



## FIP PARTNER



## Federation of International Polo

## President's Message

Dear friends,

FIP has started this year 2012 with a different challenge! The organization of the 1st Snow Polo Invitational World Cup in Tianjin, China, where teams from 11 countries and one from a S.A.R (Hong Kong) took part.

The spirit of camaraderie and friendship shown by the participants who came from all over the world, has once again demonstrated the traditions that our Federation supports and promotes. Our appreciation and thankfulness to all who made possible for the tournament to end up being a great success.

We are now working on the organization of the next "FIP European Championship" to be held in September in Hannover, Germany with 10 teams. Another project involves a 24 goal tournament for 4 teams to be played again in Tianjin.



Eduardo Huergo, FIP President

In December, FIP celebrates its 30th anniversary and the General Assembly will elect a new President.

Make your travel arrangements!

Hope you enjoy the reading.



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## Council of Administration Meeting , USA 2012

Eduardo Huergo, President of FIP presented the two candidates who are who have accepted to run for FIP presidency; Mr. Richard Caleel and Mr. Nicholas Colquhoun-Denvers.

The Council agreed that the president's term should be shortened from 4 to 2 years renewable by election for another 2 years. This requires amendment to the By Laws.



NICHOLAS COLQUHOUN-DENVERS



RICHARD CALEEL

Other resolutions supported by the council:

- 1.- Team belonging to A or B countries competing in World Cup cannot have players graded under 2 goals, unless a special permission is issued by FIP .
- 2.-The selection of a Managing Director or CEO for FIP is a top priority.
- 3.- The tournament to be held at the Metropolitan Polo Club in Tianjin next October, will be for teams with a handicap of 24 goals.

## Ambassadors appointed by the President

COL TARUN SIROHI has played in over 13 countries and was the Captain of the Indian team during the World Cup 2011 in Malaysia and Argentina. Along with the Indian Polo Association (IPA), he worked on the organization of the Ambassadors Cup played in Delhi, India last march 2012.



PETER ABISHEGANADEN is the Executive Secretary of Royal Malaysian Polo Association. He was the tournament coordinator of the FIP Polo World Cup Asian-Australasian-African Championships in June 2011, and has run the RMPA Polo Leagues since its inception in 2005. Peter has also competed in World Cup show jumping and is an FEI International Course designer.



This appointment will be confirmed by the next FIP General Assembly in December 2012. Their term will run until December 2015. FIP develops programs and appoints Ambassadors to work on behalf of FIP and the official national association of each country.

The FIP Ambassadors work closely as the liaison between FIP and the individual country.

The position of Ambassador is to represent FIP, its goals and objectives to both his own country, and to work in behalf of FIP in other countries where the Ambassador is asked to accomplish specific objectives.

In countries where we have plans for tournaments, meetings, or other activities, or desire to have those activities planned, it is the job of the Ambassador, to work with polo players, clubs and the

association of that country to arrange for the successful conclusion of these objectives.

Ambassadors are appointed by the President and confirmed by the General Assembly.

Congratulations and good luck !

*A horse doesn't care how much you know, until he knows how much you care. ~Pat Parelli*

## New incorporation to FIP staff

Dear Fellow FIP Members,

As the popularity and development of polo grows, we have reached a milestone where there is a need for more structure within our organization to ensure continuity and development. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Albert Tan has joined FIP as our new regional development officer based in Singapore and will be a central resource to support and work with all FIP members.

Albert comes with over 10 years of management experience in the health & fitness club industry and has also been extensively involved in community sports administration and

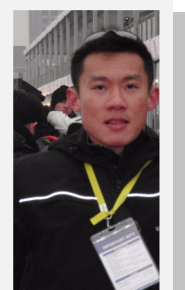
sports events organizing in Asia. He was also a member of the stewarding team at the recent FIP Snow Polo World Championship 2012 held in Tianjin.

We have noticed at various occasions the need for better Zone coordination especially in the area of competitions and development of polo in Zone D. Again at the recent Ambassador's Cup in New Delhi, several of us discussed the need to create a tournament series in Zone D. This is one of the initial tasks which Albert will start working on. I would be grateful if you could lend support to his effort as the world of polo is new to him.

As this is a new position within FIP, its responsibilities and role will evolve. Albert

will be in contact with you in the coming month with a questionnaire to obtain your feedback and suggestions so that we can start to pull together a development plan for discussion.

