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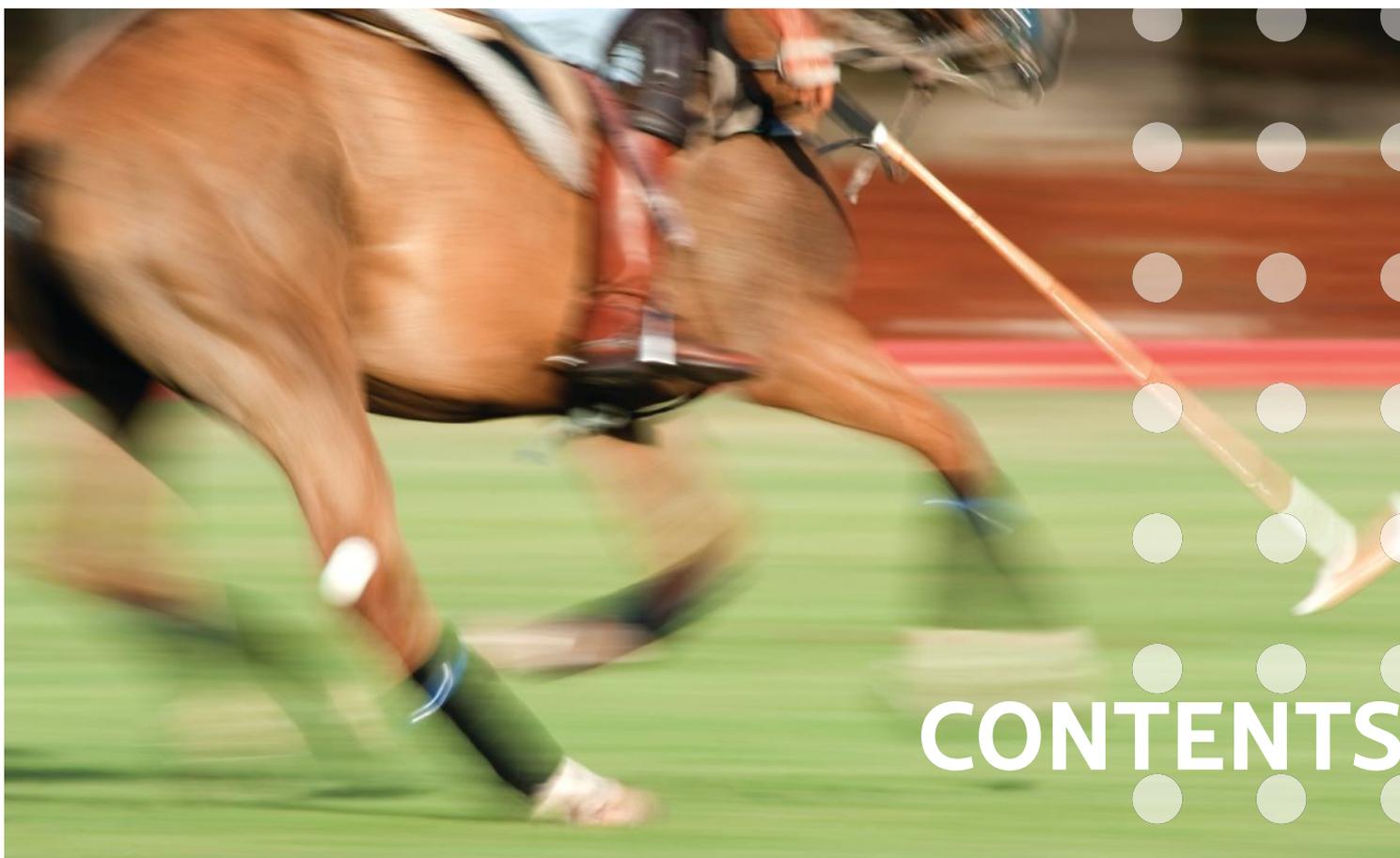
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The United States Polo Association is proud to host the FIP World Polo Championship for the first time in more than two decades. Not only are we thrilled to welcome eight of the world's best polo teams representing their home countries, but we could not be more pleased to present the National Polo Center – Wellington. This competition will showcase the promise of our sport's growth and longevity in the United States and establish NPC as the premier destination for American polo. We are extremely grateful to all of the individual players and associations who have invested immense time and effort into organizing and traveling for this landmark event. We are delighted to finally welcome players and spectators to witness and partake in the glory that accompanies this global competition. The world's finest polo awaits.

Stewart Armstrong
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United States Polo Association



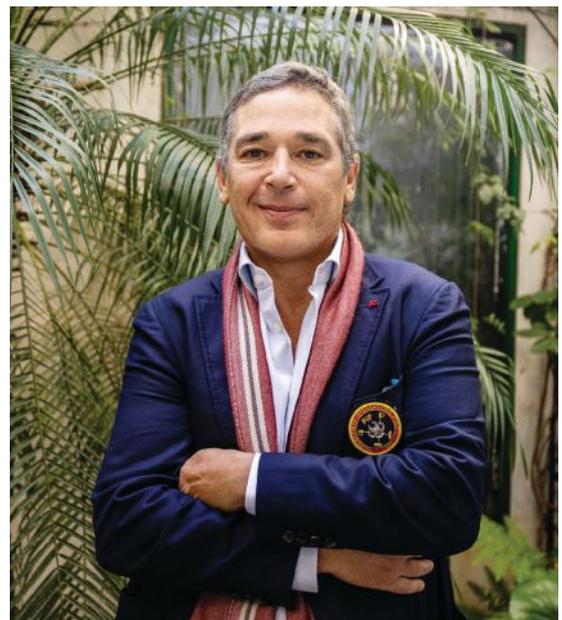
Going Global

It is my pleasure and honor to welcome you to the XII FIP World Polo Championship 2022.

The best way to get a sporting activity to expand is through international competition. Marcos Uranga and Glen Holden, founders of the Federation of International Polo (FIP), believed that the establishment of an international tournament was fundamental. Mounting the World Championship—of which there have been 11 so far—has been the most important aspect of the federation's success, resulting in publicity for the game and creating more public awareness. More than 50 athletes representing eight nations will compete and live in Wellington for two weeks, thus helping FIP achieve some of its principal missions of developing polo worldwide and, at the same time, inspiring the international exchange of cultures and camaraderie in polo.

The Federation of International Polo is extremely grateful to the United States Polo Association and USPA Global Licensing for making this twelfth edition of the World Polo Championship possible.

Horacio Areco
President
Federation of International Polo





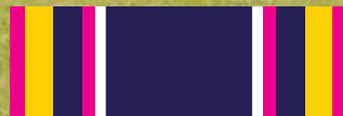
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WELCOME

New Beginnings

On behalf of USPA Global Licensing and U.S. Polo Assn., we are proud to be hosting the XII FIP World Polo Championship, together with the United States Polo Association, right here in beautiful Palm Beach County. This prestigious and exciting international polo competition brings together eight teams from different countries, all competing for one of the sport's hardest and most coveted world polo titles. So many people have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this special event, the talented players, and the amazing horses to The Palm Beaches for the very first time. The competition will take place at the newly rebranded USPA National Polo Center - Wellington, marking an extraordinary time in the sport and U.S. Polo Assn. brand history.

U.S. Polo Assn., the official brand of the United States Polo Association (USPA), will once again be the official apparel sponsor of the XII FIP World Polo Championship. I am thrilled that our multibillion-dollar, global, sport-inspired brand can support FIP and the USPA in this most distinguished international competition. Together, we are bringing the only global polo competition to Palm Beach County, complementing USPA Chairman Stewart Armstrong's vision of the "Sunday Field," broadening the polo season, and enhancing tourism to The Palm Beaches.

With U.S. Polo Assn.'s global headquarters located in West Palm Beach and NPC's illustrious fields in Wellington, we send a special thank you to Palm Beach County and the Village of Wellington for their undaunting support. We also thank our other amazing sponsors and partners for the support of this unprecedented sporting event where both fans and newcomers from all over the world can see the best that polo and South Florida have to offer.

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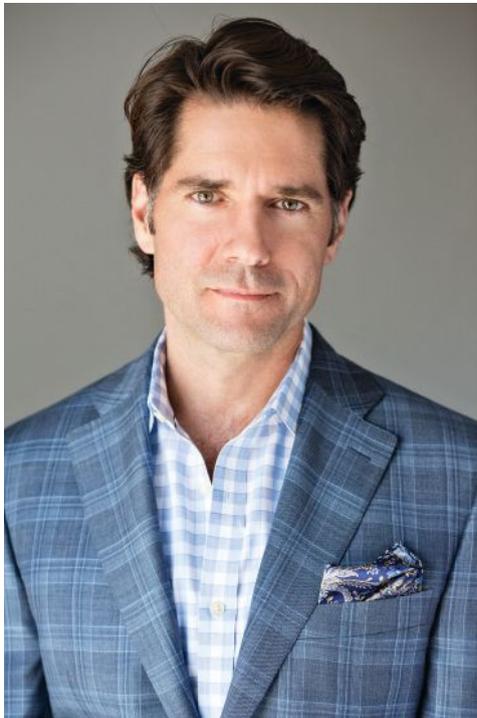
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That is how I discovered the Federation of International Polo (FIP) in 2015 while alongside the fields in Wellington. My focus was on the unfolding game, but the players in the car next to me were intently watching a FIP tournament qualifier from Chile on their smart devices. For the players, that's where the real action was!

Palm Beach County is thrilled to host some of the very best players from across the globe for the XII Federation of International Polo World Polo Championship. This tournament is a fitting start to a busy season of tournaments hosted at the USPA National Polo Center. We hope the experience of seeing these elite athletes compete against the best of the best will encourage you to return to the polo fields again and again.

See you at the fields,

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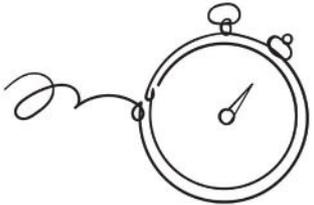


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THE XII FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL POLO WORLD POLO CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNS TO AMERICAN SOIL IN THE PALM BEACHES

By Cathy Chestnut



The long-anticipated return of international polo to the United States has arrived. American polo fans are especially excited about the XII Federation of International Polo (FIP) World Polo Championship as it plays out for only the second time in the U.S. The FIP World Polo Championship is held once every three years in different locations around the world, and it was last held stateside in California in 1998.

The United States Polo Association (USPA) is hosting the event at its beautiful, newly acquired home in Wellington, the USPA National Polo Center, as well as at Valiente Polo Farm, also in Wellington. The 2022 tournament will take place from October 29 to November 6 at the USPA National Polo Center, with the opening ceremony hosted at the U.S. Polo Assn. Field One on October 29.

What's at stake for the competitors? Eight elite 10- to 14-goal teams, representing their country, are contending for this prestigious international title. What's in store for spectators? An unrivaled experience of watching country teams fight for their chance to win the global title of the FIP World Polo Championship at these world-class facilities and fields.

Now in its fortieth year, FIP was founded in 1982 by Marcos Uranga, a second-generation polo player and world-renowned promoter of the sport. In a 2019 interview with *FIP Magazine*, Uranga said that founding FIP, which is officially recognized by the International Olympic Committee, wasn't daunting. "Everything is easier when you are working on something you love and are passionate about it," he said.

Uranga's goal in establishing FIP was to broaden the scope of international polo and restore the sport's Olympic status. In 1987, Uranga and American polo player Glen Holden organized the inaugural FIP World Polo Championship in Argentina. They decided to limit the competition to teams ranked 10 to 14 goals because it would be too challenging to field high-goal teams in some countries. Uranga, who passed away in 2021, called bringing competing countries together under the federation and belonging to the global polo community "modus vivendi"—a way of life centered on practical compromise.



