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# 2025 Season Schedule

-  Annual Lobsterfest
-  Meet & Greet Receptions on Eve of Match, see p.20
-  Automotive Showcase

<b>MAY 31</b> <b>Newport Rotary Benefit Match</b> <i>Join us to start the season with our annual Newport Rotary Benefit match and Art Fair. Gates open at 3pm.</i>	<b>The International Polo Charity Ball</b> <i>Singapore Swing, Friday, August 1st at Rosecliff.</i> <i>Associated Events: Preparty, Gala, Match, Lobsterfest!</i> <i>By RSVP: Newportpolo.com</i>
<b>JUNE</b> <i>All matches begin at 5:00 p.m.</i>  6/7 – USA vs. Morocco  6/14 – Veuve Clicquot Cup 6/21 – USA vs. Scotland  6/28 – Newport vs. Boston	<b>AUGUST</b> <i>All matches begin at 5:00 p.m.</i>  8/2 – USA vs. Singapore   8/9 – Newport vs. Palm Beach 8/16 – USA vs. Jamaica  8/23 – Newport vs. New York 8/30 – USA vs. England 
<b>JULY</b> <i>All matches begin at 5:00 p.m.</i>  7/5 – USA vs. Italy  7/12 – Newport vs. Pittsburgh  7/13 – All Charity Day 7/19 – USA vs. Ireland  7/26 – Governor’s Cup	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> <i>All matches begin at 4:00 p.m.</i>  9/6 – Grieco Automotive Pro-Am  9/13 – USA vs. Australia  9/20 – Heritage Cup 9/27 – Turkish Airlines Finals

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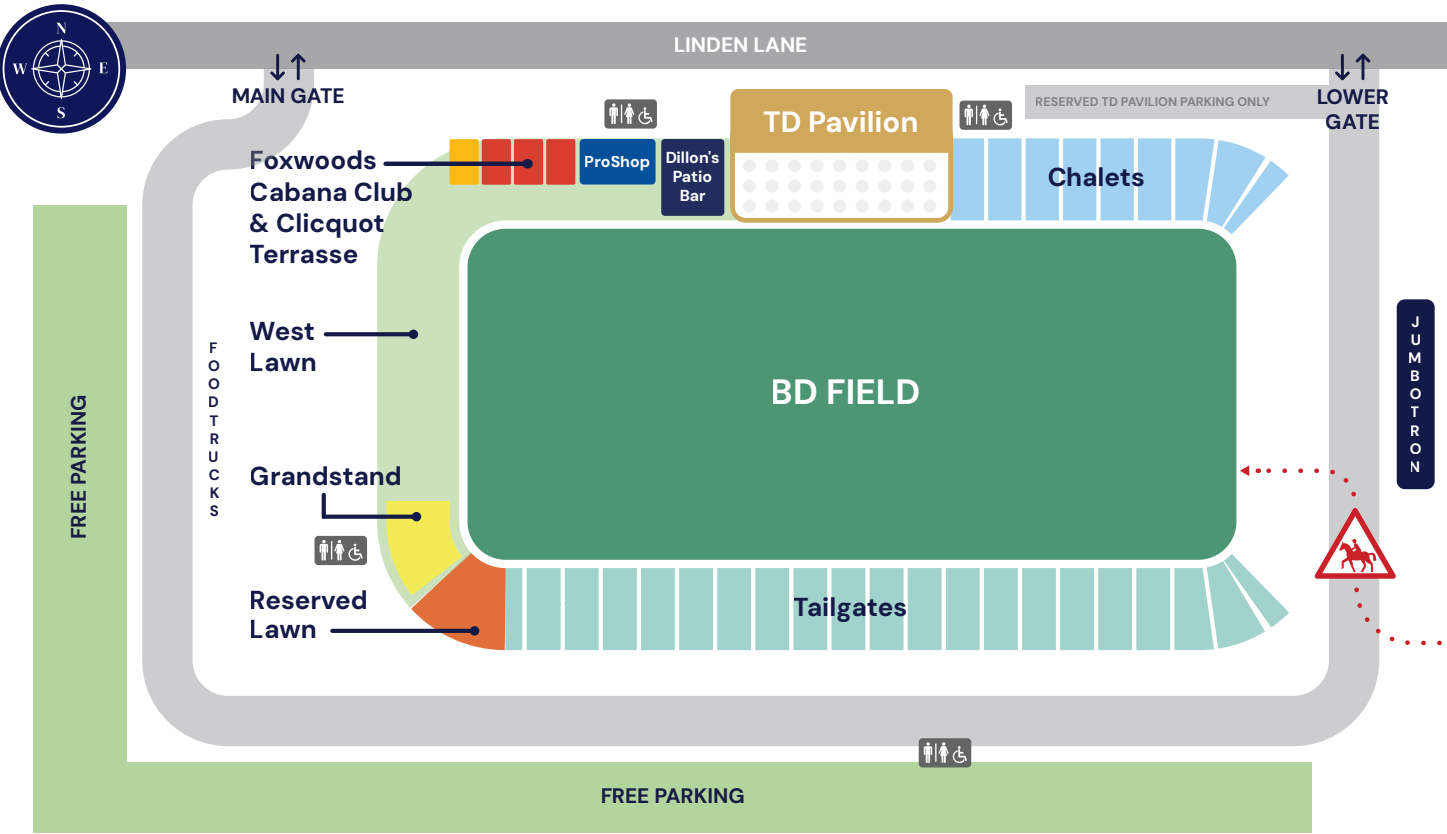
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# Letters from the Presidents



Dear Friends of Polo,

As we embark on our 34th season, we do so with great anticipation—not only for the thrill of sport and camaraderie, but also for the progress we continue to make toward a more sustainable future.

Each season brings unforgettable moments: the return of global rivals, the renewal of legendary matchups, and the rise of a new generation of players committed to excellence and stewardship. We delight in the joy that fills our sidelines and warmly welcome newcomers to our enduring tradition. Polo is more than a game—it’s a global legacy, rooted in open landscapes and thriving in Newport since 1876. Here, where sea and soil meet, we’re reminded of the beauty we’re called to protect.

As America’s first polo club, Newport Polo embraces the responsibility to honor tradition, champion innovation, and support causes shaping our world. This year’s charity ball supports environmental initiatives. Thanks to you, we’ve surpassed \$2.2M in charitable giving—an inspiring milestone.

Our deepest gratitude goes to our gala volunteers and nonprofit partners, especially the Newport Rotary Club whose work uplifts students and strengthens programs through this publication. To our valued sponsors—your generosity grows our impact each season. And to the dedicated Newport Polo team, it’s a privilege to share this journey with you. Here’s to a season that celebrates the harmony between sport, community, and the natural world that sustains us.

Very Truly Yours,  
Dan Keating  
President, Newport Polo



Dear Friends, Fans, and Visitors,

On behalf of the Newport Rotary Club, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the exciting 2025 season of polo, fellowship, and community celebration!

Each polo match is not only a display of remarkable athletic talent and the timeless elegance of the sport—it is also a shining example of what can happen when a community comes together with purpose. The funds raised through this program will directly support local scholarships, community projects, international initiatives, and more, helping Rotary continue its mission of “Service Above Self.”

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the players, sponsors, advertisers, volunteers, and attendees. Your generosity and enthusiasm embody the spirit of Rotary, and it is because of you that we can continue to make a lasting impact, both locally and globally.

As we embark on this season, we also invite you to learn more about the Rotary Club’s ongoing work and consider how you might become involved. Together, we can build an even stronger network of compassion and service throughout our communities.

Whether you are a seasoned polo enthusiast or attending your first match, I hope today fills you with joy, pride, and a deeper connection to the incredible work we are accomplishing together. Thank you for celebrating Newport Polo and Rotary—and for being part of something even greater: positive change.

Enjoy the match!

With gratitude,  
Susan Cunningham  
President, Newport Rotary Club

## POLO BY THE SEA

# About Newport Polo

For nearly 150 years, Newport, Rhode Island has been home to the ancient sport of polo, since 1876 when America’s first polo club was established—later becoming a charter member of the United States Polo Association.