Yours sincerely  
**Asad Jumabhoy,**  
Zone D Coordinator.



## 76th AMBASSADORS CUP NEW DELHI, INDIA

The 76th FIP Ambassadors Cup was organized by the Indian Polo Association from 7 to 11 March 2012 at the historical Jaipur Polo Ground, New Delhi. Six teams participated in this tournament. The following FIP Ambassadors visited India to participate in this tournament :-

Mr Uwe Zimmermann	Germany
Mr Piero Dillier	Switzerland
Mr Karim Loza	Egypt
Mr Teodoro Calle	Ecuador
Mr Guillermo Steta	México
Mr Asad Jumabhoy	Singapore
Mr Peter Yunghanns	Australia

Jindal Steel & Power and Sahgal Stud/APRC entered into the finals.  
General V K Singh,

PVSM,AVSM,YSM,ADC, Chief of the Army Staff and President Indian Polo Association presided over the finals of the FIP Ambassadors Cup on 11 March 2012 and gave away the prizes to both the teams.

The tournament was successfully conducted wherein the Ambassadors were impressed with the organization, technical conduct, quality of grounds and the quality of horses.

A lot of social evenings had been organized for the visiting FIP Ambassadors and they returned their home with good memories.



**Calcutta Polo Club**





## 77th AMBASSADORS CUP MACAYA, USA

In the Finals of the 77th FIP Ambassadors Cup Hurlingham defeated Grand Champions 9-3

**Hurlingham:** Timmy Sharma, Roderick Vere Nicoll, Carlitos Gracida, Carlos Gracida

**Grand Champions:** Melissa Ganzi, Will Johnston, Vico Coutinho, Lucas Lalor

In consolation matches

Pony Express defeated Santa Clara/Herradura 8-4

Mashomack defeated Port Mayaca 3-2

**Pony Express:** Bob Daniels, Tayo Masias, Tomas Goti, Joe Meyer

**Santa Clara/Herradura:** Francisco Escobar, Sergio Cardoso, Julio Gracida, Charlie Armstrong

**PMPC:** Cesar Rangel (playing for Nick Barry), Manuel Ugarte, Steve Ortwein Jr, Bill Townsend (playing for Steve Orthwein Sr)

**Mashomack:** Bruce Colley, Mario Mendoza, JJ Celis, Peter Von Gontard

It was a beautiful day for polo, with a great turnout of spectators and FIP Ambassadors. Please see the attached roster



### Port Mayaca Polo Club

Polo On The Lake

<u>Santa Clara/Herradura</u>	<u>Port Mayaca</u>
Francisco Escobar	Diego Arellano/Tristan Phillmore
Sergio Cardoso	Manuel Ugarte
Julio Gracida	Carluchio Arellano/Steve Orthwein Jr
Charlie Armstrong	Steve Orthwein Sr
<u>Grand Champions</u>	<u>Hurlingham</u>
Melissa Ganzi/Nick Barry	Timmy Sharma
Vico Coutinho	Roderick Vere Nicoll
Will Johnston	Carlitos Gracida
Lucas Lalor	Carlos Gracida
<u>Mashomack</u>	<u>Pony Express</u>
Bruce Colley	Bob Daniels
Mario Mendoza	Tayo Masias
JJ Celis	Tomas Goti
Peter Von Gontard	Joe Meyer





## FIP SNOW POLO WORLD CUP INVITATIONAL



Tournament Inauguration Ceremony

**The FIP Snow Polo World Cup 2102 held at the Metropolitan Polo Club in Tianjin, China from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12 February 2012 was a huge success.**

**Twelve countries participated, with Hong Kong S.A.R. emerging the victors.**

A draw was held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011, to decide which countries went into the two zones, each zone with 2 groups of 3 teams. The draw emerged as follows:

In the first stage of qualifying, countries played within their zone, with countries in League A playing against countries in League B, and League C against League D.

The top four teams from each zone then proceeded to the quarterfinals.

Twelve teams is a large number to host. Metropolitan had 156 horses available for this tournament. FIP Horse Master Benjamin Araya arrived in late January and worked very closely with Metropolitan's trainers to produce twelve groups of horses as equally as they could get them. That there were generally few complaints about the horses is testament to Metropolitan staff for getting them ready and Benjamin's skill in grouping them.

Every country drew for a group of eleven ponies for the qualifying stages 3 chukka matches. That meant that the players had a pony each, with two spares per team. After the qualifiers we were able to replace the injured horses, and add another to each team, so that each player had three plus a spare to play the three chukka quarterfinals. Again, the new horses were allocated in an open draw.

