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Message from FIP President Dr. Richard T. Caleel

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I am pleased to announce the launch of our new website. Information regarding its content and use is reported in this newsletter.

Our staff may now access and update the website directly. I want to thank Sandy Herron for her excellent work and outstanding effort in the production of this revised site.

Please note that there is an increasing number of children's tournaments worldwide. In addition, there are plans for an umpire clinic later this year. We strongly support these events.

There is some funding available from FIP for these events. We welcome your requests for this type of support.

Romania, Kuwait, and Norway have filed applications for membership in FIP. These applications will be reviewed by the Executive Committee on May 15, 2013 in London.

Our Zone Directors are working aggressively to schedule the Zone Playoffs for the 2014 World Cup Tournament. We are also negotiating with several countries regarding a venue for the World Championship tour-

nament. I hope that more specific information will be available soon.

We encourage you to utilize our new website and we welcome comments, corrections, and news items from all of our members.

We're on the web
www.fippolo.com

Special points of interest:

- * New website launch
- * 2013 FIP Directory
- * Hotlink to Handicap lists
- * Passwords to be e-mailed
- * Business side of Polo
- * Save the Dates
- * New FIP Members

Communication changes for FIP Members

Your 2013 FIP Directory can be found online at the www.fippolo.com website. FIP members will be able to access the directory with a password to be sent out by e-mail to our members. You can search, print, and download the directory which

will be updated as changes occur, so your directory will always be up to date.

All news items will now be in the FIP Newsletter such as this one. *Handicaps will be accessed directly from national associations online and no*

longer need to be submitted to the FIP website which is now your resource guide.

"Hotlinks" for each association will be provided so your search will provide accurate and up to date information.



Malta Polo Club

Alexandria Cup

Inspire and the Malta Polo Club have teamed up with BMW to play an American tournament for the Prestigious Alexandria Cup, a trophy which goes way back to 1952, when it was presented to the Malta Polo Club by the Alexandria Sporting Club.



This one-day event was held on Saturday March 23, 2013 at the Polo Club in Marsa, and spectators watched Malta's top polo players.



The tournament was played over 6 chukkas with 3 teams, The BMW polo team, the Malta Polo Club team and the Inspire polo team. The winning team was the Malta Polo Club polo team captained by Martin Arrigo who saw his team win over the other 2 teams.

Thanks to the support of BMW Malta, the main sponsors of the event and

Submitted by Karl Galea ,
Hon President

gave spectators the chance to test drive some of BMW's latest models present on the field.

Throughout the event spectators were also be able to try their hand at polo, by joining lessons given by a team of professional coaches.



IPC: Providencia Tourism Award

"The International Polo Club Palm Beach (IPC) is one of three finalists competing for the coveted Providencia Tourism Award in Florida.

This is IPC's 10th Anniversary Season of presenting an exemplary, high-goal polo experience for 16 consecutive weeks. **The polo season alone generates more than \$20 million annually in revenue that benefits our local economy.** Polo enthusiasts

"Polo can mean big business"

from 21 countries and 49 states visit Palm Beach County and stay an average of 16 days to see the world's most elite polo players compete on the field. **Off season, IPC's fields have hosted several global sporting events**

that individually generate more than \$9 million each, in addition to USPA Youth Polo events, Summer polo camps, large charity events, and fundraisers. The club's media reach creates more than \$1 million in feature placement showcasing Palm Beach County as a desirable travel destination.

From Roderick Vere Nicoll , Publisher—Hurlingham Polo Magazine & website

- Review the new FIP website with list of members and associations
- Access the 2013 FIP Membership Directory (with a password)
- Download update contact forms to keep your information current
- Get the latest FIP Newsletter
- View the list of FIP Ambassadors
- Find Association websites or e-mail contacts to obtain the latest handicaps and information

Things to do at
www.fippolo.com

- Link to polo related media to read or subscribe to the latest news
- View the list of Association Presidents or Delegates
- Download the FIP Rulebook
- View the FIP Board of Administration and Committees

- Send us your comments and suggestions so we can continue to improve and serve FIP members
- Check out the new FIP contact members as FIP expands
- Search contacts by country, name, and various categories
- Play a bigger part in the association by staying informed and in touch
- Plan to attend the next General Assembly 2013 in Buenos Aires

79th Ambassador's Cup

Port Mayaca Polo Club hosted its second FIP Ambassadors Cup the first week of April, 2013. It was another successful event, with 6 teams participating, and players from all over the world.

