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AN ALLIANCE GOODMAN/BELLISSIMO, IPC/WEP WILL CROWN WELLINGTON AS THE WORLD'S LEADING EQUESTRIAN DESTINATION WHILE BOOSTING GREATER PALM BEACH'S INFLUENCE

With a joint release earlier this week, The International Polo Club Palm Beach (IPC) and the Wellington Equestrian Partners (WEP), host of the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), announced that they have come to an agreement, to work in partnership to promote, develop, and enhance the world class equestrian destination of Wellington, FL, the 30+ year-old community within Palm Beach County, Florida.

The announcement, carried out by Michael Stone, Executive Vice President of Equestrian Sports Production (ESP), the management company for WEP, and Angela Baker, IPC Vice-President for Marketing and Sales, also said that John Goodman, founder of the International Polo Club Palm Beach had become an investor in the WEP partnership joining the Partnership's Operating Committee which is reserved for its largest investors. The operating committee guides WEP's \$230 million dollar Wellington investment. The Operating Committee currently con-

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GULFSTREAM PARK, APRIL 1ST, 2009 • BY RALPH SMITH



"Who do you like in the 6th?"

Schedule & Results (club, alphabetical)**Bridgehampton Polo Club** | 2009 Summer Season**Sat. July 18 - Sat. Aug 8 Mercedes Benz Cup**

Sat 18		Cinque Terre/Heathcote def. Certified 14-10
		MVP Tommy Biddle
		Best Playing Pony Facunda played by Nick Manifold
Sun 19	11 am	Equuleus vs. White Birch
Tues 21	5 pm	Cinque Terre/Heathcote vs. Great Oaks
Wed 22	5 pm	Black Watch vs. White Birch
Fri 24	5 pm	Certified vs. Equuleus
Sat 25	4 pm	Black Watch vs. Great Oaks
Sun 26	6 pm	Cinque Terre/Heathcote vs. White Birch
Tues 28	5 pm	Equuleus vs. Great Oaks
Wed 29	11 am	Certified vs. White Birch
Thurs 30	11 am	Black Watch vs. Cinque Terre/Heathcote
Sat Aug 1	4 pm	Certified vs. Great Oaks
Sun 2	11 am	Black Watch vs. Equuleus
Tues 4	5 pm	Great Oaks vs. White Birch
Wed 5	11 am	Black Watch vs. Certified
	5 pm	Cinque Terre/Heathcote vs. Equuleus
Sat 8	4 pm	Mercedes Benz Cup Final

Sun. Aug 9 - Sat Aug 22 Hampton Cup**Cowdray Park Polo Club** | <http://www.cowdraypolo.co.uk>**2009 Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup for the British Open Championship****Quarterfinals Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup**

Sat 11	Match 4	Les Lions II def. Loro Piana 11-10
Sun 12	Match 2	Sumaya def. Talandracas 12-11
	Match 3	La Bamba de Areco def. Azzurra 11-9
	Match 1	Dubai def. Lechuza 11-9

Wed 15	Tatham Cup Subsidiary Final	Teams placed 13th v 14th
	Apes hill def. Ravensbourne 9-7	
	Ashton Silver Cup Subsidiary Final	Teams placed 9th v 10th
	Cowdray Vikings def. Enigma 13-9	
	Jack Gannon Cup Subsidiary Final	Teams placed 11th v 12th
	El Remanso def. Broncos 11-8	

Semi Final of Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup

Thurs 16	Match 5	Dubai def. Les Lions 2 16-9
	Match 6	La Bamba de Areco def. Sumaya 11-10
Sun 19	Final of the Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup	
	3 pm	Winners Dubai vs. La Bamba de Areco

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

Sat 18	Century 21 Cup final	
	Final	Bendabout def. The Villages 9-8

Greenwich Polo Club | <http://www.greenwichpolo.com/>**Guards Polo Club** | <http://www.guardspoloclub.com>**2009 Coronation Cup****Sun 26 3 pm England vs. Argentina****Gulfstream Polo Club** | <http://www.gulfstreampolo.com>**June-July August****Summer Polo**

Thursdays, 5:30; Saturdays and Sundays, 9:30.

