



**IMPORTANT NOTICE**



## "30th Anniversary Logo"

This logo will be used throughout 2013.



## President's Message

*First I would like to thank the membership for the honor of being elected as your president.*

*The 30th Anniversary General Assembly meeting in Buenos Aires this past December was a great success. A new office has been established in Santa Barbara, California in part to improve our lines of communication and centralize our activities. I encourage you to respond to requests for updating your information for our directory and keep us informed as changes occur.*

*Plans are being actively pursued for the next World Cup in 2014. We are also planning for the Polo Day Exhibition for the World Equestrian Games in Deauville, France 2014.*

*The Second World Snow Polo Championship will be played in Tianjin China from Jan 25 through Feb 3rd, 2013. The National Teams of twelve countries will compete at the Tianjin Metropolitan Goldin Polo Club.*

*Several Ambassador Cups are planned for 2013. The next General Assembly is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2013 in Buenos Aires. FIP is growing rapidly and we encourage all of our members to attend and participate in all FIP sponsored events. Please consult our website from time to time for upcoming events.*

*Your officers and committee members welcome your input and appreciate your support.*

Dr. Richard Caleel,  
President  
Federation of International Polo (FIP)



Dr. Richard Caleel, FIP President

## FIP PARTNER



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## FIP 30th GENERAL ASSEMBLY / Buenos Aires, Argentina



The worldwide governing body of polo, the Federation of international Polo ( FIP) has a new President . Dr. Richard Caleel, the patriarch of a long time polo playing family relocated to the West Coast with his family part time some years ago and recently opened a FIP office in Santa Barbara, California USA. The annual FIP General Assembly meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina unanimously elected Dr. Caleel to take over the reins from the popular outgoing FIP President Eduardo Huergo from Argentina.

As a polo player and long time United States Polo Association member and International Committee Chairman, the sport has taken Dr. Caleel to polo events worldwide. FIP, recognizing his considerable expertise as a talented business man with refined organizational skills that can cross many borders, has now tapped into this experience by selecting him to

represent their organization with a mission to promote polo throughout the world. The recent annual meetings this week in Buenos Aires brought representatives and players from many of the 48 countries participating.

Organizing tournaments with many countries and their various levels of players is no easy feat, but the mission is clear to bring the joy of polo to children and adults all over the world. The World Equestrian Games, Pan Am Games and Olympic Games are certainly in the sights of many. China is now an emerging country and although polo is renewed there in the last ten years, clubs and players are clamoring to be a part of this elegant and beautiful sport. The world wide implications are not lost on the new president and we are certain to see a greater international presence of polo in new and emerging societies.



## FIP 30th GENERAL ASSEMBLY / Buenos Aires, Argentina

The General Assembly of the Federation of International Polo (FIP) met at the Jockey Club, Buenos Aires Argentina on December 6, 2012.

Representatives from throughout FIP were in attendance at this important annual meeting. Election of President, officers, Ambassadors and Committee appointments were made. Additionally plans for upcoming tournaments, were finalized.

### Officers, Ambassadors and Delegate Positions in FIP

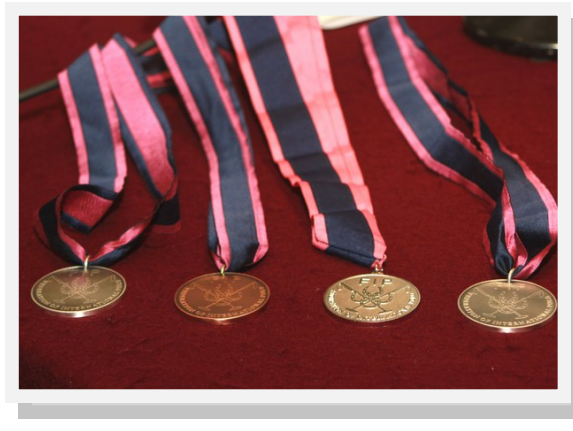
FIP Officers are elected from the current or past Delegates. The FIP Council of Administration members are also elected from current or past Delegates.

"A" countries (500 or more polo playing members) have two (2) members automatically on the Council of Administration, "B" countries (100 to 499 members) and; "C" countries (less than 100 members) elect representatives to the Council of Administration.

Delegates represent their country to the General Assembly, which has final authority for FIP operations.

Ambassadors represent FIP to all countries and are appointed and directed by the President.

The following Ambassadors were appointed by the President as Ambassadors At Large. The General Assembly confirmed and approved the nomination and they were awarded a medal in recognition of his work for the development of FIP.