After the quarterfinals we offered teams more horses, taking the best from the four defeated teams. The semi-finalists essentially had the best horses of the tournament for their last two matches, which were played over four chukkas.

Losing in penalties to Argentina proved to be very costly for USA as they went out on the who-beat-who rule that FIP uses in World Cup orders of merit. Zone D champions India never really got to grips with playing on the snow. They joined Brazil, Italy and USA in not making the quarter-final cut, going out after three games.

England was very strong, and really was one of the best teams in the tournament. That they lost only one match, their semi-final, to the eventual champions is testament of this. Chris Hyde was one of the strongest players on the snow in Tianjin.



The winning team accompanied by President Huergo and Mr. Pan Su Tong

Argentina lost Alejandro "Piki" Diaz Alberdi to kidney stones after the practice match and team manager Santiago Gaztambide had to play. With Pablo Jaureche at back, and Juan Casero playing off 1 goal, Argentina was still a force to be reckoned with.

South Africa played a brand of fast, open, exciting polo, instead of the arena style of most other teams. Perhaps the large size of the field at 150 yards x 75 yards made it possible to play this type of game. Jean Du Plessis was a real livewire but for me it was Tom De Bruin who consistently added the iron to South Africa's spine when they had to fight.

In the final they came up against a very determined Hong Kong, who had the full support of the large crowd that came for the final.

Hong Kong won the inaugural FIP Snow Polo World Cup with a superb 7-4 over South Africa in the final at the Metropolitan Polo Club in Tianjin, China. Led by Guillermo Terrera, the 7-goaler on a comeback trail from cancer, Hong Kong had a fairy-tale final. They were always in control, leading 2-0 after the first chukka and 6-2 going into half-time.

Terrera underlined his all-round skills, saving two 25 yard penalties that might have brought South Africa back into the game. Tom De Bruin tried to galvanise South Africa. He was their top scorer with four goals, but it was not to be for the Springboks.

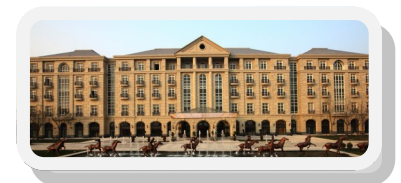
Terrera was awesome, winning the Most Valuable Player title well before the final. Martin Inchauspe has now added a Snow Polo World Cup to the outdoor version he won with Argentina in October 2011.

Best playing pony went to Negro, an Australian thoroughbred played by Terrera in the first chukka. He scored one goal off the pony and made another for Inchauspe.

England beat Argentina 8-7 in a fiercely fought match for third place. It was all tied with under a minute to go when Jamie Le Hardy scored the winner.

Congratulations to the Federation of International Polo and to Metropolitan Polo Club for producing a remarkable tournament.

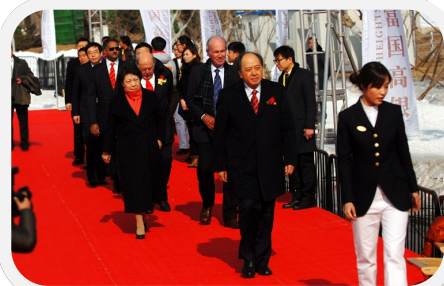
**By Peter Abisheganaden**



## FIP SNOW POLO WORLD CUP : Teams, Fixtures & Results

(Tianjin, China, February 12, 2012) - Hosted by the Equestrian Association of China and the Federation of International Polo (FIP), and sponsored by La Martina, Asia's first ever "Fortune Heights Snow Polo World Cup 2012" ("Snow Polo World Cup") successfully concluded after nine days of fierce competition. Twelve teams from around the world had been competing at the Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club ("Metropolitan Polo Club"). The Tournament has drawn a large number of prestigious guests including ambassadors, polo professionals and prominent elites.

There are altogether twelve teams taking part in this year's tournament and each team's handicap ranges from 14-16, making this international high-goal tournament one of the largest in the world. Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, France, England, Hong Kong, China, India, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa and the USA were all competing to become the first winners of the inaugural Snow Polo World Cup. All are members of the Federation of International Polo (FIP).



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### "Snow Polo World Cup 2012" – Hong Kong, China Victorious over South Africa

Expectations were running high in the crowd on the final day of the inaugural "Fortune Heights Snow Polo World Cup 2012", as the home team, Hong Kong, China, progressed to the finals to play

against South Africa.

