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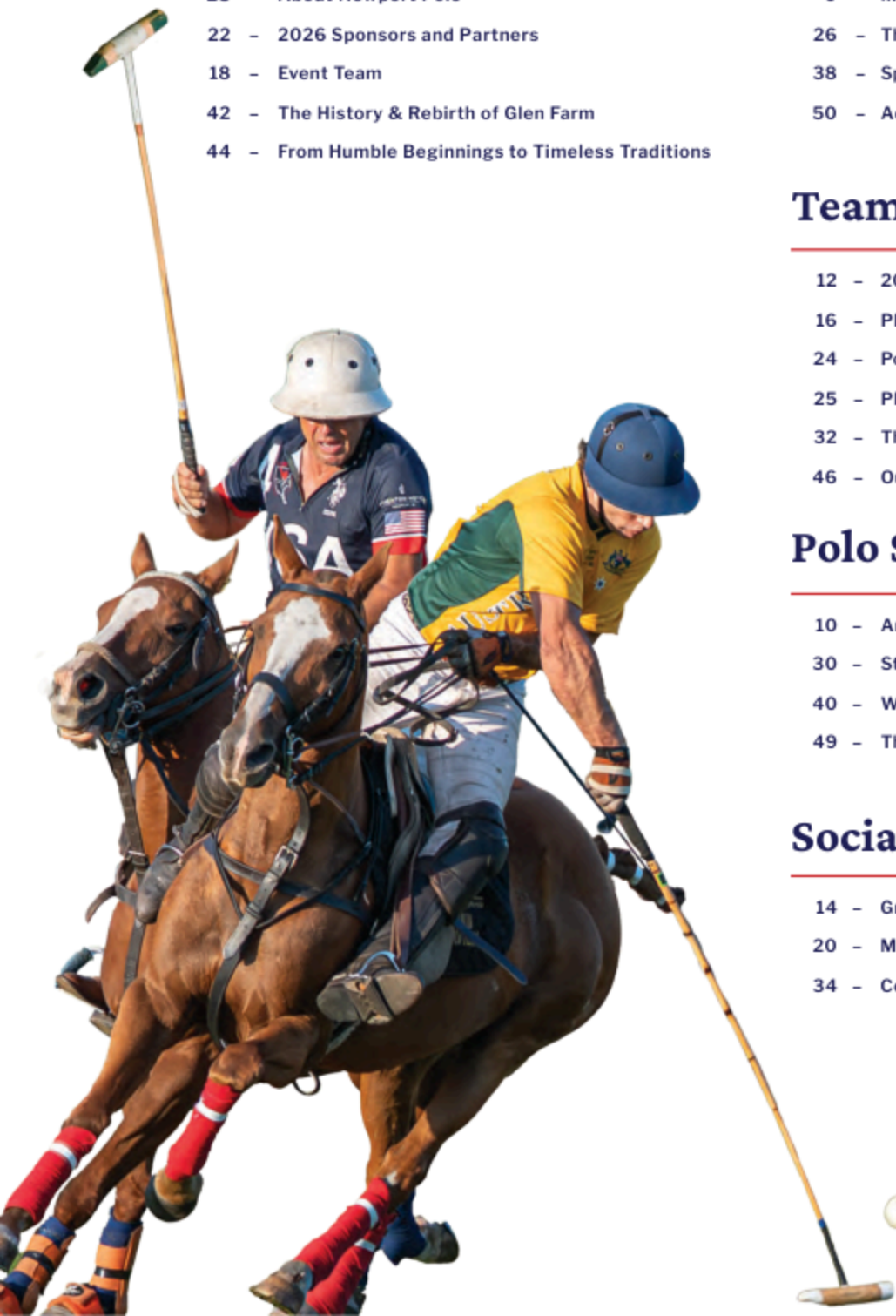
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# Our Diamond Jubilee Season

## JUNE

All matches begin at 5:00 p.m.

- 6/6 – USA vs Mongolia
- 6/13 – Veuve Clicquot Cup
- 6/20 – Newport vs Boston
- 6/27 – USA vs Brazil

## JULY

All matches begin at 5:00 p.m.

- 7/4 – Independence Cup
- 7/11 – USA vs Italy
- 7/18 – Vanderbilt-Carnegie Cup
- 7/25 – USA vs Ireland
- 7/31 – Great Gatsby Gala\*

## AUGUST

All matches begin at 5:00 p.m.

- 8/1 – Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup\*
- 8/8 – USA vs South Africa
- 8/15 – Newport vs New York
- 8/22 – USA vs Jamaica
- 8/29 – Newport vs Palm Beach

## SEPTEMBER

All matches begin at 4:00 p.m.

- 9/5 – USA vs England
- 9/12 – American Polo Classic
- 9/13 – All Charity Day
- 9/19 – USA vs Switzerland
- 9/26 – Turkish Airlines Finals

### The International Polo Charity Ball

\*Great Gatsby Gala, Friday, July 31st at Rosecliff. Associated Events: Preparty, Gala, Match, Lobsterfest! By RSVP: Newportpolo.

# The International Polo Grounds

Held at Glen Farm in Portsmouth, RI, the Newport International Polo Series has hosted 39 teams from around the world each Saturday from June to September since 1992. Enjoy action-packed matches, international clashes, and lively events on and off the field.

### Enjoy Our Field Side Amenities

**DILLON'S PATIO BAR:** Offering table service and carry-away featuring signature cocktails by The Cocktail Guru, wines, craft and imported beer and soft drinks; Stella Artois on tap, Dillon's Small Batch Distillers cocktails, premium spirits and Veuve Clicquot Champagne.

**MACALLAN & MARTINI LOUNGE:** A bespoke lounge experience, curated with signature cocktails for an elevated ambiance, pre-match and après polo!

**APRÈS POLO:** Join Dillon's Small Batch Distillers and The Cocktail Guru for an après polo toast with the players after every match at Dillon's Patio Bar in the TD Pavilion!

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**ONLINE:** Book Tickets and Group Sales Online at [Newportpolo.com](http://Newportpolo.com).

**AT THE GATE:** Lawn Tickets, Standby Seating for: Pavilion, Tailgates and Chalets

### TD Pavilion

#### RESERVED TABLES

- \$70 – Table for 2
- \$140 – Table for 4
- \$210 – Table for 6
- \$280 – Table for 8

#### MACALLAN & MARTINI LOUNGE

A bespoke lounge experience, curated with signature cocktails for an elevated ambiance, pre-match and après polo.

### Foxwoods Cabana Club – \$2500

Per furnished suite for 50+ attendees

### Clicquot Terrasse – \$50/per person

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### Lawn Admission – \$25/per adult

Lawn admission grants access to the lawn seating areas and Grandstand. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic. Carry in/carry out trash. Kids free. Reserved Lawn seating is available and outlined below; it does require a lawn admission ticket per adult.

