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# 10 YEARS

We published the first edition of POLO+10 on Easter 2004. Today we are having an eye on the sport of polo around the world.



The polo world has changed in these ten years. It has opened to a wider audience. It has learned that the young generation is the future and has put a lot of ideas and money into working with young people and supporting young talents. Since then access to the sport has become easier, polo schools and rented horses are not uncommon today. Our publisher himself is "in the saddle" and has just been taught some technical tips by

Memo Gracida. We found so many partners and friends in the past year, that we wrote an article about it in this issue.

This POLO+10 World issue will present fantastic polo destinations. For example polo clubs on Hawaii and in Brazil. We had an interview with Tommy Lee Jones, Hollywood star and Harvard alumni, who played a key role in giving Harvard back its own polo team. He told us about his trip to Mongolia, which was obviously very impressive. We also looked behind the scenes of World Polo Tour and asked some questions about the individual stations, playing mode and ranking. But see for yourself, there is much more to discover.

We thank our readers for the many congratulations we have already received in this anniversary year. And as usual we look forward to your feedback and comments in future and hope you enjoy reading the current issue of POLO+10 World. •

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## EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

From 4th to 14th September, 2014 the Polo European Championship will take place in Chantilly, France. POLO+10 talked to Benoît Perrier, who represents the Polo Club du Domain de Chantilly.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY BENOÎT PERRIER

WHY DID THE POLO CLUB DU DOMAIN DE CHANTILLY HAND IN ITS CANDIDATURE AS HOST TO THE POLO EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP?

The Polo Club Chantilly and its founder Patrick Guerrand-Hermès held the World Championship of the Federation of International Polo (FIP) in 2004. Since the World Championship, we have not had any FIP tournament in Chantilly. Now we are ready to welcome teams and visitors from all parts of Europe. We are looking forward to holding a grand FIP tournament and the time has come to go for it.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CANDIDATURE PROCESS?

In October 2013, our President Duc de Noailles and our committee decided in favour of the application and we finally proceeded it in November. In January, the FIP took its decision to consider Chantilly for hosting the European Championship 2014. All in all, everything happened very quickly.

HOW MANY TEAMS, PLAYERS AND HORSES WILL TAKE PART IN THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN CHANTILLY?

We are considering eight teams; the final decision will be taken after the deadline in mid-April. England, Switzerland, France and Germany will definitely take part. Holland, Belgium and Ireland are taking it into consideration. There is no final confirmation of Spain and Portugal. We will have the complete line-up by the end of April. One advice for all teams and players: September is peak season in Chantilly, please book your hotels now! (laughs)

HOW DO YOU PREPARE THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN CHANTILLY?

The prearrangements are in progress. The playing fields are in top condition all year round and don't afford further maintenance. In August, we will have a break regarding our playing activities, so we can prepare

everything for the Championship. September is the most important month of the year. Soon we will be inviting 25 polo players, yet a lot of them have announced to assist us in holding the European Championship. This is essential for us and shows the spirit and the atmosphere here in our Polo Club Chantilly. The European Championship will be part of our social club life.

WILL THERE BE ANY FURTHER TOURNAMENTS IN SEPTEMBER APART FROM THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP?

Yes, as every time, there will be the French Open (16 goals) and the Ladies French Open. We are grateful for the support of Tom Tailor as our sponsor for the French Open. Two further tournaments for the classifications 6-8 and 0-4 will be held that month as well. We will have additional stables at our disposal, that's routine in Chantilly. Next September we will host round about 800 horses. The assisting team for the horses is almost complete. We have to employ some new staff for the areas of organizational matters, guest service, sponsors and players and all the festivities along the European Championship.

CHANTILLY IS KNOWN WORLDWIDE AS AN EXCELLENT HOST FOR LARGE POLO TOURNAMENTS. LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE.

The Polo Club du Domaine de Chantilly is one of the three most important Polo Clubs in Europe and in our opinion it's the most beautiful of all with the castle, the racetrack, 3000 horses racing, the horse museum and the forest. The Club has nine high-quality playing fields and is located in a 220-hectare area, surrounding an estate of the 18th century. The Club is home to the best French polo players and several young talents. Also the current best professional polo player, Briec Rigaux, a 5-goaler, started his career here in Chantilly. •

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## 10 YEARS POLO+10

The first edition of POLO+10 was published on Easter 2004. Today, ten years later, the magazine is one of the biggest and most important polo journals – setting the agenda on the world wide web, too.

Since the first edition was published ten years ago, a lot has happened. What once started as a slim little magazine, POLO+10 has now become one of the biggest and most important polo magazines in the world. The latest results, the major events, the most recent trends – POLO+10 is always very close to the action. Print, Online and Social Media. In 2014, we are celebrating our 10th anniversary. Many friends, organizers and polo fans from all over the world have been supporting us for many years. POLO+10 is official partner to the Federation of International Polo (FIP), the German Polo Association (DPV), the Swiss Polo Association (SPA), the Austrian Polo Association (AAP), the Central European Polo Association (CEPA), the Polo Club Luxembourg, the Romanian Polo Association and the Mexican Polo Association. Among our partner clubs you will find the Polo Club de Chantilly, the Deauville Polo Club and the Santa María Polo Club Sotogrande. We are glad to welcome our new members, i.e. the Nine Dragon Hill Polo Club,

the Myopia Polo Club, the Costa Careyes Polo Club, the Apes Hill Polo Club and the Singapore Polo Club.

On the Internet, POLO+10 also sets the standards. Our polo community on Facebook is the largest one in the world, with its more than 23,000 fans. Just on time for the anniversary, our new website poloplus10.com, with its new layout, went online. Its larger images, new sections, and improved menu navigation structure now offer excellent overview and user guidance. The website features state-of-the-art technology and is usable without any restriction on your mobile phone. Already today, POLO+10 Online is among the leading polo news websites in the world. The new layout and improved structure mean a great leap forward. We want to say thank your very much to all those who gave us their assistance and support over all these years. Here's to the next ten years!

Image: POLO+10



## SUN, BEACH AND POLO

Beach Polo in Miami celebrated its anniversary: In the middle of April, the La Martina Miami Beach Polo World Cup took place for the tenth time already.

It was the sixth time the largest Beach Polo tournament in the world was opened with the Martina South Beach Women's Polo Cup. In two groups, eight ladies teams from all over the world struggled for victory. After a long hot day with hard-fought matches, Scarlet Davenport, Maggie McNamara and Laura Willson of Team La Martina in group 1 beat the Eden Roc/Cheeki team with 2-1. In group 2, the winners were Lynda Mariano, Sabina Barnett and Kerstie Allen of Team FontaineBleau Aviation. Then it was the men's turn. Six teams took part. In the finals, Tyler Garber, Tavi Usandizaga and Sebastian Merlos of Team Yellow Cab were head and shoulders above Team The Raleigh, winning by 12-5. "This year's La Martina Miami Beach Polo World Cup was a spectacular success," said Bruce Orosz, president and co-founder of organizer The Polo Life, LLC. "We wanted to make our Ten Year Anniversary extremely special and our largest attendance to-date made the occasion the most memorable celebration and truly shows how the competition has become one of the most popular annual events in South Florida. The Miami Beach Polo World Cup sets the international stage for our first overseas tournament in China this July. We'd like to thank all of our sponsors, patrons and supporters for helping us reach this year's wonderful milestone."

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## NEW ZEALAND POLO

The BMW NZ Polo Open in Clevedon is the major polo event of New Zealand.

Shortly before the end of the final at the 37th BMW NZ Polo Open, the game was very exciting again, when John Paul Clarkin had the chance to tie the game with a penalty shot. But the 8-goaler missed, making Will Brasher (1), Glenn Sherriff (4), Ross Ainsley (5) and Sam Hopkinson (6) of Team Rodd & Gunn the winners. 7,000 attendants had come to Auckland Polo Club in Clevedon, to enjoy not only the exciting high goal matches, but also the extensive supporting programme. Event director Amy Calway says: "It is this special mix of dramatic high goal polo, fashion and high-class entertainment that makes the event stand out from others in Auckland's summer calendar."

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## SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN ABU DHABI

The latest polo season meant an exciting time for Ghantoot Racing & Polo Club. POLO+10 was media partner of the chukkas in Abu Dhabi.

Once again, one of the highlights of the season were the HH President of UAE Polo Cup and the Emirates Open Polo Championship. Eight teams participated in the 14th issue of the HH President of UAE Polo Cup. Each team (16 goals) played with a lot of passion and performed extremely well. In the hard-fought finals, Tariq Albwardy (0), Matias Machado (4), Alejo Taranco (6) and Santiago Laborde (5) of Team Desert Palm won in the extra chukka with 7-6. Managing Director Mr. Ahmed Ali Al Nuaimi said: "The tournament was a great success with fantastic polo players, an enthusiastic audience, with a sporting spirit and fair competitions." The number of local players interested in the 13th Emirates Open Polo Championship was particularly high this year. His Excellency Saeed Bin Houfan Al Mansoori, the club's vice president, was glad to state that "the record number of UAE and Saudi teams participating is proof for the high performance of our local players". Nine 16-goal teams took part in the competitions. Rashid Bin Draï (0), Tomás Iriarte (4), Manuel Llorrente (6) and Raúl Laplacette (6) of Team Bin Draï eventually won the finals with 12-6. Once again the British Polo Day had come to the event this March, too, starting its 2014 series of tournaments in Abu Dhabi.

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## POLO PREMIERE

For the first time, polo is part of the FEI World Equestrian Games in Normandy.

From 23rd August to 7th September, the seventh World Equestrian Games will be held in Normandy. Since 1990, the games have comprised in one single location the world championships of riding and carriage driving organized by FEI. This makes them the largest equestrian event globally. In 2014, the best athletes and horses from more than 60 nations will come to the north of France and compete for victory in eight disciplines. For the first time, polo is part of the programme, too. On 6th of September, a large exhibition match will take place in Deauville. Dr. Richard T. Caleel, president of the Federation of International Polo (FIP), says: "We hope the exhibition match will help establish polo as a regular competition discipline."



## STOCKHOLM POLO CUP

Premiere: Polo tournament held initially in the Stockholm Olympic Stadium.

A large number of major sports competitions and international music events have taken place in the Olympic Stadium in the north of Stockholm before. Now the sport of polo has found its way into the stadium, too. The facility was built in 1912 for the Olympic Games in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden. On 7th of June 2014, the stadium will host an international polo tournament for the first time. A total of four teams have announced their participation in the Stockholm Polo Cup, one of them from the Polo Club de Chantilly and one from the Ascona Polo Club. The opening ceremony will include a parade of all players and ponies through the center of the city to the stadium. The event is hosted by Stockholm Polo Club.



## 30 YEARS SNOW POLO ST. MORITZ

Hefty snowfall made the 30th anniversary of the St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow an extraordinary tournament.

In St. Moritz in 1985, a polo tournament was held on snow, and this was the first of this type globally. What started as a “crazy” idea, now inspires players and the crowd all over the world. The St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow used to be and still is one of the most impressive polo events in Europe. The tournament celebrated its anniversary in the beginning of the year. The anniversary chukkas were characterized by hefty snowfall. Around the clock, the field was freed from snow to make it playable. At an early state, it was obvious that Cartier and Ralph Lauren would enter the final. Neither team pulled any punches in the final. Until the end nothing was decided. Only in the sixth chukka, Cartier made the crucial goal, and so Jonathan Munro Ford (0), Max Charlton (6), Chris Hyde (6) and Hissam Ali Hyder (6) left the field with a 2-1 victory. Bernhard Pöllinger, Head of Sports & Infrastructure at St. Moritz Polo AG states: “In spite of the difficult conditions, we got the best out of the tournament. Players and horses showed outstanding performance and played first-class polo. Because of the weather, the atmosphere was special, and there was a strong team spirit among visitors, players and organizers. Starting in 2015, the tournament will be organized by Evviva Polo St Moritz AG, the organizer will be the Engadiner Reto G. Gaudenzi who started this event 30 years ago and his great team of locals.

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## APES HILL POLO CLUB

The Apes Hill Polo Club on Barbados is about to build up a reputation as a first-class polo winter destination. POLO+10 has talked to polo manager James Dickson about his goals, the club and the polo scene on Barbados.

Polo at Apes Hill is of a good standard where players can improve and play in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. Everything is accessible easily: The beach, restaurants, shopping and nightlife are only seven minutes away from the polo club. The weather is beautiful, the people friendly and the lifestyle captures all of the island's qualities. Sounds great! The Apes Hill Polo Club is about to become a very interesting polo destination – not only for the cold European winter month. Polo Manager James Dickson has developed the sport of polo and welcomes guests annually from all over the world. “We currently have overseas players who stable their horses with us all year round, who then return to play during our winter polo season.” Polo holidays form an integral part of the Apes Hill Club's organisation. But there are also resident players as well as visiting guests, who come to play. Apes Hill Polo Club has a world class, full sized regulation boarded polo field, that can be irrigated even during the dry season, complete with grandstand and clubhouse. There is stabling



for 124 horses as well as turn out paddocks. There are four resident professionals and a separate polo school field where guests can participate in intensive one on one tuition. There are also twenty (three bedroom, three bathroom) polo villas each with a plunge pool as well as a shared swimming pool.

James Dickson himself learned to play in England at Cowdray Park Polo Club when he was nine years old and turned professional after leaving school at eighteen. He reached a handicap of five goals and played all over the world including USA, Argentina, Chile, New Zealand and Ireland. “I moved with my family to Barbados eleven years ago and feel very blessed that I do a job that I love in a beautiful island working for the wonderful Williams family.” Sir Charles Williams started to play during the 1960's and later on was followed by his children and grandchildren. His initial polo operation lacked the scope for growth due to location and Apes Hill Polo Club was born.

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# A TO H

## HAWAII POLO

13 Circuits make up the community of USPA polo players, instructors and club owners within the United States. POLO+10 talked to Hawaii Circuit Governor Christopher Dawson about the sport and its popularity on the beautiful islands of Hawaii.

BY MARIANA CASTRO PHOTOGRAPHY CJ DEWOLF





The diversity of the six major Aloha-Islands of Hawaii is breathtaking. The cliffs of the Napali Coast on Kauai and the vibrant beach life of Waikiki on Oahu. The mile-long white sands at Papohaku Beach on Molokai, the dolphin friendly waters of Hulopoe Bay on Lanai, the peak of Haleakala on Maui, and the elemental energy of the Hawaii Volcanos National Park on Big Island are unforgettable.

