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DARK HORSE WINS PRESIDENT'S CUP IN SANTA BARBARA SUNDAY



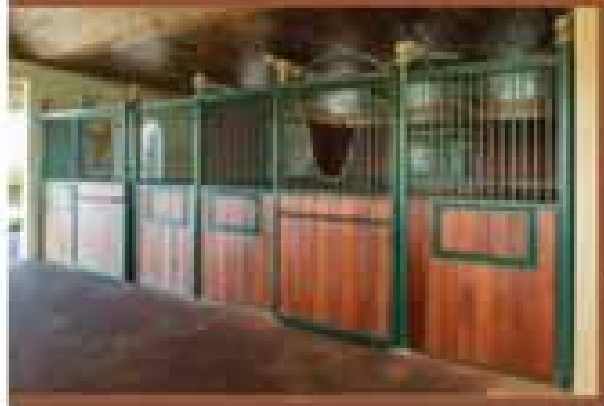
Jesse Bray, Dayelle Fargey, Sara Rotman and Max Menini for Dark Horse were Champions for the second, consecutive time at Santa Barbara last Sunday with a repeat, overtime victory over Film Finance to take the **USPA President's Cup**. This week's Wickenden Cup will be the last tournament of a vigorous Spring, Summer and Fall 2012 season at Santa Barbara. (ph David Lominska, Polographics.com)

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NATIONS CUP FINAL FRIDAY

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SCHEDULE & RESULTS

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Polo at a Glance

302 Polo Club. 2012 16 goal Continental Cup Final on Sunday: Bendabout vs. Barrington.

Argentina Open Season.

Rain postponed the second round in both brackets of the Qualifier tournament from Tues 2 and Wed 3 to Wed 3 and Thurs 4.

Tortugas Open. Virtual semifinals Saturday and Sunday. See page 5

Due to heavy rain yesterday and the wet field conditions, The Polo School at Grand Champions will be postponing the Labor Day Junior Tournament to Saturday, October 20, 2012. The Umpire Clinic is still on, contact robin@pololessons.com

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Santa Barbara. Wickenden Cup single elimination tournament will be played this weekend for a final Sunday 7, last tournament of the season.

The Villages Polo Club. Competition continues this weekend with the **The Village Home Care 6 Goal.**

Tianjin Golden Metropolitan Polo Club.
24 goal Fortune Heights Super Nations Cup
4 Teams // Final Friday October 5, 2012

Yesterday, Argentina defeated England 10-8. England had a good 4-2 start in the second but Argentina strung 6 back to back goals to lead 8-4 ending the fourth and keeping a 2-goal lead through the last 2 chukkers.

Second Match / Tuesday, October 2

Argentina 24	def. 10-8	England 24
Santiago Cernadas 6		Ollie Cudmore 4
Marcos Araya 6		James Beim 7
Gaston Moore 6		Mark Tomlinson 7
Raul Laplaccette 6		James Harper 6

Also yesterday, **the under 16 Argentine** team defeated the under 16 USA 9 to 1.5. And today, also in the Under 16 series, **England** defeated South Africa 3.5 to 3. Both games played in 3 chukkers.

Today, leading from the first chukker on: 2-1, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 and 8-6 (5 chukkers), **Hong Kong** defeated England 8-6 to take third place in the Nations Cup. John Fischer scored 6 goals for Hong Kong. The Hong Kong Polo Association wins the \$80,000 prize money for third place, the HPA wins \$50,000 for fourth.

Match for 3rd place

Hong Kong 24	def. 8-6	England 24
Chris Mackenzie 5		Ollie Cudmore 4
José Donoso 7		James Beim 7
JP Clarkin 8		Mark Tomlinson 7
John Fisher 4		James Harper 6

Friday is the final of the Nations Cup, USA vs. Argentina**Nations Cup final, Friday Oct. 5**

USA 24	vs.	Argentina 24
Mason Wroe 4		Santiago Cernadas 6
Kris Kampsen 6		Marcos Araya 6
Mike Azzaro 7		Gaston Moore 6
Jeff Hall 7		Raul Laplaccette 6

