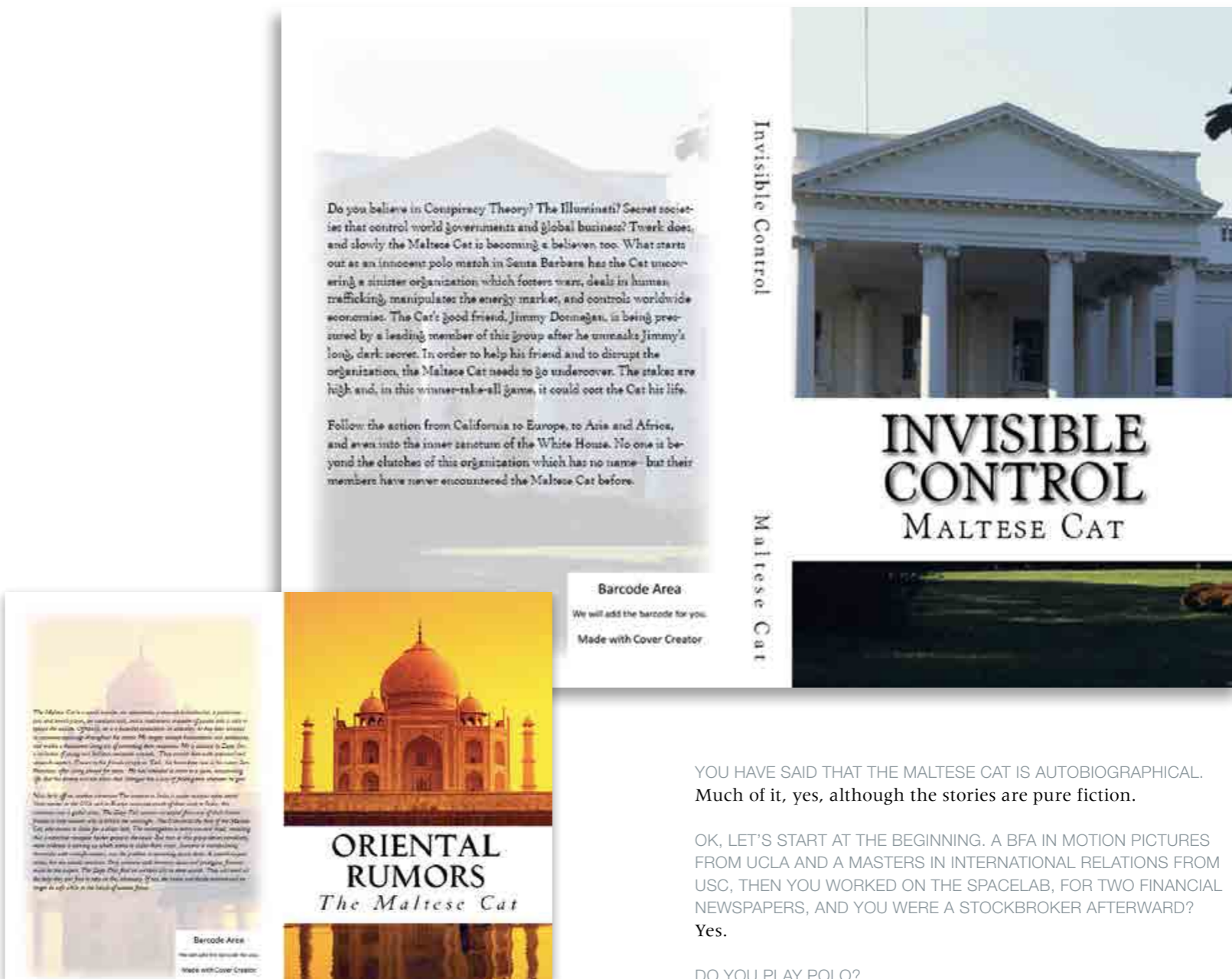
MALTESE CAT

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

BY STEFANIE STÜTING
PHOTOGRAPHY MALTESE CAT

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

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