**2014 HAWAII POLO CIRCUIT HIGHLIGHTS**

**1st June**  
Honolulu Club:  
Opening Day – MacGregor Cup

Maui Polo Club:  
USPA Delegates Cup (6-9 Goals)  
Interscholastic Tournament:  
Rhode Island vs. Maui

**15th June**  
Hawaii Polo Club (Mokuleia):  
New Zealand vs. Hawaii

**20th July**  
Hawaii Polo Club:  
USPA Master's Cup

**27th July**  
Hawaii Polo Club:  
USPA Intra-Circuit Cup

**10th August**  
Honolulu Polo Club:  
USPA Women's Challenge

**31st August**  
Hawaii Polo Club:  
India vs. Hawaii – Labor Day

**7th September**  
Honolulu Polo Club:  
USPA Congressional Cup: Army vs. Navy

**15th October**  
Honolulu Polo Club:  
Governor's Cup (0-4 goals)

**October-December**  
Maui Polo Club: Ride to Survive

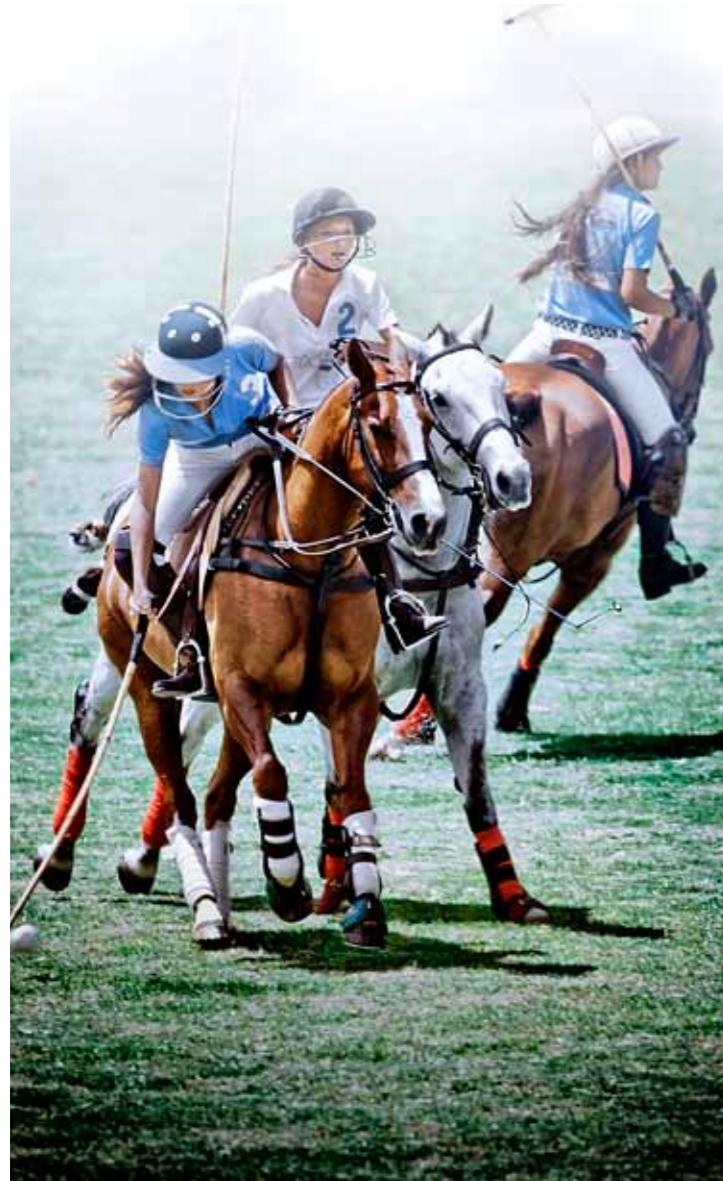
**November-December:**  
Mauna Kea Polo Club season

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Playmaker number 3 Hana Diller for team Dawson at the Maserati & Hawaii Polo Life White Summer Soiree in 2013.

Christopher Dawson is the United States Polo Association Circuit Governor representing the Hawaiian Islands and Vice-Chairman of the USPA Marketing, Branding, & Broadcasting Committee. Seven years ago, polo players in the Hawaiian Islands voted for him to be their Governor. Christopher Dawson represents the clubs and players to the USPA as he helps the association with communicating their programs and support to their members. "Obviously we're in a rather unique location – a chain of separate islands – so the Hawaii Circuit is composed of four active clubs on three different islands: Big Island, Maui, and O'ahu. We have some of the most desirable locations in the world, most notably the only beachfront polo field in the world (Mokuleia on the North Shore), and Oahu's other field (in Waimanalo on the South East shore) is at the base of the gorgeous Ko'olau mountains."



Hana Diller, Lindsay Holmes and Stephanie Scoville at the Maserati & Hawaii Polo Life White Summer Soiree 19th May, 2013.

The outdoor field on Maui is situated half way up a dormant volcano and overlooks the ocean, in the upcountry area of Makawao, where cowboys blend with bohemians and surfers. On the Island of Hawaii (Big Island), the field is on the slopes of a mountain – Mauna Kea – and literally sits in the clouds at times. Polo has been played in Hawaii since 1880, arguably before the U.S. continent. Hawaii benefits from a distinctive brand of polo, marked by the heritage of the Paniolos (Hawaiian Cowboy). "We are situated in the international crossroads, and act as the bridge between East and West through the Hawaiian Islands Polo Association (HIPA) that I created with the endless support of Bill Kirton of Maui and Allen Hoe of Honolulu. The aim is to help connect polo throughout the world. We have players and teams coming from New Zealand, India, Australia, Argentina, China, Malaysia, and many more countries."

Hawaii has some of the best sports people in the world. Not only regarding the sport of polo. There you find an abundance of true thrill seekers.

Polo in Hawaii has three main hubs, each club represents a unique area. Each location also attracts a different crowd. In Maui, the upcountry lifestyle brings in a big number of horse men and women who work in the ranches and farms. Maui is also home to the famous wave called Jaws, which is one of the biggest and best waves in the world. So, Maui has a large number of surfing world champions as residents – and amazingly some of them have been crossing over to play polo.

"Hawaii is very unique in this sense, it has some of the best sports people in the world. The Ironman triathlon is on the Big Island, the Triple Crown of the surfing world tour is on Oahu, we have the best kitesurfing in the world, and much more. We clearly have an abundance of true thrill seekers in Hawaii, and they are naturally turning to polo. Maui is the epicenter for this phenomenon, and the Maui Polo Club has been an excellent host and promoter." The second Ride to Survive is happening in Maui in October this year, where top professional surfers play polo. Supported by the Hawaiian Islands Polo Association and Dawson Media Hawaii, these men and women ride both monster waves and polo horses with far more guts than most of us can ever dream of.

On Oahu, the Hawaii Polo Club on the North Shore attracts the biggest crowds. Up to 5,000 people come to special events like the 2013 Maserati White Party organized by Dawson Hawaii and the launch of the Hawaii Polo Life Magazine each spring. This field is on the beach, people come to tailgate and enjoy the beach and polo at the same time, skydivers land on the field at half time each Sunday. The Honolulu Polo Club, also on Oahu has a more traditional Hawaiian style approach. Many of the same families and friends have been coming to see the matches here for years, setting up camp for the day and enjoying the polo play. It is a very laid back feel, relaxing and majestic with the towering green mountain range behind the field. Being close to one of the military bases (Bellows Air Force base), they welcome active and retired military as well as their families without charge. It is also an idyllic location in the countryside yet closer to the city of Honolulu than the North Shore club. They also have on premises the Therapeutic Horsemanship of



Tiare Paty and Javier Garcia fighting for the ball, with Robert McDonald following behind. Dawson sponsored the Army benefit event at the Hawaii Polo Club. 28th April, 2013.

Hawaii and a kids polo program, all dedicated to introduce horses and horsemanship to everyone who needs it. The Mauna Kea Polo Club on the Big Island offers a more unique and remote experience. The field is in a dream-like location, also has more of the Paniolo feel, in the cowboy country of Hawaii. It is definitely worth visiting for those who want to see something different, peaceful and inviting. The families and spectators who come here to watch and play polo are almost all from working ranches and farms in the north region of the island.

The polo history of Hawaii dates back to 1880, when polo was still unknown in the US.

And who are the big names and players in Hawaiian polo? It's hard to name all, from long-time players, superb horse men and women to big supporters there are many people that make polo in Hawaii possible. Herman DeCoite, Bill Kirton, Allen Hoe, Ka'aina Decoite, Julian Alvarez, Devon Dailey, Mike Dailey, Bob Miller, Bryant Laporte, Raymond Noh, Emiliano Achaval, Jesse Neuwirth, Siri

Masterson, and Tiare Paty is still the strongest female player. For young women we have a fantastic group of interscholastic girls who continue to be very successful on the National level. They include Sydney Tobin, Lindsay Holmes, Sophie Sabin, Jessica Hartley, Jacklyn Schmitt, Noelani Piccolo and Hana Diller – some are on Maui, some on Oahu. Historically, some of the biggest players have been Ronnie Tongg, Stuart McKenzie, the legendary Peter Baldwin (who is still roping) and Sam Delgado (who unfortunately passed away just a few weeks ago). We are still shocked by him leaving us so fast. He was a true Paniolo rancher, he was the head of Dillingham Ranch – which owns and operates the Mokuleia polo fields – for many years. Christopher Dawson: "I have been playing polo in Hawaii and outside for over 25 years. Besides being born and raised on the islands, I am part Hawaiian by blood which for us is both a blessing and a big responsibility. For Hawaiians the stewardship of the land and the traditions is very important. I take this responsibility with pride and put much hard work into it. I had the blessing of playing polo with some incredible Hawaiians like Ronnie Tongg, Herman DeCoite, and Kimo Hudleston."

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1 The Maharaja of Johdpur Gaj Singh II. (left) with Vikram Sodhi 2 Siri Masterson, Christopher Dawson, Herman Decoite for team Dawson Army Black. 3 Arthur Morgenstern of New Zealand at one of the India matches of the 2013 season. 4 Jacklyn Schmitt, one of the Team Makaha players from Maui, playing at the Hawaii Polo Life launch. 19th May, 2013.

On the islands of Hawaii, each club has its polo school. Herman DeCoite from Maui, a former professional 7-goal player, usually travels to the clubs to teach clinics as the players improve. But there are also individual operations like Anuenue Farms Hawaii, where the sport is introduced to those who can help polo move forward (young players, community members who are interested in promoting Hawaii and polo to the world). Maui definitely takes the biggest award for the largest number of kids in training. Bill Kirton and other great Maui Club members have been instrumental in quickly multiplying the number of new players who have been improving at an incredibly fast pace. Mauna Kea Club has restarted after a 10-year hiatus, 2014 is their third season and they are actively training and welcoming new players. There is a fifth club on the beautiful island of Kauai that is currently dormant but hopefully makes a comeback in 2015.

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# SINGAPORE POLO CLUB

Founded in 1886, the Singapore Polo Club is today the premier equestrian lifestyle location in Singapore and one of the top facilities of this kind in the region.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN PHOTOGRAPHY SINGAPORE POLO CLUB

1 Satinder Garcha of Team Corps Diplomatique and Nico Pieroni of Team South America  
2 Eric Hogberg of Team Asia  
3 Mrs Crystal Wajar  
4 Rickard Hogberg, Mrs Catherine Jevredll, Ms Stephanie Miller Masefield and His Excellency, Mr Sven Hakan Oskar Jevrell of Embassy of Sweden.  
5 Audience on the sidelines  
6 Cindy Nguyen, Sponsorship Manager Singapore Polo Club together with (from left to right) Ambassadors of Ukraine, Romania, Brazil, United States, Panama and Portugal  
7 Lia Salvo of Team Europe.

In the beginning of April in Singapore, the Diplomats' Cup took place, which was the first large polo event of the season. Following the successful premiere in 2013, the Cup was organized for the second time. In line with the spirit of the tournament, the seven teams represented the regions of the world: Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America, Oceania and one team playing as Corps Diplomatique. In the finals, the teams of South America and Corps Diplomatique were facing each other. Reaching a close result of 4-3, Team South America prevailed with Nico Pieroni (3), Marc Hogberg (3), Ronnie Lim (1) as well as Ang Ban Tong and Tan Hock (both 1) sharing one position. Most of all, Nico Pieroni was extremely dangerous in front of the goal. The 3-goaler made three of all four goals for his team.

The Diplomats' Cup (2 to 4 goals) is the first tournament in the "Triple Crown Series" organized in the first half of the 2014 season at the Singapore Polo Club. The Triple Crown Series further consists of the International ProAm (4 to 6 goals) from 6th to 11th May and the Singapore Open (8 to 10 goals) from 3rd to 8th June, which has grown into the most important tournament of the season. Further major tournaments at the Singapore Polo Club in 2014 are the Barclays Japan Cup on 30th and 31st August, which features the world's only all-Japanese team and is held for the 4th time complete with authentic Japanese mounted archers performing a demonstration of their skills, the Ladies International from 8th to 12th October and the Melbourne Cup on 4th November.

The Singapore Polo Club's polo season has grown from strength to strength and in 2014, as in 2013, will have seven of its tournaments recorded and highlights broadcast on StarSports and FoxSports cable channels across South East Asia to an estimated 40 million households. Horse & Country TV broadcasts the same in the UK and NowSportsTV in Hong Kong as well as a selection of various internet channels. It boasts to be the only polo club in the world to have substantially its whole season televised in partnership with an impressive selection of corporate sponsors.

Singapore Polo Club was founded in 1886 by officers of the King's Own Regiment, 1st Battalion, and in 1941, moved to its present location on Mount Pleasant Road. During the Second World War, club life ground to a halt. Then it was mainly Lord Mountbatten, an avid polo player himself, who supported the Club's reconstruction, together with other royal dignitaries. Singapore Polo Club today is one of the leading equestrian and lifestyle locations in Singapore.

For further information on Singapore Polo Club or for the complete tournament calendar please refer to [www.singaporepoloclub.org](http://www.singaporepoloclub.org)



# ABOUT IT'S NOT ONLY FOOTBALL

Brazil, the FIFA World Cup host, also has a strong polo tradition, with skilled players and enthusiastic supporters that you should know about. The main venue of Brazilian polo is Indaiatuba, around 110km northwest of São Paulo.

BY JUNIOR LOURENÇO

At this point, you probably already know that 2014 FIFA World Cup will be hosted in Brazil. Between 12th June and 13th July, thirty-two teams will play one of the most important sports tournaments of the planet. What perhaps you are not aware is that Brazil has also a strong polo tradition, including three world titles, host high handicap tournaments and count with players well succeeded at international level. Whether you're planning a trip soon or only want to expand what you know about this sport, we will present in the next pages a bit more about Brazilian polo. British immigrants have promoted polo in different places around the world, including Argentina and Brazil. While Argentina has improved the game and became home of the best competitions, polo wouldn't achieve the same popularity with its Brazilian neighbours. First reports of polo in Brazil are from Rio de Janeiro, from the Gávea Polo and Golf Club, founded by the British in the 1920's. Polo has travelled to other States since then, like Distrito Federal, Mato Grosso do Sul and Rio Grande do Sul. However, São Paulo State would host the development of best Brazilian polo, with its main tournaments, like State Open, that will have its 85th edition in 2014 season.

#### Main venue: Indaiatuba

Around 110km northwest of São Paulo's capital city, host of 2014 FIFA World Cup opening game, it's Indaiatuba, the main venue of Brazilian polo, with tournaments for low, medium and high handicap

players. Season highlights are the previously mentioned São Paulo State Open, a 26-goal competition, and three other 22-goal championships: Giorgio Moroni Cup, Helvetia Open and São José Gold Cup, that is also the only Brazilian event in Federation International of Polo's calendar.

