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# DEAR ALL,

we wrote in our 20 years jubilee magazine editorial about the harmony that we feel in Polo Park & Country Club Zürich, and this at all levels. Not only has this feeling and attitude not changed, but we actually experience a blossoming trend of this harmony. The club is simply flourishing. We now have so many active members that we are one of the largest polo clubs in Europe as far as playing members go. And in a parallel trend to the rest of the polo world, much of this explosion of membership is coming from female players rather than male.

In fact, August 2019 was the first time ever that we recorded more ladies playing polo at PPZ than men. This worldwide trend is set to continue, hence our consistent and long-term investments into the ladies' polo tournaments, by organizing them ourselves, or by sending our members to represent us abroad. But it is not ladies polo only that is growing.

Our members this coming year have brought more polo ponies to the club than ever before, and thus new grooms with new energy and new enthusiasm. Our grooms are so important to us, so we have made this magazine in part to thank them for their dedication and their hard work. Of course, more players and more horses mean a requirement for more polo fields which is why La Irenita is being reinforced as a full-size international level polo field. We did play over 800 chukkers in 2019!

We are also transforming the sports-only club into a social club, so that it can live up to its name of Polo Park & Country Club, where we can welcome friends who do not necessarily play polo. This can only be achieved with the help of loyal and fresh sponsors alike, and we are very fortunate to have been contacted by many new high-profile sponsors - some of which you will find in the pages of this magazine, and some you will see on the polo grounds.

It seems our philosophy is attracting like-minded people who understand the values that we try to carry, and this gives us much confidence for the future. Talking of future, we were once asked in an interview what we would like next for PPZ. But to be honest, what more could we possibly want? We are already so blessed with what we currently have. And for this, and the blossoming of the club, we sincerely thank all of you.

im Editorial unseres 20-jährigen Jubiläum Magazins haben wir bereits über die Harmonie geschrieben, die wir im Polo Park & Country Club Zürich auf allen Ebenen erleben. Dieses Gefühl und diese Einstellung sind seitdem nicht nur unverändert, sondern wir erleben heute tatsächlich, wie diese Harmonie Blüten trägt. Der Club blüht einfach auf. Wir haben jetzt so viele aktive Mitglieder, dass wir in dieser Hinsicht einer der größten Polo-Clubs Europas sind. Und parallel zu dem Trend, der sich auch in der übrigen Polowelt zeigt, besteht ein Großteil dieser neuen Mitgliederexplosion eher aus weiblichen, als aus männlichen Spielern.

Im August 2019 hatten wir zum ersten Mal mehr Polospielerinnen als Polospielder im PPZ. Dieser weltweite Trend wird sich fortsetzen, daher investieren wir konsequent und langfristig in unsere Damen-Poloturniere, indem wir sie selbst organisieren und unsere Mitglieder ins Ausland schicken, um uns dort zu vertreten. Aber es ist nicht nur das Ladies-Polo, das wächst. Unsere Mitglieder haben für dieses Jahr mehr Polo-Ponys als je zuvor in den Club gebracht und mit ihnen neue Pfleger voller Energie und neuem Enthusiasmus. Unsere Pfleger sind uns extrem wichtig. Deshalb haben wir auch dieses Magazin mit dem Anliegen gemacht, ihnen für ihren Einsatz und ihre harte Arbeit zu danken. Natürlich brauchen mehr Spieler und mehr Pferde automatisch auch mehr Polofelder, weshalb wir La Irenita zu einem vollwertigen, internationalen Polofeld ausbauen.

Wir haben 2019 über 800 Chukker gespielt! Jetzt wollen wir den reinen Sport-Club auch zu einem gesellschaftlichen Club machen, damit er seinem Namen Polo Park & Country Club gerecht wird und wir auch Freunde willkommen heißen können, die nicht unbedingt Polo spielen. Das kann nur mit der Unterstützung von loyalen und frischen Sponsoren erreicht werden. Wir haben das große Glück, von vielen neuen hochkarätigen Sponsoren kontaktiert worden zu sein – einige davon finden Sie auf den Seiten dieses Magazins, einige werden Sie auf dem Pologelände sehen. Es scheint, dass unsere Philosophie Gleichgesinnte anzieht, die die Werte verstehen, die wir zu tragen versuchen. Das gibt uns viel Zuversicht für die Zukunft. Apropos Zukunft: In einem Interview wurden wir einmal gefragt, was wir uns als nächstes für den Polo Park Zürich wünschen. Und um ehrlich zu sein, was könnten wir uns noch wünschen? Wir sind bereits so gesegnet mit dem, was wir derzeit haben. Dafür, und für das Aufblühen des Clubs danken wir Ihnen allen ganz herzlich. •

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This quote from Winston Churchill sounds a little bit strange for non-polo players, but as soon as you have reached a decent -1 handicap or even 0 in polo, you realize that the worldwide polo family is welcoming you with wide open arms.

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**"A POLO HANDICAP  
IS A PERSON'S PASSPORT  
TO THE WORLD"**



Demonstration game of kids polo during the Sarasin Open 2009.

Image: Clara Podesta

There is a polo school behind every successful polo club. Ours has started from the very beginning in April 1999 for adults and opened in 2001 for kids. Our polo manager, Francisco Podesta, has been teaching since the very first day. He teaches every day the private lessons to adults, and twice a week the kids gather together for their kids polo games and training sessions. Back in time, the club started with a group of 10 adults and about 6 children. More than 20 years later, we are reaching a peak of 40 beginners adults and about 10 kids.

There is no need of previous riding experience to learn polo. Children can start as young as seven years old and adults can start at any time. Our oldest polo player in the club is currently 73 years old and practices stick and ball about three times a week. She's an example about how long you can play and enjoy polo and its lifestyle. No need of expensive equipment either, a good helmet is of course mandatory, pair of jeans, sneakers with chaps or some riding boots, this is all you need to start. Later on, if you're hooked by the polo virus, you'll have plenty of time to invest in good quality equipment including the famous polo boots made in Argentina using buffalo leather.

Francisco is running our successful polo school with four to five horses. As our beginners are coming at different times during the day

*Hinter jedem erfolgreichen Polo Club steht eine Poloschule. Unsere Schule existiert seit der Eröffnung des Clubs im April 1999 für Erwachsene und wurde 2001 auch für Kinder geöffnet. Unser Polo-Manager, Francisco Podesta, unterrichtet hier seit dem ersten Tag. Er gibt täglich Privatstunden für Erwachsene, zwei Mal in der Woche treffen sich die Kinder zum Trainieren und Spielen. Damals, als alles begann, hatte die Poloschule gerade einmal 10 Erwachsene und etwa 6 Kinder. Heute, mehr als 20 Jahre später, erreichen wir ein Maximum an Schülern von 40 Anfänger-Erwachsenen und etwa 10 Kindern.*

*Es bedarf keiner reiterlichen Vorkenntnisse, um Polo zu lernen. Kinder können schon ab sieben Jahren beginnen, Erwachsene können jederzeit anfangen. Unsere älteste Polospieldlerin im Club ist derzeit 73 Jahre alt und trainiert etwa drei Mal pro Woche Stick and Ball. Sie ist ein gutes Beispiel dafür, wie lange man Polo spielen kann und wie sehr man das Spiel und den dazugehörigen Lifestyle genießen kann.*

*Man braucht auch keine teure Ausrüstung, um Polo zu lernen. Ein guter Helm ist natürlich Pflicht. Außerdem braucht man eine Jeans, Turnschuhe mit Chaps oder ein paar Reitstiefel – das ist schon alles, was man für den Anfang benötigt. Später, wenn man vom „Polo-Virus“ befallen ist und intensiver spielt, bleibt noch genügend Zeit, in eine gute Ausrüstung zu investieren. Dazu gehören dann auch die berühmten Polostiefel, die in Argentinien aus Büffelleder hergestellt werden. Francisco leitet unsere erfolgreiche Poloschule*

and horses can have 2 lessons a day, our polo school opens around 9 to 10 a.m. in the morning until 19 or 20 p.m. in the evening depending on the season. With those extended teaching hours, we offer our members a flexible schedule which really can fit everyone's desire.

You can see at a very young age which kids will be more gifted for polo, but the most important task for the parents is to make sure their children enjoy the sport and can play without pressure. Our polo school has produced amongst the best Swiss polo players such as for example Thommy Gräff (handicap 2, 20 years old), Yannick Oertli (handicap 1, 18 years old), Sammy-Joe Strub (handicap -1, Ladies Handicap 1, 20 years old), Armand Le Page (handicap 0, 18 years old). Kids usually join the adults in the games when they are 14-15 years old and reach the ability to be competitive and safe on the polo field.

To spend time on or on the side of the green polo field is an incredible chance for the entire family to share time and values. Polo is since ever the ultimate family sport, where three members can play with a professional player and be extremely competitive. Looking at some of the best Argentine professional teams, many of them are counting more than two family members playing together. Famous families have thus reached the top of the sport, with for

*mit vier bis fünf Pferden. Die Anfänger kommen zu unterschiedlichen Tageszeiten und die Pferde können pro Tag für jeweils zwei Trainingseinheiten eingesetzt werden. Je nach Saison öffnet die Poloschule morgens zwischen 9 und 10 Uhr, abends gehen die Unterrichtsstunden oft bis 19 oder 20 Uhr. Durch diese verlängerten Öffnungszeiten haben unsere Mitglieder einen flexiblen Zeitplan, der zu jedem Terminkalender passt.*

*Schon in einem sehr jungen Alter kann man sehen, welche Kinder besonders begabt für den Polosport sind. Für die Eltern besteht die wichtigste Aufgabe darin, dafür zu sorgen, dass ihre Kinder den Sport genießen und ohne Druck spielen können. Unsere Poloschule hat einige der aktuell besten Schweizer Polospieldler hervorgebracht, wie zum Beispiel Thommy Gräff (Handicap 2, 20 Jahre alt), Yannick Oertli (Handicap 1, 18 Jahre alt), Sammy-Joe Strub (Handicap -1, Damen-Handicap 1, 20 Jahre alt), Armand Le Page (Handicap 0, 18 Jahre alt). Kinder spielen normalerweise ab einem Alter von 14-15 Jahren mit den Erwachsenen zusammen. Die Voraussetzung dafür ist, dass sie auf dem Polofeld konkurrenzfähig und sicher sind.*

*Zeit auf oder neben dem grünen Polofeld gemeinsam zu verbringen, ist vor allem auch für Familien wunderbar. Polo ist seit jeher der ultimative Familiensport, bei dem drei Familienmitglieder mit einem Profispielern zusammen spielen und extrem wettbewerbsfähig sein können. Einige der besten argentinischen Profimannschaften bestehen aus zwei oder mehr Familienmitgliedern, die zusammen spielen. Berühmte Familien haben es so bis an die Spitze*



1 Francisco Podesta (in the middle) is the polo teacher and manager at Polo Park Zürich 2 Adults taking their first polo lesson 3 Pauline Schaer started in PPZ many years ago. Since a couple of years she lives in Argentina and plays a lot of tournaments, also with 10-goaler Lia Salvo 4 Thommy Gräff at the Sarasin Open exhibition 5 Some years have passed between picture 4 and 5 - today Thommy Gräff is a 2-goaler 6 Kids club chukker in 2017: the Strub sisters, Pauline Schaer, Armand Le Page and Julika Keller.



example Horacito, Gonzalo, Marcos and Bautista Heguy all reaching 10-goal handicaps, or more recently, Facundo, Polito, Gonzalito and Nico Pieres with a total of 39 goals between them.

Our polo ponies in the polo school are wisely selected by Francisco in his farm in Argentina or chosen amongst the best horses of our members, getting too old for the high or medium goal tournaments. Those ponies need to be relaxed, have a good character, comfortable in their movements and extremely safe to ride. As a flight animal, a horse can read the human mind and body faster than a dog and totally adapt to a weak rider or a young child. A good polo pony will look after you more than you look after it without you noticing it. Perhaps have you experienced your ponies hitting the ball forward when you miss it. Is it luck or done on purpose? The high goal ponies can become extremely good school horses as they still enjoy polo life and being with their pairs but having a more relaxed life, being pampered and loved by all the beginners. The adaptation is quite fast for the right horses, changing food and training - and after the winter break, they will start a totally new career in the school.

In the last 21 years, Francisco has seen and taught players from all over the world, mostly from Europe, from Denmark to Southern Italy or even Hungary. Polo is played almost everywhere.

#### Kids and adults lessons.

Kids lessons last 50 minutes, they start with some warm-up riding on the sand track, then getting to the polo field to practice some ball hitting. When and if they are tired, some will continue walking on horses or stepping down and practice foot mallet. Later on, they will take the ponies back to the stables, shower them, eventually give them a treat and share some quality time between kids and ponies. Most of our kids' parents play after the kids polo time so children can enjoy some lovely barn and club life all together.

Our success is mostly due to Francisco's devouring passion to transmit polo to anyone keen enough to get on one of his polo ponies. Some of our most talented actual players were scared of horses at the beginning, but our ponies are so exceptionally lovely and quiet, that the fear disappeared in the blink of an eye! Almost nothing can stop you from playing polo as soon as you have started and loved it. It is the best virus you can ever get!

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des Sports geschafft. So zum Beispiel Horacito, Gonzalo, Marcos und Bautista Heguy, die alle ein 10-Goal-Handicap hatten. Oder in jüngster Zeit Facundo, Polito, Gonzalito und Nico Pieres mit einem Teamhandicap von 39 Goals. Die Pferde für unsere Poloschule wählt Francisco auf seiner Farm in Argentinien aus, einige Pferde stammen auch von unseren Mitgliedern und kommen in die Poloschule, wenn sie für Medium- oder High Goal Turniere zu alt werden. Diese Ponys müssen vor allem entspannt sein, einen guten Charakter haben, bequem in ihren Bewegungen und extrem sicher zu reiten sein.

Als Fluchttier kann ein Pferd schneller als ein Hund den menschlichen Geist und Körper lesen und sich völlig auf einen schwachen Reiter oder ein kleines Kind einstellen. Ein gutes Polopony wird sich mehr um Sie kümmern, als Sie sich um es kümmern, ohne dass Sie es merken. Vielleicht haben Sie schon einmal erlebt, dass Ihr Pony den Ball nach vorne schlägt, wenn Sie ihn verfehlten? Ist das Glück oder Absicht? Vor allem auch ehemalige High-Goal-Ponys können zu extrem guten Schulpferden werden. Sie genießen weiterhin das Pololeben und das Zusammensein mit ihren Kumpels, haben es aber entspannter und werden von allen Anfängern verwöhnt und geliebt. Die Umstellung vom Sport- zum Schulpferd geht für die geeigneten Pferde recht schnell. Ihr Futter und das Training werden umgestellt und nach der Winterpause beginnen sie ihre neue Karriere in der Poloschule. In den vergangenen 21 Jahren hat Francisco Spieler aus der ganzen Welt unterrichtet. Sie kommen zumeist aus Europa – von Dänemark bis Südtalien, oder sogar aus Ungarn. Polo wird fast überall gespielt.

#### Unterricht für Kinder und Erwachsene.

Der Polounterricht für Kinder dauert 50 Minuten und beginnt mit einer Aufwärmrunde auf der Sandbahn, bevor die Schüler auf dem Poloplatz das Schlagen von Bällen üben. Werden die Kinder müde, reiten sie ein paar Runden oder steigen ab und üben die Schläge zu Fuß. Später bringen sie die Ponys zurück in den Stall, duschen sie ab und geben ihnen eine Belohnung. Die meisten Eltern spielen dann im Anschluss, damit die Kinder nach ihrem Unterricht noch gemeinsam das Stall- und Clubleben genießen können.

Der Erfolg unserer Poloschule ist vor allem der Leidenschaft von Francisco zu verdanken. Er bringt jedem Polo bei, der bereit ist, sich in den Sattel eines Polopferdes zu schwingen. Einige unserer talentiertesten Spieler hatten anfangs Angst vor Pferden, aber unsere Ponys sind so außergewöhnlich lieb und ruhig, dass die Angst schon nach einem Augenblick verschwunden ist! Beinahe nichts kann Sie davon abhalten, Polo zu spielen, sobald Sie einmal damit angefangen haben und den Sport lieben. Es ist der beste Virus überhaupt, den man bekommen kann!

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# THE PARK HOTEL VITZNAU

BELLE ÉPOQUE ON THE SHORES OF LAKE LUCERNE

The hundred-year-old walls of the Park Hotel Vitznau encompass a world steeped in tranquillity, indulgence and culture. On the 'Lake Lucerne Riviera', guests experience understated luxury, genuine hospitality and magnificent scenery.

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## Art & Culture - an interior steeped in history

"Keeping the past alive, shaping the future" is the philosophy. The interior repeatedly alludes to the character and rich history of the building. The entire establishment is centred around the themes of Wine & Dine, Art & Culture and Health & Wealth. These reflect the hotel's areas of focus and the extensive scope of activities.

## 47 individual residences, suites and junior suites

From plush, to baroque, to minimalist: every suite at the Park Hotel Vitznau is one of a kind, equipped with the most innovative technology and supreme comfort. No two floor plans or furnishing concepts are the same. Each of the 47 stylish residences, suites and junior suites places the spotlight on one aspect or quality from one of the three themes. All of the materials and colours - from the high-quality natural stone in the bathroom to the finest bed linen - have been carefully selected to suit the theme.

## Wine & Dine - Award winning cuisine

Boasting two Michelin-star restaurants and a lakeside terrace with grill, the Park Hotel Vitznau is high on the list of places of interest for the finest Swiss gastronomy. Christian Nickel is the man who pulls the strings behind the scenes: as the Executive Chef, he

## Art & Culture - Interior mit Geschichte

»Vergangenheit bewahren, Zukunft gestalten« lautet die Philosophie. So nimmt das Interieur immer wieder Bezug auf den Charakter und die reichhaltige Geschichte des Hauses. Die Themenwelten Wine & Dine, Art & Culture, Health & Wealth, an denen sich die gesamte Einrichtung orientiert, widerspiegeln die Schwerpunkte des Hotels.

## 47 individuelle Residenzen, Suiten und Junior Suiten

Von plüschig über barock zu minimalistisch: Im Park Hotel Vitznau ist jede Suite ein Unikat, ausgestattet mit innovativster Technik und grösstem Komfort. Kein Grundriss und kein Einrichtungskonzept sind zweimal zu finden. Jede der insgesamt 47 stilvollen Residenzen, Suiten und Junior Suiten beleuchtet einen Aspekt oder eine Persönlichkeit aus einer der drei Themenwelten. Sämtliche Materialien und Farben – vom hochwertigen Naturstein im Badezimmer bis zur feinen Bettwäsche – wurden mit höchster Sorgfalt passend zum Sujet ausgewählt.

## Wine & Dine - Preisgekrönte Kulinarik

Mit zwei Sternerestaurants und einer Seeterrasse mit Grill positioniert sich das Park Hotel Vitznau ganz oben auf der Landkarte der Schweizer Spitzen-gastronomie. Christian Nickel ist der Mann, der im Hintergrund die Stricke zieht: Als Executive Chef prägt er seit 2012 das kulinarische Angebot des

has been influencing the hotel's culinary offerings since 2012 and ensuring that things run smoothly in the kitchen. It is important to him that the approximately 30 members of staff and apprentices are given the opportunity to implement new ideas and further their personal development. "I want my staff to be able to grow with each new task", he expressed. The team also includes the two distinguished top chefs Patrick Mahler (18 GaultMillau points, 2 Michelin stars) and Philipp Heid (16 GaultMillau points, 1 Michelin star).

## Six wine cellars containing 32,000 bottles

32,000 bottles, 4,000 locations and a purchase value of more than 26 million Swiss francs: the wine cellar at the Park Hotel Vitznau is one of the most exclusive in the world. In line with the philosophy "Keeping the past alive, shaping the future", four centuries of wine history come together here. The bottles are kept in six storage rooms, which are set to 14 degrees Celsius and a humidity of 70 per cent and looked after by sommelier Alexandre Hristov. "When you have such a plethora of wines, it's essential to keep bearing in mind which one is at optimal maturity for consumption", he explained.

If you would like to get an insight into the exceptional world of wine, the Park Hotel Vitznau offers regular guided tours and tastings. •

Hauses mit und sorgt für einen reibungslosen Betrieb in der Küche. Wichtig ist ihm, dass die rund 30 Mitarbeitenden und Lernenden Gelegenheit erhalten, neue Ideen umzusetzen und sich persönlich weiterzuentwickeln. »Ich will, dass meine Leute an ihren Aufgaben wachsen können.« Zur Crew gehören auch die beiden angesehenen Spitzenköche Patrick Mahler (18 GaultMillau-Punkte, 2 Michelin-Sterne) und Philipp Heid (16 Gault-Millau-Punkte, 1 Michelin-Stern).«

## Sechs Weinkeller mit 32.000 Flaschen

32.000 Flaschen, 4.000 Positionen und ein Einkaufswert von mehr als 26 Millionen Schweizer Franken: Der Weinkeller des Park Hotel Vitznau gehört zu den exklusivsten der Welt. Im Sinne der Philosophie »Vergangenheit bewahren – Zukunft gestalten« vereinen sich hier vier Jahrhunderte Weingeschichte. Für Ordnung in den sechs Lagerräumen, die mit 14 Grad Celsius und einer Luftfeuchtigkeit von 70 Prozent temperiert sind, sorgt Alexandre Hristov, Kellermeister und Sommelier: »Bei einer solchen Fülle gilt es stets darauf zu achten, welcher Tropfen momentan in der besten Genussreife ist.«

Wer möchte, der kann gerne einen Einblick in diese ungewöhnliche Weinwelt erhalten: Das Park Hotel Vitznau bietet regelmässig Führungen und Degustationen an. •



Morgan Van Overbroek and Sébastien Le Page turned the Polo Park Zürich into one of the most important polo addresses in Europe. Also son Armand Le Page is already a successful player – a family interview.

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Morgan, Sébastien, Martin Podesta and Carlos Solari winning the Vecinos Cup in 2018.



1 Husband and wife play most of the time against each other  
2 Morgan and Sébastien playing for once together 3 Armand in action.