After the rousing national anthems, the game was officially started by FIP President Mr. Eduardo Huergo, who threw the ball into the field. Hong Kong, China dominated the first chukka, with Guillermo Terrera and Martin Inchauspe both scoring. South Africa's Tom de Bruin opened the scoring for South Africa in the second chukka, but Hong Kong, China dominated possession, with Terrera scoring again. Martin Inchauspe scored again to extend Hong Kong's lead. Tom de Bruin scored a penalty towards the end of the chukka, but Guillermo Terrera scored a penalty also, to bring the home side up to 6:2 at half time. Having defended for most of the game thus far, South Africa started to threaten more in chukka 3, although Hong Kong, China's Guillermo Terrera performed a dramatic penalty save to secure Hong Kong's lead. South Africa found their stride in chukka 4, and put the home side under severe pressure, however Hong Kong, China maintained their lead, and finished the game 7:4.

The playoff for 3rd and 4th place was between England and Argentina. After the teams' national anthems were played, Mr. Gustavo Martino, Argentina's ambassador to China, was given the honor of starting the game by throwing the ball into play. It was a very close match, with both teams remaining within one point of each other, and England edging ahead 4:3 at halftime. The lead switched between the two teams throughout the rest of the game, but England managed to emerge victorious at the end, sealing an 8:7 win.

### "Snow Polo World Cup 2012" –

#### Final Results

1st Place: Hong Kong, China

2nd Place: South Africa

3rd Place: England

4th Place: Argentina

### "Snow Polo World Cup 2012" – Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony kicked off with a performance by the Buenos Aires Opera, who sang Brindisi. The crowd's excitement and

joy was pronounced as Hong Kong, China took first place followed by South Africa in second. England came in third, and Argentina followed in fourth place. The medals were presented to all four teams by Mr. He Lifeng, the Deputy Secretary of Tianjin Municipal Government and Secretary of Binhai New Area, and Mr. Eduardo Huergo, the President of the Federation of International Polo. Ms. Zhang Junfang, the Vice Mayor of Tianjin, presented souvenirs to players of today's four competing teams. Mr. Roland Buser, Managing Director of Chopard Hong Kong & Greater China, presented Chopard watches to today's players, and the Snow Polo World Cup 2012 trophy was proudly presented to Hong Kong, China by FIP President Mr. Eduardo Huergo and Mr. Pan Su tong, Chairman of the Goldin Group. Jets of colored smoke shot into the air as the champions trophy was presented, adding extra festivity and excitement to the presentation.

Mr. Asad Jumabhoy, Executive Committee Member of the FIP presented the Most Valuable Player award to Guillermo Terrera, of Hong Kong, China team, who was presented with a bottle of Veuve Cliquot Ponsardin Champagne. The award for Best Playing Pony went to Negro, who was ridden by Terrera in the first chukka today.

Information on "Snow Polo World Cup 2012"

[www.snowpoloworldcup.com](http://www.snowpoloworldcup.com)









Inauguration Ceremony

## FIP SNOW POLO WORLD CUP : Fixtures & Results



Thursday 2nd February, 2012 -

Hong Kong - China		4 : 2		India
South Africa		6 : 7		England
USA		4 : 5		Argentina

Friday 3rd February, 2012 -

Italy		4 : 4		Australia
Chile		5 : 3		New Zealand
Brazil		4 : 5		France


Saturday 4th February, 2012 -

Opening Ceremony




South Africa		3 : 3		Argentina
USA		9 : 4		India
Hong Kong - China		6 : 6		England

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Sunday 5th February, 2012 -

Chile		6 : 2		France
Brazil		7 : 8		Australia
Italy		4 : 4		New Zealand

Monday 6th February, 2012 -

USA		4 : 5		England
Hong Kong - China		7 : 6		Argentina
South Africa		9 : 2		India


Tuesday 7th February, 2012

Brazil		4 : 6		New Zealand
Italy		6 : 8		France
Chile		4 : 3		Australia



### QUARTER FINALS

England		6 : 4		New Zealand
France		4 : 5		Hong Kong
South Africa		5 : 3		Australia
Chile		4 : 6		Argentina



### SEMI FINALS

England		4 : 7		Hong Kong
South Africa		7 : 5		Argentina

### FINALS

HONG-KONG		7 : 4		SOUTH AFRICA
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### 3rd & 4th place

Argentina		7 : 8		England
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Team Hong-Kong



















## CHILDRENS TOURNAMENT & POLO CLINICS

### Invitation to International Pee wee and Junior Polo Tournament Guatemala 2012

The 2nd Pee wee and Junior International Polo Tournament was held by the Guatemalan Polo Association on March 27th to April 1st 2012 in Las Canchas Polo Club, located at the shore of Lake Amatitlan, just 30 minutes away from Guatemala City. The Tournament was organized with the collaboration of Las Canchas Polo Club and it's members.