AMBASSADORS AT LARGE	
Christopher Hanbury	England
Simon Tomlinson	England
Hans Albrecht von Maltzan	Germany
Michael Schultz-Tholen	Germany
Andres Rossi	Argentina
Julio Bouchon	Chile
Bud Dardi	USA
Geri Dardi	USA
Bob Bradley	USA

[Click Here to view the list of FIP Ambassadors](#)

## FIP COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION 2013 – 2014



President	Dr Richard Caleel	USA
Vice President	Luis E. Lalor	Argentina
Vice President	Charles Weaver	USA
Vice President	John Wright	England
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Secretary	Sylvio Coutinho	Brazil
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	Patrick Nesbitt	USA
	Bruce Colley	USA
	Roderick Vere Nicoll	England
	John Tinsley	England
	Francisco Lavallo-Cobo	Argentina
	Adrian Laplacette	Argentina
	François Berger	Guatemala
	Derek Wolstenholme	Canada
	Piero Dillier	Switzerland
	Asad Jumabhoy	Singapore
	Sylvio Coutinho	Brazil
	Lionel Soffia	Chile
<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>		
	Peter Yunghanns	Australia
	Nicholas Colquhoun-Denvers	England
	Asad Jumabhoy	Singapore
	Stephen Orthwein	USA
	Alejandro Taylor	Argentina
<b>ZONE COORDINATORS</b>		
Zone A	Stephen Orthwein	USA
Zone B	Lionel Soffia	Chile
Zone C	Piero Dillier	Switzerland
Zone D	Asad Jumabhoy	Singapore

## FIP COMMITTEES 2013 – 2014



<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>		
	Alejandro Taylor	Argentina
	Peter Yunghanns	Australia
	Asad Jumabhoy	Singapore
<b>MARKETING COMMITTEE</b>		
Chairman	Asad Jumabhoy	Singapore
	Patrick Nesbitt	USA
	Bruce Colley	USA
	Joe Meyer	USA
	Wesley Ru	USA
	Roderick Vere Nicoll	England
<b>TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE</b>		
Chairman	Stephen Orthwein	USA
	John Tinsley	England
	Francois Berger	Guatemala
	Piero Dillier	Switzerland
	Estuardo Masias	Peru
	Ricardo Mihanovich (Jr)	Argentina
<b>IOC-WADA COMMITTEE</b>		
Chairman	Dr. Richard Caleel	USA
	Derek Wolstenholme	Canada
	Emmanuel Seidner	Guatemala
<b>RULES COMMITTEE</b>		
Chairman	Eduardo Huergo	Argentina
	Stephen Orthwein	USA
	David Wood	England
<b>AMBASSADORS CUP COMMITTEE</b>		
	Nicholas Colquhoun-Denvers	England
<b>PAST PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL</b>		
	Marcos Uranga	
	Glen Holden	
	Patrick Guerrand-Hermes	
	Eduardo Huergo	

## 78th AMBASSADORS CUP & 7th PATIALA, Buenos Aires, Argentina

The 78th FIP Ambassadors and 7th Patiala Ambassadors Cup took place in Buenos Aires from the 4th to 9th December, 2012.

**7th PATIALA CUP:** 5 to 7 December 2012.

**78th AMBASSADORS CUP:** 5 to 7 December

□ **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:** Marcos Uranga, Guillermo Alvarez Fourcade, Manuel Ugarte, Ricardo Mihanovich Jr.

### 78th AMBASSADORS CUP

Jockey Club	Las Felicitas
Pablo Falabela	Benjamín Araya
Carlos Braun	Eduardo Cernadas
Estephan Spengler	Bruce Colley
Piero Dillier	Asad Jumabhoy
La Madrugada	El Cabure
Jaime Bouquet	Esteban Bouquet
Luciano Cieza	Federico Virasoro
Sergio Cardoso	Tayo Masias
Joe Meyer	Richard Drasche-Wartimber
Pilará	Mayla
Carlos Ruiz Moreno	Vicente Fernandez Ocampo
Ricardo Hughes	Manuel Ugarte
Francoise Berger	Carlos Mansur
Philippe Darroux	Roderick Vere-Nicoll

### 7th PATIALA CUP

Las Betulas.	V.Tuerto.
J Perkins.	Dario Pena
D Martinez	E Cernadas
M Rattagan	A.Ardisonne
Guillermo Steta .	Joo Bae Lee.
Puerta Abierta.	La Felicitas.
Ignacio Uranga	J Espinosa .
A Martinez Y.	Areco Horacio.
Camila Rossi	Ricardo Mihanovich
M Regalado	Enrique Urruela

The matches for the ambassadors Cup were played on the fields of Las Felicitas and Jockey Club. The prize giving ceremony and lunch was held at the Jockey Club San Isidro



### MAHARAJAH OF PATIALA AMBASSADORS CUP

In 2004 The Maharajah very kindly and sportive invited 20 players of different continents to play in Punjab an Ambassadors Cup

Punjab is the richest province of India in the border with Pakistan

The Maharaja is also the Chief Minister of Punjab elected by the community

3 days of rain demonstrated all the efforts done by the Prime Minister to enjoy and know this marvelous area of India.

Even he prepared a wonderful traditional dinner cooked by himself !!

Next day 100 hundred workers drying the field with a bucket !! did possible some games

Three months later arrived this wonderful trophy to be played by new members

## JAIPUR, HOME OF INDIAN POLO

Jaipur is the home of Indian Polo. The late H.H. Maharaja Sawai Man Singh - II of Jaipur's patronage of India Polo was so great in the 1950 & 60's that Indian Polo and its players were famous all over the world. Added to this the glamour of the Jaipur Royal family which has made Jaipur synonymous with Polo and all that it stands for, the world over.

Polo ! The very name conjures vision of aristocracy and excellence, of style and rare athletic prowess. Polo is a game that signifies power, adventure, beauty, elegance, graceful team work, class and above all - Tradition. Among the world's most ancient sports, Polo is not less than a religion in India. For a game, that is as "Exclusive as Elusive" ,Jaipur is a natural home of polo, in India.

