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WEP AND MARK BELLISSIMO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE OF IPC

Mark Bellissimo announced yesterday that the **Wellington Equestrian Partners** (WEP) had completed the purchase of the International Polo Club (IPC) in Wellington, FL.

IPC is the storied home of High Goal Polo during the winter season in Wellington, FL, for the last 14 years with competition beginning in January and continuing through the end of April each year. Says Mark Bellissimo: "WEP's primary goal is to ensure that IPC remains one of the world's premier Polo Clubs and a key economic driver of Wellington's equestrian economy."

"The WEP partnership will be expending significant resources to ensure that the facilities and the polo fields are second to none and are committed to maintaining the same High Goal Polo calendar for 2017 and beyond."

IPC's main stadium venue and polo activity are complemented by a private club with spa, fitness center, tennis courts, pool, as well as The Mallet Grille restaurant and The 7th Chukker lounge.

Mark Bellissimo, managing partner of WEP, added, "We are honored to become the stewards of this important venue and are inspired to take Wellington to a new height of world-class

equestrian sport, equestrian lifestyle, and community engagement."

The strategic acquisition creates a network of three world-class facilities dedicated to equestrian sport and allows, for the first time in Wellington, the integration and coordination of equestrian activities around the hunter/jumper, dressage, and polo worlds. Bellissimo added, "We believe this will become one of the world's top platforms to grow interest in equestrian sport for riders, spectators, and sponsors."

"We look forward to working with the Village of Wellington, the governing bodies of each equestrian discipline, and the key stakeholders

within the disciplines to create an experience unique in the world. We will be announcing a series of strategic initiatives and partnerships as well as a vision for the facility in early summer," he continued, concluding: "IPC will continue to operate as usual with major upgrades and renovations set to begin in the summer."

For more information about the International Polo Club and/or membership, please visit www.internationalpoloclub.com.

One can also visit www.PBIEC.com or call 561-793-5867 for more information on Palm Beach International Equestrian Center and Equestrian Sport Productions, LLC.

It is with much regret that we must announce the passing of a very good friend Martha Laffaye. Martha passed away last Saturday night just hours before the final of the U.S. Open in Wellington, FL. Martha was a dedicated polo aficionado and connoisseur, and a dedicated collector with her husband, Dr. Laffaye.

A doer, Martha chaired several benefits at the Fairfield County Hunt Club in Westport, CT, including the American Cancer Society, the Leukemia Society of America, Save the Children Federation, New England Institute, University of Bridgeport and several others. Over the years she enjoyed accompanying her husband while traveling to surgical meetings in several countries.

Martha was a most accomplished hostess. Because of her husband's position as Surgical Department chair-



man, every week during the academic year a formal dinner was held at the Laffaye's home in Weston, Connecticut. Without fail Martha received a note of thanks for the wonderful evenings and overnight hospitality.

The annual pool party for the Surgical House Staff was an event cherished by the hard-working interns

and residents in training. Needless to say, all the details were organized by Martha.

She continued her practice of sports, playing friendly hockey, golf and tennis. She also participated in car rallies in the Sports Car Club of America, navigating for her husband in winning the New England Rally Championship.

In addition, somehow she found time for gardening and needle point works.

Martha was pre-deceased by her parents and two brothers, John Herbert "Jackie" and Charles Louis "Charlie."

She is survived by her husband Dr. Horace Laffaye, her son Patrick, daughter Gisele, son-in-law Trent Pansze, M.D., and grand-children

Martina, Derek and Grace Pansze, Mark and Todd Laffaye, and cousin Lucille Brookes.

Burial was private. A celebration of her life will be held in Connecticut next Saturday May 7th, details and location forthcoming. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to her grand-children's Animas High School in Durango, CO, or a charity of choice.



SCHEDULE & RESULTS

ML Polo Update - Sunday, May 1st, 2016 - AM

Polo at a Glance

Final of the **The Spring Challenge** at **Grand Champions** today. Please note that the final is now going to be played at 3pm, the Consolation game at 4:45. And at the **Villages**, final of the **6 Goal Tournament**.

One game today at 5pm at **New Bridge** in the **Members Classic 8 goal**.

See page 3, the schedule of tournaments at Santa Barbara and 12-goal rosters.

Grand Champions - The Spring Challenge - Fri 29-Sun May 1st, 2016

Fri 29 #NR def. Power Horse 10-9
 Casablanca def. The Dutta Corp. 11-8
 Sun 1st 3pm **Final #TeamNR vs. Casablanca on Field 2**
 4:45 Subsidiary Final on Field 1 Power Horse vs. The Dutta Corp.

