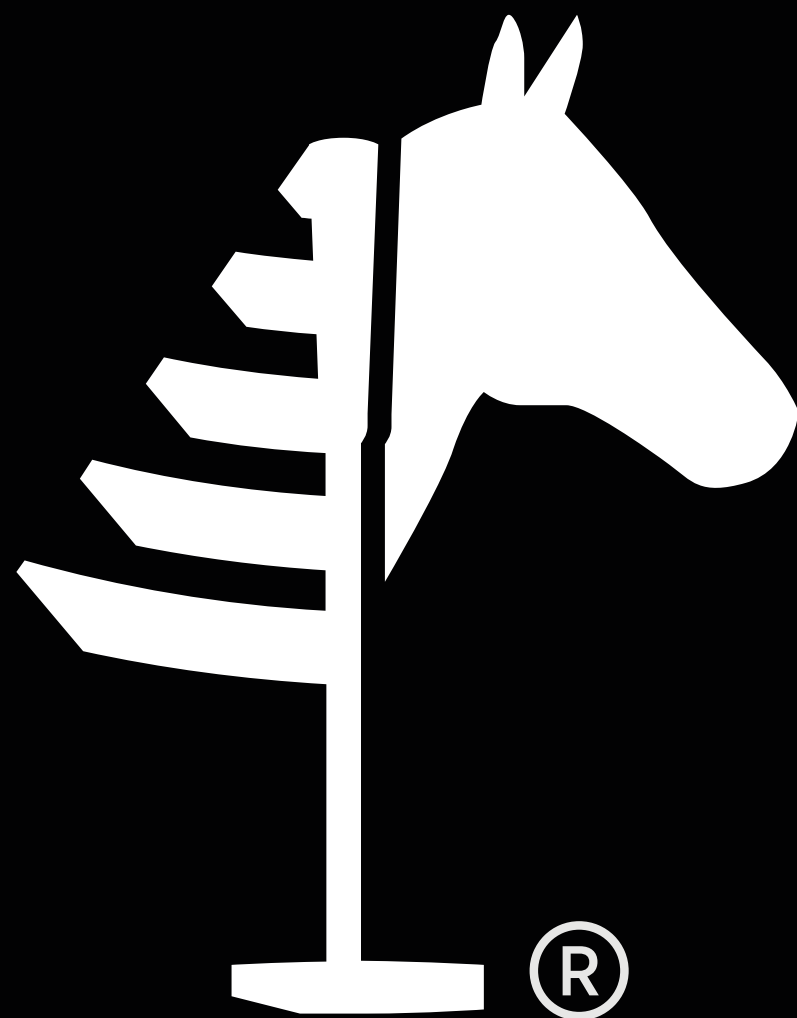


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MORGAN VAN OVERBROEK & SÉBASTIEN LE PAGE
Owners of Polo Park & Country Club Zürich

It is a question we continuously asked ourselves.

Because improvement has always been woven into the DNA of our club. Every challenge, every success, every new season has offered an opportunity to learn, adapt, and ask ourselves how we could serve our members, our horses, and our sport even better.

The winds have not always blown in our favour. Like any meaningful journey, ours has included its share of headwinds, unexpected detours, and a few storms along the way. But rather than drifting off course, we chose to navigate with patience, determination, and a long-term vision. Today, we find ourselves on firmer ground, stronger than before, with renewed momentum and an exciting horizon ahead.

And perhaps that is why, after thirteen extraordinary years as owners of Polo Park Zürich, we feel the time has come for a new chapter.

When we took over PPZ, we inherited a remarkable club with a proud history. Together, we have worked to build upon that legacy. We helped establish PPZ as one of Europe's leading polo clubs. We saw its name proudly carried on the shirts of La Irenita players at the Argentine Open, continuing a partnership first forged by the Gräff family. We invested, developed, expanded, and sometimes reinvented. Above all, we never stopped dreaming in what this place could become.

Today, PPZ stands as something rather rare and unique.

Yes, it is blessed with an exceptional location. Yes, its facilities are among the finest in Europe. But its true value cannot be measured in hectares, polofields, stables, or buildings.

The real treasure is its people.

It is the members who bring it to life. The team whose dedication keeps everything moving. The petiseros whose laughter echoes through the stables before sunrise. The horses that inspire us daily. The friendships formed over chukkas, dinners, victories, defeats, and countless unforgettable moments.

Over the years, we have built far more than a polo club. We have built a community.

A community that cares deeply about its future.

For that reason, PPZ will not simply be handed to the highest bidder. Finding the right successor matters enormously. The next custodian must understand that this club is not merely an asset to own, but a living place to nurture. A place with history, character, ambition, and soul.

We are confident that person exists.

And while we may be passing the torch, we are not disappearing into the sunset. We fully intend to remain part of this wonderful community and keep playing on PPZ grounds.

The next chapter of Polo Park Zürich is waiting to be written.

We look forward to reading it from the front row. •

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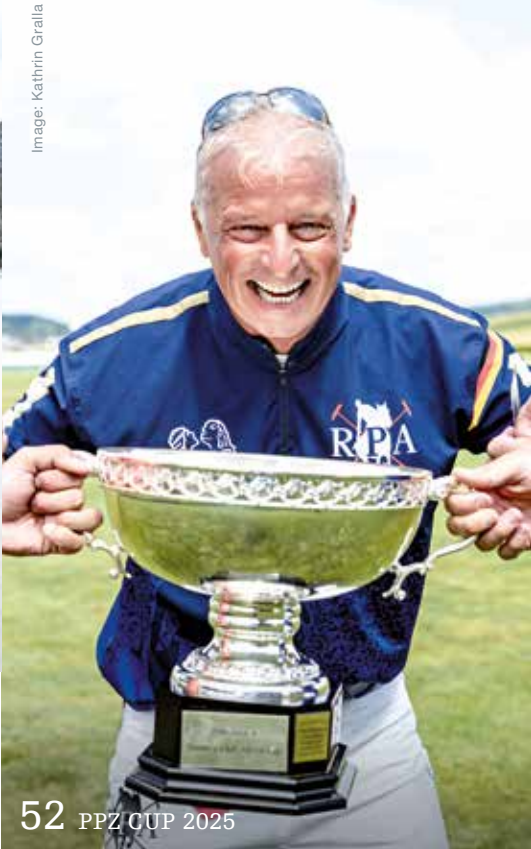
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Welcome to the last polo event of the season - beautifully paired with our farewell party. Loup Culinaire worked its magic behind the buffet, preparing a generous feast fit for hungry players, members, and staff alike. Today was about more than competition: it was about savouring time together and celebrating an unforgettable polo season with gratitude.