Today, under the dynamic stewardship of Newport Polo, this historic institution hosts the globally acclaimed Newport International Polo Series, a world-renowned sporting tradition, now celebrating over four decades of international polo competition, an enduring summer tradition, deeply embedded in the community and cherished across generations—driving its sustained growth and impact, both on and off the field.

As the largest and most active polo club in the Northeast, Newport Polo continues to set the standard—offering a full spectrum of services for club members, year-round instruction, and support for interscholastic and intercollegiate polo programs, fostering the sport’s next generation.

As a pillar of Newport’s social and sporting calendar, the Newport International Polo Series continues as one of the Northeast’s most coveted summer experiences. From historic roots to modern innovation, the club continues to expand the reach and relevance of polo in America.



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# 2025 Lineup of Challengers

**JUNE**  
**Join us for a Thrilling Kickoff to the Polo Season**

The 2025 season launches in spectacular fashion with the **Opening Day match on June 7, featuring USA vs. Morocco**. Morocco last traveled to Newport in 2018, making this a long-awaited return as they seek to take the lead in the tied rivalry. This marks the first major international face-off, setting the stage for the highly competitive 2025 season. The month of June continues with the prestigious **Veuve Clicquot Cup on June 14**, followed by another long-anticipated clash – **USA vs. Scotland on June 21**. Closing out the month, **Newport vs. Boston on June 28** brings an epic showdown between two historic rivals, where pride, power, and pure grit collide in an electrifying battle for New England supremacy.



**JULY**  
**International Showdowns and Fierce Competition**

July ignites with a star-spangled spectacle as we carry the Independence Day revelry into **Saturday, July 5 for USA vs. Italy** in a battle of European finesse and American fortitude. Expect a match that embodies sharp strategy, meticulous planning, and a contest for favor with Rhode Island's deep Italian roots. The energy intensifies on **July 12, as Newport battles Pittsburgh**, a matchup that demands endurance, strategy, and precision for a showdown promising fast-paced action and dramatic plays in a thrilling duel that will keep spectators on the edge of their seats.



**July 19** brings a fan-favorite standoff with **USA vs. Ireland**, known for their fearless determination and dynamic teamwork, yielding a thrilling annual rematch.

The month reaches an electrifying conclusion with the **Governor's Cup on July 26**, where Rhode Island's own **Governor McKee** will toss the coin to set ablaze a match steeped in prestige and high-stakes competition.

**AUGUST**  
**High Stakes and Grand Celebrations**

August is peak polo season, the time when the competition is at its fiercest, the celebrations are at their most extravagant, and the excitement is absolutely electric. The action ignites on **August 2, with USA's reckoning against Singapore**, 11 years since its debut, in a thrilling clash of international strategy and skill. The pace accelerates on **August 9**, when **Newport meets Palm Beach**, a team known for its speed, power, and relentless drive to win.



This is a battle that promises non-stop action and elite-level horsemanship.

Mid-month, the highly anticipated **USA vs. Jamaica** match on **August 16** takes center stage. Expect an explosion of energy as these two powerhouse teams go head-to-head, bringing bold, fast-paced play and plenty of dramatic moments. Then, on **August 23**, it's a battle for regional pride as **Newport clashes with New York**, a rivalry that always delivers thrilling action.

The month culminates on **August 30, as USA squares off against England**, reigniting an age-old transatlantic polo rivalry that combines elegance, strategy, and breathtaking skill. This is more than just a match—it's a spectacle, a celebration of heritage, and a true test of sportsmanship.



**SEPTEMBER**  
**The Grand Finale**

As the season crescendos, the action peaks with a lineup of major contests. On **September 6**, the Grieco Automotive Pro-Am offers a thrilling roster of pros and elite amateurs vying for prize money. **Australia rides against USA on September 13**, with aggressive playmaking.

The **Heritage Cup on September 20** takes center stage, with teams vying for ultimate bragging rights. Finally, the **Turkish Airlines Finals on September 27** will be the season's climactic finale, ensuring that the last match of the year is one to remember, one last chance to enjoy the signature polo experience, from quintessential picnics to double-decker spectating, closing out the season with a bang.



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With generous team support by Vanderbilt International Properties, enhanced celebrations by Palm Beach Motor Yachts, a gin sling bar curated by The Cocktail Guru, and entertainment in the Redfin Premier Ballroom, guests can expect an evening of unparalleled elegance and revelry.

For over two decades, this highly anticipated event has helped raise nearly \$2.2 million for nonprofit initiatives, and this year's proceeds will champion RI's most urgent environmental missions by benefitting

Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District, Roger Williams Park Zoo, Save The Bay and Newport Tree Conservancy.

As the social pinnacle of the summer, the International Polo Charity Ball is just one highlight of a whirlwind weekend, featuring a festive preparty, gala, afterparty, polo match and Lobsterfest. Secure your place, enter your bids or make donations – at [newportpolo.com](http://newportpolo.com) – to be part of an unforgettable celebration of sport, society, and stewardship.

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# 2025 *Players Roster*



## Sam Clemens

Sam converted from eventing to polo, competing for Yale before joining Newport Polo in 2011. Sam is a software entrepreneur in Boston. His wife Ann runs Glen Farm Stables. Their daughter Emmy rides, but has not yet gone to the dark side (polo).



## Stephanie Coyne

An elementary educator from Massachusetts, Stephanie was hooked after her first lesson with Newport Polo. She is fueled by horses, polo and sunshine. Empowering children is her superpower.



## Tim Day

Tim first began playing polo with the Newport Interscholastic team over 20 years ago and has played periodically ever since, including a 6 month stint in Argentina. He lives in Providence RI with his wife Nisha, and two boys, Jack and Ben.



## Anna Dwyer

Anna added feathers to her cap this winter on Newport’s Varsity Interscholastic team, now a ‘23, ‘24 & ‘25 Northeast All Star, to go with national competition gymnastics, Lexington Pony Club Finalist, State Champ, EIA and various regional hunter awards.



## Chris Fragomeni

Chris has been riding since the age of eight, mostly eventing, and transitioned to polo in 2019. Chris is a partner at Savage Law Partners, LLP and lives in Rumford, RI with his wife, Kathryn, son, Kayce and daughter Ella.



## Peter Friedman

Peter is a cardiologist specializing in cardiac rhythm disorders as the Cape Cod Hospital Director of the Cardiac Electrophysiology Laboratory. Peter lives in E Sandwich and has played in Mexico, Ireland, Jamaica, and Dominican Republic.



## Amy Garrison

After careers as a Navy intelligence officer and civilian protocol officer, Amy Garrison took up polo. She looks forward to the day when her skill matches her zeal. She enjoys retired life on Newport’s Point with her husband Tom Emmett.



## Carol Gaudreau

Carol is a RN at BID in Plymouth and Parish Nurse at Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Her lifelong passion for horses and riding is fulfilled in polo. Carol hails from America’s hometown, Plymouth, MA, where she raised two daughters.



## Touba Ghadessi

Of Persian descent, Touba grew up in Switzerland in an international environment of diplomacy, cultural curiosity, and dialogue. She works in higher education and she is relying on her ancestors’ mastery of chogan to inspire her.



## Laural Howe

A former finance executive, polo satisfies Laurel’s love of horses & competitive sports. She is an avid traveler and enjoys playing polo around the globe. Laurel splits her time between RI and CT with husband Rob and three sons, Colton, Luke, and Chace.



## Luke Howe

Luke started playing polo in middle school at Glen Farm. He played I/I polo for Yale where he competed at Nationals twice, and now at Montana State University where he studies Environmental Science.



## Peter Jenkins

Peter commutes to Texas for work, but became addicted to Newport Polo in 2015 and spends as much time in the saddle as possible.



## Jonathan Kaye

This will be Jonathan’s 42nd season playing polo. Jonathan has enjoyed playing around the US, in Argentina, England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Mexico, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Dominican Republic and Chile with Don Felix.