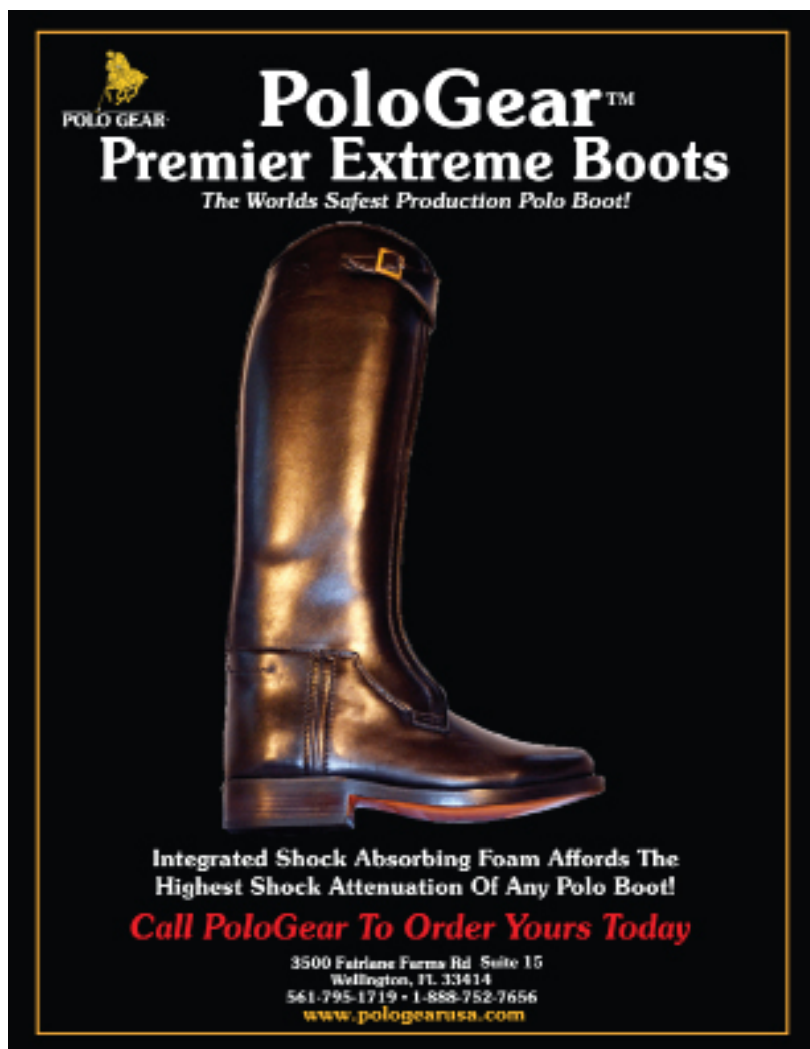
Clubs (alphabetical)

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

2012 Continental Cup // 16 goal, 4 teams // Sept 20 - Oct. 7, 2012

Thurs 20	Bendabout def. Mt. Brilliant 12-7
Sun 23	Bendabout def. Barrington 15-9
Thurs 27	Bendabout def. El Cedro Azul 13-9
	Barrington def. Mt. Brilliant 11-9
Sun 30	Barrington def. El Cedro Azul 13-11
Fri 5 5pm	El Cedro Azul vs. Mt. Brilliant
Sun 7 5pm	Final of the Continental Cup Bendabout vs. Barrington

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Barrington 16 // 2-1

Barb Uskup A
Adam Snow 6
Owen Rinehart 6
Antonio Galvan 4

El Cedro Azul 14 // 0-2

Alan Hale AT
Ruben Coscia 5
Pelon Escapite 6
Gabriel Crespo 3

Bendabout 15 // 3-0

Agustin Arellano A
Gillian Johnston 1
Whistle Uys 5
Julio Arellano 9

Mt. Brilliant 16 // 0-2

Bo Goodman 1
Willie Hartnett 4
Juan Monteverde 5
Julian Daniels 6

Argentina // Fall Open Season // Five tournaments through Dec. 8, 2012

Starting Sept 25 Hurlingham and Argentine Open Qualifier
Sept 25 - Oct 14 Tortugas Open



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Oct 16 - Nov 4 Hurlingham Open
Nov 17 - Dec 8 Argentine Open