Mashomack Polo Club | <http://www.mashomackpolo.com>**2009 Eduardo Moore / Friday July 10th - Saturday, Aug 1st, 2009**

Fri 10		Heathcote Farm def. Coldstream 12-11
		Ramirez Financial/Darkhorse def. Buena Vista 11-8
		Shekomeko Creek def. Deerfield Hill Farm 10-7
		Longfield Farm def. Hawk Hill/Smithfield 12-8
Sun 12		Ramirez Financial/Darkhorse def. Supersize 12-8
		Shekomeko Creek def. Longfield Farm 12-11 in OT
Tues 14		Heathcote Farm def. Buena Vista Farm 13-8
Fri 17		Games postponed
Sun 19	12 noon	Ram Finan/Drkhvs vs Heathcote Farm



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2:30pm Longfield Farm vs Deerfield Hill Farm

2:30pm Supersize vs Coldstream Farm

5:30pm Hawk Hill/Smithfield vs Shekomeko

Newport Polo Club | <http://www.glenfarm.com>**2009 International Series****Polo in the Park** | Lexington, KY | <http://www.polointheparklex.com>**July 8 - July 19 Crab Orchard Invitational 14 goal**

		Bluegrass International Cup 20 goal
		to benefit the Bluegrass Conservancy and Fayette Alliance
Wed 8		Crab Orchard def. Tres Vinos 14-12
		Villa de Lago def. Port Mayaca 12-10
		Faraway def. Mt Brilliant 16-13
Fri 10		Tres Vinos def. Orchard Hill 11-10
		Faraway def. Port Mayaca 13-6
Sat 11		Crab Orchard def. Riverview/Isla Carroll 10-9
Sun 12		Mt. Brilliant def. Villa del Lago 9-8
		Orchard Hill def. Riverview 14-13
Wed 15		Riverview def. Tres Vinos 11-7
		Faraway def. Villa de Lago 13-10
Thurs 16		Crab Orchard def. Orchard Hill 16-9
	5 pm	Mt Brilliant vs. Port Mayaca
Sat 18	5:30	USA vs. South Africa
Sun 19	10 am	Consolation Final
	5 pm	Final Faraway vs. Crab Orchard

July 21 - August 2 Kentucky Horse Park Invitational 14 goal**Santa Barbara Polo Club** | <http://www.sbpolo.com/>**2009 20 goal Veuve Clicquot Robert Skene Trophy**

Fri 24	10am	Mansour vs. Grants Farm	Bracket I
	1pm	Lucchese vs ERG	Bracket I
	3pm	Valiente vs Audi	Bracket II
Sun 26	10am	Loser (Valiente/Audi) vs Patagones	Bracket II
	1pm	Mansour vs Lucchese	Bracket I
	3pm	Grants Farm vs ERG	Bracket I
Fri 31	10am	Grants Farm vs Lucchese	Bracket I
	1pm	Winner (Valiente/Audi) vs Patagones	Bracket II
	3pm	Mansour vs ERG	Bracket I
Sun 2nd	10am	3rd place Bracket I vs 3rd place Bracket II	
	1pm	2nd place Bracket I vs 2nd place Bracket II	
	3pm	Final 1st place Bracket I vs 1st place Bracket II	

Southampton Polo Club | <http://www.southamptonpolo.com>**June 14 - July 12 Independence Cup**

Sun 28	Aliano Realty def. Northwood 6-5
Fri 3	Equuleus def. VL Ranch 11-9
	Certified/Circa def. Aliano 13-9
Sun 5	Palmer's def. VL Ranch 11-9
Sat 11	Equuleus def. Palmer's 9-7
	Certified/Circa def. Northwood 8-7
TBA	Semifinals Bracket A #1 vs. Bracket B #2
TBA	Semifinals Bracket A #2 Bracket B #1
	Subs. final Bracket A #3 Bracket B #3
TBA	Final

Virginia International Polo Club | <http://www.vipoloclub.com>**Leagues and Polo School May - Oct****WCT** | <http://www.wctpolo.com/>

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sists of Mark and Katherine Bellissimo, Roger and Jennifer Smith, Dennis and Marsha Dammernan, Craig and Frances Lindner, Robert and Lisa Lourie, Stuart and Susan Goldstein, Bruce Duchossois, and Howard and Gwen Dvorkin.

Over the last 30 years, the community of Wellington has created a unique 8,000 acre equestrian preserve that is home to thousands of horses and hundreds of horse farms. The community has become the de-facto winter home for worldwide equestrian sport. IPC, WEP and its affiliates own or control close to 1,000 acres within the preserve. Despite a challenging world economy, both organizations say they had successful years due to a very passionate and committed customer base of horse enthusiasts and sponsors.