## Dan Keating

Pres. of Newport Polo, Dan restored Glen Farm, founded the Newport Intern’l Polo Series in 1992 and captained teams in Ireland, England, France, Jamaica, Chile, Ghana, Nigeria & Egypt. Dan lives in Portsmouth with his wife Agnes and daughters Minnie & Grace.



## Minnie Keating

Minnie, a 17–year veteran polo player, is Newport Polo’s Director of Equine Management, USPA Certified Instructor, Brown University & Newport Interscholastic teams coach and avid horse trainer. Minnie is a CU Boulder graduate.



## Dan Kinsella

A local from Newport’s Fifth Ward, Dan enjoys the thrill of polo with his kids and shares a love of horses with his entire family. Dan owns Kinsella Building Co. in Portsmouth, RI, and Calderwood Millwork in Newport, RI.



## Georgia Markell

Georgia was raised in Newport, RI where she started riding and playing Polo on Newport Polo’s interscholastic team. She continued to play competitive sports through college and has moved back to Newport and taken up polo again.



## Caleb Bryden

Growing up on a dairy farm in Kwa–Zulu Natal, South Africa, Caleb has been riding horses since he could sit, learning to ride with stockmen. Since age 7 he has followed in the footsteps of his grandfather and uncle who played on the SA national polo squad.



## Oscar Monzon

Oscar has over 30 years of polo experience, which began in his father’s horse training business that produced mounts for the US and Argentine Opens. Oscar brings his expertise to the club as a professional polo player this summer.



## Stuart Odell

Originally from South Africa, Stuart has played polo in the U.S. with Newport Polo for three years, enjoying the community and competition. He thanks his sponsor, Peter Jenkins and his family for their continued support.



## Jed Pearsall

Jed took up polo at 55 with no prior riding. He is an avid yacht racer and collector. Jed & husband Bill Doyle own Performance Research, specializing in marketing impact among sports and entertainment audiences, cultural & pro–social programs.



## Eric Schneider

Eric works as a software engineer in Massachusetts and started playing polo in Newport, RI. He also fox hunts with Wentworth Hunt in New Hampshire.



## Megan Schulz

Megan learned to play polo at Yale Polo as a teen. She captained the UConn women’s polo team from ‘99–‘01, and was nominated twice to the Eastern Intercollegiate All Star team. Megan likes horses, cats, pizza and Rory.



## Sam Shore

Sam is from a family of sailors but was led to the dark–side of horses and polo by his aunt. He has competed on UConn’s nationally ranked men’s intercollegiate polo team and has represented USA in Ireland and Jamaica.



## Roger Souto

Roger surrendered to peer pressure and caught the spirit of polo. Best known for his heavy pour and side–line cheer, he is hoping not to contribute too many “dirt beers” this summer.



## Meg Stowe

Meg’s polo passion began 10 years ago for the strategy and flow of both arena and grass chukkers. Gala Board member and Ambassador, Meg is active in support of the sport, the ponies, and the community.



## Leslie Streuli

Leslie is thrilled to be in her sixth season with Newport Polo. She took a clinic on a lark and never looked back. Her proudest moment was bringing her daughter Hanalei into the fold as a talented member of the high school team.



## Rory Torrey

Rory’s polo career began at age 13 in Newport Polo’s lesson program. He earned USPA Interscholastic Player of the Year (‘99) and Intercollegiate Player of the year (‘04). Rory has competed with the world’s best players in England and the US.



## Caroline Vissers

Caroline is new to Newport this year and excited to play good polo, spend time with family and new friends, and eat as much Anthony’s Seafood as possible. She is a scientist and entrepreneur in human stem cell biology and neuroscience.



## Perry Vissers

Perry Vissers, a Newport native, grew up riding, grooming on Saturdays, and competing in interscholastic polo at Newport Polo. Outside of polo, Perry loves to sail, ski, and hike.



## John Wigdahl

John, a member since ‘92 and seasonal instructor, made his indelible mark in polo when he scored the winning goal in USA’s only victory to date in the FIP World Polo Championships at the 1989 games.



## Jair Zenteno

Over the past 5 years, Jair earned his polo stripes competing on Newport’s Varsity Interscholastic team, becoming captain and ‘24 & ‘25 Northeast All Star. This is his 3rd year with the Club, voted by his peers as the Club’s Most Improved Player in ‘23.



# Event Team

	<b>Arianna Anderson</b> Hospitality Manager		<b>Agnes Keating</b> GM		<b>Paula Proulx</b> Gate Agent Manager
	<b>Michael Kearney</b> Technical Projects Lead		<b>Jonathan Pogash</b> Bar Consultant		<b>Jennifer Roach</b> Service Bar Manager
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# Team *Meet & Greet*s

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We warmly invite fans and supporters to join us in welcoming our international players amidst elegant harborside settings and other quintessential experiences. To reserve your place at these exclusive gatherings and stay informed about upcoming events, please visit [Newportpolo.com](http://Newportpolo.com).

**Morocco: Rock the Casbah**  
for Opening Day when Team Morocco kicks off the 34th season with a touch of the exotic, as a reminder of how far flung the reaches of polo are around the globe! The chance to welcome our Berber brothers will be two-fold when we fête the players on the eve of their match! Be part of the harbor-side Meet & Greet reception on Friday, June 6 and mingle with players over cocktails from 6:30–8:00pm. By RSVP at [newportpolo.com](http://newportpolo.com)! The exhilaration continues with USA vs. Morocco the next day at 5pm concluding with après polo festivities.

**Italy: Veni, Vidi, Vici!**  
Perennial favorites, the Italian team will be feted on the eve of their clash, in a grand entrance through the heart of Providence for a Romanesque revelry! Join in for a night worthy of the Caesars at WaterFire, where we'll gather at sunset in the Grand Basin to cheer our gladiators as they light the ring of fire—an unforgettable rite under the stars. Then team supporters will fill our colosseum the next day for the climax: USA vs. Italy. When the dust settles, we celebrate the spoils with an après polo Neapolitan pizza festa and fanfare fit for an emperor.

**Singapore: Lion City Lights!**  
Bask in biolo chic on this season's most dazzling days and nights! The highly anticipated gala pre-party sets the stage for an unforgettable weekend, bursting with batik Southeast Asian flair. Slip into Flora & Fauna-inspired evening wear and swing into Newport's ultimate hotspot for a night in eden – where glamour meets earthly enchantment. RSVP required. The sun will rise on Saturday at 5PM when USA takes on Singapore in a transglobal polo showdown, followed by a sunset lobsterfest and a celebration. RSVP at [Newportpolo.com](http://Newportpolo.com).

**England: Jolly Good Show**  
when Team England takes up residence at the suitably grand Brenton Hotel, inviting guests to the rooftop on Friday, Aug. 29 at 6:30pm for sundowners, sweeping views, polite banter and a boast or two can be expected. Then it's game on! USA vs. England takes centerfield the next day in a high-octane clash that's bound to stir the crowd and stiffen upper lips. After the final chukka, the celebration rallies at the fieldside Dillon's Patio Bar, where the gin flows, the playlist picks up, and a catered feast keeps spirits high well into the night.



**Scotland: Hail the Scots**  
as our Highland heroes trot through the streets of Newport on horseback, led by the rousing skirl of marching bagpipers en route to a bonnie welcome at the Clarke Cooke House on Bannister's Wharf on Friday, June 20. Rally inside at the Midway Bar to toast the newest clan of kilted crusaders to grace our shores and share a wee dram or two in their honor. 6pm Parade; 6:30–8pm cocktails at Polo Club headquarters. Then, prepare for the grand showdown: USA vs. Scotland the following day at 5PM, topped off with a catered feast and proper après polo merriment.