Polo at the Point / Point Clear, AL / 6 Teams / Oct. 9-21st, 2012

Tues 9	Sonny Hill vs Tiburon
Wed 10	No Trees vs Bendabout Clearwater vs Upatoi Green
Fri 12	Sonny Hill vs Bendabout Upatoi Green vs Tiburon
tba	No Trees vs Clearwater
Sun 14	Sonny Hill vs Clearwater Upatoi Green vs Bendabout No Trees vs Tiburon
Thurs 18	Semifinals
Fri 19	Players Party Cup (Losers of First Round brackets)
Sun 21	Polo at the Point Final and Consolation final

Bracket A (3 teams)

No Trees 11

Craig Duke A
Martin Ravina 5
Whistle Uys 5
Herndon Radcliff 1

Bracket B 3 Teams)

Bendabout 12

Gillian Johnston 1
Agustin Arellano A
Julio Arellano 9
Nick Morrison 2

Sonny Hill 12

Curtis Pilot A
Gonzalo de la Fuente 3
Romulo Crespo 4
Frankie Bilbao 5

Upatoi Green 12

Jake Flournoy 3
Alan Martinez 6
Carlitos Galindo 3
Cathy Alba A

Tiburon 12

Collen Clark A
Pelon Escapite 6
Matias Obregon 5
Jose Barrientos 1

Clearwater 12

Camp Campbell 1
Chip Campbell 1
Guille Usandizaga 6
Gonzalo Teves 4

Santa Barbara Polo Club / <http://www.sbpolo.com/>

Wickenden Cup / 4 Teams / Oct. 5-7, 2012

Fri 5	3pm	Dark Horse vs Mansour
	4:30pm	Film Finance vs Casa Sombras
Sun 7	1pm	Wickenden Cup Final
	3pm	Wickenden Cup Consolation

Friday Oct. 5 at 3 pm

Dark Horse 8

Sara Rotman A
Jesse Bray 3
Max Menini 4
Dayelle Fargey 1

vs.

Mansour 5 // 1-1

Ben Soleimani A
Benji Soleimani B
Santiago von Wernich 5
Justin Klentner 1

Friday Oct. 5 at 4:30 pm

Film Finances 8

Leigh Brecheen A
Mike Sheller A
Frederico Wulff 3
Santiago Wulff 5

vs.

Casa Sombras 8

Conrad Kissling A
Bolko Kissling 1
Ashton Wolf 3
Joseph Stuart 4

The Villages Polo Club / <http://www.thevillagespoloclub.com/>

The Village Home Care 6 Goal starts today for a final Sunday 7
see rosters

<http://www.thevillagespoloclub.com/schedule/schedule.asp>

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OPEN SEASON ARGENTINA**Tortugas Open // 6 Teams // September 25- October 13, 2012**

Tues 25	Pilara def. La Natividad 13-12 OT
Wed 26	La Aguada def. Alegria 13-8
Sat 29	Ellerstina def. La Natividad 17-13
Sun 30	La Dolfina def. Alegria 18-14
Sat 6 4pm	Ellerstina vs. Pilara
Sun 7 4pm	La Dolfina vs. La Aguada
Sat 13 4pm	Final

TORTUGAS OPEN**Tortugas Polo Club**

6 teams - Open - Bracket Round Robin & Final - Sept 25-Oct 13, 2012

Bracket I

Facundo Pieres 10	ELLERSTINA 1-0
Nicolas Pieres 9	
Mariano Aguerre 9	
Gonzalito Pieres 10	
38	
Hilario Ulloa 9	PILARA 1-0
Francisco Bensadon 9	
Sebastian Merlos 9	
Paco de Narvaez 8	
35	
Polito Pieres 8	LA NATIVIDAD 0-2
Nachi Heguy 9	
Rodrigo Andrade 8	
Lolo Castagnola 9	
34	

Bracket II

Adolfo Cambiaso 10	LA DOLFINA 1-0
Pelon Stirling 10	
Pablo MacDonough 10	
Juan Martín Nero 10	
40	
Guillermo Caset 9	LA AGUADA 1-0
Javier Astrada 9	
Miguel Astrada 9	
Nacho Astrada 9	
36	
Agustin Merlos 9	ALEGRIA 0-2
Fred Mannix 8	
Pite Merlos 8	
Lucas Monteverde 9	
34	