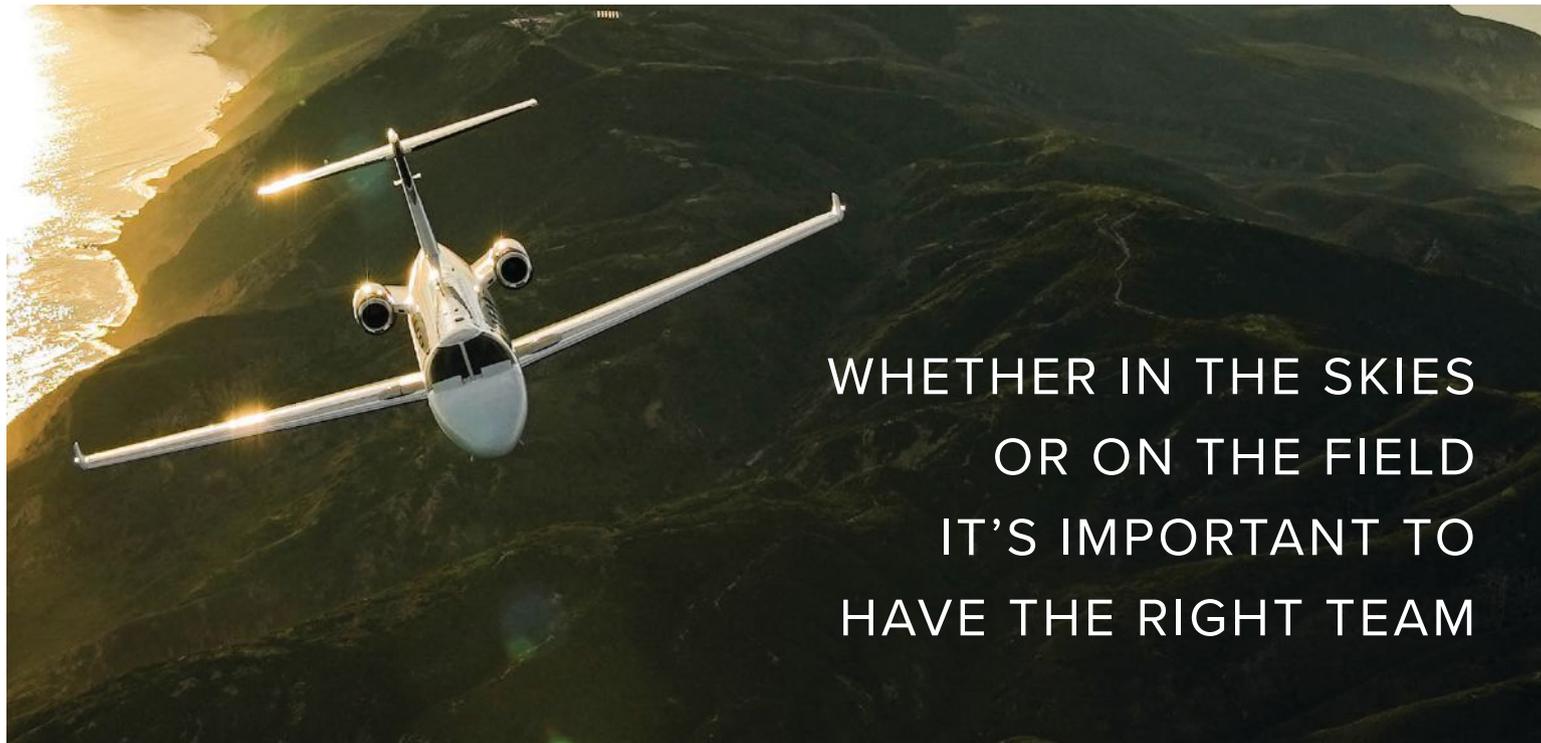
ARGENTINA WON THE FIP WORLD POLO CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY IN 2017.



FIP World Polo Championship Scorecard

DATE	HOST COUNTRY	WINNER
2022	USA	TBD
2017	Australia	Argentina
2015	Chile	Chile
2011	Argentina	Argentina
2008	Mexico	Chile
2004	France	Brazil
2001	Australia	Brazil
1998	USA	Argentina
1995	Switzerland	Brazil
1992	Chile	Argentina
1989	Germany	USA
1987	Argentina	Argentina

Note: The FIP World Polo Championship was rescheduled from 2020 to 2022 due to the pandemic, breaking the three-year cycle.



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Event Schedule

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW



Wednesday, October 26:
Horse Trials and Technical Meeting

Thursday, October 27:
Practice Games

Saturday, October 29:
Opening Ceremony
Play date 1

Monday, October 31:
Play date 2

Wednesday, November 2:
Play date 3

Friday, November 4:
Semifinals

Sunday, November 6:
Bronze Medal Match &
FIP World Polo Championship Final



Week 1

PLAYING SCHEDULE	OCTOBER 25 TUESDAY	OCTOBER 26 WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 27 THURSDAY	OCTOBER 28 FRIDAY	OPENING CEREMONY OCTOBER 29 SATURDAY	OCTOBER 30 SUNDAY	OCTOBER 31 MONDAY
9:30 A.M.					BRACKET 1 GAME 1: A VS. B		BRACKET 1 GAME 5: WINNER G1 VS. LOSER G2
11:30 A.M.	TEAMS ARRIVE	TECHNICAL MEETING	PRACTICE GAMES	FREE/ SOCIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES	GAME 2: C VS. D	FREE/ SOCIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES	GAME 6: WINNER G2 VS. LOSER G1
1:30 P.M.					BRACKET 2 GAME 3: A VS. B		BRACKET 2 GAME 7: WINNER G3 VS. LOSER G4
3:00 P.M.		HORSE TRYOUTS			GAME 4: C VS. D		GAME 8: WINNER G4 VS. LOSER G3

Week 2

PLAYING SCHEDULE	NOVEMBER 1 TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 2 WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 3 THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 4 FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 5 SATURDAY	FINALS NOVEMBER 6 SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 7 MONDAY
9:30 A.M.		BRACKET 1 GAME 9: LOSER G3 VS. LOSER G4					
11:30 A.M.	FREE/ SOCIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES	GAME 10: WINNER G3 VS. WINNER G4	FREE/ SOCIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES	SEMIFINAL 1: 1ST PLACE BRACKET 1 VS. 2ND PLACE BRACKET 2	FREE/ SOCIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES	BRONZE MEDAL MATCH	TEAMS DEPART
1:30 P.M.		BRACKET 2 GAME 11: LOSER G1 VS. LOSER G2					
3:00 P.M.		GAME 12: WINNER G2 VS. WINNER G1		SEMIFINAL 2: 1ST PLACE BRACKET 2 VS. 2ND PLACE BRACKET 1		FIP WORLD POLO CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL	

*All times subject to change.

Group Stage

SEMIFINALS

FINALS

GROUP A

*Teams to be assigned to Groups A and B at the Official Tournament Draw

GROUP B

*Teams to be assigned to Groups A and B at the Official Tournament Draw

1ST PLACE GROUP A

2ND PLACE GROUP B

1ST PLACE GROUP B

2ND PLACE GROUP A

CHAMPION

BRONZE MEDAL

LOSER SEMI 1
VS LOSER SEMI 2

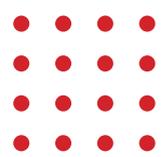


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THE CONTENDERS



The XII FIP World Polo Championship

has been a long time coming. This year's tournament was postponed from 2020 to 2022, breaking the three-year cycle and creating even more anticipation to see who will take the title. Throughout 2022, qualifying tournaments were held around the world, with all the competing countries vying for a chance to come to The Palm Beaches and be crowned the international polo champions. The defending champions (Argentina in 2017) and host country (United States) automatically qualified, with the remaining six teams (one team each from zones A, B, D, and E and two teams from zone C) competing for a spot in the tournament.

ZONE A

NORTH &
CENTRAL AMERICA



Mexico



Guatemala

ZONE B

SOUTH
AMERICA



Uruguay



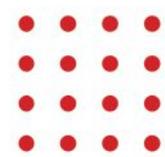
Brazil



Chile



Peru



MEET THE TEAMS COMPETING IN THE XII FIP WORLD POLO CHAMPIONSHIP



HOST COUNTRY
USA



DEFENDING CHAMPION
ARGENTINA



ZONE A
MEXICO



ZONE B
URUGUAY



ZONE C
ITALY



ZONE C
SPAIN



ZONE D
AUSTRALIA



ZONE E
PAKISTAN

ZONE C

EUROPE



Italy



Spain



Germany



France



Switzerland

ZONE D

ASIA &
OCEANIA



Australia



New Zealand

ZONE E

AFRICA, PAKISTAN
& INDIA



Pakistan



India

USA

HOST COUNTRY



In 1890, the United States Polo Association (USPA) was formed. The purpose of the USPA is to promote the game of polo, with an overarching goal of improving the sport; coordinating the activities of its member clubs and registered players; arranging, allocating, 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.

The United States will host the XII Federation of International Polo (FIP) World Polo Championship on American soil for the second time after a 24-year hiatus. In addition to the talent on the USA team, the strengths of the United States lie in both high-quality horses and a prime location featuring world-class fields and facilities.

Led by coach Julio Arellano, a former 9-goal polo professional and member of the 1989 winning team, the USA team will look to recapture the title for first time since Arellano helped claim victory more than 30 years ago.



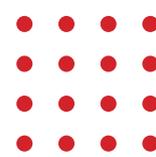
Team Coach: JULIO ARELLANO | Assistant Coach: JESSE BRAY
USA will announce its lineup from the following player pool:

Jake Klentner (2)	Joaquin Avendaño (3)	Nico Escobar (5)
Hope Arellano (2)	Kristos "Keko" Magrini (4)	Nico Diaz Alberdi (5)
Agustin Arellano (3)	Lucas Escobar (4)	

For more information on team rosters, please visit: uspolo.org/fip-world-championship



ARGENTINA



DEFENDING CHAMPION



The defending champions are back! Argentina returns to compete in the 2022 XII FIP World Polo Championship and attempt to win the tournament for a record sixth time. As the defending champions, the Argentine team automatically qualified for this year's event, but that does not mean they are any less competitive than the other qualifying teams. Argentina is an international powerhouse for polo and will bring fierce competition to the playing field once again.

Argentines enthusiastically adopted polo after the British began playing it in the country in the 1870s, and its popularity has never faltered. Argentina has won two gold medals for polo in the Olympics including in 1936, which was the last year that polo was an Olympic sport, making Argentina the reigning Olympic champions. Argentina will once again be a strong contender for the title.



Team Coach: ALEJANDRO AGOTE

Argentina will announce its lineup after a qualifying tournament organized by the Argentine Association of Polo (AAP).

For more information on team rosters, please visit: uspolo.org/fip-world-championship



MEXICO

ZONE A



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In 1881, brothers Pablo and Manuel Escandón traveled from Mexico to the United States and witnessed a polo match for the first time. After seeing the game played, they returned to Mexico, and Pablo became one of the founding members of the Jockey Club of Mexico. The Escandón brothers continued to be trailblazers for Mexican polo, even competing in a few Olympic Games.

The Federación Mexicana de Polo, or the Mexican Polo Federation, was created in 1922 and is responsible for the organization, validation, and regulation of competitions, players, clubs, and referees at the professional and amateur level of polo in Mexico.

In a great historical moment for Mexico, Mexico's national team competed in the 1900 Olympics, bringing Mexico its first Olympic medal. The Mexican team also won the bronze medal at the 1936 Olympics.

Though Team Mexico has yet to win a FIP World Polo Championship, they have come in second place in 1987 and third place in 1995 and 2008 and will look to secure their first win in 2022.



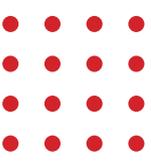
Team Coach: DIEGO SOLÓRZANO

Mexico will announce its team roster in October.

For more information on team rosters, please visit: uspolo.org/fip-world-championship



URUGUAY



ZONE B



@POLOFEELINGURU

Uruguayan polo continues to grow, and for the first time ever, Team Uruguay has qualified for the FIP World Polo Championship. Uruguay achieved one of the biggest feats in its polo history: winning the Federation of International Polo (FIP) Zone B Qualifier against some of the top South American teams. Uruguay battled against Chile, Brazil, and Peru to claim its spot in the tournament, and the team continues to make history.