Images (2): Kathrin Gralla

#### HOW AND WHEN DID YOU FIRST GET IN CONTACT WITH HORSES AND POLO?

Polo is the ultimate family sport, one in which we can all play together despite having various equestrian backgrounds. Sébastien started to ride when he was three years old, Morgan had a few classes during her childhood and about Armand: 'My first time ever riding a horse was when I was ten years old. Both of my parents had already started polo a few months before, but I had always been scared of big animals including horses. And so it took a lot to convince me to eventually agree to getting on a horse. Francisco Podesta, my coach and mentor throughout my first few years of polo, was the one to put me on a horse and teach me how to ride and play. And the more I rode, the more it felt natural to me. In about three weeks I could gallop around and after two months I could hit the ball, although not well. I am now based in England, where I play for my school.' On which we all agree is that polo has created a special alchemy between us. On the polo field we are three players, regardless of sex, age or family bounds. We play against or with each other, we challenge each other, we encourage each other, we support each other. It was very important not to push Armand when he started and let the magic of Francisco operate. We all have our strengths and weaknesses. People sometimes make jokes about one member of the family being better than another one, but there is no jealousy between us. We all are 0-goalers at the moment, this is something we couldn't have imagined eight years ago. But Armand will probably end up being the best player of us three as he started so early!

#### DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR FIRST MOMENTS AND THE KIND OF FASCINATION ABOUT THE SPORT?

We saw our first polo tournaments in Polo Park Zürich and also in Gstaad about eight years ago, the same summer we had our first lessons. It was extremely different from the experience we had on our school horses, and from the classical riding we were taught as children. Polo Park Zürich was until three years ago just a green polo field with portable toilets and had almost no club life. Since the construction of the clubhouse, the lifestyle we have experienced in the farm of the Podesta family in Argentina started to root strongly in the club. Asados in the evenings, impromptu aperos between members after club chukkers, our traditional 1<sup>st</sup> of May and end of season Patron's Cup celebrations, family gatherings on weekends, an entire community is growing here in harmony. Armand thinks that polo is not only a sport with a lot of adrenaline and speed, as well as team management, but it also has a massive culture and a sense of family. Playing a hard game and afterwards being able to relax and to have an asado with the opposite team is something only polo offers. And the feeling of belonging to this community is amazing.

#### SINCE THEN YOUR WHOLE LIFE GOT CONNECTED AND INVOLVED INTO POLO. WHAT DOES THE SPORT MEAN TO YOU TODAY?

We have changed our entire life to embrace polo. Rege Ludwig once told us, that if we wanted to be better in polo, playing only during the weekends wouldn't be enough. We started by buying more horses, hiring professionals, changing our jobs, buying a farm in Argentina and starting to live like full-time polo players even though



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cattle. It is our private home in Argentina and has only one tournament per year, the Ladies Cup, which was created when there were only a few ladies tournaments in Argentina. Recently everywhere in the world, many clubs have started to organise ladies tournaments, which is great! The San Eugenio Ladies Cup, which is an official AAP tournament, has recently joined the level Liga Mundial, playing 18 goals. It was the first club to organise a high goal ladies tournament in the area of Lobos and we are now happy that other clubs are joining the movement. Teams can play now 2-3 tournaments in a row with the same players. We are working there to promote the best level of ladies polo on amazing polo fields and keeping a fair and competitive spirit. And of course, we play daily club chukkers with all our neighbours, so it's not only about ladies!

we still are amateurs. We follow the sunshine and travel wherever polo is played. Polo is our new way of eating, breathing, living. When we realized that Armand started to love the sport, we seized the opportunity to dive into it. It became a passion, a job, a true lifestyle. So far, polo is the best thing that has happened to us!

#### WITH POLO PARK ZÜRICH YOU HAVE CREATED A NEW POLO CENTRE IN THE HEART OF EUROPE. HOW DID THE CLUB DEVELOP IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS?

The first two years were dedicated to the construction of the stables and the clubhouse. The team and us had to learn new jobs. Managing a pitch of grass and disposable toilets is not the same as managing a huge clubhouse with nine apartments and stables of 57 boxes. Since the end of the construction, players started to come with their families, friends and sometimes customers or clients. We hosted and organised many events such as company events, weddings, team buildings, birthday celebrations. In the last two years, with the decline of many polo clubs around and the rise of our social side, we tripled the number of playing members. And we are also strongly developing a community of non-playing friends, who love to share with us the same values, the good life and the love for the sport.

#### WITH SAN EUGENIO YOU HAVE RAISED A SECOND POLO CLUB. WHAT IS THE IDEA BEHIND THIS BEAUTIFUL POLO ESTANCIA IN ARGENTINA? WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE GOALS FOR SAN EUGENIO?

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With our two clubs, we are happy to develop more and better polo at all levels. We are never forgetting the beginners, who are the core of polo. Each of us has started at one point, and we don't forget those days. As a family, we are developing and managing different skills: Sébastien is a renowned truco player (traditional Argentine card game), master of many asados and played high goal in St. Tropez and Deauville. Armand is developing his international polo skills, managing the polo organisation in his boarding school in England, and Morgan is developing the clubs, international ladies polo, and health awareness. All together, the family is reaching each important point of the polo lifestyle: high-end sport training and competition, work-out, nutrition, organisation and most importantly: FUN! •

# AFTER POLO ATMOSPHERE

Polo is much more than just a sport, it is a lifestyle. With the VIP/Social-Membership you participate in all the PPZ perks and events.

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1 The Polo Park & Country Club Zürich is well known and appreciated by its members and guests for its warm hospitality and great atmosphere  
2 Maria Flames and husband with Monica Frei 3 Stephan Roth and his Mom 4 Eduardo Greghi and a little friend.



5 Polo fan 6 Ivo Staudt and friend 7 Polo fans and spectators 8 Rodolfo Binz and Morgan 9 Beauties beside the polofield 10 Clara Podesta.



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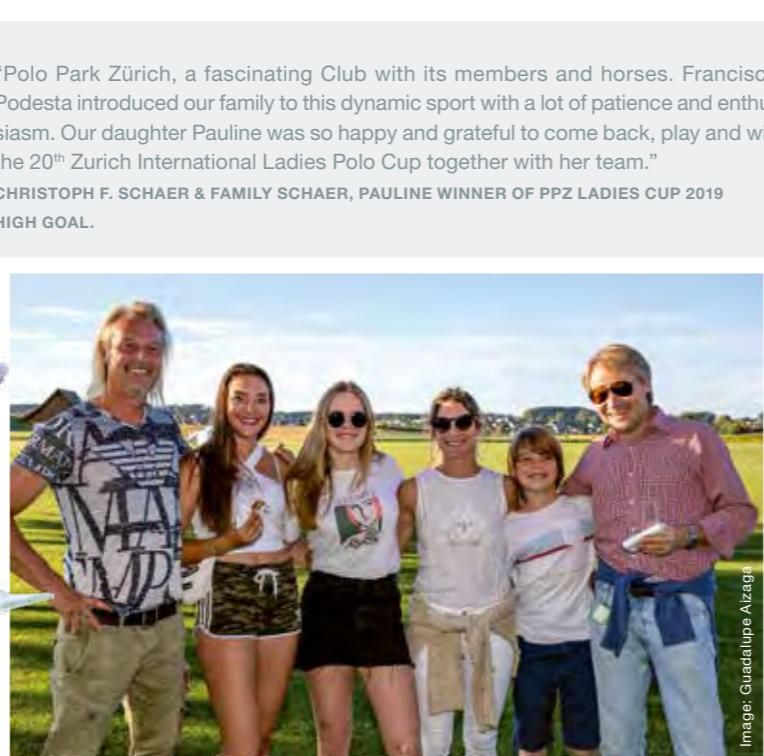
# SEEN ON THE LAWN...

WHISPERED AT THE PONY LINES

Polo people and unforgettable moments: A picture review of the last two years at Polo Park & Country Club Zürich.

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"Playing at PPZ was such an enjoyable experience during our last tournament there. The people and the organization are so welcoming that you feel at home. We had the pleasure to experience the hospitality of Sébastien and Morgan around a very nice asado sharing time with the other patrons. The facilities of PPZ are a state of the art starting with the stables and the field. You can enjoy high playing level of polo at full speed without the hassle of worrying about your horses since the sanding is one of the best in Switzerland. PPZ has succeed to combine the swiss exigence of quality with the conviviality of Argentina spirit. It's unique and that's why we love playing Polo there."

MOHAMED JULIEN NDAO, OKAPI POLO TEAM.



"I enjoy a lot playing at Polo Park Zürich. It is a very nice place to play polo, with a warm ambience that makes me feel like at home!"

LIA SALVO, WINNER OF PPZ LADIES CUP 2019 HIGH-GOAL.



"I felt very welcome in PPZ specially because I already know many people there. The Clubhouse is very modern, beautiful and still has a lot of charm. Stables are very design but very comfortable and cozy for horses and players, they are extremely well maintained and kept clean, nothing like in normal stables. Located in the center of Europe, you meet players coming from all the world (Europe, USA, Brasil, Argentina...) to play the Sport of Kings in a top atmosphere. When the tournament is over, you feel just like in the Argentine pampas with an asado shared with the grooms, eating with your hands, playing cards together. No fuzz, just the real polo life."

RAPHAEL POUYE DE OLIVEIRA



"Beautiful atmosphere, familiar and warm! On top you play a good level of polo with very friendly and affectionate people!"

MANUEL CARRANZA,  
PLAYING FOR EQUILIBRIUM.



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"Mi experiencia en Polo Park fue única e inolvidable, perdón no fue solo para mí también lo fue para mis hijas. Descubrimos un mundo lleno de emociones y sensaciones únicas. Hemos hecho un máster acelerado de cómo amar a un caballo y entender lo que significa hacer un deporte arriba de esas hermosas criaturas potentes. Conocimos gente increíble por dónde vayas, sus propietarios Sébastien y Morgan junto con la familia Podesta nos han hecho sentir en casa, y cuando digo en casa es literal... el lobo me hizo cocinar en su parrilla millones de veces, no creo que halgun día hayan comido tan rico como cuando cocine yo. Eternamente agradecidos por esos hermosos días."

MATIAS DELGADO, ARGENTINE FOOTBALL PLAYER.



Image: Polo Park Zürich

"Fantastic field, great polo, friendly and fun - PPZ is a big success! We were treated like family from the moment we arrived and we had a wonderful weekend of polo with great atmosphere."

JOHN COAST SULLINGER, OWNER GENEVA POLO CLUB.





"To me, playing polo is no different to living life. Life is more powerful than us. Like a horse when faced with aggressive force, it rebels and its strength will crush you. Should you display weakness and fear, it will also show no mercy. With riding, as with life, use love, intuition, patience and be in charge! In so doing, you can not forgo the risks that both present. However you will have a hell of a fun game!"

EDUARDO GREGHI, TEAM BIO-R.



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"The Swiss Medium Goal 2019 was an amazing tournament. Great fields, nice people and a fantastic party made it a memorable event. Winning it with two ladies in our team was particularly nice. I would very much like to play it again."

PATRICIO GAYNOR, WINNER OF SWISS MEDIUM GOAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2019.



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"After many years away, it was a real pleasure to compete at PPZ over the last couple of years, representing the Swiss National Team and Graff Capital Management. The club has developed beautifully over the years under the watchful eyes of Seb & Morgan and casual and social mixes well with the chic and curious crowds attending matches. Playing at PPZ is always a pleasure and I can only encourage readers to get more involved in our beautiful game, and in this part of Switzerland - the club is unique."

SACHA PICTET, MEMBER OF SWISS NATIONAL POLO TEAM.



"Polo Park & Country Club Zürich for me is not only a place to play polo, it's much more. It's a place where I can meet friends as well as other players and inspiring people from all around the world. I do love the friendly and familiar atmosphere and there's nothing better than enjoying an asado or a sundowner in good company at the clubhouse after a game."

KATJA GRAUWILER, WINNER PPZ LADIES CUP 2019 LOW GOAL.



"In the summer of 2019, I was kindly invited to play at PPZ with Morgan in her ladies tournament after meeting her at Thai Polo earlier in the year. The club has such a wonderful family feel, thanks to the Podesta family who have worked there many years. The fields were great, the BBQ's second to none and the organisation some of the best in Europe! I couldn't recommend this tournament more, if you're looking to extend your polo family, Zürich is the place to go."

REBECCA WALTERS, PLAYING FOR HATO.



"For the last two polo seasons I had the pleasure to participate in the Gold Cup. Coming to play at PPZ is like coming home, because one is treated like family. Morgan and Sébastien, as well as the rest of the team, make sure you feel welcome on and off the field. I am looking forward to coming back again."

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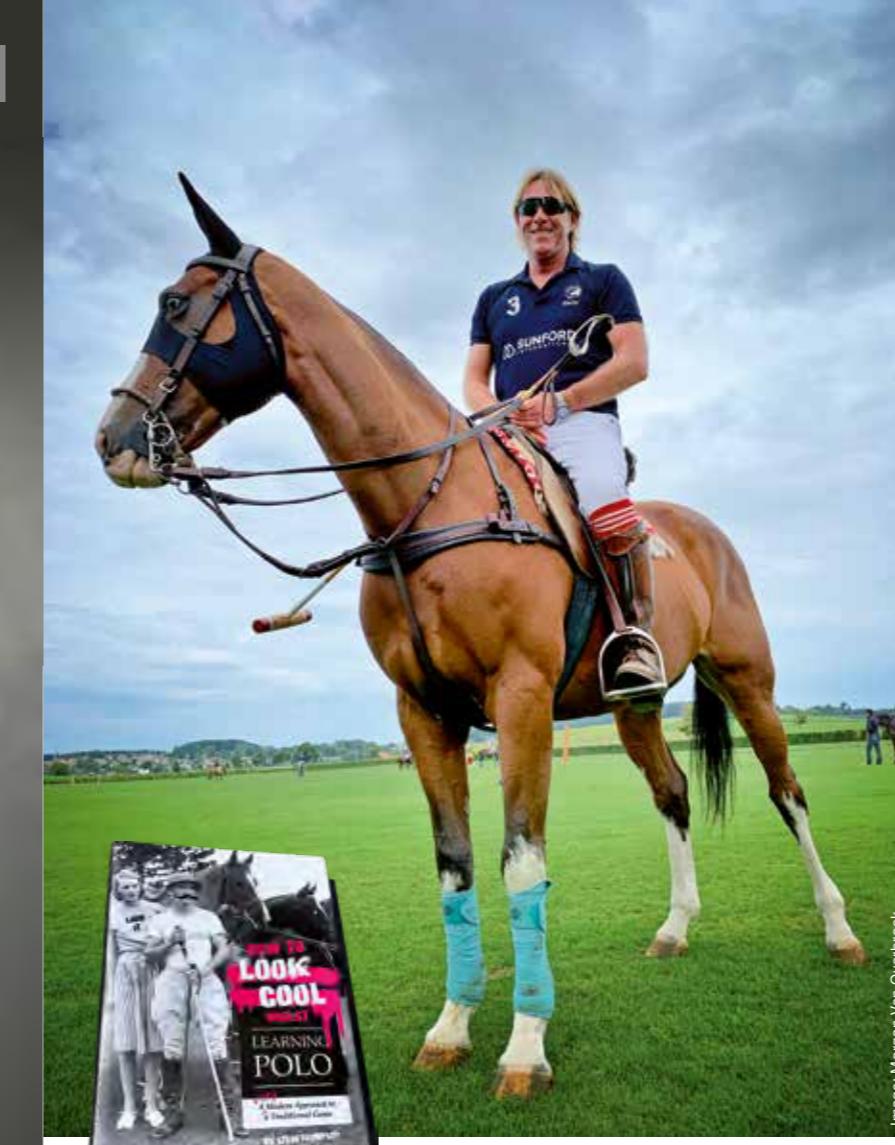


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A polo club is a monster cash sucking machine with a multitude of essential working parts. At face value you would be forgiven for thinking that all that is required to call oneself 'a club' is a field and some stables and somewhere for the 'beautiful people' to sit sipping their champagne watching the 'super-rich' run up and down chasing and ultimately missing a ball! Without even delving into the huge cost of under-pitch drainage, specific grass types, daily maintenance and machinery just to maintain a polo pitch there is of course the keeping costs of the horses and all associated expenses. However a perfect pitch and a multitude of horses does not make a successful polo club.

People, infrastructure, culture, work ethic, and an endless list of specific skill sets are what is required for a seriously successful club to survive and THIS is why PPZ is so extraordinarily successful. A husband and wife team with a huge passion, dedication and commitment to the sport and their club is the first of the essential elements to recognise. However from my observation it is their ability to remain humble to the sport itself when one could be forgiven in their position of 'over indulging'. Coupled with this is their ability to recognise the real needs both within a polo structure and also and perhaps arguably more importantly the needs of non playing members and sponsors. The design and structure of the club house, its accommodation, stabling and positioning ensures that on arrival it literally wraps its arms around you and makes you feel immediately welcome. Sponsors are able to host valued guests regardless of weather conditions and Sébastien and Morgan are masters of ingenuity and innovation in the face of adversity.

As an example this husband and wife teams foresight into the future of polo and their desire to attract international visiting players gave rise to some of the sexiest self-contained apartments on par with a 5 star hotel and spa. An obvious requirement you may think until the fact reveal that only 6 clubs in the world offer suitable player accommodation! As with any great theatrical stage production, which polo most certainly is, it is the working behind the scenes that keeps the show on the road. Always the un-sung hero's are people who you will rarely see working the office and essential admin departments and coordination of the great 'polo ship'. Clara Podesta, the wife of polo manager Francisco, ensures that operations are functioning perfectly on a daily basis during a long and grueling season. I personally witnessed and marveled at their capacity to work endless hours, never complaining and a real true deep-rooted desire to make and keep this club the envy of many. As if all of this wasn't sufficient evidence as to why PPZ is the fastest growing polo club in Europe all that remains is to turn our attention to the clients, players, guests and associates of the club itself.

I have personal experience of attending numerous clubs who appear to have got it right with spectacular club houses, endless pitches and a never-ending string of beautiful horses for hire. And yet they struggle to make ends meet. In the main it's often down to the atmosphere and the attendees who create it. Understandably it doesn't take many negative unpleasant characters to put you off a second visit to a club or venue. So ultimately what makes a club successful is its client base.

I'm still not sure how - maybe it's the nationality, maybe the home-bred culture, maybe it's the humility or camaraderie between players or just simply respect for the sport and for the facility for the effort that goes in behind the scenes. Likely a combination of all, but it is certainly so refreshing to see this club thrive and prosper for all the right reasons. In addition and perhaps most importantly of all my overriding impression Polo Park Zürich is the genuine nature and compassion towards the horses. It is unfortunate that polo can attract individuals purely wanting to take up a 'sport' rather than an equestrian activity - so I was so genuinely impressed that what I witnessed from my very first visit was that the club is founded on a client base of genuine horse lovers.

I think it is significant that The Polo Park Zürich seem oblivious to the fact that they are quietly making history and the combined effort of all involved should be as proud as I am to be associated. I am tempted to end this article by wishing them luck.... but they have proved... don't need it!"

STEVE THOMPSON

# BRAUN & STONE TREASURE HUNTING

Nicole J. Jenni Braun is a passionate gemstone expert, jewelry designer and trained gemologist G.G. GIA New York. Her company Braun & Stone in Zug stands for individual jewelry creation and expert handcraftsmanship and helps in the search and appraisal of rare and high quality gemstones and pearls.

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## WHAT WOULD YOU SAY DISTINGUISHES YOUR COLLECTION?

It's clear that I embody a certain style. My jewellery, whether bought or designed and produced by myself, is often relatively simple but with a certain refinement. They are always distinguished by the high quality and/or rarity of the materials used, as well as by the special colour-material combination. The pieces of jewellery must always be wearable, they should not only wait in the safe for their rare big appearances. My collection also includes design classics from times gone by. By the way, my favourite Art Deco jewellery pieces, which I also find at international fairs, can be combined very well in a modern way. Then there are the gems and pearls that magically attract me at trade fairs or when visiting dealers and enrich my growing collection! Some of them are real rarities due to their quality and/or peculiarity.

SO YOU COLLECT PIECES THAT YOU INCLUDE IN YOUR COLLECTION AS FINISHED JEWELLERY, BUT ALSO INDIVIDUAL GEMSTONES, THAT ONLY BECOME PIECES OF JEWELLERY THROUGH YOUR CREATIVE IDEAS?

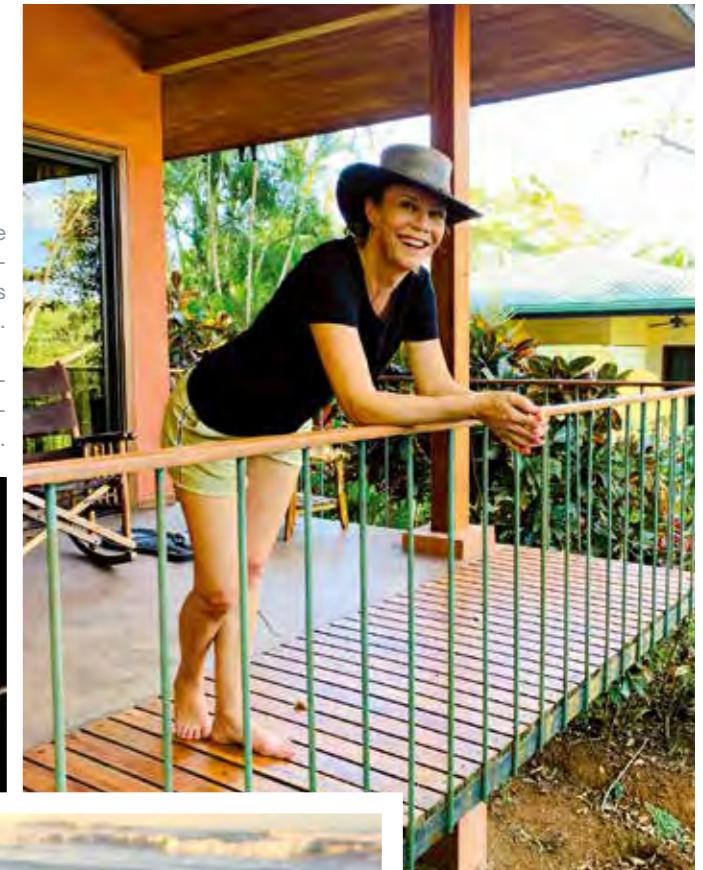
## WAS WÜRDEN SIE SAGEN, WAS IHRE KOLLEKTION AUSZEICHNET?