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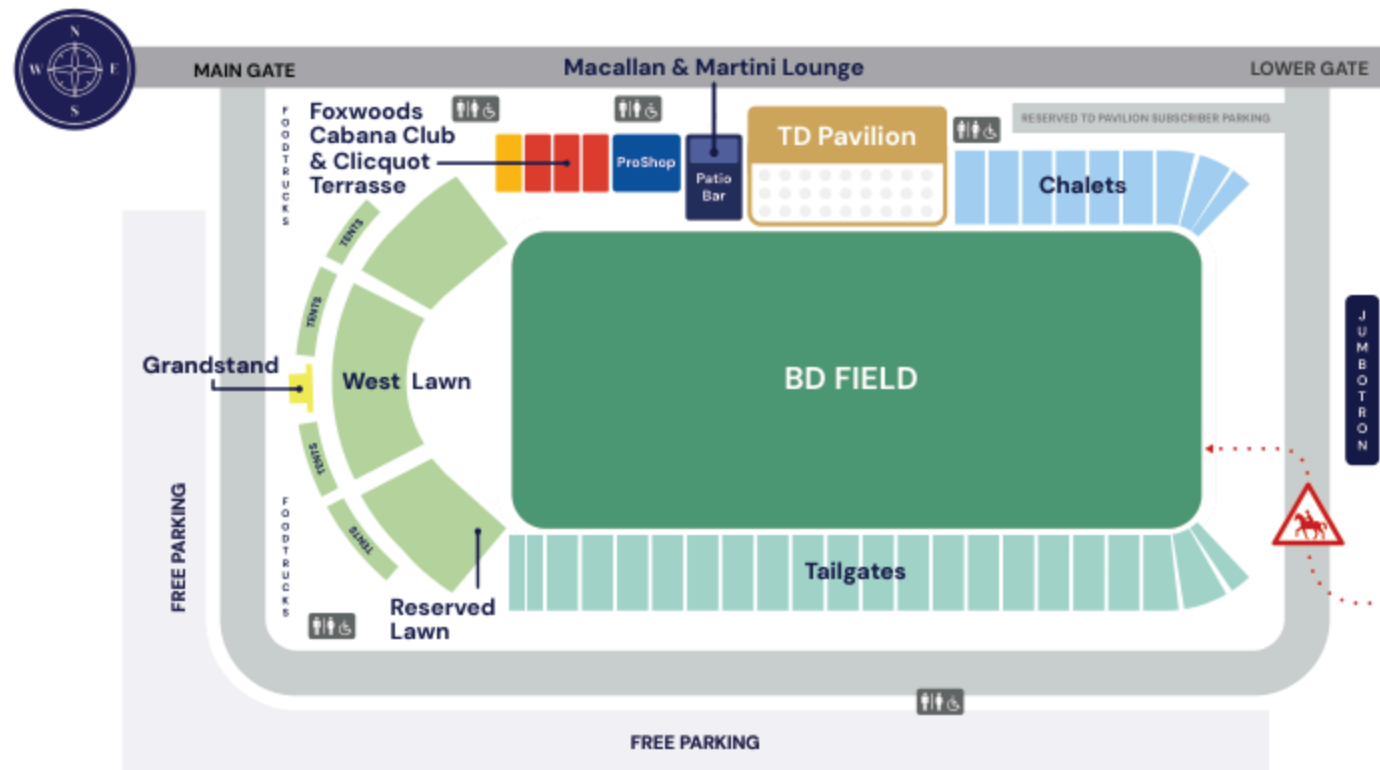
#### Chalets – \$400

For chalets and tailgates: up to 20 people/space; includes space and 10 adult lawn admission tickets; parking for 1 car; limit of 1 space per household; multiple spaces require ticket minimums.

#### Tailgates – \$375

### Reserved Lawn Package – \$1,400 – \$2,100

Includes tent and chairs for 40-60+



### Membership Information

**PLAYER'S CIRCLE:** \$3,900  
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**VISITING PLAYER:** \$300-\$1,950  
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**COACHING LEAGUE:** \$700  
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**CORPORATE TAILGATE:** \$6,350  
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**MEMBER:** \$200  
Individual Lawn Pass for 2026

# Letter from the President



Dear Friends of Polo,

Our 35th season is upon us, coinciding with the sesquicentennial anniversary of our polo club's founding, and America's 250th.

As we roll out a fitting tribute for these momentous milestones, and reflect on the events that shaped both our nation and our sport, we will honor these historic landmarks with a Diamond Jubilee season of commemorative matches, celebrations, and charitable initiatives befitting the extraordinary legacy entrusted to our stewardship.

While paying tribute to the past, we also look toward the future by supporting programs fostering child health, education, and opportunity through the fundraising efforts of our charity ball, the Great Gatsby Gala.

Each summer brings unforgettable moments: the return of international rivals, the renewal of legendary matchups, and the emergence of a new generation of players devoted to excellence, sportsmanship, and goodwill. We delight in the joy that fills our sidelines and warmly welcome those discovering Newport Polo for the first time.

Since our beginnings, we remain committed to honoring tradition, championing innovation, and supporting causes that strengthen our communities. Thanks to our philanthropic partners and the extraordinary generosity of our supporters, Newport Polo has now surpassed \$2.3 million in charitable giving.

Here's to a Diamond Jubilee season celebrating sport, heritage, community, and the promise of generations yet to come.

Very Truly Yours,  
Dan Keating  
President, Newport Polo



SINCE 1876. THE ORIGINAL.

## American Leisure, The New Age of Sport

In 1876, Newport was the glittering center of American leisure—an enchanted place where society sparkled, newspapers chronicled every amusement, and new traditions took root with flair. That same year, James Gordon Bennett Jr., publisher of the New York Herald and one of the great sporting enthusiasts of the Gilded Age, returned from England determined to introduce polo to America.

At his Westchester estate, Bennett gathered a circle of adventurous gentlemen, imported mallets and polo balls from England, and procured a railcar of hardy Texas horses. Before the evening was through, America's first polo match had erupted—and its participants were immediately captivated.

Like all fashionable sports of the era, polo soon migrated to Newport for the summer season. Fields were laid out near Bellevue Avenue, and in Newport, the Westchester Polo Club was formally organized in 1876—becoming America's First Polo Club.

What followed was more than a pastime. Polo became Newport's newest social theater, drawing crowds to the grounds and to Deadhead Hill, where spectators gathered to witness the speed, pageantry, and competition of the game. By 1877, Newport hosted America's first inter-club polo match, establishing the city as the capital of American polo for decades to come.

One hundred and fifty years later, Newport Polo still stands at the intersection of history, sport, and celebration—honoring a legacy born here in 1876 and carried proudly into the future.



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## 2026 Lineup of *Challengers*

### JUNE

#### Grand Opening to the Summer Polo Season

The 2026 season launches in spectacular fashion on June 6 with Opening Day: USA vs. Mongolia. In a remarkable full-circle moment, the Genghis Kan Polo Retreat delegation journeys from the birthplace of polo to the home of America's First Polo Club, igniting Newport Polo's 150th Diamond Jubilee and setting the stage for a fiercely competitive summer.

