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## IGLEHART CUP BTA vs. AUDI TODAY, 3 PM

**K**ey game today in the Iglehart Cup at 3 pm. With a loss to San Saba earlier this week, 2009 Joe Barry Champ BTA must have a win this afternoon to keep its chances alive for the semifinals, while 2-0 Audi would only strengthen its position at the top of Bracket I, probably clinching the division with the win this afternoon.

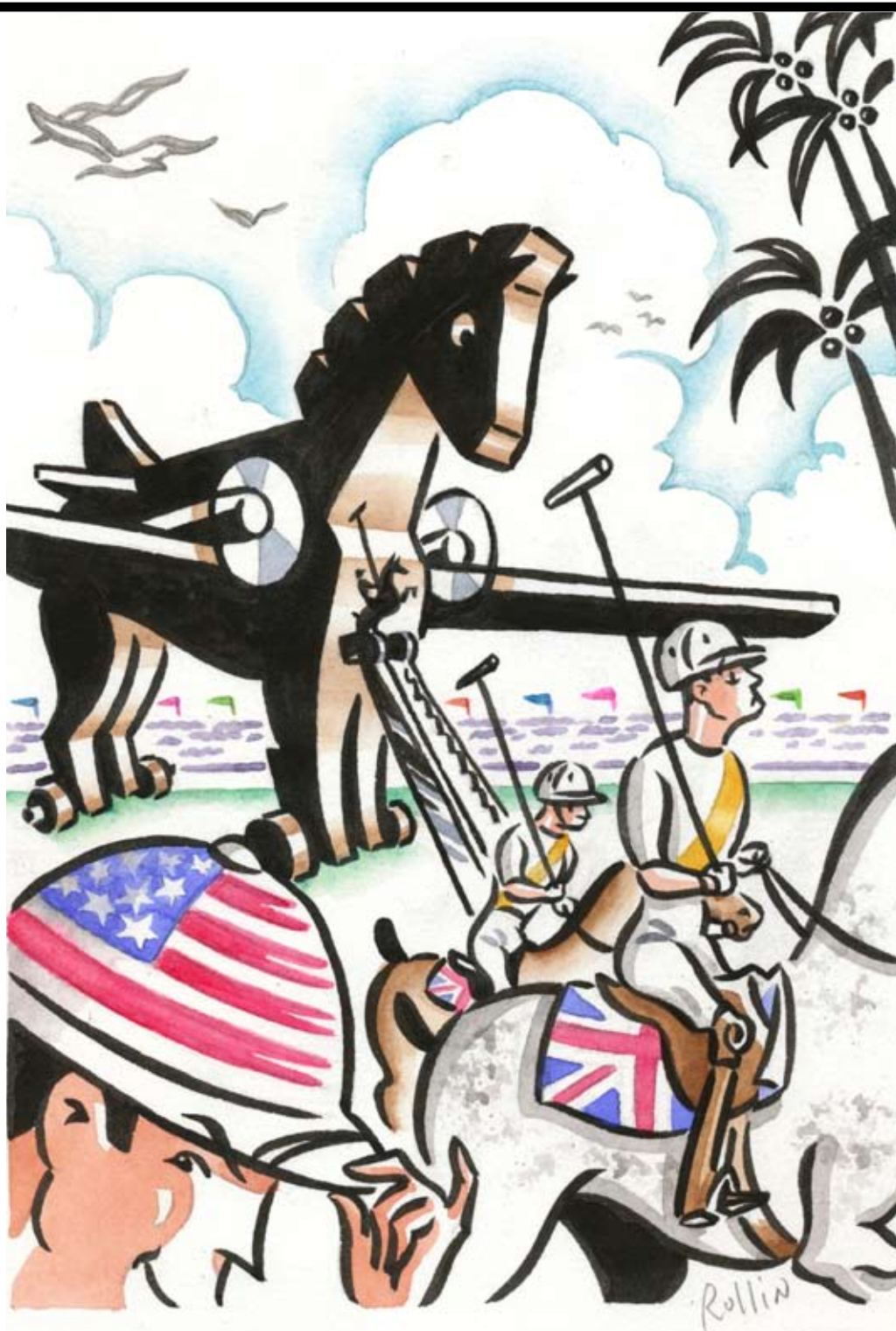
The noon game today is Jan Pamela vs. Bendabout, part of the Alligator Classic at Flying Cow Polo Club, *rosters page 11*.

