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## AUDI Is U.S. OPEN CHAMPION



**Audi** defeated Las Monjitas Sunday April 26 to win the **2009 U.S. Open Polo Championship**. The score was 9-8 in overtime, on a goal by Facundo Pieres. Fron left, Facundo, Gonzalito and Nicolas Pieres. Grant, Riley and Marc Ganzi. (ph Frederic Roy)

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### Schedule & Results (club, alphabetical)

**302 Polo Club** | <http://www.302polo.com>

**USPA Hall of Fame Challenge,**

Sun 26 Silverstone Farm def. Foxdale/Winfield 12-11  
3/4, 6/6, 8/7, 9/7, 10/8, 12/11

Crestview def. MAVOFFICE.com 13-6  
2/2, 4/3, 6/5, 7/5, 9/5, 13/6

Wed 29 3pm Silverstone vs. Crestview at Isinya

5pm Foxdale/Winfield vs. MAVOFFICE.com at Meadow Hill

Sat May 2 **3pm Aiken Equine Charities 30 Goal Exhibition Match**  
and Kentucky Derby Party to benefit the Hitchcock Woods  
Foundation at New Bridge Polo and Country Club

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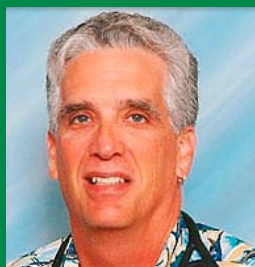
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**U.S. OPEN Polo Championship & Hall of Fame Cup**

**IPC Qualifier to the 8 Goal National Presidents Cup**

**8 Goal National President's Cup**

Sun 26 **National Presidents Cup 8 goal Final**

**Isla Carroll def. Boca Developers**

**MVP Bo Goodman**

**BPP Fedex for Todd Offen**

**U.S. OPEN Final**

**Audi def. Las Monjitas 9-8 OT Goal by Facundo Pieres**

**Audi 0-1-4-1-1-1-1=9 OT**

**Facundo Pieres 7 goals**

**Las Monjitas 2-3-2-0-1-0-0=8**

**Eduardo Astrada 4 goals, Adam Snow 3**

**Co-MVP Eduardo Astrada and Adam Snow**

**BPP Flecha (Arrow) for Eduardo Astrada**

**Junior Polo** | hotline 561 964 8400 at Hobe South Saturdays in April

**Las Palmas Polo Club** | 8 goal Las Palmas Invitational

Sun 26 10am Match for 3rd place

**Noon Final**

**Miami Beach Polo Club** | <http://www.miamipolo.com> | 305-538-3809

Thurs, April 30

1 pm **South Beach Women's Polo Cup**

Fri-Sun, May 1-3 1pm **Miami Beach Polo World Cup V**

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Sun 26 Land Rover def. Morgan Stanley 9-8 OT

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# INTERNATIONAL POLO PALM BEACH

## 2009 U.S. OPEN Polo Championship

8 Teams - 26 Goal - April 3 - 26, 2009 - International Polo Club Palm Beach

### Bracket I

Victor Vargas 1	<b>LECHUZA</b>
Guillermo Caset Jr. 8	Withdraw
Juan Martin Nero 10	
Nicolas Espain 7	
26	
Frederick Mannix 6	<b>BLACK WATCH 0-2</b>
Nacho Figueras 6	Lost to Las Monjitas
Sugar Erskine 7	Lost to White Birch
Luis Escobar 7	
26	
Camilo Bautista 0	<b>LAS MONJITAS 2-0</b>
Adam Snow 8	Def. Black Watch
Eduardo Astrada 9	9-7
Nacho Astrada 9	Def. White Birch
26	8-7
Pancho Bensadon 8	<b>WHITE BIRCH 1-1</b>
Jeff Blake 6	Def. Black Watch
Mariano Aguerre 10	15-14 OT
Peter Brant 2*	Lost to Las Monjitas
*Rob Stenzel 2 26	