Between amateurs and professionals, first round matches and finals, there is a component that helps to understand Brazilian polo audience characteristics: families. When analyzing tournament tables and team squads, it's easy to find two or more players with same last name. Polo is played by different generations and this turns the matches' environment very friendly. Evidently, there is a lot of competition involved when game is on, but it is clear that friendship between athletes and supporters is very strong.

#### Three times World Cup champions

If journalists and supporters often consider Brazil as favourite when the subject is who will win the FIFA World Cup, Brazilian polo national team records at polo are also excellent. With nine editions, Polo World Cup is not the best of the tournaments, technically speaking. That said, getting a world champion trophy it's not something to complain. Brazil have won three times Polo World Cups: in 1995, (Switzerland), 2001 (Australia) and 2004 (France). Brazil, along with other three runner-ups, is behind Argentina, with four titles in the tournament's ranking. Another good performance of

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Brazil polo team with Asad Jumabhoy, a FIP director, at the Snow Polo World Cup 2014 in Tianjin, China.

Brazilian national team and one that probably has surprised international audience was the semifinal reached at Snow Polo World Cup 2014, in Tianjin, China. Obviously not familiar with the snow conditions, Brazilians have defeated South Africa, Canada and Mexico, achieving an impressive fourth place finish.

#### International players

Rodrigo Ribeiro de Andrade. Born in Franca, São Paulo inner State, he is currently the main ambassador of Brazilian polo around the world. With a 8-goal international handicap, Andrade often plays main championships, as Tortugas and Hurlingham Open, in Argentina, or U.S. Open, in United States. In 2013, playing British season with Zacara, along with Facundo Pieres, he won the Queen's Cup and Gold Cup. Very expressive results for Rodrigo, that has also achieved trophies "at home". João Paulo Ganon, with 7-goal handicap, plays tournaments at United States, while Juracy Santos, a 4-goal player, has debuted in British polo in 1984 and still joins competitions.

Familiar, traditional and competitive. These are some of the qualities of Brazilian Polo. Clearly, main sports buzz for the next months will be related to the football event that it's about to start. However, when the World Cup trophy is lifted by winners' captain, you already know that Brazil has also a polo tradition, with good tournaments and players that are worth a look.

#### HOW TO REACH INDAIATUBA FROM SÃO PAULO

Indaiatuba is a municipality in the state of São Paulo in Brazil. The population in 2011 was 205,808 and its area is 311,363 km<sup>2</sup>. The elevation is 624 m. It is an important city in one of Brazil's main industrial regions. If you are arriving in Brazil from São Paulo's Guarulhos International Airport, a 1h 40m car travel through Rodovia dos Bandeirantes (Bandeirantes' road) should get you to Indaiatuba. By bus it's required to go to São Paulo's Tietê bus station before taking a new journey to Indaiatuba.

#### CHECK ON WHAT'S NEXT

Visit 30jardas.com.br to find information about Brazilian competitions calendar and news. We also suggest Brazilian Polo Confederation (CBP), São Paulo State Polo Federation (FPP) and Helvetia Polo Country Club websites. Websites are in Portuguese  
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1 In 1989, the U.S. team won the second FIP World Championship in Berlin 2 Glen Holden, Marcos Uranga and Eduardo Huergo in 1975 after a match in Santa Barbara, California, who back then developed a great family relationship, all three of them later becoming presidents of the FIP 3 Marcos Uranga presenting the trophy of the FIP World Championship in 1989 to the U.S. team.

# HISTORY OF FIP

When the Federation of International Polo was founded in 1982 in Buenos Aires, one of its goals was to unite the polo playing countries of the world. Today it co-operates with 87 countries.

BY HALINA SCHMIDT PHOTOGRAPHY CARLOS WEYGANG, FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL POLO

By working together, you achieve more: This was the basic idea when the Federation of International Polo (FIP) was launched in 1982 in Buenos Aires. Among the founding members of FIP were the national polo associations of Argentina, Brazil, Columbia, Chile, El Salvador, France, Italy, Mexico, Peru, Spain and Zimbabwe. Today FIP co-operates with 87 countries, most of which are represented by national federations or associations. Marcos Uranga, then president of the Argentine polo association, took over as first president of the FIP. American Glen Holden, Patrick Guerrand-Hermes (France), James Ashton (Australia) and Eduardo Huergo (Argentina) succeeded him. In December 2012, once again an American, i.e. Dr. Richard Caleel

became president of FIP. Apart from improving the esteem of the sport of polo at international level, the aim of re-establishing polo as an Olympic discipline, was among the main targets defined at the time of foundation. The first step in this direction was taken in 1996: In July, the Olympic Committee recognized FIP as the as the worldwide governing body for the sport of polo and gave it the status of "IOC Recognized International Sports Federation".

In the period from foundation until recognition by the Olympic Committee, however, FIP did not stand on the sidelines. From the beginning, FIP has organized numerous international tournaments, such as the Ambassador Cup held several times a year in different locations of the world. In 1987, FIP organized the first Polo World Championship in Buenos Aires. Six years later, there was the first Polo European Championship in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

Still today, FIP is committed to spreading the sport of polo and improving co-operation between the national polo associations. Another task is to create and establish effectively international rules for the sport of polo, support polo training and back national polo associations. Last year, FIP celebrated its 30th anniversary with a large gala. Among the guests was the current FIP president Dr. Richard Caleel, as well as some of his predecessors.



From left to right: Eduardo Huergo, Glen Holden, Alberto Heguy, Daniel Gonzales, Marcos Uranga, Richard Caleel at the 30th anniversary party of FIP.

For more information please visit [www.fippolo.com](http://www.fippolo.com)



# MONTE-CARLO

The 2nd Monte-Carlo Polo Cup takes place from 3rd to 6th July, 2014.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING  
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1 The international line-up already made the debut of the 2013 Monte-Carlo Polo Cup very competitive. 2 This year, the organisers are welcoming players from the U.S., England, Switzerland, Monaco, Italy and Ireland 3 Team Missbach won the Cup in 2013, in the middle: Francesco Mitrano (Founder and President of the Monte-Carlo Polo Club in Beausoleil).

It was a hard year for Francesco Mitrano since the successful debut of his Monte-Carlo Polo Cup at the playground of beautiful Beausoleil in Monaco. Now, after overcoming many obstacles, he reached his goal and realises the second issue of the polo tournament in the worldwide known principality. "We believe in the unique charm of Monaco and consider polo to fit perfectly in this atmosphere." Mitrano himself is an excellent polo player, who wants to give presence and visibility to the sport.

Since December, the Monte-Carlo Polo Club is official member of the Federation of International Polo (FIP). In Buenos Aires, the FIP decided to give Monaco the full membership. Since then, one could put oil on the troubled waters and preparations for the second issue of the Monte-Carlo Polo Cup 2014 are underway. "We are glad about the cooperative atmosphere and about being able to present the venue again under the patronage of HSH Prince Albert of Monaco."

"It seemed obvious to me that Monaco was the perfect place to host the glamorous and prestigious sport of polo. We will be bringing a very high-end sport and supporters to the Principality which will benefit everyone."

From the organisational side, Mitrano gets professional support from the team of World Polo, belonging to Swiss Reto Gaudenzi, who has been an outstanding polo personality throughout the last four decades. Four teams are

already confirmed, two more teams apply for attendance at the Cup in 2014. At Beausoleil, Mitrano set up a polo field and all the necessary facilities and infrastructure to host players, horses and guests. "As you can imagine it was absolutely not easy to find a fitting playground at the Principality of Monaco. The more we are happy to find the new polo address of Monaco at the Stade Devens in Beausoleil." It is a large complex with courts for indoor and outdoor sports. Many areas in the stadium are reserved for the public, which has free access to attend the matches.

Prince Albert of Monaco as patron for the second polo tournament in Monaco approved again the closure of the traditional square in front of the casino for a large parade of polo players in the heart of Monte-Carlo. It will take place on Thursday 3rd July, 2014 at 12.00 o'clock – no doubt that these pictures will be to remember in polo history. The tournament itself starts Friday 4th July at 5.30 pm at Beausoleil. After the successful debut tournament in 2013, the Monte-Carlo Polo Club already opened its own polo school at the beginning of this year. Experienced players as well as newcomers can find the right coaches and appropriate training at the polo school. Francesco Mitrano: "Our goal is to provide access to the sport to Monaco residents in a friendly and non-threatening atmosphere. The school will offer polo pony rentals, organized and progressive training sessions, access to the field for practice and participation in local and international tournaments."

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# POLO IS HOME

From 5th to 7th September 2014, M. Ahadpur Khangah and World Polo will be organizing the second issue of the Polo World Cup in Azerbaijan. It will take place at the new grass polo arena of the Elite Horse and Polo Club in Baku. UNESCO has nominated the traditional polo Chovgan, which is played in Azerbaijan, as a World Cultural Heritage.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY WORLD POLO/IRIS HADRAT



Left: Skyline of Baku. Right: Arena polo on grass is an exception to the rule and it creates matches that are fast and easy to watch. Reto Gaudenzi will set up the second Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan in September. Bottom right: Xavier Lasserre supports his team Chopard.

The vibrant city of Baku on the Caspian Sea is one of the places where an ancient form of polo called "chovgan" was played 3,000 years ago. Under the motto "Bringing Polo Home", M. Ahadpur Khangah, an Azerbaijani entrepreneur and owner of title sponsor Milla, impressively showed in September 2013 that Azerbaijan is ready to play the modern version of the fast-paced sport. 520 TV stations across the world reported from the first Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan. This year he is heading for further targets such as new playing fields and an improved infrastructure. The new grass polo arena at the Elite Horse and Polo Club is ready now. Four international teams will compete from 5th to 7th September 2014, and it will be interesting to see if the host will award a prize as high as last year's. Polo professionals from Europe, the USA and Argentina have announced their participation in the tournament. The polo coaches of Alegria Polo Farm have trained the Azerbaijan team for some months. No doubt, the hosting team will go for the win. Initiator M. Ahadpur Khangah had announced to form a national Azerbaijani polo team at the premiere in 2013. Systematically, he put this plan into effect. In the same way, he achieved admittance of Azerbaijan to the Federation of International Polo (FIP).

This year again, organizers of the Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan will be World Polo, together with Azeri equestrian federation of Azerbaijan (ARAF), Elite Horse and Polo Club as well as Tanya Sulzenbacher. Chopard, Baltika 7, Montblanc und Embawood will be this year's sponsors. La Martina will be Official Supplier, Finass will organize the individual packages of the tournament. Reto Gaudenzi of World Polo, the polo visionary from Switzerland, is highly engaged in the international polo scene, at present. After 17 years, he took over again as organizer of the Polo World

Cup on Snow in St. Moritz, which he himself invented 30 years ago. Together with Francesco Mitrano, he is also establishing a new polo tournament in Monaco, which will be held in the beginning of July, much to the delight of the Côte d'Azur crowd.

The final weekend of the inaugural tournament 2013 proved it: polo has come home to Baku – and Azerbaijan celebrated it in style. A total of 250,000 Euros of prize money was up for grabs at the Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan – much more than at any other tournament on the European continent. The enthusiastic spectators (10,000 visitors on three days) supported the teams loudly and saw world-class matches. Shortly before the big final on Sunday, the spectators witnessed a historic moment. Two teams, comprised of polo players and chovgan players from Azerbaijan, played a friendly match and combined the old and new versions of traditional polo. M. Ahadpur Khangah has a clear vision of the future of polo in Azerbaijan: He will build a new polo club with at least two fields. "We have the 48 hectares we need to build the club complex. In 2013, we set up a national team that is trained in Argentina, as well as here in Baku, by professional coaches". Representatives from other sponsors of the first Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan were inspired by the facility Reto Gaudenzi created in Baku. Xavier Lasserre, Manager at Chopard Europe, headquartered in Geneva: "We expected decent organisation, but we're very impressed at how perfectly the tournament and programme have been organised. Following this great success, we are very positive about continuing to play a part in the Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan", says Lasserre. Richard Caleel, President of the Federation of International Polo (FIP), was also inspired by the polo debut in Baku: "I'm really impressed at the high standard of the whole tournament".



# HAR- VARD POLO TEAM

The oldest intercollegiate polo program in the U.S., the Harvard Polo Club, builds on a tradition of the sport at Harvard dating back to 1886. The team was reestablished in 2008.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY MOON LAI

The Harvard Polo Team was reestablished in 2008 after more than a decade of down years and currently counts 20 undergraduate members who practice regularly in the Fall and Spring semesters. The sport has gotten fresh momentum due to the efforts of polo-playing alums including the coach Crocker Snow Jr. and other college alums who have long been involved in the game. They have provided financial support and, over time, a suitable string of 15 polo ponies to help make it all happen. This in turn has prompted Harvard's Athletic Department to provide some help.

Coming to America from England originally in the last years of the 19th century, polo settled first in the New England area of the north-east in the 1880's. No surprising then that the first college program was at Harvard which is located in Cambridge, Mass adjacent to Boston. So it's very natural to be reborn there now. "We are deeply grateful for all of the support we receive, especially as

we aim to make Harvard Polo a permanent fixture on the Harvard campus for generations of undergraduates," says Coach Snow. The movie actor Tommy Lee Jones (Harvard, 67) is one of the supporters. The avid polo player has invited the team to his San Saba facilities in Texas for training, in addition to donating polo ponies and equipment. The players call this "Polo Boot Camp", which means long hours, riding much of the day, tough training with some experienced players. They seem to love it. Snow, an international journalist who started The WorldPaper and was once nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for his reporting in Asia has long been hooked with the polo bug as well. At 74 years old, he no longer plays polo tournaments, but coaches and scrimmages actively with the team instead. "For me, over the last 10 to 15 years, it has become more and more the horses that have engaged me more and more. They're great animals with their character, their athleticism, as well as their very individual personalities."



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1 The Harvard Polo Club members 2 Crocker Snow 3 Polo competition: This summer the team will play in Rome, Italy and Chantilly, France in early June and has a return invitation to China 4 The visit of the Harvard Polo Club in Mongolia left unforgettable impressions.

It's certainly in the family bloodstream. Snow's father played polo, and of his five sons four play polo. His eldest, Adam Snow, reached the pinnacle of the sport, carrying a 10-goal handicap and was recently inducted into the Polo Hall of Fame in Lake Worth, Florida. Two others carried 6 and 4-goal handicaps. Rebuilding Harvard Polo standards is what gets Snow's competitive juices flowing now. "We are currently buying a farm where we can accommodate and train our horses. It is about 45 minutes away from Harvard, in South Hamilton, MA, almost adjacent to the oldest active polo club in the country, Myopia. This will be the team's first permanent home and many Harvard supporters and friends have given donations to enable this investment in the future of Harvard polo. Like most of the 30-odd college polo programs in the country, Harvard mounts Men and Women varsity teams and a mixed JV team. The varsity teams play 12-15 intercollegiate games a year (three on a side in outdoor or indoor arenas, three on a side with the home team providing the mounts), as well as a number of outdoor exhibition games. The players are expected to do lots of work on the horses – cleaning stalls, tack, feeding – as time permits from their demanding college courses.