## WESTCHESTER CUP IPC FEB 21



Wellington and the International Polo Club Palm Beach are poised to host the Westchester Cup in 2 weeks time. The American Team practiced once again Saturday morning at the Hobe Sound Polo Club: Mike Azzaro, Julio Gracida (for Jeff Blake), Adam Snow and Nicolas Roldan (*ph Frederic Roy*).

Right, original art by Rollin McGrail.





# PLAYERS CLUB

**ASADO  
EVERY MONDAY  
7 PM**

## Schedule & Results (club, alphabetical)

**Cypress Polo Club** | 561 723 3213

Feb 22 4-6 goal Tournament

**EL Sur Polo Club** | (561) 313-5161 | <http://www.elsurpolo.com>

**Flying Cow Polo** | hotline 561-319-8243

## Alligator Classic - Feb 5-15

Sun 8 10am Riverview vs. Newport at Everglades  
10am Willow Farm vs. White Dagger at Jan Pamela  
[12pm Jan Pamela vs. Bendabout at IPC #2]

**Gulfstream Polo Club** | <http://www.gulfstreampolo.com/>

## Skeeter Johnston 8 Goal League Schedule

Fri 13 12:00 Heathcote vs. Burnt Mills

3:00 Hawk Hill vs. Florado

Wed 18 12:00 Skaneateles vs. Florado

Fri 20 12:00 Hawk Hill vs. Burnt Mills

3:00 Heathcote vs. Wildwood

Sun 22 11:00 Skaneateles vs. Burnt Mills

**Hobe Sound Polo Club** | <http://www.hobesoundpoloclub.com/>

Sat 7 11 am Westchester Cup Practice

**International Polo Club** | <http://www.internationalpoloclub.com/> 561 282 5290

## Iglehart Cup - Herbie Pennell Cup - 20 Goal - Feb 3-22, 2009

Fri 6 Audi def. San Saba 15-13  
Lucchese def. Mt. Brilliant 10-9  
EFG Bank def. Isla Carroll 9-8 OT

## THE RACE IS ON FOR EASTER SEALS' DERBY DAY PARTY

And they're off...the Easter Seals Derby Day Party event plans are on track for the viewing of the 135th "Run for the Roses." Scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2009, this Southern style Derby celebration will take place at the International Polo Club Palm Beach and will benefit children with special needs at Easter Seals Igoe-Amar Child Development Center in West Palm Beach. Please contact Michelle Gonzalez at Easter Seals at 561-640-9521 or [www.fl.easterseals.com](http://www.fl.easterseals.com).



Event Chairwomen (left to right) Suzi Goldsmith, Barbara Kravitz, Barbara Gilbert, Brenda Castellano and Lorrain Hall. (Ph Lucien Capehart)

## INTERNATIONAL POLO SERIES BEGINS WITH JAMAICA HOSTING AIKEN LOCALS

Once again, 302 Polo will be taking part in the International Polo Series in 2009 with the first trip planned to the tropical island of Jamaica! The International Series besets itself as a way to bring players to Aiken and in return, many of our Aiken players get the chance to go play polo in places such as Jamaica and Barbados!

The Aiken team will be headed to the island of Jamaica on February 18, 2009. The team consists of Karen Reese (1), Ben Gregonza (2), Kegan

Walsh (0), and Tom Thayer (2). They will be hosted by Jamaica at Kingston on February 19 and again for a second game at Chukka Blue in Montego Bay on February 22. In return for gracious hosting of polo for our Aiken locals, Jamaica will travel to Aiken on May 22, 2009 for polo "Aiken Style". The record for these two teams, Jamaica and 302 Polo-Aiken/USA, currently stands at 2-2, each winning their home stands in 2008.

For further information, visit the web site [www.302polo.com](http://www.302polo.com).