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**WINNER OF
SPRING CHALLENGE**

Gräff & Friends
Markus Gräff
Thommy Gräff
David Kalberer
Armand Le Page

**WINNER OF
SPRING REVENGE**

Equilibrium
Daniel Aegerter
Thomas Wolfensberger
Massimiliano Gnesi
Manuel Maria Bereterbide

A new tournament concept is shaking things up on the field. Each team must include at least one 2-goal player, but here's the twist: anyone rated above 1 goal is strictly forbidden from scoring.

That means the spotlight shifts to our amateur players, who are suddenly responsible for all the goals, penalties included.

The result is fast, fun, and often wonderfully unpredictable polo. Amateurs get the thrill (and responsibility) of finishing the plays, while also enjoying the rare opportunity to team up with professionals and experience the speed, precision, and beautifully timed passes of pro-level polo.

With four teams per tournament, this fresh format has already sparked strong interest, and a lot of smiles on the field.

ZÜRICH LOW GOAL

25 - 26 MAY 2024



Setting a faster pace and paving the way toward mid-level competition, Zürich Low Goal marks the return of professionals competing on their full handicaps.

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For once, the Super League had more teams than the Challenge League. Our two ladies captains brought their teams together for a fun, competitive match. Equipazo took an early lead, while Los Lobos fought back steadily until the final whistle.

In the Super League, Nao Social Media dominated Equilibrium, with Manuel Maria Bereterbide delivering an outstanding performance. Gräff & Friends continued their strong form, overcoming Polo Park Zürich and later defeating Equilibrium again to secure a second consecutive win.

Los Lobos returned stronger the next day, but Janique Spillmann's two decisive goals secured victory for her team. In another match, Janik Oertli's standout performance led Polo Park Zürich to a clear win despite a determined effort from Anja for NAOO.

To celebrate 25 de Mayo, prizes had an Argentine theme, and guests enjoyed a lively quiz during the luncheon, guided by Argentine representatives at each table. •

WINNER CHALLENGE LEAGUE

Equipazo
Beata Dudler
Janique Spillmann/
Melchior De Villeneuve
Clara Jaeger/Max Gnesi
Sophie Steinmann

WINNER SUPER LEAGUE

Gräff & Friends
Markus Gräff
Thommy Gräff
David Kalberer
Sébastien/Armand Le Page



ZÜRICH MEDIUM GOAL CHAMPIONSHIP

20 - 23 JUNE 2024

Rain-shortened tournament ends with a dramatic half-goal victory for La Bien Mirada.

BY PPZ
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WINNER OF ZÜRICH MEDIUM GOAL CHAMPIONSHIP

La Bien Mirada
Luca Meier
Stefan Roth
Fabian Bolanterio
Thomas Wolfensberger /
Fabio Meier



Five teams participated in the tournament, including the return of Fabio and Luca Meier with La Bien Mirada to PPZ. The early matches saw strong performances from G-Squared and Equilibrium, while La Bien Mirada also showed convincing form.

Heavy rain on Friday night forced the organizers to cancel Saturday's matches and move directly to the finals. By Sunday morning, the weather had cleared, and guests arrived under bright sunshine for the final matches.

The tournament concluded with a closely contested final between Equilibrium and La Bien Mirada. In a thrilling finish, La Bien Mirada secured victory with a narrow half-goal advantage.

The tournament was sponsored by Daniel Aegerter and Polo Park Zürich. •

SWISS MEDIUM GOAL CHAMPIONSHIP

20-23 JUNE 2024

Rain, wind and challenging field conditions shaped this year's Swiss Medium Goal Championship at Polo Park Zürich, where Team Equilibrium ultimately defended their title after a thrilling final.

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WINNER OF
SWISS MEDIUM GOAL
CHAMPIONSHIP

Equilibrium
Daniel S. Aegerter
Manuel Maria Bereterbide
Thomas Aegerter
Francisco Fucci



Chilling Wind but Thrilling Final

Heavy rain disrupted this year's Swiss Medium Goal at Polo Park Zürich. After games were played in muggy heat on Thursday, rain arrived Friday and continued into Saturday, cancelling matches and forcing penalty shootouts to determine the finals lineup.

Sunday morning drizzle meant the third-place match between Los Lobos and Polo Club Zug was also decided by a tense

shootout, which Polo Club Zug won 5–4. With safety a priority, the match itself was cancelled.

By midday conditions improved enough for the final between Team Equilibrium and Team Gräff & Friends. Despite the difficult field, both teams delivered a fast and exciting match. Thommy Gräff and Segundo Copello led strong attacks for Gräff and Friends, while defending champions Team Equilibrium - Daniel and Thomas Aegerter, Manuel Bereterbide

and Francisco Fucci - played with impressive control.

Leading 7–4½ at halftime, Team Equilibrium held their advantage despite a spirited comeback attempt and secured victory 9–5½.

The tournament concluded with G-Squared narrowly defeating Bien Mirada 5–4 for fifth place. Despite the challenging weather, spectators enjoyed thrilling polo and a relaxed prize-giving ceremony, closing another memorable Sunday at Polo Park Zürich. ●

LOS LOBOS TRIUMPH AT THE 25TH ZÜRICH INTERNATIONAL POLO LADIES CUP

6-7 JULY 2024



A weekend of intense competition, challenging weather, and standout performances marked the anniversary edition of the prestigious women's polo tournament. As the only pure ladies polo weekend of the season, the event also became a celebration of the extraordinary community built around women in the sport.

Players arrived with their biggest supporters - families, partners, children, friends, and even four-legged companions - turning the tournament into a lively gathering beyond the field. In polo, women are often the true community drivers, bringing people together and shaping the social heart of the club, and this special weekend captured that spirit perfectly.

BY PPZ
PHOTOGRAPHY NATI LEVI

**WINNER OF
ZÜRICH INTERNATIONAL
LADIES CUP**

CHALLENGE LEAGUE

HATO St. Moritz
Anastasia Misanina / Claudia Ide
Nadia Paneva
Shiva Strub
Sue Ann Strub

SUPER LEAGUE

Los Lobos
Ann-Kathrin Brändle
Katja Grauwiler
Morgan Van Overbroek
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The 25th anniversary of the Zürich International Polo Ladies Cup took place on July 6–7, featuring intense competition despite fewer participants due to accidents earlier in the season.

Saturday began with dry weather and the high-goal match, where Ursi Bettio and Ann-Kathrin Brändle made their debut. The local team, Los Lobos, dominated Polo Club Zug, highlighted by strong plays from Ann-Kathrin. In the Challenge League, HATO St. Moritz, led by the Strub sisters, took an early lead over Janique Spillmann's team.

Rain fell on Saturday afternoon and continued into Sunday, but the field was ready by morning. In the Challenge League final, Aegerter Wines — featuring two novice players — fought hard but lost to the well-organized HATO St. Moritz.