"It takes very good time management for them as students to pull it off," says Snow. "But they handle it because they get so much out of the experience to be with the horses, compete and get out in the country from the crowded community of Cambridge." A former captain, Albany Mulholland, from Gloucestershire, UK who is now at Sandhurst was quoted in a team pamphlet somewhat tongue of cheek: "In the last four years, 16 Harvard polo ponies have taught me more than 32 Harvard professors." Intercollegiate polo in America is organized into six geographic regions with regional tournaments to qualify for the Intercollegiate Nationals during the March and April period. The very top teams with good tradition and lots of horses like University of Virginia, Cornell, Texas A&M and others are too much ugh for a rebuilding program like Harvard's to compete

evenly with. Most of the team had never held a polo mallet and some had not even ridden when they joined up. So it's been a work in progress. But the Harvard players, most from the US, but counting players from France, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Colombia, Pakistan, Jordan, Dubai, China and of course the UK on recent rosters are not deterred. Team members benefit from some very special international experiences for sure. Last year the most experienced travelled with Coach Snow to Mongolia and China, playing consecutively with the Genghis Khan Polo Club in the steppes of Mongolia and the fancy Metropolitan Polo Club in Tianjin. It was the extremes of polo – moving from the small, tough rough-and-ready Mongolia horses on small fields in Mongolia to the huge, well groomed fields and well trained, full sized polo ponies in China to compete in the first Intervarsity Tournament against Yale, Oxford and Cambridge.

This summer the team will play in Rome, Italy and Chantilly, France in early June and has a return invitation to China for what will be a six team Intervarsity Tournament this year. "I always travelled a lot as a journalist, living in Japan and Germany on different assignments, and I often managed to play polo in lots of countries during this time," said Snow. "Curiously, I'm travelling almost as much now as a college coach as I was as a journalist." Crocker Snow played polo in over 20 countries. Until travelling to Mongolia, the Philippines had been Crocker's preferred polo destination, but after this trip it is now Mongolia. Even if universities like Cambridge and Virginia (very successful with 60 horses) spearhead America's university sports, a new area will begin this year for polo at Harvard University. Together with the polo farm – where there will be no grooms, hence the Harvard students will have to do all the work themselves – there will also be a therapeutic riding center. So there is much to do for the young polo players at Harvard, especially with many upcoming training chukkas and tournaments in China, Rome and Chantilly.

# TOMMY LEE JONES

Hollywood's good sport. POLO+10 interview with Tommy Lee Jones, polo enthusiast and Harvard alumni.

BY JAMES EVANS PHOTOGRAPHY GETTY IMAGES



Breeds polo horses at his own farm: Hollywood star Tommy Lee Jones.

Tommy Lee Jones is a Harvard-schooled actor, director, charity ambassador, Democrat, farmer and San Antonio Spurs fan. On set he totes guns, makes incredible speeches and charms even the coarsest of ladies, he possesses an Academy Award and a Golden Globe, speaks fluent Spanish, and even entertains himself with a fine and ever-evolving array of facial hair. Yet for all his talents, all his passions, all his future ambitions, there are few things that ultimately make as much sense to the affable 67-year-old as the sport of polo. We say 'affable', Jones is renowned in the industry as a straight-faced, outspoken and sometimes prickly character, but breaking cover on his love of the sport, you can't help but admire the man's honesty.

That very honesty may have caused Will Ferrell, Adam Sandler and notable political figures to fail the Jones approval test, but brazen chutzpah in a showbiz world that all too often hides behind itself cannot be a bad thing. "I think we owe it to ourselves to be honest," he begins. "If we have an opinion we should express it – I have always believed that. I never set out to hurt or offend people, but the very nature of this industry is that we put ourselves forward for praise, criticism and everything in between. That's how it works." Maybe indulging a passion for polo, as Jones has done for well over two decades now, has helped expel some of the frustration that the Texas-born actor feels for the industry. After all, this isn't just a trip to the open ranches – each year he spends a small fortune financing the sport in fields in Florida, his native Texas, plus a 74-acre equestrian facility in Buenos Aires. And when in action, he fields two separate teams, consisting of himself, his wife Dawn, six professional polo players, and at least 50 horses. It's a colossal operation that isn't taken lightly, and demands constant attention... something that may indeed have contributed to the actor stepping away from bright lights over the past couple of years. After all, those teams spend nearly half the year based in Palm Beach, Florida, where Jones has a horse farm and stables – he recently put it on the market for \$27million – and the other half of the year at the San Saba ranch in Texas.

"Polo brings out some really raw, inspirational emotions," he continues. "And as a team, we are at the top of our game. We can beat anybody, anytime, anywhere. And we love the thrill of proving it!" The competitive element is certainly something that spurs Jones on. Not content with 44 years 'active' on the big and small screen, nor a multitude of generational film roles – from *Natural Born Killers* to *Batman Forever* to *Men In Black* to *Lincoln* – Jones's schedule for tending to his lot is arguably more demanding than his time on the film set. "In the summers, we'll work cattle, and then at about 7 pm at night, we'll start playing polo. We'll play until about nine, and then when we're done, we put the meat on the fire and watch the dark come. It's a good life. Everyone is happy." Privacy remains a buzzword for the actor however, with visitors only very rarely invited to his Texas ranch to watch the polo matches. "It's just not the way I want it to be," he offers. "We keep the gates locked and everything is shut down. That's the way we like it – just friends and family, no outsiders. I think we can justifiably ask for that."

Of course, a life in the saddle has seen Jones become rather accomplished at the sport he loves. While the thrill still excites, he reminds us that the core skill in the sport remains the toughest thing to



Tommy Lee Jones: "My goal is simply to carry on enjoying the sport. It's the competition, the people and the experiences, and once you've discovered that world, it's difficult to let it go."

accomplish. "The mechanics involved in being able to hit a ball that small from the back of a horse, are quite staggering. If you consider you're aboard an animal running at 30 mph, your time and vision are being stretched to the absolute limit in order to be able to hit that ball with any amount of accuracy. It took me many years to get the technique right, and I'm still a long way from perfect," he smiles. "Remember, you should never ask a horse or an actor to do something they cannot do. Wisdom will teach you to find out what they can do, and then make it easy for them."

Such is Jones's passion for polo, these days he actually talks of the movie business interrupting his time on the field. Is he really supposing that he'd forfeit the fame, wealth and security he has built up through his creative craft in favour of chukkas, sideboards and wraps? "I always wanted to be an actor, and I guess my passion for polo has been fuelled by what I've done in that respect, but more and more, as you get older, you look to the things that make you happy... really happy. And the fact is, I look back now and realise that the movie business has hurt my polo. To realise your full potential, you have to play all year round, and that's just never

been possible for me. And I was always a good athlete... football was a wonderful experience for me. It provided a means whereby I could sustain much of my youth. In times of trouble, I've always had football. I always knew I was a football player. And that was a comfort on many occasions. Would I have liked to have built a similar base of knowledge through polo? Certainly. But I'm a player not a coach – I just don't have the patience to teach others!" While ambassadors of Tommy Lee Jones's calibre continue to emerge, the reputation and popularity of polo seems to be in good hands. Certainly, the accessibility of the sport to a wider audience can only be a good thing, even if the actor likes to keep much of his enjoyment private. "We've built world-class polo fields and practice fields so my team and the kids' teams can play. My daughter, Dawn, has been playing polo since she was six, and now she's entirely fearless. She sometimes plays six chukkas. Dawn is one of the best women polo players in the country and she didn't even know how to ride a horse ten years ago. My goal is simply to carry on enjoying the sport. It's the competition, the people and the experiences, and once you've discovered that world, it's difficult to let it go."



# GERMAN POLO TOUR

In 2010, Christopher Kirsch founded Germany's first polo league, the German Polo Tour, a tournament series that has become an indispensable feature in Germany's polo calendar.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY MATTHIAS GRUBER

German Polo Tour, Berenberg Polo-Trophy in Oberursel near Frankfurt. In the past year professional Miguel Lagos Marmol (4), whose family breeds race horses in Argentina, played for the Swiss team.



Thomas Wolfensberg (1) from Zurich and Christopher Kirsch (3) on Buscado. In 2000, Kirsch's horse came from Argentina to Hamburg, in this picture it is 23 years old. Today, at the age of 24, the gelding still plays High Goal and is a well-known horse throughout the scene.

**THE GERMAN POLO TOUR  
TOURNAMENTS IN 2014**

**5th Bucherer Polo Cup**  
Munich, (2 to 6 goals)  
23rd to 25th May

**8th Berenberg High Goal Cup**  
Düsseldorf, (8 to 12 goals)  
13th to 15th June

**14th Berenberg Polo-Derby**  
Hamburg, (8 to 10 goals)  
27th to 29th June

**3rd Bucherer High Goal Polo Cup**  
Gut Aspern / Hamburg, (8 to 10 goals)  
4th to 6th July

**11th Polo Picnic Münster, (8 goal)**  
25th to 27th July

**4th Berenberg Polo-Trophy**  
Oberursel/Bad Homburg, (2 to 6 goals)  
5th to 7th September

**4th Bucherer Polo Cup**  
Berlin, (2 to 6 goals)  
26th to 28th September



Caspar Crasemann (3) and Dominik Velazquez (2) at the German Polo Tour 2013.



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1 In 2010, Christopher Kirsch initiated the German Polo Tour. The Bucherer Polo Cup in Munich will once again be part of the tour in 2014. 2 Team Berenberg with Laura Gissler (0), Hannes Hühnlein (1), Ignacio Tillous (6) and Juan Guinazu (5) in Düsseldorf 3 Max Bosch (3) with Laura Gissler 4 Polo player Thane Schröder (0) 5 Robert Lindner (1), Ramona Neumann, the tournament doc and Andreas Walther (0) 6 the Argentinian Giselle with her friend Carolina Darboven 7 High spirits in Düsseldorf.

In the year of its fifth anniversary, the German Polo Tour (GPT) is now an established event among the competitions of the German polo calendar. Major national enterprises agreed to sponsor the entire tour, supporting the league through the entire season and through all areas of the country. Initiator Christopher Kirsch says: "In our present situation, sponsors approach us and request more locations. And even tournaments that have existed for some time wish to become part of the tour." Kirsch and his team of Pegasus Events are currently investigating two new locations which had applied for the German Polo Tour 2015. The field and infrastructure have to fulfil the tour requirements, because, after all, the GPT, as a cachet of polo, is due to live up to its promise. "We see this quality requirement as extraordinarily important. The sport needs flagships showing high-quality sport in a good atmosphere." Kirsch considers important to slowly enhance the tour, while maintaining its stability.

A total of 17 teams took part in the seven tournaments of Germany's first polo league in 2012. It will be 46 in 2014.

184 polo players from more than 15 nations, with their just under 1,000 horses will compete in the 2014 German Polo Tour. "This year, we will have 276 chukkas, all in all, to be played in the German Polo Tour," explains Christopher Kirsch. The tour has made stability and continuity a part of the sport. This will make visitors feel connected, and enable sustainable presence for sponsors. "Certainly, the German Polo Tour is interesting to sponsors because it offers continuous presence in several cities over the entire course of the polo season. This is why we do not work much with regional partners. Our sponsors rather come from the national and international markets. Thus, the German Polo Tour's concept has proved absolutely successful. Berenberg, the oldest private bank in Germany and the Swiss company Bucherer with its long-standing tradition will be title sponsors of three tournaments, each. With unchanged teams familiar to the crowd and cheered by their fans, with an exciting point system and sponsors permanently present, the sport is now much closer to the audience – just as the other way round." Munich, Hamburg, Gut Aspern, Düsseldorf, Münster, Oberursel and Berlin will offer a

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8 Christopher Kirsch's Gut Aspern near Hamburg is one of the best polo locations in Germany 9 Groom and horses at the pony line 10 Thomas Winter (4) fighting against the British Tarquin Southwell (4) of team Land Rover at Gut Aspern 11 Nicolas Ruiz Guinazu (3) and Uwe Schröder (1) 12 Sven Schneider (3) and Moritz Gädeke (3) 13 Award ceremony at the 2013 Bucherer Polo Cup in Berlin-Hoppegarten.

chance to win important points in 2014. The mode of the tour stays the same, basically. Each team's best results from the tournaments are considered in the score. The other results are crossed out. The team with the highest score wins at the end of the season.

HPA regulations are strictly applied in the German Polo Tour. English professional Jason Dixon has been engaged as chief umpire in the entire tour since 2012, apart from many other experienced umpires. Jason says: "I am glad to be involved in the German Polo Tour right from the start this year. As early as March this year, I taught in an umpire master course in Düsseldorf. The attendants passed on their new knowledge to their regional umpiring committees, which then report to their polo clubs. This way we were able to inform every sector of the DPV structure." At present, Kirsch and his staff are working flat out to prepare the tournaments of the German Polo Tour 2014. He states: "The quality standards are very high, and we are constantly working on optimizing the field. Most of all, at the locations in Oberursel and Berlin-Hoppegarten,

which are quite new, we were able to improve field quality significantly last year."

Just as in previous years, the winner can look forward to a valuable original of Bucherer's Polo watch. In honour of the German Polo Tour, Carl F. Bucherer launched as part of its Polo Edition the Patravi ChronoDate limited to 100 pieces. With its stainless steel casing, screw down crown and silver-coloured clock face, the polo watch pays tribute to the centuries-old team sport in several respects. This timekeeper includes the automatic CFB 1956.1 manufacture movement Carl F. Bucherer developed especially for his Patravi ChronoDate Polo Edition. Its power reserve is 42 hours. The Bucherer polo watch has numerous functions, such as a large date display and a chronograph with a display running at the pulse of the sport of polo. It shows the four quarters of a polo game with their seven and a half minutes, each. This is what makes Carl F. Bucherer's watch perfectly suitable for polo.

For more information visit [www.polo-tour.de](http://www.polo-tour.de)



Fergus Scholes (31), James Glasson (39), Bobby Dundas (29, 10th Viscount Melville) and Henry Brett (38) after their arrival at the port of the Caribbean island Antigua. The British polo players had crossed the Atlantic in 48 days and seven minutes in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, the world's toughest rowing race.

# HARDER THAN PLAYING POLO

Together with three other polo players, the Briton Henry Brett crossed the Atlantic in a small rowing boat. The 5-goaler talked to POLO+10 about the adventure of his life.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN PHOTOGRAPHY BEN DUFFY

Crossing the Atlantic Ocean in a small rowing boat is a crazy enough idea. The more so if you have not the slightest experience in rowing. The four British polo players Bobby Dundas (3, aged 29), Henry Brett (5, aged 38), James Glasson (3, aged 39) and Fergus Scholes (-1, aged 31) nevertheless took the challenge and, under the name Atlantic Polo Team, they entered the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, which is the hardest rowing contest in the world. Starting from San Sebastian de La Gomera, the four-some of them took the 3,000 mile route across the Atlantic. The 6.4 meter rowing boat called "Tiny Dancer" was home to them for almost seven weeks. In an extremely confined space they had to eat, sleep, treat their water – and row, row, row.

About everyday life on board, Henry Brett says: "Just trying to do the smallest thing on the boat in the big waves was difficult. Changing clothes became a real issue. Every two hours we took turns rowing. The most time we spent to make water. We had a handheld pump that desalinated the seawater. 500 pumps would make about a litre of drinking water – that took a bit of time."