After two days of great polo, the finals was between Pony Express and Grand Champions. Pony Express won the 79th FIP Ambassadors Cup at Port Mayaca in a close match against Grand Champions.

The Pony Express team (Bob Daniels, Tomas Goti, Malcolm Borwick, Marc Aberle) pulled off their 4-3 victory with Bob Daniels breaking the tie late in the final chukker.



Bob Daniels—breaks the tie for Pony Express



"80th Ambassador's Cup to be played in Buenos Aires December 2013"

Torneo Internacional Juvenil

Bogotá, Colombia

Mrs Juanita Saenz and husband Camilo organized the **Torneo Internacional Juvenil** at the Polo Club in Bogotá, Colombia in February with 9 teams from 7 to 14 years of age. There were visitors from Costa Rica, Paraguay and Argentina. Colombia has a very good level of polo in several clubs with great facilities. Photos by María Teresa Bravo



Coronel Suarez Polo Club Jr. Tournament

This traditional Argentine Polo institution, was founded in 1929 to promote the game of Polo. The club was the first in the history of the world of polo with a team that had a total handicap 40. Coronel Suarez Polo Club won the

Argentine Open Tournament 26 times, and the Copa República Argentina 15 times, winning both more often than any other club. Currently has seven polo fields and teaches the sport to children and adults.



Coronel Suarez Polo Club organizes the International Child tournament played on their polo field 15 to February 17, 2013. This is an annual event involving children from around the world.



"This event is co sponsored by FIP "



Massive amount of teams in AAP's Torneo de Menores (Youngsters Tournament)

Once again, the Asociación Argentina de Polo's Torneo de Menores (Youngsters Tournament) was a huge success. No less than 168 up-to-16 kids took part in the event, divided into eight Juveniles division teams, fourteen in the Mayores division, twelve in Menores and eight in Minis.

The opening stage of the tournament consisted of 54 qualifying matches that were played at the AAP's Pilar (outskirts of Buenos

Aires) premises, with the four finals going ahead this Saturday (April 20th) on the center field of Palermo's Polo Cathedral.

In the Juveniles division (15 and 16 year-old players), La Junta came away with the title by defeating La Betania 10-4 in the final. Tomás Alberdi, of the Coronel Suárez outfit, claimed the Fair Play prize.

In Mayores (11 to 14 year-olds) Martindale were the title winners,

defeating La Natividad 4-3 in the deciding match. The Fair Play prize went to Bartolomé Castagnola, son of "Lolo" Castagnola, as part of the La Natividad line-up.

In Menores (9 to 11 year-olds), the title went to Haras Argentino, that defeated La Natividad 3-2 in the division's final.

In what refers to the smaller kids, the Minis (under-9s), Magual lifted the trophy with victory, 3-1, against La Aguada.



Story from Living Polo

Photo by Carlos Weygang

Torneo de Menores de la AAP

Con gran éxito se está realizando en el complejo Alfredo Lalor de la AAP, este torneo que intervinieron 168 jugadores en 42 equipos divididos en categorías: Juvenil (15 y 16 años), Mayores (11 a 14), Menores (9 a 11) y Mini (menores de 9).

Entre Tacos y Bochas Abril, Domingo 21 de 2013

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UPDATES ON FIP's WEBSITE

Visit us at www.fippolo.com and see the updated and slimmed down version of the FIP website. You will find many "links" to FIP Association websites and member contacts. You can also access the 2013 FIP Directory Online; search and print, download into your computer or mobile devices. The password will be sent to you by e-mail to access these features.

If you have any updates (news will be carried in the newsletters) or forget the password to access the FIP Member Directory, e-mail sandy@fippolo.com for a prompt reply. Your valuable input is always welcome and appreciated,

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Upcoming Events—Save the Dates

May 14, 15, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting—London, England

May 25, 2013 Association of IOC Recognized International Sports Federation— St. Petersburg, Russia

October 2-6, 2014 Super Nations Cup Tianjin, China

December 2013 80th Ambassador's Cup in Buenos Aires, Argentina

December 5, 2013 General Assembly in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Second International Youth Tournament in Paraguay Dates TBD 2013.

January 2014 World Snow Polo Championships in Tianjin, China

August 2014 Polo Day in Deauville, France

FIP Members will receive e-mail with invitations, agendas, and travel details as the information becomes available .

Photo by Carlos Luis Weygang
General Assembly December 2012