WEP owns and operates the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) home of the world-renowned Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), the largest and longest running horse show in the world.

The annual WEF event draws thousands of exhibitors and over 5,000 horses, from 46 states, and 23 countries. These exhibitors compete for over \$5.6 million dollars in prize money during the 12 week circuit. The WEF includes North America's only Nations Cup, the World Dressage Masters, and the FTI Consulting Grand Prix Challenge which is the richest evening in American Show Jumping awarding over \$600,000 in prize money.

The Company operates close to 40 weeks worth of United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) licensed shows. In addition the company operates the Palm Beach Steeplechase which is becoming a Thanksgiving weekend tradition in



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The International Polo Club Palm Beach is the leading polo facility in the United States, and home of the U.S. Open Polo Championship™ since 2004.

For sixteen weeks each winter, IPC's Winter Polo Season attracts the highest ranking competitors from around the globe, who flock to Wellington, to play at the highest level the sport has to offer.

IPC has also integrated polo events into its affiliated property, the Wanderers Golf Club of Wellington, a private course that re-opened in 2008 after a renovation completed by Jacobsen Hardy Golf Designs.

The Polo, Show Jumping, and Dressage worlds have operated independently within Wellington for over 30 years and now for the first time will be working together to promote Wellington as an equestrian destination. WEP will target their main PBIEC events on Saturday evening, while IPC will target



Audi winning the 2009 U.S. Open Polo Championship this April at International Polo Palm Beach. Fron left, Facundo, Gonzalito and Nicolas Pieres. Grant, Riley and Marc Ganzi. (ph Frederic Roy)

their Sunday Polo tournaments. While the two groups are committed to promoting the equestrian destination locally, nationally and internationally, they are also committed to working with the Village of Wellington and its residents to preserve and integrate the eques-

trian lifestyle elements that have made Wellington a distinctive and unique residential community.

Mark Bellissimo, the Managing Partner of Wellington Equestrian Partners and CEO of Equestrian Sport Productions, operator of

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Field #1 at International Polo Palm Beach



John Goodman added, "I believe a partnership between IPC and WEP has been a long time coming. While Wellington is one of the greatest equestrian environments in the world, our joint efforts will

There is no doubt that the equestrian business has become the leading trade/industry for Wellington. The strong alliance between the two main business operators of the trade, if managed carefully, is likely to foster a new growth period. With a Village of Wellington now built up at 96% of its capacity and only scarce raw land available for equestrian purpose, one can expect an expansion in Palm Beach County and beyond. And the County's real improvement of road works of the last few years should help that expansion.

A rider in a dark jacket and white breeches is jumping a brown horse over a blue and white obstacle. The background features a large blue banner with the text "PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTER" and a crowd of spectators.



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BENDABOUT EDGES THE VILLAGES FOR THE WIN



Bendabout defeated The Villages 9-8 to win the Century 21 Cup at the Flying H Polo Club yesterday in Wyoming. Players for Bendabout (and below) Steve Dalton, Michael Armour, Boone Stribling, Gillian Johnston, Wayne Garrison, and for the Villages Brad Limehouse, Jim Parr, Tiger Kneece and Chrys Beal. (ph Laura MacCarty)





Above, Best Playing Pony award: Carta played by Steve Dalton, owned by Wayne Garrison (Sponsored by: Perk's Hospital, Perk Connell). MVP award to Chrys Beal (Sponsored by: Century 21, Paula Wilcox, Galen Chase and Roger St. Clair). High scorer award to Gillian Johnston with 3 goals, sponsored and presented by Adrienne Herkenhoff. (ph Laura MacCarty)



STORM RAMO WINS FOR JOHN FULTON AT THE PALERMO RACETRACK IN BUENOS AIRES



Storm Ramo, winning his 8th race with leading rider Pablo Falero last weekend at the Palermo Racetrack which is located across the street from the Palermo Polo Stadium in Buenos Aires. John Fulton said his horse “had just turned five on July 1st. He has won four times this year and eight overall and has been in the top three 14 out of the 22 times he raced.”

John, who was trained for George Steinbrenner earlier in his career and now buys horses for top owners around the world, said that he bought Storm Ramo as a yearling with his racing partner Antonio Bullrich, adding “He has given us a lot of enjoyment. He’s a tough old character who has a big heart. He has some rough ankles but he gives his best every time he runs and is just a cut below the top horses. He finished 4th in a GR1.”