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Sun 8	12pm	Jan Pamela vs. Bendabout at IPC #2
	3pm	BTA vs. Audi
Mon 9	1pm	San Saba vs Mt. Brilliant
	3pm	Patagones vs EFG Bank
Thurs 12	11am	BTA vs Mt. Brilliant
	1pm	Lechuza Caracas vs Isla Carroll
	3pm	San Saba vs Lucchese
Sat 14	11 am	Jimmer Newman Memorial Cup
	3pm	40 goal Challenge

**Junior Polo** | hotline 561 964 8400.

Practices/coaching every Saturday at 9am

**Outback Polo Club** | <http://www.outbackpolo.com/>

## February 2009: 14 goal Invitational, 8 goal Invitational

Sat 7 Lechuza II def. Mt. Brilliant 9-6  
*Parrot Heads def. Wildwood 9-5*  
Heathcote Farm def. San Saba 10-9  
*Beacon Hill/Outback def. Shamrock 8-3*  
Sun 8 10:00 am Rosco vs. Hawk Hill at Outback #1  
11:30 am Villa del Lago vs. Bendabout at Villa del Lago

Tues 10 10:30 am Heronwood Farm vs. Black Watch

**Port Mayaca Polo Club** | <http://www.portmayacapolocclub.com/>

## Rafael E Sanchez Memorial Cup - 10 Goal - Feb 7-28

Sat 7 Ashwood def. Escue 13-9

Tues 10 3pm Sunlight/Tackeria vs. Southern Eagle

Sat 15 10am Escue vs. Southern Eagle

Sun 16 10:30am Sunlight/Tackeria vs. Ashwood

Sat 28 3pm FINAL

**Southampton Polo-South** | (516) 901-6394 - <http://www.southamptonpolo.com>

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## 4 goal January League

TBA Final

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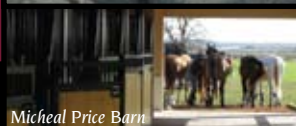
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## WESTCHESTER CUP

Left, the American Team for the Westchester Cup: **Mike Azzaro, Julio Gracida (for Jeff Blake), Adam Snow and Nicolas Roldan**, practiced yesterday morning at the **Hobe Sound Polo Club**. Left, after taking several pictures of the players walking while backing up with the segway, the word from the players was "charge" and, in friendly banter, *charge* they did. Below left, Carlos Gracida, Martin Zegers, Carlos Avendaño and Kris Kampsen were sparring partners for the American Team. Below, Mike Azzaro scoring on goal.  
(ph Frederic Roy)



# INTERNATIONAL POLO PALM BEACH

## 2009 Iglehart Cup & Pennell Cup

9 Teams - 20 Goal - Feb 3-22, 2009 - International Polo Club Palm Beach

### Bracket I

Tommy Lee Jones 0	<b>SAN SABA 1-1</b>
Carlucho Arellano 5	Def. BTA 11-10
Guillermo Caset Jr. 8	Lost to Audi
Toto Collardin 7	20
Kelly Beal 1	<b>BTA 0-1</b>
Jeff Blake 6	Lost to San Saba
Hector Galindo 7	Pablo Spinacci 6
20	
John Muse 0	<b>LUCCHESI 1-1</b>
Andres Weisz 6	Lost to Audi
Mike Azzaro 9	Shane Rice 5
20	Def. Mt. Brilliant 10-9
Melissa Ganzi 0	<b>AUDI 2-0</b>
Juan Bollini 6	Def. Lucchese 17-12
Gonzalito Pieres 9	Def. San Saba 15-13
Brandon Phillips 5	20
Bo Goodman 0	<b>Mt. BRILLIANT 0-1</b>
Pelon Escapite 6	Lost to Lucchese
Santiago Chavanne 8	Julian Daniels 6*
*Marianito Obregon 6 20	

### Bracket II

Gonzalo Avendaño 1	<b>PATAGONES 1-0</b>
Julio Gracida 5	Def. Lechuza 13-12 OT
Carlos Gracida 8	Carlos Avendaño 6
20	
Victor Vargas 1	<b>LECHUZA 0-1</b>
Guille Agüero 7	Lost to Patagones
Nicolas Espain 7	Santiago Toccalino 5
20	
Sugar Erskine 7	<b>ISLA CARROLL 0-1</b>
Todd Offen 5	Lost to EFG Bank
Owen Rinehart 7	John Goodman 1
20	
Whistle Uys 5	<b>EFG BANK 1-0</b>
Julio Arellano 8*	Def. Isla Carroll 13-12 OT
Luis Escobar 7	Jim Whisenand 0
*Jeff Hall 8 20	

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### STAGE AND FILM STAR CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER AT THE PALM BEACH BOOKSTORE MONDAY FEB 9TH

Tony Award winning actor Christopher Plummer will sign copies of his new memoir, "In Spite of Myself," on Monday, February 9th from 5:30 to 6:30PM at the Palm Beach Bookstore, 215 Royal Poinciana Way in Palm Beach. This public event is co-sponsored by the Palm Beach Theater Guild.