With participants from Paraguay, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, USA, and the local kids from Guatemala, the Tournament was organized in two categories. The Pee wees from 10 to 13 years old, and the Juniors from 14 to 17 years old.

The main goal of the event was to promote friendship and camaraderie while enjoying the game of polo. Therefore, the registration for players was on an individual basis, and the teams were conformed once the kids got to Guatemala, mixing kids from different clubs and nationalities in every team. Also all the kids, locals and guests from abroad, were invited and organized to stay together in the lake house of one of our club players located next to Las Canchas Polo Club so that they could share also out of the polo field and have fun.



Players and their parents arrived on Tuesday 27th to La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City, where they were greeted and picked up by members of the Guatemalan Polo Association and Las Canchas Polo Club. On Tuesday evening, with all the partici-

pants in, there was a welcome cocktail at Hotel Vista Real, where the parents joining the kids stayed. After the cocktail, adults went for dinner and all the kids were transported to the lake house for the beginning of an unforgettable weekend.

28th the kids had breakfast at 7:00am and head on to the Polo Club, where a brief tour of the Club and facilities awaited them. Horses were distributed by the Association's Pro Gonzalo Novillo from Argentina and a stick-and-ball and practice chukkas were organized. After getting to know, observing and analyzing the players and horses, that evening Gonzalo announced the teams and handed the young players their team jerseys.



**Thursday 29th - Polo Tournament - Day 1**  
**Friday 30th - Polo Tournament - Day 2**  
**Saturday 31st - Polo Tournament - Day 3**  
**and Trophy ceremony**



The three days there were lunch and munchies, beverages and ice-creams on the club available for the players and visitors. Kids were able to play their game, play around, eat hot-dogs, burgers, crepes, fruit, frozen yogurt, tortillas and tacos, etc. and watch the other games in a fun day at the club, before heading back to the lake house where other activities such as kayaking, volley-ball, and other fun sports were organized for them.

On Friday the parents and adults that accompanied the kids from abroad were invited to Antigua Guatemala, a breathtaking colonial city located 40 minutes away from Guatemala City, and transported back to the club in time for the last game.

On Saturday, a dog exhibition was organized in the club, and a nice lunch and trophy ceremony was held with live music, to culminate the weekend with a great party.

Sunday 1st - Departure from Guatemala

**By Antonio Aycinena Abascal**  
 President

Asociación Nacional de Polo de Guatemala



# CHILDRENS TOURNAMENT

## Invitation to International Pewee and Junior Polo Tournament Guatemala 2012



### TEAMS

#### PEE WEE CATEGORY (10 a 13 years)

##### REVELL

Player	Country	Age
Pablo Aguilar	Guatemala	13
Juan J Borja	El Salvador	13
Rene Pablo Olmedo	Paraguay	12
Davis Colley	USA	12
Sebas Aguilar	Guatemala	11

##### LEGO

Player	Country	Age
Jose Emiliano Ayala	México	13
Joaquin Arguello	Ecuador	12
Nicolas Neutze	Guatemala	13
Michael Calle	Ecuador	10
Luis Roberto Aguilar	Guatemala	13

##### PEWEE

1st Place LEGO

2nd Place REVELL

#### JUNIOR CATEGORY (14 a 17 years)

##### MICROSOFT

Player	Country	Age
Enrique Neutze C.	Guatemala	16
Juan Carlos Arguello	Ecuador	16
Jose Alfonso Ayala	México	16
Agostina Mesa	Paraguay	17

##### SKULL CANDY

Player	Country	Age
Tony Calle	Ecuador	17
Andres Balderas	México	14
Fer Aguilar	Guatemala	17
Mariana Garibay	México	15

##### JUNIOR

1s Place MICROSOFT

2nd Place PLAYSTATION

3rd Place SKULLCANDY

##### PLAY STATION

Player	Country	Age
Eduardo Kruseman	El Salvador	17
Manuel Aguilar	Guatemala	15
Rodolfo Ramos	México	14
Nicolas Calle	Ecuador	15

##### NINTENDO

Player	Country	Age
Cristian Aycinena	Guatemala	15
Sebas Parisey	Paraguay	16
Alejandro Balderas	México	16
Jose Maria Mas	El Salvador	15







## EVENTS TO COME: FIP European Championship / European Trophy of Nations

A big Welcome to you all from the Niedersächsischen Polo-Club (Lower Saxony Polo-Club).