HURLINGHAM OPEN**Hurlingham Polo Club**

8 teams - Open - Bracket Round Robin & Final - Oct. 16 - Nov 4, 2012

Bracket I

Adolfo Cambiaso 10	LA DOLFINA
Pelon Stirling 10	
Pablo MacDonough 10	
Juan Martín Nero 10	
40	
Hilario Ulloa 9	PILARA
Francisco Bensadon 9	
Sebastian Merlos 9	
Paco de Narvaez 8	
35	
Agustin Merlos 9	ALEGRIA
Fred Mannix 8	
Pite Merlos 8	
Lucas Monteverde 9	
34	
	QUALIFIER

Bracket II

Facundo Pieres 10	ELLERSTINA
Nicolas Pieres 9	
Mariano Aguerre 9	
Gonzalito Pieres 10	
38	
Guillermo Caset 9	LA AGUADA
Javier Astrada 9	
Miguel Astrada 9	
Nacho Astrada 9	
36	
Polito Pieres 8	LA NATIVIDAD
Nachi Heguy 9	
Rodrigo Andrade 8	
Lolo Castagnola 9	
34	
	QUALIFIER

Qualifier to Hurl. & Argentine Open // 8 teams // Sept 27- Oct 9, 2012

Thurs 27	La Aguada/Las Monjitas def. Sauvaterre 16-9
	Indios Chapaleufú II def. Las Praderas 11-5
Fri 29	La Irenita def. La Vanguardia 15-11
	Magual def. Trenque Lauquen 12-8
Wed 3	Second-round games Bracket I
1pm	Indios Chapaleufú II vs. Sauvaterre
3pm	La Aguada/Las Monjitas vs. Las Praderas
Rhurs 4	Second-round games Bracket II
1pm	Magual vs. La Vanguardia
3pm	La Irenita vs. Trenque Lauquen
Mon 8	Third-round games Bracket I
Tues 9	Third-round games Bracket II

Best team from each bracket after the round-robin advances to Hurl. & Arg. Open**QUALIFIER TO HURL. & ARG. OPEN****Palermo, Buenos Aires**

8 teams - Open - Bracket Round Robin - Sept 27 - Oct. 9, 2012

Bracket I

Lucas James 8	LA AGUADA/ LAS MONJITAS
Magoo Laprida 8	
Eduardo Astrada 9	
Alejandro Astrada 8	
33	1-0
Pepe Heguy 7	INDIOS CHAPA II
Guillermo Terrera 7	
Ignatius Du Plessis 7	
Eduardo Heguy 8	
29	1-0
Santiago Toccalino 7	LAS PRADERAS
Joaquín Pittaluga 7	
Diego Cavanagh 7	
Ignacio Toccalino 8	
29	0-1
Gonzalo Deltour 7	SAUVATERRE
Gastón Lauthé 7	
Inaki Laprida 7	
Joao Paulo Ganon 7	
28	0-1

Bracket II

Lucas Criado 8	LA IRENITA
Santiago Chavanne 8	
Matias Mac Donough 8	
Tomas G. del Río 8	
32	1-0
Alejandro Muzzio 7	MAGUAL
Marcos Di Paola 8	
Facundo Sola 7	
Jaime G. Huidobro 8	
30	1-0
Salvador Ulloa 7	TRENQUE LAUQUEN
Juan A. G. Grossi 8	
Guillermo Willington 7	
Agustin Nero 7	
29	0-1
Juan Gris Zavaleta 7	LA VANGUARDIA
Ezequiel Ferrario 7	
Manuel Crespo 7	
Diego Araya 7	
28	0-1

ARGENTINE OPEN**Palermo, Buenos Aires**

8 teams - Open - Bracket Round Robin & Final - Nov 17 -Dec 8, 2012

Bracket I

Adolfo Cambiaso 10	LA DOLFINA
Pelon Stirling 10	
Pablo MacDonough 10	
Juan Martín Nero 10	
40	
Hilario Ulloa 9	PILARA
Francisco Bensadon 9	
Sebastian Merlos 9	
Paco de Narvaez 8	
35	
Agustin Merlos 9	ALEGRIA
Fred Mannix 8	
Pite Merlos 8	
Lucas Monteverde 9	
34	
	QUALIFIER