Final, Sunday, May 1st, 3pm field #2

#TeamNR

Tim Dutta
 Melissa Ganzi
 Nic Roldan
 Juan Bollini

vs.

Casablanca

Gene Goldstein
 Grant Ganzi
 Julio Arellano
 Kris Kampsen

Consolation game, Sunday, May 1st, 4:45pm field #1

Power Horse

Walter Scherb
 Jason Crowder
 Brandon Phillips
 Lucas Lalor

vs.

The Dutta Corp.

Timmy Dutta
 Marc Ganzi
 Piki Diaz Alberdi
 JJ Celis

2016 CARTIER QUEEN'S CUP

Guards Polo Club, UK

Draw Tuesday May 3rd • 12 teams • May 17-June 11, 2016

Alphabetic order

Charlie Hanbury 4		Ben Soleimani 0	
Ollie Cudmore 5	BRITANNIA	A Patterson 4	RH POLO
James Beim 7	EL REMANSO	Rodrigo Andrade 9	
James Harper 6		Nico Pieres 9	
22		22	
Rashid Albwardy 2		Hilali Noordeen 0	
Kian Hall 1	DUBAI	Juan Gris Zavaleta 7	SIFANI
Adolfo Cambiaso 10		Luke Tomlinson 7	
Juan Martin Nero 9		J P Clarkin 7	
22		21	
Ludovic Paillony 1	HB POLO	Eduard Carmignac 0	
Ignacio Toccalino 8		Polito Pieres 9	TALANDRACAS
Pelon Stirling 10		Tommy Beresford 4	
Sebastien Paillony 3		Sapo Caset 9	
22		22	
A Srivaddhanaprabha 1		Bob Jornyavaz 1	
TBA 1	KING POWER FOXES	Facha Valent 5	VALIENTE/DUBAI
Gonzalito Pieres 10		Gonzalo Terrera 8	
Facundo Pieres 10		Alejandro Stirling de Tarenco 6	
22		20	
Jean-Francois Decaux 0	LA BAMBA DE ARECO	Jack Hyde 3	ZACARA
Diego Cavanagh 8		Lyndon Lea 1	
Magoo Laprida 8		Lucas Monteverde 8	
Rodrigo Rueda Jnr 6		Pablo MacDonough 10	
22		22	
Michael Bickford 1		George Hanbury 3	
Nic Roldan 7	LA INDIANA	Mark Tomlinson 6	TBA
Agustin Merlos 8		Eduardo Astrada 9	
Julian De Lusarreta 6		Alec White 4	
22		22	

The Villages Polo Club - The Villages 6 Goal Tournament - April 29-May 1st

Fri 29 City Fire def. McLinBurnsed 12 to 7.5
 UnitedHealthcare def. Citizens 11-9
 Sun 1st 2pm Consolation McLinBurnsed vs. Citizens
 4pm **Final City Fire vs. UnitedHealthcare**

Consolation game, Sunday, May 1st, 2pm

McLinBurnsed 5

Andy Moran 0
 Laura Willson 0
 Jason Cashin 1
 Jamie Mirikitani 4

vs.

Citizens 5

Janis Pascarella -.5
 Alejandro Gonzalez 0
 Lord Lyall 1.5
 Nico Talamoni 4

Final, Sunday, May 1st, 4pm

City Fire 5.5

CoCo Switlyk -1
 Paige McCabe 1.5
 Nick Johnson 2
 Del Walton 3

vs.

UnitedHealthcare 5

Scott Doyle -1
 Joe Watkins 0
 Peter von Gontard Jr 2
 Stuart Campbell 4



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AIKEN POLO CLUB**Aiken Polo Club - 2016 USPA Sportsmanship Cup 6 Goal***Two Brackets of 3 playing cross-bracket and final*

Wed 27		LBL Polo/Dragoons def Woodlawn 6 to 4.5
Sat 30		Banks Mill def. Woodlawn 8-7
Wed 4	11am	Aiken Saddlery vs Livin The Vision
Fri 6	2pm	Hutchinson Farms vs Banks Mill
Sat 7	11am	Hutchinson Farms vs Livin The Vision
Tues 10	10am	Woodlawn vs Livin The Vision
Wed 11	11am	Aiken Saddlery vs LBL Polo/Dragoons
Fri 13	10am	Hutchinson Farms vs LBL Polo/Dragoons
	5pm	Aiken Saddlery vs Banks Mill
Sun 15	3pm	Final at Whitney field