We are hosting the IX FIP European Championships from the 6th to the 16th September 2012.

Maspe, the home of the Club, won the choice for this Championship for a number of simple reasons. Not only has the sandy soil here produced one of the best playing grounds in Europe, but the combination of great Sport at the highest level and the steadily rising number of knowledgeable spectators has led to Maspe being a regional Mecca for this sport. Last but not least the Club has had years of experience of organizing and directing Polo Tournaments including the German Championships last year.

As usual in Germany a qualification competition takes place for the European Championship. This year we are expecting a record number of home teams (5/6) over the Whitsun weekend 25th to 28th May – also on our ground here in Maspe.

Maspe is a small village with roots going back to the 9th Century. There are no more than 31 people living here but double that

amount of horses. It is ideally situated only 8 Km from the International Airport Hannover, and is only 17Km from the center of this capital city of Niedersachsen. Next to the Polo Ground there is a 27 hole Golf Course, and nearby one of the region's best cross country Event courses.

As a late entrant for this competition, although we are a small club, we are really looking forward to fulfilling all the expectations for this international competition and you will find a great program of events that we have lined up for you during your stay here.

We are especially looking forward to having Europe in Maspe and look forward to greeting all the teams by late summer sunny- weather here in this famous horse region of Niedersachsen.

**Wolfgang Kailing (President)**



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## European Trophy of Nations

**Tournament organization:** Magyar Polo Club.

**Location:** Polo field of the Polo Club in Tabajd. ( 8 km from the International Airport Hannover and 17km from the center of Hannover)

The Hungarian Polo Club beautifully situated in the "Vali vol gy" in Tabajd. One of the only polo club in Hungary who dispose two mayor full size polo fields.

This infrastructure offer the possible to organize International competitions combine with an elegant an exclusive business to business event.

**Tournament Rules:** All aspect will be governed by FIP

**Handicap:** Team Handicap 2-5  
Single Handicap: 0-2

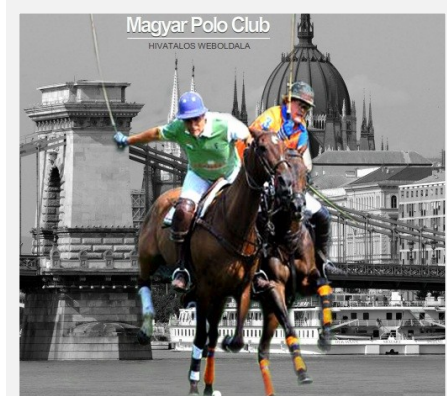
No professionals

The organization has the right to decide over acceptance of entries.

**Conditions:** The tournament will be played on 3 days: Friday, Saturday and Sunday

For more details contact:

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www.magyarpoloclub.hu





## COPA DE LAS NACIONES



Argentina Team, winners of the Tournament

Argentina defeated Brazil 11 to 9 to win the Copa de las Naciones.

Argentine 10-goalers Facundo and Gonzalo Pieres teamed up with five-goaler Pablo Llorente and little-known two-goaler Carlos Deladino as they beat Brazil 11-9 in the one-off 26-goal match in Palermo, Buenos Aires.

Photos: Melito Cerezo.

### Teams & Chukker score

**Argentina:** Carlos Deladino 1 (2 gols), Pablo Llorente (h) 5 (2), Gonzalo Pieres 10 (3), Facundo Pieres 10 (4, córner). Total: 26.

**Brazil:** Pedro Zacharías 6 (2), Rodrigo Ribeiro de Andrade 8 (2), Joao Paulo Gannon 7 (4,) and José Eduardo Kalil 5 (1). Total: 26.

**Argentina:** 3-3, 6-4, 8-5, 9-6, 10-8 y 11-9.

Umpire: Rafael Silva y Martín Goti.

Referee: Marcelo López Vargas.