Since the days of Emperor Akbar it has been the Indian Maharajas that have given this game its Royal Tradition. The history of Polo in Indian is full of proud achievements. Rajasthan is famous for its immortal legends of patriotism, sacrifice and glorious traditions of valour. Since 1887, this fascinating game has been greatly influenced by the traditions of Rajasthan. It is a matter of pride, that most of the high handicap players produced in India have been from Rajasthan.

With the outbreak of the First World War, Polo in Rajasthan, received a temporary setback. In 1919, Rajasthan lost the Polo Crown for three consecutive years to the Patiala Team which consisted of Major Jaswant Singh, Colonel Joginder Singh, Captain Thakur Singh and General Chanda Singh.



Kr.  
Bijay Singh, H.H. Maharaja of Jaipur, The Maharani of Jaipur,  
Rao Raja Hanut Singh, Kr. Hari Singh.

Prince of Wales visited India, to attend a tournament held in early 1922. The Jodhpur Team With Rao Raja Hanut

Singh, Thakur Prithi Singh, Thakur Dalpat Singh and Thakur Ram Singh scored over the famous Patiala Team by seven goals to six after being down at 1- 4 uptill half time. This was a real achievement for these young players and they kept up the lead in the game till the year 1926.

For about three years from 1927, the Bhopal Team took the lead with H.H. the Nawab of Bhopal, Thakur Prithi Singh, Capt. D. Hay and Rao Raja Hanut Singh in the saddle. In 1930, the famous Jaipur Team once again rose to glory and gained supremacy to hold the Crown for nine consecutive years, and would have probably done so for many years more but for the Second World War. In the year 1933, the Jaipur Team toured the United Kingdom and returned with flying colors and an invincible record having won the Open Championship and other cups at Hurlingham, Ranelagh and Roehampton. Once again it was proved that this team which comprised of the world renowned players - His Highness the Maharaja of Jaipur, Maharaj Prithi Singh, Rao Raja Abhey Singh and Rao Raja Hanut Singh, was the most convincing team of all times. Its monumental performance in Calcutta during the semi-finals of the Indian Polo Championship Tournament of 1936 consummated polo performance and will go down in history in letters of Gold.



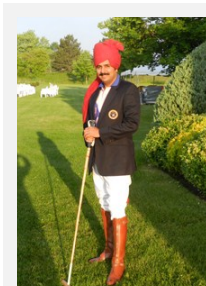
Capt., P.K. Mehra, H.H. Maharaja of Jaipur, Her Highness Maharani of Jaipur, Lt. Col. Th. Govind Singh, Lt. V.P. Singh

No account of Polo in Jaipur, Rajasthan, would be complete without a reference to the Rajputana Polo Club, which was formed in the year 1901, with the support of the various Rajputana States. On the formation of the State of "Rajasthan" in 1949, this

Club was redesigned "Rajasthan Polo Club" and its headquarters shifted from Mt. Abu to Jaipur. The club continues to flourish with the munificence of the State under the Presidentship of the present His Highness Maharaja Sawai Bhawani Singh Ji of Jaipur.

His Highness Maharaja Sawai Bhawani Singh Ji of Jaipur continued the endorsement of the game and headed a number of polo teams which won a lot of tournaments in India and other foreign countries. His Highness Maharaja Sawai Bhawani Singh Ji of Jaipur has immortalized the Royal family's relation with Polo by introducing the World cup, called "The Jaipur World Cup Trophy". His Highness Maharaja Sawai Bhawani Singh Ji of Jaipur, was also instrumental in the formation of Federation of International Polo (FIP) in 1982. He also happens to be a life time honorary FIP ambassador for INDIA and is a lifetime Vice-President of Indian Polo association.

Interestingly, Maharaj Narendra Singh, the son-in-law of His Highness Maharaja Sawai Bhawani Singh Ji of Jaipur, sat on the horse back for the first time on the occasion of his wedding with Princess Diya Kumari of Jaipur in 1997. In order to be able to continue the family tradition, he learnt riding at the age of 31 (Year 2003) and held the polo stick for the first time at age 32 (Year 2004) and thereafter there was no looking back, he has become a name to reckon with in the polo world in a very short span of time. He has lead the Royal Jaipur polo team to Germany, Italy and played extensively around the world. He is presently the FIP ambassador from India.



## FIP 30th GENERAL ASSEMBLY /social events & activities

On the occasion of the 30th General Assembly, the FIP members gathered in Buenos Aires, Argentina to participate on several meetings and social Events.