### Bracket II

Marc Ganzi 1	<b>AUDI 3-0</b>
Nicolas Pieres 6	Def. Zacara 15-8
Gonzalito Pieres 9	Def. Orchard Hill 10-8
Facundo Pieres 10	Def. Pony Express 11-8
26	
Lyndon Lea 1	<b>ZACARA 1-2</b>
Magoo LaPrida 8	Lost to Audi
Carlos Gracida 8	Lost to Pony Express
Jeff Hall 8	Def. Orchard Hill 13-11
26	
Steve van Andel 0	<b>ORCHARD HILL 1-2</b>
Hector Galindo 7	Def. Pony Express 13-10
Lucas Criado 9	Lost to Audi
Pablo MacDonough 10	Lost to Zacara
26	
Bob Daniels 0	<b>PONY EXPRESS 1-2</b>
Pelon Stirling 9	Lost to Orchard Hill
Nicolas Roldan 8	Def. Zacara 12-10
Matias Magrini 9	Lost to Audi
26	

## 2009 Hall of Fame Cup

2 Teams - 26 Goal - April 23, 2009  
International Polo Club Palm Beach

Kris Kampsen 6	<b>BLACK WATCH</b>
Nacho Figueras 6	
Sugar Erskine 7	
Luis Escobar 7	
26	
Bob Daniels 0	<b>PONY EXPRESS</b>
Pelon Stirling 9	Final Thurs 23
Nicolas Roldan 8	Def. Black Watch
Matias Magrini 9	11-10 OT
26	

### LAS MONJITAS

1st Bracket I

### LAS MONJITAS

Semifinal  
Thurs 23  
Def. Orchard  
Hill 12-10

### ORCHARD HILL

2nd Bracket II

### AUDI

Final  
Sun 26  
Def. Las  
Monjitas  
9-8 OT

### AUDI

1st Bracket II

### AUDI

Semifinal  
Thurs 23  
Def. White Birch  
11-9

### WHITE BIRCH

2nd Bracket I

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### 2009 8 Goal National President's Cup

Final: IPC vs. Boca Raton Qualifiers - April 26, 2009 - International Polo Club Palm Beach

#### IPC Qualifier

Jared Zenni 1	<b>VILLA DEL LAGO</b>			
Diego Arellano 1				
Hugo Lloret 3				
Augustin Obregon 3		<b>ISLA CARROLL</b>		
8				
Bo Goodman 0		Match		
Rob Stenzel 2	<b>ISLA CARROLL</b>	Sun 12		
Todd Offen 5		Def. Villa del		
John Goodman 1		Lago 13-11		
8			<b>ISLA CARROLL</b>	
Mariano Gracida 1			Final	
Weston Gracida 2	<b>PALM BEACH EQUINE</b>		Fri 24	
Scott Swerdlin 0			Def. Palm	
Nicolas Manifold 5			Beach	
8			Equine 9-7	
John Walsh 0				
Shahmir Quraeshi 1	<b>ESCUE/SHAMROCK</b>	Match		
Max Hipwood 3		Fri 17		
Juan Villamil 4		Def. Escue Shamrock		
8		11-3		
				<b>ISLA CARROLL</b>
				Final
				Sunday 26
				Def. Boca
				Developers