Facundo Pieres received the Trophy from Luis Lalor, President of the AAP

### Awards Ceremony

After a brief speech of Luis Lalor, President of the AAP, the president of the CONFEDERAÇÃO BRASILEIRA DE POLO, Jose Klabin delivered a replica of the trophy to team Brazil, runner-up of tournament.

Later, José Llorente and Inés Garrahan delivered the replicas of the Nations Cup trophy to the winning team, Argentina.

Facundo Pieres, captain of winning team received the trophy of the "Nations Cup" from Luis Lalor, president of the AAP.

## US OPEN

Place: Wellington, Palm Beach, Florida  
Club: International Polo Club  
Date March 28, to April 22, 2012  
Date Finish: 2012

Zacara 10-goaler Facundo Pieres scored the first goal of the game in the opening thirty seconds of play on a 90 yard shot through the goalposts. Lechuza Caracas tied it up on a goal from Juan Martin Nero just minutes later and teammate Sapo Caset gave Lechuza Caracas a 2-1 advantage to close out the scoring in the first chukker.

Lyndon Lea's 10-year-old chestnut mare Lelani received Best Playing Pony honors. Lelani was played by Pieres in the second and the sixth chukkers.

### Facundo Pieres

It's amazing, we're very happy and we wanted to win this match. I don't forget that I was playing with one of my best friends, Joaquin Pittaluga, and I feel he also deserves this. I'm very sorry that he couldn't be here to win the Open, but that's it, this is for him, too. I'm very happy to win this tournament with both Magoo and Lyndon, who did a great job by bringing horses and put a really good team. And Mike Azzaro has been playing unbelievably, and he deserved the MVP Award. He was very important for us.

### Lyndon Lea

What really amazes me the most is how great we played today. They were a great team, but we played at our best. And thanks to my amazing team mates. Mike was playing fantastic today, he was unbelievable. We're happy to have won the US Open

### Cristian Laprida Jr.

It was such a tough game, and a long week, but I am very happy for me, the team, the groom, my family... It was a very close game, but fortunately we can did it during the second half, we had a great third chukker, and that was very important.

### Mike Azzaro:

I've been lucky enough to play the US Open with some of the best players over the years, and you have to pick the right moment. A lot of the experience I had in the past came over today again...



THE WINNING TEAM



## National Association updates

Please be advised that following the Extraordinary General Meeting held on May 17, D. Jaime Espinosa de los Monteros Pitarque was proclaimed president of the Real Federación Española de Polo.

Mr. Bruce J. Mckeluie is the new President of the New Zealand Polo Association Inc, taking the position of Mr. Gordon Gibson.

Swedish Polo Association's new President is Mr. Per Jacobsson who replaces Ann-Charlotte Söderlund

MR. András Tombor replaces Mr. Antal Almásy as President for the Hungarian Polo Association.

FIP looks forward to continuing its good relationship with the new administrations.

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## WADA REPORT / Sportaccord International Convention

Originally launched in 2003, Sportaccord International Convention is a 6-day gathering of more than 1500 leading representatives from international sport. It offers the sports family a powerful opportunity to come together on a global scale, in an exclusive and authoritative networking environment, to build relationships, share knowledge and develop ideas that will benefit the entire community

Dr. Richard Caleel, Chairman of the IOC-WADA Committee represented FIP on the Sportaccord International Convention 2012 held in Quebec, Canada

Below his report:

"The Sportaccord meeting in Quebec went well. The major issue was the defeat of a proposed by-law change which would have permitted membership to any national organization

which represented a sport. It remains that it must be the national organization recognized by the IOC. It is noteworthy that 100% of the Sportaccord membership is now in compliance with WADA rules."

*Dr. Richard Caleel*



### FIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

European Trophy of Nations (Low Goal)	Tabajd, Hungary	29/30 June 1st July
IX FIP European Championships	Maspe, Germany	6 to 16 September
79th Ambassadors Cup	New York, USA	Mid September
Metropolitan Polo Club	Tianjin, China	October
FIP General Assembly	Buenos Aires,	December

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### Mission Statement

- Enhance the image and stature of the great game of polo on an international level.
- Promote the practice of the sport worldwide.
- Unite the polo associations of the many countries that play the sport under one Federation and one International rule.
- Promote the sport to FIP members through coaching clinics and tournaments for children.
- Promote the concepts of friendship, team spirit, equality, respect, integration and embrace the idea of fair play and safety