### FIP Meetings

5/12 – 9.00 – Council of Administration – Jockey Club Buenos Aires – Lunch at the club  
 6/12 – 9.00 – Special General Assembly – Jockey Club Buenos Aires  
 6/12 – 9.40 – Council of Administration – Jockey Club Buenos Aires  
 6/12 – 9.45 – General Assembly – Jockey Club Buenos Aires – Brunch at the club

### Social Events

4/12 – 19.00 – Team Shirts + Cocktail – La Martina  
 5/12 – 19.30 – Asado – Las Felicitas (Pilar)  
 6/12 – 19.00 – Cocktail Party – Park Hyatt-Duhau Palace  
 7/12 – 13.00 – Prize giving and lunch – Jockey Club San Isidro

### Polo Matches

5/12 – 16.00 – Las Felicitas (Pilar)  
 6/12 – 16.00 – Las Felicitas (Pilar)  
 7/12 – 10.00 – Jockey Club San Isidro



[CLICK HERE to view all the photos of the FIP activities and social events](#)



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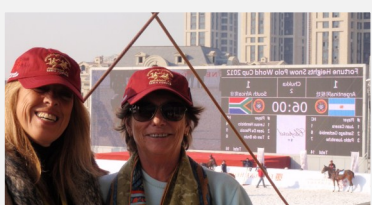


## Photos 30th FIP General Assembly





## POLO WIVES



Polo Wives - O Polo Wives

Ours are truly dreadful lives  
We fly around from ground to ground  
To try to keep their ponies sound  
We sit and shiver in the stand  
A precious stick in frozen hand  
If ponies cost just slightly less  
I might have had a nice warm dress.

Look - he's missed it - O dear me  
Now he's hit the ponies knee  
As none of them can hit the ball  
I wonder why we're here at all.  
A broken stick - I try to run,  
'Not that you fool - a fifty one !'

He says the Umpire should be shot  
I'd like to shoot the flipping lot  
The game is lost ... they mostly are  
The men have vanished to the bar  
O pity us poor polo wives  
We really lead most dreary lives

Reply;

We love you dearly, polo wives  
It's due to you the game survives  
So slog away and tend the fire  
You'll get that dress...  
When we retire!

A special Wives (Spouse) list of contacts is being made up and anyone wanting to be on that "group list" for special invites and updates should contact [sandy@fippolo.com](mailto:sandy@fippolo.com)

## FIP Snow Polo World Cup 2013, Tianjin, China

We cordially invite you to attend the 2013 FIP Snow Polo World Cup. This event is organized by the Federation of International Polo (FIP), the China Equestrian Association, the Hong Kong Polo Development and Promotion Federation, the Metropolitan Polo Club and the Tianjin Sports Bureau.

The FIP Snow Polo World Cup will feature the world's top 12 snow polo nations competing against each other for national glory and battling for a chance to be crowned as the number one snow polo nation of the world.

This year's top 12 snow polo nations (16 goals) are: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, England, France, Hong Kong, India, New Zealand, South Africa and USA.

This event will take place from January 25th, 2013 to February 3rd, 2013, at the Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club, No. 16. Hai Tai Hua Ke Jiu Lu, Bin Hai Gao Xin Qu, Tianjin 300384, China.

Hosted by the Federation of International Polo and the Equestrian Association of China and co-organized by the Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club, the event is set to impress. High-caliber players including those from nine of the world's top ten polo-playing nations will vie for top honour of taking home the championship. Teams from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, England, France, Hong Kong China, India, New Zealand, South Africa and USA will compete for a trophy adorned with four pairs of crossed polo mallets, a unique creation by renowned British silversmith Thomas Lyte.



[For more information click here](#)



### FIP SNOW POLO WORLD CUP 2013

ZONE 1		ZONE 2		ZONE 3		ZONE 4	
ENGLAND		HONG KONG, S.A.R.		SOUTH AFRICA		ARGENTINA	
1	George Meyrick	5		1	Lance Watson	4	
2	Max Routledge	5		2	Chris MacKenzie	5	
3	James Harper	6		3	Tom de Bruin	7	
	Team Handicap	16			Team Handicap	16	
	Alan Kent	4			Terence Spilsbury	4	
NEW ZEALAND		CHILE		FRANCE		AUSTRALIA	
1	Glenn Sherriff	4		1	Edouard Pan	4	
2	Christopher Brooks	4		2	Pierre-Henri N'Goumou	5	
3	John Paul Clarkin	8		3	Juan Manuel Gonzalez	5	
	Team Handicap	16			Team Handicap	14	
	James Wood	4			Clement Delfosse	4	
U.S.A		BRAZIL		INDIA		CANADA	
1	Robert Yackley	3		1	Uday Kalaan	4	
2	Alan Martinez	6		2	Basheer Ali	6	
3	Michael Azzaro	7		3	Shamsheer Ali	6	
	Team Handicap	16			Team Handicap	16	
	Joel Baker	2					

## FIP Snow Polo World Cup 2013, Tianjin, China



### Press conference of Fortune Heights Snow Polo World Cup 2013

Fortune Heights Snow Polo World Cup to be hosted from 25 January to 3 February 2013 at Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club

Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club announced today at a press conference that the Fortune Heights Snow Polo World Cup 2013 will take place from 25 January to 3 February 2013 at the Club. The press conference was graced by distinguished guests, including Mr. Huang Weimian, Deputy Director of Tianjin Sports Bureau, Dr. Richard Caleel, President of Federation of International Polo (FIP), team representatives from the twelve participating nations and region and media from around the world.

Hosted by the Federation of International Polo and the Equestrian Association of China and co-organised by the Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club, the event is set to impress. High-calibre players including those from nine of the world's top ten polo-playing nations will vie for top honour of taking home the championship. Teams from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, England, France, Hong Kong China, India, New Zealand, South Africa and USA will compete for a trophy adorned with four pairs of crossed polo mallets, a unique creation by renowned British silversmith Thomas Lyte.