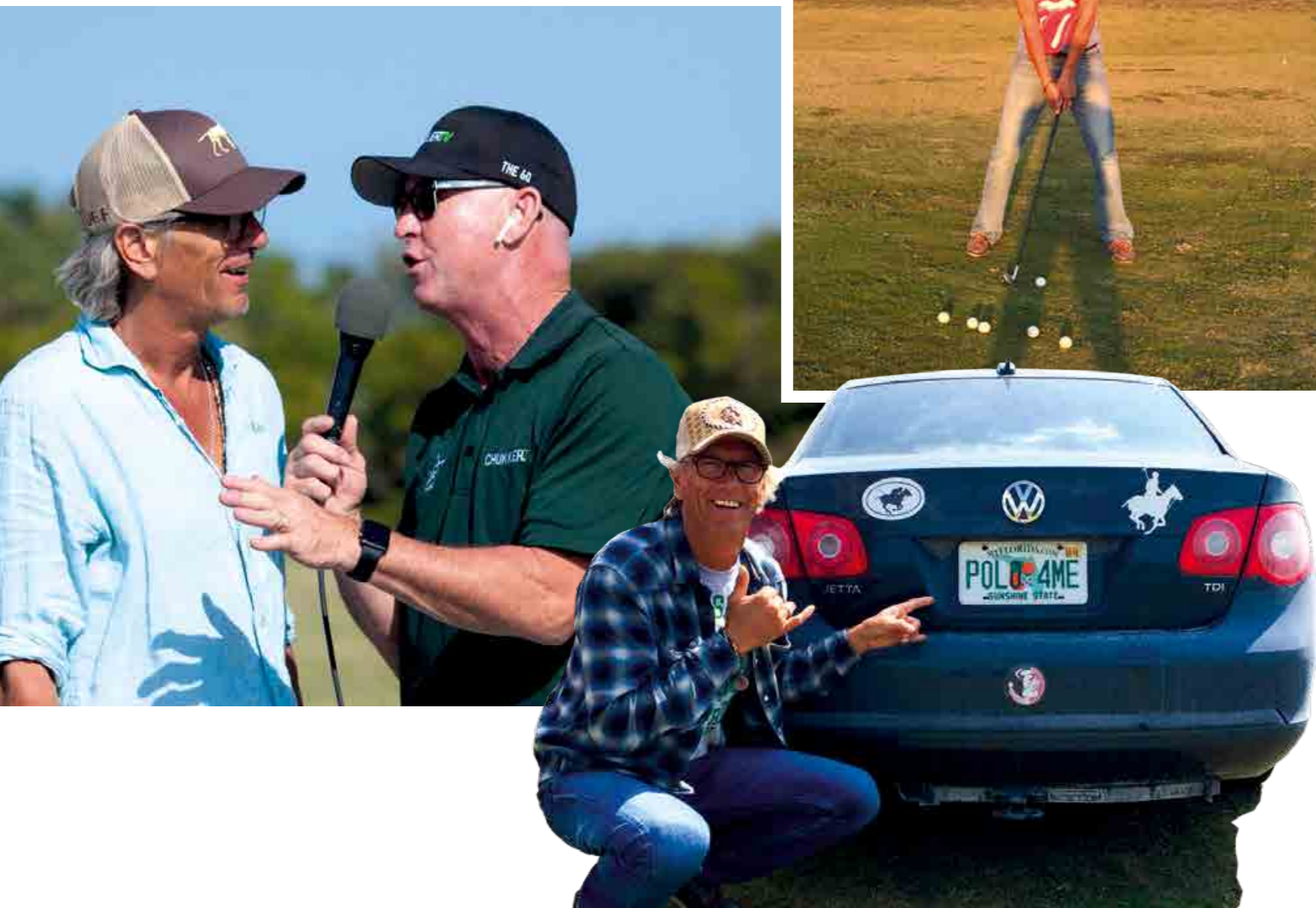
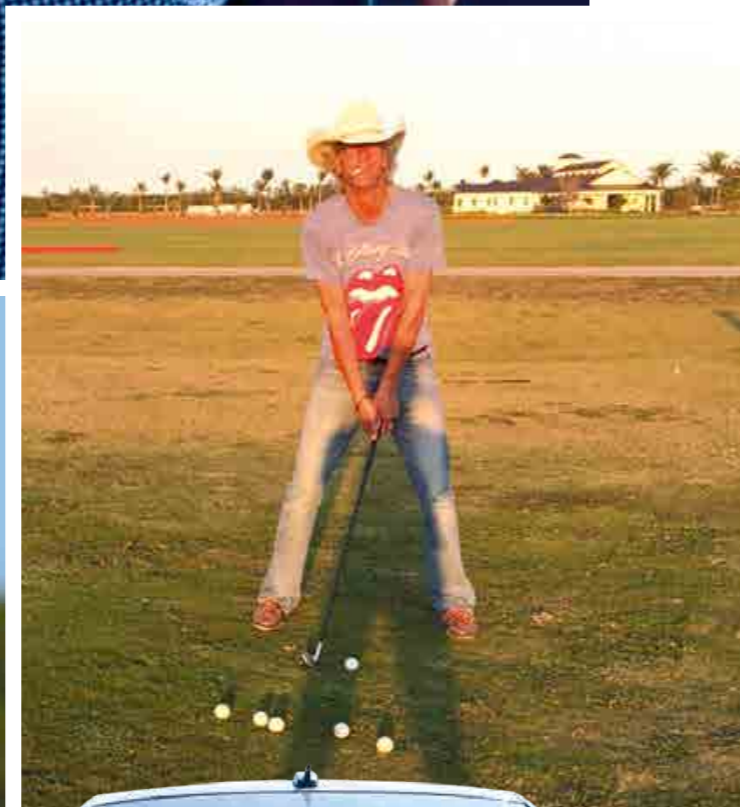
YOU HAVE SAID THAT THE MALTESE CAT IS AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL. Much of it, yes, although the stories are pure fiction.