The Super League final between Los Lobos and Polo Club Zug was thrilling. After an early goal by Sammy-Joe Strub, Los Lobos secured victory with key performances from Katja Grauwiler and Ann-Kathrin Brändle. The Best Playing Pony award went to Aline Haerry's mare, Cheta.

The trophy returned to the local team after three years, concluding the anniversary celebration of women's polo with a long afternoon of festivities among players and friends.



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GOLD CUP

11 - 14 JULY 2024

LATE PENALTY SEALS EQUILIBRIUM'S GRIPPING TITLE WIN.

After a weekend defined by dramatic momentum swings. Los Lobos' unexpected slump, Zug's resurgence, and Gräff and Friends' razor-thin advantage. Equilibrium sealed the trophy in the final seconds with a decisive spot hit.

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WINNER OF
GOLD CUP

Equilibrium
Daniel S. Aegerter
Manuel Maria Bereterbide
Thomas Aegerter
Francisco Fucci



On Thursday, Los Lobos won their game against Polo Club Zug, while Equilibrium maintained strong pressure on Gräff and Friends, ultimately leading to a victory.

On Saturday, Gräff and Friends secured their first weekend victory by winning against Los Lobos with a one-goal lead. Equilibrium also progressed towards the

podium by outplaying the team of Polo Club Zug.

Sunday brought unexpected outcomes. Los Lobos missed up to 10 goals by a few centimeters, possibly due to overconfidence after their initial victory. Zug gained momentum and scored multiple goals, ultimately securing a victory.

The final game was a close battle with both leading teams trading points. Gräff and Friends had a slight lead of half a goal entering the second half of the last chukka. Equilibrium tried to make a comeback but secured the victory in the last seconds with a penalty in front of the goal, leading to Daniel Aegerter's team emerging as the winners.

PANAMA HAT

THE QUIET ORIGIN OF A VISIBLE ICON

Some pieces need no introduction, yet they always deserve a second look. The Panama Hat is one of them: present in the most exclusive settings — from polo fields to Mediterranean summers — and still wrapped in a story few truly know.

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Recognized by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, the Panama Hat is far more than an accessory; it is a legacy. In

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ECUADORIAN was born from Wendy Rodríguez's desire to reconnect with her Ecuadorian roots and celebrate this ancestral art, bringing the country's heritage directly to Switzerland and Europe's most discerning clientele. Working closely with artisans across Ecuador, she ensures authenticity and excellence in every piece, preserving a craft that depends on time, precision, and human touch.

Each creation reflects the mastery of local artisans, involving more than fifteen

meticulous steps and, in the finest models, up to a year of work. This same craftsmanship has naturally found its place within the collections of Loro Piana, Brunello Cucinelli, and Hermès — houses whose vision of luxury begins with the exceptional.

Present in destinations such as Zurich, St. Moritz, and Portofino, ECUADORIAN belongs naturally to environments where luxury is expressed with restraint.

The Panama Hat does not seek attention; it is instantly recognized. In every ECUADORIAN creation, that recognition becomes a tangible bridge between heritage, craftsmanship, and contemporary European style. •

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24 JULY 2024

LA IRENITA

POLO PARK ZÜRICH FRIENDSHIP CUP

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On July 24, we hosted a remarkable and joyful high-goal exhibition match. Celebrating the long-standing friendship between La Irenita and PPZ, six international players, taking a break from their busy seasons in England and France, returned to the club to reunite with their friend Min Podesta.

The match was played in a relaxed spirit of friendship rather than competition, bringing top-level polo and a special atmosphere to the club. Members and guests enjoyed

the rare opportunity to watch world-class players up close. After the game, players and spectators gathered for a convivial get-together, sharing stories and celebrating their shared passion for polo.

The day also included an emotional reunion between Min Podesta and his lifelong friend Basti Fernandez, a beloved figure at the club who has shown remarkable strength since a life-changing accident in 2017. Those wishing to support him can do so through Basti's Foundation. •



BASTI FUND

Read about Basti's story.

LA IRENITA / POLO PARK ZÜRICH FRIENDSHIP CUP

La Irenita Polo : 23 goals

Stefan Roth / Morgan Van Overbroek
Juan Jaureche
Lucas Monteverde
Facundo Fernandez Llorente

Polo Park Zürich : 21 goals

Armand Le Page
David Kalberer / Sébastien Le Page
Juan Cruz Gallegos
Jacinto Crotto
Martin Podesta jr.

15-18 AUGUST 2024

PPZ CUP

Already crowned in Gstaad in 2023, the trio of pros stayed cohesive and claimed top spot once again, this time alongside the Aegerter father-and-son duo.

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DER ROTE DRACHE FOTOGRAFIE,
LARA NAVARRO CELI



Image: Lara Navarro Kelly



WINNER OF PPZ CUP

Equilibrium
Daniel Aegerter
Raúl Laplacette
Francisco Fucci
Facundo Kelly



Thanks to Juergen Schröder, the club hosted 14-goal polo this season. As a warm-up to Gstaad's Gold Cup, three strong teams competed at a high level, once again highlighting polo's family spirit, with the Laplacette cousins facing each other and the Fernandez Llorente brothers playing side by side.

Equilibrium opened with a narrow win over Rhein Polo Academy, then held off Zug

despite a strong comeback attempt led by Janik Oertli. On Saturday, Rhein Polo Academy, powered by Pedro and Manolo Fernandez Llorente, secured their place in the final.

Rain delayed Sunday's final to Monday, but a committed crowd gathered for a thrilling match. In a fast, high-quality game, Equilibrium edged Rhein Polo Academy 7–6 to take the title.

29 AUGUST - 01 SEPTEMBER 2024

VECINOS CUP

One of the most popular polo rendez-vous of the second half of the season, this tournament brings together two levels of play in a unique and lively atmosphere. It is also one of the final opportunities of the season to enjoy a full tournament weekend alongside our pros before they leave the club for the off-season.

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The medium goal competition already began on Thursday with a tightly contested game between Polo You and Naoo, marking Mark Hänni's return to polo. Naoo emerged victorious in the end. In the second game, Equilibrium fell behind Los Lobos initially but managed to rally and secure a win against the team led by Sébastien Le Page.

On Saturday, the low-goal tournament began with two teams competing against each other. PPZ White took an early 1-0 lead against M&E. The game will resume on the second day.

In the medium goal category, teams are competing for a spot in the final, and the rivalry is intense. Los Lobos emerged victorious over Naoo in the first game. Meanwhile, Equilibrium and Polo You engaged in a hard-fought match, with Janik Oertli

and Pedro Fernandez Llorente demonstrating excellent teamwork and winning at the last minute against Equilibrium.

There was a turnaround in the situation in the low-goal game, as M&E, who were trailing by a goal yesterday, managed to shift the odds and make their way back to victory.

Naoo had a good night's rest and performed wonderfully. However, Equilibrium once again prevailed and won shortly before the end of the last chukka.