There is a private party at the Beach Club in Palm Beach at which Christopher Plummer will

be having a "Conversation" with *Dean of Critics* Hap Erstein, Sunday afternoon, February 8th starting at 4:15. For information people should call 366-8980 or 659-6700.

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# Cleveland Clinic Florida



A big day last Sunday for 16-year old Bo Goodman who received the 2009 Ylvisaker Cup from the hands of Claudia Brant, a close friend of Bill Ylvisaker.

Last Sunday, Mt. Brilliant defeated Patagones 10-9 to win the tournament. Left to right: Mariano Obregon, Julian Daniels, Santiago Chavanne, MVP Pelon Escapite and Bo Goodman. (© LILA PHOTO)





## SUNDAY AT INTERNATIONAL POLO CLUB PALM BEACH



Students of the Harvard Polo Team visited IPC last Sunday and sparred with a selection from San Saba. Harvard Class 1969, Tommy Lee Jones (bottom right) has been supporting the team and invites the students 10 days each Winter in Wellington and Falls at the Ranch in San Saba, TX for a little farm work and polo playing. Right and below, Dawn Jones in action. Bottom, Daniels, C. Gracida, Toccalino and Carlos Avendaño last Sunday. (© LILA PHOTO)





## SUNDAY AT INTERNATIONAL POLO CLUB PALM BEACH



Above, The Dog Chase Renfro has acquired taste.  
Below, and right, looks delicious,  
“Why can’t I have some, too?”  
(© LILA PHOTO)



Above, Julian and Dineen Daniels’ three children at polo last Sunday plotting their new move after Dad’s win in the Ylvisaker Cup.  
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Scarlet Arapoglou. (© LILA PHOTO)

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**R**ock, not run your way to see the world famous Stevenson Brothers Rocking Horses on display though April 26 at the International Polo Club Palm Beach.

Toby Rhodes who represents Stevenson Brothers in the U.S. has brought two of the prized Stevenson Brothers Rocking Horses across to the pond where they are currently on display at the International Polo Club and in local boutiques in Palm Beach. Tinkerbell was commissioned specially for HM the Queen's 80th birthday and is one of only 100 limited edition pieces available to be made in the world. Archie is an extra large oak horse mounted on a carriage spring suspension system, and is embroidered with the Stars and Stripes and the British Union Flag to represent the Westchester Cup being played at the International Polo Club on February 21. Stevenson Brothers specialize in creating one of a kind custom pieces; whether it be copying your favorite horse of all time, your current horse or any other animal (to date they have made rocking cows, tigers, zebras and elephants!) anything is possible. With the two example horses physically on location, customers are able to see, touch and ride them, helping them decide exactly how they would like their commissioned piece to look; whether it be a polo pony, hunter/jumper,

hunt horse, or prized pet. A range of beautiful, standard hand-carved horses are also available to order. The latest piece to the Stevenson Brothers Collection is the Winston Churchill Charger that even incorporates a hidden humidor.

**Twin brothers Marc and Tony Stevenson** have been making the world's finest rocking horses in Kent, England since 1982 and have carved more than 7,000 horses for horse lovers, art collectors, aristocracy and royalty across the world with clients including Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the late Princess Diana, the Duchess of York, Harrods, Ralph Lauren, Ferrari and Aston Martin.

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# OUTBACK FEBRUARY

## 14 goal February Invitational

10 Teams - 14 Goal - Cross-bracket/Round Robin and semifinals - February, 2009  
Outback Polo Club at International Palm Beach

### Bracket I

Bo Goodman 0	<b>MT. BRILLIANT 0-1</b>
Srgio Silvestre 3	Lost to Lechuza II
Julian Daniels 6	
Chris Nevins 4	
13	
Alessandro Bazzoni 1	<b>CINQUE TERRE</b>
Nicolas Manifold 5	
Tommy Biddle 7	
Scott Swerdlin 0	
13	
Dawn Jones 1	<b>SAN SABA 0-1</b>
Matthew Fonseca 4T	Lost to Heathcote
Mariano Obregon 6	
Luis Echezarreta 3	
14	