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

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

HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THE IDEA OF THE MALTESE CAT? WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR IDEAS FROM? After I moved to Argentina, a lot of my friends were asking me for polo advice. Since many had the same questions, including asking for plans of wooden horses and hitting cages, I created a website so I wouldn’t have to repeatedly write the same things or download the same plans. I named the website after Rudyard Kipling’s short story, The Maltese Cat. It is a story about a pony in a polo match who helps out his teammates with useful advice. It seemed appropriate for the website. •

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JAN-ERIK FRANCK

Some years ago, POLO+10 introduced the UK based polo commentator, player, coach and La Martina-Ambassador Jan-Erik Franck as the “Voice of Polo” to the international polo community. Today he is commentating the most important tournaments in the world.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING

THE POLO WORLD KNOWS YOU AS THE “VOICE OF POLO”. NOW YOU’VE JUST BEEN TO FLORIDA FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS WORKING FOR GRAND CHAMPIONS POLO CLUB AND CHUKKERTV. HOW DID IT GO THERE?

America was fascinating. The level of play that I experienced there was phenomenal and it was a great to be invited by Melissa and Marc Ganzi to work and commentate at Grand Champions Polo Club. It was also awesome to commentate together with the great Dale Schwetz at chukkertv. An absolutely incredible and fantastic experience.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE US POLO SEASON IN GENERAL, WHAT IS THE ATMOSPHERE LIKE?

Wellington really is a hub of world top class polo. The best players from all over the world were there. And the atmosphere is – a little bit like here in England – when it comes to purists who really want to watch and experience a good game of polo. That is what the atmosphere is like at Wellington. The real polo fans come here. It is just exceptional polo, and it was fantastic to watch every day.

WHAT ARE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE US AND THE EUROPEAN POLO SPORT?

America is one of the big three, sitting alongside Argentina and the UK. The sport and the infrastructure is second to none and displays polo at its best. It was a real pleasure working for Grand Champions Polo Club!

IN HOW MANY COUNTRIES HAVE YOU ALREADY COMMENTATED POLO TOURNAMENTS? AND WHICH NEW DESTINATIONS WILL BE ADDED THIS YEAR?

I haven’t actually added up all the countries, but I guess a couple of dozens, or so. From America to Azerbaijan, to Switzerland, to Italy, to Croatia. Every year there seems to be a new destination to the tour. This year I will go to Willich in Germany for the first time. It is close to my hometown and I am really very much looking forward to that. Yes, let’s see what else the season has to bring.

YOU’RE NOT JUST COMMENTATOR, BUT ALSO COACH AND PLAYER (AS YOU CAN SEE ON THE COVER OF THIS ISSUE) HOW OFTEN DO YOU PLAY?

Yes. I unfortunately cannot play as much as I used to as time does not allow that. I am never really in one place long enough to play a full tournament. The majority of my polo I play in the winter season during February and March when I am in the UK. That is arena polo. So yes, I am not as much in the saddle as I would like to be. But at any chance, I am in the front row to play and to get on a pony.

THERE SEEMS TO BE A DECLINE IN THE GROWTH OF POLO THROUGHOUT EUROPE. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE REASON FOR THAT AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

As polo is going a bit through a turbulent time at the moment globally, sponsorship is hard to come by. What needs to happen in order to secure the future and growth of polo is investing at grass-root-level. Young players should be promoted and encouraged to come up through the ranks to play polo in the future. There is a lot of uncertainty in the air within the Euro Zone and new destinations beyond Europe are now developing for Europeans to play abroad such as Mallorca and Florida.