June continues with the prestigious Veuve Clicquot Cup on June 13, followed by the highly anticipated Newport vs. Boston rivalry match on June 20, where two historic New England adversaries collide in a contest of pride, power, and pure grit. Closing out the month, USA vs. Brazil on June 27 delivers an electrifying international showdown featuring one of the sport's most celebrated polo nations.



### JULY

#### Clash of Nations & Polo Titans

July bursts onto the field with a star-spangled celebration of America 250 at the Independence Cup on July 5, featuring U.S. Military players in a stirring clash of honor and American fortitude, with pagantry and celebration beneath the summer sky.

On July 11, USA vs. Italy brings a contest of sharp strategy, disciplined precision, and old-world flair, as RI's deep Italian roots fuel an atmosphere as spirited as the play itself.

The intensity rises further on July 18 with the Vanderbilt-Carnegie Cup, a heritage rivalry where endurance, tactical brilliance, and



split-second precision collide in a fast-paced duel packed with dramatic plays and edge-of-your-seat excitement.

The month reaches a jubilant crescendo on July 25 with USA vs. Ireland, when Irish supporters may well rival the hometown faithful, transforming the grounds into a sea of emerald spirit, celebration, and thunderous cheers.

### AUGUST

#### High Summer at Newport Polo

August is polo at full gallop—when the rivalries sharpen, the crowds swell, and Newport's social season reaches its dazzling crescendo. The month opens August 1 with the Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup, the crown jewel of the sesquicentennial celebration following the spectacular Great Gatsby Gala at Rosecliff. Featuring the two strongest teams in New England, the day unfolds with international dignitaries, fanfare, champagne revelry, and a legendary Lobster-fest.



The tempo quickens August 8 as Team USA faces South Africa in a long-awaited international showdown, their fiercely contested series tied since South Africa's 2007 debut. On August 15, Newport defends home turf against the titans of New York in one of the season's most heated rivalries, where pride and tradition collide at full speed.

Then, on August 22, the ever-electric USA vs. Jamaica match ignites the field with bold athleticism, fearless horsemanship, and dramatic, fast-paced play that never fails to thrill the crowd. The grand finale arrives August 29 with Newport vs. Palm Beach—a clash of America's most storied resort capitals and a rivalry synonymous with glamour, intensity, and spectacular polo.

Five Saturdays. Five marquee battles. One unforgettable August season.



### SEPTEMBER

#### The Grand Finale

September delivers a thrilling final act to the season, with four Saturdays of international rivalries and championship competition. On September 5, USA vs. England renews one of sport's oldest transatlantic rivalries in a match steeped in history and pride.

The American Polo Classic follows on September 12, bringing elite professionals and amateurs together in a battle for silver and glory. On September 19, Switzerland challenges Team USA with fast, disciplined play and tactical precision.

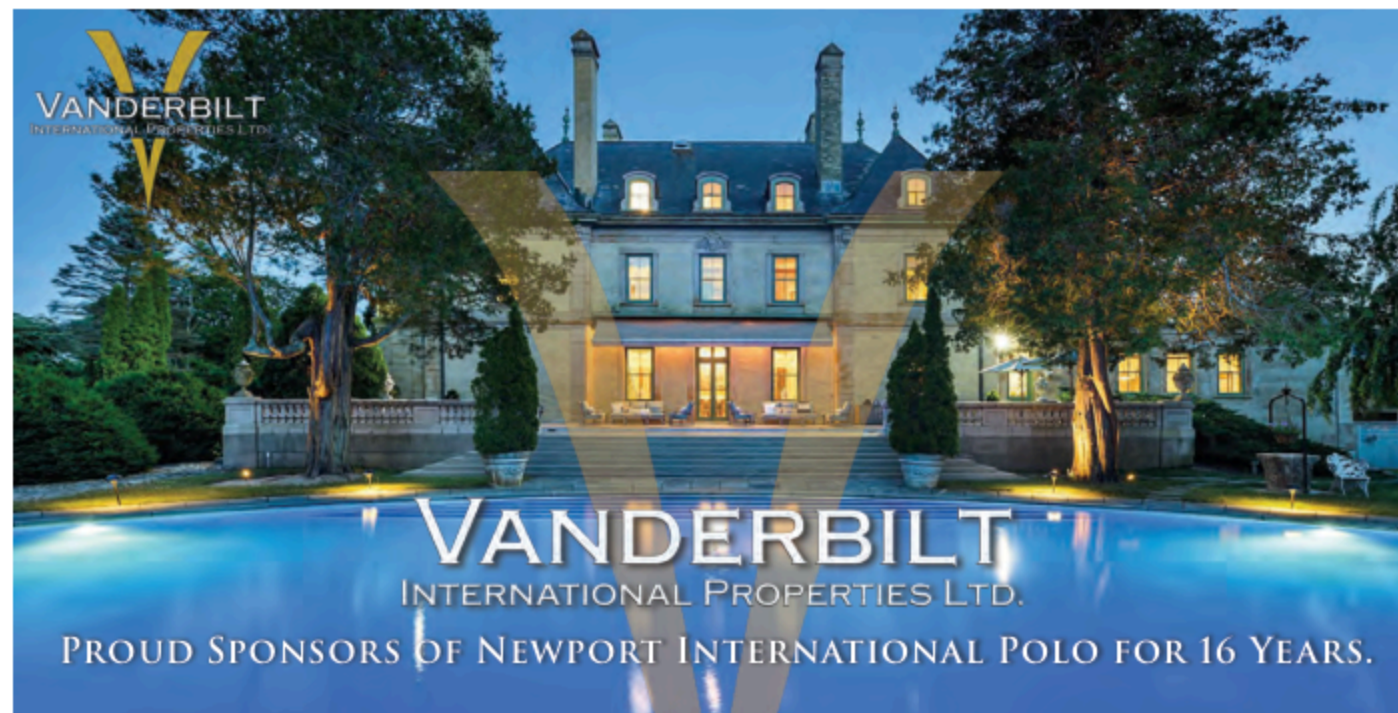
Finally, on September 26, the Turkish Airlines Finals close the 150th season in spectacular fashion—one last unforgettable afternoon of championship polo, celebration, and thunderous sport at Glen Farm.



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# Great Gatsby

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The 25th Annual International Polo Charity Ball returns in dazzling style as the Great Gatsby Gala Presented by BD—a glamorous Jazz Age celebration honoring the 150th anniversary of America's First Polo Club while supporting organizations dedicated to child and youth wellbeing.

Hosted by the Newport Polo Foundation at the legendary Rosecliff on Friday, July 31, the evening will bring together Newport's social set, polo patrons, and international guests for a night of white tie elegance, Art Deco glamour, live music, and Gatsby-era revelry.

With generous support from BD and Vanderbilt International Properties, guests can expect an unforgettable evening of celebration and purpose. Over the past two decades, the gala has helped raise more than \$2.3 million for nonprofit initiatives. This year's live auction will feature an extraordinary collection of experiences benefiting World Pediatrics, Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County, TeamFAME, Newport Historical Society, and FabNewport.