### Bracket II

Oakleigh Thorne 0	<b>HEATHCOTE 1-0</b>
Ezequiel Zubiaurre 3	Def. San Saba 10-9
Francisco Lanusse 6	
Tatin Zubiaurre 5	
14	
Gonzalo Avendaño 1	<b>PATAGONES</b>
Santiago Torres 3	
Carlos Avendaño 6	
Raul Colombres 4	
14	
Juan Martin Obregon 3	<b>LECHUZA II 1-0</b>
Jorge Rodriguez 4	Def. Mt. Brilliant
Tomas Goti 7	
Luis Alf de Borbon 0	
14	

### Bracket III

Leo Mandelbaum 2	<b>HERONWOOD 0-1</b>
Cote Zegers 5	Lost to Lechuza I
Martin Zegers 6	
Michael Liss 1	
14	
Neil Hirsch 0	<b>BLACK WATCH</b>
Iñaki LaPrida 4	
Nacho Figueras 6	
Martin Pepa 4	
14	
Francisco D'Agostino 0	<b>LECHUZA I 1-0</b>
Pablo Spinacci 6	Def. Heronwood
Tomas del Rio 6	12-11 OT
Weston Gracida 2	
14	
Omar Treviño 0	<b>TRES VIÑOS</b>
Juan Villardi 4	
Guillermo Usandizaga 6	
Facundo Obregon 4	
14	

**V**inceremos Therapeutic Riding Center is hosting its 23rd Annual Benefit Auction

on February 20th at the International Polo Club. Auction chairs Tuny Page and Candice King are planning an exciting event.

Vinceremos is celebrating 5 years of sponsorship by Lazcar International. Lazcar will be again donating international horse transport for the live auction. Other live auction items include trips to the World Cup in Las Vegas 2 scooters from Mad Dog Motorsports and a ton of feed from Purina.

Funds from this event support the Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Programs that served 430 riders in 2008. For information, please call 561.792.9900

## FLYING COW

### Alligator Classic

6 Teams - 14 Goal - Cross-bracket and 3 finals - Feb 5 - 15, 2009 - Flying Cow Polo

### Bracket I

Tom Sikes 0	<b>WILLOW FARM 1-0</b>
Brandon Phillips 5	Def. Bendabout
Owen Rinehart 7	10-9 OT
Mike Egan 0	
12	
Lexie Armstrong 0	<b>RIVERVIEW 1-0</b>
Orrin Ingram 2	Def. White Dagger
Hector Galindo 7	12-9
James Armstrong 5	
14	
Wayne Garrison 0	<b>JAN PAMELA 0-1</b>
Adrian Wade 5	Lost to Newport
Steve Dalton 6	
Garrick Steele 1	
12	

### Bracket II

Gillian Johnston 1	<b>BENDABOUT 0-1</b>
Craig Duke 0	Lost to Willow Farm
Brad Blake 5	
Boone Stribling 4	
10	
Will Johnston 2	<b>WHITE DAGGER 0-1</b>
Whistle Uys 5	Lost to Riverview
Gabriel Crespo 4	tba
tba	
Gene Goldstein 1	<b>NEWPORT 1-0</b>
Carlucho Arellano 5	Def. Jan Pamela
Jeff Blake 6	11-10 OT
Kelly Beal 1	
13	



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## 8 goal February Invitational

10 Teams - 8 Goal - February, 2009  
Outback Polo Club at International Palm Beach

### Bracket I

Bill Simmons 0	<b>SHAMROCK 0-1</b>
Max Secunda 3	Lost to Beacon Hill
Julian Aguilar 5	
John Walsh 0	
8	
Jared Zenni 1	<b>VILLA DEL LAGO</b>
Diego Arellano 1	
Agustin Obregon 3	
Rafael Obregon 3	
8	
Parker Thorne 0	<b>COLD STREAM</b>
tba	
Tatin Zubiaurre 5	
tba	
8	
Gillian Johnston 1	<b>BENDABOUT 0-1</b>
Dawn Jones 1	Lost to Beacon Hill
Clarissa Echezarreta 1	
Luis Echezarreta 3	
6	
April Clark 0	<b>BEACON HILL</b>
Tommy Collingwood 2	<b>OUTBACK 2-0</b>
Francisco Bilbao 6	
Tim Gannon 0	Def. Bendabout 9-6
8	Def. Shamrock 8-3