The large turnout of spectators and media at the previous Snow Polo World Cup 2012 is an indicator of a fast-growing interest in the sport in China, observed Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club Chairman Pan Su Tong. "We are seeing a growing passion for the game among Chinese riders of all ages, and it is part of our grand vision to establish the sport of polo across China, so there are plans to support more polo events and programmes in the

years ahead. The endorsement of FIP, our world-class facilities and our track record of successfully organising international polo events will help us make this vision a reality", said Mr. Pan.

Dr. Richard Caleel, President of FIP, said in his speech in support of Metropolitan Polo Club's vision, "FIP is grateful to the staff of the Metropolitan Polo Club who have worked with us. We would like to thank the Honourable Chairman Pan Sutong for his exceptional support." In recognition of Mr. Pan's contributions to polo, both internationally and in China, Dr. Caleel announced at the press conference that Mr. Pan was recently elected to the position of Vice President of FIP by unanimous vote at the Annual FIP General Assembly in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Team managers from the twelve participating nations and region were present at the press conference for the tournament draw, conducted by Mr Peter Abishaganaden, Tournament Director of Fortune Heights Snow Polo World Cup 2013.

Fortune Heights Snow Polo World Cup 2013 provides a variety of indoor and outdoor locations to enjoy the tournament. Apart from delicious culinary offerings at the Club, families and children may revel in a bevy of musical entertainment and the winter playground.

In keeping with the festive atmosphere of the tournament, the Club's grounds will be turned into a carnival of wintry delights.

The public is encouraged to contact our hotline for ticketing enquiries at: +86 (022) 2372 8877 or visit the tournament website [www.snowpoloworldcup.com](http://www.snowpoloworldcup.com)



Partners of Fortune Heights Snow Polo World Cup 2013:

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Federation of International Polo Equestrian Association of China

ORGANISERS

Tianjin Sports Bureau

Tianjin Polo Association

Hong Kong Polo Development and Promotion Federation

CO-ORGANISER

Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club

OFFICIAL MEDIA PARTNER

Equestrio China

OFFICIAL JERSEY PROVIDER

La Martina

About Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club

Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club currently features two standard size polo fields, stabling for 200 over horses, all-weather training facilities, a riding school and a luxurious Club House and 167-room resort-style hotel. The state-of-the-art equestrian facilities are used and maintained by professionals from all over the world.

Apart from being the host venue of the 2012 inaugural FIP Snow Polo World Cup, major international fixtures on the Club's annual calendar include various spring and autumn tournaments and matches for different levels of play from youth to professional.

The Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club was opened in November 2010 as the sporting and social flagship of "Goldin Metropolitan", a mega-development by Hong Kong-listed developer Goldin Properties Holdings Limited which will comprise three zones: a Central Business District, home to the 117-storey Goldin Finance Tower; the 898,000 square meter (222-acre) Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club and a low density luxury residential belt to be launched in the near future.

## Photos Press Conference FIP Snow Polo World Cup



## The USPA International Cup



The US team lift the International Cup at Grand Champions Polo Club. Photograph by Alex Pacheco

### US LIFT INTERNATIONAL CUP

The US triumph over England to win the International Cup on home turf, while England's women storm to an impressive victory

A NEAR-CAPACITY crowd watched the US defeat England 8.5-6 in the International Cup yesterday at Grand Champions in Florida.

The England team of Tom Morley, Jack Richardson, Max Routledge and Richard Le Poer began the match down by half a goal due to handicap difference, and never managed to quite catch the US. Despite renewed determination and several goals in the second half, England had to settle for defeat.

The win meant the US side of Marc Ganzi, Carlitos Gracida, Nic Roldan and Jeff Hall avenged their narrow defeat to England at their last meeting, in the St. Regis Cup in May.

Four-goaler Nina Clarkin led the England women's side, also featuring Claire Donnelly, Sarah Wiseman and Hazel Jackson to a 7-2 win over the US in the first match of the day.

The England foursome displayed excellent teamwork to lead from the start, over a struggling US side of Melissa Ganzi, Gillian Johnston, Sunny Hale and Tiffany Busch. Wiseman scored four goals to be named most valuable player.

The match took place in Wellington as top men and women from the U.S. and England look to proudly represent their country. Some of the sport's best international athletes were lined up to participate in the event set to take place at Grand Champions Polo Club, a recognized venue for delivering high quality, competitive polo.

The International Cup was presented in conjunction with the U.S. Polo Association (USPA), polo's national governing body, and the Hurlingham Polo Association (HPA), the governing body for polo in the UK, along with support of the Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame. The announcement was made this week by Melissa Ganzi, President of the Grand Champions Polo Club.

"The timing, location and match up of this event could not be better. A rivalry of this magnitude is a perfect way for players and fans to celebrate the close out of the fall season at Grand Champions Polo Club with some of the very best international competition," said Peter Rizzo, CEO of the U.S. Polo Association.

"It is a great opportunity for our players to experience playing in Florida, one of the great venues for polo," said David Woodd, Chief Executive of the Hurlingham Polo Association. "Our team is a young one and they will be facing very stiff competition which has both great talent and experience. It has been the policy of the HPA to embrace every chance to play polo at an international level and we very much hope that this follow up match after the St Regis Test Match in England in May will prove to be a fore runner for more Internationals between two great polo playing nations."