The final started wonderfully for Polo You, as they scored 5 goals in the first chukka, taking a comfortable lead. However, the situation changed when Pedro Fernandez Llorente missed a penalty in the second chukka, and slowly the victory turned in favor of Los Lobos, who, after a historic comeback, won 9 to 6. ●

WINNER OF VECINOS CUP

MEDIUM

Los Lobos

Morgan Van Overbroek /
Sébastien Le Page
Martin Luginbühl
Facundo Kelly
Armand Le Page

LOW GOAL

M&E

Massimiliano Gnesi
Remi Dudler /
Beata Dudler
Sue-Ann Strub /
Antonia Sturzeis
Alex Roudneva



21 - 22 SEPTEMBER 2024

PATRONS CUP

The last polo weekend of the season is pure celebration - gratitude, joy, and a little emotion for everyone who played, cheered, or made it all happen!

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The Patrons Cup, one of the most popular events of the season, is reserved for amateur players with a maximum handicap of one goal per player. This year, six teams competed for the title.

Saturday featured round-robin matches, creating a demanding format in which

each player was limited to two chukkers per game. Several teams delivered strong performances, setting the stage for the final day.

On Sunday, members gathered early for the last tournament day of the season. In the final match, Naoos initially took the lead,

WINNER OF PATRONS CUP

Los Lobos
Massimiliano Gnesi
Morgan Van Overbroek
Stefan Roth
Michelle Heinzelmänn /
Anna Scherr

but Los Lobos fought back to level the score before the final chukker. Maintaining constant pressure, Los Lobos ultimately secured the winning goal to claim the Patrons Cup.

The day concluded with members enjoying a relaxed afternoon at the club, bringing another successful polo season to a close. •

SPREADING THE LOVE



More than just a polo club and more than a polo hub in the heart of Europe, our club is home to one of the largest polo schools in the region, with over 50 active students.

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Many people discover a passion for polo, although only a few continue beyond their first months of exploring the sport. Thanks to our flexible structure, we can accommodate every level of interest and commitment, from complete beginners to aspiring competitive players.

For those ready to progress, polo ponies are regularly available for sale through the club. In addition, Manuel Carranza, our Polo Manager, offers selected polo school horses for

rental, allowing students to participate in beginner and intermediate chukkas before taking the exciting step of owning a polo pony of their own.

We also host two Discovery Days each season, designed to introduce newcomers to the sport. Whether they are accomplished equestrians or individuals who have never imagined sitting on a polo pony, these events provide a unique opportunity to experience polo firsthand and, quite often, catch the polo bug. •

SEEN ON THE LAWN

Polo people and unforgettable moments. A picture review of the last two years at Polo Park Zürich and comments from close polo friends. Polo people and unforgettable moments. A picture review of the last two years at Polo Park Zürich and comments from close polo friends. Polo people and unforgettable moments. A picture review of the last two years at Polo Park Zürich and comments from close polo friends.

There's nothing we enjoy more than welcoming new faces to the club. Except perhaps seeing those faces return, bringing friends and becoming part of the family.

We've chosen to keep our events intimate and personal. We prefer meaningful conversations over large crowds, and the chance to meet, greet, and share memorable moments with every guest.

Whether you joined us for a public event or a private celebration, thank you for being part of the experience. We look forward to seeing you again, perhaps with a few friends in tow!

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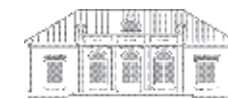






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STANDING ROCK

Guided by the values of Native American tribes, Standing Rock is gaining increasing recognition for bringing a refreshingly positive buzz and energy to polo around the world.

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Left: Invited to play in Brunei by HRH Princess Azemah Ni'matul Bolkiah and HRH Prince Bahar ibni Jefri Bolkiah. Right: Philipp at the Standing Rock Challenge Cup in Manila Polo Club Philippines.

Founder and patron of Standing Rock Polo Team, Philipp Müller, is the driving force behind the organisation, and he is not afraid of doing things differently and thinking out of the box.

From advocating the highest standards of horse welfare and care on and off the field and celebrating sportsmanship by introducing the Standing Rock Fair Play Award internationally, to championing charity with the launch of the philanthropic Standing Rock Foundation and embarking on a World Tour to share the team's value-focused initiatives worldwide, everything Standing Rock does is guided by the Native American's Seven Lakota Values - enduring principles of generosity, respect, kinship, compassion, fortitude, wisdom and spirituality.

The team is named after the Standing Rock Reservation, home of the Sioux Tribe

straddling the border between North and South Dakota, and is where legendary leader Sitting Bull - a symbol of dignity and resistance - was shot. The bold orange feather logo also represents the team's proud respect for indigenous culture.

But where does Standing Rock's affinity with the Native Americans begin and how is it influencing the polo world for the better?

Captivated by the story, bravery and then fate of the Native Americans from a young age, Philipp's fascination started when his godfather - a famous Swiss writer - gave him a book about Buffalo Bill. Having been interested in the Wild West since childhood, Philipp visited Native American Reservations in South Dakota at the end of 2024 to see how indigenous communities live today and to learn more about their history and values.

Seeing the contrast between the historical suffering and enduring spirit of these communities first-hand highlighted a need for action and solidarity. Therefore Philipp decided to collate all his existing charitable activities into one entity, creating the philanthropic Standing Rock Foundation, inspired by the beliefs of Native American communities, to support carefully-selected initiatives that reflect Standing Rock's core values and mission.

With Philipp's unparalleled ability to entertain and bring the polo world together in aid of a good cause, the launch for the Standing Rock Foundation at the prestigious Guards Polo Club became THE event of summer 2025, uniting the sport of polo with Native American heritage and values. Showcasing a mesmerising performance of indigenous music, singing and dancing and a menu inspired by Native American culinary heritage, the event was nothing quite



1 Team Standing Rock after winning the Abraham Aparicio 12-Goal Cup in Bogota Colombia 2 Philipp playing in St. Moritz 3 Philipp with a Native American Performer at Flemish Farm.



like the club, or the polo community, had ever seen before.

Keen to be a role model and promote a positive message with his team wherever they go, along with being guided by the graciousness of Native American values, Philipp has always thought polo should be a sport for gentlemen. While watching a game at Guards Polo Club one day, he recalls seeing a player drop his mallet, and an opposing player picked it up. Believing this is how sport should be played, he started thinking about the idea of a Fair Play Award in polo to reward good conduct and sportsmanship and give an incentive for teams to follow a criteria for the award, demonstrating the highest standards of respect toward umpires, horse welfare and discipline on and off the field. Umpires fill in a report after each game scoring the teams based on the key criteria, and the team with the highest score on average wins.

The beautiful bronze trophy crafted by renowned artist, Emma McDermott, is now recognised as a symbol of Fair Play, and the introduction of the Victor Ludorum Fair Play Award by the HPA in the UK was followed by Fair Play awards being presented at the Open de France in Chantilly, the New Zealand Open in Auckland, and the New South Wales Polo Association's high goal series in Australia.