As Uruguayan support for polo has grown over the last few decades, the country has rallied behind its polo players. When Team Uruguay emerged on top of Zone B, Uruguay President Luis Lacalle Pou sent a message of congratulations to the team.

During the qualifiers, the team was led by coach Felipe Viana, a 6-goal-handicapped player who was raised in Uruguay, attended university in the United States, and previously competed for the USA team in the 2017 FIP World Polo Championship.



Team Coach: ALEXIS BOISMENU

Uruguay will announce its lineup from the following player pool:

Gaston Magariños (1)
Federico Lindner (1)
Ignacio Viana (4)

Matias Carrique (4)
Mauricio Sanchez (4)
Santiago Stirling (5)

For more information on team rosters, please visit: uspolo.org/fip-world-championship



SPAIN

ZONE C



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Spain has a long and storied history with the sport of polo. In 1876, Spain's King Alfonso XIII built the first polo field in the city of Madrid. The monarch was a huge supporter of the sport, and to this day is remembered in la Copa Memorial de S.M. el Rey D. Alfonso XIII, one of the most important polo tournaments in Spain.

La Real Federación Española de Polo, or The Royal Spanish Polo Federation, was founded in 1972. The Federation aims to promote, organize, and develop the growth of the sport of polo throughout Spain. Some of the best-known polo clubs in Spain and internationally are the Santa María Polo Club de Sotogrande, home of the Gold Cup, and the Real Club de Polo de Barcelona, a club with more than 10,000 members.

Spain has participated in two Olympic competitions for polo, winning the silver medal in Ostend, Belgium, in 1920 and the bronze medal in Paris, France, in 1924. In addition, Spain has competed in three FIP World Polo Championship tournaments, in 1987, 2008, and 2017.



Team Coach: BENJAMÍN ARAYA | Assistant Coach: LUIS BENJUMEA

Team roster:

Nicolas Alvarez (2)

Nicolas Ruiz Guiñazu (4)

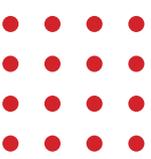
Luis Domecq (3)

Pelayo Berazadi (5)

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ITALY



ZONE C



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Italy secured its place in the 2022 FIP World Polo Championship in a second-place finish in the Zone C qualifiers, falling to fellow qualifier Spain in the finals. Team Italy proved to be a tough team to beat in the competitions, and they aim to secure their first championship title this year in Palm Beach. In 2011, Italy took third place in the FIP World Polo Championship, its highest finish in the competition.

FISE, the Federazione Italiana Sport Equestri, is the sole representative for equestrian sport in Italy and is responsible for rules and regulations of equestrian activity. The first rendition of this national organizing body was formed in 1911 and has since evolved into the FISE that exists today. As polo continues to grow in popularity in Italy, the Italian national polo team looks to achieve greatness and claim their first FIP World Polo Championship victory.



Team Coach: FRANCO PIAZZA | Team Leader: ALESSANDRO GIACHETTI

Italy will announce its lineup from the following player pool:

Stefano Giansanti (1)
Giordano Flavio Magini (1)
Goffredo Cutinelli Rendina (3)

Silvestre Fanelli (4)
Martin Joaquin (5)

For more information on team rosters, please visit: uspolo.org/fip-world-championship



AUSTRALIA

ZONE D



Australian polo started in the country around 1870, a similar time frame as Argentina. The sport was first adopted by farmers and those who lived in the countryside and used horses in their day-to-day life to earn a living and turned to polo for fun on the weekends.

The Australian Polo Federation (APF) is the governing body for all forms of polo in Australia, from juniors through to high performance for regular field polo and variants including arena, beach, and snow polo. Its objectives are to promote the playing and interest in polo; to coordinate international teams and matches; to set rules, policies, and guidelines; and to supervise handicapping of all Australian players.

Today, polo is played throughout Australia; there are approximately 50 clubs and state associations in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, and South Australia. Australia has hosted the FIP World Polo Championship twice, in 2011 and 2017, and has competed in the international competition seven times.



Team Coach: TO BE ANNOUNCED

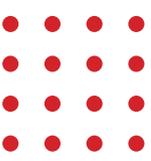
Australia will announce its lineup from the following player pool:

Angus Gilmore (2)	Lachie Gilmore (4)
Cody Grimes (2)	Jack Archibald (5)
Dylan Jones (2)	Alec White (5)

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PAKISTAN



ZONE E



The history of polo in Pakistan goes back centuries, with the sport spreading to Pakistan from the Persian empire, where it was used for improving military tactics. Polo gained more popularity and spread throughout the nation in the twentieth century as British colonists in the region began to play the sport in both India and Pakistan.

The Pakistan Polo Association (PPA) is the governing body of polo in Pakistan, with a mission to promote and organize polo in the country. Based in Islamabad, the association was formed in 1947 as a successor to the Indian Polo Association. It is affiliated with the Federation of International Polo and Pakistan Sports Board, a government body under the Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism, which promotes and develops uniform standards of competition for sports in Pakistan.

Pakistan is home to the world's highest polo ground, Shandur Top. It sits at an altitude of 3700 meters and is home to an annual polo tournament and music festival.



Team Coach/Manager: BADER UZ ZAMAN | Team Coach: AYAZ AHMED

Pakistan will announce its lineup from the following player pool:

Raja Jalal Arsalan (3)	Ahmed Tiwana (3)
Temur Nadeem (3)	Raja Sami Ullah (4)
Raja Muhammed Mekayial Sami (3)	Hamza Mawaz (4)

For more information on team rosters, please visit: uspolo.org/fip-world-championship



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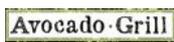
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History Lesson

Polo first originated in Persia in 600 B.C. and is one of the oldest recorded team sports in history. It is also one of the fastest ball sports in history, with outdoor grass polo featuring four riders per team each atop a highly trained polo pony galloping across fields measuring 300 yards long. Originally used as a training exercise for cavalry troops, the strategic game resembles military tactics—and while the sport has adapted throughout time, the core concepts remain the same.

Polo quickly spread throughout Persia, Arabia, China, and Japan. It arrived in India in the thirteenth century, and the subcontinent is home to one of the oldest polo clubs still in existence, the Kolkata (formerly Calcutta) Polo Club, established in 1862. As colonization touched different corners of the globe, nations around the world adopted the fast-paced sport. Today it is played



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: POLO DEPICTION FROM *THE BOOK OF KINGS*, CIRCA 1480; PLAYER FRANCES L. POST, CIRCA 1930; POLO PLAYERS IN MANIPUR, INDIA, IN THE 1870s.

in more than 100 countries. It is most popular in Argentina, England, and the United States, where more than half of the world's polo players live.

In 1869, an English officer organized the first polo game in England. By the 1870s the first official rules of the game were formulated in India. The game then traveled from England to New York City in 1876, and the United States Polo Association (USPA) was founded in 1890. With the creation of the USPA, the rules in the United States were standardized, which allowed the sport to grow even more quickly.

Nicknamed the "Sport of Kings," polo has been a fixture in Palm Beach County for the last several decades. The area gained its footing within the international polo scene with the opening of the Gulfstream Polo Club in 1923. Fast-forward nearly 100 years and Wellington is now a mecca for winter polo play and equestrian competitions.





TRADITIONS & TIDBITS

COIN TOSS

The coin toss takes place before the game to determine goal direction. At the season-opener game, a notable individual or celebrity often performs the toss.

TAILGATING

For many games, attendees typically back up their vehicle and watch from their tailgate or hatchback field side. The theme is BYOE—bring your own everything—and guests are welcome to dine as they please.

DIVOT STOMP

During Sunday games, when there is a break at halftime, spectators are invited onto the field to socialize and replace the mounds of earth (divots) that are torn up by the horses' hooves during the game.

DRESS THE PART

At most polo matches, the dress code blends



fashion and function in a classic and sophisticated manner to show the bold, colorful polo spirit. Women are encouraged to wear wedges, fancy flats, or shoes with a chunkier heel to make walking on the grass during the divot stomp easier. Common attire for women includes sundresses, while men often wear dress pants or fun Bermudas, with a blazer (optional), and slipper shoes. Jeans are also acceptable with a linen or button-down Oxford shirt. Dressing to be noticed is part of the fun!



Mark your Calendar

Some polo is being played somewhere around the world almost year-round. Fans could catch a game in Dubai in January, Thailand in February, California, Greenwich, or New York in July, and Texas in November. However, the main professional circuits with the biggest and most historic tournaments are:

- **Florida:** January to April
- **Europe:** May to September
- **Argentina:** October to December



NEED-TO-KNOW TERMS

Bell or Horn: This is situated off the side of the field and is rung by the timekeeper to inform the umpires when 7 minutes of play in a chukker have elapsed.

Bump: A player is permitted to ride off another player or to remove him from the play.

Chukker: A period of play within a game, a chukker is 7-and-a-half minutes long. In high-goal tournaments, there are six chukkers per match. In the FIP World Polo Championship, there will be four chukkers in qualifying rounds and five chukkers in semifinal and final rounds.

Goal: A goal is scored when a player hits the ball between two end posts and it crosses the goal line between them. The teams switch sides after each goal.

Handicap: All registered polo players are rated on a scale of 1 to 10 (the higher the number, the better). The handicap of the team is the sum rating of its players.

Hook: A player uses his mallet to hook or strike his opponent's mallet while in the act of hitting the ball.

Knock-in: When a team hits the ball across the opponent's backline during an attack, the defending team resumes the game with a free hit from the backline where the ball went over.

Line of the ball: "Crossing the line" is the most frequent foul in polo. The line of the ball (the imaginary line along which the ball travels) represents a right of way for the player following nearest that line.

Mallet: Used by players to strike the ball. The shaft is usually made from bamboo and the head from hardwood. The wide face of the mallet head is used to strike the ball and not the ends, as with croquet. All players must hold the mallet in their right hands while playing.

Nearside: The left-hand side of the pony. When you want to hit a nearside shot, your mallet will be very near to you.

Neckshot: A ball that is hit from under the pony's neck.

Offside: The right-hand side of the pony. When you want to hit a shot on your offside, you will have your arm extended away from your body.



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More on HANDICAPS

Polo pony: A polo pony is a horse that has been trained specifically for the sport. Unique identifiers of a polo pony while competing include a shaved mane and braided tail. A player has the option to switch ponies at least once per chukker to give the horses rest.

Ride-off: Two riders may make contact and push each other off the line to prevent the other team from striking the ball. It is primarily intended for the ponies to do the pushing, but a player is allowed to use their body, but not their elbows.

Ringer: A player or pony who performs well above their rating or handicap.

Stick and ball: To practice polo with a mallet, usually all alone.

Tailshot: Hitting the ball behind and under the pony's rump.

Throw-in: When the umpire starts/resumes play by throwing the ball down the center of a lineup of players.

Umpires: Two mounted officials officiate the game to ensure the safety of the equine athletes and the players.

Whites: The official apparel for professional polo players, whites refer to the white pants that all polo players wear during competitions.

The handicap system ranges from 1 (a true beginner) and up, maxing out at what is perceived as absolute polo perfection: 10 goals. Most players do not exceed a handicap of 2, which, although it sounds low, is a good handicap for someone who plays polo recreationally.

In tournaments, the team's total handicap is counted. Handicaps are also referred to as goals, although it has nothing to do with how many goals the player is expected to score in a game. Each player is assessed on his or her tournament performance throughout the year, based on their knowledge of the rules, their riding, and their ball-hitting ability. The handicap committee then decides on their playing handicap for the next season.



JULIO ARELLANO SHARES A PASSION FOR POLO WITH HIS FAMILY, INCLUDING DAUGHTER HOPE (RIGHT). MOST RECENTLY, HE COACHED PARK PLACE DURING THE AMERICAN HIGH-GOAL SEASON (BOTTOM RIGHT).