As the social highlight of Newport Polo's summer season and Newport's annual weekend of Jazz, the festivities continue all weekend long with celebratory pre-parties, elegant after-parties, the Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup polo match, and Lobsterfest.

Guests are warmly invited to attend, bid generously, donate in support, and join the All-Star team in turning celebration into lasting community impact.

*Beneath the  
Chandeliers of  
Rosecliff, Celebrate  
150 Years of Polo in  
Jazz Age Glamour*

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*A round of applause to this years sponsors*



THE NEWPORT INTERNATIONAL POLO  
**2026 Players Roster**



**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.



**Dave Bullis**

An orthopedic surgeon, he joined Newport Polo in 1994 as team doctor, and took up the game the next year. He has since competed in Chile, Argentina, England, Ireland, Jamaica and the Dom. Republic, and operates the Acoaxet Polo Club in Tiverton, RI, where he lives with his wife, Daphne.



**Anna Dwyer**

Anna is assistant Youth Coach and Work2Play Director, honing her polo skills on Newport's Varsity Interscholastic team, named Northeast All Star in '23, '24 & '25, to go with national competition gymnastics, Lexington Pony Club Finalist, State Champ, EIA and 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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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 18-year veteran polo player, and is Newport Polo's Director of Equine Management, USPA Certified Instructor, Brown University & Newport Interscholastic teams coach and professional 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.



**Abby McElroy**

Abby began riding at age 6 and transitioned to polo in 2020. She's a veterinarian and genetics researcher at UMASS Chan Medical School. Abby and her partner Alisha live in MA and share their home with a variety of 2 and 4 legged children.



**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.



**Rebecca Nordstrom**

From Jamestown, RI, Becca first tried polo at a 2019 clinic and was instantly hooked. She enjoys the competitive aspects of the game as well as the polo family she has gained.



**Tomás Garzera**

Originally from Santa Fe, Tomi has worked in polo and show jumping for over a decade and has played polo for three years. A skilled horseman and farrier, he has cared for top-level horses in Florida and Argentina for some of the world's premier polo teams. He also competes in Argentina's Jineteada rodeos and joins Newport Polo for the 2026 season.



**Todd Plummer**

Todd is a journalist and attorney from Boston. He has traveled to 7 continents, to over 70 countries, and took up polo at the age of 30 with no prior riding experience.



**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.



**Roger Souto**

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



**Kathryn Thomas**

Raised in England with horses central to family life, Kat rediscovered riding after settling in Rhode Island in 2021. Discovering the club on her doorstep felt serendipitous. One lesson was all it took to get hooked. Polo now provides a welcome work-life balance in a supportive community.



**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.



**Mariah Woodward**

Mariah began playing polo last year and is just happy to be along for the ride. She helps operate her family's century-old cranberry farm and works in engineering compliance for global commercial real estate. She loves Veuve Clicquot, her two-year-old daughter, hunting dogs, and Don Julio.



**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 4th year with the Club, voted by his peers as the Club's Most Improved Player in '23.

# Event Team



**William Crisp**

Commentator



**Lola Knadler**

Marketing and Sales Coordinator



**Jennifer Roach**

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**Kevin Friend**

Live Broadcast Director



**Mike Lynch**

Field Marshal



**Jeff Scannell**

Field Marshall



**Kathryn Fragomeni**

Graphic Designer



**Christine Macdonald**

Gate Agent Manager



**Annie Schwartz, DVM**

Equine Medical Director



**Agnes Keating**

GM



**Jonathan Pogash**

Bar Consultant



**Lynne Torrey**

Gate Agent Manager



**Michael Kearney**

Technical Projects Lead



**Paula Proulx**

Gate Agent Manager



**Amy Wright, DO**

Medical Director



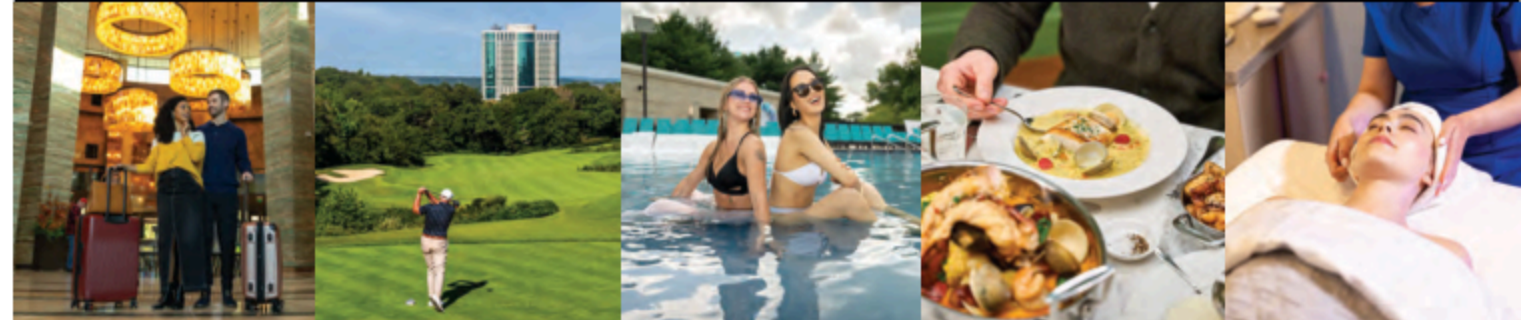
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## TOAST THE TRADITION

# Team Meet & Greets

Prepare for an unforgettable summer as the Newport International Polo Series, presented by Turkish Airlines, unveils an exceptional lineup of Meet & Greet events at some of Newport's most coveted destinations.

We warmly invite fans and supporters to join us in welcoming our international players amidst elegant harbor-side 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).

### MONGOLIA Silk Road Trip

Opening Day rides east along the ancient Silk Road as Team Mongolia arrives from the vast lands of Genghis Khan, bringing the fierce spirit of nomadic horsemen from one of polo's earliest ancestral homelands. In the Year of the Fire Horse, their debut promises a spectacle of tradition, adventure, and untamed energy. Festivities begin Friday, June 5, with a sunset Meet & Greet reception from 6:30–8:00pm overlooking the harbor—RSVP at [newportpolo.com](http://newportpolo.com). The celebration continues Saturday at 5pm with USA vs. Mongolia, followed by spirited après polo festivities into the night.



### BRAZIL Tudo Joia

When Brazil blows into Newport, the temperature rises, the rhythm shifts, and the harbor sways to a samba beat. Join the Meet & Greet on Friday, June 5, from 6:30–8:00pm, and mingle with players over cocktails as the sun dips below the masts. Then on Saturday at 5pm, USA vs. Brazil takes the field in a continental standoff fueled by speed, swagger, and national pride. Expect bold play and heroic moments, before signature après polo revelry carries the celebration into the night.