Umpires have acknowledged that it is refreshing for them to be able to reward good conduct and sportsmanship, rather than penalising poor behaviour, and the overall reaction from players and clubs has been that fair play and sportsmanship make polo much more enjoyable and fun for everyone, including spectators.

While Standing Rock Polo Team can't win its own Fair Play Award, the team is determined to raise the bar of fair play and

comradery in their own games - whether that is in competitive tournaments or in friendly matches. So far in 2026, Philipp has already played polo in almost 10 countries across Europe, Asia and South America as part of the Standing Rock World Tour, including winning the Snow Polo World Cups in Kitzbühel, Austria, and St. Moritz, Switzerland, along with the Abraham Aparicio 12-Goal Cup in Bogotá, Colombia. Philipp's son, Pierandrea, also claimed the Millford New Zealand Open title earlier this year, adding another victory to an impressive winning streak for Standing Rock.

With the UK summer season about to kick-off, the months ahead look exciting for Standing Rock. However, win or lose, it's the love of the sport and the desire to stay true to its values and make a positive impact in polo that is the team's motivating force.

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The final was tight until the closing minutes, when Equilibrium secured victory with a decisive play. The weekend concluded with prize-giving, a relaxed Mediterranean buffet, and beginner chukkas, giving newer players valuable match experience. ●

Equilibrium
Alexander Heal
Tommy Aegerter
Daniel Aegerter
Manuel Gonzalez



ZÜRICH LOW GOAL

24 - 25 MAY 2025

When the tournament calendar is announced, the focus shifts to choosing which titles to chase and which events to use as high-level preparation. With each passing week, those strategies become clearer.

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After last week set the tone, competition stayed fierce, especially with a festive twist as we celebrated 25 de Mayo on Sunday. With two leagues and 26 players, the week-end delivered nonstop polo.

In the Challenge League, PPZ Violet delivered a strong performance on Saturday and secured a closer win over White on Sunday. Despite the competition, all players came together afterwards in great spirit, as always, ready for the next victory.

In the Super League, Saturday's close matches led to an exciting Sunday. Despite

a light morning shower, Field No. 1 was in excellent condition. NAOO took a well-earned win over Alpine Grace, while Gräff & Friends triumphed over Equilibrium in a repeat of last weekend's final.

Following the matches, guests enjoyed divot stomping, prize-giving, and a lively asado. Highlights included Gabriela's empanadas, 180 chorizos grilled by Pototo, and desserts by Angie Patissiere.

Congratulations to Sylvia Walter and Sammy-Joe Strub for winning the Argentina-themed quiz!

WINNER OF ZÜRICH LOW GOAL

CHALLENGE LEAGUE

PPZ White

Anna Scherr / Claudia Ide
Beata Dudler / Max Gnesi
Alexander Heal
Sophia Schick

SUPER LEAGUE

Gräff & Friends

Adrian Fuchs
Richard Harris
Markus Gräff
Thommy Gräff

ZÜRICH MEDIUM GOAL

12 - 15 JUNE 2025

The Medium Goal season kicks off with great excitement as we welcome a team from Geneva Polo Club, where both players and ponies stand ready to display their strength, skill, and athleticism on the field.

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WINNER OF ZÜRICH MEDIUM GOAL

Polo You

Mark Hänni
Stefan Roth
Manuel Gonzalez
Francisco Fucci



Five teams kicked off the first medium-goal tournament of the season, including guests from Geneva and Zug. After three days of closely contested matches, the final day brought dramatic weather, with morning rain clearing just in time for play.

Following the round-robin stage led by Alpine Grace, the final saw Polo You face Polo Club Zug, the latter entering as favorites with three professionals.

For the final, Fran Fucci, pulled an impressive game, Manu Gonzalez being is armed hand, while he received full support of his two amateurs team mates. The team of Norman Watson, played with open heart, giving it all, but everytime they had a second of inattention, Polo You was present to inflict them a goal or a penalty. Trophies and prizes were presented after the match, followed by a relaxed gathering.

SWISS MEDIUM GOAL

19 - 22
JUNE
2025

Swiss Medium goal at Polo Park Zürich - always a party, always a pleasure and this year with an unexpected twist! The competition had started on the Thursday with the teams sorting themselves into slots for the finals day 22nd June. Sunday was set to be another hot day in this exceptional summer.

BY JAN-MARIE KIESEL PHOTOGRAPHY LUCA MORTARI,
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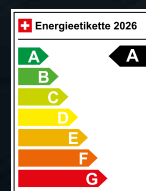
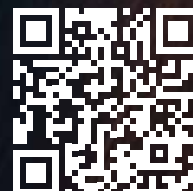
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The game for third place started at 11am and spectators were able to check out quality cigars from Zigarren Kurier and grab a panama sun hat from Ecuadorian.ch as they entered the hospitality tent. Black Forest Polo displayed their sporting accessories alongside their unique gin, while Mövenpick Wines, with a choice of over 3000 wines from around the world, was also a major sponsor. Almost a family reunion as we all get together while the staff of Tapas de Maria set up the paella-cooking facilities and pre-lunch finger food.

Out on the field Alpine Grace had a fast game against Gräff and Friends with Alpine Grace coming in at third place.

The two teams set for the finals were being called by the umpires, Martin Fewster and Ed Judge, to come to field center for the throw-in.

Equilibrium vs Polo Club Zug

Daniel Aegerter with his team, Equilibrium, had a master plan. They were the defending champions and had a lot going for them, experience, expertise and pony power.

Thomas Aegerter and his father had teamed up with Manuel Gonzalez, an athletic young player, and, as in previous years, with that magic man Francisco Fucci, engine room for the team. Their opponent - Polo Club Zug, also a 6 goal team and also superbly mounted. Norman Watson put his young 2-goalers, Janik Oertli and Fermin Bilbao, at mid-field and Patricio Gaynor with his intense focus and cunning defence ability at position 4.

Excitement crackling!! Two well-balanced teams one game away from a major trophy. For the first two chukkers all went well and as expected for Equilibrium. Francisco Fucci imposed himself on the game and established a predictable half-time score of 3 - 1. But what happened after half-time? Was it a pep-talk at the pony lines, a change of game plan? Whatever it was Team Zug came out of the break with an "all for one, one for all" attitude. Janik Oertli scored on Tormenta who's pace was phenomenal and slowly the game started to tilt in Team Zug's favor. Both teams within a goal of each other keeping the excitement levels fizzing. With Team Zug ahead, Daniel Aegerter broke away for a dash to goal. But the final whistle blew and Polo Club Zug was the unexpected winner of this year's Swiss Medium Goal.