**Ireland: Sláinte to the Green!**  
A beloved tradition returns as the Irish team holds court on the eve of battle—join them at the Top of Newport, Hotel Viking's rooftop perch, where laughter flows as freely as the pints. Tall tales and good craic guaranteed. Friday July 18, 6:30–8pm. RSVP to secure your spot; the bar's on you, the banter's on them. Come Saturday, a roaring crowd will cheer on USA and Ireland facing off in a clash for the ages. Spoils will go to the victors at the après polo celebration—because win or lose, the Irish always know how to throw a proper knees-up.



**Jamaica: Feel di riddim!**  
Jamaica returns for its milestone 25th match against Team USA, bringing the Caribbean vibe to Newport! Join us on Friday, August 15 for a festive cocktail reception at Pineapples, the stunning poolside oasis at Newport Harbor Island Resort, from 6:30–8:00pm. Mingle with the players, sip tropical cocktails, and kick off the weekend in style. By RSVP. Cash bar. The celebration continues on Saturday at 5pm with the main event—USA vs. Jamaica—followed by a catered feast and island-inspired après polo party. Bright colors, bold flavors, and vibrant rhythms await!



**Australia: Aussie, Aussie, Aussie...Oi Oi Oi!**  
The Aussies will round the Cape and make landfall in Newport for a ripper return to the Polo Series! Kick things off across the Bay off with a proper meet & greet at Jamestown's newest al fresco hotspot, where the crew will be spinning a few yarns and getting into match mode from 6:30–8pm. Then saddle up for Saturday, when it's USA vs. Australia in a polo showdown bound to go down in the history books. Expect thrills, spills, a barbie and fair dose of Aussie charm at the après polo celebration—cheers, mates, it's gonna be a beauty!

 **Après Polo Celebrations** at Dillon's Patio Bar, fieldside, offer a final celebration with the players and a complimentary toast by The Cocktail Guru plus catered menu (by advanced reservation) to immerse in polo's international camaraderie.

## 2025 NEWPORT classic annual events



**JUNE**

7 International Polo Series Begins

6-7 British Motorcars, Bristol

20-22 Newport Flower Show

27-29 Newport Pride Weekend

**JULY**

4 Fourth of July Parade, Bristol

4-22 Newport Classical Music Festival

6-13 Hall of Fame Open/Tennis

25-27 Newport Folk Festival

**AUGUST**

1-3 Newport Jazz Festival

15-17 Coaching Weekend

21-23 International Tennis Hall of Fame Induction Celebration

**SEPTEMBER**

11-14 Newport International Boat Show

14 Porchfest, Bristol

19-21 Newport Mansions Wine + Food Festival

**OCTOBER**

2-5 Audrain Concours + Motor Week

4-5 Norman Bird Sanctuary Harvest Fair

9-12 Rogue Island Comedy Festival

11 Broadway Street Fair

18-19 Bowen's Wharf Seafood Festival

**NOVEMBER + DECEMBER**

Nov 7-16 Newport Restaurant Week

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Nov 28 Illuminated Boat Parade

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# Newport Polo Club Highlights

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## Newport Polo Tournament Champions



WPC Amateur Cup



USPA Sportsmanship Cup



USPA Women's Challenge A Flight



WPC Thanksgiving Cup



USPA Constitution Cup



USPA Governor's Cup



USPA Congressional Cup

## Annual Player's Club Dinner & Honorees

Hosted at Clarke Cooke House, special toasts and roasts recognized:

- **Newport International Polo Series Sponsors** – Honoring the partners who make the Series possible.
- **Best Playing Ponies** – Celebrating the season's standout equine athletes.
- **Gala Volunteers** – Applauding those who contributed to its success.
- **Polo Club Standouts** – Acknowledging players, chosen by their peers for achievements on and off the field.
  - **Rookie of the Year** – Michael Kearney
  - **Sportsmanship Award** – Chris Fragomeni
  - **Most Improved Player** – Dan Kinsella



## 2024 Player Spotlight: Touba Ghadessi

For six years, polo has been a journey of self-discovery, discipline, and community. A lifelong equestrian with a dressage background, Touba had found solace in riding, but a demanding academic career left little time for it. That changed when her husband surprised her with a Newport Polo match and lesson. Instantly, the magic of polo reignited her passion.

The Newport Polo community has been a pillar of support, from her first practices to competing in the first women's tournament. Mentors like Minnie Keating have shaped Touba's approach, combining skill, strategy, and camaraderie. Off the field, her husband JR remains her biggest cheerleader, making polo a cherished family affair with their daughter, Ava also playing.

The centuries-old traditions of the sport blends meditation in practice with electrifying competition. On the field, titles disappear—only skill and teamwork matter.

Balancing polo with her role as Chief Academic Officer at RISD requires planning. But the reward for scheduling time for polo is a vital outlet that restores focus, making her more effective in her profession.

Training is rigorous. A disciplined lifestyle for an athlete keeps her in peak form. Mental preparation is key, with pre-game strategy talks and mid-game adaptability essential. Minnie's advice to embrace change and communicate has been transformative.



Every sport has its unexpected challenges to rise above. Losses have been valuable teachers, shaping resilience and deepening Touba's appreciation for the game. Self-doubt surfaced in the Governor's Cup when she felt outmatched. Focusing on teamwork over perfection ultimately contributed to a win.

Sportsmanship and competition are equally valued. As Dan Keating says, polo is like chess—anticipation and composure are key.

Touba's goals have shifted from personal success to team synergy. A great player, she has learned, is a great teammate. To newcomers, her advice is simple: embrace the process, trust the team, and savor the moments when everything clicks—because when it does, nothing compares.



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Polo Match

Postgame

1–5PM (Noon–4PM in Sept)

- Gates Open at 1PM (Noon in Sept.)
- Lawn Tickets Sold Online and at the Gate
- Picnics on the Lawn and Tailgating
- Lawn Games
- Boutique Vendors and Food Trucks Open
- Dillon’s Patio Bar and Veuve Clicquot Champagne Cart Open
- TD Pavilion Opens 1 Hour Prior to the Match

FIRST HALF 5–6PM (4–5PM in Sept)

- National Anthems, Flag Raising for Debuts
- Official Coin Toss and Throw-in at Gametime
- Standby Options Sold at Main Gate
- Chukkers 1, 2, 3
- PA Commentary Plus Live Action, Instant Replays on Jumbotron
- DJ Playlist Between Chukkers
- Halftime Divot Stomp

SECOND HALF 6–7PM (5–6PM in Sept)

- Chukkers 4, 5, 6
- Catered Menu on Select Dates
- Best in Show Prizes Awarded
- Door Prize Winner Drawn
- Birthdays/Shoutouts on Jumbotron
- Sudden Death Overtime (if tied)
- Golden Divot Hunt

7PM (6PM in Sept)

- Victory Lap Fan Salute by the Teams
- Trophy Presentation and Autograph Signing
- Après Polo Players’ Party at Dillon’s Patio Bar
- Catered Menu 1-hour Carry Away During Après Polo Party (by reservation)



Lawn Games

Fans are encouraged to bring their favorite lawn games like cornhole and bocce to play before and after matches at Newport Polo—bringing friends and families together in timeless, spirited fun.



Gourmet Food Trucks

Savor gourmet delights from some of our finest local food trucks—wood-fired pizza, lobster rolls, chowder, and more—adding flavor to every match day.



Veuve Clicquot Cart

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Halftime Divot Stomp

The halftime divot stomp is a cherished polo tradition where spectators help restore the field by flattening divots, while mingling and enjoying a playful break between chukkers.



Trophy Presentation

Celebrate the match’s end with the players at the trophy presentation. A cherished tradition honoring the day’s champions.



Autograph Signing

Meet the players during our post-match autograph signings. A unique opportunity to connect with polo players and collect memorable keepsakes.



Newport Polo Fan Salute

A tradition, started at Newport Polo and also known as the “sweaty hand slap,” concludes the match with a spirited victory lap, honoring fans’ enthusiasm and now embraced by polo clubs worldwide.



Après Polo Players’ Party

Celebrate with our polo players and fans at the après polo party, featuring DJ playlist, gourmet fare, and festive cocktails under the stars.