"We're very proud of what we have accomplished with the addition of high-goal polo at Grand Champions. In addition, working with the sport's governing body in England and the U.S. has allowed us to bring these important international test matches to our club to help promote the growth of the sport of polo and its fan base," Ganzi said.

Polo is on the upswing in the U.S. thanks to programs established by the U.S. Polo

Association (USPA), polo's national governing body, to train homegrown talent while also providing opportunities for new players and fans to get involved in the sport.



### About the U. S. Polo Association

The U.S. Polo Association was organized and exists for the purposes of promoting the game of polo, coordinating the activities of its Member Clubs and Registered Players, arranging and supervising polo tournaments, competitions, and games, and providing rules, handicaps, and conditions for those tournaments, competitions, and games, including the safety and welfare of participants and mounts. For more information, please visit [www.uspolo.org](http://www.uspolo.org).

### About the Hurlingham Polo Association

The Hurlingham Polo Association (HPA) is the governing body for polo in the UK, Ireland and many other countries throughout the world. As such, it is responsible for the regulations and rules under which the game is played. This includes the handicapping of any one playing in the U.K. or Ireland, and the fixtures list. The object of the HPA is to further the interests of polo generally and support by all possible means the common interests of its affiliated clubs and associations. For more information, please visit [www.hpa-polo.co.uk](http://www.hpa-polo.co.uk)



Nina Clarkin in action for the England women's team.  
By Alex Pacheco



## Argentine Triple Crown / Tortugas Open / Hurlingham Open / Argentine Open



### Defending Champions Ellerstina win sixth consecutive Tortugas Open Final.

Defending champions Ellerstina clinched victory in a nail-biting Tortugas Open Final in Argentina 25 October 2012.

The 38-goal team of Nico Pieres, Mariano Aguerre, Gonzalito Pieres and Facundo Pieres defeated La Dolfina 12-11 in a closely fought match, to retain their Tortugas Open title. The 40-goal La Dolfina team of Adolfo Cambiaso, David "Pelon" Stirling, Pablo MacDonough and Juan Martin Nero were always chasing Ellerstina throughout the match, but five goals by Facundo Pieres, who was named most valuable player, and strong defensive teamwork secured Ellerstina the historic win.

This win is the sixth consecutive Tortugas Open victory in a row for Ellerstina, and the first leg of the Triple Crown of Polo 2012.

Score Ellerstina: 0-1, 0-1, 5-2, 5-5, 7-7, 10-9, 12-11

MVP: Facundo Pieres (Ellerstina)

BPP: Sol de Agosto Milu (Bred by Martin de Narvaez, ridden by Pablo MacDonough)

Top Scorer: Facundo Pieres (5 goals)



### Argentina - La Dolfina retain Hurlingham Open Beat Ellerstina in the final

Important win a week away of the Argentine Open  
*By Alex Webbe*

Adolfo Cambiaso and his La Dolfina teammates (Pelon Stirling, Pablo MacDonough and Juan Martin Nero) beat Ellerstina (Facundo Pieres, Gonzalito Pieres, Mariano Aguerre and Nico Pieres) with an exclamation mark Sunday afternoon at the Hurlingham Club in Buenos Aires, defending its 2011 Hurlingham Open title and atoning for its earlier loss to Ellerstina in the finals of the Tortugas Open.

The match began tentatively with La Dolfina scoring twice while holding Ellerstina to a single goal. After the first

seven minutes of play, La Dolfina took the early 2-1 lead.

Ellerstina battled throughout the final chukker, managing to score twice, but a pair of goals from La Dolfina kept them on top of the final 18-11 score.

Not only had La Dolfina made up for its earlier loss to Ellerstina in the Tortugas Open finals, they did it with authority.

The smart money seems to be moving toward the La Dolfina camp as the two top-rated teams in Argentine Open competition look to compete in this year's rubber match.



**Dolfina Cuartetera:** Best Polo Argentino breed of the Hurlingham Open final

Presented by the Asociación Argentina de Criadores de Caballos de Polo

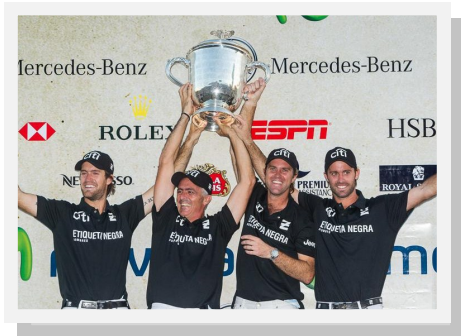
Following the final of the 119th. Hurlingham Open, where La Dolfina defeated Ellerstina 18-11, the Asociación Argentina de Criadores de Caballos de Polo (AACCP) awarded the mare Dolfina Cuartetera as the Best Polo Argentino Breed of the final.

Dolfina Cuartetera, owned by La Dolfina, raised and ridden by Adolfo Cambiaso, was the player's best polo pony.

#### Data

Name: Dolfina Cuartetera  
Sex: Mare  
Mother: Lambada  
Born: 02/03/2001  
Color: Chestnut  
Breeder: Adolfo Cambiaso  
Owner: La Dolfina  
Player: Adolfo Cambiaso

## 119° Argentine Open, Palermo



### Ellerstina against all odds Black foursome captures the Argentine Open

In a great final, they defeated La Dolfina  
*By Alex Webbe*

Pablo MacDonough gave La Dolfina the early lead on a goal from the field in the first chukker. Gonzalito Pieres scored to tie it up at 1-1. Three minutes later, Nico Pieres put Ellerstina ahead, 2-1, to end the first chukker.