WINNER OF SWISS MEDIUM GOAL

Polo Club Zug
Norman Watson
Janik Oertli
Fermin Bilbao
Patricio Gaynor

BPP's: Cheta played by Fermin Bilbao & Simon played and owned by Daniel Aegerter.
MVP: Janik Oertli

Prize-giving was a relaxed affair with Swiss Polo Association's President, Morgan Van Overbroek giving a thank you speech and handing over the prizes. Horsepower is a big factor in polo and the umpires were so impressed by the quality of the ponies in this game that they decided to give Best Playing Pony to two of them.

There was still some paella left at the hospitality tent and so players, family and friends all settled down to a second sitting, toasting Polo Park Zürich for an enjoyable, well-run tournament.

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ZÜRICH INTERNATIONAL LADIES CUP

5-6 JULY 2025



**WINNER OF
ZÜRICH INTERNATIONAL
LADIES CUP**

SUPER LEAGUE

Alpine Grace
Shiva-Cosma Strub
Sue-Ann Strub
Sammy-Joe Strub
Anja Gutbrot

CHALLENGE LEAGUE

NAOO
Annette Fetscherin
Claudia Ide
Nathalie / Elina
Wolfensberger
Franziska Fuhrer / Janique
Spillmann



An unfulfilled dream finally came true as the Strub sisters claimed victory in the Medium Goal. Meanwhile, at the lower level, the tournament welcomed, for the first time ever, a mother and daughter competing side by side... and even going on to win it.

BY PPZ PHOTOGRAPHY KATHRIN GRALLA –
DER ROTE DRACHE FOTOGRAFIE

It may carry an international title, but this year's edition was more modest, featuring mainly local players. With no outside support, teams had to rely entirely on themselves. As Aline noted after the first game, she wished for professional guidance to elevate overall play.

The tournament gave many players a chance to step into full roles and feel the intensity of

competition. In the low goal, NAOO quickly dominated, yet the Aegerter Wines team kept their smiles, showcasing elegant sportsmanship. Elina Wolfensberger made her debut alongside her mother, highlighting polo's unique multi-generational spirit.

Polo Club Zug, led by Aline, combined home players with Marta Gabrin, while the local

team featured all three Strub sisters with Anja Gutbrot.

The medium goal final was tightly contested, decided by just half a goal. Alpine Grace, backed by Life Support Michèle, edged out Team Zug, marking the first time all three Strub sisters were engraved on the trophy. MVP went to Aline Haerry.

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10-13 JULY 2025
**GOLD
CUP**

The final medium-goal tournament of the series brought reshuffled teams and fresh dynamics, setting the stage for another exciting weekend.

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Polo Club Zug struggled to find form, while Gräff & Friends made an impressive comeback, advancing confidently to the final after a slow start to the season. JBC Software came painfully close in their opening matches, losing both by just half a goal, and were left to contest third place despite strong performances.

**WINNER OF
GOLD CUP**

Gräff & Friends
Markus Gräff
Richard Harris
Thommy Gräff
Segundo Copello

On Sunday, JBC Software secured a convincing win over Polo Club Zug. The final : Equilibrium vs. Gräff & Friends, saw the latter dominate, with a focused and powerful performance securing them a clear and well-deserved victory.



14-17 AUGUST 2025

PPZ CUP

This new polo rendezvous, designed to condition horses, build team cohesion, and minimize long transport ahead of Gstaad, is becoming more competitive with each passing year.

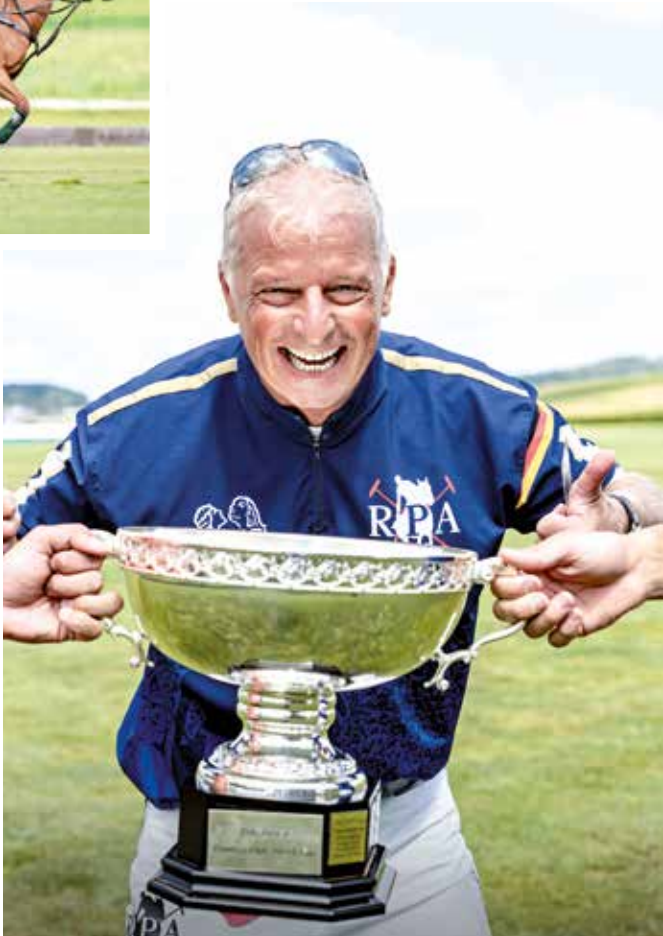
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**WINNER OF
PPZ CUP**

Rhein Polo Academy
Jürgen Schröder
Antón Grabosch
Adrian Laplacette
Juan Uribe



The warm-up tournament before Gstaad is establishing its reputation as a serious competitive event. With four very competitive teams, and a gigantic horses tent ready to welcome 48 equine athletes, from the first days of the week, we were ready to watch the highest tournament played on a full-size field. Saturday's matches were nail-bitingly close, leaving spectators buzzing with excitement for what Sunday morning might bring.

After a refreshing night rain, the field gleamed a vibrant green - perfect timing as the first

flames of the asado began to crackle. The opening match set the tone: despite a colossal effort from Team Zug, they ultimately had to bow to La Bien Mirada, who, despite a heartbreaking accident on Saturday, replaced Marcos Rooney with Pato Bolanterio, managed to keep their spirits high, their teamwork tight, and secure a well-deserved victory.

The final between Gräff & Friends and Rhein Polo Akademie delivered the full spectrum of surprises. A swirling,

high-paced match with spectacular shots from every corner kept the suspense alive until the very end. This time, it was the team led by Jürgen Schröder who triumphed, lifting the trophy to the sky with pure, unfiltered joy.

As the asado drew everyone in, players gathered around - some experiencing PPZ for the very first time - chatting with locals, forging new friendships, and expanding our polo family one warm conversation at a time.

