



As resolved by the B.A. General Assembly of October 24th, 2011, we remind that the 30th FIP General Assembly will be held in Buenos Aires on Thursday December 6th, 2012 .

The venue is the Jockey Club (Av. Alvear 1345) at 10 a.m.



President's Message

Dear friends,

30 years ago in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Marcos Uranga brought together the National representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, El Salvador, France, Italy, Mexico, Peru, Spain, and Zimbabwe, to establish the Federation of International Polo (FIP) and create the first Bylaws.

To date, 87 Polo Associations have been ratified as polo playing countries and 57 National Polo Associations are FIP Full Members.

The FIP 30th Anniversary provides an occasion to celebrate the progress that has been made at the international level to implement FIP Tournaments and make true the practice of the sport on a practical, everyday level.

This is also the right moment to pay homage in remembrance to those who worked hard for FIP and are not longer with us: Roland Sadoun, Jorge O'Farrell, George Haas, James Ashton, the Maharaja of Jaipur, Paul de Ganay , Carlos de la Serna, Galo Llorente, amongst others.



Eduardo Huergo, FIP President

FIP PARTNER



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I cordially invite you to attend the 30th FIP General Assembly, in which a new president shall be elected, along with other important topics to be discussed.

Dr. Richard Caleel, a long time supporter and active member in the Executive Committee and Council of Administration has accepted to run for President.

Thank you all who made possible the growth of our Federation and congratulations for this 30th anniversary!

Eduardo Huergo
President
Federation of International Polo

FIP European Championships , Sotogrande, Spain / September 2012

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES



FRI 7

17:00 ITALY **4** VS **2** IRELAND (HPA)
18:15 AUSTRIA **6** VS **7** SPAIN

SAT 8

18:00 AUSTRIA **7** VS **5** ITALY

SUN 9

12:00 GERMANY **9** VS **10** IRELAND (HPA)

MON 10

17:00 GERMANY **4** VS **8** AUSTRIA
18:15 SPAIN **7** VS **2** ITALY

WED 12

17:00 SPAIN **15** VS **3** GERMANY
18:00 IRELAND (HPA) **7** VS **6** AUSTRIA

FRI 14

17:00 IRELAND (HPA) **4** VS **10** SPAIN
18:15 ITALY **8** VS **2** GERMANY

SUN 16 - 3RD PLACE &

11:00 IRELAND (HPA) **5** VS **4** ITALY

FINAL

12:30 SPAIN **8** VS **2** AUSTRIA

IX European Polo Championship

Austria · Germany · Holland · Ireland HPA · Italy · Spain



Ilustre Ayuntamiento de San Roque

SPAIN WIN THE IX EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Spain became champion of the IX European Polo Championship after defeating Austria in the final by 8 goals to 2 in the tournament that took place in the fields of Los Pinos at Santa María Polo Club, Spain

The team made by Yago Espinosa de los Monteros, Luis Domecq, Pelayo Berazadi and Gonzalo Entrecanales ended the tournament in a perfect way, winning all the games and beating Austria with authority in the final.

Spain had a great performance since the second chukker and took control of every aspect of the game being unstoppable for Austria.

It was an unquestionable victory and championship of the Spanish team.

Ireland completed the podium by defeating Italy 5 goals to 4.

To watch a video of the final between Spain and Austria, visit the following link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=3POWp4UK-mw&feature=plcp

SELECCIONES PARTICIPANTES 2012

ALEMANIA



S. Rose	0
D. Velazquez	2
F. Heinemann	2
C. Kirsch	4
Total Hándicap	8

AUSTRIA



W. Scherb	1
G. Herman	1
M. Bleier	2
D. Braun	4
Total Hándicap	8

ESPAÑA



Y. Espinosa de los Monteros	1
L. Domecq	1
P. Berazadi	4
G. Entrecanales	2
Total Hándicap	8

ITALIA



A. Galantino	2
G. Galantino	1
G. Cutinelli	3
E. Ferrari	2
Total Hándicap	8

IRLANDA - HPA



S. Hutchinson	2
M. Hutchinson	2
R. Fagan	1
S. Torreguitar	3
Total Hándicap	8

FIP European Championships , Sotogrande, Spain / September 2012



Santa Maria Polo Club hosted the IX European Championship (6 to 8 goals) from September the 6th to September the 16th 2012, with 5 national teams, with a Handicap of 8 goals.

Being one of the most important international polo events of the season, appointed by the Federation International of Polo (FIP) and the Royal Spanish Polo Federation, the tournament will be a prestigious meeting point of European polo players elite, polo supporters and sponsors. Santa Maria Polo Club as organizer, will offer her all the best polo facilities and services for the occasion.