# Make a Difference Locally

By Lila Christy

Stemming from a collaboration between the Newport and Middletown Rotary clubs, the Island Youth Interact Club is allowing younger generations the opportunity to leave a lasting impact on Aquidneck Island through acts of service.

The Interact Club, an international organization that was founded in 1962, has more than 200,000 members worldwide. The local chapter was formed in 2023 in partnership with the Newport County YMCA and is composed of five Middletown middle and high school students who have a passion for helping others and believe in the club's motto, "Service Above Self."

*"This year, the club has been a true force for good, organizing local cleanups, and lending critical support to the Thanksgiving coat drive that helped keep so many in our community warm"* – Cori Kilzi, associate executive director of the Newport County YMCA.

The club held its second annual coat drive last fall, where they collected more than 300 new and gently used coats to donate to homeless shelters, schools and the local mental health center.

The new coats were then raffled off in December at the Lucy's Hearth Christmas party, a joint effort between the Island Youth Interact Club and the Middletown Rotary Club to spread holiday cheer to the families of Lucy's Hearth. Filled with crafts, caroling, food and the winter coat raffle, the event served as a testament of their devotion to the community.

The club shifted in the spring, focusing on environmental stewardship. Last year, students organized the club's first Island Youth Earth Day Cleanup. Hosted at Gaudet Middle School, students were responsible for deciding on a location and logistics, promoting the event and collecting litter. Additionally, they partnered with the Middletown Tree Commission for a tree seedling giveaway, encouraging the planting of trees around the island and environmental sustainability. These events help ensure the important message of preserving the planet among their peers.

When students saw the news of the raging Los Angeles wildfires earlier this year, they knew they needed to help. They held



Two Island Youth Interact Club Members Help Spread Holiday Cheer at a Womens' Shelter Event

a pickleball tournament at the Newport County YMCA in late April to raise funds. After researching reliable charities, they determined that all proceeds from the tournament would be donated to the All

Hands and Hearts Foundation to assist those negatively affected by the tragedy.

As the school year comes to a close, the club will transition into an international



Longtime Rotarian Chris Semonelli Assists the Island Youth Interact Club Members with its Coat Drive.

at a time.

"The club and its members dream big with service projects that reach beyond our borders," Kilzi said. "Their dedication to both local and global impact proves that leadership and compassion know no age."

Lila Christy is a junior at Middletown High School. For more information on the Island Youth Interact Club, email corio@newportymca.org.



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service project, where they identify an area of need around the world and create an initiative to address it. Students look forward to this project, as it allows them to broaden

*Moved by the devastation of the Los Angeles wildfires, students organized a Pickleball Tournament to raise funds for those affected*

their perspective and make an impact in a community other than their own.

On a similar note, students will be attending the 2025 Rotary Multi-District Conference, where they will connect with other Interact Club members across the region to expand their knowledge and gain valuable leadership skills that will translate into their work locally.

The Island Youth Interact Club has proven to be a driving force for change on Aquidneck Island and beyond. With a strong foundation in service, leadership and community engagement, these passionate students continue to demonstrate the power of youth-driven initiatives. From local coat drives and environmental cleanups to international outreach, the club exemplifies how collaboration, compassion and dedication can truly make a difference one project

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awarding the most spirited party each week with a prize package from Stella Artois, loaded tote from Pix at Polo and Brenton Hotel Jumbotron moment of fame, while resident photographer Cocoa & Co captures portraits and decorator details staged by our creative fans turned out in the weekly theme.



CONTEST THEMES

- June 7 **USA vs. Morocco**  
*Midnight in Marrakesh*
- June 14 **Veuve Clicquot Cup**  
*Golden Moments*
- June 21 **USA vs. Scotland**  
*Highland Tartans*
- June 28 **Newport vs. Boston**  
*College Days*
- July 5 **USA vs. Italy**  
*Festa Italiana*
- July 12 **Newport vs. Pittsburgh**  
*City of Champions*
- July 19 **USA vs. Ireland**  
*Emerald Isle*
- July 26 **Governor’s Cup**  
*Beach Party*
- August 2 **USA vs. Singapore**  
*Flora and Fauna*
- August 9 **Newport vs. Palm Beach**  
*Tropical Preppy*
- August 16 **USA vs. Jamaica**  
*Reggae Vibes*
- August 23 **Newport vs. New York**  
*Roaring Rivalry*
- August 30 **USA vs. England**  
*Crown & Country*
- Sept. 6 **BMW Newport Pro-Am**  
*Octoberfest*
- Sept. 13 **USA vs. Australia**  
*Billabong Barbie*
- Sept. 20 **Heritage Cup**  
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- Sept. 27 **Turkish Airlines Finals**  
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At the Newport International Polo Series, this tribute is especially meaningful, as it is awarded to the exceptional horses generously loaned to the visiting international players. The Best Playing Pony is not just the fastest or the strongest, but the one whose heart, agility, and partnership made the most decisive impact on the match—head and withers above the rest.



**Tarzan became the Swiss Army knife of the Newport Polo string, adaptable and invaluable.**

## 2024 Best Playing Ponies

Every trophy presentation in the Newport International Series recognizes the true athletes on the field: the horses. Below are the horses recognized as the best playing ponies for the 2024 season.



— ATHENA —  
Loaned to Argentina  
by M. Keating



— RAYO —  
Loaned to Ireland  
by S. Curro



— CHAPA MERCHU —  
Loaned to England  
by Pony Express



— JACK —  
Loaned to Italy  
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— JUICY —  
Loaned to Pakistan  
by D. Keating



— JUJU —  
Loaned to Egypt  
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— TARZAN —  
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— LEONA —  
Loaned to Jamaica  
by S. Curro

POLO PONY SPOTLIGHT

## The Legend of *Tarzan*

Some polo ponies earn their reputation over time, quietly proving their worth, match after match. Others burst onto the scene with a presence so undeniable that their legend begins the moment their hooves hit the turf. Tarzan, the chestnut Thoroughbred with a spirit as wild as his namesake, is one of the latter.

Born in 2009 and bred for speed on the Suffolk Downs racetrack in Massachusetts, Tarzan’s transition from racehorse to polo pony was anything but ordinary. When Newport Polo first acquired him in 2013, he made an entrance worthy of the king of the jungle. Breaking loose upon arrival at the farm, he galloped through the paddocks, rising onto his

hind legs and pounding his chest with his front hooves, whinnying his arrival for all the mares and fillies to take notice. It was a spectacle, a declaration—Tarzan had arrived.

With the perfect conformation for polo—compact, strong legs, a short back, and a naturally rounded head carriage—Tarzan had all the physical makings of a champion. But his mind and heart set him apart. The two years following his arrival were dedicated to patient training, transitioning from flatwork to mallet work, refining his natural power into controlled precision.

Tarzan became the Swiss Army knife of the Newport Polo string, adaptable and invaluable. Whether galloping

in international matches, competitive tournaments, or bolstering the ranks of the Brown University and Newport interscholastic teams, he was a favorite mount for professional players and advanced riders. His speed, responsiveness, and revved-up nature demanded skillful hands, but those who mastered him found themselves aboard an equine powerhouse.

Always the social butterfly, Tarzan charmed both riders and fellow horses alike. In ride-offs, he seized the opportunity for flirtation, greeting his equine competitors with an affectionate breath into their nostrils. Even the youngest riders adored him, drawn to his sweet nature and playful personality. Off the field, he was

equally endearing—sporting rare wavy locks in the off-season, striking his feed bucket with precise instruction at mealtimes, and occasionally surprising himself with an unexpected spook at his own flatulence.