VECINOS CUP

30 - 31 AUGUST 2025

In a vibrant end-of-summer atmosphere, new champions were crowned to the applause of an enthusiastic crowd, in the distinguished presence of His Excellency, the Argentine Ambassador to Switzerland.

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DER ROTE DRACHE FOTOGRAFIE

WINNER OF VECINOS CUP

Equipazo
Stefan Roth
Adrian Fuchs
Sammy-Joe Strub
Nicola Doersam



One of the season's standout events unfolded under a warm late-summer sun. Saturday's matches set the tone, with Equilibrium taking a decisive lead over Alpine Grace, while JBC Software secured its place in the final by - quite fittingly - half a goal.

On Sunday morning, teams and guests returned to a relaxed yet anticipatory

atmosphere. As catering teams prepared, guests enjoyed an oyster bar by Huîtres Amélie alongside a champagne kiosk and selected partner stands, while Chopard added a touch of understated elegance to the vibrant scene.

On the field, Nao defeated Hausammann with consistent play. The final between

Alpine Grace and Equipazo was tightly contested, ending with a decisive goal from Sammy-Joe to secure Equipazo's win.

Lunch and prizegiving brought everyone together, and the day concluded with Argentine and Latin music by Germán Acosta, sparking spontaneous singing and dancing.

WINNER OF SEPTEMBER REVENGE

JBC Software
Mark Hänni
Ann-Kathrin Brändle
Nicola Doersam
Manuel Carranza



6 - 7 SEPTEMBER 2025

SEPTEMBER REVENGE



September, our final month of polo, is a time when every ray of sunshine counts. With four teams lining up and professionals not permitted to score, it is once again the amateur players, across all levels, who take centre stage, showcasing their skills and how much they have progressed throughout the season.

BY PPZ PHOTOGRAPHY LUCA MORTARI

On Saturday, Equilibrium took a decisive lead over Alpine Grace, while JBC Software snatched its spot in the final by - quite fittingly - half a goal.

As our events team fired up the asado and laid out Argentine aperitifs, salads, and empanadas, players prepared for action. A gentle, almost tender atmosphere reigned in the stables. Once again, players above 0 goals were not allowed to score, easing the pressure on the professionals' shoulders

and giving the amateurs plenty of chances to shine.

In the first match, Alpine Grace kept constant pressure on Hausammann - cutting their attacks short, recovering the ball swiftly, and naturally securing the win.

The final between Equilibrium and JBC Software was nothing short of brilliant. As so often this season, the teams were perfectly balanced, delivering a nail-biting game.

In the very last seconds, Ann-Kathrin Brändle's team claimed victory thanks to that famous half-goal that seemed to follow her all season. The timing could not have been better, and players and grooms erupted in contagious joy.

Aperitif was served directly on the field as players and guests stomped the divots, ensuring the ground would recover nicely before the grand final rendez-vous of the season in two weekends.

20-21 SEPTEMBER 2025

PATRONS CUP



WINNER OF
PATRONS CUP

Equilibrium
Tommy Aegerter
Anja Gutbrod
Sophia Schick
Nicola Doersam /
Laure Morel

Welcome to the last polo event of the season - beautifully paired with our farewell party. Loup Culinaire worked its magic behind the buffet, preparing a generous feast fit for hungry players, members, and staff alike. Today was about more than competition: it was about savouring time together and celebrating an unforgettable polo season with gratitude.

BY PPZ PHOTOGRAPHY KATHRIN GRALLA – DER ROTE DRACHE FOTOGRAFIE

Three mixed teams competed over the weekend, each featuring one male player and a strong squad of ladies. The atmosphere was joyful, and we witnessed a historic first: team Naoö lining up with not one, not two, but three Wolfensbergers wearing the same colours. A true family milestone. The round-robin format, as always, demanded sharp

focus - just two chukkas to give your best, then adjust tactics again for the next match. After tallying all points, Equilibrium claimed the final victory of the season, finishing exactly as they began: proudly at the top of the podium. We then gathered for our beloved end-of-season photo, handed out special prizes, and

offered small gifts to all the staff who made this season possible. Ann-Kathrin Brändle earned the award for most chukkas played - an outstanding achievement for one of our newest members, joining us from Bern. A perfect ending to a season filled with passion, teamwork, and unforgettable moments. ●

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To everyone whose dedication, on and off the field, makes our events elegant, our operations seamless, and our club truly special, thank you. PPZ is what it is because of each and every one of you.

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VOLKER MÜLLER,
KATHRIN GRALLA –
DER ROTE DRACHE FOTOGRAFIE

Their contribution goes far beyond the stables and the fields. Through hard work, unforgettable asados, endless games of truco, laughter, and camaraderie, they bring warmth and life to PPZ and make it feel like home.

So much of what makes this club extraordinary happens quietly behind the scenes, yet every employee is at the heart of what we achieve together. Thank you for your trust, your professionalism, and for choosing PPZ as your place of work.

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MAY

SEASON OPENING DAY

1 May

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DISCOVERY DAY

Ever wondered what all the fuss is about?

Our Discovery Day is open to riders and non-riders alike. Spend half a day learning the basics of polo: the rules, the horses, the equipment, and the tactics behind the fastest team sport on horseback.

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MAY CHALLENGE

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ZÜRICH LOW GOAL POLO CHAMPIONSHIP (-2/+2)

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JUNE

ZÜRICH MEDIUM GOAL POLO CHAMPIONSHIP (+3 TO +6)

SWISS MEDIUM GOAL POLO CHAMPIONSHIP (+4 TO +6)

Two prestigious tournaments showcasing some of the finest medium-goal polo in Switzerland. Depending on the number of teams entered, both competitions are played over four days.

The Swiss Medium Goal Championship is reserved for teams featuring at least **two Swiss players** or players registered with a **Swiss polo club**.

Expect faster polo, tighter games, and a few last-minute goals that will keep everyone on the edge of their seats.

JULY

ZÜRICH INTERNATIONAL LADIES POLO CUP

Traditionally held on the first weekend of July. One of the highlights of the season, bringing together talented players from Switzerland and abroad for a weekend of skill, competition, and great sporting spirit. With two handicap levels, there is plenty of action and opportunities for everyone to shine.

GOLD CUP (+3 TO +6)

Held the weekend following the Ladies Cup. A firm favourite on the PPZ calendar, combining competitive polo, summer atmosphere, and some of the season's most enjoyable matches.

AUGUST

POLO PARK & COUNTRY CLUB ZÜRICH CUP (+12 TO +14)

A serious tournament, but never too serious. Traditionally scheduled the weekend before the Gstaad Hublot Gold Cup, this event serves as the perfect warm-up for teams heading to Gstaad, while offering spectators a chance to watch high-goal polo in a relaxed and friendly setting.