Coach Julio Arellano



WORLD POLO CHAMPIONSHIP IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

To boost its bid for homefield glory at the XII Federation of International Polo (FIP) World Polo Championship, the U.S. has turned to renowned player and coach Julio Arellano, who competed on America's only World Polo Championship title-winning squad.

Arellano was just 16 years old when he helped the U.S. defeat England 7-6 in the final match of the second championship, held in Germany in 1989. Arellano went on to a decorated career, representing America in prestigious events such as the Westchester Cup and the Coronation Cup and winning every major trophy in the United States, including the U.S. Open Polo Championship.

"I am very honored to have been asked to coach the USA team," Arellano said in an interview with *clickpolousa.com*.

Recently coaching Park Place during the American high-goal season, Arellano helped the United States Polo Association (USPA) select America's eight-person squad. The team includes two of Arellano's children, Hope and Agustin. Their uncle, Carlucho Arellano, has also represented the United States in the world championship.

"It's a huge deal that my brother and I both represented the USA before, and now my kids will have the same honor," Arellano told *Click Polo*. "I am very proud of both of them regardless of the final team selection."

Arellano, who coaches out of Wellington, Florida, and Aiken, South Carolina, has played polo since he was 9. Taught by his father alongside two brothers, he enthusiastically deems horsemanship the preeminent skill in achieving premier player credentials.

Now he hopes to help turn the Wellington homefield advantage into another moment of glory, sending his players into competition with the reminder that "you represent something bigger than yourself" and "that it's a great honor and responsibility."

Below, we share some additional excerpts from Arellano's interview with *Click Polo*.

As coach, how do you prepare for such an important tournament?

JA: It's a great honor to be asked to coach such an event. It's very difficult with the players having work commitments. We are trying our best to find time to have them play together.

What things did you value in helping decide the final roster?

JA: We had to take into consideration, as a team, that we won't have much time to prepare and that they will be on unknown horses. Also, which players would have the time to train and participate, as many have other commitments. I have observed these players competing together and I've watched how they've played individually. Starting from the eight, I will focus on which groups have the best team chemistry, but I was looking for players who would be able to play well on pooled horses and are team players.

Is being the host team an extra pressure?

JA: Of course, it has its pros and cons. I'm very excited that the championship is going to be contested on U.S. turf. It's a little added pressure, so hopefully we can represent the U.S. well and bring home the title.







HIMSELF A HIGH-GOAL POLO PLAYER, ALEJANDRO AGOTE WILL COACH TEAM ARGENTINA, WHICH HAS WON THE WORLD POLO CHAMPIONSHIP A RECORD FIVE TIMES.



Coach Alejandro “Ale” Agote

HIGH STAKES FOR ARGENTINA

The United States may be sporting home field advantage for the XII Federation of International Polo (FIP) World Polo Championship in Florida, but Team Argentina and decorated player and coach Alejandro “Ale” Agote boast something arguably stronger: supremacy.

Not only is Argentina the reigning champion, it is also the winningest nation in the history of the World Polo Championship, having claimed five of 11 previous installments. Beginning with its title at home in the inaugural World Polo Championship in 1987, Argentina also won in 1992 in Chile, 1998 in California, 2011 again at home, and during the competition’s most-recent installment, in 2017 in Australia.

Brazil, with three titles, and Chile, with two, join Argentina in giving South America all but one World Polo Championship title: 1989’s installment, which the United States won in Germany.

But Agote, who hails from Buenos Aires, reflects the confidence and impeccable credentials of his squad. “Argentina always has the pressure of performing well in a tournament,” he says. “This is no different.”

Boasting a high handicap rating in Argentina of 9 goals, Agote played internationally at a very high level for more than three decades. He was only 19 when he won the 1989 U.S. Open Polo Championship. Other titles include the C.V. Whitney Cup in 2006, the Pacific Coast Open in California, the Prince of Wales Trophy in England, and several Gstaad Gold Cups.

Although he still plays—Agote calls the nearside back shot his favorite shot in polo—Agote has transitioned into coaching. His

exploits include coaching the extremely successful Ellerstina Polo Team, the squad of 10-goaler Facundo Pieres.

Now he brings his considerable experience—including as a member of the 7-10 goal Players Committee and the High Goal Tournament Committee for the Asociación Argentina de Polo—to Florida in a bid for more Argentinian glory. Here’s what Agote had to say going into the championship.

How does it feel to have been chosen to represent the Argentine team and coach them in this incredible event?

AA: It is an honor for me to be chosen as the Argentine coach. It is always a great motivation to represent my country.

How will the selection process for the starting team continue?

AA: We have a tournament that will be played in Argentina and the players will be chosen from the teams that qualify to the semi-finals. After that we will play as many practices as possible with the chosen players.

You are part of the group that will select the final players. What things did you value at the time of making the final roster?

AA: I value players that can adapt to different ways of playing and that are good riders.

As defending champions, is Team Argentina under extra pressure?

AA: It is a tournament with a limited handicap, so all teams are very good and very competitive. Argentina always has the pressure of performing well in a tournament. This is no different.

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WITH THE NATIONAL POLO CENTER – WELLINGTON AND MORE THAN 10 USPA MEMBER CLUBS, WELLINGTON, FLORIDA, IS THE EPICENTER OF POLO IN THE U.S.

Fans across the globe have their eyes focused on Wellington as top-notch players battle it out during the XII Federation of International Polo (FIP) World Polo Championship. The United States Polo Association (USPA) is hosting the 2022 tournament at its beautiful newly acquired home, National Polo Center – Wellington (NPC), as well as at Valiente Polo Farm, also in Wellington. The initial contests among the eight international teams are taking place at Valiente Polo Farm. The opening ceremony and final are being decided at NPC. Here are highlights of these world-renowned facilities.



GLOBAL POLO ENTERTAINMENT



USPA NATIONAL POLO CENTER -WELLINGTON

In June 2022, the USPA acquired the International Polo Club Palm Beach (IPC), rebranding it as the National Polo Center (NPC) - Wellington. The XII Federation of International Polo World Polo Championship is the first competition to be played in the inaugural season under the polo center's new ownership and administration. The USPA is expanding the Florida polo season three months by beginning in October; it was traditionally held from January through the end of April.

As one of the largest polo facilities in the United States, IPC long billed itself as the world's premier polo destination, recently hosting a historic 20 teams in the U.S. Open Polo Champion-



ship and the nation's most prestigious tournaments. Here, players and their equine athletes play at speeds of up to 35 miles per hour across a space the size of nine football fields. This well-equipped polo facility includes several state-of-the-art tournament fields designed with players and spectators in mind and a social club providing venues for dining and social events, a spa and fitness center, along with tennis and swimming.

The USPA purchased 161 acres, including fields one through five, the grandstand, the Pavilion, the Mallet Grille and Seventh Chukker restaurants, the luxurious patio overlooking the championship polo field, the Outback field, the USPA Clubhouse shop, and the social club and its facilities. Traditionally, the site has hosted a range of other outdoor field sports, such as rugby, field hockey, and soccer.

When the sale was announced, the USPA said that it hoped to make Wellington "serve as the permanent center of polo in America and set the standard for excellence in polo." The USPA Board of Governors also desired a USPA-owned "Sunday Field."

The National Polo Center - Wellington will promote a range of events, including high-goal tournaments such as the Gauntlet of Polo and international, low-goal, medium-goal, women's, and youth competitions.



Did you know...

...Wellington's equestrian festivals host more than 10,000 participants and 250,000 spectators from 50 states and 43 countries each year? The 2021 equestrian season contributed \$280 million in economic impact, according to the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County.

VALIENTE POLO FARM

The crown jewel of this 158-acre facility is its 78,000-square-foot J5 Valiente Polo Barn, billed as the largest horse barn in the United States (and visited by Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, during a 2016 charity event). Situated around a 4,800-square-foot central courtyard, the J5 Valiente Polo Barn was designed in a Florida vernacular architectural style that addresses local environmental and climate conditions. Its features include 130 stalls, 10 tack rooms, a custom aqua trainer, a designated equine veterinarian area, two feed storage rooms, four interior wash/tack stalls, two commercial-grade laundry rooms, and eight exterior wash-down areas.

Valiente Polo Farm is also home to four full-size polo fields, turn-out pastures and paddocks, and a stick-and-ball field with an exercise track, as well as housing quarters for a staff of 17 employees and grooms, and a maintenance and operations building.

Another standout element is the viewing pavilion with stepped terraces that provide optimal shade for spectators and unobstructed views of the polo fields from any perch. The pavilion also includes a wet bar and seating at the top, as well as conveniently accessible restrooms at ground level.

About U.S. Polo Assn.



U.S. Polo Assn. is the official brand of the United States Polo Association (USPA) and the official apparel sponsor of the XII FIP World Polo Championship, having been the official apparel sponsor for the Federation of International Polo (FIP) since 2015.

Headquartered in West Palm Beach, USPA Global Licensing Inc. (USPAGL) is the global licensor that oversees and manages the U.S. Polo Assn. brand, which serves as a long-term source of revenue for the USPA. U.S. Polo Assn. is built on authenticity, heritage of the sport, and classic American style. With a multibillion-dollar global footprint and worldwide distribution through some 1,200 U.S. Polo Assn. retail stores, in addition to thousands of department stores, sporting goods channels, independent retailers, and e-commerce, U.S. Polo Assn. offers apparel for men, women, and children, as well as accessories, fragrances, and footwear in 190 countries worldwide. The brand has continued to grow its retail and e-commerce efforts while driving awareness of its authentic connection to the sport

through global television broadcasts, sporting events, philanthropic efforts, digital media, marketing, and public relations initiatives.

A primary focus for USPAGL and U.S. Polo Assn. is to bring more exposure to the USPA's top events through sponsorship and philanthropy to demonstrate the authentic connection between the sport and the brand. For example, U.S. Polo Assn. is the top sponsor of many major polo events, many of which take place in Palm Beach County at the National Polo Center – Wellington and give back to the community. These include the Gauntlet of Polo high-goal tournament series, the U.S. Women's Open, the Gay Polo League, Arena Polo, and more than 50 polo clubs across the United States and abroad.

Yet another example of the U.S. Polo Assn. brand supporting the sport is the launch of the USPA Pro Collection, performance apparel for polo players designed in collaboration with players. The athletic styling of USPA Pro can be seen on polo fields all over the world.



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Local, National, and Global Philanthropy

U.S. Polo Assn. is dedicated to giving back to the sport of polo and to the communities the brand serves. A portion of revenue from the sale of U.S. Polo Assn. products is used to support initiatives through the USPA, as well as for the growth of the sport; to support current players and protect the rules and safety of the game; and to ensure equine welfare. U.S. Polo Assn. continues to work with teams in the Gauntlet of Polo® tournament series to help fund charities that range from player support and equine welfare to youth development and securing the illustrious history of the sport.

In addition, U.S. Polo Assn. is a top sponsor of charitable events around the world including His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge's Royal Charity Day in the United Kingdom, Polo Africa/African Youth Polo Teams, Queens Cup Pink Polo in Thailand, Manipur Statehood Day in India, Susan G. Komen Women's Polo, and the Collegiate Partnership Program (CPP) in the United States, just to name a few.



Marketing, Digital, and PR

U.S. Polo Assn. produces seasonal fashion and polo player-focused global photoshoots, with product for the shoots coming from U.S. Polo Assn. licensing partners around the world. These shoots bring the best product and sport inspiration together to proudly represent U.S. Polo Assn., with photos and videos that are used globally in formats like billboards, concerts, digital campaigns, storefronts, events, and more.

The brand continues to partner with global brand ambassadors and top social media influencers in key countries to engage global consumers with fashion and sport. The combination of increased elevated content and new partnerships continues to play a major role in driving awareness and engagement with U.S. Polo Assn.'s seven million social media followers worldwide.

To gain momentum during the global pandemic, U.S. Polo Assn. focused on rolling out global brand sites that are language specific. There are now a total of 40 new brand sites in 18 languages, making U.S. Polo Assn. more accessible than ever before.