Bracket A**LBL Polo/Gold Dragoons 6 // 1-0**

Alison Patricelli A
Richard Terbrusch B
Luis Galvan 3
Marcos Onetto 4

Livin The Vision 5.5

Scott Brown A
Jesus Ontiveros 2
Matthew Fonseca 2
Cesar Rangel 1.5

Banks Mill Feed 6 // 1-0

Nick Galvan B
Nate Berube 1
Antonio Galvan 4
Alex Lopez 2

Bracket B**Aiken Saddlery 6**

Grayson Brown B
JD Cooper 1
Matt Sekera 2
Eddy Martinez 4

Hutchinson Farms 6

Charlie Hutchinson A.5
Jason Wates 3
Whitney Vogt A.5
Geoff Cameron 2

Woodlawn 5.5 // 0-2

Phillip Staples A
Chilo Cordova 2
Omar Cepeda 3
Lucas Arellano A.5

NEW BRIDGE POLO CLUB**New Bridge - Members Classic 8 goal***Five team single bracket, round-robin and final*

Thurs 28		Aiken Saddlery def. LBL/Peachtree 13-11
Sat 30		Blackberg Ranch def. LBL/Peachtree 13-7
Sun 1	5pm	LBL/Peachtree vs. Foxdale Equine
Tues 3	5pm	Aiken Saddlery vs. Las Vinas
Thurs 5	10am	Las Vinas vs. Blackberg Ranch
	5pm	Aiken Saddlery vs. Foxdale Equine
Sun 8	10am	Foxdale Equine vs. Las Vinas
	5pm	Blackberg Ranch vs. Aiken Saddlery
Wed 11	5pm	Foxdale Equine vs. Blackberg Ranch
Thurs 12	10am	LBL/Peachtree vs. Las Vinas
Sun 15	5pm	Final of the Members Classic 8 Goal

Aiken Saddlery 8 // 1-0

Thomas Ravenel B
Justin Pimsner 2
Willie Hartnett 4
Matthew Fonseca 3

Blackberg Ranch 8 // 1-0

Rob Berg A
Agustin Arellano 2
Horacio Onetto 4
Pedro Lara 2

Foxdale Equine 9

TBA
Kegan Walsh 3
Alan Martinez 5
Hugh Worsham 1

Las Vinas 8

Stacie Simpkins B
Cuko Escapite 3
Pelon Escapite 6
TBA

LBL/Peachtree 8 // 0-2

Alison Patricelli A
Marcos Onetto 4
John Gobin 4
Randy Rizor A

SANTA BARBARA

The **Spring-Summer-Fall season at Santa Barbara** starts this week with the 12 goal through the end of June, then switches on to the high goal through the end of August, and finally the 8 goal. There is a Pro-pool running through the end of June with Practices on Thursdays, Tournament games on Saturdays and Sundays. The Women's Tournament is September 23-25, closing date September 16. And the Last Chance Tournament is October 7-9, closing date October 3.

12 Goal Tournaments (May and June)

Jewelry by Gauthier Polo Cup, May 6- May 15

Pope Challenge, May 20-29

Engel & Völkers Polo Classic, June 3 – June 12

USPA La Martina Intra-Circuit, June 17-26

Practices on Wednesdays, Tournament games on Fridays and Sundays

Fields closed June 27 – July 5

High Goal Tournaments (July and August)

Belmond El Encanto Polo Classic, July 8-10

USPA Maserati Silver Cup, July 15-24

USPA Nespresso America Cup, July 29-August 7

Gulfstream Pacific Coast Open, August 12-28

Tournament games on Fridays and Sundays, Wednesday 16 goal team practice off-site

8 Goal Tournaments (September and October): closing date August 20

Harry East Memorial, September 3-4

USPA Presidents Cup Cup, September 10-18

USPA Wickenden Cup, September 24-October 2

Practices on Wednesdays, Tournament games on Fridays/Saturdays and Sundays

12 goal Rosters (6 teams)**Antelope 11**

Geoff Palmer A
Felipe Vercellino 5
Santiago Trotz 5
Jim Wright 1

FMB 12

Charlie Walker A
Felipe Viana 5
Luis Escobar 5
Henry Walker 2

Highwood 12

Danny Walker 2
Mariano Fassetta 5
Marcelo Abbiati 5
Ron Mathison A

Klentner Ranch 11

Jake Klentner A
Martin Donovan 5
Jesse Bray 5
Justin Klentner 1

Twin Palms 12

Chris Maloney 1
Remy Mueller 3
Santiago Wulff 5
Graham Bray 3

Mokarow Farms 12 - June

Kevin Mokarow A
Rob Stenzel 3
Joaquin Panelo 4
Todd Offen 5



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