WHAT ARE THE THREE BEST TOURNAMENTS IN THE WORLD FOR YOU?

Very good questions. It is very difficult to say because there are different levels and different kinds of polo. But as far as the traditional grass polo is concerned the British Open, the Gold Cup, the US Open and of course the Open in Argentina are the most important and best tournaments from a purist point of view at that level. But then of course you have tournaments at different levels, exotic levels and also very very hard competitions. The list of great tournaments goes on and on and on and would be too long to mention.

AND WHICH TOURNAMENTS WOULD YOU REALLY LIKE TO COMMENTATE AT IN THE FUTURE?

I am fortunate to have commentated at the British Open and I would love to do the US and Argentine Open (if that were even possible ... :) •

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A unique hotel for unique guests, the luxury Hotel Madero is improving constantly to ensure its guests their comfort and best services; this modern hotel presents the renewed Signature Suite designed to meet the highest standards.

BY HOTEL MADERO

Hotel Madero is truly different. The property is located on the trendy and exclusive dock area Puerto Madero and just a short walk from the antique art galleries of San Telmo, the hip bars and restaurants, and the iconic Puente de la Mujer. The environment is warm, welcoming and the service is friendly yet top-notch. The décor is artistic, refined and the vibe is ultra-cool.

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

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

When the evening comes and your mood just look for relax and chill, the White Bar features an exclusive terrace with a chic ambiance and great music. The Executive Chef of the award-winning Rêd Resto & Lounge has created an inventive menu of Argentinean Author Cuisine with a French touch complemented by an impressive wine cellar featuring the most prestigious Argentine wines.

Enhance your wellness at Madero Spa, located on the top floor, where pampering and relaxation will exceed your expectations. Indulge in our sauna or take a dip in our swimming pool after stretching. It is also the perfect place to enjoy a massage or facial. •

FROM THE TOP - ROOFTOP COCKTAILS

Once a month, the hotel celebrates a really fun party at their Rooftop with Dj Sets, Sushi Bar and Signature Cocktails. The great part is: if you are a guest at the hotel, you are invited!

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TYPICAL TYROLEAN HOSPITALITY

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

For generations, the Tennerhof has spoiled its guests with its exclusive ambience, cosy atmosphere, traditional hospitality and courteous service. It's no wonder then that the 5-star hotel is one of the most popular places to stay in Kitzbühel. Hotel director Martin Taumberger makes it clear what the special charm of the establishment is all about: 'We move with the times and always offer our guests a new experience without forgetting our roots. Then there is also the typical Tyrolean hospitality that is lived and breathed by our employees'. The Tennerhof is located just a few minutes away from the town centre on an alpine plateau and offers an amazing view over the rooftops of the town and the Kitzbühel Alps. Calm, but still central, the hotel is the ideal location for a break in the mountains either in summer or winter. Hiking and mountain biking routes start from right in front of the hotel and a free private shuttle takes guests to the nearby cable cars. After you've conquered the summit, been skiing or enjoyed a walk through the winter landscape, the spacious wellness area "Spa de Charme", which is a Leading Spa Resort, and the extensive garden with outdoor pool are the perfect place to recover and relax. In culinary terms, the multi-award winning kitchen at the "Kupferstube" leaves no wish unfulfilled. The gourmet restaurant, which has been awarded Gault Millau toques for 30 years in a row and at the moment is awarded with 3 toques from Gault Millau, is currently managed by 35-year-old chef Stefan Lenz, who was honoured as the "Chef of the Year" at the world's biggest food trade fair Anuga in Cologne in October 2015.

The hotel has been owned by the Pasquali de Campostellato family ever since 1929 and the history of the estate can be traced back to the 16th century. Historic, modern and luxurious – the Tennerhof achieves a balance of all these things in a playful way. Over the past few years, the 39 rooms and suites, particularly the bathrooms, have all been renovated. The wellness area has also been renovated and expanded with a relaxation room. Right in time for the winter season, guests can expect a larger sauna area and redesigned treatment rooms in the spa area. Since December 2017 the guests can enjoy the brandnew Tennerhof Luxury Chalets with up to 120m², two Master-Bedrooms, each with own bathroom, living room and a private spa with steambath and sauna. Enjoy this High-Class-Property in Kitzbuehel with Digital-Detox-Service in their new Chalets .



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