National and international media partners covered the tournament as a premium sport event.

Santa María Polo Club placed in Sotogrande, is one of the most prestigious residential areas in Europe, located in San Roque County (Cadiz-Spain). This residential area has excellent communications; by highway from Marbella / Malaga, Costa del Sol, Jerez and Seville, and by international airports such as Gibraltar (15 min), Malaga (45 min) and Jerez (1 hour). Polo in Sotogrande goes back to the year 1965, when Enrique Zobel built the first field in the area. Now a day Santa Maria Polo Club is one of the most important and prestigious club in the world with nine polo fields, polo school, etc.

Because of the location and climate, it is undoubtedly an incomparable place for the practice of polo. Likewise, Santa María Polo Club has facilities dedicated to catering business and events (companies meetings, corporate events, etc.). It is surrounded by beautiful settings that offer all different kinds of sport and leisure activities like: golf, yachting, paddle, windsurf, etc. and a wide range of hotels to choose from.

More than forty tournaments are organized in the Club throughout the year. The most important are the Gold Cup and the Silver Cup, both included in the World Polo Tour, besides being the only ones that are celebrated at this level in Spain.

With the celebration of the IX European Championship, Santa Maria Polo Club will be consolidated as one of the most important clubs of the world.

RULES

The Tournament was organized under the FIP rules.

The Organizing Committee was appointed with the approval of FIP, and the Tournament Director.

Each team brought their own horses.

All the players subscribed the sports license through the Spanish Polo Federation, that includes the official insurance.

Tournament Director:
Ricardo Mihanovich M.



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Photos by Gonzalo Etcheverry



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Children's Tournament



Federación Paraguaya de Polo

TORNEO INTERNACIONAL DE POLO INFANTO-JUVENIL

The Torneo Internacional de Polo Infanto-Juvenil organized by the Paraguayan Polo Federation was held on September 1st to 2nd, 2012, at the polo fields of Los Baguales Polo Club, located in Costa Azul, Limpio,

The Tournament was organized by Mr. Eduardo Aviles, President of the Paraguayan Polo Federation, with the collaboration of

Los Baguales Polo Club and it's members.

There were two categories: Children and Youth

A total of 16 players participated: 8 Children and 8 Youngster.

10 players from Paraguay and 6 players from abroad: Posadas, Corrientes, Reconquista and Bolivia.

2 girls in Junior category: one from Paraguay and one from Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.

More than 150 people attended the lunch organized during the tournament, with DJ,



Aeromodelling, riding for the kids, and all kinds of drinks and me

The main goal of the event was to promote friendship and camaraderie while enjoying the game of polo. Also all the kids, locals and guests from abroad, were invited to stay together so that they could share also out of the polo field and have fun.

SPONSORS



Children's Tournament



78th AMBASSADORS CUP & 7th Patiala, Buenos Aires, Argentina

The 78th FIP Ambassadors and 7th Patiala Ambassadors Cup will take 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

The events will take place concurrent with the Argentine Open.

Schedule (TBC):

Tuesday December 4th: Equipment and jersey giveaway (15hrs)

Wednesday December 5th: 4 Games at Las Felicitas Polo Club

Thursday December 6th: General Assembly (9AM), 4 Games (PM)

Friday 7th: Final games at the Jockey Club's fields and Lunch at the club

Saturday 8th: 119th Argentine Polo Open Finals

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



MAHARAJA 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

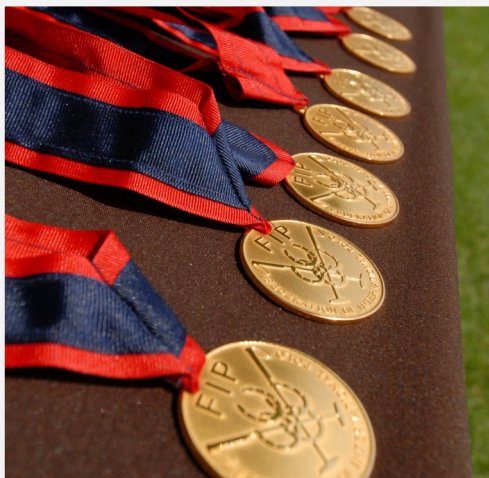
The Maharaja is also the Chief Minister of Punjab elected by the community

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



Fortune Heights Super Nations Cup 2012, Tianjin, China



Argentina wins Fortune Heights Super Nations Cup in thrilling finale

Argentina were victorious in a spectacular end to the Fortune Heights Super Nations Cup today, Friday 5th October, claiming a 9-8 win in the Final over the USA, at the Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club.