Feature stories and product placements from U.S. Polo Assn. have run in *Entrepreneur*, *Forbes*, *WWD*, *Fast Company*, *Yahoo News*, *Chain Store Age*, *Grit Daily*, *Polo & Lifestyles*, *Bloomberg*, *Cheddar TV*, *Fox Business*, *Retail & Leisure International*, *Sports Business Journal*, and *Florida Trend*, among others.

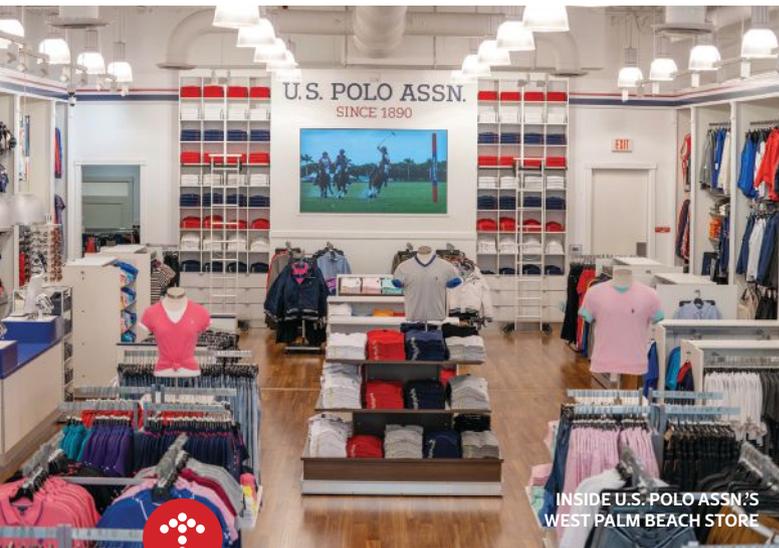


ESPN

In late 2021, as part of USPA Global Licensing's (USPAGL) goals to expand awareness for polo, the company entered into an historic partnership with ESPN to televise a total of six high-profile polo games around the world, including the XII FIP World Polo Championship on October 29. This partnership serves as a global destination for top polo games in the United States and provides the ability to connect with new sports fans on the world's No. 1 sports platform.



ESPN BOOTH AT NPC FOR
THE GOLD CUP



International and Store Expansion

The U.S. Polo Assn. global retail footprint encompasses 1,200 brand stores. Some of the most strategic locations include a flagship store in New York's Time Square, a five-story store on Istiklal Street in Istanbul, Turkey, and an airport location in Panama City, Panama, as well as stores on Nanjing Road in Shanghai and in the Express Avenue Mall in Chennai, India; Cheshire Oaks in the United Kingdom; and the Morumbi Mall in São Paulo, Brazil. The West Palm Beach store, which is located near U.S. Polo Assn.'s global headquarters, was also recently renovated.



Sustainability

This year, U.S. Polo Assn. announced USPA Life, a strategic, long-term initiative to reduce the brand's environmental footprint. This initiative includes a new line of USPA Life labeled products that are made with certified, preferred sustainable attributes. In 2021, U.S. Polo Assn. announced its partnership with 4ocean, a Florida-based Certified B Corp, with a goal to pull 60,000 pounds of trash from the world's waterways in the first year through 4ocean's Certified Cleanup Partnership Program. More recently, it partnered with the Italian organization Treedom to support its mission to make this planet greener. Since its founding in Florence in 2010, Treedom has planted more than three million trees in Africa, South America, Asia, and Italy. There are many more to come as this critical initiative continues to evolve.



U.S. POLO ASSN. MODELS AT PITTI UOMO TRADE SHOW IN FLORENCE, ITALY



Sport and Fashion Events

Most recently, U.S. Polo Assn. made a huge impression at the largest menswear trade show in the world, Pitti Uomo in Florence, Italy. At this year's post-pandemic revived event with more than 16,000 attendees, U.S. Polo Assn. was among 700 brands that exhibited, including other lifestyle sport brands like Fila, Reef, Maserati, and Crocs, as well as iconic luxe brands such as Brunello Cucinelli and Karl Lagerfeld.

Thanks to a visit from members of the FIP Italian Polo Team and the brand's display of models dressed as players, U.S. Polo Assn. was the most buzzed about booth at the show. Its earned media coverage had a reach of more than 500 million, with some 100 stories across TV, print, digital, and social including the top-rated TV news channel in Italy, *Vanity Fair*, *The Robb Report*, *GQ Italia*, *Prima Firenze*, and *FashionUnited*, plus all major Italian sports media.

In its effort to keep sports at the forefront, U.S. Polo Assn. was proud to be the presenting sponsor of the *USA Today* High School Sports Awards (HSSA), a first-of-its-kind national student awards show, hosted by Michael Strahan and Rob Gronkowski, where polo was included for the first time ever. Locally, U.S. Polo Assn. was the naming rights sponsor for the Champagne Lounge at the 2022 Honda Classic at the PGA National Resort & Spa, as well as the Athlete of the Year Award sponsor for the *Sports Illustrated* Awards at the Hard Rock Hotel in Hollywood, Florida.

U.S. POLO ASSN. WINNING RLI'S 2021 GLOBAL RETAILER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Awards

The U.S. Polo Assn. was honored recently with the Global Retailer of the Year Award at the prestigious Sixteenth Annual Global RLI Awards. The Retail & Leisure International (RLI) Awards honor the most visionary and innovative retail and leisure concepts from across the globe. Other big winners of the night included Nike House of Innovation, Paris for RLI Interior Excellence, and New York-based Brookfield Properties for Developer of the Year.

U.S. Polo Assn. was also nominated for the 2022 Licensing International Excellence Awards and has just been ranked the twenty-eighth largest licensor in the world and within the top five sports licensors, according to *License Global* magazine's 2022 list of "Top Global Licensors." The brand is in elite company alongside the NFL, MLB, and NBA.

The Future of U.S. Polo Assn.



U.S. Polo Assn. maintains its leadership position and remains focused on the long-term vision around the U.S. Polo Assn. brand. It continues to look for avenues and partnerships to expand into new global markets and is working on projects that showcase the authentic connection between the sport and the brand. Furthermore, U.S. Polo Assn. strives to build the awareness of polo and support its growth around the world, including right here in Palm Beach County with the USPA National Polo Center. We believe that the future of our sport and the future of our brand have never looked brighter.



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PICKING THE

EQUINE ATHLETES

A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT THE HORSE MASTER'S DUTIES AND THE PROCESS FOR SELECTING THE POOLED HORSES

By Cathy Chestnut



During the FIP World Polo Championship, the selection of horses is as special as this global event. Each team is provided with a hand-selected number of horses that are rated based on several factors. The rating is conducted by an official "Horse Master," a professional who will test each horse and determine how to divide the horses equally among all the teams. Upon arrival to the tournament is the first time each player and each team will meet their equine athletes.

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As spectators marvel at the way polo players balance dynamic variables during each chukker, they are also witnessing the delicate behind-the-scenes dance of the XII Federa-

tion of International Polo (FIP) World Polo Championship Horse Master.

As the hosting organization, the United States Polo Association (USPA) had the responsibility of providing the horses and working with FIP to select a trained Horse Master, who grades the horses that are drawn among the eight competing teams. For the FIP World Polo Championship, that means trying and grading over 180 polo ponies. For this task, the Horse Master will employ a team of assistants (called stewards), who will later assist the teams when they receive their horses. Here's the breakdown for the pony pool:

- During the first stage, each team receives 22 horses for the four-

chukker games. Once the horses are assigned, no horse can be added to the pool or traded for another horse without approval from the Championship Committee.

- Each of the four teams that have qualified for the semifinals will receive 10 to 12 horses from the four teams that did not qualify. The Horse Master prepares the new list of the four sets of horses to be drawn between the qualified teams.
- The teams draw by lottery for their pool of ponies up to six days before the first championship game. Teams must manage their games with the pool of ponies that they have drawn.
- The semifinals and finals are five-chukker games.



MAKING THE GRADE

According to tournament rules, horses are graded A, B, and C. A description of each horse is prepared that includes the owner's information, the handicap of tournaments that it normally plays, and the position of the player in the team. The ponies are divided into pools of an equal number and quality for each team, and the horse descriptions are provided to the teams after the draw. The players have two days to try and practice them before the championship games begin.

PONY POOL

Pooled ponies are utilized in the XII FIP World Polo Championship for financial and logistical reasons, and the system ensures "all teams are in equal condition to compete with regards to the horses," according to FIP. Here are some of the requirements for the ponies:

- All ponies are approved by FIP.
- All ponies must be sound, reliable, fit for competition, and trained to the standard of 14-goal polo.
- Each team must have a minimum of one pony per player per chukker, with one spare pony per player.
- Strict procedures have been established to ensure there can be no switching of ponies into or out of the pools.
- The umpire will divide the chukker in half, and no horse will be allowed to play in more than two half chukkers per game, not including an extra chukker.
- A horse that has started a chukker has used its 3-and-a-half minutes if it is changed before the end of the half chukker, except if the change occurred because of tack approved by the umpires.
- No horse may be played in consecutive half chukkers.

Meet the Horse Master



Adam Snow will serve as the Horse Master for the 2022 FIP World Polo Championship. A retired 10-goal polo player, Snow has played on four continents and was twice named Player of the Year, in 1997 and 2003. He also won the U.S. Open Polo Championship in 2002 and 2006. He was inducted into the Polo Hall of Fame in 2014. Additionally, Snow now operates New Haven Polo Farm where he breeds and trains polo ponies. Snow will use his lifetime of knowledge about the sport and horses to serve the XII FIP World Polo Championship as the Horse Master.



HORSE SOURCE

As the hosting country, the United States Polo Association partnered with J5 Equestrian to be the sole horse supplier for the XII FIP World Polo Championship, providing over 180 top-quality horses to the competing teams. All horses were evaluated and ranked prior to the event and are being kept at the Valiente Polo Farm facility in Wellington. For more than a decade, J5 Equestrian has been dedicated to curating and breeding top horses from around the globe. It also builds and operates winning polo team organizations.



J5 TOP HORSES TO WATCH

J5 Equestrian is excited to aid the United States Polo Association and the Federation of International Polo in hosting the 2022 XII FIP World Polo Championship. Some notable horses that will take the field include:

SLIGHT

- Out of the famous Small Pearson by Ballet
- Played the Argentine Open with Pedrinho Zacharias in 2021

TURQUITA

- A young mare from Argentina, a combination of an American thoroughbred with one of the most productive polo stallions
- Out of the famous Tula, whom Adam Snow played many seasons in the high goal, by Chimento

JORDIE

- Josie x Chelo
- Fantastic palomino stallion played by Diego Cavanagh and Rob Jornayvaz
- Played the U.S. Open Women's Polo Championship

BUEN TIP

- Starting Gate x Sportivo
- Played the finals of the U.S. Open Polo Championship with David "Pelon" Stirling, Adolfo Cambiasso, Matias Torres Zavaleta, and Poroto Cambiasso
- Has been one of J5's most solid horses for the past seven years

PREMIADA

- Medalla x Casino
- Played the Argentine season as a 6-year-old with David "Pelon" Stirling
- Played in the United States with Adolfo Cambiasso, Diego Cavanagh, and Bob and Rob Jornayvaz
- One of J5's most versatile mares

SLIGHT



TURQUITA



JORDIE



SETTING

THE PACE

Wellington's equestrian community has become a powerful economic engine for Palm Beach County

By Paige Bowers



Wellington was once renowned for having the world's largest strawberry patch. Now it is home to a thriving equestrian community with a \$280 million economic impact on Palm Beach County. With 57 miles of trails and two large sporting venues, the upscale village of 66,000 averages one horse for every three residents during the height of the competitive season. No other place on Earth can claim such a high concentration of sport horses, which is why it has become rightly known as the "Equestrian Capital of the World."