All alone with each other and the waves, the venturous went through great privation and exertion. After five days a violent storm forced the men into their small cabin of 2.4 meters length and 1 meter width. Two of them were thrown overboard. Henry Brett was the first to be hit: "It happened very quickly. When the wave hit me I was trying to get to the cabin – suddenly I was being dragged under the boat by my safety line. In this moment you realize that without that bit of rope you would never make it back on board."

After 48 days the Atlantic Polo Team reached the harbour of the Caribbean Island of Antigua – being first in the four-person category and second in the overall challenge. A fantastic performance few people would have expected. To Henry Brett it was the experience of a lifetime, which made him a stronger and more focused person. "The most important experience was to recognize that you can achieve everything as long as you want it. The challenge was the adventure of my life and at the same time the hardest thing I ever had." And then he laughs and says: "One thing can be certain: playing polo is easier than rowing across the atlantic." •

# LUCAS MONTEVERDE

Lucas Monteverde has been playing in high goal polo for more than 14 years. In 2007, after several triumphs at the Argentine Open with La Dolfina, he reached the golden 10 handicap. Now he plays with a 9 handicap and is one of the members of the team that surprised us all last season, Alegría, which played in the final of the Argentine Open 2013 against La Dolfina.

BY MARÍA PAULA FERNÁNDEZ PHOTOGRAPHY KATERINA MORGAN

Born in 1976, Lucas grew up in 25 de Mayo, a town in the province of Buenos Aires, Argentina, in his family's estancia, El Rincón. His family transmitted him the love for polo and for horse breeding, Marcelo Monteverde, his uncle, is one of the world's most successful polo coaches. And Lucas, with his long time polo career in the best teams, including his nowadays opponents, La Dolfina and Ellerstina, has won several Argentine Opens, the Veuve Clicquot Cowdray Park Gold Cup, Hurlingham Open, Golden Cup Deauville, and Gold Cup of Santa María Polo Cup in Sotogrande.

Just arrived to Buenos Aires from his season in Dubai, Lucas chatted with us from his stables, and explained why he is so passionate about the sport.

TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND, HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED INTO POLO?

I was born in the fields. At home we always had horses so I have always loved them. In the beginning, I started playing with my uncles, and then I got into high handicap polo thanks to Gonzalo Pieres in Ellerstina, and then in 2000 I moved to Cañuelas with Lolo (Castagnola), and Adolfo (Cambiaso) and did all the Argentine Open campaign from 2005 to 2011 with La Dolfina, where I played for them in seven editions of the Open, winning four of them. After I went away from La Dolfina, I played for some time with Lolo and the Merlos brothers (Sebastián and Agustín), and then I accepted Mariano Aguerre's invitation to join Alegría before he was called to play in Ellerstina, so I joined Freddy (Mannix) and decided play with the team.

HOW DID YOU REACH THE +10 HANDICAP?

I got to high goal polo thanks to Lolo Castagnola and Adolfo Cambiaso. I went to Cañuelas to play for La Dolfina. At La Dolfina I was playing at first with a 8 handicap, and then in 2007 I reached the 10 handicap by winning the Open again.

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE RANKED AMONG THE TOP POLO PLAYERS IN THE WORLD?

I would never have imagined it when I was growing up. I would have never thought I was able to have the career I've been

having. But this would have never been possible without all the people backing me up, and essentially, because of our horse organization.

WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW IT FELT TO REACH THE ARGENTINE OPEN FINALS LAST YEAR. WE KNOW IT WAS A SURPRISE FOR THE SPECTATORS, BUT HOW DID IT FEEL AS A PLAYER?

To be honest, I had played in Alegría for a year with the Merlos brothers. Freddy (Mannix Sr.) decided to renovate the team with two young players, so Polito (Pieres) and Hilario (Ulloa) got in the team. I made all my career in polo playing as a 2, and Hilario was a 2 too, and Polito is 1. We are all forwards. I had never played as a 3, and at first organizing the team was a challenge. We would have never expected, that going through our own adjustments, we could reach such a great goal. We started playing a bit trying out the team organization, and surprisingly, we started winning. We were more astonished than everyone. So reaching the finals was a surprise beyond comparison to us, and a great joy.

WHICH ARE YOUR FAVOURITE POLO DESTINATIONS OUTSIDE ARGENTINA?

The US and UK are great to play in. There is great competition in both places. Now we are going to the UK to play the Queen's Cup and that will be a great tournament. For some years, I have been playing in Dubai, and although it is still growing and needs further development, it is a great place to play, and of course, to stay.

HOW IS YOUR EVERYDAY TRAINING?

I have my own coach in Cañuelas, and I travel with him everywhere. His name is Maximiliano Zapico, he is a personal trainer, and I met him because he was my son's Taekwondo teacher. I am 36 years old, and if I don't train all year round, I get injured easily. As polo is being played all year round, I need to make sure I get a proper training, so I travel with him, and work daily. A typical training day, when I'm not playing tournaments, starts after I drop my kids at school, we do one hour of physical training, and then in the afternoon I ride my horses or do stick and ball.



ABOUT YOUR HORSES, HOW DO YOU CHOOSE THEM?

I have a basis of "confirmed mares" for the Open, that a polo player normally has. To that group of "confirmed mares" every year some are added, and we played with the new ones in Tortugas Open. Then you select the ones that have worked better, and with them and the already-confirmed mares, we go and play the Hurlingham and Argentine Open. That is how almost every player carries out the horse selection here in Argentina. Now I'm playing small tournaments with new mares, to already be selecting some of them for September.

DO YOU HAVE A PERSONAL ICON OF THE SPORT YOU LOOK UP TO?

After such a long career playing with the best players, we all see each other as equals. But I really admire Gonzalo Pieres Sr. and Adolfo Cambiaso, they have certainly changed the sport in the last 20 years.

WHICH ARE YOUR HOBBIES BESIDES POLO, AND HOW IS YOUR FAMILY?

I'm married, my wife's name is Loly Lopez who is always beside me, and I have three kids: Lucas, 8 years old, Luna, 5 and Lucero, 1 ½ years. I am lucky that we travel together everywhere, so I'm always feeling comfortable. Regarding hobbies, I really like working with horses, training, breeding and taming them, that is my main hobby and also job.

OUR LAST QUESTION, WHICH ARE YOUR GOALS FOR 2014?

Before the Argentine Open, I have the English season with UAE, the Sheikha's team with Pablo MacDonough. I think we have a very good team, so we will try to win one of the cups there. And for Argentina, having performed as good as last year, the goals are very high: we want to go for the Triple Crown, or at least in their finals. ●

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LUCAS MONTEVERDE Polo player (9)

Image: Matias Calleja

# WORLD POLO TOUR

The World Polo Tour is the international ranking of polo players. In 2014, there is a total of 54 tournaments taking place all around the world, where players can collect points. POLO+10 explains how the system works.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN



Fred Mannix (8, Team Alegria) and Adolfo Cambiasso (10, Team La Dolfina) in the final of the 2013 Argentine Open.



Alegría celebrating its victory at the 110th Maserati U.S. Open Polo Championship at International Polo Club Palm Beach. One month before, Julian Mannix (3), Hilario Ulloa (9), Mariano Aguerre (9) and Clemente Zavaleta (5) had been defeated by Team Valiente in the final of the 2014 Piaget USPA Gold Cup. But on April 22nd the foursome took the chance and won against Valiente by 11-10.



1 The Dubai Gold Cup at the Dubai Polo & Equestrian Club is one of the most prestigious polo tournaments worldwide. 2 Polo audience in Thailand 3 After-show party U.S. Open 4 At the 2013 Argentine Open, the Alegria Polo Team caused a sensation: Alegria defeated the favourite team Ellerstina and for the first time made it to the final of the most important polo tournament in the world. 5 Each year the best polo players worldwide attend the Sotogrande Gold Cup at the Santa María Polo Club, Spain. On the right: Adolfo Cambiasso (always clearly recognizable by his helmet with the Argentine flag). 6 Javier Herrera WPT Director giving award to Michael Bickford at St. Moritz World Cup on Snow 2014 7 Dennis and Felicia Cunningham.



In 2002, polo managers of the major polo clubs, along with the best players in the world, called into existence the first international polo player ranking, i.e. the World Polo Tour (WPT). "The system came up as the result of the urge, by players and clubs, to create a circuit that reflects the best polo in the world and who were the best players despite their handicap," says Javier Herrera, director of WPT. "The aim is to set a difference between the top events in the world and the rest. Since there is no official polo circuit, it is very difficult for people to understand how the professional circuit works. Specially for sponsors or patrons that are new to the sport and will get easily confused with so many tournaments, events and exhibition that have nothing to do with the real polo."

This year's World Polo Tour comprises 54 tournaments around the world. Each player participating in one of these tournaments is

automatically included in the ranking. The polo players are scored according to their success, here. Depending on the degree of difficulty, players receive their individual points for taking part as well as reaching the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals. These points are added up at the end of each year, eventually forming the basis for the ranking of polo players.

The points are subject not only to the positioning of the player's team, but also to the respective player's handicap. "And the players get points when they first enter the ranking, for their handicap. So high goal players may have more points than the low goal if they win the same events," states Herrera, adding: "Every year your points go down to half. So you start the year with half the points you had last year. But there is also the Annual Race that is for the players that sum more oints each year."

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8 Award ceremony at the 2014 BMW-B.Grimm Thai Polo Open: Charming young Thai HRH Princess Sirivannavari Nariratana, daughter of the crowned prince and the king's granddaughter, watched the matches and presented the awards personally. 9 Hat Winners at the U.S. Open 10 Sapo Caset (9, Team Valiente) and Hilario Ulloa (9, Team Alegría) at the 2014 U.S. Open. By winning this year's Joe Barry Cup, C.V. Whitney Cup and Piaget USPA Gold Cup, Valiente has already been successful at three tournaments of the World Polo Tour. 11 Team Alegría in high spirits 12 10-goaler Adolfo Cambiaso won the World Polo Tour in 2013 and currently also is at the top of the worldwide polo ranking.

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13 For the first time the Thai Open at the Thai Polo & Equestrian Club is part of the World Polo Tour 14 Juan Martín Nero (10, Team La Dolfina) and Nicolas Pieres (9, Team Ellerstina) at the Hurlingham Open. In 2013, La Dolfina won the Tortugas Open, the Hurlingham Open and the Argentine Open and became winner of the Argentine Triple Crown.

**THE WINNERS OF THE WORLD POLO TOUR 2013**

Pro Annual Award: Adolfo Cambiaso  
Amateur Annual Award: Lyndon Lea

**THE TOURNAMENTS OF THE WORLD POLO TOUR 2014**

In the beginning of this year, 13 new tournaments were included into the international ranking. So now, the World Polo Tour 2014 comprises a total of 54 events. These are the new tournaments: Argentina: Copa Municipalidad de Pilar, Copa de Diamante (La Dolfina), Copa El Remanso (El Remanso), Copa America (Alegría-Polo One) and Copa Julio Novillo Astrada (La Aguada PC), Venezuela: Agualinda Victor Jose Vargas Santaella, France: Open de Paris, Great Britain: Harrison Cup, Holden White, Indian Empire Shield and Archie David, Abu Dhabi: HH President of the UAE Polo Cup, Thailand: Thai Open. From 2015 on, Mexico will also be part of the World Polo Tour.

While polo players are included in the ranking automatically, tournaments have to apply to be part of the tour. Once a year, after the Argentine Open, the commission of polo players and managers meets to discuss these applications, as well as changes to the score system. The number of points players receive for a certain tournament is subject to several criterions like the quality of the fields, the number of teams, players, sponsors, coverage, etc. "But the main thing is that the organization is serious and that the event takes polo seriously," points out Herrera.

The tournaments of the World Polo Tour are divided into a number of categories. The Grand Slams are the best tournaments of the best polo playing countries. In 2014 again, the Argentine Open in Argentina, the U.S. Open in the States, and the Gold Cup for the British Open in Great Britain are part of the three Grand Slam tournaments. The differences between the World Polo Tour Championship Cup and the World Polo Tour Cup are the level of polo (handicap), the level of players, how old the tournament is, how many teams are playing, how many people are attending, sponsors, coverage, if the tournament is televised, umpires, etc. All this is taken into consideration for the point system. The Challenge Cup is more like an entry level for new tournaments or tournaments under review. The Snow Cup tournaments are snow

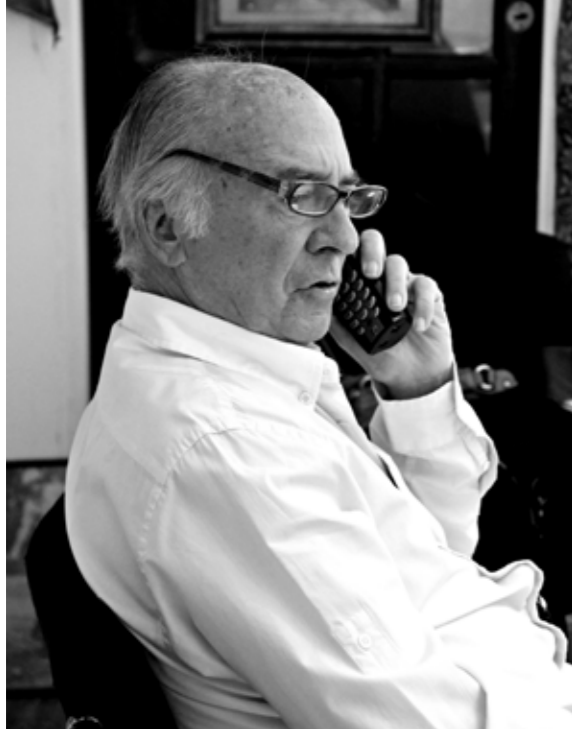
polo tournaments. The Amateur Polo Tour is a ranking only for patrons or non-professional players. Moreover, there is the Master Tour. This is a ranking for the teams that play two or more tournaments during the year. If a player takes part in tournaments of different categories, all points are added.

Every year, following the Argentine Open, the player with the most points is given the "Player of the Year" award. The award ceremony usually takes place at the Polo Players prom in Palermo, Buenos Aires. Also, each month, a professional and an amateur player are awarded the "Player of the Month" title.

The World Polo Tour develops continuously. "We are looking to integrate a new circuit of events that are not high goal polo but are at top locations and are well organized," says Javier Herrera, offering an insight into the latest plans. "The idea of the WPT is to create more awareness of the sport of polo. And to have an official circuit and ranking of players to make it easy to follow for everybody. The next step will be to livestream all the games and to have a monthly show on TV."

For more information on the World Polo Tour, plus the current ranking and WPT tournaments, refer to [www.worldpolotour.com](http://www.worldpolotour.com)





A MORNING WITH MARCOS

# URANGA

Founder and first president of the Federation of International Polo, Marcos Uranga has worked a lifetime on promoting, organizing and spreading the word about the sport of polo.

TEXT & PHOTOGRAPHY **MARÍA PAULA FERNÁNDEZ**

During the 2013 Polo Open in Palermo, Buenos Aires, Argentina, POLO+10 had the chance of a lifetime. We were kindly invited by Mr. Marcos Uranga, the founder and first president of the FIP, to his home, and we had the opportunity to ask him some questions, while he took us on a journey back in time on polo history, and showed us the treasures he has accumulated over his years in the sport. With books, photos, trophies and medals we went on a memorable polo history tour.