Facundo Pieres scored the first goal of the second chukker, giving Ellerstina a 3-1 advantage, but La Dolfina stormed back. Ellerstina fouls allowed Adolfo Cambiaso to convert a pair of 30 yard penalty shots to tie it up at 3-3. Gonzalito Pieres's second goal of the game had Ellerstina back on top, 4-3. A foul in the Ellerstina goal mouth gave Cambiaso a short penalty shot for a goal and the chukker ended in a 4-4 deadlock.

Goals are hard to come by in the third. Adolfo Cambiaso put La Dolfina up 5-4 on a 40-yard penalty conversion. Facundo Pieres followed up Nico Pieres and tied it up on a goal from the field. At the end of three periods of play it is all even at 5-5.



La Dolfina picked up a pair of goals from Cambiaso in the fourth (one by penalty one from the field) to lead, 7-5. Nearly six

minutes into the chukker, Ellerstina's Facundo Pieres scored on a neck shot through a crowd. La Dolfina led at the end of the first half, but Facundo's goal cut the lead to a single goal, 7-6.

Mariano Aguerre scored his first goal of the game in the opening minute of the second half to knot it up at 7-7. Facundo Pieres gave Ellerstina the lead on a 60 yard penalty conversion just two minutes later and Ellerstina was leading, 8-7. Facundo Pieres scored on a 60-yard penalty shot and the defending championship La Dolfina team found themselves trailing by two goals, 9-7 as the chukker ended.

Gonzalito Pieres scored from the field less than two minutes into the sixth, carrying the ball over two-hundred and fifty-yards down the field. Facundo Pieres converted a 30-yard penalty shot and Ellerstina was up, 11-7. Cambiaso cut the lead back to three goals but missed a 30 yard penalty shot to end the chukker trailing Ellerstina by three goals, 11-8.



Facundo Pieres put Ellerstina up by four goals again, 12-8, on a beautifully executed neck shot just a minute-and-a-half into the seventh chukker. Juan Martin Nero responded for La Dolfina with a goal from the field at 2:44, for a 12-9 score. Cambiaso cut the Ellerstina lead to a pair of goals on a short penalty shot and the chukker ended with Ellerstina defending a 12-10, two goal lead.

In the opening 30 seconds of play, Gonzalito Pieres fouled Pelon Stirling, but Cambiaso had the 60-yard penalty shot blocked. La Dolfina continued to press the attack with no results. An Ellerstina foul put Cambiaso at the penalty line once again, but the 10-goaler proved he was human, missing his second 30-yard penalty shot of the game. Moments later Cambiaso got another opportunity on a 60-

yard shot, but once again it was blocked and cleared by Ellerstina. A defensive backhander by Mariano Aguerre last in the chukker reversed the field on La Dolfina and despite a final charge at the Ellerstina goal by La Dolfina, the shot by Nero went wide (6:27), and Ellerstina looked to have the game won. Ellerstina controlled the ball in the final seconds of regulation time, as neither team got on the scoreboard in the eighty. Time expired and Ellerstina celebrated the 12-10 win.

Score Ellerstina: 2-1, 4-4, 5-5, 6-7, 9-7, 11-8, 12-10, 12-10.



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## 119° Argentine Open, Palermo



The 119th Campeonato Argentino Abierto de Polo (Argentine Open Polo Championship) is one of the most important international competitions for polo clubs.

The Argentine Open Polo Championship has taken place every year since 1893 at the Cathedral of Polo in Palermo, the largest neighborhood in the north of Buenos Aires City, Argentina.

The Argentine Polo Open Championship was formerly known as River Plate Polo Championship between 1893-1923 and along with Campeonato Abierto del Tortugas Country Club and Campeonato Abierto de Hurlingham, these polo competitions are known as Argentina's Triple Crown.

Polo teams entering the competition must have a handicap of between 28 and 40 goals.



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### SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Sat 17 November	La Dolfina	17	vs	9	Magual
	Pilará	13	vs	12	Alegria
Sun 18 November	Ellerstina Citi	12	vs	10	La Aguada-Las Monjitas
	La Aguada	12	vs	10	La Natividad
Sat 24 November	Magual	11	vs	14	Pilara
	La Dolfina	18	vs	6	Alegria
Sun 25 November	La Aguada	11	vs	12	La Aguada -las monjitas
	Ellerstina	16	vs	14	La Natividad
Sat 1 December	Alegria	18	vs	16	Magual
	La Dolfina	18	vs	13	Pilara
Sun 2 December	La Natividad	14	vs	11	La Aguada las Monjitas
	Ellerstina	18	vs	14	La Aguada
Final					
Sat 8 December	LA DOLFINA	10	vs	12	ELLERSTINA