The town's status as an equestrian mecca developed organically as equestrian show venues in places such as Fort Lauderdale closed and investors poured their energy into Wellington instead. According to the Historical Society of Palm Beach County, Bill Ylvisaker brought polo to Wellington, and the

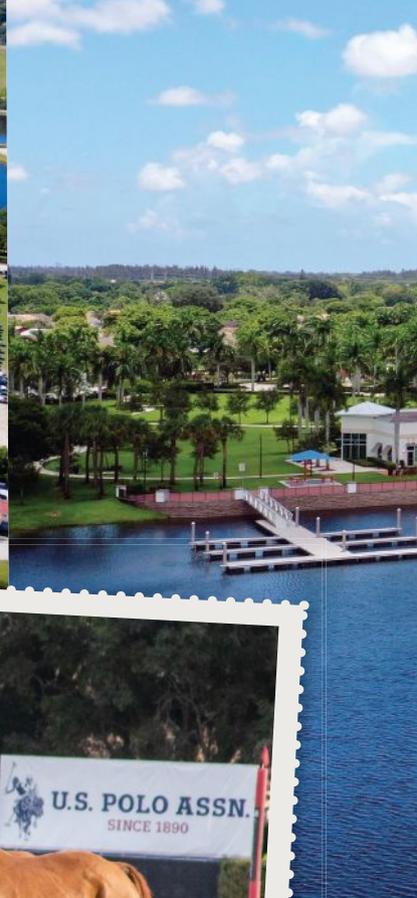


WELLINGTON IS HOME TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVE AS WELL AS AN ARRAY OF EQUESTRIAN VENUES THAT MAKE IT A THRILLING WINTER DESTINATION FOR VISITORS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.



first equestrian festival was born in 1979 and ran for 12 weeks. As a result, this agricultural town has had to grow to accommodate the needs and whims of these crowds, as well as the continued growth of all equestrian sports. Enter the infrastructure of stables, competitive venues, schools, and communities to support the horsemen and women who have opted to make the town their home base.

“The marketplace drove this,” says former polo player and equestrian activist Victor Connor. “It was never a case of the village council saying, ‘We should do this!’ The village made the south end of town the equestrian preserve and zoned it for that. Then competitors, veterinarians, grooms, blacksmiths, staff, and trainers came next, finding perfect weather, easy international access, and plenty of good restaurants and entertainment there too.”



Among those who have galloped to town are big-name polo players like Adolfo Cambiasso, Facundo Pieres, and Hilario Ulloa and show jumpers Georgina Bloomberg and Jessica Springsteen. Each year, world-renowned athletes vie for prize money and pride in events like the Global Dressage Festival and the Gauntlet of Polo, the three tournament polo series including the

illustrious U.S. Open Polo Championship. And for the first time, athletes from eight countries will come to Wellington to play in the largest international polo event, the XII FIP World Polo Championship.

Beyond the potential purses and associated accolades, competitors come to Wellington for the attractive lifestyle. As one of the 39 incorporated municipalities that comprise Palm Beach County, Wellington is 15 miles from the beach, surrounded by good restaurants and shopping, and an hour away from the vibrant city life of Miami. The weather is excellent, and the vibe is laid-back. It's easy to see why celebrities and politicians have decamped to Wellington too. Among the luminaries are former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Microsoft founder Bill Gates, BET co-founder Sheila Johnson, and former polo player and actor Sylvester Stallone.

"Because Wellington equestrian culture has attracted families not only seasonally but year-round, there's a local business benefit

to this," says Michela Green, executive director of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce. "All of us understand the important role each of us plays [in] making Wellington the Winter Equestrian Capital of the World. This didn't happen without a lot of hard work."

Part of that work began when the Village of Wellington set aside 9,000 acres specifically for an equestrian preserve full of green space, controlled density, and privately owned show grounds and polo fields. It has been part of the village's comprehensive plan since 2000, and a source of occasional frustration for residents who remember the days of smaller horse shows that were in town for shorter periods of time.

"The perception of this preserve area for many people is that it is supposed to be about the preservation of land, when in reality it is really about creating the environment that has made Wellington a place where the best athletes from all over the world want to come and compete," says Michael O'Dell, a member of the Village of Wellington's equestrian



AN INFRASTRUCTURE OF HOUSING COMMUNITIES, SCHOOLS, STABLES, AND MORE GREW TO SUPPORT EQUESTRIAN VENUES SUCH AS THE NEWLY RENAMED USPA NATIONAL POLO CENTER - WELLINGTON.



preserve committee. “These equestrians are at the showgrounds eight to 10 hours a day for seven days a week. This isn’t recreation for them—it’s their job. But sometimes you get tension when changes like this occur.”

If nothing else, O’Dell says, the village does what it can to balance the needs and wants of the equestrian venues and the wider community. For some of the town’s visionaries, that has meant demonstrating that equestrian sports and a wonderful lifestyle can go hand in hand.

The once-sleepy town of Wellington seemed to change overnight into a world-renowned equestrian lifestyle center. In 2006, an investment team bought the 200-acre Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) and lured the community in with incentives like free admission and family-friendly entertainment. Ten years later, the same investment group added the International Polo Club of Palm Beach to their portfolio in an effort to continue the equestrian industry’s growth within the community.

Now called Wellington International, the former PBIEC facility is undergoing a large-scale upgrade, to include enhanced shopping, dining, and special events. Meanwhile, the International Polo Club, now owned by the United States Polo Association (USPA), will become the USPA National Polo Center - Wellington (NPC). This fall, the USPA will

host the XII FIP World Polo Championship and will bring teams and families from eight countries to Wellington, further impacting the county of Palm Beach. In Winter/Spring 2023, the NPC will also host the epic three-month Gauntlet of Polo, which brings over 20 polo teams to the area to compete in the international competition.

Given the impact of equestrian sports on the town, venues like these will no doubt augment the sport’s appeal and the county’s bottom line, especially with sponsorships from brands like U.S. Polo Assn., The Palm Beaches, Cessna, and more in the mix. According to a study commissioned by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission, the 2022 equestrian season was responsible for over 200,000 overnight stays in hotels or rental properties and 30,000 more stays with friends or relatives who reside in the area. The report found that the average group coming to WEF and properties like NPC spends just over \$40,000 in horse-related expenses, as well. These events occur over several months of the year and generate big revenue for the county annually for an extended period of time, and this past year’s numbers were at an all-time high.

“As the largest equestrian sports competition in the world, this event is special,” says George Linley, executive director of the Palm Beach County Sports Commission.

“There is no other [annual] sporting event that generates more economic and tourism benefits in Palm Beach County.”

When Michela Green first started working with the Wellington Chamber of Commerce 18 years ago, she says the town was full of empty storefronts. That’s no longer the case, she notes, and it’s a testament to the equestrian community. Yet, Wellington hasn’t been the only beneficiary; the global equestrian community as a whole has gained from the town’s growth and change too.

“We get the very best athletes and horses in the world competing here in Wellington,” Connor says. “Depending on where you live, you can be on a plane at 7 a.m. and then on your horse down here by 10 or 11 a.m. You can stay here and do equestrian all weekend, leave on a Sunday night, and then be back to doing whatever you normally do during the week.”

Thanks to the tireless work of Wellington’s visionaries, the village is just as vibrant—and accessible—as ever.



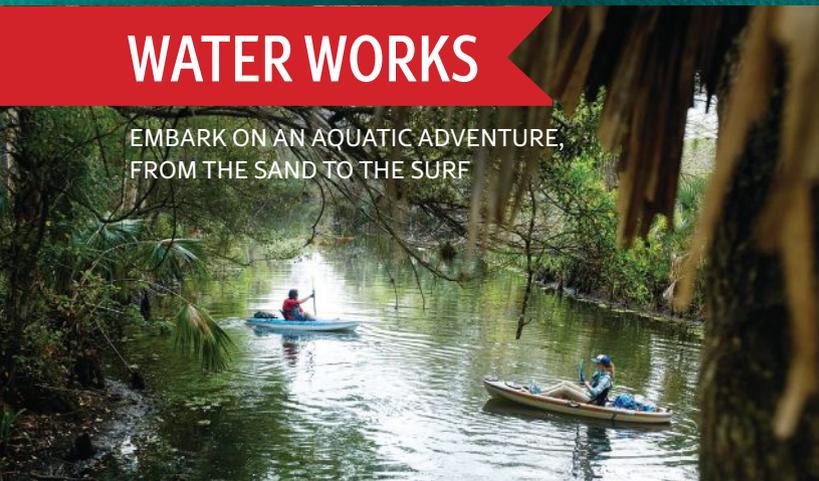
Exploring Palm Beach County

WHEN NOT OCCUPIED WITH THE EQUESTRIAN CAPITAL OF THE WORLD, INDULGE IN WORLD-CLASS LEISURE ACTIVITIES, ART, SHOPPING, AND DINING

By Mary Murray in partnership with Discover The Palm Beaches

WATER WORKS

EMBARK ON AN AQUATIC ADVENTURE,
FROM THE SAND TO THE SURF



BEST PLACES TO...

Kayak and Paddleboard: On a barrier island in North Palm Beach, John D. MacArthur Beach State Park offers 2 miles of beach plus snorkeling and kayaking among the mangroves. Peanut Island Park is another great option. Set out from the Riviera Beach Marina to take a water taxi, or rent a kayak or paddleboard to traverse Riviera Beach's turquoise waters.

Dive: Explore part of the only living barrier reef in the continental United States, along with fascinating shipwreck reefs. You'll be greeted by a kaleidoscopic seascape filled with giant Goliath grouper, sea turtles, and brilliant coral. Outfitters like Pura Vida Divers in Riviera Beach and Jupiter Dive Center can hook you up with training, gear, and charters.

Discover Nature: A protected 7.6-mile river, the Wild & Scenic Loxahatchee River runs through Jupiter to Tequesta before emptying into the Atlantic. It's home to a variety of endangered species such as

manatees, wood stork, and sandhill cranes. Unearth the Loxahatchee River's cypress-shaded secrets with Jupiter Outdoor Center on a canoe or kayak tour.

Snorkel: Become part of the technicolor world at Phil Foster Park's Blue Heron Bridge underwater snorkeling trail in Riviera Beach. Enjoy guided tours for all ages with Live Free Diving. Afterward, stop by Manatee Lagoon, an FPL eco-discovery center in West Palm Beach, to watch sea cows lazily graze in the blue-green waters.

Play: Shark Wake Park features a floating obstacle course as well as cable water sports in Okeetchee Park near Wellington. Put on your bathing suits and get ready to get wet. The experienced staff can help with the cable water sports for all levels. The younger crew (adults can enjoy as well) will love the new Obstacle Island, complete with monkey bars, climbing towers, and water slides.

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JOHN D. MACARTHUR
BEACH STATE PARK



retreat to the sand for an afternoon of swimming, sandcastles, and Frisbee.

Weekend Warriors:

Lake Worth Beach Park

This public beach, which centers around the Casino Building and Beach Complex, is packed on the weekends, so arrive early and put your name in for a brunch table at Benny's on the Beach.

Sun Worshippers:

Red Reef Park, Boca Raton

This 67-acre oceanfront park has everything, from bountiful natural foliage to the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center and enchanting snorkeling sites.

BEACH DAY

SELECT A SPOT TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS

Families: Carlin Park, Jupiter

This ideal destination for family gatherings offers 3,000 feet of guarded beach, picnic pavilions, and sport courts.

Dog Lovers: Jupiter Beach

Bring your four-legged friend to Jupiter beach between marker No. 26 at Marcinski Road north to marker No. 57, where dogs are free to frolic when accompanied by an owner.

Sightseers: Palm Beach Municipal Beach

Set up camp at this midtown beach before renting a bike to explore the island, ending at Green's Pharmacy for an egg cream.