*Es ist klar, dass ich einen gewissen Stil verkörperne. Meine Schmuckstücke, ob angekauft oder selber entworfen und produziert, sind oft relativ schlicht aber von einer gewissen Raffinesse. Sie zeichnen sich stets durch die hohe Qualität und/oder Seltenheit der dabei verwendeten Materialien sowie durch die spezielle Farb-Material-Kombination aus. Die Schmuckstücke müssen stets tragbar sein, sie sollen nicht nur im Tresor auf ihre seltenen grossen Auftritte warten. Es gehören auch Designklassiker aus vergangenen Zeiten zu meiner Kollektion. Meine favorisierten Art Deco-Schmuckstücke, die ich auch auf internationalen Messen aufspüre, lassen sich übrigens sehr gut modern kombinieren. Dann gibt es noch die Edelsteine und Perlen, die mich auf Messen oder bei Händlerbesuchen magisch anziehen und meine wachsende Sammlung bereichern! Zum Teil handelt es sich aufgrund ihrer Qualität und/oder Eigenart um richtige Raritäten.*

SIE TRAGEN ALSO STÜCKE ZUSAMMEN, DIE SIE ALS FERTIGE SCHMUCKSTÜCKE IN IHRE KOLLEKTION AUFNEHMEN, ABER AUCH EINZELNE STEINE, DIE ERST DURCH IHRE KREATIVEN IDEEN ZU SCHMUCKSTÜCKEN WERDEN?

Right: Nicole J. Jenni Braun, here in her second home and "power place" in Costa Rica, worked as a successful lawyer before she followed her passion for gemstones and jewelry and founded Braun & Stone.

Below: Braun & Stone's own creations made of high-quality gemstones as well as unique, often antique jewelry can be found in the Braun & Stone collection.



Left: The turtle is the key visual of Braun & Stone. Inspired by the beach where Nicole J. Jenni Braun and her family live in Costa Rica, the turtle symbolizes for Braun & Stone the elemental force of nature, change and renewal, the proximity of life and death.



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"We develop a project within the defined budget with the help of sketches and models together or search for the right piece of jewellery until I feel the enthusiasm of the customer."

The personal contact with the people who adorn themselves with the trouvailles and creations to underline their personality is very important to Nicole J. Jenni Braun. She creates positive emotions with her work, which is a source of power, joy and satisfaction for her.



Yes, this gives me the opportunity to really respond to the wishes of my customers. Often I get inspiration for colour combinations or even design in nature. It's amazing what's practically ready to be picked up right before your eyes.

#### WHAT DO YOU PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO WHEN MAKING YOUR JEWELLERY?

I always give guarantees for my gemstones and jewellery, I also select my suppliers accordingly: my long-standing business relationships with international stone and jewellery dealers, who all supply long-established, renowned jewellery houses, are very valuable to me. These partners are also available to me at any time for extensive selections or exhibitions.

#### REGARDING THE SALE OF YOUR JEWELLERY AND CREATIONS, YOU'VE TAKEN YOUR OWN SPECIAL PATH...

I do not run a traditional sales outlet with security staff for my jewellery in an expensive city location. I organise culinary appealing jewellery cocktails at various locations in Switzerland and arrange personal customer appointments afterwards. I avoid expensive business locations in favour of competitive prices.

#### BEFORE YOUR CAREER AS A JEWELLERY EXPERT, YOU WORKED SUCCESSFULLY IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR AS A LAWYER ADMITTED TO THE BAR?

Since my early youth I had a passion for precious stones and beautiful jewellery. While still working in the world of finance, in 2006 I began studying gemmology at the "Gemological Institute of America, GIA", the world-renowned gemstone valuation company, in New York. I graduated as second best of the year. That was the beginning of Braun & Stone.

*Ja, das gibt mir die Möglichkeit, wirklich auf die Wünsche meiner Kunden einzugehen. Oft inspiriere ich mich für Farbkombination oder auch Formgebung in der Natur. Es ist erstaunlich, was quasi abholbereit vor unseren Augen liegt.*

#### WORAUF ACHTEN SIE BESONDERS BEI DER HERSTELLUNG IHRES SCHMUCKES?

*Für meine Edelsteine und Schmuckstücke gebe ich immer Garantien ab, ich wähle auch meine Lieferanten entsprechend aus: meine langjährigen Geschäftsbeziehungen zu internationalen Stein- und Schmuckhändlern, die alle alteingesessene, renommierte Juwelierhäuser beliefern, sind für mich sehr wertvoll. Diese Partner stehen mir jederzeit auch für umfangreiche Auswahlen oder Ausstellungen zur Verfügung.*

**FÜR DEN VERKAUF HABEN SIE EINEN EIGENEN WEG EINGESCHLAGEN...**  
*Ich führe für meinen Schmuck nicht ein traditionelles Verkaufslokal mit Sicherheitspersonal an teurer Stadtlage. Ich veranstalte kulinarisch ansprechende Schmuckcocktails an den unterschiedlichsten Orten in der Schweiz und vereinbare anschliessend persönliche Kundentermine. Ich vermeide die teuren Geschäftslagen zugunsten von konkurrenzfähigen Preisen.*

**VOR IHRER KARRIERE ALS SCHMUCKEXPERTIN WAREN SIE ALS JURISTIN MIT ANWALTPATENT ERFOLGREICH IN DER FINANZBRANCHE TÄTIG?**  
*Ich hatte schon seit meiner frühen Jugend ein Faible für Edelsteine und schönen Schmuck. Noch während meiner Arbeit in der Finanzwelt fing ich 2006 parallel mit dem Studium der Edelsteinkunde am »Gemological Institute of America, GIA«, dem weltweit renommierten Unternehmen für Edelsteinbewertung, in New York an. Den Abschluss schaffte ich als Zweitbeste des Jahrgangs. Das war der Beginn von Braun & Stone.*

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# POLO PARK ZÜRICH

## REVIEW 2018

2018 was a historical and very successful season, Polo Park Zürich hosted its 20<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. Players from Switzerland and Polistas from all around the world joined the chukkers and enjoyed the warm familial atmosphere, exciting polo matches and hospitality at Polo Park Zürich.

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Gold Cup: Tachu Solari trying to hook Francisco Fucci.



Winners Polo Park & Country Club Zürich Cup: Team Los Lobos with Sébastien Le Page, Facundo Kelly, Martin & Min Podesta.

# ZURICH LOW GOAL CHAMPIONSHIP

MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

Winning team with Belen Podesta, Thommy Gräff, Markus Gräff and Laura Vuille.  
 Sponsors Sébastien Le Page and Daniel S. Aegerter.



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1 Powerful shot from Tito Gaudenzi 2 Teams: La Irenita, Aegerter Wines, Los Lobos and Hato.

## RANKING

### 1. La Irenita

- Belen Podesta
- Laura Vuille
- Thommy Gräff
- Markus Gräff

### 2. Aegerter Wines

- Morgan Van Overbroek
- Thomas Wolfensberger
- Martin Luginbühl
- Remi Dudler

### 3. Los Lobos

- P. Meszaros / Kira Wetzel
- Sébastien Le Page
- Stefan Roth
- Tito Gaudenzi

### 4. Hato

- Umberto Erculiani
- Sacha Djafarian
- Stefan Weber
- David Kalberer

On May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, Polo Park Zürich opened the 2018 season with the traditional 11<sup>th</sup> Zurich Low Goal Championship for amateur players only. Sponsors of this familial and atmospheric polo event are Daniel S. Aegerter and Polo Park Zürich.

In the final of the competitive championship, a very strong team La Irenita defeated team Aegerter by 4,5-2. The opponents fought a full action final with many exciting and tactical moves. The third place went to team Los Lobos, winning against Hato.

For lunch on Sunday, players, families and friends met at the Clubhouse to enjoy a tasty "filled potato" served by Rolling Food, delicious desserts by Pan de Miel, wines by Bolle and champagne by the new official sponsor Laurent Perrier. During the weekend, Polo Park Zürich also hosted its medium goal club chukkers. And to complete the long holiday weekend, on Pfingstmontag on La Irenita polo field, the chukker number 150 of the season 2018 was played.

Am 19. und 20. Mai hat der Polo Park Zürich die Saison 2018 mit der traditionellen 11. Zürcher Low Goal Meisterschaft für Amateurspieler eröffnet. Sponsoren dieses beliebten und stimmungsvollen Polo Events sind Daniel S. Aegerter und der Polo Park Zürich.

Im Finale der umkämpften Meisterschaft besiegte ein sehr starkes Team La Irenita das Team Aegerter deutlich mit 4,5-2. Die Gegner lieferten sich ein actionreiches Finale mit vielen spannenden und taktischen Spielzügen. Der dritte Platz ging an das Team Los Lobos, das gegen Hato gewann.

Zum Mittagessen am Sonntag trafen sich Spieler, Familien und Freunde im Clubhaus, um eine leckere, gefüllte Kartoffel von Rolling Food, köstliche Desserts von Pan de Miel, Weine von Bolle und Champagner vom neuen offiziellen Sponsor Laurent Perrier zu genießen. Während des Wochenendes war der Polo Park Zürich außerdem noch Gastgeber für seine wöchentlichen Medium Goal Club Chukker. Und um das lange Ferienwochenende abzurunden, wurde am Pfingstmontag auf dem Feld La Irenita der Chukker Nummer 150 der Saison 2018 gespielt.

# ZURICH MEDIUM GOAL CHAMPIONSHIP

JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

Images (3): Kathrin Gralla

**RANKING**

- |                             |
|-----------------------------|
| <b>1. Los Lobos</b>         |
| ■ Sébastien Le Page         |
| ■ Facundo Kelly             |
| ■ Martin Podesta            |
| ■ Werner Meier              |
| <b>2. Bethanien</b>         |
| ■ Ossi Köchli / K. Nikiteas |
| ■ Carlos Genes              |
| ■ Walter Cortez             |
| ■ Thomas Wolfensberger      |
| <b>3. Equilibrium</b>       |
| ■ Daniel S. Aegerter        |
| ■ Eduardo Greghi            |
| ■ Francisco Fucci           |
| ■ D'Artagnan Giercke        |
| <b>4. Polo Park Zürich</b>  |
| ■ Morgan Van Overbroek      |
| ■ David Kalberer            |
| ■ Martin Luginbühl          |
| ■ Carlos Solari             |



1 Winning team Los Lobos with Werner Meier, Martin Podesta, Facundo Kelly and Sébastien Le Page, right Daniel S. Aegerter (Team Equilibrium) 2 Francisco Fucci (Team Equilibrium) and Carlos Solari (Team Polo Park Zürich).

This exciting polo weekend started already on Friday, with 20 enthusiastic people in a special polo introduction course. The class finished just in time before a heavy rain gave perfect natural watering to the polo fields. The following day, with the sun back, the Zurich Medium Goal Championship started on field no. 1 in top conditions. The official 6 goal level of the tournament was obviously surpassed by the players who made field action look like 8 goals games. Fast, clean, amazing runs and incredible goals. After the qualification rounds, teams Bethanien-Bentley by Tuttossi and Los Lobos went to the final. On Sunday, team Equilibrium with Daniel S. Aegerter, main sponsor of the tournament, made it to the third place by defeating team Polo Park Zürich. The final kept players and audience excited until the last seconds of the encounter. At a score of 6-6 and with only 10 seconds to go, Los Lobos took the lead and won with a goal of Facundo Kelly, riding Gavilan, who was later awarded Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

After the matches, players, families and friends shared a delicious lunch served by Razzia Catering. The weekend was then closed with the traditional new players training chukker. Last but not least Polo Park Zürich could congratulate team Gräff Capital for winning the Swiss Low Goal Championship in Geneva, representing Polo Park Zürich.

Dieses spannende Polo-Wochenende begann bereits am Freitag mit einem Polo-Einführungskurs für 20 begeisterte Teilnehmer. Der Kurs war gerade beendet, als starker Regen für eine perfekte, natürliche Bewässerung der Polofelder sorgte. Bei Sonnenschein und besten Bedingungen startete die Zürcher Medium Goal Meisterschaft dann am nächsten Tag auf Feld Nr. 1. Das offizielle 6-Goal-Level des Turniers wurde von den Spielern, die das Spielgeschehen auf dem Feld wie 8-Goal-Matches aussehen ließen, sichtlich übertroffen. Schnell, sauber, tolle Läufe und unglaubliche Tore. Nach der Qualifikationsrunde zogen Team Bethanien-Bentley von Tuttossi und Los Lobos ins Finale ein. Am Sonntag schaffte es Team Equilibrium mit Daniel S. Aegerter, Hauptsponsor des Turniers, durch einen Sieg über den Polo Park Zürich auf den 3. Platz. Das Finale hielt Spieler und Publikum bis zu den letzten Sekunden der Begegnung in Atem. Beim Stand von 6-6 und nur 10 Sekunden vor der Schlussglocke, ging Los Lobos in Führung und gewann mit einem Tor von Facundo Kelly auf Gavilan, der später auch zum Most Valuable Player des Turniers gekürt wurde.

Nach den Spielen trafen sich Spieler, Familien und Freunde zu einem köstlichen Mittagessen, serviert von Razzia Catering. Das Wochenende fand seinen Abschluss mit dem traditionellen Chukker-Training der neuen Spieler. Last but not least konnte der Polo Park Zürich Team Gräff Capital, das in den Farben des Polo Park Zürich gespielt hatte, zum Sieg bei der Schweizer Low Goal Meisterschaft in Genf gratulieren.



# KENSINGTON TROPHY

JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

1 Carlos Genes and Thommy Gräff  
2 Facundo Kelly.



## RANKING

### 1. Staudt Watches

- Daniel S. Aegerter
- Tommy Aegerter
- Fabian Bolanterio
- Juan Martin Llanos

### Kensington

- Morgan Van Overbroek
- Facundo Kelly
- Martin Podesta
- Stefan Roth

### Piero Romanet

- Thommy Gräff
- Markus Gräff
- Juancito Bollini
- Sacha Pictet

### Bentley Zürich

- Eduardo Greigh
- Carlos Genes
- Walter Cortez
- Thomas Wolfensberger

3 Teams Staudt Watches, Kensington, Pieroth Romanet and Bentley 4 Mehrdad Bonakdar, CEO & Founder of Kensington with Miss Switzerland Jastina Doreen Riederer and Sébastien Le Page  
5 Beautiful set-up for the Kensington Trophy 2018.

Two birthday children, one polo jubilee: In the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Polo Park Zürich, KENSINGTON Finest Properties International was also able to look back on 20 successful business years. Reason enough to launch the Kensington Polo Trophy on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018, one of the biggest polo tournaments of 2018 at the PPZ. Four teams competed in the tournament on a +3/+6 goal level. And the audience was not only rewarded by a sports show worth seeing, but also by excellent catering and an exclusive Players Night on the final day. As a special guest, the organisers and Kensington CEO Mehrdad Bonakdar welcomed the reigning "Miss Switzerland", Jastina Doreen Riederer, who was also present at the award ceremony on the final day. After Team Staudt Watches had defeated their final opponent Kensington with a tight 5-4, the winners could receive their trophy from "Miss Switzerland" personally. The teams Bentley Zürich and Pieroth Romanet had previously met in the fight for third place at the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kensington Polo Trophy which Pieroth Romanet could finally win.

Zwei Geburtstagskinder, ein Polojubiläum: Im 20. Jubiläumsjahr des Polo Park Zürich konnte auch KENSINGTON Finest Properties International auf 20 erfolgreiche Geschäftsjahre zurückblicken. Grund genug, mit der Kensington Polo Trophy am 15. und 16. Juni 2018, eins der größten Poloturniere des Jahres 2018 im PPZ aus der Taufe zu heben. Vier Teams gingen bei dem Turnier der Spielklasse +3/+6 Goals an den Start. Und das Publikum wurde nicht nur durch eine sehenswerte sportliche Show, sondern auch durch ein exzellentes Catering sowie eine exklusive Players Night am Finaltag belohnt. Als Special Guest konnten die Veranstalter und Kensington CEO Mehrdad Bonakdar die amtierende »Miss Schweiz«, Jastina Doreen Riederer begrüßen, die auch bei der Siegerehrung am Finaltag dabei war. Nachdem Team Staudt Watches seinen Finalgegner Kensington mit einem denkbar knappen 5-4 Endstand besiegt hatte, konnten die Gewinner ihre Trophäe von »Miss Schweiz« persönlich entgegennehmen. Die Teams Bentley Zürich und Pieroth Romanet waren zuvor im Kampf um den dritten Platz bei der 20. Anniversary Kensington Polo Trophy aufeinander getroffen und Pieroth Romanet sicherte sich den dritten Rang.

# SWISS MEDIUM GOAL POLO CHAMPIONSHIP

JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

David Amar from Switzerland playing for Team Polo Park Zürich.

**RANKING****1. Polo Park Zürich**

- Morgan Van Overbroek
- Hazel Jackson
- Patricio Gaynor
- David Amar

**2. Equilibrium**

- Daniel S. Aegearter
- Tommy Aegearter
- Fabian Bolanterio
- Juan Martin Llanos

**3. Los Lobos**

- Sébastien Le Page
- Facundo Kelly
- Remi Dudler
- Martin Podesta Sen.

**4. Cardo**

- M. Oggensfuss / A. Meier
- Martin Luginbühl
- Simon Luginbühl
- Walter Cortez

**5. Bentley-Bethanien**

- E. Greghi / K. Nikiteas
- Carlos Genes
- Joaquin Copello
- Thomas Wolfensberger

**6. Gräff Capital**

- Sacha Pictet
- Thommy Gräff
- Juancito Bollini
- Markus Gräff

**7. Chimango polo**

- Stefan Roth
- David Kalberer
- Chris Kiesel
- Ismael Iraizos

**8. Legacy Polo Club**

- Gabriel Eckenstein
- Claudio Cerletti
- Juan Marendo
- Dominik Velazquez



Images (4): Pascaline Photography



1 Teams: Chimango Polo, Legacy Polo Club, Gräff Capital, Bentley-Bethanien, Cardo, Los Lobos, Equilibrium and Polo Park Zürich  
2 Team Chimango Polo with Stefan Roth, David Kalberer, Chris Kiesel and Ismael Iraizos 3 Winners Polo Park Zürich with David Amar, Patricio Gaynor, Morgan Van Overbroek and Hazel Jackson.

In its grand jubilee year 2018, Polo Park Zürich was honoured to be the host of the most important polo tournament in Switzerland: the Swiss Medium Goal Championship. Altogether eight teams with international players participated in this highly competitive polo tournament. What a great present for the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday of the club and the inauguration of the new clubhouse. The Swiss Medium Goal Championship is held in a different venue every year, and this time was the turn of the Zurich based club.

The championship weekend was filled with excellent sport, a great jubilee atmosphere and a crowd of spectators. Last but not least: For the very first time a team with two female players in its line-up could win the Swiss Medium Goal Championship: Morgan Van Overbroek and Hazel Jackson claimed the coveted trophy together with Patricio Gaynor and David Amar in a 4-3 victory against Equilibrium. Hazel Jackson was awarded Most Valuable Player in the prizegiving ceremony and Lucky became Best Playing Pony of the tournament. •

*In seinem grossen Jubiläumsjahr 2018 hatte der Polo Park Zürich die Ehre, Gastgeber des wichtigsten Poloturniers der Schweiz zu sein: der Swiss Medium Goal Championship. Insgesamt acht Teams mit internationalen Spielern nahmen an diesem hochkarätigen und hart umkämpften Poloturnier teil. Was für ein tolles Geschenk zum 20. Geburtstag des Clubs und zur Einweihung des neuen Clubhauses. Die Swiss Medium Goal Championship wird jedes Jahr von einem anderen Polo Club ausgetragen – und diesmal war der Polo Park Zürich an der Reihe.*

*Das Meisterschaftswochenende war von ausgezeichnetem Sport, einer tollen Jubiläumsatmosphäre und einem großen Zuschauerandrang geprägt. Und nicht zuletzt: Zum ersten Mal konnte eine Mannschaft mit zwei Spielerinnen im Line-up die Swiss Medium Goal Championship gewinnen: Morgan Van Overbroek und Hazel Jackson holten sich zusammen mit Patricio Gaynor und David Amar mit einem 4-3-Sieg gegen Equilibrium die begehrte Trophäe. Hazel Jackson wurde als Most Valuable Player ausgezeichnet, und Lucky wurde das Best Playing Pony des Turniers. •*



1 Teams: Polo Park Zürich, Nespresso, La Tana Polo, La Mer, Bolle, Les Jolies Filles, Laurent Perrier and Hato  
2 Lia Salvo and Isabelle McGregor 3 Sébastien Le Page, Morgan Van Overbroek, Lorena Renggli, Lia Salvo, Vero Magnasco, Isabelle McGregor and Jim Patrell 4 Belen Podesta.



