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HALL OF FAME AWARDS 2020

The excitement is building for the **31st Annual Hall of Fame Awards Gala**, one of the premier events of the high-goal polo season in Florida. All are invited to join us on **Friday,**

February 14th as we welcome the new inductees into the Museum of Polo Hall of Fame for 2020: Joey Casey, Cyril R. Harrison, Pat Dix, George C. Sherman, Sr., and horses Wembley and Gargantilla.

The Hall of Fame Awards Gala is the Museum's most important fundraising event of the year. We hope you will help support your Museum, a 501 (c) 3, not-for-profit organization. Reservations are \$250.00 each (tax deductible portion \$125.00). Contact Brenda Lynn at the Museum of Polo, (561) 969-3210 or (561) 969-7015, e-mail: polomuseum@att.net for further details, information, or to make your reservations.



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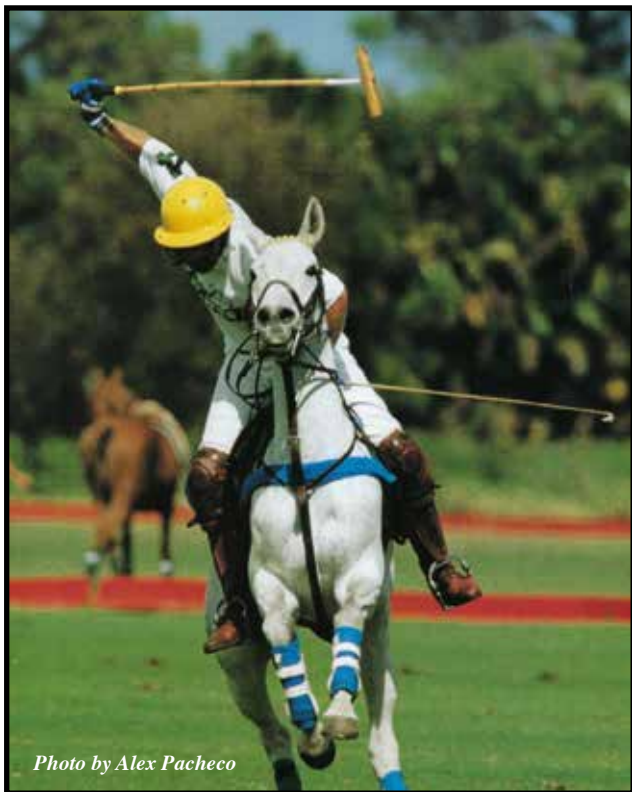


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Joey Casey – Living Hall of Fame Inductee

Joey Casey will be honored for his numerous accomplishments as a world-class polo player, respected polo pony breeder and trainer of exceptional horses for the sport. A third-generation horseman and polo player, he attained a 7 goal handicap and competed in numerous high-profile events as a sought-after professional player. His list of major American tournaments wins includes the USPA Sunshine League Championship 6 times, the International Gold Cup 4 times, the 1988 Westchester Cup, the USPA CV Whitney,

USPA Gold Cup, Pacific Coast Open and many more. Casey was Polo Manager for the iconic Royal Palm Polo Sport's Club from 1990 until the club's closure. He founded and manages the Palm City Polo Cub in south Florida, providing affordable, low and medium-goal arena and outdoor competition, training and mentoring for novice players, and specializes in breeding and training ponies suitable for all levels of polo.



Pat Dix – Living Iglehart Award Inductee

Playing polo since the age of 13 in Spokane, Washington, Pat Dix went on to log over 60 years of service to polo as a USPA Executive Vice-President, Pacific Northwest Governor, National Rules Committee Chairman, Governor-at-Large, Chairman of the Pacific Northwest Circuit Handicap and Rules Committee. He helped establish a new Pacific Northwest Circuit which had previously been part of the Pacific Coast Circuit. On the playing field he enjoyed an outstanding record that included reaching a 5 goal rating, being the leading

scorer of the winning Cornell 1963 National Intercollegiate Championship team, a U.S. Open runner up, and notched wins of notable tournaments such as the America's Cup National 16 Goal, the high-goal Sunshine League, National 12 Goal Inter-Circuit, and many Pacific Northwest Championships. In 1986 he received the Hugo Dalmar National Sportsmanship Award and was inducted in 2004 into Cornell University's Polo Hall of Fame."



Cyril R. Harrison – Posthumous Hall of Fame Inductee

Cyril Harrison dedicated his entire life to polo, recognized as an accomplished player, gifted instructor, a beloved mentor, respected horseman, and an exceptional trainer of polo ponies. Noted in the New Yorker magazine in 1928 as "polo's rising star", Harrison went on to a rating of 7 goals outdoor and 8 goals in the arena playing alongside the greatest of the era. He was known for his exquisite hitting style, accuracy and smart, competitive team play. But his gift to polo was in teaching and encouraging others to play. He seeded, organized and ran polo schools for young players all over the country, becoming the USPA's first polo instructor of the modern game. He has been praised by his peers for his passionate efforts to improve the sport and impart his knowledge, which he did until his untimely death at age 58 while on the playing field at Myopia. The Harrison Cup has been played in his honor at Myopia every summer since 1966.