Spending time with Mr. Uranga is experiencing a lifetime dedicated to polo. As Horacio Laffaye states in his book "Profiles in Polo", there is truly nobody who has surpassed his contribution in consolidating the different associations and federations throughout the world, gathering more than 70 countries into a worldwide organization: The Federation of International Polo. Today, the Federation is going through its 30th anniversary, and Mr. Uranga still remains active in it, as its Founding President.

Born in Buenos Aires in 1936, Marcos Uranga was the son of Carlos Uranga and Susana Rey, studied at Belgrano Day School, a bilingual English traditional school in the neighborhood of Belgrano, Buenos Aires. There, he started playing a different sport, but later on he translated to polo: Mr. Uranga has his roots in sports in rugby – "Thanks to my roots in rugby, I could envision the Federation as a worldwide family, the team spirit and the training and teachings of that sport broadened my vision in sports in general" – Marcos started playing polo as a diversion and a family sport, being taught by his father, and later became the captain of the Jockey Club team, once one of the most affluent clubs worldwide. When asked the question about his milestones as a polo player, he high-

lighted playing and winning the first World Championship of Polo Clubs, that gave him the idea of starting the Federation: to make this event happen, the guest, Argentina, and the Jockey Club had to make sure there were horses for every polo player. Marcos Uranga, then Vice-President of the Argentinean Polo Association, started working on the idea of expanding the concept of the World Championship, and the idea of establishing the Federation was rooted. In 1982, the Argentinean Polo Association invited all national associations to a meeting, with the aim of joining forces to have a voice at the Olympic Committee, promote competitions, unify polo rules, and keep developing the sport among other goals. After that meeting held at the Jockey Club, Buenos Aires, Argentina, the Federation of International Polo was born, with Marcos Uranga elected as president.

Mr. Uranga is not only a recognized polo personality, he is an expert on agriculture and rural matters, and has had a brilliant career in top positions in Argentina, such as being named Director of the Banco de la Nación Argentina (Argentina's National Bank); he occupied positions in the Sociedad Rural Argentina (Argentinean Rural Society), and was second in command at the national Ministry of Agriculture. While occupying these charges, Marcos Uranga, together with Ignacio Uranga, also ran his estate, which is still running steady and prosperous.

When he speaks about his main goal for creating the Federation, Mr. Uranga states: "My goal was to create a big international polo family, a group of nationality-heterogeneous people, but homogeneous thanks to their affinity to polo. I believe that the goal of the sport is to unite the people, the nations, and most importantly,



Marcos Uranga showing POLO+10 his many awards and recognitions throughout his polo career.

the family. We must practice the sport with the young people, internationally, and not look at competition, but at the comradeship between all" and then he highlights that "in the sport of polo, that comradeship is started from the beginning, when a local polo player lends his horse to a foreign one; the generosity in that act sets the principles of the true polo chivalry, regardless of the competition, and the different teams" and he continues "I am now 76 years old and feel my cycle is achieved. I believe in rotation of authorities, and the importance of giving voice to each of the different nations. If we wish to grow, we must renovate, the sport is in constant evolution, and so should the Federation be. I have initiated a project and have made it grow worldwide, reaching remote locations such as China, developing bonds throughout the nations, personalities, governments, players and families: this is the biggest legacy I could ever leave".

Marcos Uranga is awfully glad about the high number of youngsters playing polo in Argentina, mentioning that after the interview he will go to see his grandchildren play in the junior leagues, and the high number of kids starting to play at very early ages in the country: "The most beautiful thing I have is my 20 grandchildren, my seven sons and daughters, one of them, Paula, is married to Alberto 'Pepe' Heguy, a polo legend himself; and once I see my grandkids playing I feel a deep joy, to be able to help them, and to see them play with their parents, it is the best reward for all these years of work".

When asked if his main goals in the FIP were accomplished, Mr. Uranga has only one answer: a definite yes. Out of the blue when we were about to finish our interview, Glen Holden (former FIP

President and Ambassador of the United States in Jamaica, among others) calls Mr. Uranga, and they schedule lunch together for that day, and then go to watch his grandsons play together. After the call, he only tells us "See? The true spirit of polo, we are really a family!". Mr. Marcos Uranga feels accomplished and satisfied, proud of the achievements of the "polo family" he once placed the foundation stone of, and everything about him proves this right. ●



Marcos' father, in one of his many portrait frames in his studio in Buenos Aires.

# POLO WARRIORS AT LA PATRONA

Tierra Tropical's polo club, La Patrona, received the visit of remarkable polo players. Memorable times at this environmentally friendly paradise. World-renowned polo players share their impressions about La Patrona.

BY GABRIELLE WEBER AND MARÍA PAULA FERNÁNDEZ PHOTOGRAPHY GABRIELLE WEBER



Recently, Tierra Tropical and its polo club La Patrona, located in the picturesque town of San Francisco in the Nayaritan Rivera of Mexico, hosted a number of prominent guests of the polo world who were positively impressed with the estate.

La Patrona had the honor to have Guillermo "Memo" Gracida as a special guest and polo professional for the upcoming opening in March 2015. He is the best rated ever polo player in Mexico, reaching the highly coveted rating of +10. "The quality of the field is one of the best in the world!" enthused Memo Gracida during his

recent visit to San Francisco and La Patrona this past April. "The setting of the jungle fields and equestrian facilities is unique in its beauty!" He also rated the polo operation as highly professional and called it a "stunning paradise for polo and horse lovers alike."

Alvaro Pedrero, known in the polo inner circle as the "Horse Whisperer," is another important addition to La Patrona Polo Club and a valued part of the team. Alvaro helps La Patrona and their workers to train their horses through natural horsemanship. Twice a week they work with their horses and fillies using these



4 Junior player in the Jaguar field of La Patrona 5 Chino Li on the game, riding the pure bred Arab mare LP Daga 6 Guillermo Gracida after the game 7 Polo players riding their ponies down San Pancho beach.

1 Guillermo Gracida and Chino Li in a thrilling moment during a polo match 2 Horses on their way to the stables after the game. 3 Guillermo Gracida after the game.

techniques. In this way, La Patrona guarantees the absolute well-being of their horses. The correct breeding and handling of the horses is one of the most important goals of the club, safeguarding at the same time their riders as well.

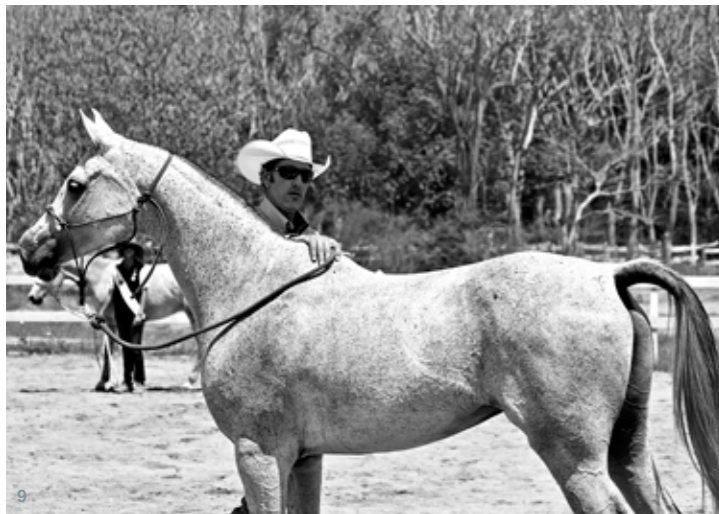
Mr. Guillermo "Billy" Steta, the president of the Mexican Polo Federation spent a weekend in the premises, too. Impressed at the quality of both the horses and polo management, he was also delighted to play a full game riding throughbred Arab horses. La Patrona's whole offer is truly revolutionary for the whole polo universe, and delightful for any spectator to watch.

Another invitee was Chino Li (7), Peruvian polo professional, and owner of a polo school in the capital city of his country, also visited the premises to help test the open field polo operations with its new horses for more than a week. When asked about his first impression of the facilities, he determinately declared: "a dream come true!". Mr. Li has been involved with La Patrona from its

earliest beginnings twelve years ago, and will be hosting several clinics at La Patrona in the upcoming season.

It is because of these men and many other polo warriors, that polo and horsemanship lives and thrives in Mexico and around the world, everyone who is "fighting" for polo and finding joy in equestrian disciplines is ardently welcomed at La Patrona.

La Patrona is the proud home of stunning throughbred Arabian horses trained to play polo. Other throughbreds can be found at the stables, and there are several other equestrian disciplines that can be performed at the club. The polo fields were built by world renowned polo field specialist Alejandro Battro and are consistently maintained with his supervision. The doors of this prestigious world class facilities are open to anybody wanting to learn to play polo. The equestrian disciplines of vaulting, jumping, cross country, and Spanish dressage can be also performed at the club. In addition, La Patrona has a foundation which introduces



8 After the game, a tropical evening at the beach of San Francisco  
9 Alvaro Pedrero working with Arab mare LP Reina 10 View from the hills of Tierra Tropical of one of their picturesque Pacific Ocean beaches.

“THE SETTING OF THE JUNGLE FIELDS AND EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES IS UNIQUE IN ITS BEAUTY!”

GUILLERMO GRACIDA Polo player



children and people with fear of animals to horses through equinotherapy; as well as children with special needs treated with this method.

Everyone in the club, from the grooms and directors, to the owners, work together in harmony: they are a big family. Their priorities are clear: safekeeping of both horses and personnel, in aim to enjoy the safest and most pleasant of all rides.

Dreams are a reality at La Patrona: one can learn to play polo with the most special horses, surrounded by a beautiful and unique jungle setting, an adjacent beach, and situated in a friendly and

picturesque surf town. Their guests can participate in other interesting activities available at the premises and the town. Founded in 2003 by Gabrielle and Ivan, polo and nature aficionados, committed with the environment and the community, they were able to create an innovative touristic concept for the globalized world, that has transformed the dynamics of the town of San Francisco, through equestrian and cultural activities: Tierra Tropical and the Polo Club and Equestrian Centre.

Tierra Tropical has set a new concept for the development of tourism in the area of Rivera Nayarit, based on the sustainable development principles, constituting a new alternative for the region,

and a new horizon for global tourism. The landscape and the biodiversity are the basis of Tierra Tropical: they set the standards for organizing the territory and the developments and activities taking place in it.

Their proposal has a high value for the natural landscape and cultural heritage, generating touristic development with low environmental impact. This is not only meant to preserve the site and create conscience in the visitor, but also to develop other activities – equestrian, productive and housing – ecologically. This constitutes a new concept and destination that also guarantees the development of San Francisco and the region.

Tierra Tropical is set in San Francisco, locally known as San Pancho, a small town found in the municipality of Bahía de Banderas. This is a town sheltered by the mountains of the Sierra Madre Occidental, where oak forests, palm groves, tropical jungle and the turquoise Mexican Pacific Ocean merge in a breathtaking landscape. Given this biodiversity, Tierra Tropical is determined to develop the human activities in consistency with the location and the region, in aim to preserve the environment. Topography determines the shape of the area of Tierra Tropical, incorporating the structures in relation to the natural landscape: the hills, the valley and the river in perfect harmony with man and his activities.

# BEACH POLO

Since the first Beach Polo tournament in Dubai ten years ago, the chukkas on sand enjoy great popularity around the globe. POLO+10 presents an overview of the Beach Polo locations around the world.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN



**BELGIUM**  
**Scapa Sport Beach Polo**  
 7th to 9th June 2014, Knokke

**FRANCE**  
**Touquet Scapa Polo Cup**  
 5th and 6th April 2014, Le Touquet

**GERMANY**  
**Sparkasse Holstein Beach Polo Masters**  
 2nd to 4th May 2014, Timmendorfer Strand  
**Beach Polo Ostsee Cup**  
 9th to 11th May, Warnemünde / Rostock

**International Beach Polo Cup**  
 16th to 18th May, Binz / Rügen  
**Julius Bär Beach Polo World Cup Sylt**  
 7th and 8th June 2014, Hörnum / Sylt  
**German Beach Polo Championship**  
 3rd to 5th October, Sellin / Rügen

**GREAT BRITAIN**  
**Veuve Clicquot Polo on the Beach**  
 5th and 6th July 2014, Watergate Bay, Cornwall  
**Asahi British Beach Polo Championships**  
 11th and 12th July 2014, Sandbanks Beach, Poole

**ITALY**  
**PIPA Beach Polo European Championship**  
 28th to 30th August 2014, Lignano  
**Polo Beach Cup\***, Viareggio / Toscana

**SPAIN**  
**Ibiza Beach Polo Cup**  
 14th to 17th August 2014, San Lorenzo / Ibiza  
**Gran Premio Atlanterra Derby & Polo**  
 27th and 28th September 2014, Zahara de los Atunes  
**European Beach Polo Championship**  
 26th to 28th September 2014, Tarifa  
**Sunset Beach Polo\***, Vejer de la Frontera

**International Beach Polo Cup**  
 1st to 4th May 2014, Puerto Vallarta / Riviera Nayarit, Mexico

**Polo en la Playa**  
 17th May 2014, Mérida / Yucatán, Mexico

**Miami Beach Polo World Cup**  
 23rd to 27th April 2014, Miami, USA

**Cartagena Beach Polo Cup**  
 28th and 29th June 2014, Cartagena, Colombia

**Beach Polo Cup**  
 7th January 2014, Pinamar, Argentina

**Copa Ciudad de Monte Hermoso**  
 3rd to 4th March 2014, Monte Hermoso, Argentina

**Julius Bär Beach Polo Cup Dubai**  
 10th to 12th April 2014, Dubai, UAE

**Asian Beach Polo Championship "Princess Pa's Cup"**, 19th April 2014, Hua Hin, Thailand

**Pinctada Cable Beach Polo**  
 24th and 25th May 2014, Broome, Australia

**Porangahau Beach Polo\***  
 Porangahau, New Zealand

**Beach Polo World Cup**  
 3rd to 6th July 2014, Dalian, China

**More Beach Polo locations:** Las Grutas (ARG), Krumpendorf / Wörthersee (AUS), Juanillo Beach (DOM), Heringsdorf / Usedom (GER), St. Peter-Ording (GER), Goa (India), Leh (India), Bibione (IT), Forte dei Marmi (IT), Rimini (IT), Cancún (MEX), Gdynia (PL), Newport (Rhode Island, USA), Chicago (USA), St Brelades Beach (UK), Swansea Bay / Wales (UK), Punta del Este (URU), Muskegon (USA)

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# 10 YEARS BEACH POLO

The anniversary was celebrated in style in Dubai in the middle of April – at a fantastic location, with chukkas under floodlight, and an exciting fraternal derby in the final. Media partner POLO+10 was present, too.

BY KATRIN LANGEMANN PHOTOGRAPHY JULIUS BAER BEACH POLO CUP DUBAI PRESENTED BY CADILLAC



1 At the Skydive Dubai in Dubai Marina, the world's largest Beach Polo Arena was designed and set up for this special occasion 2 The former football pro Diego Maradona throwing in the ball 3 Dr. Thomas M. Rinderknecht (0) of Lindt Polo Team 4 HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Sultan bin Hamdan Al Nahyan with actress Michelle Rodriguez 5 Polo action: Maxi Malacalza (team Maradiva) and Lucas Labat (team Lindt) 6 Beach Polo founder Sam Katiela with Patron Mohammed Al Habtoor and Grammy-nominated R&B singer and actor Tyrese Gibson.