# 19<sup>TH</sup> ZURICH INTERNATIONAL LADIES CUP

JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

## RANKING

### MEDIUM GOAL:

- |    |                      |
|----|----------------------|
| 1. | La Mer               |
| ■  | Morgan Van Overbroek |
| ■  | Veronica Magnasco    |
| ■  | Irene Gräff          |
| ■  | Isabelle McGregor    |

### 2. Laurent Perrier

- |   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| ■ | Natalia Corrales        |
| ■ | Marieleng Jaeger Skorge |
| ■ | Lia Salvo               |
| ■ | Vivian Sauter           |

### LOW GOAL:

- |    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| 1. | Polo Park Zürich |
| ■  | Lorena Renggli   |
| ■  | Runa Kawamoto    |
| ■  | Sammy Joe Strub  |
| ■  | Sidney Wyler     |

### 2. Nespresso

- |   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| ■ | Vivian Sauter        |
| ■ | Aline Haerry         |
| ■ | Anja Gutbrod         |
| ■ | Ina Wamser/E. Schoch |

### 3. La Tana Polo

- |   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| ■ | Kira Wetzel                     |
| ■ | Susanna Jahn                    |
| ■ | Laura Steinbach                 |
| ■ | Sue Ann Strub/Shiva Cosma Strub |

### 4. Bolle

- |   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| ■ | Larissa Ehrbar    |
| ■ | Anouk Marazzi     |
| ■ | Isabelle Issemann |
| ■ | Isabelle Rösch    |

### 5. Les Jolies Filles

- |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| ■ | Laura Vuille          |
| ■ | Belen Podesta         |
| ■ | Cristina De Mendieta  |
| ■ | S. Gerber/A. Sturzeis |

### 6. Hato

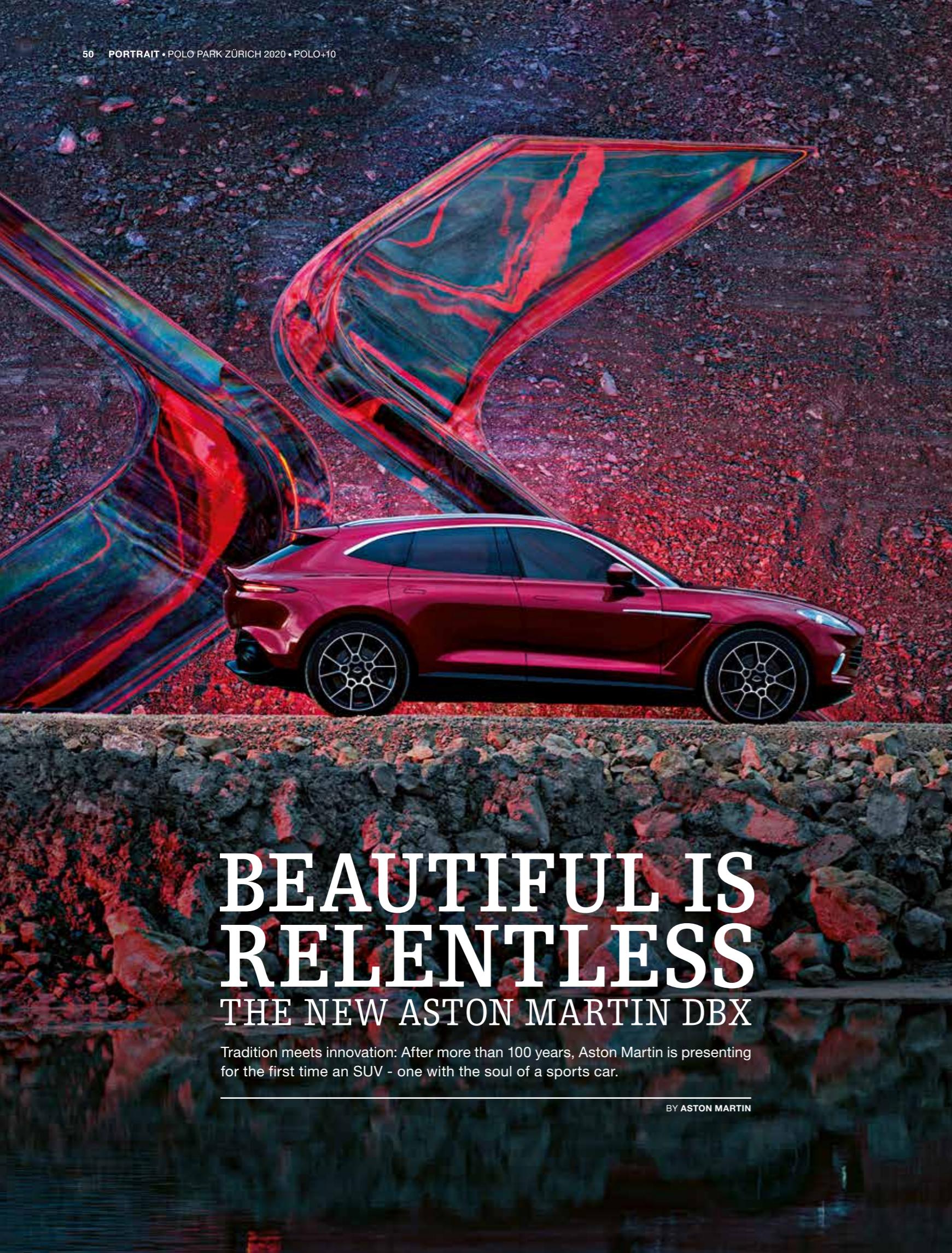
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|---|-------------------------|
| ■ | Sarah Bond              |
| ■ | Julia Fichter           |
| ■ | Sibylle Grass           |
| ■ | A. Keutmeier/Lea Köchli |

The audience at Polo Park Zürich witnessed amazing games during the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the Zurich International Ladies Cup 2018. 36 polo playing ladies, with some of them having crossed half the world to come and play in Switzerland, enjoyed a weekend of fun, friendship and so much fair play. On Saturday, the low goal league saw two round robins, with fights until the last second. It was a real mathematical puzzle to sort out the classification of the low-goal teams. Winner of the Low Goal International Ladies Cup 2018: Polo Park Zürich with Lorena Renggli, Runa Kawamoto, Sammy Joe Strub and Sidney Wyler. After the matches, the ladies and their partners enjoyed a grill dinner at the Terrace of the Banana Hotel in Winterthur.

Sunday games started very early at 10 o'clock and the ladies were already fighting for their positions. The Medium Goal League offered an incredible level of women's polo. The 8 players truly delivered great polo and inspired many of the watching low goal players. Winner of the Medium Goal League: La Mer with Morgan Van Overbroek, Veronica Magnasco, Irene Gräff, Isabelle McGregor. While watching the games the guests enjoyed a coffee by Nespresso in their exclusive Lounge, the best chocolates in the Chocomel sweet corner, a glass of Champagne offered by Laurent Perrier or savored a glass of wine offered by Bolle, both official sponsors and team partners.

Das Publikum im Polo Park Zürich erlebte am Wochenende der 19. Auflage des Zürich International Ladies Polo Cup 2018 bemerkenswerte Polomatches. 36 Polodamen, von denen einige um die halbe Welt gereist waren, um in der Schweiz zu spielen, genossen ein Wochenende voller Spass, Freundschaft und viel Fairplay. Am Samstag gab es in der Low Goal-Liga zwei Round Robins mit Kämpfen bis zur letzten Sekunde. Und es war eine mathematische Herausforderung, die letztendlichen Platzierungen der Low Goal Teams zu bestimmen. Als Gewinner des Low Goal International Ladies Cup 2018 stand schließlich Team Polo Park Zürich mit Lorena Renggli, Runa Kawamoto, Sammy Joe Strub und Sidney Wyler fest. Nach den Spielen genossen die Damen und ihre Partner ein exklusives Grill-Dinner auf der Terrasse des Banana Hotels in Winterthur.

Als die Sonntagsspiele früh um 10 Uhr begannen, kämpften die Damen bereits um ihre Positionen. Die Medium Goal-Liga bot dann ein unglaubliches Niveau an Ladies Polo. Die acht Spielerinnen zeigten vollen Einsatz, tolle Spielzüge und Tore und begeisterten viele der zuschauenden Low Goal Spielerinnen. Gewinner der Medium Goal-Liga wurde La Mer mit Morgan Van Overbroek, Veronica Magnasco, Irene Gräff und Isabelle McGregor. Während der Spiele genossen die Gäste einen Kaffee von Nespresso in der exklusiven Lounge, die besten Pralinen in der Chocomel Sweet Corner, ein Glas Champagner von Laurent Perrier oder ein Glas Wein von Bolle, den beiden offiziellen Sponsoren und Teampartnern.



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BY ASTON MARTIN



A bold new chapter and a landmark moment in Aston Martin's illustrious 107-year history. The British brand showed recently not only a new product, moreover it celebrated a premiere in a completely new segment. This model is the DBX.

The SUV signals a new era in Aston Martin's pursuit to deliver exceptional performance, beautiful design and usability. Bringing both, the versatility and indulgence expected of a luxury SUV with sports car levels of dynamic performance, DBX sets a bold new standard in this sector.

The foundation of DBX is a new dedicated SUV platform, something rarely seen across the sector. More than ever before, this clean sheet of paper has allowed all departments within Aston Martin to innovate and push the boundaries of what British design and engineering can create. A particular focus was on the interior to allow maximum room in the cabin for both front and rear occupants. And for the first time, there is enough space in the boot for your beloved four-legged friends. Thanks to an accessory Pet-Pack they travel as luxurious as the passengers on the seats in the cabin. Furthermore, the design of the new platform offers an exceptional stiffness and enables the DBX to achieve outstanding dynamics both on and off-road.

Powered by a new version of the 4-litre, twin-turbocharged V8 engine, the SUV features an impressive output of 550 PS and 700 NM of torque. The engine can also propel the DBX from 0 to 100 km/h in 4.5 seconds and on to a top speed of 291 km/h.

The result, a truly remarkable product.

*Ein gewagtes neues Kapitel und ein Meilenstein in der glanzvollen, 107-jährigen Geschichte von Aston Martin. Die britische Marke hat kürzlich nicht nur eine Produktneuheit vorgestellt, sondern feiert zudem damit eine Premiere in einem neuen Segment. Willkommen DBX.*

*Dieser SUV markiert eine neue Ära für das Bestreben von Aston Martin, herausragende Leistung, schönes Design und optimale Benutzerfreundlichkeit zu kombinieren. Mit der Vielseitigkeit und dem Fahrspaß, den man von einem Luxus-SUV mit einem dynamischen, sportlichen Fahrverhalten erwartet, setzt der DBX neue Standards in seiner Klasse.*

*Er besitzt eine eigene, maßgeschneiderte SUV-Plattform, welche in diesem Sektor eine Seltenheit darstellt. Mehr als je zuvor hat dieser Konstruktionsprozess von Grund auf den einzelnen Abteilungen von Aston Martin ermöglicht, ein noch nie dagewesenes Niveau in Bezug auf Design, Technologie und Platzangebot zu erreichen. Besonderes Augenmerk wurde auf die Geräumigkeit des Innenraums gelegt, sowohl für die Passagiere in der vorderen als auch in der hinteren Sitzreihe. Erstmals ist auch ausreichend Platz im Kofferraum für die geliebten Vierbeiner, die dank eines speziellen Zubehör-Pakets ebenso luxuriös unterbracht sind, wie die Fahrgäste auf den vorderen Sitzen. Außerdem besitzt die neue Plattform eine außergewöhnliche Drehsteifigkeit, welche eine herausragende Dynamik, sowohl auf der Straße als auch im Gelände aufweist.*

*Angetrieben von einem überarbeiteten 4-Liter-Twin-Turbo-V8-Motor, bietet der DBX eine beeindruckende Leistung mit 550 PS und 700 Nm Drehmoment, bringt den SUV in 4,5 Sekunden von 0 auf 100 km/h und erreicht eine Höchstgeschwindigkeit von 291 km/h.*

- Das Resultat – ein wahrhaft bemerkenswertes Auto.

# GOLD CUP

JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> - 22<sup>TH</sup>, 2018



Pato Bolanterio and Carlos Solari in the air.

## RANKING

- 1. Los Lobos**  
■ Sébastien Le Page  
■ Facundo Kelly  
■ Pierre-Henri Ngoumou  
■ Martin Podesta

- 2. Los Garotos**  
■ Eduardo Greghi  
■ David Kalberer  
■ Francisco Fucci  
■ Pato Bolanterio

- 3. Amadeus**  
■ Morgan Van Overbroek  
■ Robert Kofler  
■ Carlos Solari  
■ Santiago Marambio



Winning team: Los Lobos.

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Min Podesta

From July 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, Polo Park Zürich was hosting the first 12-goal tournament of the season 2018. Despite the menacing rain before, the weather presented perfect conditions for players, horses and field. The qualification games on Friday saw Amadeus playing vs. Los Garotos 3-5, Amadeus vs. Los Lobos 4-5 and Los Garotos vs. Los Lobos 5-4. While the delicious "lechon a la cruz" from Flor de Fuego started to roast, the players were fighting for the win on polo field nr 1. for their ticket to the final. Results of Saturday: Los Lobos vs. Los Garotos 7-7, Amadeus vs. Los Garotos 7-8, Amadeus vs. Los Lobos 5-8. In the evening, players, friends and family enjoyed a beautiful asado in the clubhouse feasting on not only the full pig cooked for six hours, but also lemon hanging chicken and many salads. In Sunday's final, Amadeus finished third, Los Garotos second and the winner of the weekend was Team Los Lobos. Players got prizes from Ultrasun, Lindt chocolates, Bolle wines, and Polo Park Zürich special gifts.

Vom 20. bis 22. Juli war der Polo Park Zürich Gastgeber des ersten 12-Goal-Turniers der Saison 2018. Trotz des enormen Regens zuvor bot das Wetter perfekte Bedingungen für Spieler, Pferde und Feld. In den Qualifikationsspielen am Freitag spielte Amadeus gegen Los Garotos 3-5, Amadeus gegen Los Lobos 4-5 und Los Garotos gegen Los Lobos 5-4.

Während der delikate »lechon a la cruz« von Flor de Fuego am Spieß zu braten begann, kämpften die Spieler auf dem Polofeld Nr. 1 um den Sieg und um ihr Ticket für den Einzug ins Finale. Ergebnisse vom Samstag: Los Lobos gegen Los Garotos 7-7, Amadeus gegen Los Garotos 7-8, Amadeus gegen Los Lobos 5-8. Am Abend genossen Spieler, Freunde und Familien ein wunderschönes Asado im Clubhaus des Polo Park Zürich, bei dem nicht nur das ganze sechs Stunden lang geröstete Spanferkel, sondern auch zitronenaromatisiertes Hähnchen und viele Salate genossen werden konnten. Im Finale am Sonntag landete Team Amadeus auf dem dritten und Los Garotos auf dem zweiten Platz. Sieger dieses schönen Polowochenendes wurde Team Los Lobos. Die Spieler erhielten Preise von Ultrasun, Lindt-Pralinen, Bolle-Weine und Geschenke des Polo Park Zürich.



Okapi vs Amadeus.

# POLO PARK & COUNTRY CLUB ZÜRICH CUP

JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

Teams: Los Lobos, Equilibrium, Amadeus and Okapi.



1 Walter Cortez against Pato Bolanero 2 Robert Kofler with an impressive nearside neckshot.

On July 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2018, Polo Park Zürich held the second 12 goal tournament of the season, the Polo Park and Country Club Zürich Cup. The club owners were more than delighted to welcome for the first time Mohamed Julien Ndao from Geneva Polo Club and his team as well as Robert Kofler from Vienna playing with his professional Santiago Marambio. After three successful days with perfect weather, the final was played between Los Lobos and Equilibrium. The game was epic, the spectators were holding their breath until the last 30 seconds with a 60 yards penalty converted by Min Podesta, 7-6 in favor of Los Lobos. Third place was for Amadeus, 7-4,5 against Okapi. The result didn't reflect the quality of the game perfectly, as Okapi was training for the Jaeger-LeCoultre Open Masters, bringing a 8 goals team on a 12 goals tournament.

Players received gifts from Ultrasun, Lindt Chocolates, Walter Cortez Polo Shop, Bolle wines, British Polo Gin, Feels Lake Home and Polo Park Zürich. To close an amazing and friendly tournament, players, families, and friends shared a delicious lunch, served by Razzia Catering.

Vom 27. bis 29. Juli 2018 fand im Polo Park Zürich das zweite 12-Goal-Turnier der Saison statt: der Polo Park & Country Club Zürich Cup. Die Clubbesitzer freuten sich, Mohamed Julien Ndao vom Polo Club Genf und sein Team sowie Robert Kofler aus Wien mit seinem Profi Santiago Marambio zum ersten Mal begrüssen zu dürfen. Nach drei erfolgreichen Spieltagen bei perfektem Wetter wurde das Finale zwischen Los Lobos und Equilibrium ausgetragen. Das Spiel war episch, die Zuschauer hielten bis zu den letzten 30 Sekunden des Matches den Atem an, als Min Podesta einen 60-Yard-Strafstoß zugunsten von Los Lobos zum finalen Stand von 7-6 verwandelte. Der dritte Platz ging nach einem 7-4,5 gegen Okapi an Amadeus. Das Ergebnis spiegelte die Qualität des Spiels nicht perfekt wider, da Okapi bereits für die Jaeger-LeCoutre Open Masters trainierte, und daher mit einem 8-Goal Team in dem 12-Goal-Turnier gestartet war.

Die Spieler erhielten Geschenke von Ultrasun, Lindt-Pralinen, dem Polo-Geschäft Walter Cortez, Bolle-Weine, British Polo Gin, Feels Lake Home und dem Polo Park Zürich. Zum Abschluss eines bemerkenswerten und freundlichen Turniers teilten sich Spieler, Familien und Freunde ein köstliches Mittagessen, das von Razzia Catering serviert wurde.

**RANKING****1. Los Lobos**

- Sébastien Le Page
- Facundo Kelly
- Martin Podesta Jr.
- Martin Podesta

**2. Equilibrium**

- Daniel S. Aegerter
- Tommy Aegerter
- Francisco Fucci
- Pato Bolanero

**3. Amadeus**

- Morgan Van Overbroek
- Robert Kofler
- Carlos Solari
- Santiago Marambio

**4. Okapi**

- Mohamed Julien Ndao
- Alejo Badano
- Walter Cortez
- Tomas Maynard



Tito Gaudenzi, William Smith and Francisco Fucci.

**RANKING****MEDIUM:**

- 1. Los Lobos**  
Morgan Van Overbroek  
Martin Podesta  
Carlos Solari  
Sébastien Le Page

**2. Equilibrium**

- Daniel S. Aegerter
- William Smith
- Thommy Gräff
- Francisco Fucci

**3. Nimses Polo**

- Thomas Wolfensberger
- Sacha Pictet
- Martin Luginbühl
- Tito Gaudenzi

**LOW:**

- 1. Gräff Capital**  
Sidney Wyler/Katja Grauwiler  
Sue Ann Strub/Shiva Cosma Strub  
Thommy Gräff  
Markus Gräff

**2. Maniates**

- Susana Jahn
- Armand Le Page
- Konstantin Nikiteas
- Stefan Roth

**3. Los Garotos**

- Kyra Wetzel
- Eduardo Greghi
- Beata Dudler
- Remi Dudler

**4. Chimango Polo**

- Sammy Joe Strub
- Michael Bagattini
- Reto Hausammann
- David Kalberer



1 Teams: Nimses Polo, Los Lobos, Equilibrium, Gräff Capital, Maniates, Los Garotos and Chimango Polo  
2 True neighbors won the Vecinos Cup - all having farms in Lobos/Argentina: Carlos Solari, Martin Podesta, Sébastien Le Page and Morgan Van Overbroek surrounded by long-term friends and family: Deborah Tana-Moresi, Laetitia Clement, Lara Navarro and Facundo Kelly. Front row: Andrea, Veronica and Flavia Podesta and Juan-Manuel Frascino. 3 Beata Dudler.

Images (4): Kathrin Gralla

# SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS POLO CUP & VECINOS TROPHY

SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2018

The Vecinos Cup and the San Francisco de Asís Polo Cup in its 19<sup>th</sup> edition were played together in 2018. Two leagues, seven teams and a high level of polo, with the special participation of Nimses Polo Team, training the Swiss national team in Polo Park for the European Championship. The Vecinos Cup was created in 2015 by Tomas Dartiguelongue, neighbor of San Francisco de Asís and San Eugenio farms in Lobos, Argentina. Congratulations to Los Lobos, winner of the Vecinos Cup and Team Maniates Polo, winners of the San Francisco de Asís Polo Cup. Sponsors of these two tournaments were Sushi Shop, Morgan Van Overbroek & Sébastien Le Page as well as Clara & Francisco Podesta.

Der Vecinos Cup und der San Francisco de Asís Polo Cup in ihrer 19. Auflage wurden 2018 gemeinsam ausgetragen. Zwei Ligen, sieben Mannschaften und ein hohes Poloniveau. Mit der besonderen Beteiligung des Nimses Polo Teams, trainierte auch die Schweizer Nationalmannschaft im Polo Park für die Europameisterschaft. Der Vecinos Cup wurde 2015 von Tomas Dartiguelongue, einem Nachbarn der Farmen San Francisco de Asís und San Eugenio in Lobos, Argentinien, ins Leben gerufen. Wir gratulieren Los Lobos, dem Gewinner des Vecinos Cups und dem Team Maniates Polo, dem Gewinner des San Francisco de Asís Polo Cups. Die Sponsoren dieser beiden Turniere waren Sushi Shop, Morgan Van Overbroek & Sébastien Le Page sowie Clara & Francisco Podesta.

Sébastien Le Page

**RANKING**

**1. Polo Park Zürich**  
+ Shiva Cosma Strub  
+ Katja Grauwiler/G. Martinez  
+ Armand Le Page  
+ Thommy Gräff

**2. Gräff Capital**  
+ Sammy Joe Strub  
+ P. Meszaros/A. Guthrie  
+ Irene Gräff  
+ Markus Gräff

**3. Los Garotos**  
+ Morgan Van Overbroek  
+ Eduardo Greghi  
+ David Kalberer  
+ Stefan Roth

**4. Hausammann Polo**  
+ Sidney Wyler/Sue Ann Strub  
+ Philipp Müller  
+ Reto Hausammann  
+ Thomas Wolfensberger



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1 One shot for the ladies: players, partners, wifes, family and friends 2 Armand Le Page of winning team Polo Park Zürich 3 Reto Hausammann: Changing horses in record time 4 Competitive but fair- concentration on the field: Tutti Wolfensberger & Morgan Van Overbroek.



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**Patron's Cup 2018 & Farewell Party:** The best way to finish the 20<sup>th</sup> season at Polo Park Zürich was with this incredible tournament. In a great atmosphere and with a lot of fun, champagne, family spirit and 80 people to share the last lunch of the season, five teams with 22 players started in the Patron's Cup 2018.

**Patron's Cup 2018 & Farewell Party:** Die 20. Saison im Polo Park Zürich hätte keinen besseren Abschluss finden können, als dieses gutgelaunte Turnier. In einer tollen Atmosphäre und mit viel Spass, Champagner, Familiengriff und 80 Personen beim letzten Mittagessen der Saison, starteten fünf Teams mit 22 Spielern in den Patron's Cup 2018.

Congratulation to the youngest team, Polo Park Zürich, for your victory. With Shiva Strub, Katja Grauwiler, Gerard Martinez, Armand Le Page and Thommy Gräff. Morgan Van Overbroek: "Thanks to all and each of you. It will be hard to have another season like 2018. We played 828 chukkers, hosted 10 tournaments, welcomed 27 new members, and much more. But as always in Polo Park Zürich, we work together and try to improve and surprise our members and guests every year!"