A flurry of goals marked the beginning of the match, both teams converting a total of nine between them in the opening two chukkas. Argentina fell behind early on, with a double strike from US Captain, Mike Azzaro setting the pace. The lead didn't last long as the Argentines began to take control of the game, leveling by the end of the first chukka, and subsequently scoring four unanswered goals in the second after the USA had initially gone ahead, making it 6 - 3.

The third chukka broke the trend, as neither team could find a way past their opponents in a goalless seven minutes.

Usual service resumed in the second half though as both teams converted penalties, before the Americans staged a fantastic comeback, bringing themselves to within a goal of the South Americans as time ran out in the penultimate chukka.

Mason Wroe completed the fight back, leveling the teams in open play, only for Argentina to come straight back with goals from Raul Laplacette and Santiago Cernandas, taking the Argentines into a lead that they would hold until the final whistle, despite a late effort from Kris Kampsen which found its way in.

After seeing his team lift the trophy, Argentina Captain Juan Ambroggio commented, "The USA played very well, especially in the final half when it was really close right up until the end. We were lucky to control the game like we did but it is a great feeling to have won the competition!"

"It has been a wonderful new experience to visit and play polo in China. The facilities at the Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club are amazing, and its heading towards being one of the best polo venues in the world, I definitely want to come back!"





MVP in the Final and USA captain, Mike Azzaro, added, "The team played well but we missed a lot of goal scoring opportunities, whereas Argentina took their chances. It was disappointing but we've had an excellent time in Tianjin

and have wholeheartedly enjoyed it. The tournament has been very professionally run, the people have been welcoming and generous, and I think polo has a promising future here."

The Final brought the Fortune Heights Super Nations Cup to a close with many of the players playing in China for the first time, "Tianjin is quickly becoming a premier polo destination, which makes it a really exciting place to be. The Super Nations Cup has been organized exceptionally well, and although we didn't get the results we'd hoped for, I will certainly be returning here as I have loved every minute," said James Bein, captain of the fourth placed England team.

Behind Argentina and the USA in the competition was Hong Kong who claimed third in the Subsidiary Final, followed by England. The South Americans also reigned victorious in the Under-16 competition, beating England in the Youth Final, with South Africa third and the USA behind them.

The Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club will next host the FIP Snow Polo World Cup Invitational in January 2013. To see replays of all the matches from the Fortune Heights Super Nations Cup, please go to www.hurlinghampolo.com, www.tvb.com, and www.us-polo.org.

ARGENTINA 		ENGLAND 	
Santiago Cernadas	6	James Bein	7
Marcos Araya	6	Mark Tomlinson	6
Juan Ambroggio	6	James Harper	6
Raul Laplacette (h)	6	Ollie Cudmore	6
HONG KONG 		USA 	
Chris Mackenzie	5	Mason Wroe	4
Jose Donoso	7	Kris Kampsen	6
John Paul Clarkin	8	Mike Azzaro	7
John Fisher	4	Jeff Hall	7

Metropolitan Polo Club was opened in November 2010 as the sporting and social flagship of the 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) Metropolitan Polo Club and a low density luxury residential belt to be launched in the near future.

For more information visit www.metropolitanpoloclub.com





European Trophy of Nations (Low Goal)

Following Poland who had successfully organize twice (2010 and 2011) The European Cup of Nations under the organization of Tomek Tokarczyk, Hungary hosted the Cup for 2012 under the organization of Antal Almásy General Secretary of the Hungarian Polo Association.

The tournament was played under a beautiful sunny weather (a little bit hot for the season : 38° Celsius). Every night an Argentina asado was organized for all the players and guests what made a wonderful ambiance. On Sunday for the last day more than 500 VIP guests assisted to the games during a lunch offered by the sponsors (Jaguar, Intercontinental Budapest, Concorde Private Banking, deVere Group, GDF Suez, Randstad, Swarovski, L'Occitane., Nespresso, Mövenpick, Spirit of Polo, Lotus Home, Pepsi, Ferrero etc.) Swarovski and L'occitane prized the most elegant ladies among the guests in the VIP tent for an hat contest.

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.

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.

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

We had the honor of the presence of baron Richard Drasche-Wartinberg as President of the Austrian Polo Association and President of the Central European Polo Association who had welcome officially all the guests, sponsors and players.



For the respect of the FIP rules during the three days event Mr Charles Betz from Great Britain and Mr Philippe Darroux from France officially umpired with great neutrality. The time keeping was performed during the three days by Ferentz Almásy 16 years old young polo player.