Party People: Delray Municipal Beach

Grab a bite on Atlantic Avenue and then



DELRAY MUNICIPAL BEACH

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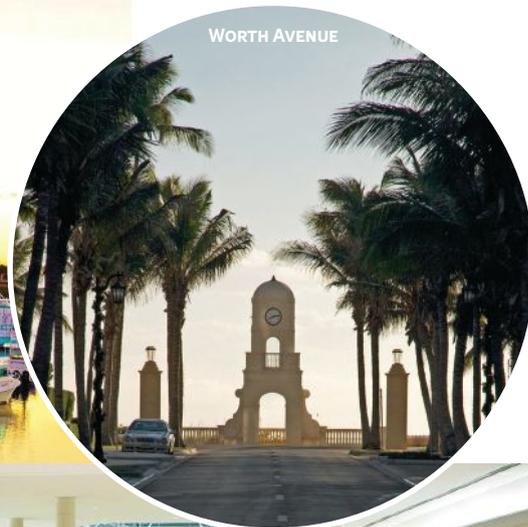
SAILFISH MARINA RESORT

BOATING BASICS

ALL THE NEED-TO-KNOW BOATING INFO

- Recreational boating is allowed across the county's 47 miles of shoreline, the Intracoastal Waterway, and numerous lakes.
- Four major inlets connect the Intracoastal to the Atlantic Ocean: Jupiter, Lake Worth/Palm Beach, South Lake Worth/Boyn-ton, and Boca Raton.
- The county operates six saltwater ramps: Bert Winters Park, Juno Beach; Burt Reynolds Park, Jupiter; Jim Barry Light Harbor Park, Riviera Beach; Juno Park, Juno Beach; Phil Foster Park, Riviera Beach; and Waterway Park, Jupiter.
- Freshwater boat ramps are available at John Prince Park, Lake Worth; Lake Ida West Park, Delray Beach; Stub Canal Park, West Palm Beach; and Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park, Boca Raton.
- Public boat slips can be found at DuBois Park, Jupiter; Fullerton Island, Jupiter; Ocean Inlet Park, Ocean Ridge; Peanut Island, Riviera Beach; and Phil Foster Park, Riviera Beach.
- The county is also home to numerous marinas with daily, monthly, and annual slip rates, such as Riviera Beach Marina Village and Boynton Harbor Marina.
- The City of West Palm Beach boasts free docks, located in the downtown district and avail-able first come, first served.
- For those without a boat, there are plenty of rental and charter options, ranging from Gulf Stream fishing outings to private yacht rentals to group tours and excursions.
- While boating, be aware of large sea creatures, such as manatees and sea turtles. Both animals are endangered, so it is important to protect them while exploring the waters of The Palm Beaches. Drive cautiously and follow the signs for low-speed and no-wake zones to protect our most important residents of the Intracoastal Waterway.





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RETAIL THERAPY

PERUSE 10 OF THE COUNTY'S TOP SHOPPING DESTINATIONS

1. Worth Avenue: Palm Beach's main thoroughfare is dotted with the world's best luxury brands. Begin at the clock tower and continue down to the Esplanade at 150 Worth, a charming alcove of exclusive boutiques and flagship stores like Saks Fifth Avenue. (worth-avenue.com; esplanadepalmbeach.com)

2. The Royal Poinciana Plaza: Built in the late 1950s and designed by architect John Volk, The Royal Poinciana Plaza recently underwent a major reinvention and now stands as a beacon for high-end retail, beauty services, fine dining, and special events on Palm Beach. (theroyalpoincianaplaza.com)

3. Antique Row Art & Design District: This walkable shopping destination in West Palm Beach features more than 40 shops and galleries selling antiques, fine art, furnishings, garden decor, and vintage fashion and jewelry. (westpalmbeachantiques.com)

4. The Palm Beach Outlets: This open-air outlet mall houses discounted outposts of top brands, such as U.S. Polo Assn. and Nike, as well as boutique retailers like Kate Spade New York, Coach, and Stuart Weitzman, among many others. (palmbeachoutlets.com)

5. The Square: Merging commerce, dining, culture, and community, The Square is a one-of-a-kind alfresco gathering place. Make a night of it with a comedy show at Palm Beach Improv and dinner at a range of eateries, including chef-driven favorites like The Regional and City Cellar. (thesquarewestpalm.com)

6. The Gardens Mall and Downtown Palm Beach Gardens: Order up a one-two punch in Palm Beach Gardens, starting at The Gardens Mall, home to more than 150 specialty shops and luxury retailers. The pedestrian-only Downtown Palm Beach Gardens has it



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all, from restaurants and entertainment to an array of retail stores. (thegardensmall.com; downtownpbg.com)

7. Harbourside Place: Given its waterfront setting in Jupiter, Harbourside Place provides a picture-perfect backdrop for shopping, dining, live music, and more. Arrive by car or boat to shop a mix of locally owned businesses and well-established brands. (harboursideplace.com)

8. The Mall at Wellington Green: This two-level, indoor mall is a retail haven in the middle of horse country. Head here for a fun date night, complete with a movie and dinner at such hip establishments as Ford's Garage. (shopwellingtongreen.com)

9. Mizner Park: An icon of Boca living, Mizner Park boasts all the ingredients for a great time, from lauded restaurants to luxury retailers and entertainment in the form of iPic Cinema, the Mizner Park Amphitheater, and the Boca Raton Museum of Art. (miznerpark.com)

10. Town Center at Boca Raton: As the epicenter for all things retail in Boca Raton, the Town Center offers an ideal mix of luxury shops, department stores, mall mainstays, and locally owned businesses. (simon.com/mall/town-center-at-boca-raton)

THE TACKERIA

For everything equestrian and so much more, head to The Tackeria in Wellington. The store carries an array of saddles for polo, jumping, and dressage, in addition to safety gear such as helmets. Its inventory also includes apparel for men, women, children, and horses, as well as grooming and stable supplies, books, toys, and dog collars and leashes. The Tackeria also offers engraving services so customers can personalize their gear. (tackeria.com)

READY TO RIDE

Want to try your hand at polo? Reach out to the United States Polo Association for help finding an amazing local instructor who can teach the basics and more. Throughout the Palm Beaches, there are also numerous places that offer horseback riding lessons, including Pink Flamingo Stables in Lake Worth, Dream Believer Stables in Wellington, and the Wellington Equestrian Center. (uspolo.org)

PALM BEACH PAR 3



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THESE PUBLIC GOLF COURSES PROMISE GREAT DAYS ON THE GREEN, REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING "FORE"



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FOR THE NATURE

Sandhill Crane Golf Club: This Palm Beach Gardens course traverses a natural preserve and wetlands, one of the only courses in Florida to do so. Improve your game by reserving a private lesson. (pbgfl.com)

Southwinds Golf Course: Golfers are all but guaranteed to spot wild life when teeing up at this Boca Raton course. Southwinds' environmental commitment is apparent in its status as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary, which signifies a promise to enhance its natural areas and animal habitats. (pbcsouthwindsgolf.com)

FOR THE FUN

Drive Shack: Ideal for groups and families, this interactive driving range in West Palm Beach features 96 full-service, all-weather bays, plus golfing games, a full bar, and casual food like sliders and pizzas. (driveshack.com)

FOR THE VIEW

Abacoa Golf Club: To add an aquatic backdrop to your swing, head to this Jupiter gem where 14 of the 18 holes

are surrounded by water. The Joe Lee–designed course features real elevation changes, while the driving range boasts all-natural grass. (abacoagolfclub.com)

Lake Worth Beach Golf Club: Feel the salt-kissed breeze from all 18 holes at this course fronting the Intracoastal. Afterward, kick back at The Beach Club to soak in the magnificent vista—cocktail in hand. (lakeworthbeachgolfclub.com)

Palm Beach Par 3: Situated at the southernmost point of the Town of Palm Beach, this oceanfront course provides breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean and Lake Worth Lagoon. Enjoy a relaxing round on the course and afterward watch the waves roll in from the upper deck of the club house at the al Fresco restaurant. (golfontheocean.com)

NORTON MUSEUM OF ART



FLAGLER MUSEUM

ARTISTIC ESSENCE

VISIT SOME OF PALM BEACH COUNTY'S MOST ICONIC SPOTS STEEPED IN HISTORY AND CULTURE

VISUAL ART

- **Boca Raton Museum of Art:** Nestled in Mizner Park, this cornerstone of the South County cultural scene presents special exhibits on a range of topics and a permanent collection of primarily twentieth and twenty-first century art. (bocamuseum.org)
- **Norton Museum of Art:** The recently renovated Norton Museum of Art boasts a permanent collection of European, American, Chinese, and contemporary art and photography from some of the world's most prestigious artists. It organizes an array of special exhibitions and community events such as Art After Dark, held every Friday evening. (norton.org)

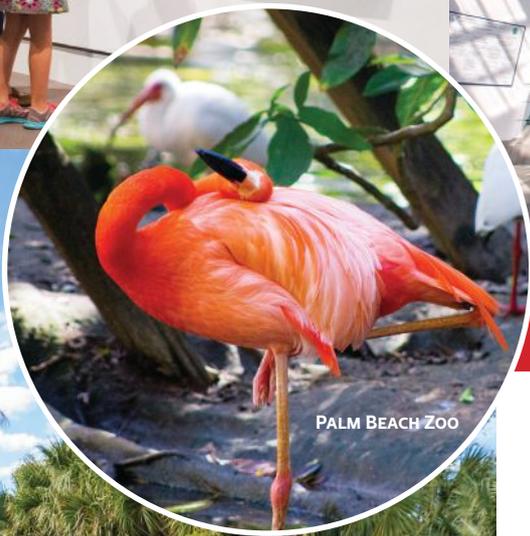
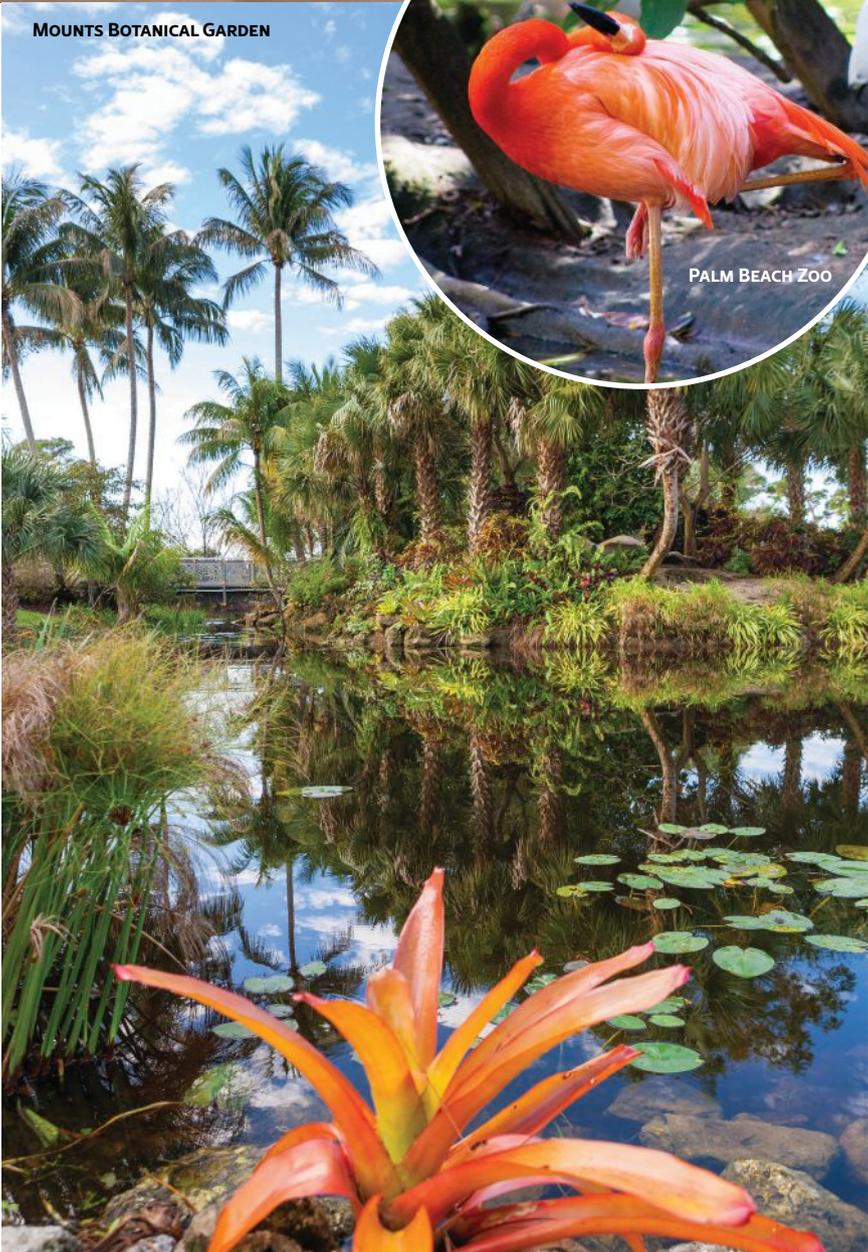
HISTORY