Das jüngste Team auf der Teilnehmerliste, Polo Park Zürich mit Shiva Strub, Katja Grauwiler, Gerard Martinez, Thommy Gräff und Armand Le Page, schaffte es schließlich nach ganz oben auf's Siegertreppchen. Morgan Van Overbroek: »Danke an alle und jeden von euch. Es wird schwer sein, eine weitere Saison wie 2018 zu erleben. Wir haben 828 Chukker gespielt, 10 Turniere veranstaltet, 27 neue Mitglieder begrüßt und vieles mehr. Aber wie immer im Polo Park Zürich arbeiten wir zusammen, um uns jedes Jahr weiter zu steigern und unsere Gäste zu überraschen!«

SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2018

# PATRON'S CUP



# SAN EUGENIO LADIES CUP 2019

MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 - LOBOS, ARGENTINA

The San Eugenio Ladies Cup 2019 welcomed six international ladies teams with players from seven different countries for competitive games at the San Eugenio Polo Club in Lobos, Argentina.

PHOTOGRAPHY NACHO CORBALAN



Left: Morgan Van Overbroek and Sébastien Le Page, dueños de San Eugenio Polo Club. Right: Sol Lopez Llames, 5-goaler playing for La Dolfina Brava.



#### RANKING

1. Calle Cruz 20 (+13)  
■ Barbara Huber (+1T)  
■ Sofia Scuitto (+3)  
■ Stephanie Haverhals (+3)  
■ Maru Gimenez (+6)

2. El Metejon - Tokio (+13)  
■ Cüyi Glenny (+2)  
■ Fleur Van Andel (+3)  
■ Mercedes Prario (+4)  
■ Veronica Guerrero (+4)

3. La Dolfina Brava (+12)  
■ Maitena Marre (+3)  
■ Bianca Pagano (+2)  
■ Clara Martinez Ferrario (+2)  
■ Sol Lopez Llames (+5)

4. San Patricio (+13)  
■ Gabriela Benoit (0)  
■ Ann Meier (OT)  
■ Eva Brühl (+6)  
■ Clara Cassino (+7)

5. Andrea Donnay (+13)  
■ Morgan Van Overbroek (+1)  
■ Catalina Jantus (+1)  
■ Jeanine Hugo (+5)  
■ Fatima Balzano (+6)

6. Antiche (+12)  
■ Elina Braun (+3)  
■ Azucena Uranga (+3)  
■ Catalina Ayerza (+2)  
■ Veronica Magnasco (+4)

1 Elina Braun and Azucena Uranga playing for Antiche with Clara Cassino from San Patricio 2 Catalina Jantus reforming a beautiful neck shot, playing for Andrea Donnay 3 Fatima Balzano, being pursued by Barbara Huber 4 Maru Gimenez, 6 goals, powerfully playing for Calle Cruz 20. Ambiance on the side of the polo field just before being hit by the tornado 5 Martin, the gaucho in charge of the cows of the estancia coming to have a look at the polo games 6 All the girls and Sébastien Le Page, ready to celebrate the end of a very successful tournament.



7 Little market on the Sunday of the final, many sponsors joined us to show their products and sell them to the visitors 8 Lucia Podesta, tournament organizer being interviewed by ESPN Polo 9 Ann Meier fighting for her position on the ball against Cüyi Glenny 10 The shop and hostesses of Labellamafia, Brazilian brand of sport clothes 11 End of the tournament party: Ann Meier, Gabriela Benoit, Barbara Huber and Morgan Van Overbroek.



The San Eugenio Ladies Cup was inaugurated by Morgan Van Overbroek and Sébastien Le Page in 2017 with the support of Luli Podesta, and has already attracted the best female players in the world. The 2019 edition was a thrilling competition as well as an unforgettable polo happening in a gorgeous setting and on wonderful polo fields.

The first encounter saw the teams Andrea Donnay and Calle Cruz 20 fighting a good qualifying match in view of their potential access to the final. Though Andrea Donnay had the control of the game from the third Chukker onward, they missed some opportunities in penalties and in front of the goal, which led to a hard earned victory for Calle Cruz 20 by 4-3. The second match of the day between La Dolfina Brava and El Metejon-Tokio was interrupted by a gigantic storm including a huge tornado which fortunately and somehow miraculously left horses and players without any injuries. The apocalyptic scene following the tornado, with many 100 year-old trees on the ground, meant that the tournament had to be postponed. The last two chukkers were played two days later at the San Francisco de Asís farm of the Podesta family, and was a much tighter game than the opening chukkers. El Metejon won finally by 4-3,5. Team San Patricio met Antiche for the very fast and nice third match on a surprisingly good San Francisco de Asís field, considering the huge storm two days earlier. San Patricio finally and logically won the game 7-3,5 with its dominating combination of Clara Cassino's speed and accuracy and Eva Brühl's intense presence on the field.

In the second qualifying round team Calle Cruz 20 and El Metejon-Tokio made their points to secure their tickets for the final. La Dolfina Brava and San Patricio fought their way to play in the subsidiary final for the third place. Weather conditions were absolutely perfect on this day, with sunshine and a cool breeze.

The hurricane gave the owners of San Eugenio and their friends two days of crazy work in the park and on the polo fields to clean

up most of the fallen giant trees, broken branches and leaves. But that did no harm for the good mood of everyone. In the evening, players, sponsors and all helpers enjoyed a great party and asado, welcoming many of San Eugenio's neighbors and friends who celebrated the third edition of the tournament.

On the final day, a little market was set up next to the prize giving podium. Players, families and many guests could enjoy a full day of polo, and some shopping amongst different sponsors and pop-up shops. The fight for the 5<sup>th</sup> place saw Antiche meeting Andrea Donnay, who could finally win in a tight and somehow broken game by 5-4,5. In total contrast, the match for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place was a very fast, open and flowing game between San Patricio and La Dolfina Brava, who could finally emerge victorious by a tight 6,5-6.

The Copa Stella Artois final between the teams Calle Cruz 20 and El Metejon-Tokio was by far the best game of the whole tournament. The audience saw very high octane polo, fast and open, with very physical ride-offs. Morgan Van Overbroek: "We witnessed a very fast and attacking polo, with tremendous quality of horses. The intensity of the game included as well that we saw four injuries in four chukkers, one per chukker. Thankfully with no serious repercussions." The pristine field number two contributed itself to this flowing polo all the more, as there were very few fouls being committed by the players in what was a hard but clean game. At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> chukker, the tight score of 4-3 in favor of Calle Cruz 20 led the audience to believe that it would be tight until the end. But in the 5<sup>th</sup> chukker, Calle Cruz 20 revived-up their engine again and suddenly unleashed its raw power. By committing less fumbles with the ball than El Metejon-Tokio, and with Maru Gimenez on absolute fire, scoring incredible goals, it was on the decisive score of 7-3 that Calle Cruz 20 could take home the much coveted trophy and became the San Eugenio Ladies Cup 2019 Champions.

*Platz zu spielen. Die Wetterbedingungen waren an diesem Tag mit Sonnenschein und einer kühlen Brise absolut perfekt.*

*Der Hurrikan hatte den Besitzern von San Eugenio und ihren Freunden zwei Tage unermüdlicher Aufräumarbeiten beschert, um den Park und die Polofelder von den meisten der umgestürzten Riesenbäume, abgebrochenen Äste und Blättern zu befreien. Der guten Stimmung tat dies allerdings keinen Abbruch. Am Abend genossen Spieler, Sponsoren und alle Helfer eine große fröhliche Party und ein Asado, zu dem auch viele Nachbarn und Freunde von San Eugenio begrüßt werden konnten.*

*Am letzten Tag des Turniers genossen Spieler, Familien und viele Gäste nicht nur gutes Polo, sondern konnten auf einem kleinen Markt am Spielfeldrand bei verschiedenen Ausstellern, Sponsoren und Pop-up-Shops einkaufen. Im Kampf um den 5. Platz traf Antiche auf Team Andrea Donnay, das schließlich in einem engen Spiel mit 5-4,5 gewinnen konnte. Im Gegensatz dazu war das Spiel um den 3. Platz ein schnelles, offenes und flüssiges Spiel zwischen San Patricio und La Dolfina Brava. Letztere konnten schließlich mit einem knappen 6,5-6 siegreich vom Platz gehen.*

*Das Finale der Copa Stella Artois zwischen den Mannschaften Calle Cruz 20 und El Metejon-Tokio war bei weitem das beste Spiel des gesamten Turniers. Morgan Van Overbroek: »Wir haben sehr schnelles und offensives Polo und eine enorme Qualität der Pferde gesehen.« Das unberührte Spielfeld Nummer zwei trug zu diesem fließenden Polo umso mehr bei, als in einem harten, aber sauberen Spiel nur sehr wenige Fouls von den Spielern begangen wurden. Am Ende des vierten Chukkers ließ das knappe 4-3 zugunsten von Calle Cruz 20 das Publikum glauben, dass es bis zum Ende eng werden würde. Doch im fünften Chukker drehte Calle Cruz 20 wieder auf und entfaltete plötzlich ungeahnte Kraft. Indem sie stringenter spielten als El Metejon-Tokio und mit Maru Gimenez eine echte Tormaschine im Team hatten, konnte Calle Cruz 20 mit einem deutlichen 7-3 Champion des San Eugenio Ladies Cup 2019 werden und die begehrte Trophäe mit nach Hause nehmen.*

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  - Best Mounted Player: Clarita Cassino
  - New Discovery: Azucena Uranga & Bianca Pagano
  - Most Elegant: Catalina Jantus
  - Most Competitive Player: Eva Brühl
  - Fair Play Team: La Dolfina Brava
  - Most Valuable Player: Maru Gimenez

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BY ESTÉE LAUDER



Estée Lauder was not considered a visionary for nothing. Thanks to her constant quest for excellence, she created the world's first luxury skin care product, Re-Nutriv, in 1956. Estée Lauder spared no expense or effort in finding the rarest and most precious ingredients from around the world and combining them with the latest scientific findings. For more than 60 years, Estée Lauder has continually set new standards in luxury skincare and deep ingredients with Re-Nutriv.

## Black Diamond Truffle for energy, luminosity and a visibly rejuvenated skin

Black diamond - this is what the Périgord truffle is often called. Rightly so, because it shares several characteristics with the precious stone: it is luxurious, powerful and a rarity of nature. Re-Nutriv scientists have captured the high potency of the truffle and transformed it into a precious extract that forms the heart of Re-Nutriv Ultimate Diamond. The result is a radiant complexion, increased skin resistance and a youthful appearance.

## The Black Diamond Truffle - an effective rarity of nature

For Re-Nutriv Ultimate Diamond, scientists have brilliantly transformed the Black Diamond Truffle into an advanced, highly effective energy infusion. This precious natural resource from France has been proven to have the remarkable ability to stimulate skin tone, make skin cells more viable and increase cell vitality. The rare truffle is harvested by hand and only once a year. The subsequent extraction of the patented extract takes 10,000 hours.

## Flawless perfection thanks to advanced technologies

But how exactly does this deep skincare work on the skin? The Ultimate Diamond Collection is saturated with Re-Nutriv's exclusive Black Diamond Truffle Extract and reinforced with long-lasting cellular technologies. These technologies are so powerful that they increase natural collagen production by 215% after 74 hours and help to maintain skin density. Active ingredients envelop the skin with intense moisture and support its natural ability to hydrate from within. Over time, the skin's protective barrier is repaired, making it more resistant to environmental factors that can contribute to premature aging. An additional 24 carat fine gold and South Sea pearls provide a radiant complexion. Over time, Ultimte Diamond products create a contoured and even skin texture, fine lines and wrinkles are significantly reduced. The skin is intensively nourished and feels soft and smooth - just like shortly after a facial treatment.



Périgord truffle - one of nature's rarest treasures.



Portrait of Estée Lauder by Skrebneski. Right: First Re-Nutriv Cream from 1956.

*Estée Lauder galt nicht umsonst als Visionärin. Dank ihrem stetigen Streben nach Exzellenz kreierte sie 1956 die weltweit erste Luxuspflege Re-Nutriv. Dabei sparte Estée Lauder keine Kosten und Mühen, um die seltensten und kostbarsten Ingredienzien aus der ganzen Welt zu finden und diese mit neusten Erkenntnissen der Wissenschaft zu vereinen. Seit nunmehr über 60 Jahren setzt Estée Lauder mit Re-Nutriv kontinuierlich neue Maßstäbe in der Luxuspflege und wenn es um tiefenwirksame Inhaltsstoffe geht.*

*Black Diamond Trüffel für Energie, Leuchtkraft und ein sichtbar verjüngtes Hautbild*

*Schwarzer Diamant – so wird der Périgord-Trüffel oftmals genannt. Zu recht, denn er teilt mehrere Eigenschaften mit dem kostbaren Edelstein: er ist luxuriös, kraftvoll und eine Rarität der Natur. Re-Nutriv-Wissenschaftler haben die hohe Wirksamkeit des Trüffels eingefangen und in einen kostbaren Extrakt verwandelt, der das Herzstück von Re-Nutriv Ultimate Diamond bildet. Das Ergebnis ist ein strahlender Teint, erhöhte Widerstandsfähigkeit der Haut und ein jugendliches Aussehen.*

*Der Black Diamond Trüffel – eine wirksame Rarität der Natur*

*Für Re-Nutriv Ultimate Diamond haben Wissenschaftler den Black Diamond Trüffel auf brillante Weise in eine fortschrittliche, hochwirksame Energieinfusion verwandelt. Denn die edle Naturressource aus Frankreich hat nachweislich die bemerkenswerte Fähigkeit, die Spannkraft der Haut zu stimulieren, die Hautzellen überlebensfähiger zu machen und die Zellenvitalität zu steigern. Die Ernte des seltenen Trüffels geschieht von Hand und nur einmal pro Jahr. Die darauffolgende Gewinnung des patentierten Extrakts benötigt 10.000 Stunden.*

*Makellose Perfektion dank fortgeschrittenener Technologien*

*Doch wie wirkt diese Tiefenpflege auf die Haut? Die Ultimate Diamond Kollektion ist durchdränkt mit Re-Nutrvs exklusivem Black Diamond Truffle Extract und verstärkt mit langlebigen Zellulartecnologien. Diese Technologien sind so leistungskraftig, dass sie die natürliche Kollagenproduktion nach 74 Stunden um 215% steigern und helfen, die Dichte der Haut zu erhalten. Wirkstoffe versorgen die Haut mit intensiver Feuchtigkeit und unterstützen ihre natürliche Fähigkeit, sich von innen heraus zu hydratisieren. Mit der Zeit wird die Schutzbarriere der Haut repariert, was sie beständiger gegenüber Umweltfaktoren macht, die zu einer frühzeitigen Alterung beitragen können. Für einen strahlenden Teint sorgen zusätzlich 24 Karat Feingold und Südseeperlen. Mit der Zeit erschaffen die Ultimte Diamond Produkte ein konturiertes und ebenmässiges Hautbild, feine Linien und Fältchen werden deutlich gemindert. Die Haut ist intensiv genährt und fühlt sich weich und geschmeidig an – wie kurz nach einer Gesichtsbehandlung.*

# POLOPARK ZÜRICH 2019 REVIEW



Image: Kathrin Gralla

The 2019 season at Polo Park Zürich saw competitive matches, old polo friends and many new faces, beginners and sponsors. The polo community at PPZ is quickly increasing and Polo Park Zürich became the leading polo club in Switzerland.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLARA PODESTA, KATHRIN GRALLA,  
GUADALUPE AIZAGA, LARA NAVARRO CELI, POLO PARK ZÜRICH

Tommy Aegerter  
successfully  
hooking  
Raphael de Oliveira.



# ZURICH LOW GOAL CHAMPIONSHIP

JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> - 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2019

1 Irene Gräff and Thomas Wolfensberger fighting for the ball 2 Sibylle Grass 3 Sammy Joe Strub in action  
4 Markus Gräff 5 Konstantin Nikiteas.

The Zurich Low Goal Championship on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 saw good polo, fast horses and welcomed five teams. Congratulation to Banque Havilland from Liechtenstein with Thommy Gräff, David Kalberer, Konstantin Nikiteas and Sammy Joe Strub as the winner of the Zurich Low Goal Championship 2019.

Die Zürcher Low Goal-Meisterschaft am 1. und 2. Juni 2019 sah gutes Polo, schnelle Pferde und begrüßte fünf Mannschaften. Wir gratulieren der Banque Havilland aus Liechtenstein mit Thommy Gräff, David Kalberer, Konstantin Nikiteas und Sammy Joe Strub zum Gewinn der Zürich Low Goal Meisterschaft 2019.

## TEAMS

### Banque Havilland

- Thommy Gräff
- David Kalberer
- Konstantin Nikiteas
- Sammy Joe Strub

### Wascosa

- Pierandrea Müller
- Reto Hausammann
- Adrian Pearce
- Shiva Cosma Strub

### Bio-R

- Thomas Wolfensberger
- Peter Mészáros
- Eduardo Greghi
- Janique Spiellmann

### Gräff Capital Management

- Stefan Roth
- Markus Gräff
- G Martinez/A. Guthrie
- Katja Grauwiler

### La Irenita Polo Team

- Remigius Dudler
- Irene Gräff
- Beata Dudler
- Sibylle Grass



1 All teams of the 14<sup>th</sup> Zurich Medium Goal Championship 2 Facundo Kelly and Juancito Bollini  
3 Sponsor Daniel S. Aegerter and the winning Team "Los Lobos".

# ZURICH MEDIUM GOAL CHAMPIONSHIP

JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>RD</sup>, 2019



Nestled among the picture postcard hills, in the north of Switzerland, the final of the Zurich Medium Goal Championship took place at Polo Park Zürich. For the 14<sup>th</sup> year running, the tournament founded and sponsored by Equilibrium patron Daniel S. Aegerter for both, professionals and amateur players alike, rallied a cheery crowd of polo enthusiasts to watch spectacular play.

After two surprisingly competitive matches, and with Los Lobos seeking to defend their 2018 title, the final was set to be a nail biting one! The first chukker set off at an exploding pace, play was forward, fast and action packed. Great defense came from Los Lobos, who were undoubtedly seeking another win. However, when 2-goaler Roberto Rochelle had his chance, he played a faultless nearside forehand off the sideboards, and with a gentle tap in the direction of home, he clinched the first goal for team Gräff Capital. Confident from their first chukker, Gräff Capital landed themselves very close to goal within the opening seconds of the second chukker, only to be defended by Sébastien Le Page, Los Lobos. Play picked up speed, and the first 60 yard penalty was given to Los Lobos, converting it to their first goal, bringing the score even against Gräff Capital.

The coveted Zurich Championship was all to play for! In the end of chukker number four, Los Lobos had yet another opportunity with a 60 yard penalty, and Pierandrea Müller secured a much needed fourth goal. In a last minute attempt, Thommy Gräff, ridden off fiercely by Martin Podesta, travelled full speed down the pitch in hope of success, but time was up for Gräff Capital, as Los Lobos defended their title, winning the game 4-3.

Eingebettet in die malerische Hügellandschaft der Nordschweiz fand das Finale der Zürcher Medium Goal Meisterschaft im Polo Park Zürich statt. Das von Equilibrium-Patron Daniel S. Aegerter für Profis und Amateurspieler gegründete und gesponserte Turnier versammelte bereits zum 14. Mal in Folge eine fröhliche Schar von Polo-Enthusiasten.

Nach den beiden ersten, überraschend kämpferischen Spielen stand das Finale an, in dem Team Los Lobos natürlich versuchen würde, seinen Titel von 2018 zu verteidigen. Der erste Chukker startete mit explodierendem Tempo – schnell und actiongeladen. Los Lobos setzte zu Spielbeginn vor allem auf eine gute Verteidigung, allerdings gelang dem gegnerischen Team Gräff Capital und Roberto Rochelle das erste Tor. Selbstbewusst durch das Tor im ersten Chukker, versuchte Gräff Capital auch gleich zu Beginn des zweiten Spielabschnitts einen weiteren Treffer zu landen, was Sébastien Le Page verhindern und durch ein Penalty sogar in ein Gegentor umkehren konnte.

Bei der Eröffnung des letzten Chukker zeigte Roberto Rochelle einmal mehr, wie man punktet. Und mit Hilfe des Vater-Sohn-Duos Markus und Thommy Gräff, die gut gegen Los Lobos verteidigten, erzielte Roberto weitere zwei Tore für Gräff Capital, die das Spiel ausgleichen. Los Lobos hatte mit einer 60-Yard-Strafe daraufhin eine weitere Chance, und Pierandrea Müller erzielte ein dringend benötigtes viertes Tor. In letzter Minute aber raste Thommy Gräff, der von Martin Podesta heftig abgeritten wurde, schließlich mit voller Geschwindigkeit den Platz hinunter in der Hoffnung auf Erfolg, aber die Zeit war abgelaufen, so dass Los Lobos ihren Titel als Zürcher Medium Goal Champion mit einem Endstand von 4-3 verteidigen konnte.