#### Boca Raton Qualifier

**Palm City 8 Goal Tournament  
Palm City Polo Club**

Bob Kohn 0	<b>JC POLO 1-2</b>			
Joey Casey 6				
Carlos Baez 2	Def. Superman			
Cesar Alaniz 0	10-9 OT	<b>BOCA DEVELOPERS</b>		
8	Lost to Las Fajitas	<b>2-0</b>		
Eduardo Garcia 1				
Julian Agilar 5	<b>LAS FAJITAS 1-2</b>			
Fernando Maciel 2	Lost to Bova Dev.			
Rene Hernandez 0	Def. JC Polo 8-7		<b>BOCA DEVELOPERS</b>	
8	Lost to Superman			
Melissa Ganzi 0			Final	
Sunny Hale 3	<b>SUPERMAN 1-1</b>		Tues 14	
Gillian Johnston 1	<b>WONDERWOMEN</b>		Def. Superman &	
Chris Nevins 4*	Lost to JC Polo		Superwomen 15-13	
*Kristy Outhier 2	Def. Las Fajitas 11-7	<b>SUPERMAN 1-1</b>		
Brian Street 0		<b>WONDERWOMEN</b>		
Diego Coscia 5	<b>BOCA DEVELOPERS</b>			
Raul Colombres 4	<b>2-0</b>			
Laura Wilson -1	Def. Las Fajitas			
8	10-7			
	Def. JC Polo 7-6			

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## LAS PALMAS

### April Invitational

4 Teams - 8 Goal - April 25-26, 2009  
 Las Palmas Polo Club

Javier Guerra Jr -1	<b>QUANTEK</b>	
Javier Guerra 1		
Juan Ghirlanda 3		
Francisco Ayala 4		<b>QUANTEK</b>
7		
Wesley Finlayson -1		Match
Tito Robledo 2	<b>EL SUR</b>	Sat 25
Roberto Narvaja 1		Def. El Sur 14-8
Carlucho Arellano 5		
7		
Scott Swerdlin 0		
Eduardo Barco 1	<b>TONCHALA</b>	
Pablo Pulido 3		
Caco Basualdo 4		<b>BULLTICK</b>
8		
Luis Alberto Guerra 0		Match
Miguel Torres 4	<b>BULLTICK</b>	Sat 25
Juan Velardi 4		Def. Tonchala 13-8
Omar Treviño 0		
8		

**BULLTICK**  
 Final  
 Sun 26  
 Def. Quantek

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Tina Marrero with her son Cristian holding a spare for Francisco Ayala playing with Quantek yesterday at Las Palmas Polo Club. Tina and Francisco were married April 4th, 2009. (ph Frederic Roy)



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The Equestrian sport of Carriage Driving is becoming more popular in the US and there are a host of different types of shows and competitions in which to partake. For many years the major force in driving competitions revolved around what is known as the Pleasure Driving Shows. These shows feature traditional carriages, harness and clothing, as well as offer reinsmanship classes, turnout, and unique classes such as the commercial class, for old style merchant wagons and breed classes.

In 1975, the first Combined Driving Event was held in Massachusetts. Fashioned after a Three Day Event, this format offered carriage drivers a new, high energy type meet where participants could test their skills in dressage, a timed cross-country type course with obstacles,

known as hazards, and the cones course, which is likened to the stadium jumping portion of a three day. With the World Equestrian Games having been awarded to the United States in 2010, Carriage Drivers from all around the country are competing in the FEI levels for a spot on the team. The CDE format for Carriage Driving will certainly be one of the highlights of the Games.

So to honor Carriage and Driving Month, the Southeast Region of the Florida Whips, (the state driving organization), have organized a very special inaugural event, in the heart of the treasure coast “The Port Mayaca Plantation May-Day Driving Trial”.

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Fri.-Sun., May 1-3 1pm **Miami Beach Polo World Cup V**

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EVENT SCHEDULE	
<b>Thursday, April 30, 2009</b> 1:00 PM - Gates Open 1:30 PM - South Beach Women's Polo Cup 7:30 PM - Polo Conference, Dinner Only 10:30 AM - Official After Party, Lounge at Gamesman	<b>Saturday, May 2, 2009</b> 1:00 PM - Gates Open 2:15 PM - Polo Match Play 7:30 PM - Polo Conference, Dinner Only 10:30 AM - Official After Party, Lounge at Gamesman
<b>Friday, May 1, 2009</b> 1:00 PM - Gates Open 2:15 PM - Polo Match Play 7:30 PM - Polo Conference, Dinner Only 10:30 AM - Official After Party, Lounge at Gamesman	<b>Sunday, May 3, 2009</b> 1:00 PM - Gates Open 2:15 PM - Polo Match Play 7:30 PM - Polo Conference, Dinner Only 10:30 AM - Official After Party, Lounge at Gamesman