By Antal Almasy



WINNING TEAM AUSTRIA-JAUAR TEAM

2. PLACE

POLAND-INTERCONTINENTAL BUDAPEST TEAM

3. PLACE

HUNGARY I.- CONCORDE PRIVATE BANKING TEAM

4. PLACE

HUNGARY II.- deVERE GROUP TEAM

FIP European Cup of Nations / Hungary

SCHEDULE & RESULTS

29th of June 2012 FRIDAY

POLAND-INTERCONTINENTAL BUDAPEST TEAM	7,5	vs	4	HUNGARY I.-CONCORDE PRIVATE BANKING TEAM
AUSTRIA-JAGUAR TEAM	10	vs	3,5	HUNGARY II.- deVERE GROUP TEAM

30th of June 2012 SATURDAY

HUNGARY I.-CONCORDE PRIVATE BANKING TEAM	9	vs	2,5	HUNGARY II.- deVERE GROUP TEAM
AUSTRIA-JAGUAR TEAM	6	vs	4,5	POLAND-INTERCONTINENTAL BUDAPEST TEAM

1st of July 2012 SUNDAY

POLAND-INTERCONTINENTAL BUDAPEST TEAM	9	vs	3	HUNGARY II.- deVERE GROUP TEAM
AUSTRIA-JAGUAR TEAM	5	vs	1	HUNGARY I.-CONCORDE PRIVATE BANKING TEAM

TEAMS

AUSTRIA - JAGUAR TEAM		Hcp	HUNGARY II. - deVERE GROUP TEAM		Hcp
1.	RAFFAELLA GOESHL	0	1.	PÉTER KIS	0
2.	GERHARD HERMANN	1	2.	LÁSZLÓ PIROS	0
3.	MARTIN MAGAL	1	3.	GÁBOR SZEGEDI	1
4.	BENJAMIN DARROUX	1	4.	GYÖRGY DVORACSEK	1
TEAM HANDICAP		3	TEAM HANDICAP		2

HUNGARY I. -CONCORDE PRIVATE BANKING TEAM		Hcp	POLAND - INTERCONTINENTAL BUDAPEST TEAM		Hcp
1.	ANDRÁS TOMBOR	0	1.	POLINA NAZAROVA	0
2.	GYÖRGY IVANICS	1	2.	JACEK UKWENYA	1
3.	GÁBOR KESSERŰ	1	3.	JAKUB CZEKAJ	0
4.	ANTAL ALMÁSY	1	4.	TOMEK TOKARCZYK	1
TEAM HANDICAP		3	TEAM HANDICAP		2



Queen's Cup—England



Dubai claim their fifth victory in the 2012 Cartier Queen's Cup Final at Guards Polo Club on Sunday 17 June

By Diana Butler

Dubai defeated Ayala in one of the closest finals in the 52-year history of this great high-goal polo match played at Guards Polo Club.

The scores were tied, 11-all, when the timekeeper rang the bell to warn the teams that there was just 30 seconds left of this match. Almost immediately, Ayala committed a foul for which Dubai were awarded a penalty. Adolfo Cambiaso lined up the shot and successfully scored, ensuring that it was his patron Ali Albwardy that stepped forward to receive the Cartier Queen's Cup from Her Majesty The Queen and Arnaud Bamberger, Executive Chairman of Cartier. Victory this afternoon puts Dubai as firm favorites to win next month's British Open Championship and, as Cambiaso said in the post match press conference: "We will be the only team not under any pressure." With such a great victory already under their belts and knowing that the onus is on the others to play catch up, Dubai will surely be the team to watch?

This is the fifth time that Albwardy's Dubai team have won this trophy, with either Ali or his two sons, Rashid and Tariq, playing for the winning side. This victory also saw Dubai's Cambiaso, considered by

many to be the Best Player in the World, win his 8th Queen's Cup winners' prize and be named Most Valuable Player. It was Ayala's Gonzalito Pieres though who received the Cartier Best Playing Pony Award for Centimetre. Pieres had played his own 10-year-old chestnut mare in the fifth chukka.

Although Cartier has sponsored the Queen's Cup before, as a one-off in 2006, this event is the first of a new sponsorship agreement with Guards Polo Club. After 27 years' support of International Day at the Club, Cartier announced last year that it was transferring its sponsorship to this earlier, high-goal fixture in June. They wanted to support a more tournament-based event and with 16 teams entering this most prestigious of tournaments, including five of the greatest exponents of the sport in the world – those elusive 10-goalers – Cartier has not been disappointed.