Bracket II

Facundo Pieres 10	ELLERSTINA
Nicolas Pieres 9	
Mariano Aguerre 9	
Gonzalito Pieres 10	
38	
Guillermo Caset 9	LA AGUADA
Javier Astrada 9	
Miguel Astrada 9	
Nacho Astrada 9	
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Polito Pieres 8	LA NATIVIDAD
Nachi Heguy 9	
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Lolo Castagnola 9	
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	QUALIFIER

SANTA BARBARA POLO CLUB

Story by *Melanja Jones*

Sara Rotman's Dark Horse Polo team won the USPA Presidents Cup 10-9 in another OT showdown with Film Finances. These two teams are so evenly matched that every game they have played has been down to the wire.

The first chukkers started off even, but in the 2nd and 3rd Dark Horse steadily crept on ahead, helped by some strong runs from Jesse Bray. It was 6-4 in favor of Dark Horse going into the 4th chukker, which was the biggest margin in any game between these two teams yet.

After halftime, Film Finances dug in deep on defense and held Dark Horse scoreless, and Santi Wulff converted on an amazing penalty 5 shot for Film Finances from just in front of the half way line to bring Film Finance back within one.

Things really started to heat up in the 5th chukker, as the teams traded goals. Wulff converted on a penalty to tie things up, a familiar state of affairs for these two teams, and then Max Menini retaliated with a field goal. Wulff countered, Menini countered back with another goal, and then Film Finance's patron Leigh Brecheen got the last word for the chukker on a field goal to bring the score to 8-8 heading into the 6th.

The 6th chukker felt like an overtime period, with each player determined to mark their opposite number and every play hard fought. Finally, with just over a minute left, Film Finance converted on a penalty 2 to take the lead 9-8. But on the following play, Jesse Bray made a nice steal at the boards, and dribbled the ball in on the nearside to send the game to OT.

In the always exciting overtime period, there were several scoring chances on the condo end of the field that just went wide. Then with 4 minutes and change left, Dayelle Fargey took advantage of a broken play to jump on a loose ball and run the ball in for the golden goal, final score 10-9 in favor of Dark Horse.

MVP of the game was Max Menini, his black mare **Lola** was awarded BPP.

In the consolation, celebrity polo player and model Nacho Figueras treated the crowd to an exhibition appearance, playing on the Mansour team. Although the crowd thoroughly enjoyed Nacho's fancy stick work, the opposing Wildcat team was determined to prove that they were not in awe of celebrity and outplayed Mansour 14-10 to win the consolation game.



Above, Leigh Brecheen. Below, Leigh Brecheen and Sara Rotman. (ph David Lominska, Polographics.com)



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Above, Max Menini and Santi Wulff. Below, Max Menini with Frederico Wulff to his nearside.
(ph David Lominska, Polographics.com)



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Above. Santi Wulff and Jesse Bray. Below left, Santi Wulff and Dayelle Fargey. Below right, Dayelle Fargey on the run the score OT Goal. (ph David Lominska, Polographics.com)



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Above, Best Playing Pony **Lola** for Max Menini. Right, Melanja Jones and MVP Max Menini.
(ph David Lominska, Polographics.com)



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In the Sunday exhibition match, above left, Nacho Figueras. Above right, Ryan Gilbertson. Below, Justin Klentner.
(ph David Lominska, Polographics.com)



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In the Sunday exhibition match, right, Joseph Stuart. Below, Ben Soleimani.
(ph David Lominska, Polographics.com)



NATIONS CUP IN CHINA



Mike Azzaro, above, and Mason Wroe, below, carrying the ball and the USA with their teammates Jeff Hall and Kris Kampsen to an 11-9 (8-8, 3-1) win over Hong Kong Monday at the Metropolitan Polo Club in China. (ph Kaylee Scherbinski, kayleescherbinski.com)



NATIONS CUP IN CHINA



VS.

Top left, Jeff Hall. Top right, Mike Azzaro. Above, Kris Kampsen. Right, Final Friday October 5 between USA and Argentina. (ph Kaylee Scherbinski, kayleescherbinski.com)