DISCOVERY DAY - ROUND TWO

Missed the first one? Here's your second chance to discover polo. Bring your friends, your family, your colleagues, or anyone who thinks riding a horse while hitting a ball sounds impossible. The more participants, the more stories there will be to tell afterwards.

VECINOS CUP LOW GOAL (-2 TO +2) & MEDIUM GOAL (+3 TO +6)

The final medium-goal tournament of the season and one last opportunity to lift a trophy before autumn begins to creep in. Traditionally held on the last weekend of August.

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER REVENGE

Didn't win the May Challenge?
Still replaying that missed goal in your head?

September Revenge offers exactly what its name suggests: a second chance. A tournament for those who refuse to accept defeat and are ready to prove that pressure creates diamonds. Or at least better polo players.

PATRON'S CUP

The final polo rendez-vous of the season. Reserved exclusively for amateur players, the Patron's Cup celebrates everything that makes club polo special: friendship, sportsmanship, competition, and the pure pleasure of being on the field.

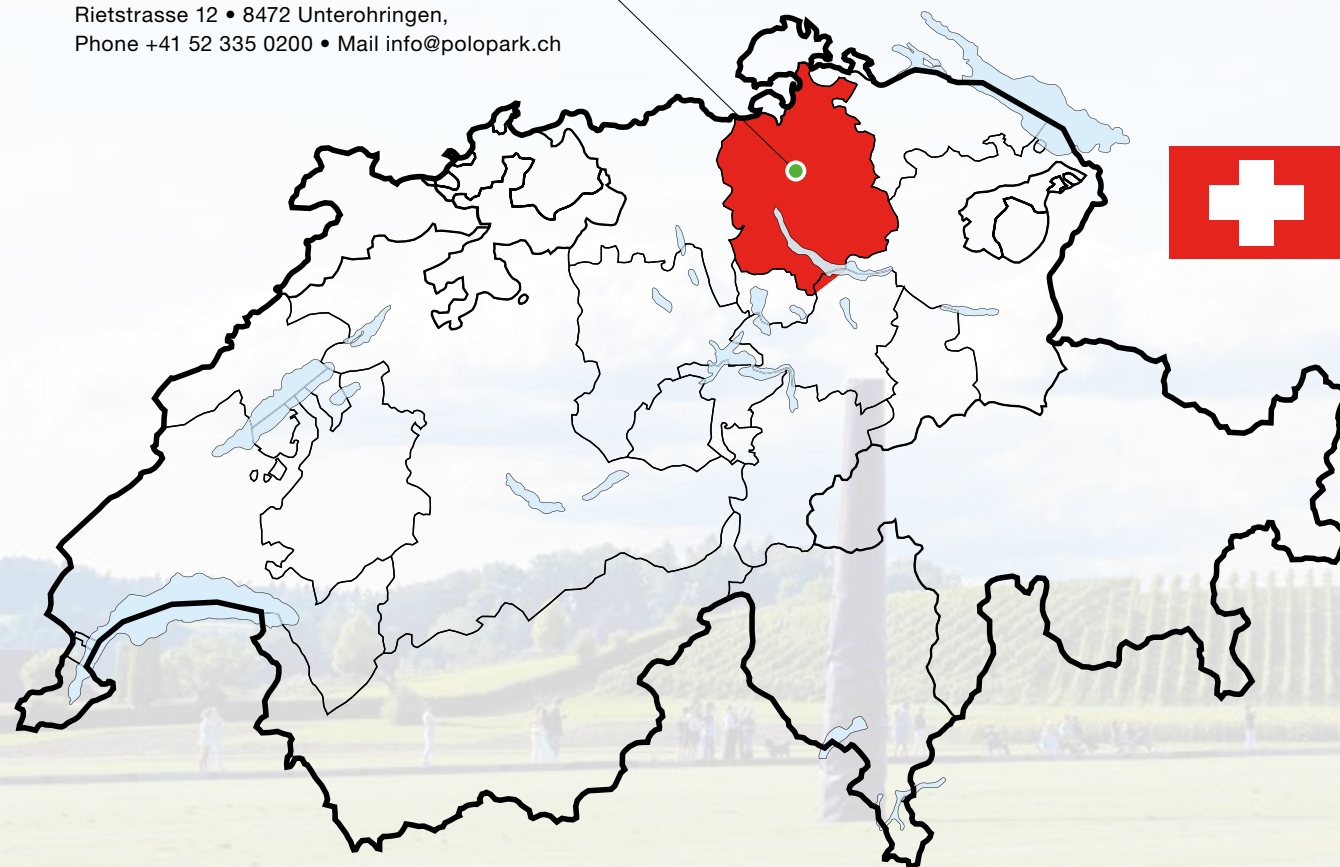
The season concludes with our traditional End-of-Season Party, where stories become legends and plans for next year somehow begin before the current season has even ended. See you on the field.



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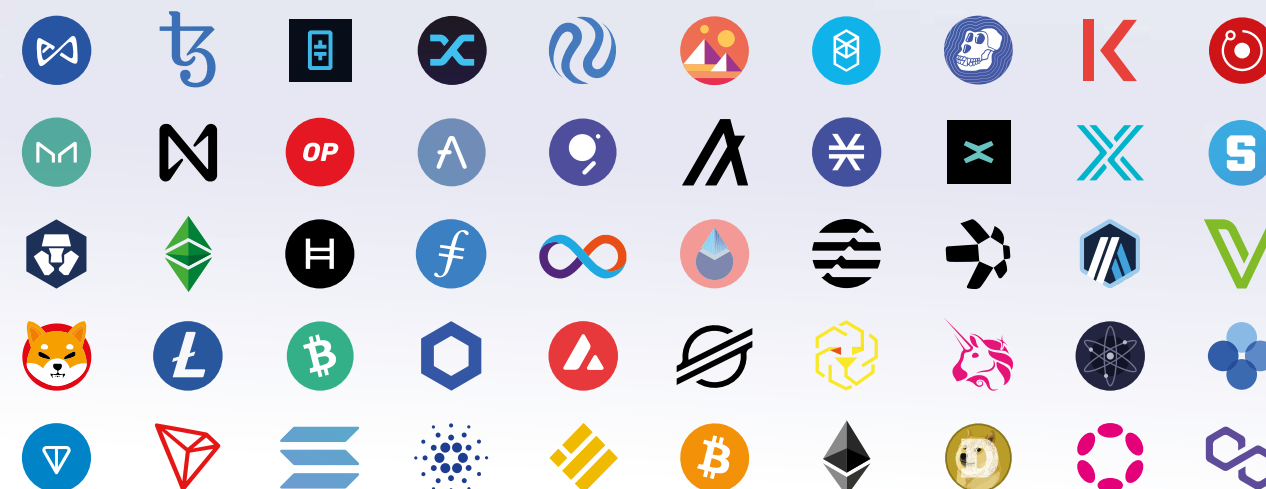
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