The Cartier Queen's Cup Final 2012 began with a subsidiary game for the Cartier Trophy. El Remanso defeated EFG Bank Aravali 13-10 in a match for the newly created Cartier Trophy. Played as a subsidiary final, it featured the losing semi-finalists who had battled so hard last Wednesday (13 June) to earn a place in today's' final.

This sold-out day, which attracted a crowd of some 5,000 people, concluded with a unique display on The Queen's Ground. The Royal Cavalry of Oman, who were already in the country as they had taken part in the All The Queen's Horses Pageant at Royal Windsor Horse Show and Beating The Retreat in London, put on a magnificent display of equine skill, featuring some 70 magnificent Arab horses as well a couple of flag-bearing Shires too.



Coronation Cup



AUDI INTERNATIONAL SEES ENGLAND CLINCH VICTORY AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA TO WIN CORONATION CUP

Luke Tomlinson, captain of Audi England, lifted the Coronation Cup for a third successive year after a nail-biting match against South Africa at Guards Polo Club, Windsor. Audi England faced a tough and talented South African opposition and, with the teams adding up to a 26- and 25-goal handicap respectively, those watching the match were ensured a competitive and exciting display of the sport. Thousands of spectators, including VIPs Dominic Cooper, Matt Smith, Douglas Booth, Dionne Bromfield, Gemma Chan, Annabelle Wallis and Steven Moyer, enjoying some rare summer sunshine.

Under the captaincy of 23-year-old Nachi du Plessis, the Equus & Co sponsored South Africans (rec 1) also included Chris Mackenzie, Jean du Plessis and Tom de Bruin- four players under the age of 25 – not only making them the youngest international team ever to have taken to Smith's Lawn on International Day, but also an indication of the young polo talent that South Africa, as a country, is producing. After the match, David Woodd, Chief Executive of the Hurlingham Polo Association was quick to praise the South Africa team saying: "It was a great privilege for England to play a young go-getting South African team."

On the other end of the spectrum, the England line-up is one we have seen many times before – James Beim once again playing in the Number One position, the Tomlinson brothers, Mark and

Luke, working together in the middle, and Malcolm Borwick at back – a combination that has previously produced England with the desired results. It was perhaps the team cohesion that has been established as a result of playing with one another for many years now that perhaps gave them that extra advantage, plus some coaching from another experienced International Day captain, Chile's Jose Donoso.

From the moment the ball was thrown in, it was evident that the game would be one between two very competitive sides, with the young and fresh energy of South Africa facing a more experienced England side. With the half time score reading 5-3 in favor in England, the home crowd was perhaps beginning to relax a little. However, impressive team play and confident attacks from South Africa kept England on edge and in the final chukka, with just six minutes left of play, de Bruin equalized for South Africa, and this game was very much back on. The next crucial play was by none other than the England captain himself, who executed a perfect 30-yard penalty shot to take the home team into the lead with just five minutes to go and who deservedly won the Most Valuable Player Award which he later received from HRH Prince Philip.

Adding more excitement to the game, the du Plessis duo together produced another goal for South Africa, equalizing again with just two minutes left of play. It was England's Borwick though who would be the one to secure the 2012 show, sending what would be the final and most important shot of the day which somehow found its way between various players and finally the posts as well thus securing England their third successive Coronation Cup victory, after defeating New Zealand (2010) and Brazil (2011).

England's James Beim was delighted to receive the Best Playing Pony award for his own Yacht. This 11-year-old chestnut gelding is James's favorite pony and he showed his delight in the post event press conference, saying "It is always wonderful when your ponies are recognized, not just for me but for my grooms too."

In celebration of H M The Queen's Dia-

mond Jubilee, the programme included a morning game for the inaugural Diamond Jubilee Trophy. A magnificent bronze of a leopard, commissioned by the HPA, was presented to the winners of the match between Audi Prince of Wales Young Commonwealth (rec ½) and Howtospendit.com's Hurlingham Young England side. This match was a display of the most talented up and coming players who will surely play in the afternoon's game in the near future. This time around it was the Young England side that lifted the trophy, beating their opposition 6-3 ½.

In addition to these two thrilling matches, 2012 has already been an exciting one for the Audi polo partnership with the introduction of the new Audi International Polo Series. This series, which has done so much to promote the England polo team, will close next month with the first Audi International at Chester Racecourse Polo Club on Sunday 8 September.

Audi England: James Beim (7); Mark Tomlinson (6); Luke Tomlinson (7); Malcolm Borwick (6).

