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**VILLA DEL LAGO / EQUESTRIAN CONNECTION**

**Polo Cup Charity Event**



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## Hello and Welcome!

I wish to thank the team and family of Villa Del Lago for this great event! Everyone at Equestrian Connection is so appreciative of the hard work and dedication needed to make this day happen. AND A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS! Your generosity will help so many children and adults who need financial assistance for therapy services. Printed below is part of a letter I recently received from the grandparent of a child who rides at Equestrian Connection. His funding has run out. At the same time, his brother was diagnosed to need therapy as well. Because of this event, we will be able to provide services for Jakub and his brother, and continue to support 20 other clients who need full or partial assistance. The cost of raising a child with a disability is 3 times that of a “normal child,” so it is not easy for many families, particularly if they have more than one child with special needs. Today you are making a difference! Enjoy this great event!

Diana Schnell  
Executive Director  
Equestrian Connection, NFP

PS. Thank you, Lisa! It is the highlight of my year to work with you!

I am Lori West, Jakub West's Grandmother. Jakub is a very beautiful 7 year old boy who until he was 3 was a very healthy boy. At the age of 3 he was diagnosed with a non-malignant brain tumor. Jakub has had 3 surgeries, the last leaving him with no use of his right side or the sight in his left eye. Jakub had to go through 5 weeks of intense therapy at the Rehab Institute of Chicago. Jakub was able to walk out of there with the assistance of a brace on his right leg, but still Jakub has no use of his right hand, arm or left eye. Jakub also has been on some type of chemo almost the entire time since his first surgery. Jakub still to this day goes to 2 physical therapies, 2 occupational therapies and 1 speech therapy. Even though he has all of these, the Hippo therapy he has been receiving at the Equestrian Connection is a great help. Jakub gets some occupational and physical therapy—it helps Jakub in such a different way. Because of Jakub's many doctor appointments and therapies it is very hard for his mother to get a job that is willing to work around these things. I just wanted to say that Jakub has enjoyed his time at Equestrian Connection. He loves his time on the horses and with all the wonderful people that he meets there, there is definitely a



bond. Jakub does not even realize that he is really working; it could be something as simple as grooming the horse that helps with all his needs. Riding strengthens his hips, right leg and his right arm. Jakub has to use his right eye to know where to lead the horse and on top of it all he is also learning to ride. I just wanted to Thank You for helping Jakub to be all that he can be. So much has happened to Jakub that having this to look forward to is such a gift. Jakub can do so much but with your help he will be able to do so much more. There are so many things that Jakub cannot do like a “regular” child that this helps him to feel like one. Just know that your help is so greatly appreciated, that words cannot express how wonderful you are.

*Jakub now helps groom and tack  
Buster prior to his therapy ride.*

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## SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

3:00 p.m.

Start of Play (6 Chukkas, each 7 minutes long)

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3:45 p.m.

Equestrian Connection Drill Team

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4:15 p.m.

Second Half of Play

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4:45 p.m.

Raffle Winners Announced and Awards



Red Stallion Drill Team

## Equestrian Connection's Red Stallion Drill Team

The Equestrian Connection drill team was founded in 2009 by Colette Collins, Program Director and NARHA Certified Instructor at Equestrian Connection. The goals of the program are to provide an opportunity for Equestrian Connection clients to learn leadership skills, practice team work and improve social interaction while improving their riding skills. In addition, drill team requires commitment and training and of course, it is just plain fun!

Performing today and led by EC's 2010 Volunteer of the Year, Pat Calhoun, are the following :

**Henry Jimmerson**, riding Apple Annie and led by **Sam Tepper**

**Elizabeth Armishaw**, riding Shiloh and led by **Tess Boorman**

**Jenny Callan**, riding Molly and led by **Leslie Carnick**

**Eric Lakemaker**, riding Milky and led by **Sarah Lessem**

*(Riders control their horses, leaders are there for extra support and safety)*

Special thanks go out to all our volunteers and especially those who made today's Drill Team happen!