## RANKING

- 1. Los Lobos**  
■ Sébastien Le Page  
■ Facundo Kelly  
■ Martin Podesta  
■ Pierandrea Müller

- 2. Gräff Capital**  
■ Roberto Rochelle  
■ Thommy Gräff  
■ Juancito Bollini  
■ Markus Gräff

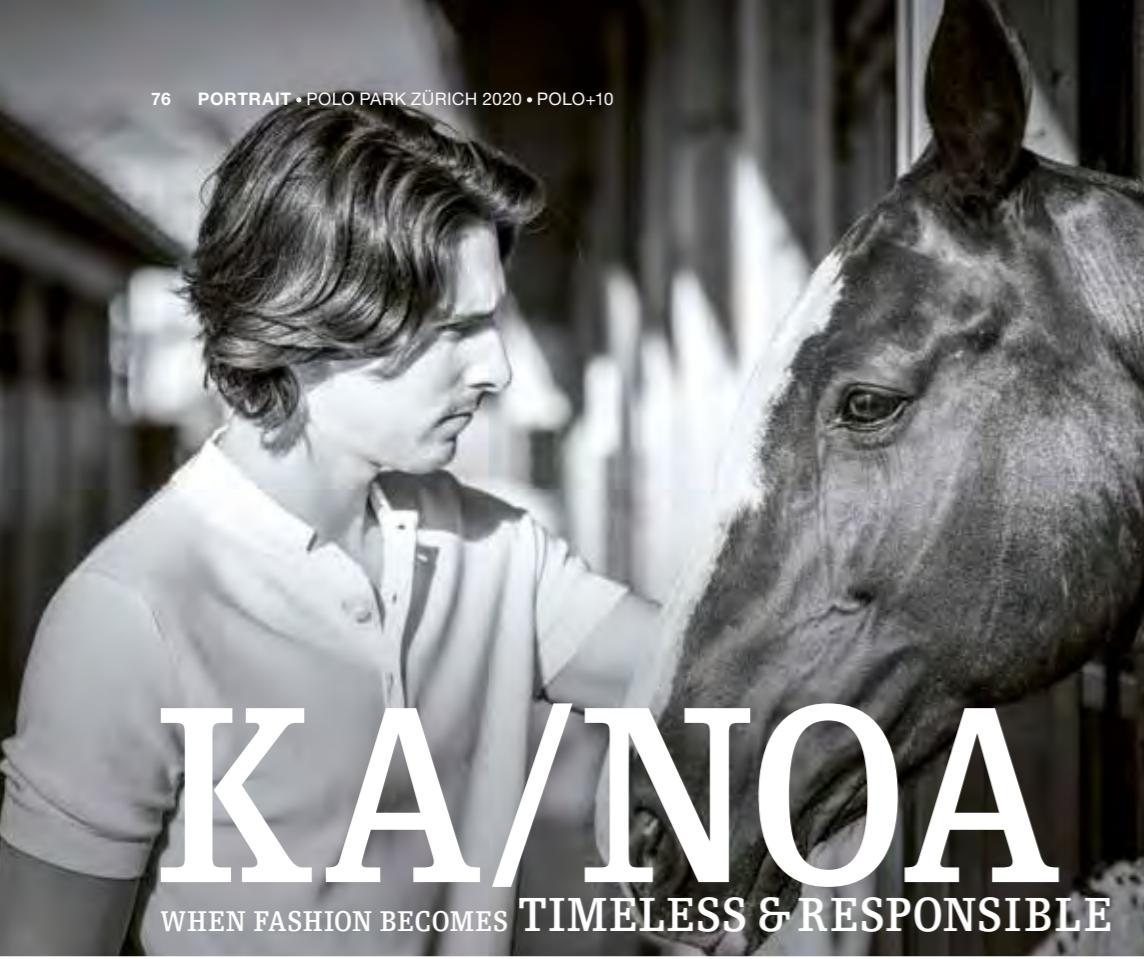
- 3. Bio-R**  
■ Eduardo Greghi  
■ Morgan Van Overbroek  
■ Martin Luginbühl  
■ Carlos Solari

- 4. Banque Havilland**  
■ Konstantin Nikiteas  
■ Stefan Roth  
■ Ismael Iraizoz  
■ Carlos Genes

- 5. Equilibrium**  
■ Daniel S. Aegerter  
■ Tommy Aegerter  
■ Rodrigo Fucci  
■ Manuel Carranza

- 6. Wascosa Polo Team**  
■ Philipp Müller  
■ Walter Cortez  
■ Thomas Wolfensberger  
■ Raphael De Oliveira





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Morgan Van Overbroek with Bruno and Valerie Grande, co-founders of KA/NOA.



KA/NOA-Fan:  
Martin Luginbühl, President of the Swiss Polo Association.



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1 Teams of the Kensington Trophy 2019 2 Carlos Solari with Staudt Watches owner Yvo Staudt 3 Guests 4 Sponsor couple Ingrid and Mehrdad Bonakdar.

Another KENSINGTON Polo Trophy was held at the Polo Park Zürich on 21<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 with six international teams which faced each other in the final matches on Saturday. The Bio-R team, a brand of the Kusnacht Practice, one of the most renowned private clinics in Switzerland, was able to take a clear victory against Team Kensington in the final.

This year the host, Mehrdad Bonakdar, founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the KENSINGTON Group, welcomed more than 250 invited and paying guests, including many franchisees of the company. Never before have so many VIP tickets been requested at Polo Park Zürich. All participants of the event were thrilled by a great and lively polo day as well as unforgettable VIP hospitality. "This tournament is the biggest event of the season and the highlight of the year for our club. It's great to see more and more international players signing up for the KENSINGTON Polo Trophy each year," said Sébastien Le Page, owner of Polo Park Zürich.

In the sold out VIP tent, which was extended by another 250 square metres shortly before the event, the guests were served champagne, selected wines, and provided high-class catering throughout the day. After dinner, the guests celebrated an unforgettable Players Night all night long. "I'm already looking forward to 2020," stated the visibly radiant host, Mehrdad Bonakdar.

Eine weitere KENSINGTON Polo-Trophy wurde am 21. und 22. Juni 2019 im Polo Park Zürich mit sechs internationalen Mannschaften ausgetragen, die sich am Samstag in den Endspielen gegenüberstanden. Das Bio-R-Team, eine Marke der Praxis Kusnacht, einer der renommiertesten Privatkliniken der Schweiz, konnte im Finale einen klaren Sieg gegen das Team Kensington erringen.

Der Gastgeber, Mehrdad Bonakdar, Gründer und Verwaltungsratspräsident der KENSINGTON-Gruppe, begrüßte in diesem Jahr mehr als 250 geladene und zahlende Gäste, darunter viele Franchisenehmer des Unternehmens. Noch nie zuvor wurden so viele VIP-Tickets im Polo Park Zürich angefragt. Alle Teilnehmer der Veranstaltung waren von einem tollen und lebhaften Polotag sowie der unvergesslichen VIP-Hospitality begeistert. »Dieses Turnier ist die grösste Veranstaltung der Saison und der Höhepunkt des Jahres für unseren Club. Es ist toll, dass sich jedes Jahr immer mehr internationale Spieler für die KENSINGTON Polo Trophy anmelden«, sagte Sébastien Le Page, Besitzer des Polo Park Zürich.

Im ausverkauften VIP-Zelt, das noch kurz vor der Veranstaltung um 250 Quadratmeter erweitert wurde, wurden den Gästen den ganzen Tag über Champagner, ausgewählte Weine und ein hochwertiges Catering serviert. Nach dem Abendessen feierten die Gäste die ganze Nacht lang eine grandiose Players Night. »Ich freue mich schon auf 2020«, so der sichtlich strahlende Gastgeber Mehrdad Bonakdar.



# 20<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL LADIES CUP

JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

Belen Podesta



Images (7) Guadalupe Alzaga

1 Teams 2 Sibylle Grass & Sammy Joe Strub 3 Vicky Ferraiulo, Matías Delgado, Bastian Fernandez, Lia Salvo & Christopher Schaer 4 Kayley Smith 5 Polo Park & Country Club 6 Belen Podesta 7 Ladies dinner on Friday.

#### RANKING

##### MEDIUM

1. Villa Honegg (+11)  
Lia Salvo (+9)  
Pauline Schaer (+1)  
Runa Kawamoto (+1)  
Leah Kawamoto (0)

##### 2. Hato (+12)

- Kayley Smith (+1)
- Morgan Van Overbroek (+2)
- Rebecca Walters (+6)
- Irene Gräff (+3)

##### Katarzyna (+12)

- Ann Meier (+1)
- Susanna Jahn (+1)
- Polina Nazarova (+4)
- Maru Gimenez (+6)

##### LOW

1. Nespresso  
Kira Wetzel  
Katja Grauwiler  
Anja Gutbrod  
Ann-Kathrin Braendle

##### 2. Banque Havilland

- Laura Steinbach
- Belen Podesta / Sue Ann Strub
- Lea Köchli / Sue Ann Strub
- A. Keutmeier / A. Sturzeis

##### 3. Les Jolies Filles

- Janique Spillmann
- Annette Fetscherin
- Sammy Joe Strub
- Kathrin Gralla / Olivia Mercer

##### 4. ChocoMe

- Laura Vuille
- Sibylle Grass
- I. Wamser / N. Wolfensberger
- Sh. C. Strub / N. Wolfensberger





8 Polina Nazarova running to the goal with the ball

9 Kira Wetzl from team Nespresso followed by

Laura Steinbach and Katja Grauwiler 10 Best playing

pony played by Lia Salvo, owner: Verena Tinkler

11 Focus and relaxation – yoga lesson in front of the

Clubhouse 12 Fun in the photo booth 13 Laura Vuille

followed by all Nespresso Team.

Image: Polo Park Zürich



Winning Team Villa Honneg with Pauline Schaer, Runa Kawamoto, Leah Kawamoto and Lia Salvo.

The 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Ladies Polo Cup took place on July 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Polo Park Zürich and showcased low goal and high goal teams. The competition, one of the oldest, prestigious and highest rated tournaments for ladies in Switzerland and Europe, featured ladies polo superstar, Argentina's Lia Salvo.

In the high goal event (12 hcp ladies), Katarzyna and Hato started a tight opening match as both teams had two professionals apiece - Maru Giménez (6) and Polina Nazarova (4) played for Katarzyna while Kayley Smith (1) and Rebecca Walters (6) played for Hato. Morgan Van Overbroek's and Irene Graeff's teams displayed their best as the current title holders. Both, Morgan and Irene are two of the most renowned and respected ladies players in Switzerland. Next up, Villa Honegg, captained by Lia Salvo, defeated Katarzyna by a 3,5-1 score. Lia was very well supported by another young Argentine player, the 15-year-old Pauline Schaer and the German sisters Runa (1) and Leah (0) Kawamoto. As expected, Lia's performance was spectacular.

Following their win against Hato, no one had doubts that Villa Honegg was the team to defeat. Lia Salvo, who rode Carlos Genes' horses, as well as her team mates, displayed her fierce play and a fantastic game strategy. Despite heavy rains on Saturday night, the tournament continued on Sunday with the final games.

Under fantastic weather conditions on Sunday, Hato beat Katarzyna, but they lost against the unbeatable Villa Honegg in the next match. Therefore, Villa Honegg and Katarzyna were due to decide the tournament. And despite the efforts and the superb playing by Maru Giménez and Polina Nazarova, it was not enough to beat Lia and her team mates. Villa Honegg emerged as the winners by a 6,5-2 score and lifted the trophy. Princesa, a mare owned by Verena Tinkler, bred by Francisco Fucci (who comes from Lia's hometown America), and played by Lia Salvo, was rewarded Best Playing Pony.

*Die 20. Auflage des International Ladies Polo Cup fand am 6. und 7. Juli 2019 im Polo Park Zürich statt und präsentierte sowohl Low Goal als auch High Goal Teams. An diesem Turnier, das eins der ältesten, prestigeträchtigsten und höchstbewerteten Damen-Turniere in der Schweiz und Europa ist, nahm auch Lady-Polo-Superstar Lia Salvo aus Argentinien teil.*

*Im High Goal Turnier (12 goal ladies) begannen Katarzyna und Hato mit einem hart umkämpften Eröffnungsmatch, da beide Teams jeweils zwei Profis in ihren Reihen hatten – Maru Giménez (6) und Polina Nazarova (4) für Katarzyna und Kayley Smith (1) und Rebecca Walters (6) für Hato. Die Mannschaften von Morgan Van Overbroek und Irene Graeff zeigten sich als aktuelle Titelverteidiger von ihrer besten Seite. Beide, Morgan und Irene, sind zwei der bekanntesten und angesehensten Spielerinnen der Schweiz. Als nächstes besiegte Team Villa Honegg, das von Lia Salvo als Captain angeführt wurde, Katarzyna mit 3,5-1. Lia wurde von einer weiteren jungen argentinischen Spielerin, der 15-jährigen Pauline Schaer und den deutschen Schwestern Runa (1) und Leah (0) Kawamoto, sehr gut unterstützt. Wie erwartet, war die Leistung von Lia spektakulär. Nach dem Sieg gegen Hato zweifelte niemand mehr daran, dass Villa Honegg die Mannschaft war, die es zu besiegen galt. Lia Salvo, die auf den Pferden von Carlos Genes ritt, sowie ihre Mannschaftskameradinnen zeigten ihr zielstrebiges Spiel und eine fantastische Strategie. Trotz heftiger Regenfälle am Samstagabend wurde das Turnier dann am Sonntag mit den Finalspielen fortgesetzt.*

*Bei fantastischen Wetterbedingungen besiegte Hato am Sonntag Katarzyna, verlor aber im nächsten Spiel gegen das unschlagbare Team Villa Honegg. Dementsprechend standen sich Villa Honegg und Katarzyna im Finale gegenüber. Trotz der Anstrengungen und des hervorragenden Spiels von Maru Giménez und Polina Nazarova konnte Team Katarzyna Lia und ihre Mannschaftskameradinnen jedoch nicht schlagen. Villa Honegg ging mit einem 6,5-2 als Siegerin vom Platz und holte sich den Pokal. Princesa, eine Stute im Besitz von Verena Tinkler, gezüchtet von Francisco Fucci (der aus Lias Heimatstadt Amerika stammt) und gespielt von Lia Salvo, wurde als Best Playing Pony ausgezeichnet.*

# POLO PARK & COUNTRY CLUB ZÜRICH CUP

JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2019

# GOLD CUP

JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

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1 From the back: Martin Podesta, Facundo Kelly, Eduardo Greghi, Walter Cortez and Min Podesta. 2 Teams 3 Prizegiving and sponsor presents.



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RANKING  
GOLD CUP

1. Bio-R

- Eduardo Greghi
- Walter Cortez
- Alejo Badano
- Francisco Fucci

2. Los Lobos

- Sébastien Le Page
- Facundo Kelly
- Martin Podesta Jr.
- Martin Podesta

3. Amadeus

- Morgan Van Overbroek
- Robert Kofler
- Carlos Solari
- Santiago Marambio

4. G-Squared Polo

- Larry Aschebrook
- Richard Harris
- Juan Martin Gutierrez
- Matias Obregon

RANKING  
PPZ CUP

1. Los Lobos

- Sébastien Le Page
- Facundo Kelly
- Martin Podesta Jr.
- Martin Podesta

2. Amadeus

- Morgan Van Overbroek
- Robert Kofler
- Carlos Solari
- Santiago Marambio

3. Bio-R

- Eduardo Greghi
- Walter Cortez
- Alejo Badano
- Francisco Fucci

4. Legacy Polo

- Cédric Schweri
- Thomas Astelarra
- Joao Novaes
- Ismael Iraizos

**Polo Park & Country Club Zürich Cup**

Time for the first high goal competition to start, the Polo Park & Country Club Zürich Cup, that featured four teams up to 12 goals handicap. Action kicked off on Friday July 19<sup>th</sup>, with two very balanced matches, that decided the order of play for the next day. The tournament's finals were due on Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>. Legacy (with Thommy Gräff subsidaring Tomás Astelarra, due to a wrist injury), met Bio-R in the third place game, which went to the Bio-R, who claimed a close 6-5 score in the last minutes of play. In the match for the first place, Amadeus and Los Lobos were ready to play in a game that had some extra spice - Sébastien Le Page (Los Lobos) clashed against his wife Morgan Van Overbroek (Amadeus). Los Lobos emerged victorious with 7-5 after thrilling chukkers. In the awards presentation, Legacy's Cédric Schweri received the Fair Play Award. This splendid Sunday in Zürich ended up with a great asado, enjoyed by all the players and guests!

**Gold Cup**

The set-up was just like the previous weekend, with team G-Squared led by Larry Aschebrook from USA stepping in place of Legacy Polo team. After two beautiful sunny days spent playing competitive polo with the victories of Los Lobos against G-Squared and Bio-R in a very close game against Amadeus on Saturday, heavy rain forced the organisers to cancel the finals of the Gold Cup on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, the tournament was decided on the results of the matches played the two days before. Team Bio-R emerged as the champion, after beating respectively Amadeus (OT) and G-Squared. Players, friends and families enjoyed a delicious lunch in a relaxed environment. Despite the rain, everybody had lots of fun and a good time in the cozy clubhouse.

**Polo Park & Country Club Zürich Cup**

Zeit für das erste High Goal Turnier, den Polo Park & Country Club Zürich Cup, bei dem vier Mannschaften mit einem Handicap von bis zu 12 Goals antraten. Am Freitag, den 19. Juli, startete das Turnier mit zwei sehr ausgewogenen Spielen, aus denen sich die Spielbegegnungen für den nächsten Tag ergaben. Das Finale des Turniers war für Sonntag, den 21. Juli, angesetzt. Team Legacy (mit Thommy Gräff, der für den an der Hand verletzten Tomás Astelarra eingesprungen war) traf im Spiel um Platz drei auf Team Bio-R, das sich mit einem knappen 6-5 in den letzten Spielminuten den dritten Platz sicherte. In der Partie um den ersten Platz trafen Amadeus und Los Lobos in einem Spiel mit besonderer Würze aufeinander – Sébastien Le Page (Los Lobos) traf auf seine Frau Morgan Van Overbroek (Amadeus). Los Lobos erzielte einen Sieg mit 7-5 nach spannenden Chukkers. Bei der Preisverleihung wurde Cédric Schweri von Legacy mit dem Fair-Play-Preis ausgezeichnet. Dieser herrliche Sonntag in Zürich endete mit einem großartigen Asado für alle Spieler und Gäste.

**Gold Cup**

Die Aufstellung der Teams war beim Gold Cup dieselbe wie am Wochenende zuvor, bis darauf, dass Team G-Squared mit Teamcaptain Larry Aschebrook aus den USA anstatt des Legacy-Polo-Teams antrat. Nach zwei schönen, sonnigen Tagen, die mit den Siegen von Los Lobos gegen G-Squared sowie Bio-R in einem sehr engen Spiel gegen Amadeus am Samstag vergingen, mussten die Organisatoren das Finale des Gold Cups am Sonntag, 28. Juli, wegen sehr starkem Regen absagen. Das Turnier wurde deshalb anhand der Spielergebnisse der beiden Vortage entschieden. Team Bio-R ging nach den Siegen über Amadeus (OT) und G-Squared dementsprechend als Sieger des Turniers vom Platz. Spieler, Freunde und Familien genossen ein köstliches Mittagessen in entspannter Umgebung und hatten trotz des Regens viel Spaß und eine gute Zeit im gemütlichen Clubhaus.



# SWISS LOW GOAL CHAMPIONSHIP

AUGUST 23<sup>TH</sup> -25<sup>TH</sup>, 2019



1 Winning team Polo Park Zürich with Beata Dudler, Morgan Van Overbroek, Facundo Kelly and Remigius Dudler  
2 Sébastien Le Page and Facundo Kelly. The HUG!

After two beautiful games on this sunny final Sunday in August 2019, it was hard to believe that the Swiss Low Goal Championship was really a low goal tournament. Almost every of the four teams featured a young amateur with an emerging talent. Morgan Van Overbroek: "It was beautiful to see all of them in action during this three days. It is giving us confidence, that Swiss polo has now strong roots and we are facing a new era of polo!"

Results of the final day of Swiss Low Goal Championship 2019: Naoo.com Polo Team vs. Bern Polo: 3-5,5 and Gräff Capital vs. Polo Park Zürich 6,5-7. Polo Park Zürich laid back 1-4,5 at the end of the second chukker. But the team came back strongly and finally defeated Gräff Capital in the last three minutes of the fourth chukker.

Congratulations to the winners and new Swiss Low Goal Champions: Polo Park Zürich with Beata Dudler, Morgan Van Overbroek, Facundo Kelly and Remi Dudler.

*Nach zwei schönen Matches an diesem sonnigen Finalsonntag im August 2019 war es kaum zu glauben, dass die Schweizer Meisterschaft im Low Goal wirklich ein Low Goal-Turnier war. Fast jede der vier Mannschaften hatte einen jungen Amateur mit vielversprechendem Talent in ihren Reihen. Morgan Van Overbroek: »Es war schön, sie alle während dieser drei Tage in Aktion zu sehen. Das gibt uns die Zuversicht, dass das Schweizer Polo nun starke Wurzeln hat und wir vor einer neuen Ära des Polosports stehen!«*

*Ergebnisse des Finaltages der Schweizerischen Low Goal-Meisterschaft 2019: Naoo.com Polo Mannschaft gegen Bern Polo: 3-5,5 und Gräff Capital gegen Polo Park Zürich 6,5-7. Polo Park Zürich lag am Ende des zweiten Chukkers noch 1-4,5 zurück. Aber das Team griff noch einmal stark an und besiegte Gräff Capital in den letzten drei Minuten des vierten Chukkers.*

*Herzlichen Glückwunsch an den Sieger und neuen Swiss Low Goal Champion: Polo Park Zürich mit Beata Dudler, Morgan Van Overbroek, Facundo Kelly und Remi Dudler.*

## RANKING

1. Polo Park Zürich
- Beata Dudler
  - Morgan Van Overbroek
  - Facundo Kelly
  - Remigius Dudler

2. Gräff Capital
- Armand Le Page
  - Sébastien Le Page
  - Thommy Gräff
  - Markus Gräff

3. Cardo Polo Bern
- Markus Oggensfuss
  - Ann Meier
  - Janik Oertli
  - Chris Kiesel

4. Naoo.com Polo
- Thomas Wolfensberger
  - David Kalberer
  - Pierandrea Müller
  - Stefan Roth

# SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS POLO CUP & VECINOS TROPHY

AUGUST 31<sup>TH</sup> - SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019

1 Los Lobos could defend the title with a tight win over Bio-R 2 Teams of the Vecinos Cup 2019.

Images (2): Kathrin Gralla

## TEAMS

### SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS POLO CUP

#### MEDIUM

- Los Lobos**
- Sébastien Le Page /
- Morgan Van Overbroek
- Armand Le Page
- Martin Podesta
- Carlos Solari

#### Equilibrium

- Daniel S. Aegerter
- Pierandrea Müller
- Edouard Pan
- Manuel Carranza

#### LOW

- San Francisco De Asís**
- Sammy Joe Strub
- Sibylle Grass / Irene Gräff
- Peter Mészáros
- Thomas Wolfensberger

#### Polo Park Blue

- Shiva Cosma Strub
- Andrew Guthrie
- Reto Hausammann
- David Kalberer

#### Polo Park White

- Sue Ann Strub / Laure Morel
- Susanna Jahn
- Kyra Wetzel
- Stefan Roth

#### Polossi Polo

- Ossi Köchli
- Konstantin Nikiteas
- Eduardo Greghi
- Santos Solari



Images (3): Clara Podesta



3 Swiss vecinos, the Sullenger family and Tomy Maynard 4 Sunday Brunch at the club 5 Santos Solari, 14 years old and Most Valuable Player of the tournament.