Equus & Co South Africa: Chris Mackenzie (5); Jean du Plessis (6); Tom de Bruin (6); Ignus du Plessis (8).

How To Spend It.Com Hurlingham (Young England): Jack Richardson (4); Max Charlton (5); George Meyrick (5); Richard Le Poer (5).

Audi Prince of Wales (Young Commonwealth): Oliver Cudmore (4); Tom Hunt (5); Dirk Gould (5); Jack Archibald (4).



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Gold Cup for the British Open / Cowdray Park Polo Club



FINAL OF THE VEUVE CLICQUOT GOLD CUP FOR THE BRITISH OPEN POLO CHAMPIONSHIP AT COWDRAY PARK

It was a jubilant Adrian Kirby who hoisted aloft the coveted Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup on behalf of his Cortium team when they narrowly beat El Remanso 10-9 in the Final of the British Open Polo Championship on 15th July.

The world's most important pro-am polo tournament at 22 goal level opened on 19th June and over 40 matches were played in extremely difficult weather conditions before Cortium and El Remanso made it through the semi finals to compete in Sunday's Final.

Spectators were thrilled to see local team Cortium in the Final. Adrian Kirby has been on the quest for the fabulous golden in determined fashion for the past six years but has never previously made it to the Final. His team comprised Fransisco Elizalde (6 goals) at the front door, the 8 goaler Polito Pieres playing his first season in English polo at number 2, and Chilean Jaime Huidobro at number 3, enabling the patron to play in his favored position at Back. Equally popular was the team of the Gloucestershire-based Hanbury family whose two sons Charlie and George were appearing in the Final of the Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup for the first time playing alongside Guillermo Terrera (7 goals) at number 3 and the highest handicapped player on the field, David Stirling (9 goals) at Back.

Nerves were clearly visible as the first chukka got underway although a goal came from Jaime Huidobro early in the

chukka. However, the Cortium side then gave away two penalties to enable El Remanso to take an early lead of 2-1, David Stirling then surprisingly missing a 30 yard free hit which could have put his team further ahead.

In chukka 2, it was a contrasting story with El Remanso giving away the penalties enabling Cortium's Pieres to knock two 40 yard shots through the posts to close the chukka 3-2 ahead. During the third, whilst there were a few brave rallies, continued defensive play showed that the teams were still far from settled. Only one goal was added to the scoreboard, Guillermo Terrera ensuring this time that a 30 yard hit went through for El Remanso. As the first half closed, there were 3 goals apiece on the scoreboard and everything to play for.

A good tread in was called for and the crowd duly obliged so that when the two teams came back onto the field the match notched up a gear. Two penalties for Cortium were interspersed by a good field goal from George Hanbury. When an El Remanso player dropped his stick in Cortium's half, the players gallantly slowed down play as Huidobro picked it up and handed it back. Indeed, Huidobro, as he had done in many of Cortium's earlier matches, provided unflappable back-up wherever it was needed. Stirling, always at the centre of the action, went on to produce a good field goal and then sent a 60 yard penalty shot through the posts to pull El Remanso ahead once more to 6-5.

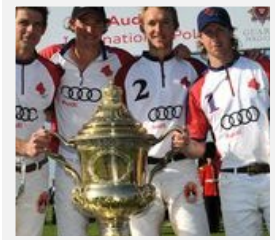
Stirling scored the first goal in the fifth chukka from a 40 yard penalty. Elizalde for Cortium soon picked up his first goal of the match and Pieres had the chance to equalize the scores with a free hit at goal so that the teams were on 7-7. Suddenly came the best shot of the match thus far when Charlie Hanbury back-handed a fantastic shot through the posts gaining the nick-name "Champagne Charlie" from the commentator and a moment of magic that offered the possibility of victory as El Remanso closed the penultimate chukka 8-7 ahead.

In the sixth chukka, David Stirling's nifty pick-up of the ball saw another goal for El Remanso on the scoreboard stimulating Cortium into greater efforts. The whistle blew for a foul, a 30 yard penalty was awarded to Cortium and Pieres tapped the ball through the posts. A further shot at goal by El Remanso was saved. Then came the match-turning goal for Cortium as Pieres snatched the ball from under the opposition's nose to accurately spin it through the goal posts and the score was level at 9-9. Back came the players to the centre. El Remanso raced away to the goal but the ball was cleared by Cortium. Off again went Cortium with the ball and suddenly Pieres surged forward again and the ball went through the posts. Cortium had won the Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup on a score of 10-9.

The Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup was presented to Adrian Kirby by Jean-Marc Lacave, President, Veuve Clicquot. A salmanazar of champagne was presented by Jo Thornton, MD Moët Hennessy UK Ltd. The players received gifts of individual silver trophies and Magnums of Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label. The Holman prize for Most Valuable Player was awarded to Polito Pieres, whose stallion Rolinga, co-owned with Hernan Pieres, was awarded the prize for Best Playing Pony. The player who had scored the most goals throughout the tournament, Facundo Sola of the Sumaya team on 46 goals, was presented with a bespoke Veuve Clicquot yellow saddle by Elsa Corbineau, Marketing Director Champagnes, Moët Hennessy UK Ltd .



Coronation Cup / Guards Polo Club



Gold Cup / Cowdray Park Polo Club



Queen's Cup / Guards Polo Club



National Association updates



Qatar applied for FIP full membership, through the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club. A national association has been formed and is open to other clubs that may start in Qatar. The application have to be approved by the General Assembly to be held in Buenos Aires, December 2012.

Contact details for National Associations who have informed a change of Board/address/etc.



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IOC London 2012

Thirty-one sport test events have already been successfully staged in London 2012 venues and a range of cultural, educational and sports programmes are bringing the Olympic spirit to the whole of the UK.

The city of London hosted the 2012 Olympic Games!

Nine cities initially submitted applications to host the 2012 Olympic Games: Paris (France), Leipzig (Germany), New York (United States of America), Istanbul (Turkey), Havana (Cuba), Moscow (Russian Federation), London (Great Britain), Madrid (Spain) and Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). On 18 May 2004, the IOC Executive Board selected the five Candidate Cities. Listed in the official order of drawing of lots, these cities were:

- Paris (France)
- New York (United States of America)
- Moscow (Russian Federation)
- London (Great Britain)
- Madrid (Spain)

The final decision on the host city for the Games of the XXX Olympiad was made by the full IOC membership during the 117th IOC Session in Singapore on 6 July 2005. London eventually triumphed by taking 54 votes from a possible 104. This gave London the majority that it needed to be elected as the host city for the 2012 Games. London had to overcome stiff competition, however, in the form of Paris, New York, Moscow and Madrid in its bid to get the Games.

More About London

The London 2012 Games were centered around the Olympic Park in east London, which was the site of a number of new sports venues. Up to 180,000 spectators a day entered the Park to enjoy the Games, making it the principal focus of Olympic activity in summer 2012.

The main venues – the Olympic Stadium, Aquatics Centre, Velodrome and BMX Circuit, as well as the hockey, handball and basketball arenas – easily accessible through a network of footbridges and walkways within the Park. The Olympic Village was walking distance of all the venues in the Park, enhancing the experience for athletes and officials. The use of other prestigious venues – such as Wembley Stadium for football, the All-England Club in Wimbledon for tennis, Lord's Cricket Ground for archery and Horse Guards Parade for beach volleyball – is also a feature of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The London 2012 Games include a four-year Cultural Olympiad, which is already underway. It will reach a climax with the Olympic Games Opening Ceremony on 27 July 2012, starting a 60-day festival of sport and culture across the UK, as the Olympic and Paralympic spirit crosses the world once again.

Scale of the 2012 Games:

- 26 Olympic sports in 34 venues
- 20 Paralympic sports in 21 venues
- 10,500 Olympic athletes and 4,200 Paralympic athletes
- 20,000 press and media
- More than 9 million tickets



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Official website of the Olympic Movement

IOC London 2012



London bids farewell to the Games
A spectacular Closing Ceremony brings the curtain down on 17 days of sporting excellence

International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge declared the London 2012 Olympic Games “happy and glorious” and thanked London, as the spectacular Closing Ceremony brought the curtain down on 17 days of sporting excellence, which took place amidst a party atmosphere throughout the British capital.

The Olympic Stadium – which staged so many impressive sporting achievements during the Games – played host to a kaleidoscopic ceremony that celebrated the best of British music, with performances by artists including One Direction, Annie Lennox, George Michael, the Spice Girls, Take That and The Who.

As the Olympic flag was lowered, President Rogge paid tribute to the London 2012 volunteers, as well as the enthusiastic support that fans offered throughout the Games.

“We will never forget the smiles, the kindness and the support of the wonderful volunteers, the much-needed heroes of these Games,” he said.

“You, the spectators and the public, provided the soundtrack for these Games. Your enthusiastic cheers energized the competitors and brought a festive spirit to every Olympic venue. You have shown the world the best of British hospitality.”