### Bracket II

Ashley Schiff 0	<b>NORTHWOOD 2-0</b>
Santiago Torres 3	Def. Rosco 4-1
Ulysses Escapite 3	Def. Hawk Hill 8-5
Rob Stenzel 2	
Mike Ramos 0	
8	
Jocelyne Groulx 0	<b>ROSCOE 0-1</b>
Mason Wroe 3	Lost to Northwood
Lucas Lalor 3	
Harm Schutte 2	
8	
Tracey Mactaggart 0	<b>HAWK HILL 0-1</b>
Juan Olivera 2	Lost to Northwood
Julio Ezcurra 5	
Philip Mactaggart 0	
7	
Cathy Brown 0	<b>WILDWOOD 0-1</b>
Lexie Armstrong 0	Lost to Parrot Heads
James Armstrong 5	
Zulu Scott-Barnes 3	
8	
Catherine Erb 0	<b>PARROT HEADS 1-0</b>
Roni Duke 0	Def. Wildwood 9-5
Brad Blake 5	
Nicholas Cifuni 3	
Tom Sikes 0	
8	

## GULFSTREAM

### Skeeter Johnston Cup

6 Teams - 8 Goal - Feb 5 - March 6, 2009 • Gulfstream Polo Club

### Division I

Tracey Mactaggart 0	<b>HAWK HILL</b>
Juan Olivera 2	
Julio Ezcurra 5	
Philip Mactaggart 0	
7	
Oakleigh Thorne 0	<b>HEATHCOTE</b>
Ezequiel Zubiaurre 3	
Tatin Zubiaurre 5	
Parker Thorne 0	
8	
tba 0	<b>SKANEATELES</b>
Cesar Jimenez 2	
Francisco Bilbao 6	
Marty Cregg 0	
8	

### Division II

Bob Stanton 0	<b>BURNT MILLS</b>
Ezra Stevenson 2	
Del Walton 4	
Bill Paterniti 2	
8	
Pedro Alara 1	<b>FLORADO</b>
Grant Mayer 1	
John Gobin 6	
Ted Brinkmann 0	
8	
Cathy Brown 0	<b>WILDWOOD</b>
Alec Scott-Barnes 3	
Francisco Ayala 4	
Randy Aversano 0	
7	

## PORT MAYACA

### Rafael E. Sanchez Memroial Cup

4 Teams - 10 Goal - Feb 7 - 28, 2009 - Port Mayaca Polo Club

### Single Division

Collin McCosh 2	<b>SOUTHERN EAGLE</b>	Shah Quraeshi 1	<b>ESCUE 0-1</b>
Craig Fraser 3		Omar Sosa 4	Lost to Ashwood
Tiffany Busch 1		Armando Gonzalez 3	
Stevie Orthwein 4		Bill Paterniti 2	
10		10	
Matt Coppola 0	<b>TACKERIA</b>	Avery Chapman 1	<b>ASHWOOD 1-0</b>
Mariano Gracida 0		Cuko Escapite 4	Def. Escue 13-9
Carlitos Gracida 2		tba	
Carlos Gracida 8		tba	
10		10	



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**WHEN:** Thursday February 19th, 2009 - Friday February 20th, 2009

**EVENT PROGRAM Thursday February 19th, 2009 - 5:00pm - 8:00pm**

Welcoming Reception and Showcase Parade of Horses: Guests will enjoy cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres and view The 2009 Lusitano Collection® Showcase led by special guest, 2008 Olympic equestrian Luiza Almeida riding Samba. The pair earned first place in musical freestyle in the ESP Wellington Dressage CDI3\* and helped the Brazilian Team win a Bronze Medal at the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro.



### LUSITANO BREEDER'S NEW BOOK

The release of Paulo Pompéia Gavião Gonzaga's fifth book, **The Lusitano Horse – Basic Lineages Volume I**, coincides with the second annual Lusitano Collection Auction to be held on February 19 – 20 at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center in West Palm Beach, Florida. Dr. Gonzaga, former President of the Brazilian Association of Lusitano Horse Breeders established Interagro Farms in Itapira Brazil in 1975, now the location

of the largest breeding and exporting operation of Lusitanos in the world. In *Basic Lineages*, the author extrapolates from his first two books where he explained the origin and evolution of the ancient Lusitano breed. He discusses Interagro's breeding program, how he works to preserve pure lineage groups by crossing pure animals from different blood lines to build up the Interagro Horse. The objective, he states, is to create horses "from selected crosses of animals

from basic lineages according to a pre-defined and rigorous process."