### ITALY Tuscan Sun, Newport Nights

Perennial favorites of the polo set, Team Italy will be fêted the evening prior in grand waterfront style, where cocktails flow, the harbor glows, and nobody checks the time until far too late. RSVP at [newportpolo.com](http://newportpolo.com) for a festive Meet & Greet reception on Friday, July 10, 6:30–8:00pm. Then, on match day, our colosseum fills as USA vs. Italy gallops into battle—equal parts sport, spectacle, and Mediterranean drama. And when the dust finally settles? The celebration spills into a jubilant après polo festa of Neapolitan proportions and fanfare fit for a Roman emperor.

### IRELAND Emerald Tide & Tall Tales

The Irish are dropping anchor in Newport once again—calm seas rarely follow. On Friday, July 24, Team Ireland returns to the marina courtyard at Forty 1<sup>st</sup> North for cocktails from 6:30–8:00pm. RSVP to secure your berth; the bar's on you, the charm offensive is on them. Saturday brings USA vs. Ireland, where the famously vocal Irish "fifth man" transforms the sidelines into a spectacle of good craic. Afterward, the revelry sails straight into après polo festivities—because win or lose, the Irish never skip a proper celebration.



### SOUTH AFRICA King of the Sunset

When South Africa prowls into town, rosé flows like a watering hole at dusk. Don your animal print and join our visitors at the Cap Club rooftop rum bar at Hotel Viking on Friday, August 7. The glittering migration of party animals and sundowners will keep the herd lingering well past dark. Then, on Saturday at 5pm, South Africa charges onto the field in a stampede of speed to take on Team USA.

### JAMAICA Pineapple Crush

The Caribbean contingent returns with its wonderfully simple philosophy: never rush, always dance, and when in doubt, add rum. On Friday, August 21, the social club heads poolside to Pineapples at Newport Harbor Island Resort for a tropical cocktail soirée from 6:30–8:00pm. Welcome our visitors with colorful elixirs, resort vibes, and spontaneous dancing. Then on Saturday at 5pm, USA vs. Jamaica stages a glorious clash of speed, flair, and sporting theater, to sideline cheers of equal parts champagne and Red Stripe. An après polo fieldside fête completes the odyssey.

### ENGLAND Mind the Gap

Team England takes up residence at the suitably stately Brenton Hotel, where the martinis are crisp, the accents profound, and the bantor is sporty. Guests are called to the rooftop lido on Fri., Sept. 4 at 6:30pm for libations, wagers and polite boasts, while surveying the harbor through sparkling flutes and gin fizzes. Then on Saturday, USA vs. England storms centerfield in a spirited transatlantic clash certain to stir the crowd and stiffen upper lips. Expect fierce play, excellent tailoring, and restrained displays of emotion. After the final chukka, the celebration regroups at Dillon's Patio Bar for après polo.

### SWITZERLAND Peak Season

With immaculate timing, the Swiss make their much-anticipated descent to sea level, only a faint echo of yodeling on the breeze, arriving as though time itself has been Swiss-engineered. Chime in for a refined harbor-side Meet & Greet at Jamestown's newest al fresco hotspot, where guests from 6:30–8:00pm can enjoy sunset cocktails, polished conversation, and the unmistakable sense that everything is happening exactly five minutes ahead of schedule. Then on Saturday, it's USA vs. Switzerland—expect precision, controlled chaos and composure under pressure as an electrifying match unfolds. Alpine charm carries over into the après polo fête.



### Après Polo at Dillon's Patio Bar

Following the Veuve Clicquot Trophy Presentation, join the visiting players for **Après Polo Celebrations** fieldside at Dillon's Patio Bar after each match. Meet the players, get autographs and pictures, and bid the visiting team adieu with a **complimentary toast** from The Cocktail Guru.



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- **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** – Kat Thomson
  - **Sportsmanship Award** – Brenden Tetreault
  - **Most Improved Player** – Stuart Odell



## Interscholastic, Intercollegiate and Military Polo



### BROWN UNIVERSITY POLO CLUB

Brown Polo is a club sport at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island since 2008, open to all undergraduate and graduate students regardless of experience level. Men's and Women's teams compete in Division II of the United States Polo Association Intercollegiate polo program. Brown U.'s polo program is hosted by Newport Polo and is coached by Minnie Keating.



### NEWPORT GIRLS INTERSCHOLASTIC

Newport Girls Interscholastic polo team for girls in grades 8-12 compete in the United States Polo Association's Interscholastic Polo program against regional rivals in the Northeast circuit of polo clubs. The program is hosted by Newport Polo and coached by Minnie Keating.



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### NAVAL WAR COLLEGE POLO CLUB

Founded in the 1990's, the Naval War College Polo Club offers polo instruction and internal competition, with an annual President's Cup tournament. It is hosted by Newport Polo and coached by Dan Keating.



## 2026 Player Spotlight: Chris Fragomeni

Six seasons ago, Chris Fragomeni received a birthday gift from his wife that would quietly change the course of his life: a polo lesson. Already an experienced rider since childhood, he stepped onto the field for the first time and was instantly hooked. Today, Chris has evolved from beginner student in Newport Polo's lesson program into a competitive player, horse owner, and devoted ambassador for the sport.

Two moments stand out in his journey. The first came during his inaugural 4-6 goal tournament, where playing alongside experienced teammates sharpened his understanding of strategy and transformed the game from instinct into intuition. The second was representing Newport Polo in Jamaica, where he discovered the global camaraderie of the polo world and realized he could confidently compete beyond his home club.

Chris credits much of his development to Dan and Minnie Keating, whose mentorship and encouragement guided him from his earliest days in the saddle. Off the field, he says his greatest support comes from his family—especially his wife Kathryn and their children cheering "Go, Dada!" from the sidelines.

Balancing polo with career and family life requires discipline, early mornings, and late nights at the barn, but Chris embraces the lifestyle wholeheartedly. Riding five days a week has taught him one of the sport's most valuable lessons: patience. Though polo moves at breathtaking speed, success often comes from slowing the game down mentally and anticipating plays before they unfold.

What keeps him passionate, however, is the partnership with the horses. Watching a horse begin to understand the game—to turn naturally for a play or win a ride-off instinctively—is, he says, one of the most rewarding experiences in sport.

Chris's goals have evolved steadily over the years: first making the Saturday International Series roster, then improving his handicap, then building a farm and string of polo ponies. Today, his greatest ambition is simpler and more meaningful: teaching his wife and children to play so the entire family can someday take the field together.

For newcomers considering polo, his advice is straightforward: stay with it and spend as much time in the saddle as possible. Polo is hard. You have to hit a 3.5 inch ball, while riding a horse, with a mind of its own, that can run up to 35 miles per hour. The only way to get better at doing those things is to ride, practice, and play as much as possible.



# The Newport Polo Experience

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Match Day Offerings



## Pregame — 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, Lawn Games and Tailgating
- Macallan & Martini Lounge Opens
- Boutique Vendors and Food Trucks Open
- Dillon's Patio Bar and Veuve Clicquot Champagne Cart Open
- TD Pavilion Opens 2 Hours 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 Tailgates Sold at Main Gate, Upgrades at TD Pavilion
- 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)

### 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**

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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. An annual Lobsterboil is offered on August 1 by McGrath Clambakes by advanced reservation.