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4 Teams - 14 Goal - April 24-May 3rd, 2009  
302 Polo Club, Aiken, SC

Alan Meeker 0	<b>CRESTVIEW 2-0</b>	
Alan Martinez 6		
Horacio Onetto 5	Def. Foxdale 12-11	
John Eicher 3	Def. mavoffice.com 13-6	Round robin winner
14		
Julie Boyle 1		
Tom Uskup 2	<b>MAVOFFICE.COM 1-1</b>	
Tommy Biddle 7	Def. Silverstone 11-9	
Antonio Galvan 4	Lost to Crestview	Final
14		Sun May 3rd
Rick Hartnett 2		3pm
Willie Hartnett 4	<b>FOXDALE WINFIELD 0-2</b>	at Loughrea
Tiger Kneee 6		
Hugh Worsham 1	Lost to Crestview	Runner up
13	Lost to Silverstone	
Kegan Thayer 0		
Tom Thayer 2	<b>SILVERSTONE 1-1</b>	
Owen Rinehatt 7	Lost to mavoffice.com	
Eddy Martinez 5	Def. Foxdale 12-11	
14		

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To benefit:



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Game time at 3:00 pm • Gates open at 2:00 pm

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## U.S. OPEN POLO CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, April 26, 2009 - Match at 3 pm  
Championship Final • International Field #1



### U.S. OPEN BY ALEXIS VON GONTARD



Top, "Eye of the Ball": Camilo Bautista and Nacho Astrada at a throw-in Thursday in the first semifinal. Below, Eduardo Astrada on the breakaway for Las Monjitas. (ph Alexis von Gontard)



#### Team **LAS MONJITAS**

Colors

Rating	Pos.	PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	OT	Totals
0	1	Camilo Bautista								
8	2	Adam Snow	A		J L					3
9	3	Eduardo Astrada	B	ⓓ F			N			4
9	4	Nacho Astrada		ⓔ						1
Goals scored Per Chukker			2	3	2		1			
26	Team Rating	Totals	2	5	7		8			8
By handicap										0
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#### Team **AUDI**

Colors

Rating	Pos.	PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	OT	Totals
1	1	Marc Ganzi								
6	2	Nicolas Pieres								
9	3	Gonzalito Pieres		C	I					2
10	4	Facundo Pieres			G H K M	Ⓢ	P	Q		7
Goals scored Per Chukker				1	4	1	1	1	1	
26	Team Rating	Totals		1	5	6	7	8	9	9
By handicap										0
TOTAL										9

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# U.S. OPEN

BY FREDERIC ROY

**A**udi is the 2009 U.S. Open Champion with a come from behind win 9-8 over Las Monjitas in overtime, goal by Facundo Pieres.

Las Monjitas was in great form in the first half with magical, straight through plays by Eduardo Astrada and Adam Snow, the two would eventually share MVP award, to give Las Monjitas a 5-1 lead at the start of the third chukker.

Facundo Pieres was sluggish and uninspired in the first two chukkers, but

found enough something to score two back to back goals early third for 5-3, Gonzalito with his own for 5-4, Adam Snow still with a lot of poise to put Las Monjitas back on top by 2, 7-5 at half time.

The fourth was more even, Facundo converting the only goal on a 60 yard penalty #4 for 7-6, but Eduardo Astrada still had a lot of fire in his belly finding his way through defenders to score late fifth for a new 2-goal lead,

time chukker.

Both teams had chances in the first two minutes of extra chukker, now Audi in front, pushing, and an error in defense for Nacho Astrada leaving the ball behind, Facundo Pieres on the prowl, one touch and goal from 45 yards out for Audi's win 9-8.

"We feel very fortunate to have won today. It's the first Open that I've ever played in so I feel like I've struck fools gold a little bit," said team captain and Wellington resident Marc Ganzi. "Today was a culmination of hard work, planning and a dream, and it's a great ending."