No one seems to understand this process better than Dr. Gonzaga and his daughter, Cecilia Gonzaga, head of the Interagro stud barn. "Albatroz Interagro, one of our 2009 Collection stallions graces the cover of my father's book," Cecilia shares. "Not just because he is gorgeous – a picture-perfect, majestic white horse, but his dam is a very important brood mare who descends from a triad of famous Andrade stallions."

Current owners of Interagro Farm horses provide testament to the breed's fine temperament and ability. Katherine Cook, who bought two Interagro stallions at last year's Auction, said one of her horses "is like riding on a cloud, the smoothest horse I've ever sat on. He'll do anything to try to please you." When asked to describe her experience in buying the two Lusitanos, she replied, "I feel like it was a gift from God."

Dr. Gonzaga began his professional career in banking and insurance and contributed several articles on banking and insurance;

he was chief executive of one of the largest and oldest established finance groups, a member of the Brazilian National Insurance Council and director of Brazilian Banking and Insurance Associations. His latest passion – the Lusitano Horse – has been the topic of all five of his books.

His fourth book, *The History of the Horse, The Iberian Horse from Ice Age to Antiquity*, was published by J.A. Allen in both Portuguese and English. In that book, Dr. Gonzaga traced the origins of the horse around the world, particularly on the Iberian Peninsular, where the Lusitano originated. Drawing on archeological evidence, the author explained the development of the horse from a hunted animal to the domesticated working animal.

Today the Lusitano has a proven track record as an internationally competitive dressage horse – seven Lusitanos competed at the 2008 Olympics. Lusitanos are also used as driving horses, jumpers and of course, as pleasure mounts. For those who would like to view or even bid on one of the 34 Lusitanos appearing at the 2009 Lusitano Collection® Auction in West Palm Beach, visit [www.lusitanocollection.com](http://www.lusitanocollection.com) or call 866-540-8809.

## RODRIGO PESSOA, WINNER YEST.

**B**razil's Rodrigo Pessoa clinched a berth in the FEI World Cup Final in Las Vegas with a win Saturday night aboard his Olympic mount Rufus in the \$150,000 FEI World Cup Grand Prix presented by Spy Coast Farm at the FTI Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington.

Michelle Spadone of Califon, New Jersey on the Belgian Warmblood mare, Melisimo, who has never seen a World Cup Final and was a last-minute addition placed second in the competition with 45 starters from nine countries. Among them were 2008 Olympic medalists Beezie Madden and Laura Kraut of the USA, Eric Lamaze and Ian Millar of Canada, plus Ben Maher of Great Britain, Ljubov Kochetova of Russia and Pablo Barrios of Venezuela.

The course, designed by Germany's Olaf Petersen, proved too much for most of the entrants with only eight pairs advancing to the

jump off at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center. Three went double clean.

Pessoa, aboard the 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood owned by Double H. Farms, posted a fast time of 42.80 secs. over 25-year-old Spadone on Melisimo, a 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood owned by the Morgan Hill Partners, who



Rodrigo Pessoa (ph Ken Braddick)

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posted a time of 44.63 secs. Hilary Dobbs aboard Quincy B was the last of the double clears and posted a time of 46.92 secs.

Pessoa, a three-time World Cup champion and a decade older who won the qualifier last month in Jacksonville, Fla. was happy with securing his position in the West European League that will enable him to compete in the Final in Las Vegas in mid-April.

"It wasn't necessary to go crazy, I just kept the turns tight," he said. "I really needed the points for the World Cup.

"Mission accomplished!"

While the first place purse of

\$45,000 went to the veteran, the second place prize of \$33,000 went to World Cup novice Spadone. It was her biggest jumping pay day. Usually showing in Ocala, Fla. this was Spadone's first week at WEF. She placed fourth in the Jacksonville World Cup qualifying class.

Even so, she initially did not make the cut for Saturday's class. However, she received a call Saturday morning informing her someone scratched and she was in.

"I had been preparing and riding all week, hoping someone would scratch," she said.

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