# About Newport Polo

For 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 its 35th season 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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Newport Polo fans have driven polo picnic culture to new heights, raising the bar each season with more elaborate décor, eye-catching attire, frills and decadent menus, earning Yankee Magazine's Best Tailgating in New England. For the 11th consecutive year, Stella Artois spurs on our fans' enthusiasm for a good time,

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.



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- June 6 **USA vs Mongolia**  
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- June 13 **Veuve Clicquot Cup**  
*Vive la Veuve*
- June 20 **Newport vs Boston**  
*Ivy & Linen*
- June 27 **USA vs Brazil**  
*Carnaval*
- July 4 **Independence Cup**  
*Stars, Stripes & Seersucker*
- July 11 **USA vs Italy**  
*Limocello Lawn Party*
- July 18 **Vanderbilt-Carnegie Cup**  
*The Gilded Age*
- July 25 **USA vs Ireland**  
*Celtic Cottagecore*
- August 1 **Diamond Jubilee Challenge**  
*American Decades*
- August 8 **USA vs South Africa**  
*Surf & Safari*
- August 15 **Newport vs New York**  
*Monopoly*
- August 22 **USA vs Jamaica**  
*Tiki Chic*
- August 29 **Newport vs Palm Beach**  
*Worth Avenue Whites*
- Sept. 5 **USA vs England**  
*Bridgerton Bouquets*
- Sept. 12 **American Polo Classic**  
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The world's finest polo players will readily tell you that their greatest advantage is not the mallet in their hand, but the horse beneath them—and that nearly 90% of their handicap is earned in the saddle.

This profound respect for the true athletes of the sport has given rise to one of polo's most cherished traditions: honoring the Best Playing Pony.

At the Newport International Polo Series, the distinction carries special significance, recognizing the exceptional horses generously entrusted to visiting international players. The award is reserved not merely for the swiftest or strongest mount, but for the horse whose courage, athleticism, intuition, and partnership most profoundly shaped the outcome of the match—standing head and withers above the rest.

## 2025 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 last season.



*“Sassy” carries herself with the poise of a duchess and the temperament of a hardened prizefighter.*



— SASSAFRAS —  
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— BATMAN —  
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— RAYO —  
Loaned to Singapore  
by S. Curro



— SASSAFRAS —  
Loaned to Jamaica  
by D. Keating

POLO PONY SPOTLIGHT

## Sassafras: the Silver Bullet

A bouncing flash of white, Sassafras does not simply enter the polo field—she arrives with the unmistakable air of royalty inspecting her kingdom.

The striking grey thoroughbred mare struts onto the grounds with arched neck, flashing eyes, and an intensity that practically dares opponents to challenge her. Regal, powerful, and utterly unbothered by anyone's opinion, “Sassy” carries herself with the poise of a duchess and the temperament of a hardened prizefighter.

Her signature pirouette turns have become the stuff of Newport Polo legend: light-

ning-fast spins executed with breathtaking precision, immediately followed by explosive acceleration that leaves players and spectators alike catching their breath.

Beneath her bouncing cadence lies immense power and uncanny athletic intelligence. She reads the game instinctively, handling the pressure of International Matches with grace under fire, fierce focus, and surgical precision.

But make no mistake—Sassafras is no cuddly stable sweetheart. Affection is tolerated, not encouraged. Ears pinned, expression sharp, she makes her opinions known

with theatrical menace, as if enduring the indignity of adoration from humans is simply part of her professional burden. Yet among other horses she is remarkably fair-minded and dependable—a tough cookie with her own strict code of conduct.

Originally bred in the storied horse country of Virginia, Sassafras came to Newport Polo as a young prospect during the Roger Williams Polo Team's pursuit of a national collegiate championship. Though too green to compete at the time, patience, training, and the right rider gradually unlocked the brilliance within. Today, she has fully come into her prime.

Her extraordinary 2026 campaign cemented her reputation as one of Newport Polo's elite equine athletes. Sassafras appeared in every Newport Polo International Match, every USPA Tournament—both Arena and Grass—and every I/I Home Game, while earning Best Playing Pony honors in both USA vs. Morocco and USA vs. Jamaica.

Competitive to her core, Sassafras gallops not merely to play, but to conquer. Every stride seems fueled by personal pride, every move delivered with purpose. On the field, she is exactly where she wishes to be: all business, all heart, and impossible to ignore.



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 nearly \$180,000. With over \$2.3 million raised since 1992, our mission continues to uplift Rhode Islanders in profound ways.

## A SEASON OF GIVING BEGINS

The 35th season proudly continues several cherished traditions—from Season Program ad sales supporting the Rotary Club of Newport scholarship and community initiatives, to our 11th annual All Charity Day (9/13), where 30+ nonprofits will gather for a spirited celebration of polo and philanthropy. We also look forward to another acclaimed documentary screening at the polo grounds with newportFILM, along with the return of the Newport Polo Foundation's wildly popular Holiday Cocktail Party. Together, these traditions continue to strengthen the connection between sport, community, and charitable impact that defines Newport Polo.

## THE CROWN JEWEL OF GIVING

The 25th Annual International Polo Charity Ball — Great Gatsby Gala (7/31) — promises a dazzling evening of passion, prestige, and purpose. Celebrating the club's 150th Diamond Jubilee, this glittering Jazz Age affair honors a century and a half of polo tradition while championing future generation's critical healthcare, educational and youth enrichment initiatives. The stakes rise with a high-impact Live Auction drawing spirited online bidders from far and wide. This landmark event continues to leave an indelible mark on the RI community by prioritizing impactful local initiatives, including distinguished beneficiaries featured below.

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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.



## 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 defenses. 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).

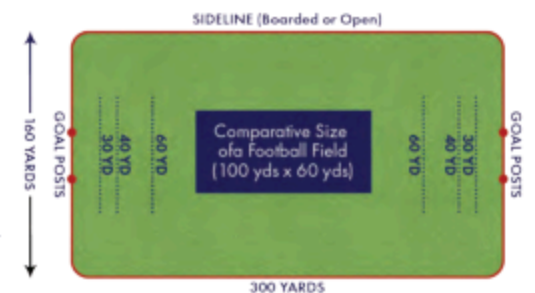
**LINE OF THE BALL** • Line of the ball is the basis for most rules in polo. The players follow an imaginary line, or right of way, created when the ball is struck by a player or it bounces off of an object on the field. Like a car on a highway, the player following the line of the ball has the right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



Man,  
Line,  
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LATEST ADDITIONS & ENHANCEMENTS

## What's Trending at Polo

The Newport International Polo Series is excited to unveil new enhancements for Season 35, backed by top sponsors for the ultimate field-side experience and spectator polo at its finest!

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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.



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# From Humble Beginnings to Timeless Traditions



Newport Polo Founder, Dan Keating (standing) with volunteers from the Rotary Club of Newport at the inaugural Rotary benefit match in 1991.