"We were really surprised at their marking and their game plan...when we got behind by four we said we gotta play their game



Family and friends celebration after the win for Audi.  
Below, Audi and Tom Biddle. (ph Frederic Roy)

Below, Camilo Bautista embraces Marc Ganzi on the podium. (ph Eddie Marshall) USPA Chairman Tom Biddle presents Marc Ganzi with the U.S. Open Trophy. (ph Frederic Roy)



8-6. Once again it was Facundo Pieres who would reduce the score by one to end the fifth 8-7.

It was another tough chukker for Hall of Famer Gonzalo Pieres watching his three sons fieldside as Audi was unable to break Las Monjitas' defense for most of the sixth chukker, until Facundo Pieres carried the ball to goal with two taps in the air, lifted it over Eduardo Astrada and finished with a fine nearside forehand to give Audi the tie at 8-all and the over-

plan," added Ganzi. Ganzi also dedicated the win to his friend Victor Vargas, owner of the Lechuza Caracas team, who lost 21 of his and his teammates' horses last Sunday.

Prior to the start of today's match a moment of silence was held and the bell was rung 21 times in honor of the fallen horses. "This game is definitely a tribute to Victor, he's a friend. I'm very confident that team will regroup and be back here next year."





Flecha, Best Playing Pony for owner Eduardo Astrada receiving the La Martina award from Tomm Biddle and Irene Perez. (ph Frederic Roy)



Above, Gil Johnston was one of the first to congratulate Gonzalo Pieres for his sons' victory following the first Argentine Open championship in December. Below, Guillermo and Jimena Forero congratulate Gonzalo Pieres. Top right, co-MVP award winners Adam Snow and Eduardo Astrada receiving La Martina prizes from Irene Perez. Right, Marc, Melissa, Riley, Grant Ganzi and Marc's dad Wally Ganzi with the U.S. Open Trophy. (ph Frederic Roy)





## 2009 SOUTH BEACH LADIES POLO TEAMS

Thursday, April 30, 2009 (all games 2 chukkers)

Game	Time	Teams
#1	11am	Pink Polo vs. Nespresso
#2	11:45 am	Grey Goose vs. W Hotel
#3	12:30 pm	EQUUS vs. Bombay Sapphire
#4	1:15 pm	Pali Capital vs. GEICO
#5	2 pm	Loser of Games 1 and 2
#6	2:45 pm	Winners of Games 1 and 2
#7	3:30 pm	Losers of Games 3 and 4
#8	4:15 pm	Winners of Games 3 and 4



Carmen Gracida and Michelle Devrient, Below, Amber Owen and Rob Stenzel holding the National President's Cup Trophy, Rob won the 2009 edition in the morning with John Goodman, Todd Offen and MVP Bo Goodman for Isla Carroll. (ph Frederic Roy)



**PINK POLO**  
Libby Scripps  
Claudia Hodari  
Cecelia Cochran

**Game 1 11 am** NESPRESSO  
Lauren Gridley  
Isabella Wolf  
Cariane Hoffie

**GREY GOOSE**  
Amy Goodson  
Jennifer Williams  
Laura Willson

**Game 2 11:45 am** HOTEL W  
Paula Chermont  
Livia Torres  
Chris Habib

**EQUUS BUILDERS**  
Julia Chaquero/Kate Griffin  
Kathleen Gannon  
Sunny Hale

**Game 3 12:30 am** BOMBAY SAPPHIRE  
Lynn O'Connor  
Tara Lordi  
Katherine Bellissimo

**PALI CAPITAL**  
Stacey Widlitz  
Alina Carta  
Shelly Stansfield

**Game 4 1:15 am** GEICO  
Angenita Grande  
Melissa Hornung  
Abby Riggs



Jennifer Williams modeling her Grey Goose team outfit for the Miami Beach Polo Thursday April 30th.  
(ph Frederic Roy)