Through the years, Tarzan has cemented his place in Newport Polo lore, earning Best Playing Pony honors from the Irish (2022), the English (2018), and most recently the Dominicans (2024). His legacy isn’t just in the trophies or accolades but in the hearts of those who have had the privilege to ride him. From a fiery racehorse to a celebrated polo mount, Tarzan continues to rule the polo jungle with speed, spirit, and a touch of mischief—**just as a legend should.**





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MAY 31

Newport Rotary Chairty Match



JULY 24

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JULY 13

All Charity Day



AUGUST 1

Singapore Swing

## COMMUNITY AND CHARITY IMPACT

# Polo Gives Back

Since its very first match, Newport Polo has championed community spirit, harnessing the excitement of the sport to drive meaningful change.

Year after year, we proudly host charitable initiatives that extend polo's goodwill far beyond the field, rallying support for local causes through thrilling matches, festive gatherings, and generous giving. Our commitment to philanthropy knows no off-season—from annual benefit matches and gala fundraisers to emergency relief drives and cultural events, each effort fuels a growing legacy of impact. Last year alone, our initiatives supported 100+ nonprofits, including programs for disadvantaged children, community arts and education, veterans, seniors, conservation, medical advancements, and animal welfare, contributing over \$150,000. With over \$2.2 million raised since 1992, our mission continues to uplift Rhode Islanders in profound ways.

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our mission continues to uplift Rhode Islanders in profound ways.

### A SEASON OF GIVING BEGINS

The 34th season kicks off with 2 time-honored traditions—the Season Program collaboration and the **Rotary Benefit Match** (5/31) for the first thrilling showdown of the year while raising vital funds for scholarships and community programs. This cherished event is just the beginning, as our 10th annual **All Charity Day** (7/13) gathers 30+ nonprofits for a spirited day of polo and philanthropy. In this unique initiative, organizations host fieldside celebrations, with 100% of ticket proceeds fueling their causes, creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and purpose on the Newport Polo grounds.

### THE CROWN JEWEL OF GIVING

The 24th annual **International Polo Charity Ball – Singapore Swing** (8/1) promises an unforgettable evening of passion, prestige, and purpose. Set to celebrate Team Singapore and its utopian culture of sustainability, environmental conservation, and green initiatives of the Garden City, this gala raises the stakes with live and silent auctions, including an online auction welcoming bidders from across the US. This event continues to leave an indelible mark on the Rhode Island community by prioritizing local initiatives including past beneficiaries below.



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## WORLDWIDE IMPACT

# Rotary in Ukraine

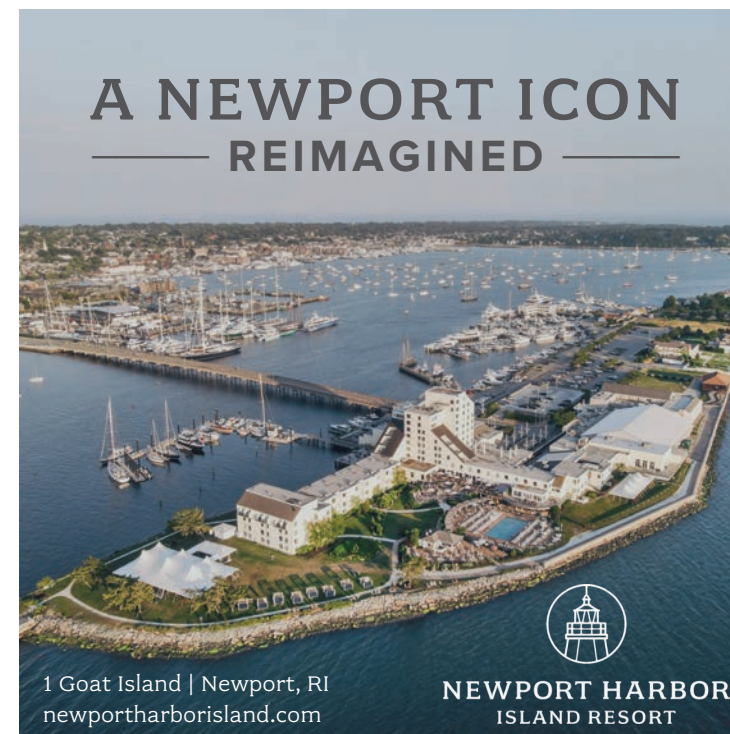
By Roy Callahan

Since the war began on February 24, 2022, thousands of people in Ukraine have lost their homes, many of them have become internally displaced and now have very limited income. Ukrainian Rotary Clubs have directed their resources, with the assistance from clubs around the world, to support and help the vulnerable population. Organization of supplies of medical and humanitarian goods to Ukraine have become the focus Rotary activity.

Rotary Clubs have also assisted with issues of housing restoration (or construction of temporary settlements), schools, hospitals, and kindergartens for the displaced population.

Projects aimed at helping children and supporting talented youth have always been a priority.

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The Rotary Club of Kyiv Central-Sofia has organized a leadership course taught by Rotarians for teenage girls from Ispin and Bucha

#### Rotary in Ukraine continued...

By renewing initiatives of artistic wall painting in children's and adult hospitals and various art therapy gatherings, the Rotary Clubs have supported patients and made their lives brighter. Providing some hospitals with equipment has led to a qualitative improvement in their provision of medical services. These efforts have also been supported by the local Rotaract Club, very much like our new Interact Club at the Newport YMCA.

Planting trees and bushes in public parks of Kyiv with the involvement of children was aimed at improving the ecological environment and making the city more livable.

Ukrainians, who are staying in the de-occupied territories, are experiencing a post occupation crisis. They live in plundered villages and towns with destroyed infrastructure and almost without public transportation. Furthermore, there is a severe fuel deficit caused by the destroyed petrol stations, oil refineries and warehouses. To assist these people the Rotary clubs accepted bicycles donated from European Rotary clubs and restored them and donated them to people in the affected villages so they can go shopping for food and medicine. The bicycles are also used by workers to get to their jobs and postmen even use them to deliver packages and letters.



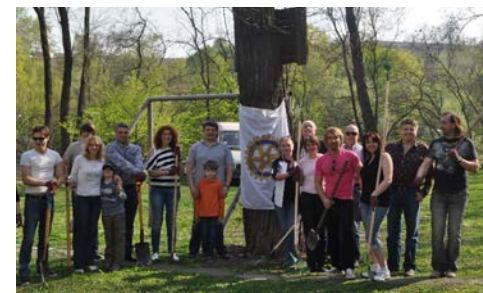
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The Rotary Club of Kyiv Central-Sofia has organized a leadership course taught by Rotarians for teenage girls from Ispin and Bucha. Together with providing a safe space to hold the workshops they have included topics on goal setting, time management and team work.

The Newport Rotary Club is grateful to use some of the charitable funds raised through projects like this publication, citrus sales and other projects to donate funds in support of these efforts as part of the international goals of Rotary International.

Roy Callahan is a retired US Naval Officer, and has been a Rotarian since 1992

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## Rotary and Scholarship

By Lynne Tungett

Each year, Newport Rotary awards scholarships to local youth pursuing higher education who exemplify the Rotary ideal "Service Above Self," academic achievement and leadership. Rotary clubs the world over award scholarships. Rotary International also grants study abroad scholarships for humanitarian programs.

Newport Rotary Club has raised more than \$250,000 to support these scholarships and other local and global service projects. The funds to maintain those scholarships include this magazine's advertising proceeds and the annual Rotary winter citrus sale.

*"I hope I can live up to the ideals of the Rotary Club and the men and women whose names bear these scholarships."*

– Nicholas Bodycoat, 2024 Scholarship Recipient

The 2024 recipients were Nicholas Bodycoat who is enrolled at the University of Tennessee studying mechanical engineering; Julia Connelly, majoring in neurobiology at Georgetown University and who plans to attend medical school; and Brynn Palmer at University of North Carolina, studying psychology.



Julia Connelly, Nicholas Bodycoat and Brynn Palmer, pictured here, graduated from Rogers High School in 2024.

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# A Spectator’s Guide to Polo

## Polo Player

Players are rated from -1 to 10 goals, from a beginner to ten goals being the best in the world.

### Helmet

Hard surface, lined and strapped. The helmet provides its wearer maximum protection against spills and swinging mallets, per regulation standards.