1992: Original Green & White Striped Tent Rented for Inaugural Season



1992: USA vs. Spain with Original Green & White Striped Tent Rented for Inaugural Season

## Rebirth of America's First Polo Club

In January 1992, 26-year-old Dan Keating began restoring the abandoned Glen Farm barns with a vision few thought possible: reviving international polo in its American birthplace. The boarded-up stables, derelict arena, and neglected grounds became the foundation of a new era. That winter established Newport Polo's defining philosophy—preserving heritage while building for future generations.

## Rotary & the Season Program

A chance partnership between Keating and Newport Rotarian Jack Leavitt sparked one of the club's longest-running traditions. What began as a modest benefit match and ad booklet evolved into the Official Season Program and annual Rotary fundraising partnership, which continues to support scholarships and community initiatives 35 years later.

## Inviting the World to Newport

Dan Keating, President and club delegate to the United States Polo Association, dispatched invitations to the governing bodies of twelve polo-playing nations to shape the inaugural lineup. What began as an ambitious outreach became the foundation of the Newport International Polo Series and its enduring spirit of international goodwill. This season, the Polo Series welcomes its 40th nation among more than 80 polo-playing countries worldwide—continuing a tradition of rivalry, cultural exchange, and friendship first set in motion by those original letters from Glen Farm in 1992.

## Raising the Bar

What began as a pair of banquet tables beneath a pop-up tent evolved into the legendary fieldside Patio Bar. Over three decades, it became the heart of après polo celebrations, hosting international teams, signature cocktails, dancing, music, and countless unforgettable summer evenings. The camaraderie forged there remains essential to Newport Polo culture.

## The Charity Ball

Inspired by the grand polo balls of the Gilded Age, Newport Polo revived the tradition with a charitable purpose. The International Polo Charity Ball grew from modest beginnings into one of Newport's signature summer galas, raising more than \$2.3 million for nonprofit causes. Each year's theme honors a visiting nation, blending philanthropy with international culture and spectacle.

## England Arrives

No inaugural international season would have been complete without England. In 1992, the English team arrived with confidence, wit, and a flair for revelry that instantly became part of Newport Polo lore. Their visit cemented the enduring Anglo-American rivalry celebrated each Labor Day weekend and helped establish the club's reputation for spirited hospitality.



PAVILION 1992



PAVILION 2026

## The Marquee Tradition

The iconic centerfield hospitality tent debuted in 1992 as a rented green-and-white marquee surrounded by white picket fencing and linen-covered tables. Though attendance was modest, the vision for elegant summer entertaining was firmly planted. Over time, the marquee evolved into today's Pavilion and hospitality complex, now central to Newport Polo's social traditions.



Spectators on the sidelines at the inaugural Rotary benefit match in 1991.



Paddock system under construction for horse turnout.



SCOREBOARD 1992



JUMBOTRON 2026

## Keeping Score

As construction began on the exhibition field, Keating erected the inaugural wooden scoreboard by hand. That humble structure became the ancestor of today's towering Jumbotron, now one of the most recognizable features in polo. From hand-swapped numbers to instant replay technology, the spirit has remained the same: bringing spectators closer to the game.

## Building the Field

The polo grounds themselves were a leap of faith. In June 1992, bulldozers reshaped the former derby grounds into a regulation polo field, while thousands of pieces of Kentucky bluegrass sod were laid by hand. Against conventional wisdom, the field was played that same summer—and held beautifully. Halftime divot-stomping remains one of the enduring traditions born from that first season.

## Rebuilding the Club

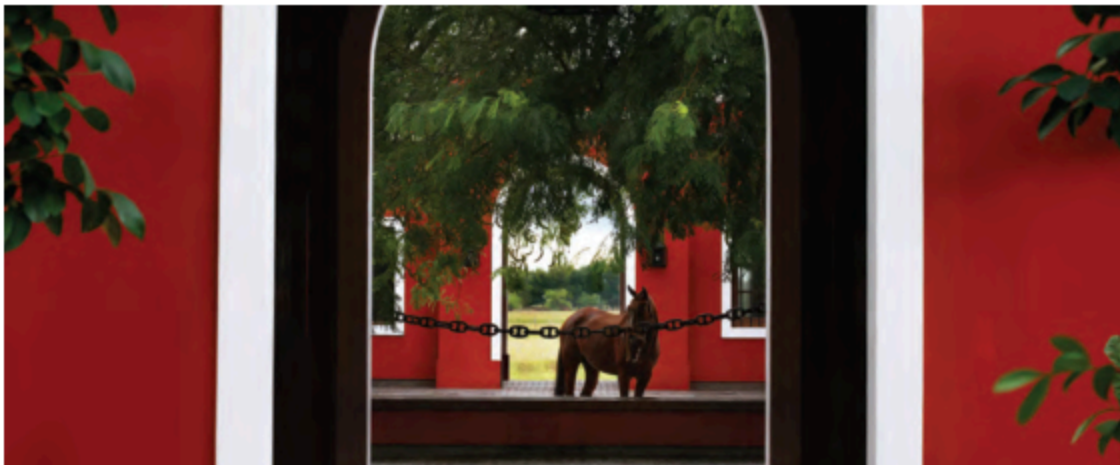
While the international matches attracted spectators, the deeper mission was rebuilding America's First Polo Club itself. Lessons, arena chukkers, junior programs, and novice players slowly repopulated the sport in New England. What began with a handful of students became the Northeast's largest polo club and a thriving pipeline for future generations of players.

## Cavalcade of Nations

The inaugural season launched another enduring symbol: the parade of international flags lining the polo grounds. Beginning with just a handful of banners in 1992, the tradition expanded alongside the Polo Series itself, which has now welcomed teams from 35 nations. Behind every flag came friendships, cultural exchange, hospitality, and the shared language of sport.

## 35 Years Later...

What began in 1992 as an ambitious restoration project became a living revival of America's first polo club and the world's only continuous international polo series. Over 35 seasons, Newport Polo has blended sport, philanthropy, hospitality, and cultural exchange into traditions now cherished by generations of players and spectators alike. The Diamond Jubilee season celebrates not only the club's remarkable past, but also the enduring spirit of stewardship and community that continues to shape its future.



OVERSEAS REPORT

# Diamond Jubilee World Tour

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Additional legs of the Diamond Jubilee World Tour are already in development for Winter/Spring 2027 and beyond, inviting supporters to follow polo across the globe—from the great safari plains and sporting traditions of Africa, to Europe's storied clubs and grand estates, the royal polo grounds of India, and the captivating cultures of the Far East and Down Under.

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## Do you know your flags?