- **Flagler Museum:** The former Gilded Age estate of Henry Flagler is now a National Historic Landmark that offers docent-led and audio tours. (flaglermuseum.us)
- ★ **National Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame:** This not-for-profit educational organization is dedicated to fostering an appreciation for the sport and its history, development, and traditions by acquiring, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting collections, as well as honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to the sport. (polomuseum.com)

CULTURE AND GARDENS

- **Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens:** The former home of artist Ann Weaver Norton features her monumental sculptures amid a garden of tropical palms and cycads. (ansg.org)
- **Mounts Botanical Garden of Palm Beach County:** Highlights of this 14-acre living plant museum include Windows

MOUNTS BOTANICAL GARDEN



PALM BEACH ZOO

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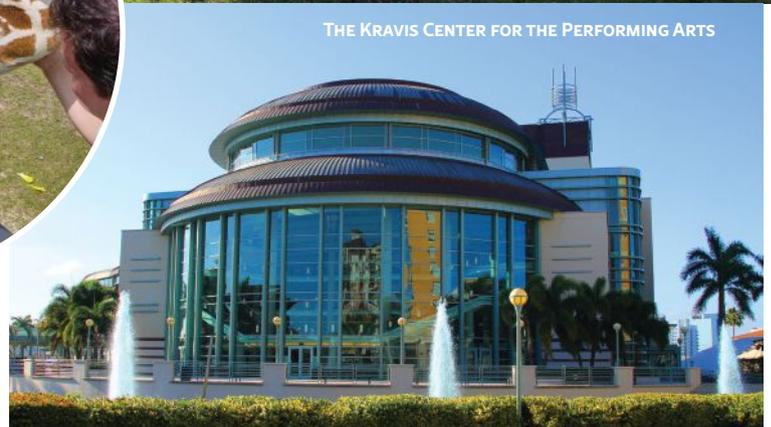
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF POLO and HALL OF FAME



JUPITER INLET LIGHTHOUSE & MUSEUM



LION COUNTRY SAFARI



THE KRAVIS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

on the Floating World, a tropical wetland that re-creates the feeling of walking on water. (mounts.org)

- **Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens:** This historic destination presents Japanese cultural experiences in the form of six distinct gardens, rotating museum exhibitions, and family-friendly events and festivals. (morikami.org)

- **The Society of the Four Arts:** Stroll along the Lake Trail in Palm Beach and find yourself in the Philip Hultar Sculpture Garden and Four Arts Botanical Gardens. Pick up a free self-guided walking tour pamphlet at the garden entrance and learn about the 20 sculptures, water fountains, and more. (fourarts.org)

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

- **The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts:** The Kravis Center welcomes nationally and internationally acclaimed musicians, dancers, comedians, and more. It also hosts visiting Broadway tours and acts as a home theater to local arts organizations such as the Palm Beach Opera. (kravis.org)

- **Maltz Jupiter Theatre:** This award-winning professional regional theater fills its season with Broadway classics of yesterday and today, including large-scale musicals that are sure to impress. (jupitertheatre.org)

- **Palm Beach Dramaworks:** Dedicated to presenting “theater to think about,” this professional company is known for its exquisite productions of compelling dramas, comedies, and musicals, as well as new works. (palmbeachdramaworks.org)

ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE, AND SCIENCE

- **Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum:** Learn about local history through interactive exhibits, attend a special tour, or climb to the top of the landmark lighthouse, nestled amid an Outstanding Natural Area. (jupiterlighthouse.org)

- **Palm Beach Zoo and Cox Science Center and Aquarium:** These neighboring organizations in West Palm Beach offer tons of fun for families. The Palm Beach Zoo encompasses 23 acres and more than 550 animals, while the Cox Science Center and Aquarium aims to make science exciting for visitors of all ages. (palmbeachzoo.org; coxsciencecenter.org)

- **Lion Country Safari:** At this drive-through safari park and walk-through amusement park in Loxahatchee, you will encounter an array of animals including the largest herd of zebras in America, rhinos, and—of course—lions. After the safari, explore the amusement park and make sure to feed the giraffes. (lioncountryzoo.com)

TIME TO DINE

THESE NEW EATERIES ARE LEADING THE CHARGE IN PALM BEACH COUNTY'S EVOLVING CULINARY SCENE



BLACKBIRD

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A new modern Asian restaurant concept has taken flight in Jupiter. Blackbird is the latest venture from Scott Frielich, Angelo Abbenante, and Cleve Mash, the longtime friends behind PapiChulo Tacos. Tim Nickey—who previously worked at David Grutman's Komodo and Jeffrey Chodorow's China Grill in Miami—serves as executive chef, whipping up elevated dim sum and Chinese American favorites. The restaurant's interior is as vibrant as the cuisine. West Palm Beach-based designer Kat Solomon transformed the two-story, 5,500-square-foot space, which is decked out with flocks of paper birds and murals by South Florida artist Amanda Valdes. With entertainment including live DJs on Friday and Saturday evenings, Blackbird is destined to live up to its rock-and-roll-inspired name. (blackbirdmodernasian.com)

EL CAMINO

With locations in Delray Beach and Fort Lauderdale, El Camino and its addictive Mexican soul food have already garnered a loyal local following. Its ample tequila, mezcal, and margarita offerings don't hurt either. This summer, El Camino opened its long-awaited West Palm Beach location, bringing its beloved daily happy hour, feel-good vibes, and made-from-scratch tortillas, sauces, and more to the heart of The Square. South Florida-based Modern Restaurant Group tasked Manhas Design with outfitting the 8,500-square-foot space and artist Ruben Ubiera with creating murals to match. Guests can now relax in the lime green booths, a passion fruit margarita in one hand and a

EL CAMINO



PIG BEACH BBQ



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brisket quesadilla, pork tamale, or crispy fish taco in the other. (elcaminowestpalmbeach.com)

PIG BEACH BBQ

A new neighborhood gathering place has opened on South Dixie Highway in West Palm Beach.

Pig Beach BBQ is the brainchild of pitmasters Shane McBride and Matt Abdoo. Having previously worked in Michelin-starred restaurants, McBride and Abdoo left that world behind to pursue barbecue, opening Pig Beach locations in Brooklyn and Queens. For their first foray into South Florida, the duo converted an El Cid mechanics shop into the ultimate hangout, anchored by a wrap-around bar and three multiscreen jumbotrons. The Americana vibe is complemented by an assortment of made-from-scratch favorites, such as salt-and-pepper-crusted beef brisket, divine smash burgers, and mac and cheese topped with Goldfish crackers. (pigbeachnyc.com)

HONEYBELLE

Few experiences are as quintessentially Floridian as an alfresco feast after a round of golf. Savor that scenario and then some at Honeybelle, a new restaurant by chef Lindsay Autry inside the PGA National Resort. A play on the citrus of the same name, Honeybelle captures all

there is to love about Old Florida cuisine, elevated by Autry's ability to transform locally sourced ingredients into food you'll want to eat again and again. An inherent sense of whimsy comes across in the decor (which Autry describes as nouveau *Golden Girls*) and in dishes like tuna tartare with fish-shaped crackers and a Hot Pie pizza topped with pepperoni, pickled peppers, and hot honey. (pgaresort.com)



HONEYBELLE

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POLPO PALM BEACH

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POLPO PALM BEACH

Craving Grandma’s Sunday sauce? What about a tried-and-true tiramisu or some bliss-inducing burrata? The flavors of Southern Italy can now be found in Manalapan, at Polpo Palm Beach inside the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa. Polpo, which translates to octopus, is the creation of Ron Rosa, a native of Calabria, Italy, who operates the original Polpo in Greenwich, Connecticut. The Palm Beach outpost

pairs some of the eatery’s most lauded dishes with local seafood gems and seasonal specials. Menu highlights range from the namesake grilled octopus with cannellini beans and arugula, to pastas such as linguine con vongole and ravioli tartufati, to classics like chicken Milanese. (eaupalmbeach.com)



AKIRA BACK

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AKIRA BACK

The Ray hotel in downtown Delray Beach recently unveiled Akira Back, a sleek Japanese-fusion restaurant by Michelin-starred chef Akira Back. Originally from Korea, chef Back infuses that heritage into his cuisine, which also boasts global influences as diverse as French and Peruvian. A sushi bar anchors

OTHER LOCAL FAVORITES

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the intimate restaurant, where curvy booths, hanging greenery, and sculptural elements establish a sexy mood. The food is just as provocative. Surprises dominate the sushi menu, from the Cow-Wow Roll with braised short rib and Asian slaw to the Pop-Rockin’ with spicy crab, cucumber, asparagus, and watermelon Pop Rocks—yes, Pop Rocks. (akirabackdelray.com)

HIVE BAKERY & CAFÉ

Sara McCann’s Hive Collective design and lifestyle group has grown with the

HIVE BAKERY & CAFÉ



addition of Hive Bakery & Café. The new West Palm Beach eatery features an array of baked goods, pastries, soups, salads, take-home dinners, and more courtesy of the husband-and-wife culinary team of Jay and Amber Felton. Patrons can expect everything from hazelnut and date twice-baked croissants to house-made candies. Amber’s decadent desserts—such as a flourless chocolate cake made with Cacao Barry Guayaquil 64 percent dark chocolate—can be enjoyed by the slice or as baby cakes, presented in beautiful takeaway boxes. For his savory contributions, Jay is focusing on familiar flavors that pack a punch. Think: truffled mushroom tartine, wood-grilled salmon salad, and a turkey club on Amber’s brioche. After lunch, you can shop Hive’s men’s women’s, children’s, and home collections next door. (hivebakeryandcafe.com)

THE BLUE DOG COOKHOUSE & BAR

The Blue Dog Cookhouse & Bar in the Town Center at Boca Raton gives mall dining a new “leash” on life. Fuel up before hitting the shops or refuel after a day of fashion hunting—either way, don’t miss this chef-driven menu (lead by executive chef Chris Barre) and innovative bar program (directed by veteran mixologist Neshia Korak). Cool pairings include the hamachi pizzette with the Promise of Paradise, a vodka cocktail with lychee lemongrass cordial, sake, lemon juice, and Prosecco, and the grilled octopus in garlicky yuzu chimichurri with the Boulevardier, a contem-

porary, gin-less twist on a Negroni. Dessert lovers should opt for the gooey butter cake and the nitrous oxide espresso martini. (bluedogboca.com)

THE BLUE DOG COOKHOUSE & BAR



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MALLET GRILLE

While taking in a polo match at the USPA National Polo Center – Wellington, dine at the Mallet Grille. Sit on the patio, in the main dining room, or poolside and savor fresh selections of seafood, steaks, and more.

2023

USPA National Polo Center - Wellington Polo Schedule

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Final: Sunday, April 23, 2023

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U.S. Open Women's Polo Championship®

18- to 24-Goal Handicap
Tournament Dates: March 9-19, 2023
Final: Sunday, March 19, 2023

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Tournament Dates: January 6-22, 2023
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Ylvisaker Cup

Tournament Dates: January 20 to February 12, 2023
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Florida Circuit 16-Goal Series Championship

Tournament Dates: April 5-9, 2023
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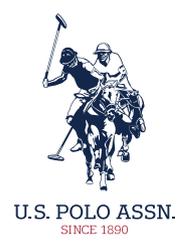


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