### Mallet

Bamboo cane with a hardwood beveled head to allow for a full swing flush to the ground. The 48”-54” shaft is highly flexible and can make a complete arc under the pony’s neck or tail when swung hard.

### Polo Breeches

Regulation White – double seated, traditional and functional for polo.

### Knee Pads

Protects player’s knees from bumps, balls and mallets.

### Polo Boot

Provides protection for player’s lower leg.

Man,  
Line,  
Ball.



## Polo Pony

Full size horse that may be a thoroughbred/part quarterhorse or Argentine criollo. Selected for agility, speed, endurance and intelligence.

## Clipped Mane and Braided Tail

Avoids interference with reins and mallets.

## Draw Reins

Pulley design from head to girth allows the player more control in steering the pony.

## Bridle

This series of strapping and supports give the player the ability to steer and stop the pony.

## Polo Martingale

Used to inhibit the horse’s head from raising up and hitting the rider.

## Breast Plate

Secures the saddle forward.

## Polo Saddle

Leather construction with stirrups. Differs from jumping saddle which has extra pads and from western saddle’s horn mount.

## Bandages

Protective wraps used for support.

## Polo Swings



Offside Forehand



Nearside Forehand



Offside Backhand



Nearside Backhand



Under the Neck

Polo is, without doubt the *oldest ball game in the world* today.

**Polo, since 600 b.c.** First recorded in the 6th century b.c. when the Turkomans beat the Persians in a diplomatic tournament, the alluring game caught on with royalty and cavalry, then took off with globalization, withstanding the test of time. Experience the king of games in its American landing, Newport! For players, polo is as tactical as chess and likened to hockey on horseback. There is a definite strategy with fast plays to advance the ball toward goal, and it is intensely physical to maneuver a thousand-pound thoroughbred downfield while striking a small plastic ball with adept stickhandling, against the opponent’s preemptive defensives. For spectators, polo is an exciting athletic display and entertaining social experience outdoors in a manicured park-like setting. Polo’s Gilded Age legacy as a premier sport in Newport has held over as one of the world’s most unique international hubs for the sport, but the finer points of the game remain wrapped in an enigma to the uninitiated. This brief synopsis of the basics of a polo match may help!

**STRATEGY** • Man and horse work in partnership to get the ball through the opponent’s goal, while defending and maneuvering to prevent the opposing side from scoring. Each player has a role on the attack, as well as when on the defensive, determined by their jersey number. The team’s strategy will include how to subdue their opponent’s strengths, by devising the most effective matchup against each player on the opposing side.

**TEAMS** • There are 4 players on each team. Each team’s players are numbered 1 – 4, which designates what position the player will take on the field. Polo is one of the few sports where men and women play together at the highest levels. Teams are equalized by the players’ cumulative handicaps.

**CHUKKER** • A chukker is a period of play in polo, usually 7 minutes and 30 seconds in duration. A top caliber polo match will have 6 chukkers. Between chukkers, players take several minutes to change horses.

**DIVOT STOMP** • At halftime, the announcer will invite the audience to participate in the time-honored tradition of ‘treading-in’ to repair the field by replacing the divots of grass uprooted by thundering hooves...stomping the divots, as it has become known. Even the Queen of England treads-in. It’s a great time to stretch your legs (with beverage in hand if you’re so inclined), toss a frisbee, and mingle.

**THROW IN** • The ball is put in play with a throw-in by 1 of 2 mounted umpires, at center-field at the start of the match and after each goal. At the beginning of each subsequent chukker, the throw in takes place at the spot on the field where play ended in the previous chukker.

**DIRECTION OF PLAY** • Teams change direction after every goal. Confusing, though it is, the purpose is to neutralize any advantage in playing conditions such as sun, wind and field conditions. It does from time to time, become confusing for the players as well.

**RULES** • Polo is governed by the United States Polo Association. Most of the rules are in place for the safety of the horses and players. Notable is that players may only use the mallet righthanded. The most important rule is #18, the team with the most goals wins (yes, that is really published in the official U.S Polo Association rulebook).

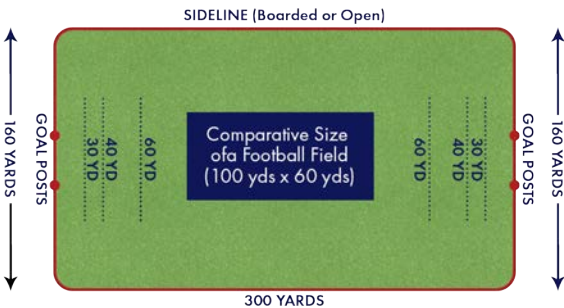
**LINE OF THE BALL** • Line of the ball is the basis for most rules in polo. The players follow an imaginary line, or right of way, created when the ball is struck by a player or it bounces off of an object on the field. Like a car on a highway, the player following the line of the ball has the right of way, and other players must yield to merge safely onto a lane on either side of the line.

**FOULS** • When you hear the umpire blow the whistle, it is to stop the play and the clock, usually due to a rule violation, which will result in a penalty hit awarded to the fouled team. Penalty hits often convert to goals, and can account for up to 40% of a team’s score.

**RIDE OFF** • A primary defensive move. Two competitors and their horses make contact, side by side at equal speed, to push each other off the line of the ball or away from the play.

**HOOK** • A primary defensive move. A defender will use the mallet to hook or hit an opposing player’s mallet as it attempts to strike the ball, to prevent the intended shot.

**FIELD** • A regulation polo field is 300 yards long by 160 yards wide (9 times the size of a football field). On the back line at each end are goal posts, 24 feet apart. Points are scored by hitting the ball between the posts.







FEATURED INTERVIEW WITH OUR 2025

# Quintessential Polo Hostess

Sage advice from Stacie Mills, Principal Broker of Vanderbilt International Properties, when she lets her hair down to host her legendary polo tailgate parties—an invitation to one of them is a highlight of summer in Newport!

## The Origin Story

**How did it all begin?** Back in 2001, while working at Carnegie Abbey Club, I was helping set up polo events and was instantly hooked after my first match.

**My first tailgate?** Just a simple basket and some chairs with my niece—until I saw the creativity around me and thought, “Now this is my kind of entertaining!”

## The Art of the Spread

**Signature sip?** Aperol Spritz, Champagne, and international-themed charcuterie.

**Go-to vibe?** We follow the Stella Artois Best in Show themes and host all the international matches with matching drinks, dishes, and décor.

**Tailgating tip?** Lists are life. Don’t forget the wine opener—and never underestimate the power of extra ice!

## Hosting Magic

**Why is polo tailgating special?** It’s fresh air, thrilling sport, and effortless mingling—much more fun than a cocktail party indoors.

**Planning window?** Invitations go out a week ahead, and our guests always pitch in to build the bar or add a dish.

**Elegant meets easy?** Arrive early, share the setup, and then just relax and enjoy!

## In the Spirit of Polo

**Favorite memories?** Players stopping by on ponies or the birthday surprise where we all dressed like our friend!

**Beloved teams?** Hosting international guests—especially our friends from England—has created lifelong friendships.

## The Human Touch

**Tailgate family?** Absolutely. We’ve welcomed new faces who now play or sponsor polo. Some friendships born at our table have gone well beyond the match!

**Traditions?** My famous “what to pack” list is widely shared. We always arrive early, swap stories, and tune into William Crisp’s commentary.

## A Little Extra Sparkle

**Most over-the-top moment?** When Brazil visited, we turned up in Carnival headdresses, hired a bartender for Caipirinhas, and people thought we were a cocktail vendor!

**If your tailgate had a name?** The Royal Order of Polo Fun—fitting for our fabulous, friendly crew.



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# The *History*

Glen Farm was first settled by colonists in 1638 when Ann Hutchinson and her followers broke away from Puritan Boston and founded Portsmouth for universal religious tolerance some 18 years after the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. The accessibility of fresh water running through the glen and the beachhead for a ferry crossing to the mainland made the site an attractive settlement. Friendly native Narragansetts sold them parcels of land for permanent homes and self-sustaining farms.