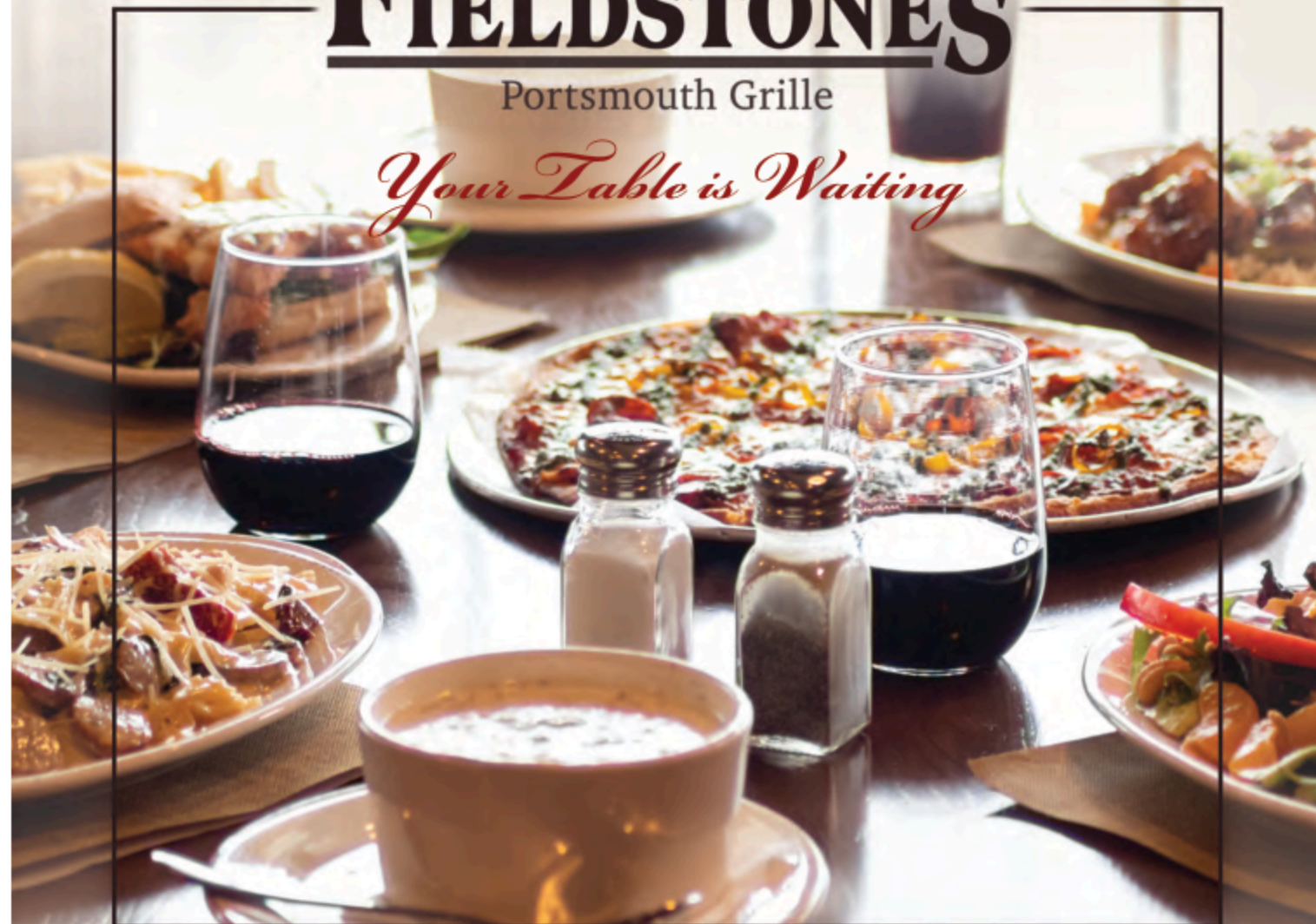
The two flagpoles at centerfield bear the flags of the next international match. The other flag poles bear the flags of nations in the order in which they first participated in the Newport International Polo Series: Ireland, Germany, Spain, England, Argentina, France, Egypt, India, Australia, Costa Rica, 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, Pakistan and Mongolia.



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OUR DIAMOND JUBILEE SEASON

# Our Sesquicentennial

Newport Polo's Diamond Jubilee season is shaping up to be less a sports schedule and more a globe-trotting summer spectacle, where international culture, pageantry, and polo tradition collide in wonderfully theatrical fashion.



*Our plans include authentic yurts, falconry demonstrations, throat singers, traditional dancers, and a grand ribbon cutting at the Pavilion—turning Opening Weekend into something between a diplomatic summit and a nomadic festival.*

The season opens with Mongolia bringing Silk Road mystique to Glen Farm. Plans include authentic yurts, falconry demonstrations, throat singers, traditional dancers, and a grand ribbon cutting at the Pavilion—turning Opening Weekend into something between a diplomatic summit and a nomadic festival.

The Veuve Clicquot Cup follows with unapologetic glamour: a "Vive la Veuve" fashion theme, champagne sabrage at halftime, the Clicquot Terrace, and luxury pop-ups designed to keep Newport properly sparkling.

Newport vs. Boston embraces Ivy & Linen style with a Mayor's Challenge and Summer Solstice après polo fête, while Brazil threatens to turn the grounds into Rio with samba dancers and Carnaval energy spilling well beyond the sidelines.

The Independence Cup may become the season's grandest production yet: on the field it's Army vs. Navy, while revolutionary reenactors, military processions, the Navy Band Northeast, Olympians, the Declaration on display, and patriotic ceremony layered alongside polo in honor of America 250.

Italy brings limoncello lawn party charm and Tarantella dancing, while Ireland leans into Celtic Cottagecore complete with helicopter arrivals and countryside romance.

The Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup promises the full anniversary flourish: hot air balloons, parasols, dignitaries, coaching displays, and a parade of horses celebrating 150 years of America's first polo club.

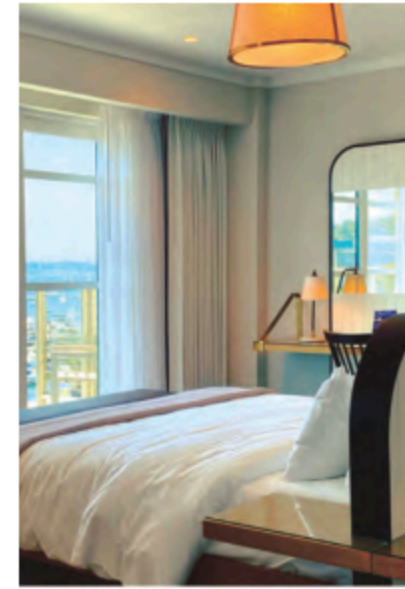
Elsewhere, Jamaica delivers tropical Tiki Chic revelry, England arrives in full Bridgerton bloom with floral crowns and bouquet bars, Switzerland offers Alpine picnics with wine, cheese, and alphorns, and the Turkish Airlines Finals close the season with whirling dervishes, cowboy hats, live music, and coastal Western flair.

Of course, Newport Polo magic rarely happens only on the field. It lives equally in the unexpected moments: champagne corks flying over centerfield, samba dancers beside the scoreboard, sunset singalongs, and international traditions unfolding beneath the evening sky.

In true Newport fashion, the 2026 season promises to blur the line between sporting event, cultural festival, and midsummer dream.

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