In 2004, the first Beach Polo tournament took place in Dubai. Sam Katiela of Mamemo Productions and some friends created this pleasure on a sandy beach then. While new Beach Polo locations were emerging around the globe, there was a break to the tournament on the Persian Gulf after three issues. Last year, Beach Polo came back home and in 2014 celebrated its 10th year in the middle of April. For the anniversary chukkas, the organizers came up with something very special: The matches for Julius Baer Beach Polo Cup Dubai 2014 presented by Cadillac were played under flood light for the first time. They took place at the Skydive Dubai in Dubai Marina, where a Beach Polo Arena had been designed and set up for this particular occasion. The final between the VistaJet Bombardier and Julius Bär teams turned out as an exciting fraternal derby. Rashid Al Habtoor, chairman of Dubai Polo Club and winner in 2013, was in the saddle for Julius Bär, while his brother, Mohammed Al Habtoor played for VistaJet Bombardier. Mohammed Al Habtoor is also experienced in Beach Polo: He is

a 0-goaler and won the first three issues of the tournament from 2004 to 2006. In the beginning, the final was balanced. Soon, however, VistaJet Bombardier was ahead and was able to maintain its leading position until the end, in spite of Julius Bär's endeavour. As a result, Mohammed Al Habtoor (0), his Sohn Habtoor Al Habtoor (0) and Guillermo Cuitino (+6) left the Beach Polo Arena with an 8-4 victory.

Sam Katiela: "We are very proud of the success of this event. Over the last decade this concept has really put Dubai and the UAE on the top of polo world map. We have been able to stage a world-class event, organised, managed and created by Mamemo Productions and this is a formula which has been transported all over the world. We feel that this special 10th anniversary celebration of Beach Polo really does justice to the popular concept and we'd like to thank everyone involved in making this weekend possible."



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BY MARÍA PAULA FERNÁNDEZ

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# THE NEW ISLE OF POLO

Its game season lasts from March to December, and its climate conditions leave nothing to be desired. And a flight from Hamburg to Mallorca takes only two and a half hours. Numerous low-cost flights go there every day – with a trend upward. On the holiday island of Mallorca, a polo community is currently forming. POLO+10 is on site, and, from now on, will assist those who seek a polo property.

BY STEFANIE STÜTING PHOTOGRAPHY VALERIE CRASEMANN, LARA REY VELA, POLO+10



Argentine Gastón Maíquez himself breeds polo horses and is one of the most successful professionals in Germany and Europe. He is inspired by the condition of his horses on Mallorca.

“AT THE START OF THE SEASON, MY HORSES NEVER LOOKED AS GOOD AS THEY DO HERE ON MALLORCA.”

GASTÓN MAÍQUEZ Polo player (7)

Polo games on Mallorca are always private events, at present. Until recently, a regulation prevented public tournaments and clubs. For 15 years, Daniel Crasemann from Hamburg fought to reach a legislation amendment – and recently succeeded.

Polo on Mallorca is played in private today, with bidden guests, and behind closed doors. However, unnoticed by the public yet, a lot is changing – Mallorca is getting itself ready to get started as the new European polo destination. What are the reasons? There's a lot of them! As much as 17 years ago, Daniel Crasemann, entrepreneur from Hamburg, bought his own polo finca in the East of the Island. The finca accommodates 120 horses at present, which are fit as a fiddle now after their winter break, and are being prepared right now for the chukkas of the European summer season. At the finca of Crasemann, who is just building his second full-size field, friends play amongst themselves – only those invited, of course.

Crasemann is a polo enthusiast. His children learned polo at the polo school of Thomas Winter in Hamburg, and won the German High Goal Championship in 2013, at the ages of 15 and 19. Christian Völkers, his long-standing business partner, has a polo address on Mallorca, too. Uwe Schröder, founder and owner of the

Tom Tailor fashion brand is currently considering to buy a polo finca on the island, and also Christopher Kirsch, main German organizer of polo events, has just moved to Mallorca. Bernhard Schurzmann from Munich recently bought a finca, and is building a large polo facility due to start operation in autumn. Geneva banker Fabian Pictet, who used to play polo in England a lot, is now building his own polo finca with a playing field on Mallorca.

But why is polo more topical now than ever before? After all, vast numbers of real or self-appointed polo managers failed on Mallorca, within the past years. This is to do with a regulation of the Mallorcan government. Daniel Crasemann explains: “Until recently, polo and golf were sort of lumped together on Mallorca. That means, a polo field had to fulfil the same requirements as a golf course, concerning irrigation, environment and infrastructure. These demands are unrealistic and impossible to meet, neither in terms of financing, nor organization. This regulation of the

ministry of agriculture and transport prevented all commercial polo projects in the past 15 years.” Since that time, Crasemann has been committed to restructuring this regulation and has finally been successful. With this amendment, polo fields are now considered agricultural territory. Correspondingly, the same provisions apply as for farmland. “This changes everything. We can now consider organizing official tournaments here on the island. The major organizer of tournaments in Germany, Christopher Kirsch, is at home here, anyway,” explains Crasemann.

While, in the European winter, the international polo community still trains in Argentina today, frequently having their own estancias there, the South American country is increasingly becoming less and less attractive (not only to their guests). The flight from Europe takes roughly 17 hours, costs and inflation rate are exploding, real estate transfer tax is as high as 30 %, and the rule of law is uncertain. These are the facts that make business and polo activities

a doubtful pleasure. Christopher Kirsch points out: “If I buy a polo horse in Argentina today, I have to pay 8,000 Dollars only for the transport to Germany – with no guarantee, of course, for the horse to arrive there safe and sound.” And climate conditions in Argentina during the high season for polo failed to meet expectations in recent years. On Mallorca, though, the polo season lasts from the end of February to November. The horses are outside all year round, there are nine flights from London every day and numerous flights from Germany, reaching Palma Airport within two hours. In 2014, there has been a 40 % increase in flights to Palma, as against last year. German airlines are offering 23 million seats on flights to and from Mallorca. It is even worthwhile “hopping” there for a weekend. Daniel Crasemann mentions another argument, that has been an insider tip up to now: “In the interior of Mallorca, there are fincas and real estates that are available at very reasonable prices.” His and his friends' dream is: As many enthusiasts as possible making the new polo Mecca of Mallorca the top address in Europe.



**MALLORCA FACTS AND FIGURES**  
Mallorca is the largest island of the Balearic Islands in the Western Mediterranean, situated at approx. 170 kilometres from the Spanish continent near Barcelona. The island's East-West expansion is 98 kilometres, its North-South expansion is 78 kilometres, and its coastline is 550 kilometres long. Mallorca's climate is moderate subtropical with an average of 7.9 hours of sun a day, and moderate amounts of rainfall. It has a registered population of 876,147 (in 2012), 407, 648 of which live in the capital of Palma. The official languages on the Balearic Islands are Catalan and Spanish (Castilian). On Mallorca, people speak Majorquin (mallorquí), a dialect of the Catalan language.



1 (back from left): Daniel Crasemann, Gustavo Velazquez, Diego Leall, Uwe Schröder, Naomi Schröder, Gastón Maíquez, Caesar Crasemann, Santos Anca and Tim Ward. (front from left): Louis Bareto, Martin Inchauspe, Christopher Kirsch, Christian Völkers, Matthias Grau and Bernhard Schurzmann 2 Christopher Kirsch and Daniel Crasemann 3 POLO+10 winning teams at the Copa de Pasqua, Easter 2014: Santos Anca, Tim Ward, Bernhard Schurzmann and Matthias Grau 4 Valerie Crasemann

It is possible to play on Mallorca all year round. The more horses are on the island, the faster the polo carousel turns and the more attractive it becomes. Because, what is the thing everybody wants most? Play polo! "We could visit one another to play polo, and organize international tournaments – just as it is done in Argentina now."

While the cost of real estates with a view of the sea in the South-west of the island have risen to astronomical heights, several hidden real estate treasures can still be found in the rest of Mallorca. In some of these places, time seems to be standing still. Taking a second look may pay off, here. In many cases, the fincas, which feature stables and the corresponding land, are actually in need of renovation. However, this is the reason why prices are still moderate, and the owner is free to design the finca according to his own wishes. Two new polo facilities are currently under construction. By the end of the year, another three professional playing fields will have been added. Considering the question as to how an interested polo player can find the right real estate on

Mallorca, the focus is now on POLO+10. On the [www.poloplus10.com](http://www.poloplus10.com) website, many threads of the sport come together; here, the community meets up – searching and finding complement each other. The POLO+10 website will therefore continue to be at the disposal of those players who are interested in the growing polo community on Mallorca and wish to become part of it with their own real estate. Daniel Crasemann has had his finca in Campos, a place in the Southeast, for 17 years now, and is inspired by Mallorca as the new polo destination. A dream is about to come true – POLO+10 keeps it rolling. ●

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# MALLORCA WATER LEGISLATION

Sebastian Sagreras, the Mayor of Campos, a city in the south-east of Mallorca, and Minister Gabriel Company Bauzán about the change in legislation regarding sports grounds and water restriction. "The fact that polo players, patrons and their families come to Mallorca ensuring a high-quality tourism."

BY LARA REY VELA



Sebastian Sagreras, Mayor.

Some years ago, due to the constant situation of drought that Mallorca was living through, and due to the necessity of bringing water from Catalonia in tanker boats, the idea of transforming old farms into polo fields disappeared. Along with this situation, the change in legislation was implemented, and the law became very strict regarding the construction of sports grounds. Two laws prevented the building of sports grounds: The first one was the agrarian law which hindered the irrigation of these fields, giving priority to the agricultural fields, due to the lack of water on the island. The second law prevented transformation of an agricultural field into a sports grounds. Due to the interest of some foreign businessmen in creating golf courses on the island, there was a great commitment to change these laws. However, the different government bodies didn't come to an agreement and, depending on the respective political party ruling, there were both in favour of and against a change. Moreover, the drought was still present on people's minds and they did not want to go through the same situation again.

Finally, they successfully changed the law regarding the construction of golf courses and the use of agricultural water wells to irrigate them. However, it was not possible to apply this law to polo fields since they require a great amount of water in order to be ready after every match and preserved throughout the whole season, so it was not profitable in terms of expenses and organisation. The businessmen who were interested in the construction of polo fields stopped their struggle against these laws because no solution could be found. However, less than a month ago, the law came into force, that enables the construction of golf courses and also includes polo fields. Now, it is possible to transform agricultural areas into polo fields and use the old irrigation facilities for sports purposes.

Thanks to this change in legislation, the interest in creating polo fields has started to increase again. Now, there are facts and not only projects or ideas. Most of Campos' farms can be transformed into polo fields, a fact that makes it possible for the region to increase the number of its tourist attractions and improve the economic situation in general. The creation of a polo fields

not only means the development of a luxury tourism. It also increases employment related to the construction and maintenance of the polo fields, which demand comprehensive dedication in order to play a polo tournament or match. Moreover, polo players, patrons and their families coming to Mallorca ensure a high-quality tourism. The polo audience consists of well-off individuals who consume and improve the quality of the tourist services.

WHAT DOES THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAMPOS HAVE TO OFFER REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF POLO FIELDS?

Campos may actually be the municipality of Mallorca with the best conditions for the construction of polo fields, and there are two main reasons for that: the first one is the fact that it is, in a flat area, which is necessary for the polo fields, and, the second reason is that Campos has always been a livestock-farming municipality. In fact, Campos has been the municipality of Friesian cows par excellence in Mallorca. 20 years ago, there were about 400 dairies here. Nowadays, only 17 or 18 of them are still in use, but the facilities are still standing, although most of them are empty and not working. As a result, there is a high potential for the current use of these existing facilities. There is no need to build new fields or to consume the land, because that has already been done. These two reasons – the fact that Campos is flat and the fact that the dairies' facilities can be used for the polo fields – make Campos an ideal location for the creation of polo fields. And also because, in a way, polo is a sport that has a strong link to the agricultural sector due to the use of horses and Campos is, probably, the only municipality of Mallorca with an agricultural and livestock history and philosophy. ●



Gabriel Company Bauzán, Minister.

WHAT CHANGES WILL THE NEW DRAFT AGRARIAN LAW BRING REGARDING THE EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS POLO?

The draft law includes everything related to the equestrian industry as a strategic sector and it attaches great importance to it. Therefore, all the activities related to this industry are considered as complementary agricultural activities and, thus, they will have many advantages in order to be developed.

HOW WILL THIS NEW LAW ENABLE THE CONSTRUCTION OF POLO FIELDS IN MALLORCA?

Polo fields are one of the activities that could take advantage of the new legislation, as long as they are built within a farm whose main activity is focused on the equestrian industry. It is obvious that polo brings important benefits and it might be an interesting option for the farms in order to get a complementary income that allows them to continue their main agrarian activity at the same time that our rural landscape is preserved.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF INCREASING THE NUMBER OF POLO FIELDS AND CLUBS IN MALLORCA? DO YOU THINK IT IS POSITIVE?

Diversifying the tourism offer by promoting the agrarian sector, which controls 80% of the territory, under parameters that preserve and manage our landscape is, by far, positive. The island offers excellent conditions for the practice of outdoor sports at any time of the year and polo is a sport that attracts a very interesting touristic sector that have a remarkable purchasing power. ●



## SANTA MARINA

The Santa Marina Resort on Mykonos has re-opened fully renovated.

Only five minutes by car from downtown Mykonos, the Santa Marina Resort is located next to a redesigned, secluded private beach and offers breathtaking views onto the Aegean Sea, the bay of Ornos, and the offshore islands. The resort provides 100 rooms and suites including balconies and direct sea view, some of them even with a private pool. At the top of the hills, villas with beautiful gardens have been built. Including personal butler service, they are the perfect place to stay for demanding vacationists in search for maximum comfort. The redesign of the public areas of Santa Marina Resort is inspired by the surrounding coastal landscape: stylish, modern decoration and warm tints create a pleasant interior design.



## FALCON POLO: PROTECTION AND COMFORT

Announcing the new polo helmets models and their other polo protection products, specially designed to provide improved comfort and exceptional protection.

Falcon Polo, the only specialized brand of high-protection polo equipment, announces the new polo helmets models and their other polo protection products, specially designed to provide improved comfort and exceptional protection. Falcon has been a manufacturer of high quality polo helmets since 1988, and was the first manufacturer with a certified helmet in 2005. In 2012, after many years of providing helmets to top brands in the world, Falcon expanded its offering, this time under its own specialized brand of high-protection polo equipments. The Brand's main products include helmets, boots, knee pads and elbow pads. Falcon also introduced a new advanced technology of maximum impact absorption for the entire product line. Comfortable, flexible and lightweight, this protective element frees the players of rigid, bulky and constricting padding. On impact, high performance molecules of this element create a unique protective shield that absorbs up to 90 percent of the most intense force hit after hit (as measured according to ASTM-F1614-C). Polo players of all ages can now get their fully customizable high quality protection gear from Falcon Polo. Floriano Falcon: "We are committed to the highest standard of quality and protection for the new generation of polo players"



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Specially prepared for businessmen who wish to take their minds off meetings and pressure: Polo Hotel plans perfect polo holidays.