## TEAMS

### VECINOS CUP

#### Los Lobos

- Sébastien Le Page
- Reto Hausammann
- Santos Solari
- Martin Podesta

#### Bio-R

- Eduardo Greghi
- Morgan Van Overbroek
- Carlos Solari
- Pierandrea Müller

#### Geneva Polo Club

- Tomy Maynard
- Coast Sullenger
- Julien Sullenger
- Oliver Sullenger

#### Nao.com

- David Kalberer
- Thomas Wolfensberger
- Facundo Kelly
- Stefan Roth

Another edition of the San Francisco de Asís Polo Cup came to a successful end on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, with Los Lobos winning the medium goal competition with a tight one goal against Equilibrium, and defended the title they obtained in 2018. Meanwhile, San Francisco de Asís, took the victory in the low goal competition.

Following the matches, Clara and Francisco Podesta hosted an Argentine lunch for the players and their families, that included some typical delicacies such as empanadas and wine. It was a perfect occasion to celebrate the club's owner's birthday. Sébastien Le Page started his day with a special classic music concert offered by LGT Bank. Happy birthday, Sébastien!

The Vecinos Cup was the penultimate tournament of the season 2019 at Polo Park Zürich. Due to heavy rain the host were forced to cancel the finals. However, Los Lobos claimed the medium goal competition, while Polo Park Zürich won the low goal tournament. Santos Solari, a 14-year-old great player, took MVP honors. Despite the rain, those who came to play did have a great time. The members of the Sullenger family (Coast, Julien and Oliver) and the professional polo player Tomy Maynard, went to play the medium goal like real "vecinos" (neighbours) and enjoyed a special brunch.

Eine weitere Ausgabe des San Francisco de Asís Polo Cup ging am 1. September 2019 erfolgreich zu Ende, als Los Lobos mit einem knappen Tor gegen Equilibrium gewinnen und den 2018 errungenen Titel verteidigen konnte. San Francisco de Asís gewann währenddessen den Low Goal-Wettbewerb.

Im Anschluss an die Spiele luden Clara und Francisco Podesta die Spieler und ihre Familien zu einem argentinischen Mittagessen mit einigen landestypischen Köstlichkeiten wie Empanadas und Wein ein. Es war die perfekte Gelegenheit, um auch den Geburtstag des Clubbesitzers zu feiern. Sébastien Le Page hatte seinen Tag bereits mit einem speziellen klassischen Konzert begonnen, das von der LGT Bank gesponsert wurde. Herzlichen Glückwunsch zum Geburtstag, Sébastien!

Der Vecinos Cup war das vorletzte Turnier der Saison 2019 im Polo Park Zürich. Wegen starker Regenfälle waren die Gastgeber gezwungen, das Finale abzusagen. Los Lobos stand schließlich als Sieger des Medium Goal Wettbewerbs fest, während Team Polo Park Zürich das Low-Goal-Turnier gewann. Santos Solari, ein erst 14-jähriger großartiger Spieler, wurde als MVP geehrt. Trotz des Regens hatten all jene, die zum Spiel gekommen waren, eine tolle Zeit. Die Mitglieder der Familie Sullenger (Coast, Julien und Oliver) sowie der professionelle Polospeler Tomy Maynard gingen wie echte »Vecinos« (Nachbarn) in die Medium Goal Matches. Anschließend genossen alle einen besonderen Brunch.



## RANKING

- 1. San Francisco de Asís**  
+ Shiva Cosma Strub  
+ Belen Podesta / G. Martinez  
+ Thommy Gräff  
+ David Kalberer
- 2. Equilibrium**  
+ Sue A. Strub / Laure Morel  
+ P. Meszaros / A. Guthrie  
+ Daniel S. Aegeuter  
+ Janik Oertli
- 3. Los Lobos**  
+ Sammy Joe Strub  
+ Konstantin Nikiteas  
+ Thomas Wolfensberger  
+ Sébastien Le Page
- 4. Polo Park White**  
+ Kira Wetzel / Laura Vuille  
+ Morgan Van Overbroek  
+ Philipp Müller  
+ Pierandre Müller
- 5. Hausammann**  
+ A. Fetscherin / J. Spillmann  
+ Katja Grauwiler  
+ Reto Hausammann  
+ Stefan Roth

Katja Grauwiler, Team Hausammann.

# PATRON'S CUP

SEPTEMBER 21<sup>TH</sup> - 22<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

Images (6): Kathrin Gralla

1 Congrats for the winners of team San Francisco de Asís: David Kalberer, Shiva Cosma Strub, Belen Podesta and Thommy Gräff. Left: Sébastien Le Page and G. Martinez, who shared a position with Belen Podesta 2 The Patron's Cup is the traditional finish of the season at Polo Park Zürich 3 Yannick Oertli, a young player on the rise 4 Daniel S. Aegeuter to the goal 5 Morgan Van Overbroek.

The 2019 season came to an end with the Patron's Cup on the first September weekend. On Saturday, Equilibrium and San Francisco de Asís won their games and qualified for the final. Sunday action kicked off with a round robin for the third place. As the games were extremely tight, all was decided on goal difference. Finally, Los Lobos made it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Polo Park Zürich became 4<sup>th</sup> and Hausammann Polo was 5<sup>th</sup>.

The final match between Equilibrium and San Francisco de Asís was as well a very close and competitive game. In the end the Patron's Cup trophy went to team San Francisco de Asís, who defeated team Equilibrium with a final score of 4-2. Shiva Cosma Strub of the winning team, a young and talented player, was awarded Most Valuable Player of the tournament! To close such a great season, Polo Park Zürich hosted a special event on Saturday night: a Swiss dinner sponsored by the Italian men's clothing brand KA/NOA. •

Die Saison 2019 ging mit dem Patron's Cup am ersten Septemberwochenende zu Ende. Am Samstag gewannen Equilibrium und San Francisco de Asís ihre Spiele und qualifizierten sich für das Finale. Am Sonntag ging es dann mit einem Round-Robin um den dritten Platz los. Da die Spiele extrem eng waren, wurde alles über die Tordifferenz entschieden. Schliesslich schaffte es Team Los Lobos auf den 3. Platz, Polo Park Zürich wurde 4. und Hausammann Polo belegte den 5. Platz.

Auch das Endspiel zwischen Equilibrium und San Francisco de Asís war ein sehr enges und hart umkämpftes Spiel. Am Ende ging die Patron's Cup Trophäe an die Mannschaft San Francisco de Asís, die Equilibrium in einem 4-2-Finale besiegte. Shiva Cosma Strub von der siegreichen Mannschaft, eine junge und talentierte Spielerin, wurde als Most Valuable Player des Turniers ausgezeichnet! Zum Abschluss einer so großartigen Saison war der Polo Park Zürich am Samstagabend Gastgeber eines besonderen Ereignisses: ein Schweizer Abendessen, gesponsert von der Herrenbekleidungsmarke KA/NOA. •

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# THE EMPOWERMENT OF LADIES IN POLO

In the last decade, ladies polo became the fastest growing sport in the world. More and more female players get into the saddle and receive remarkable success in the sport. Ladies polo is rising and Polo Park Zürich is one of its most important supporters.

BY MORGAN VAN OVERBROEK  
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Winners of first and second Ladies Argentine Open: Mila Fernandez-Araujo, Mia Cambiaso, Nina Clarkin and Cande Fernandez Araujo.



Dawn Jones playing the Ladies Argentine Open for her team Fred Segal - San Saba.



Winners of Ladies Argentine Open 2019: Clara Cassino, Milly Hine, Hazel Jackson and Lia Salvo.

The stars have finally aligned so that women's polo could grow. For the first time in history, women have more opportunities to practice a sport than men. A young lady can play junior polo, ladies and mixed. With 80% of worldwide riders, the enthusiasm of the women equestrian community will for sure turn eyes to the growing, sexy and competitive polo, the ultimate equestrian sport.

Since the very first beginning, women always played polo but somehow were never involved in competition. It has been more than a century that they are fighting to gain recognition to be able to compete with their male training team mates. Women also have their superstars. Some of them have reached in their time 5 goals handicaps such as Claire Tomlinson and Sunny Hale. Sunny was a born leader, her polo skills amazing and after having set the women handicaps ranking with the US Polo Association, she travelled the world promoting Ladies Polo. After a few years, the Ladies Cups started to bloom everywhere in the world.

More recently in Argentina, some women have made their name in polo. Mumy Bellande became the first woman playing professionally by dropping school when she was only 15 years old. Marianela Castagnola won the Copa Republica, the biggest and second most prestigious polo tournament and in the last three years, Lia

"I believe women's polo has been growing worldwide. In my opinion, it is related to positions women have been taking around the world. We have more possibilities to do things, men are more conscious about it. Women playing polo happened much earlier in England than in Argentina or other countries. It finally arrived in Argentina and we can see now daughters, sisters, cousins, aunts, mothers playing all together, which was unimaginable some years ago. With all those young girls starting to play, the future of women's polo in Argentina and in the world is really looking good. We can still improve by raising up the level of tournaments, so players, don't spend too much time playing low goal polo. A good advice would be to spend as much time as possible to improve your riding technique, your skills, spend time riding and schooling your horses rather than focusing on speed on the polo field. It is all about technique. No matter of size and height. I invite all women to try polo, it is such a wonderful sport to play together!"

LIA SALVO

Salvo won the Open of the Jockey Club with Adolfo Cambiaso. At the moment the three best lady players are Nina Clarkin (4 goals), Hazel Jackson (3 goals) and Lia Salvo (2 goals), all of them reaching 10 goals in women's handicaps.

The community has been growing fast fed by an important number of beginner players, and so organisation is vital in terms of managing the community and helping it to develop into a structured network of tournaments. Ladies polo seems to attract more sponsors than mixed, but if the quality of the event is flickering and communication not at its best, those will easily vanish into thin air. Many young players, even beginners, realize that being able to play polo is a blessing. The relationship with a horse seems very natural to many girls and women. Sharing this passion with friends of different skill levels and abilities is making it even more fun and the next step is to play in other countries. From low to high-goal, all levels are played depending on facilities and number of horses for rent.

Information is available via social medias such as facebook and whatsapp groups, and the rising internet platform: Women International Polo Network <https://wipnpolo.com> The communication, organisation and community management of the network of players is definitely a key success in the development of Ladies Polo. •



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„I think ladies polo is in an incredible place. So competitive with large organisations beginning to get behind us. I am a massive fan of mixed polo also, I feel very privileged to play both. It's great to see so many up and coming talented players, and I think they are realising the level, quality and standard of some of the girls and the hard work which is put into being a successful player.“

HAZEL JACKSON

Like in mixed polo, high-goal ladies tournaments gather all generations of players together.  
Catalina Jantus, Morgan Van Overbroek, Jeanine Hugo-Menendez and Fatima Balzano.

### **Interview with Dawn Jones – photographer and one of the creators of the Women International Polo Network website and member of the Federation of International Polo.**

FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE PLAYING MIXED AND LADIES POLO, WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCES IN TERMS OF GAME, ORGANIZATION, COMMUNICATION AND VALUES?

In my opinion, the differences in mixed and ladies polo depends on the level of polo played. Eight goal mixed polo and below requires all players to contribute extensive offense and defensive energy throughout the game as an equal team player. Mixed polo 10 goals and up allows for the lower handicap female player to receive long passes from their higher handicapped team mates, and conserve energy for attacking the goal. Those higher handicapped team mates are typically male. These male players work to set plays, attack, and sufficiently defend for the team allowing the sponsor to focus on the job of attacking the goal when provided a precision pass from their stronger team mates. Currently, there are only a few higher handicap female players who are capable of hitting a precise long pass. The organization of ladies polo has been developing to mirror the mixed polo based on the handicap level played. The finals' teams of the Women's Argentine Open are backed by the biggest polo organizations in the world, and it shows. They are setting a standard of professionalism in organizing high quality players, and high quality horses. The other teams entered are not far behind, but still sorting out how to best prepare in advance.

I'm hopeful the gap between the top two teams and the others entered in the Women's Open will narrow over time. The primary factor is the growth of the younger players to improve their game, and raising their handicaps to compete with the top two teams. Another factor to compete is access to top quality horses. I think communication in mixed and ladies polo is the same in terms of helping each other in the game. Values in both ladies and mixed are very similar, but I'm beginning to see interesting improvements in ladies polo as we play with and against each other as often as possible. We are proactively working to encourage friendships on and off the field. We're all competitive, but at the end of the game, we can all congratulate each other as close friends. I believe we should take care of each other, encourage each other, and support each other at every level of polo. I believe females can contribute and make a difference to the sport as a united world community. None of us are perfect, and we occasionally make mistakes with plenty to distract us in our private lives, but I encourage all female players to try to approach the sport with compassion for each other as women's polo continues to grow.

#### **WHAT MADE YOU BUILD THE WIPN PLATFORM, AND HOW DO YOU SEE IT EVOLVING?**

The Women's International Polo Network was created by a group of women polo players for the purpose of networking players around the world. We hosted an online fundraiser for players to contribute \$5, \$10, and \$10,000 to help build the Website. We felt that if everyone contributed what they were capable of giving, then everyone would feel they owned a part of the WIPN, and take care of their investment. Our group built a wish list that



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**WHAT IS THE LEGACY OF SUNNY HALE IN THE LADIES POLO WORLD?**  
I believe Sunny Hale's legacy will continue to be celebrated by those who know her full story, and I believe her remarkable story should be shared as often as possible with the younger players who may not be aware of all she did to pave the road for them to have the opportunity to play. I have heard many young players admire and wish to emulate the young and talented Hazel Jackson. There is no doubt Hazel is highly respected, and she has certainly brought her own unique style of playing to the game, but without Sunny, and a few other pioneers of women's polo, Hazel's opportunities may have been limited. These younger players may not know that Sunny won the U.S. Open Polo Championship with Adolfo Cambiaso in the year 2000. A remarkable moment where Sunny delivered a stellar performance to help her team secure the win. She proved a woman could play mixed polo at one of the highest levels of the game with the best male player in the world who trusted her abilities on and off the field. Sunny's goal was bigger in scale, and was intended for more women to play in mixed and women's specific polo around the world. I'm hopeful our women's polo community can educate the next generation about Sunny's accomplishments and selfless contributions for them and players like Hazel.

**HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO CONTINUE TO PLAY MIXED POLO AND NOT ONLY LADIES, WHAT DOES IT BRING?**  
I encourage all women, and young female players seek opportunities to play mixed polo whenever possible. I believe there is much to be learned from our male counterparts in terms of strategy, horsemanship, and off the horse physical training. It is also

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an opportunity to apply what is learned in women's specific polo where we are all expected to work for the team in equal part. Finally, it continues to plant the seeds of acceptance Sunny Hale worked to establish where women are recognized as capable team players.

FIP COMITEE IS 99% MALE, DO YOU SEE LADIES SOON MAKING THEIR WAY IN THAT AREA TOO?

FIP has recently established a Women's Committee as a platform to assist with tournament building, report progress in the sport, suggestions for future growth, and share items of concern. FIP understands the necessity of the female player's perspective as they develop new tournaments that reflect the current participation statistics of registered membership particularly in the "A" county associations like Argentina, England, and the United States. I personally have enjoyed collaborating on researching details to help determine an optimal level of handicap for a Nations Cup, and the Women's World Cup to include as many countries as possible within reason while also trying to feature the best polo possible. We're hopeful other countries will be inspired by the World Cup to develop their own female polo programs. I believe FIP has been very receptive to new and innovative ideas to help accelerate growth and recognition in all participating countries.

IN THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT, A LOT OF LADIES PLAYERS ARE EXTREMELY YOUNG. HOW CAN YOU KEEP YOUR LEVEL ON TOP FACING YOUNG ATHLETES? WHAT IS YOUR PREPARATION - PHYSICAL AND MENTAL?

In my personal effort to continue to compete at the highest levels, I have tried to establish a healthy diet, a dedicated exercise regimen, and maintain an ongoing passion for polo. I have discovered as I'm weeks away from reaching the age of 56, it's essential to have the best quality horses possible. I have to thank my husband, Tommy Lee Jones, our family friend and polo manager Luis Echezarreta, his wife Clarissa, Toto Collardine, Hector Monserrat, Guillermo Caset, Sapo Caset and their entire family, along with many others in the polo community for offering all their assistance. I realize I am very fortunate to have their support and guidance. Without it, I would struggle to keep up with the young and very talented players. On a very personal note, since entering menopause at the age of 52, I have begun bioidentical hormone replacement therapy. It has helped me maintain muscle mass, bone density, and provided much needed energy to stay in the game. I never really expected my life long athletic youthful super powers would diminish so instantly once my body stopped producing natural hormones, but I discovered a remedy that works for me to maintain a better quality of life, and continue to play the sport I love.

HOW IS IT TO PLAY THE BEST TOURNAMENT IN THE WORLD, THE ARGENTINE LADIES OPEN ALONGSIDE AND AGAINST THE BEST PLAYERS IN THE WORLD?

Having the privilege to play in the Argentine Ladies Open has been one of the most exhilarating polo experiences of my life. The tournament has given me access to the most technically demanding and fastest form of women's polo available. Every chukker with the top players in the world exposes me a new technique, a new strategy, or a closer look at a top horse. The experience has pushed my abilities to the limit, and given me confidence and information I can apply and share in tournaments back home. Most of all, it has given me the gift of friendships with many extraordinary female



Every year, new talents are emerging from tournaments: Azucena Uranga and Bianca Pagano with club owner Sébastien Le Page.

athletes I continue to admire. Many have generously shared their knowledge of the game, and politely corrected my mistakes, even in the heat of the moment. I recommend every woman player who dreams of playing in the Ladies Argentine Open pursue their dream.

WITH 6 GOALS IN LADIES (WHAT IS YOUR MIXED HANDICAP), YOU'RE CONSIDERED A PROFESSIONAL PLAYER. HOW DO YOU MANAGE YOUR POLO TRAINING AND YOUR WORK?

My mixed handicap is currently 1 goal. Since beginning to learn to ride and play at the age of 32, I have been very fortunate to have had the full support of my husband since we met over 25 years ago. It was part of his DNA well before we met, and from the start of our relationship, he has always believed in a healthy balance of a creative life and an athletic life. With this philosophy in mind, we have managed to work in the film industry and enjoy polo between projects. In both cases, we dedicate ourselves completely to the task or pleasure at hand. It has thoroughly enriched our marriage and friendship. I will admit, over the last two years, the balance has been leaning heavily toward women's polo, and my photography has been placed on hold until at least the end of the 2020 Florida season.

CAN YOU SHARE AN INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE?

I have been very fortunate to have met many inspirational individuals over the course of time, including remarkable women of strength and character from a Secretary of State to a training astronaut for a shuttle mission. One who stands out most who stood up for what she believed in was the legendary Bette Davis. She once told me while I was working as her personal assistant on the last film she ever made was, "Be more expressive!" And, I will add, "...in all you do!" •

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Nor is the Practice's location a coincidence: Zürich enjoys a storied past as the crucible of psychiatric expertise, with Carl Jung and Eugen Bleuler among the eminent figures to have practiced in the city. There is tradition but at The Kusnacht Practice there is also innovation, and most importantly of all there is quality, discretion, privacy and luxury.

"From the first contact we are highly responsive and attentive to clients, our clinicians listen empathically to learn about a person's needs, and – very importantly – we give them hope," Mr Greghi adds. "We treat the underlying causes of symptoms so that clients are healed to their essence, and we provide them with tools and skills to lead healthy, happy and fulfilled lives."

Clients arriving at the Practice are ushered from the airport to their own private residence, each benefitting from a live-in counsellor who is available 24/7 to assist the client with arising issues, plus an in-house chef who devises and implements a diet plan. These are among the building blocks of a treatment plan which through the Practice's clinical teams – today counting 60 full-time staff with a further roster of 100 therapists – is tailor-made for each client in every case. Care plans fit the client's needs as would a bespoke suit or ballgown, both for the duration of the client's stay (typically six weeks but often longer) and beyond.

As polo competitors know, sport can be extremely demanding on the mind, body and soul, and recovery is an absolutely vital partner to play. The same applies in the game of life itself: each of us know just how demanding modern life can be, and the stresses it can place on individuals. That's also why the Kusnacht Practice excels in providing both psychiatric care – for issues including substance and behavioural addictions, mental illnesses including schizophrenia, borderline personality, bipolar, obsessive-compulsive and eating disorders – along with medical care. Instant access to the best of Switzerland's clinical facilities is available under the leadership of medical director Dr Konrad Hitz in collaboration with the Practice's partner Double Check medical partner. "Our clients are all too familiar with demanding much of themselves to achieve their goals," says Dr Hitz. "Creativity and self-belief are no strangers to them: they are resourceful and resilient individuals, typically high achievers who have had to face challenges without the sufficient inherent resources to cope. When a downward spiral ensues, we step in."

And then there's the innovation we learned of above. Clients at The Kusnacht Practice soon come to feel better in Switzerland's rarefied air, enjoying beautiful views from their private residences overlooking Lake Zürich, with up to eight therapeutic sessions per day – conducted, naturally, in private – providing for their needs. Alongside the fundamental therapeutic processes of psychiatric monitoring, psychological and psychotherapeutic support, medical management and physical wellbeing the clinic applies an impressive range of complementary therapies. These include including hypnotherapy, rTMS (repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation), neurofeedback, EMDR (eye movement desensitisation and reprocessing), somatic experiencing and Satori Chair plus yoga, reflexology, meditation, reflexology, acupuncture, massage and many more. But recognising the truism that we are what we eat, a decisive pillar of The Kusnacht Practice's approach is the use of Biomolecular Restoration (Bio-R) treatment, led by Nutritional Director Dr Antoinette Sarasin and delivered to clients every day by their personal chef. This highly individualised medical approach corrects imbalances and stress factors in body and brain biochemistry, providing a one-of-a-kind formulation which is as unique as a client's fingerprint. Biomolecular restoration strengthens physical and emotional wellbeing and energy, promotes successful weight management, sleep, rejuvenation, anti-ageing and immune system support, and restores crucial micronutrients including vitamins, minerals, amino acids and fatty acids.