George C. Sherman, Sr. Posthumous Iglehart Award Inductee

Known as the "father of indoor polo" George C. Sherman, Sr. was almost single-handedly responsible for organizing and refining this ever-popular version of the sport. He introduced the inflatable ball, redesigned the standard polo equipment for the arena game's specific needs and modified the rules of outdoor play for indoor use. He was the founder and first president of the Indoor Polo Association (from

1915 to 1926), which was not merged with the USPA until 1956. He was zealous in introducing young players into the sport; and presented the first Interscholastic Cup in 1928. Since all collegiate and scholastic polo is now played indoors, he may be said to have innovated this invaluable training ground as well. The National Arena Sherman Memorial was started in his honor in 1934 and is still played for today. Sherman passed the torch of leadership in polo to his son, George C. Sherman, Jr., inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1998 for his exemplary contributions to the sport.

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Horses to Remember Award – Wembley

Wembley (Catisfield Kid x Darkie) has been a recognizable hero on the polo field going back many years. The phenomenal black Thoroughbred gelding, now owned by Bob Jornayvaz, was born in 1993 and first spotted and played at an early age by Memo Gracida who has said he knew Wembley was special in the



first 50 yards he rode him. The now 26-year-old horse has been the veteran of the most highly competitive polo in the U.S. and around the world, played by the best players in the sport. Counted among his laurels are numerous Best Playing Pony Awards, Horse of the Year in 2004.

In 2013 Wembley was the first recipient of the Wembley award established in his honor to recognize horses that have had longevity and excellence playing at the high goal level at IPC. That year, he played throughout the season and in four of six chukkers of the U.S. Open. Wembley was formally retired in 2016 at the U.S. Open Polo Championship.

Photo by Snoopy



Gargantilla, shown right, with Dev Milburn aboard

Horses to Remember Award – Gargantilla

The stunningly marked piebald mare, Gargantilla, was chosen to be played by polo Hall of Famer Devereux Milburn in his hard-fought campaigns that included the iconic International series, U.S. Open Championships and Monty Waterbury matches from 1923 – 1927. In 1923 she won the Prince Friarstown Cup, the most prestigious award of the era. Foaled in 1914 in Argentina, the pony first gained fame as a star

there before being brought to the U.S. and bought by another Hall of Famer, Harry Payne Whitney, to add to his world-renowned string of ponies. Although owned by Whitney, Gargantilla and Milburn are eternally linked, remembered for their superior play together. Their special union was celebrated in numerous photos and as the subject of paintings of two of the most important artists in history, Alfred G. Munnings and Franklin Voss.

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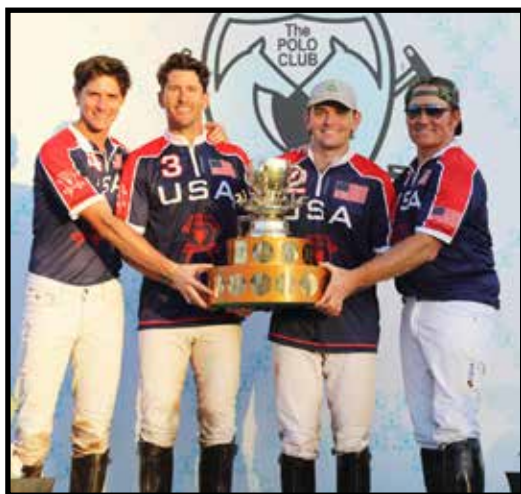
THE INTERNATIONAL CUP RAISES \$30,000 FOR THE MUSEUM OF POLO

With another International Cup in the record books we are happy to announce that over \$30,000 was raised to benefit the Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame. Hosted by Museum President Melissa Ganzi and husband Marc at their Grand Champions Polo Club, the spectacular French-themed affair included two terrific games on November 30th.

To kick off the double-header the Legends of Polo Carlos Gracida Memorial saw Grand Champions' Ale Poma, Jason Crowder, Kris Kampsen, and Tommy Biddle, battle with the DePaula/Aspen Valley Polo Club team of Carlitos Gracida, Sugar Erskine, Horacio Heguy, and Juan Bollini, won by Grand Champions 6 – 4. The sixth annual game honored Hall of Famer Carlos Gracida, who died tragically in February, 2014.

The day looked like a Florida post-card providing a perfect backdrop for guests who thoroughly enjoyed the food, ambiance and entertainment that included, with a nod to the French team, colorful Can Can girls and Mimes.

Later in the afternoon, GCPC-USA and France took the field for the International match. The US team of Marc Ganzi, Grant Ganzi, Nic Roldan and Juancito Bollini faced off against a the French



team, Louis Jarrige, Julien Reynes, Edouard Pan and Pierre Henri Ngoumou. In one of the most hotly contested International games in recent memory, France caught the US team off guard jumping out to an

early lead. The Americans gathered themselves and fought back, eventually edging out France 9 – 8 for a thrilling finish. MVP was Nic Roldan, the The Grand Champions Best Playing Pony was Torta Negra, an 11-year-old Dark bay mare played by Juancito Bollini and the The American Polo Horse Association Best Playing Pony was Darling, a 15-year-old thoroughbred

Above left, winner GCPC USA Juancito Bollini, Nic Roldan, Grant Ganzi and Marc Ganzi. Left, Melissa Ganzi with the French Team. Below center, VIP guest Olexa Celine with the Can-Can girls. (ph Grand Champions Polo Club)

mare trained by Joey Casey, a third generation polo player and Palm City Polo Club owner.

We thank the Ganzi family, Chukker TV, Grand Champions Polo Club and their hard-working staff, the polo players, sponsors and fans for their support of this event and making it such a success. The Museum of Polo is a 501 (c) 3, non-profit organization, dedicated to the preservation of the history and tradition of the sport of polo. We exist only through individual donations and events like this. We appreciate your support.



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