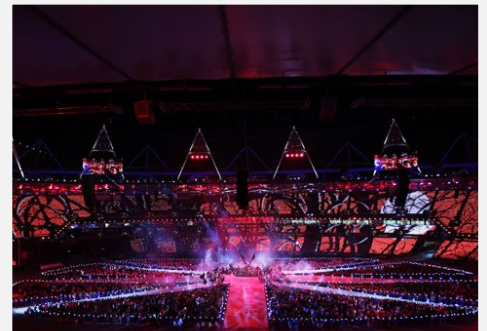
London 2012 Chairman Seb Coe also thanked the British public for embracing the Games, saying: “We lit the flame and we lit up the world; we know more now, as individuals and as a nation, just what we are capable of.











“When our time came, Britain, we did it right. Thank you.”

With attention turning to Rio de Janeiro, which will host the 2016 Olympic Games, the world was given a glimpse of what it can expect to see in four years’ time, with London’s Olympic Stadium being transformed into a Brazilian carnival scene, complete with samba dancers and football legend Pele.

The Olympic flame was then extinguished, bringing the London 2012 Olympic Games to a close as The Who provided a fitting conclusion with their anthem “My Generation”.

“This may be the end of these two glorious weeks in London,” said Coe. “But what we have begun will not stop now. The spirit of these Olympic Games will inspire a generation.”



Pos	País	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	total
1	 Estados Unidos	46	29	29	104
2	 China	38	27	23	88
3	 Gran Bretaña	29	17	19	65
4	 Rusia	24	26	32	82
5	 Corea del Sur	13	8	7	28
6	 Alemania	11	19	14	44
7	 Francia	11	11	12	34
8	 Italia	8	9	11	28
9	 Hungria	8	4	5	17
10	 Australia	7	16	12	35

Tickets for the 119° Argentine Open, Palermo

Dear FIP Members,

Once again, the Asociación Argentina de Polo (AAP) has given the FIP members the opportunity to book tickets (ABONO) for the next 119° Argentine Open to be played from the 17th of November to December 8th, 2012 in Palermo.

To take advantage of this benefit, please inform us ASAP of your preference. Tickets will go on sale the first week of October.

The AAP can only assure the sale of ABONOS (tickets for all games).

Those who need tickets for a specific date should contact the AAP a week before of each date in order to check with them what is available.

Reservations will be held until November 7th. The purchase must be paid prior to this date with a CREDIT CARD, (Visa, Master, Amex) otherwise the tickets will be released.



PRICES

Grandstands C : Abono \$ 6.100.-

Grandstands C (row 21/22/23) : Abono \$ 3.800.-

A & B Central Grandstands : Abono \$ 3.000.-

A & B Side Grandstands : Abono \$ 1.500.-

*Prices informed are expressed in ARGENTINE PESOS. (For a currency converter visit www.oanda.com/currency/converter)

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Lucas Monteverde	9	David Stirling	10
Agustin Merlos	9	Pablo MacDonough	10
Juan Ignacio Merlos	8	Juan Martin Nero	10
Total	34	Total	40

Pilará

Hilario Ulloa	9
Francisco Bensadon	9
Sebastian Merlos	9
Francisco de Narvaez	8
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 Natividad

Pablo Pieres	8
Ignacio Heguy	9
Rodrigo Ribeiro de Andrade	8
Bartolome Castagnola	9
Total	34



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 Catedral del Polo in Palermo, the largest barrio 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.

PREFERENCIAL HOTEL RATES IN BUENOS AIRES FOR FIP MEMBERS:

We are pleased to announce that Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt Buenos Aires has given the following preferential rates for FIP members

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	Rate Agreement
	Single / Double
Park Deluxe Room King / Twin	USD 450.-
Park One Bedroom Suite	USD 600.-
Park Suite	USD 700.-

SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR FEDERACION INTERNACIONAL DE POLO:

The rates are quoted on USD American dollars, are per room - per night basis and are subject to 21% VAT (Value Added Tax)

The above rates are subject to change by the Hotel at any moment.

Rates are net, non commissionable

Rates include the following special benefits for FIP:

Buffet breakfast served in Restaurant Gioia & terrazas

Wine and cheese tasting for two people in our Winery

Upgrade subject to availability

Extra adult charge, USD 80.- + 21% VAT

Children policy: Children under 12 year old will stay free of charge in their parents rooms. Validity: These rates are valid until December 26th 2012

FIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

78th Ambassadors Cup	Buenos Aires, Argentina	5th to 7th December
7th Patiala Cup	Buenos Aires, Argentina	5th to 7th December
Argentine Open Final	Palermo, Argentina	8th December
FIP General Assembly	Jockey Club, Buenos Aires, Argentina	6th 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