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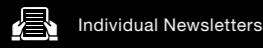


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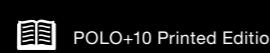
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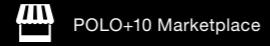
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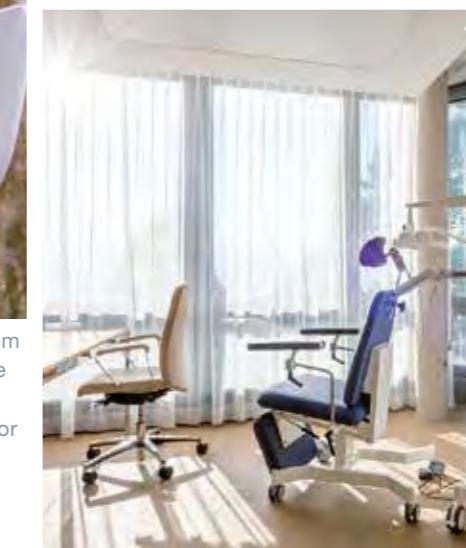


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Not unlike a wise sport manager, the Practice's team of clinicians and therapists work together to take a long view of a client's health – spotting the inner rhythms and invisible tensions and devising strategies for wellness that lead the client to the ultimate goal of returning to a happy and healthy life. As sport can sometimes achieve the heights of art, so The Kusnacht Practice turns rehabilitation and wellbeing into the finest of crafts – perhaps as close as medicine itself can come to art.

"We provide what is necessary to treat the entire person in the most personal way possible, and we have been polishing this approach for 10 years, continually bringing in the best professionals, and our success rates are exemplary," Mr Greghi notes.

Recovery begins when clients arrive in Kusnacht but it doesn't end there. Research has demonstrated that the longer an individual can commit to residential treatment, the greater the likelihood that they will experience sustained recovery; of equal importance is the onward journey and that's why families and loved ones are encouraged to visit the Practice to learn strategies for maintaining the client's ongoing health.

"Recovery is a long-term process and main predictors of success are a client's engagement during their stay, and ongoing support from family and loved ones as well as our clinicians after they depart," says Mr Greghi. "We strongly encourage family and loved ones to visit us, and we equip them with the skills to support the client as they progress through the stresses that life can bring."

A testament to the quality of The Kusnacht Practice's care is that clients often leave deeply changed: healed in body, mind and soul and enabled to lead their recovery with the tools they need to ensure a healthy, content and productive lifestyle. They depart freed from harmful behaviours, reliance upon medical pharmaceuticals and with balance restored to their biochemistry, neurochemistry and self-perception, empowered to lead a full and happy life.

"As practitioners as well as people we are altruistic first and foremost," concludes Mr Greghi. "No matter how hopeless a situation looks or feels to an individual, we can help. In fact, where everyone else gives up is where we start."

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Closer to our polo ponies than players themselves, the grooms - or petiseros - are the most important link in the lifestyle of the polo world. Without them, the sport of polo would simply not exist. This is a look into the “behind the scenes” of Polo Park Zürich stables.

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Damian Marti, working for many years for Tutti Wolfensberger.



1 Horses from Gräff Capital, walking from Stud Farm La Irenita with Alvaro Regis, Nadine, Pepo Mercado and Beto Rochelle  
 2 Busy day in the club stables when all horses are getting ready to play. Miguel Sanchez is getting out of the traffic to warm up the horses 3 Evening asado at the club 4 Valentino Anselmi started to work in Switzerland in 2019 5 Pipo Sanchez, already 18 seasons in Polo Park Zürich.





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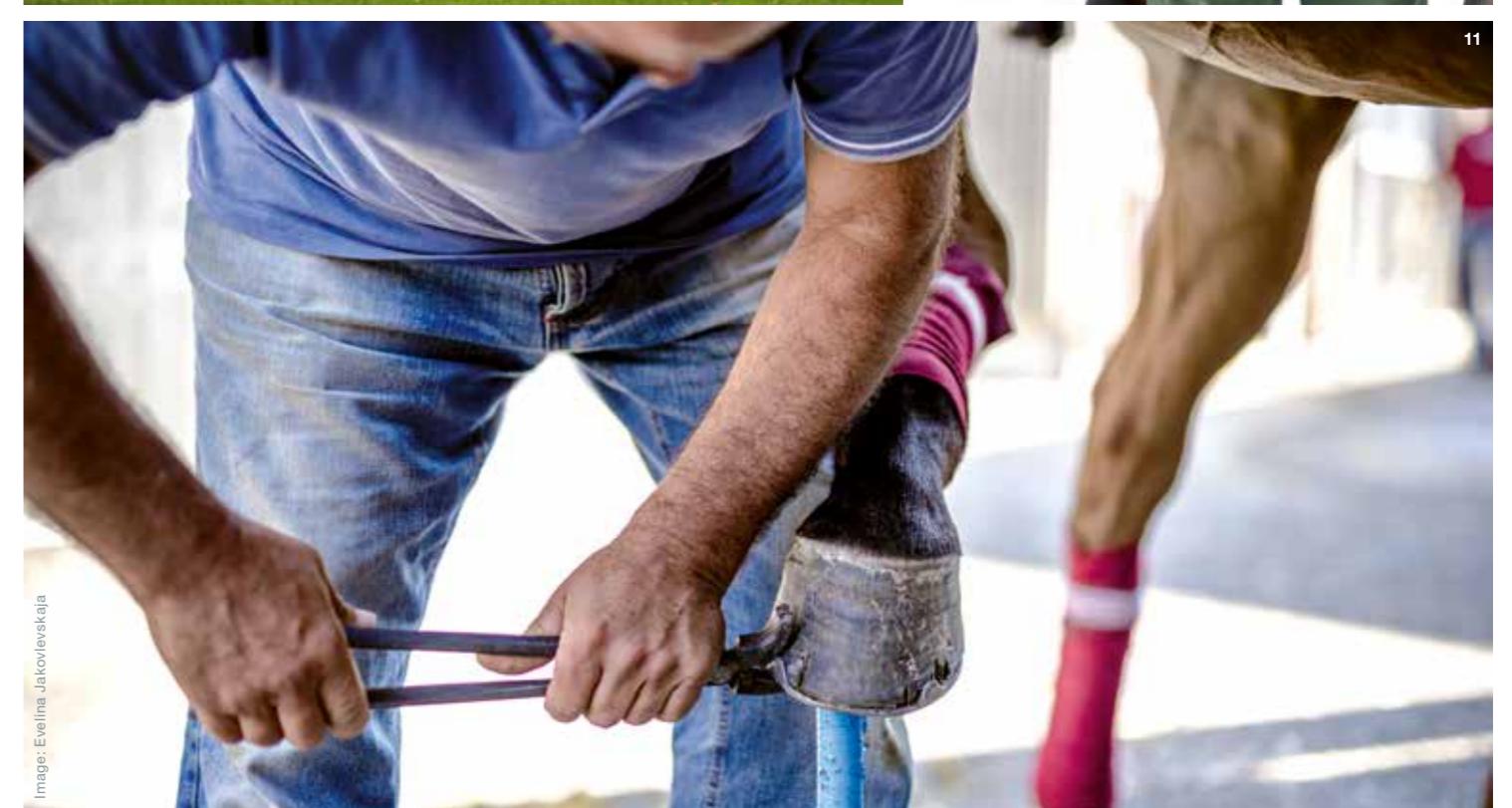
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6 Daniel Lopez, drinking his mate under the surveillance of one of the horses of Philip Müller 7 Juan Manuel Frascino, Beto Batillana, Pipo Sanchez and Facundo Kelly, all working for Los Lobos and Miguel Sanchez during club chukkers on a Sunday.

8 Christoph Boulier and two of his patronas: Ina Wamser and Sandra Gerber 9 Julio Diaz getting the ponies ready to play for Beata and Remi Dudler  
10 Emmanuel De La Cuesta 11 Our grooms also take care of shoeing the horses, Javier Praiz at work.



**12** After a long day of work, time to relax and have fun playing truco. Miguel Sanchez, Sébastien Le Page, Pipo Sanchez and Facundo Kelly are all avid players **13** Petisero from guest player during the Swiss Medium Goal in 2018 **14** A horse making jokes in the back of Julio Diaz **15** Beto Batillana cleaning Los Lobos' bridles after the games.

Without the grooms - Petiseros in Spanish - there would clearly be no polo. It is as simple as that. Your groom is not only the one who tightens your girth, he is the one looking after the most precious being for a polo player, his horses. Grooms wake up early to feed horses, spend time with the horses, talk to them, nurture them, clean them, ride them, take them to the fields, clean their boxes, feed them at night, heal them, pet them, make them feel safe, in some cases even sleep with them, and generally treat them more as a member of their family rather than an independent animal. Whether you have one or twenty horses, it really doesn't matter, your groom(s) have to be as good as your horses and as your professionals. The groom is an integral part of a polo organization, and of a polo team. A polo groom is also generally a professional polo player, who can train the horses in polo as well as taking care of them. Their job is far more important than feeding, cleaning, and walking the horses.

There is no university degree for grooming. It takes many years and endless hours of learning, practicing, and dedication with the horses and in the stables to become a first-rate groom. The grooms in polo are instrumental to a team's success, perhaps even more so than for other disciplines. The connection built between the grooms, the horses and the players become a family affair, with a very close relationship and care, and a great amount of trust. Horses get accustomed to their grooms and player and a groom will know within a blink of an eye when the horse is in a good or bad mood. We believe that ponies whisper the same about the grooms! They are carried by their passion, sometimes even leaving their families and country for six months or more, and coming to work in the USA, Middle East, Asia, or Europe, at Polo Park Zürich for example. The love and dedication they feel for horses under their supervision exceeds their long hours of work during the season.

When they arrive in our club in April, the ambiance changes immediately. "Los petiseros" are back, which means the horses are back, the music is playing in the stables, the tack rooms are full of clean

*Sin los Petiseros, claramente no habría polo. Es tan simple como eso. Tu petisero no es solo el que ajusta la cincha, es el que cuida lo más preciado para un jugador de polo, sus caballos. Los petiseros se levantan temprano para darles de comer a los caballos, pasan tiempo con ellos, les hablan, los cuidan, los limpian, los montan, los llevan a los potreros, limpian los boxes, les dan de comer por la noche, los curan, los acarician, los hacen sentirse seguro, en algunos casos incluso duerma con ellos y, en general, los tratan más como a un miembro de su familia que como un animal simple animal. Ya sea que tengas uno o veinte caballos, realmente no importa, tu petisero (s) debe que ser tan bueno como tus caballos y sus profesionales. El petisero es una parte integral de una organización de polo y de un equipo de polo. Un petisero de polo también es generalmente un jugador de polo profesional, que puede entrenar los caballos para polo y cuidarlos. Su trabajo es mucho más importante que alimentar, limpiar y montar los caballos.*

*No hay título universitario para recibirse de petisero. Se necesitan muchos años y horas interminables de aprendizaje, práctica y dedicación con los caballos y en los establos para convertirse en un petisero de alto nivel. Los petiseros en polo son fundamentales para el éxito de un equipo, quizás incluso más que para otras disciplinas. La conexión construida entre los petisero, los caballos y los jugadores se convierte en un asunto familiar, con una relación muy cercana y cuidada, y una enorme confianza. Los caballos se acostumbran a sus petiseros y el jugador y el petisero sabrán en un abrir y cerrar de ojos cuando el caballo está de buen o mal humor. ¡Creemos que los ponis susurran lo mismo de los petiseros! Los mueve su pasión, a veces incluso dejan a sus familias y su país durante 6 meses o más, y vienen a trabajar a los EE. UU., Medio Oriente, Asia o Europa, en Polo Park Zürich, por ejemplo. El amor y la dedicación que sienten por los caballos bajo su supervisión supera sus largas horas de trabajo durante la temporada.*

*Cuando llegan a nuestro club en abril, el ambiente cambia de inmediato. «Los petiseros» están de regreso, lo que significa que los caballos han regresado, la música suena en los establos, los montureros están llenas de material limpio y ordenado, los tacos están colgando de un lado, cabezas brillantes del otro lado, monturas y botas estamos esperando a la sombra, la vida y el caos*



**16** Facundo Kelly bringing Los Lobos' horses back to the club' stables **17** Horses in the shade at the pony line **18** Ponies are ready, petiseros deserve a little break before the games: Beto Rochelle, Catino Peralta and Alvaro Regis.



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*«deportivo» está de vuelta, sin olvidar, por supuesto, los asados, las bromas, la alegría y los juegos de cartas, que acompañan nuestras tardes. ¡Todo el club se transforma, la vida del polo está bombeando de nuevo! Y, por supuesto ... el mate esta listo a cualquier hora.*

*Los días en nuestros establos comienzan muy temprano, los primeros petiseros llegan alrededor de las 5:30 a.m., y mientras la pava empieza a cantar, sacan a los caballos de sus boxes para ponerlos en los potreros. Despues de la primera ronda de mate, comienza la limpieza de boxes y establos. Ademas de disfrutar en los potreros, los caballos reciben, dependiendo del programa del día, una sesión de entrenamiento ligero o caminar y trotar para despertar suavemente sus cuerpos y mentes. Más tarde, los caballos tendrán comida y descansarán. Por la tarde, después de una siesta, los petiseros vuelven a los establos y los caballos vuelven a salir, cepillados y mimados. Se los preparará para taquear, jugar club chukkas o un torneo. Durante el día, los boxes se limpian regularmente, los caballos se controlan y, lo más importante, el jugador y su petisero se comunican todos los días sobre la forma y el estado de los caballos. Los petiseros deben poder hacer un entrenamiento fino en los caballos, corregir algunos malos hábitos debido a los errores de los jugadores aficionados, pero tambien elevar la condición física del caballo cuando sea necesario y reducir la velocidad cuando lleguen las vacaciones.*

*Durante los torneos que se juegan en el club o en el exterior, los petiseros tambien son responsables de la condición y el bienestar de los caballos antes y despues de los juegos. Comprobarán si no se produjeron lesiones durante el transporte o los partidos y pueden proporcionar la primera atención veterinaria básica si es necesario. Los caballos son animales nobles y merecen el mejor cuidado para poder entregar en el campo de polo el mejor rendimiento atlético.*

A good groom working in harmony with your horses can change your polo season and take it to a higher level. By training your horses, feeding them accordingly, looking after all your tack and communicating with you about your horses and your game, the groom is one of the closest person to a polo player.

*Un buen petisero que trabaja en armonía con tus caballos puede cambiar tu temporada de polo y llevarla a un nivel superior. Al entrenar tus caballos, alimentarlos correctamente, cuidar de todo tu equipamiento y comunicarse con vos sobre tus caballos y tu polo, el petisero es una de las personas más cercanas al jugador de polo.*



Matias Delgado, famous Argentine football player wearing proudly his Polo Park Zürich polo shirt.



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Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> JulySunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July**AUGUST****GOLD CUP POLO PARK ZÜRICH**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> AugustSunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August**SEPTEMBER****SAN FRANCISCO DE ASIS CUP PPZ**

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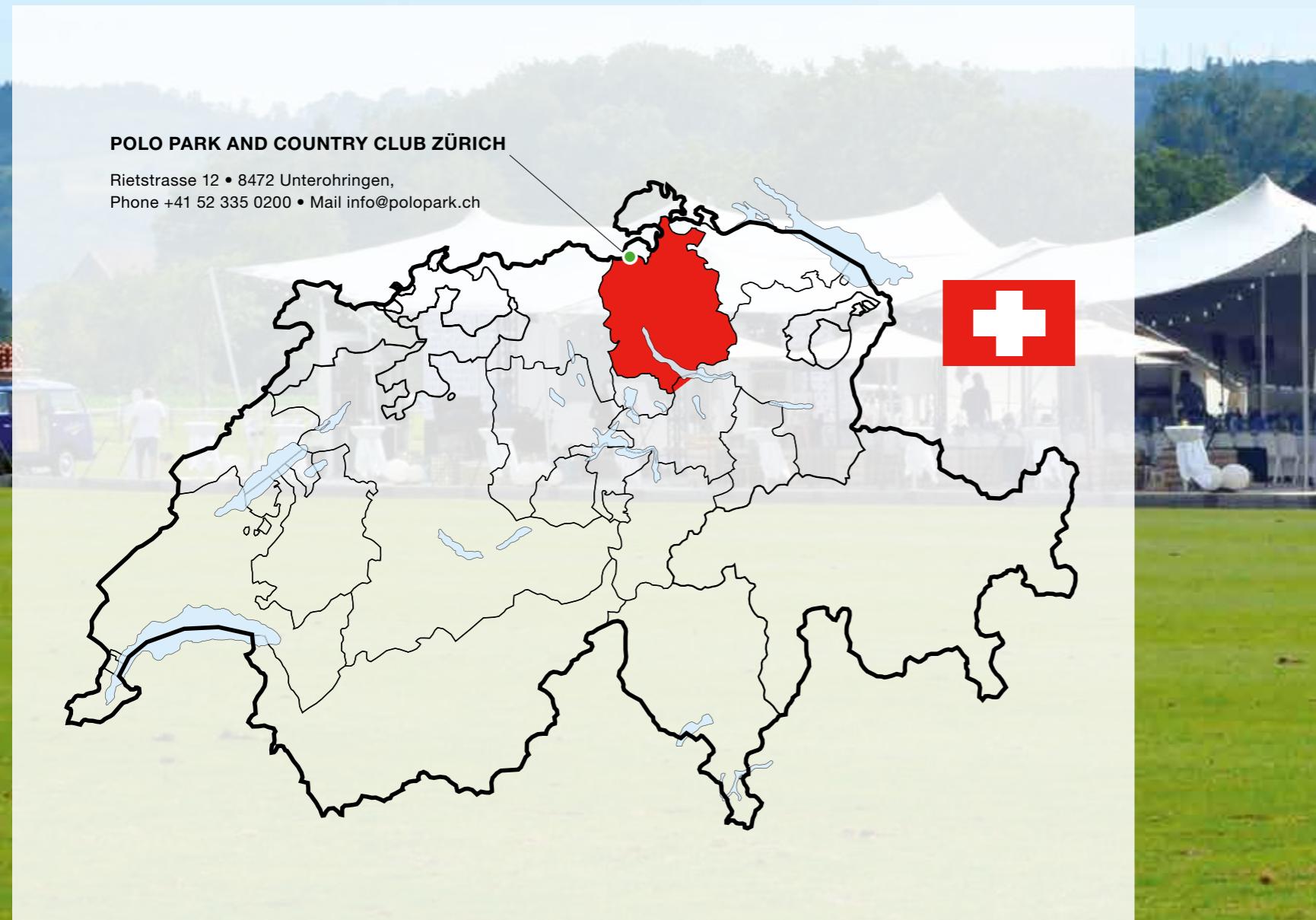
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### BY TRAIN

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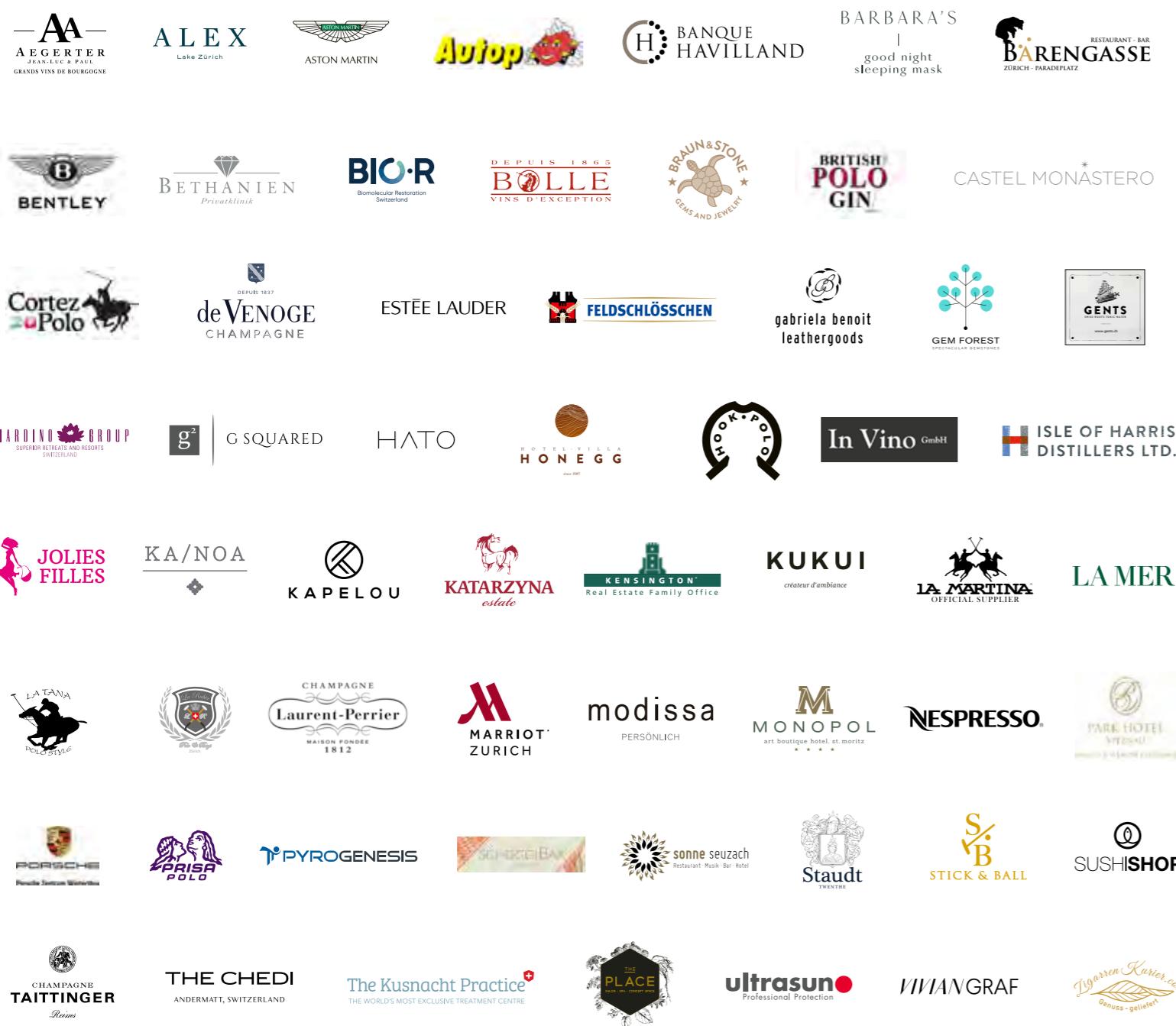
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