### 2012 PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Alegria		La Dolfina	
Frederick Mannix	8	Adolfo Cambiaso	10
Lucas Monteverde	9	David Stirling	10
Agustin Merlos	9	Pablo MacDonough	10
Juan Ignacio Merlos	8	Juan Martin Nero	10
Total	34	Total	40
Magual		Pilará	
Alejandro Muzzio	7	Hilario Ulloa	9
Marcos di Paola	8	Francisco Bensadon	9
Facundo Sola	7	Sebastian Merlos	9
Jaime Huidobro	8	Francisco de Narvaez	8
Total	30	Total	35
Division B			
Ellerstina		La Aguada	
Facundo Pieres	10	Javier Novillo Astrada	9
Gonzalito Pieres	10	Guillermo Caset	9
Nico Pieres	9	Miguel Novillo Astrada	9
Mariano Aguerre	9	Ignacio Novillo Astrada	9
Total	38	Total	36
La Aguada-Las Monjitas		La Natividad	
Lucas James	8	Pablo Pieres	8
Cristian Laprida	8	Ignacio Heguy	9
Eduardo Novillo Astrada	9	Rodrigo Ribeiro de Andrade	8
Alejandro Novillo Astrada	8	Bartolome Castagnola	9
Total	33	Total	34

## Free iPhone app for 2013 Prohibited List

Montreal, January 4, 2013

Dear Stakeholders,

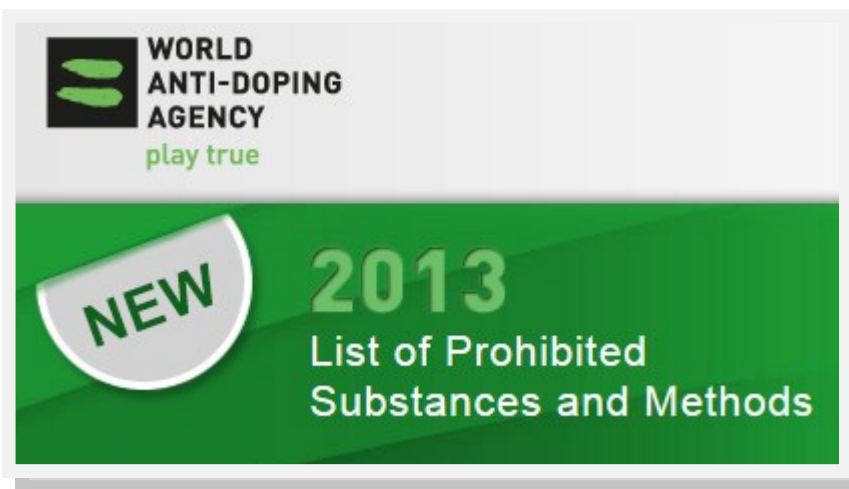
The 2013 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods is now available as an iPhone application and can be downloaded free of charge from the App Store.

WADA is responsible for updating the List every year and the 2013 version - approved by WADA's Executive Committee on September 26, 2012 - has been in effect since January 1.

The 2013 List can also be accessed using other mobile devices via a mobile site, which can be accessed [here](#).

Best regards,

*World Anti-Doping Agency*



### What is the Prohibited List?

The Prohibited List (List) was first published in 1963 under the leadership of the International Olympic Committee. Since 2004, as mandated by the World Anti-Doping Code (Code), WADA is responsible for the preparation and publication of the List.

The Prohibited List is a cornerstone of the World Anti-Doping Code and a key component of harmonization.

The List is updated annually following an extensive consultation process facilitated by WADA.

The 2013 List is valid from January 1 to December 31, 2013.

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One of the most significant achievements in the fight against doping in sport to date has been the drafting, acceptance and implementation of a harmonized set of anti-doping rules, the World Anti-Doping Code (Code).

The Code is the core document that provides the framework for harmonized anti-doping policies, rules and regulations within sport organizations and among public authorities. It works in conjunction with five International Standards aimed at bringing harmonization among anti-doping organizations in various areas: testing, laboratories, Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs), the List

of Prohibited Substances and Methods, and for the protection of privacy and personal information.

This harmonization works to address the problems that previously arose from disjointed and uncoordinated anti-doping efforts, such as, among others, a scarcity and splintering of resources necessary to conduct research and testing, a lack of knowledge about specific substances and procedures being used and to what degree, and an uneven approach to penalties for athletes found guilty of doping.



[Click here to download the World Anti-Doping Code \(1.2 MB\).](#)

## Introducing New Staff Member

We are pleased to announce that we have a new staff member who has joined the FIP.

Sandy Herron has worked in Sports Marketing for Formula One Racing, Golf for Gary Player, Professional skiing, tennis, and polo starting with the 1998 World Polo Championships in Santa Barbara, California. After serving six years as Administrator for the USPA Pacific Coast Circuit, more recently for the Hawaii Cir-

cuit, membership on a half dozen USPA committees, formerly co-chaired the USPA Marketing Committee, and various fund raising projects including the American International Polo Foundation to raise funds to send U.S. players to World Championships, now returns to Santa Barbara to assist Dr. Richard T. Caleel with his presidency. Sandy can be reached at [sandy@fiippolo.com](mailto:sandy@fiippolo.com) or the Santa Barbara office:: +1-805-695-0142



## FIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013

FIP Snow Polo World Cup	Tianjin, China	25th Jan– 3rd Feb
Coronel Suarez International Children's Tournament	Coronel Suarez, Argentina	14th to 17th February
79th Ambassadors Cup	Palm Beach, USA	2nd to 6th April
3rd International Pee Wee and Jr Tournament	Guatemala	20th to 23rd March

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