*Over the next two centuries, Newport evolved into a summer resort for the barons of the industrial revolution and their heirs, whose leisure pursuits during the Gilded Age of the 1800’s gave rise to many sporting traditions, including America’s first polo club, while others like NY banking heir Henry A.C. Taylor, sought out country seats for a gentleman’s farm.*

Taylor purchased colonial farm parcels in Portsmouth to assemble the 700-acre Glen Farm in 1882, naming it after the property’s most well-known feature, the glen, whose fresh water stream fueled a gristmill dating back to colonial times. Taylor’s gentleman’s farm became a self-sustained model in farm production, nationally reputed for blue ribbon livestock, innovative breeding and dairy production, and unsurpassed standards for quality. Glen Farm became a landmark of excellence, and unforeseen, the future home of polo in the next century. The farm turned out its own produce, water supply, electricity from a generator supplied by the mill in the glen and had its own fire engine and telephone system. There was also a wagon shed, tool house, blacksmith shop, icehouse, pottery shed, animal hospital and pump house. Taylor commissioned leading architects of that era for the creation of the classic stone and wood frame barns and stable complex, and the crowning glory was Taylor’s summer residence, a magnificent French chateau manor house on the shore by John Russell Pope, replicating the Petit Trianon at Versailles, and landscape design by Frederick Law Olmstead.

After Taylor’s death, Glen Farm passed to a succession of his heirs, endured the Great Depression and was subjugated to selling off major parcels, during which the property was poorly maintained and eventually abandoned. The last of the Taylor lineage, Mason Phelps offered Glen Farm to the Town of Portsmouth for \$3.6 million in 1989.



# and *Rebirth* of Glen Farm

After the town of Portsmouth purchased Glen Farm in 1989, the deteriorating property remained vacant, approaching its demise until 1990 when its miraculous rebirth began with a 25-year-old Boston renovator named Dan Keating who signed a ten-year lease with the Town to rehabilitate Glen Farm and reincarnate the international polo tradition in its American birthplace. Keating’s vision would restore Glen Farm’s luster and status as the jewel of the community.

Not a pane of glass remained in place, nor a door on its hinges. The severely derelict property needed entirely new mechanical systems including plumbing, electrical, heating and fire alarms. In addition, Keating made wholesale repairs to the barn interiors, while improving the grounds with the addition of the exhibition polo field, soil and water conservation projects and the paddock system. In the renovation process, Keating’s attention to detail included recasting solid brass hardware to match original pieces throughout the barns & stables that had been vandalized. Over the course of his lease, Keating personally invested over \$600,000, on top of rent and regular maintenance expenses, into restoring the farm into a thriving equestrian operation and landmark of excellence.

Keating revived the historic Polo Club, began a Polo Lesson program and launched the Newport International Polo Series, which is currently in its 34th season, offering public exhibition matches every Saturday from June through September, hosting teams from around the world including thirty-five nations from all six continents to date, attracting tens of thousands of spectators and supporting many civic and charitable causes with more than \$2.2 million in contributions.



# The Work *Continues*...What’s New

The Newport International Polo Series is excited to unveil new enhancements for Season 34, backed by top sponsors for the ultimate field-side experience and spectator polo at its finest!!

**Art Fair** – At the Rotary Charity Match on 5/31, the Chalet village springs to life with original works by artists from Gallery House, a vibrant contemporary art collective.

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**Rival Redux** – Making their much-anticipated return to Newport’s international lineup are Morocco, Scotland, Australia, and Singapore—an epic union of global contenders from a previous decade.

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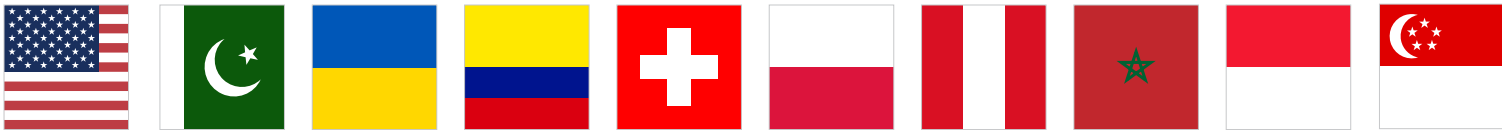
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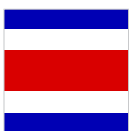
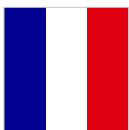
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OVERSEAS REPORT

# Polo and *Passion in Paradise*



When duty (and sunshine) calls, Team USA answers—jetting off to Jamaica for a weekend of polo for a cause.

Words can't quite capture the magic of the annual Jamaica-Newport exchange, but if they could, they'd start with our hosts: Shane and the Chin family, who redefined hospitality with their warmth, generosity, and endless laughter.

Led by Minnie Keating, Newport's Charlie Bullis and Chris Fragomeni touched down in Montego Bay to a hero's welcome—and from that moment, were swept into the rhythm of island life—beach days, polo matches, and Red Stripes shared under the sun.

The highlights—a road trip to Negril, left-side driving adventures, scuba diving, and sundowners at Pier One. Friendly chukkers at Chinook Farm ended with an epic asado and Shane's legendary wings, while a day of rest featured beachside coconuts, whole fried fish, and a night out in Montego Bay. River rafting, baby polo ponies, and the glamorous Sugar Cane Ball on the eve of gameday heightened the anticipation for the main event. Tropical showers cleared in time for an electrifying Hanover Charity Match—claimed by Newport before dancing and celebrations took over.

As the Newport team flew home, the countdown to August began, when Jamaica arrives to see if we can match the magic. Until then, we raise a glass—to polo, paradise, and friendships that last long after the final chukker.



## Do you know *your flags*?

The two flagpoles at centerfield bear the flags of the next international match. The other flag poles bear the flags of nations in the order in which they first participated in the Newport International Polo Series: Ireland, Germany, Spain, England, Argentina, France, Egypt, India, Australia, Costa Rica, Ghana, Canada, Chile, Jamaica, Nigeria, Portugal, New Zealand, Barbados, Scotland, South Africa, Hungary, Dominican Republic, Netherlands, Kenya, Brazil, China, Italy, Mexico, Sweden, Singapore, Monaco, Morocco, Peru, Poland, Switzerland, Colombia, Ukraine and Pakistan.



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### Enter the Polo Shirt

Frustrated with stiff, starched shirts, polo players inspired a revolution: soft-collared, short-sleeve jerseys built for speed and coolness. The brothers Brooks and René Lacoste took the polo set’s idea even further, giving us the iconic polo shirt—now a go-to for everything from yacht parties to garden picnics.

### The White Trousers Takeover

Polo players’ white breeches weren’t just smart—they were practical, reflecting the heat and looking sharp at post-match festivities. Fast forward a century, and crisp white pants are still a summer wardrobe hero.

### Blazers, Badges, and Swagger

After the matches, players would slip into club blazers—often boldly colored and proudly bearing their team crest. Today, the tailored navy blazer remains the gold standard for easy, elegant summer style.

### Leather, Loafers, and Lifestyle

Polished leather boots, belts, and handbags, especially with gleaming metal bits took cues from the sport’s bridles and rugged glamour, giving birth to a generation of luxury accessories that are as at home at a polo match as they are at a seaside soirée.

### Polo Today: A Living Runway

The polo field isn’t just a battleground for champions—it’s a runway of timeless, effortless style. At every match, you’ll find the spirit of polo fashion alive and thriving: crisp, confident, and forever ready for summer.



These days, the white jeans, crested navy blazer and bridle leather loafers are classics in every corner of the world—and a winner on and off the field.



Polo fashion was born out of necessity—elegance under pressure—cool in the heat, crisp in the saddle, and sharp enough for a champagne toast after the final chukker.



Players swapped saddles for swagger, donning club blazers with crests to match their bravado. These days, the navy blazer reigns supreme—an icon of fieldside tastemakers.

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