# POLO HOTEL RESORT & SPA

Argentina is, undoubtedly, home for the best polo worldwide. And in one of the most important polo locations in Buenos Aires, Open Door, a tempting combination of polo and comfort has been created.

PHOTOGRAPHY KATERINA MORGAN – POLO HOTEL

Just 45 minutes away from the funky Buenos Aires city, Polo Hotel offers the avid players and amateurs worldwide a new option in the epicentre for the practice of the finest polo. The resort is conformed by more than twelve hectares of the greenest fields, in the middle of the Pampas. Framed by beautiful eucalyptus forests, this colonial style hotel reproduces the aesthetics and ambiance of the traditional Argentinian countryside estancias: close to the city, but away from stress, you will be able to practice polo all year round in the best fields among great Argentinian professionals of the sport. Stick and ball lessons, thriving chukkas, and riding lessons are part of the personal practice schedule that the experts at Polo Hotel will design for you. From a complete beginner, to a seasoned player, every polo lover can enjoy a proper training programme or a polo week, tailor-made to satisfy your needs. Specially prepared for businessmen who wish to take their minds off meetings and pressure, Polo Hotel has planned not only perfect polo weeks, but also one-day programmes: starting in the morning with a warm welcome from the hotel's host, a polo class will follow, where the guest can learn everything about the polo lifestyle, stimulating your interest in the activities to be carried out. You can share the

preparation of the horse, knowing the equipment. Then you will participate in a group introduction class to polo, followed by a traditional Argentinian lunch. Later, you will be able to restore your energies in the spa facilities, and go back to the thriving Ciudad de Buenos Aires.

The hotel has all facilities one can need to relax and rest your muscles after intense and stirring chukkas. After-game massages, the heated swimming pool, the jacuzzi or the spa will get you ready for the evening events, where Polo Hotel gives its best to offer great entertainment options, such as passionate tango shows, and lively after polo parties, complemented by Argentinian gourmet cuisine, and a carefully selected but generous wine list. Polo Hotel can also host your corporate or social events, through creative solutions working with every client, and combining the best options in the facilities. A truly noteworthy experience in an exclusive place in the Buenos Aires province, designed for maximum enjoyment of the Sport of Kings. •

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# SHOULDER PAIN

## THE FAST & SAFE TRACK BACK IN THE GAME

Polo players know how sudden pain can restrain you from training, competition and goals. Swiss polo doc Dr. Andreas Krüger about shoulder pain, its causes and how to get back into the game as fast as possible.

TEXT & PHOTOGRAPHY DR. ANDREAS KRÜGER

One of the most important skills of a valuable player is a hard hit on the ball in combination with a precise swing to drive the game way down the field in the wanted direction. During the swing the both shoulders are highly loaded in extreme positions and the most common injury during riding is according to the study performed by Hessler 2012 in the University of Hamburg the shoulder joint.

So minimal distortions of the free range of shoulder mobility can lead to incapability to perform a perfect strong swing. During the mainly performed offside forehand shot a maximal end position in combination of external rotation and elevation of the arm need to be reached. Minor repetitive traumata can start an inflammatory reaction which may lead to a restriction in pain free motion. Mostly predisposed are the rotator cuff tendons, the acromio-acromial joint and the long biceps tendon. So an early intervention is crucial to stop the wind up. In the first stage a special shoulder program (e.g. SIPP – Shoulder injury prevention program by MyGym Zurich) can help to decrease shoulder pain. It also helps to stabilize the joint by a protective muscle mantle consisting of the delta muscle and the rotator cuff muscles. Local warm or cold treat-

ments, sport massage, specific physiotherapy, myofascial elastic taping and oral anti-inflammatory non-steroidal drugs can reduce the problem. After mild but repetitive trauma an upwind spiral of problem between inflammation response and repair action may be a factor to continuous shoulder pain.

An option in acute pain a so-called “POP” (point of pain) infiltration of injectable non-steroidal drugs in combination with local anesthesia (e.g. Tora-dol® and Carbostesin®) can bring the player immediately back to the game. Another new treatment form to advance the healing of sport injuries involves a well-orchestrated and complex series of events where proteins in the blood called growth factors act as messengers, regulating the entire process. The aim of technologies like ACP® (Autologous Conditioned Plasma, Arthrex) is to provide a method of providing concentrated levels of beneficial growth factors for use at the point of care. The best way to stay in the game is injury prevention through a well structured training with proprioceptive elements. •

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# SALUTE THE GAME.

Interview with Neil MacDonald, Global Brand Director, Royal Salute. Royal Salute is one of the few global polo sponsors supporting events all over the world. In the past edition of the 120 Argentine Open they were present with their booth. POLO+10 talked to Neil MacDonald, Global Brand Director of the famous whisky brand.

BY MARÍA PAULA FERNÁNDEZ PHOTOGRAPHY ROYAL SALUTE

ROYAL SALUTE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1953 AS A TRIBUTE TO THE CORONATION OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II. DOES THIS REFLECT A PASSION FOR THE ROYAL WAY OF LIFE, INCLUDING THE SPORT OF POLO?

We were introduced to polo afterwards, it was about 2007. Ironically, it was not in Argentina, or even in the UK, it was actually in China because Royal Salute is a big brand there. So, basically, polo was just starting to take off there in the Nine Dragons Hill Polo Club near Shanghai, and we became sponsors there for a couple of years. We understood that polo was such a great fit for the brand. And the association between polo, which is a noble sport, and Royal Salute, which is a noble whisky, became a natural thing. So, from there, through our connections we were involved in Jodhpur (India), moved to Dubai very quickly with the Nation's Cup, and pretty much every year since, we have added on events. So, I believe now we do events in 16 different countries around the world, because polo is played almost everywhere.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE INCREASING POPULARITY OF POLO THESE DAYS?

I think it is great. Sometimes polo involves an elitist image attached to it, but the more you get to know polo, the more you realise it is just the ultimate sport, because the horses are just amazing, and both the rider and the horse have to be awfully talented, athletic. I cannot think of many other sports that are as exciting as polo. Especially at this level, in the Argentine Open, it is hyper-adrenalinic. In this country, there is kind of a humility environment around the sport and even the people we have met around the world – people who are very influential and powerful businesswise – when they play polo, they are all equal and bonded by this wonderful sport. Also, the professional players are very humble when talking to them, especially Facundo (Pieres), who is our polo ambassador, he is very down to earth and natural, which is a pleasure to work with.

YOU MENTIONED THAT ROYAL SALUTE STARTED ENGAGING IN POLO IN 2007. WHICH EVENTS ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN, AND HOW EXACTLY DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO GO REGARDING YOUR SPONSORSHIP?

We are keen on being part of the best high goal handicap tournaments, and also of those events that mean something to the sport and the market. After so many years supporting the sport, we truly believe it is important to help build and develop the sport, to increase visibility and exposure around the world.

WHERE DO YOU THINK THAT THE NEXT MARKETING STEPS HAVE TO BE TAKEN BY ROYAL SALUTE REGARDING COUNTRIES, RIGHT NOW? WHICH COUNTRIES ARE YOU ENVISIONING FOR THE FUTURE?

I would not be surprised if in a few years we did something in Kazakhstan because there is probably a good market. And I hope as well, we can transmit the passion that you see here at the Open – we want people to understand what we see in the sport here. So if we could bring that passion and understanding of what goes on at the heart of the sport into the countries where we already do events, that would be fantastic. We want to tell the stories of the people involved, of the players. We already started with Facundo, and we wish to go beyond.

SO YOU STARTED WITH FACUNDO PIERES AS AN AMBASSADOR. WHICH ARE YOUR IMPRESSIONS ON THIS ALLIANCE WITH HIM? DID YOU CHOOSE HIM SPECIALLY?

He is simply the perfect ambassador. We had a bit of a chat with him before. He visited our home, and got to know Royal Salute and learned about what we wanted to do with polo. He did this because he is very serious about the sport, and he does not want to work with brands that do not fully believe in polo. His view of the business was fantastic and it strengthened our relationship. He is such a mature player for his age, everyone looks up to him. He is a god in the saddle, to watch him play is amazing; thus the fact that he was the right person to represent us, came naturally.



He has his whole family and a huge team supporting him, and they have been working such a long time. If he is a champion at his age, it is because of his heritage, and because he has dedicated his whole life and will be continuing to develop the best of him. In an equal way is our whisky, constantly improving, thinking beyond where we are at the moment. The whisky blenders are always thinking forward, and this association brings us directly to the efforts that the Pieres family have been doing so far. We have also been having a relationship with Malcolm Borwick, he has been fantastic for us as well, helping us spread Royal Salute's word where we cannot go. Malcolm has been having a significant role on helping us understand about polo, he is also a key ambassador, a true guide.

ROYAL SALUTE IS A VERY SPECIAL PRODUCT. WHO ARE YOUR CLIENTS. COULD YOU TRY TO CHARACTERIZE THEM?

The most important thing is that they have to be real whisky fans. They have to love it and really enjoy it. People are very passionate about Royal Salute because of its quality. We start at 21 years of age and then the range goes up from there. Our clients are generally quite successful in terms of business, confident, because they know what they like. It is not a brand that you see everywhere. Geographically, we are global, and through polo, we have the occasion to bring the tasting experience to new people. Our clients are typically very cultured, and the history of the whisky is very appealing to them. They want to learn the stories and for us, it is really important to be legitimate about what we are selling because the heritage of the brand differentiates us.

WHICH WOULD YOU THINK IS ANOTHER FACTOR THAT LINKS YOU TO POLO?

This week I have heard a great story: One hundred years ago in Argentina, polo players used to ride on their bicycles through the fields, to meet up in farms with other people and play polo. So they shared the horses, because there were clearly few means of

transportation and could not take the horses everywhere, at any occasion. Which takes us to associate these farms to the Scottish farms. Whisky started in Scotland because we had the grain, the barley. These farms are still very important because they are our history. The heritage of the whole production process comes directly from them. Both polo and whisky stay true to their roots, and are united with them because of the passion of what we do.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR? ARE YOU PLANNING TO INCREASE YOUR VISIBILITY, KEEP IT NICHE? WHAT ARE THE MARKETING PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR?

We hope we will carry on investing in polo, we believe in it. I am not sure that we will add many new events, but we will keep the quality of our presence in those events that we will be present at. Also, we wish to improve the way we spread the word about polo to the people that do not know about it. The real success for us would be introducing more people around the world to what the sport seriously is all about. Our goal is to make people "Salute the game" and really understand the heart of polo. ●

For more information about Royal Salute, please visit [www.royalsalute.com](http://www.royalsalute.com)







1 Aerial photograph at Kurland Hotel 2 Polo pavilion at Kurland 3 Playing polo at Kurland.

## THE POLO MECCA OF AFRICA KURLAND ESTATE

In the spectacular Plettenberg Bay in South Africa, one can find this wide estate and 5-star hotel regarded as the best place to play polo in Africa. Polo training, exciting matches, and the most luxurious accommodations for everyone to enjoy.

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The sport has proven to be a true ambassador for Plettenberg Bay, and many world-class facilities have been established for polo enthusiasts. It is a place where the polo players and their families enjoy themselves in comfort and in perfect harmony with a coastal holiday. Kurland's players and polo horses have international status, and the Kurland International Day is one of the top international test matches in the world and a must see event in South Africa. The December Polo Festival has huge support and the Easter Polo Festival is also a must play, especially for those European players wanting to get a head start for their coming season.

The Kurland polo pavilion includes a well-stocked bar, children's playroom, an incredible restaurant as well as extensive changing room facilities, all of which caters to the well-being of players and spectators alike. Kurland is proud to work with Shaun Brokensha

and Buster Mackenzie, two top class and experienced polo instructors at the Estate. Shaun is ranked at 4 goals and plays and coaches in South Africa and England currently. Buster, a former Springbok player and one of the world's top coaches, is ranked at 6 goals.

On offer are one hour starter lessons to full polo days for all handicaps including lessons, stick and ball, wooden horse and chukkas. Tournaments from 2 to 18 goals are also played. Larger groups can be taken care of by both of these coaches. Guests are welcome to bring their own equipment, however helmets, boots, sticks etc. can be provided. Whether you are a complete beginner, a high or low handicap player, or a novice spectator, you will enjoy your polo experience at Kurland and return again in the seasons to come.

The polo facilities at Kurland include four boarded fields and two-chukka grounds, fully equipped stables and veterinary clinic and specialist "wooden horse" training equipment.

The Estate is also home to the award-winning Kurland Hotel, a 5 star luxurious hotel ideal for families, boutique meetings, weddings and honeymoons with 12 ultra-luxurious Suites and a tranquil Spa. The Restaurant presents fine dining and Katarina's Kitchen + bar, opens seasonally, offers a bistro style menu. In the area guests can enjoy many beach and sport activities.

For more information visit [www.plettpolo.co.za](http://www.plettpolo.co.za) or [www.kurland.co.za](http://www.kurland.co.za). For reservations contact Kurland Hotel at +27 (44) 534 8082.



Superior Paddock Suite at Kurland Hotel.



1 Presidential Suite 2 Panviman Spa 3 The interior of the rooms is luxurious and stylish 4 View over Thong Nai Pan Bay, one of the island's most beautiful and quiet beaches.

## ORIGINAL THAILAND

Compared to the overcrowded tourist destination Ko Samui, Ko Phangan – a northern island located 15 kilometres from its famous sister island Ko Samui – is known for its wealth of authentic nature. Right there, far away from mass tourism the Panviman Resort Ko Phangan is located, offering its guests every comfort.

PHOTOGRAPHY PANVIMAN RESORT

The beautiful landscape, remote beaches and the dazzling turquoise-water make Ko Phangan a real paradise island in the middle of the Gulf of Thailand. The interior of the 168 square kilometers island is a mountainous area, mostly covered with rainforest and coconut fields. Paved roads are not common, many beaches are only reachable by traditional long-tail boats. An unpaved road also connects the Thong Nai Pan Bay with one of the most beautiful beaches. Right there, far away from mass tourism the Panviman Resort Ko Phangan is located, a perfect place to escape from hectic every day life.

Located high up on a cliff, the Panviman Resort offers a stunning view on the half-moon shaped bay. The exclusive resort offers 18 superior rooms, 10 deluxe rooms, 22 deluxe cottages, 4 family cottages, 14 pool villas, 3 Spa villas and one presidential suite, including all comfort and amenities. The Spa has a wide range of amenities for their guests, using traditional Thai relaxation as well

as providing holistic knowledge for body and soul. Several restaurants offer culinary highlights and a self-made organic farming project has been launched. Not only guests are impressed and come back for another visit. The Panviman Resort gained several international awards. Amongst others the resort is winner of the World Luxury Hotel Awards 2013 and received the Tripadvisor Certificate for Excellence 2013 and 2014. In addition, the resort acquired the Holiday Check Award 2014.

Ko Phangan is also famous for its full moon parties. Every month at full moon, there is an open-air dance festival on the beach of Haad Rin. The event takes place in the east southern part of the island and attracts thousands of young people and DJs from all over the world, dancing a whole night long to House, Techno, Trance, Goa, Reggae, R & B and Drum and Bass.

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