**Charlotte Peterson**, Backup leader and coach

**Emily McArdle**, Equine Assistant

**Natasha McDonald**, braiding of the horses tails

**Sue Leverick**, trailered EC horses

**Sally Smith**, Equine Director, Equestrian Connection

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## VILLA DEL LAGO

VS

## JET AVIATION

### GREEN JERSEY

- 1) Mike Ward/Michael Berto
- 2) Jared Zenni
- 3) Agustin Obregon
- 4) Matias Obregon

### WHITE JERSEY

- 1) Jim Zenni
- 2) Rafael Obregon
- 3) Tomas Obregon
- 4) Pelon Escapite

### Villa Del Lago Players Bio:

- 1. Mike Ward, Winnetka IL** • Age: 70 • 1-3 Chukkas • Goal: 0  
*Mike has played in California, Argentina, Chicago and Palm Beach Florida. He is currently President of Eldorado Polo Club in Palm Springs, CA.*
- 1. Michael Berto, Lake Forest, IL** • Age: 20 • 3-6 Chukkas • Goal: 0  
*Michael is currently a student and member of the Texas A&M Polo Team. He has played in Texas, Lexington KY and Indiana where he attended Culver Academy.*
- 2. Jared Zenni, Lake Bluff, IL** • Age: 16 (as of 2 days ago—Happy Birthday!) • Goal: 1  
*Jared has played in Argentina, Wellington FL, Lexington KY and St. Louis.*
- 3. Agustin Obregon, Buenos Aires, Argentina** • Age: 23 • Goal: 4  
*Agustin has played in Argentina, Palm Beach FL, Lexington KY, St. Louis and California.*
- 4. Matias Obregon, Buenos Aires, Argentina** • Age: 27 • Goal: 5  
*Matias has played in Argentina, Palm Beach FL, Lexington KY, California, South Carolina, France and Ireland.*

### Jet Aviation Players Bio:

- 1. Jim Zenni, Lake Bluff, IL** • Age: 55 • Goal: 0  
*Jim has played in Argentina, Palm Beach FL and Lexington KY.*
- 2. Rafael Obregon, Buenos Aires, Argentina** • Age: 33 • Goal: 3  
*Rafael has played in Argentina, Lexington KY, Palm Beach FL, California and Germany.*
- 3. Tomas Obregon, Buenos Aires, Argentina** • Age: 27 • Goal: 4  
*Tomas has played in Argentina, Palm Beach FL, Minnesota, South Carolina, California and Canada.*
- 4. Pelon Escapite, El Paso, TX** • Age: 28 • Goal: 6  
*Pelon has played in Palm Beach FL, Lexington KY, Dallas, California, England and France.*

## For the Newcomer to Polo...

# The Rules of the Game

### The Teams

- On a full sized grass field, each team has four people.
- In an enclosed arena usually played in winter, each team has three people.

### The Ground

- The ground is 300 yards long, 160 yards wide if boarded. Being boarded means the field has a 12 inch upright board bounding the perimeter which stops the ball rolling out of play easily.
- If the ground is unboarded, it is 200 yards wide and marked with a white line.
- The goal posts, positioned at each end, are 8 yards apart.

### Duration of the Play

- The full game is 8 chukkas, but often in club matches 4 or 6 chukkas are played.
- Each chukka is timed to last 7 mins, then a bell is rung. The game goes on until the ball goes out of play, or for another 30 secs when the bell is rung again, the chukka ends where the ball is.

- The clock is stopped between the umpire's whistle to stop the play and the whistle to start play (e.g., ball out of play, foul, etc.)
- There are intervals of 3 mins between chukkas and 5 mins at half time. Ends are changed at every goal scored—this has been found fairest when there is a wind.

### Handicaps

- Each player is handicapped (on a 4-6 chukka basis) from -2 up to 10 goals (the top professional players).
- The aggregate handicap of the four players in a team is the team handicap (e.g. if all players have a handicap of 2 goals each, the team handicap is 8 goals and is referred to as an '8 goal team').
- In handicap tournaments, if both teams do not have an equal aggregate handicap, one team is given a number of goals start which is calculated by multiplying the difference between the two teams' handicaps by the number of chukkas and dividing by 6, any fraction counting a half a goal.

### Fouls

- A player following the ball on its exact line has the Right of Way over all other players. Any other player who crosses the player on the right of way close enough to be dangerous commits a foul.
- Penalties vary according to the degree of danger and closeness of the cross.
- No player may hook an opponent's stick unless he is on the same side of the opponent's pony as the ball.
- Dangerous play or rough handling is not allowed—a player may ride an opponent off, but must not charge in at an angle.

### Penalties

- A goal is given if the cross is dangerous or deliberate in the vicinity of the goal. The ball is then thrown in 10 yds in front of the goal without ends being changed.
- Free hit from 30 yds opposite the center of the goal, defenders to be behind the back line and outside the goal posts but must not ride through when the ball is hit.
- Free hit from 40 yds, same conditions as above.
- Free hit from 60 yds. Defenders to be 30 yds from ball.
- Free hit from the center of the ground, none of the defending side to be nearer than 30 yds when the ball is hit.
- Free hit from the spot where the foul took place, no defender to be nearer than 30 yds
- Corners are not taken as in Association Football. Instead, a free hit is given 60 yds from the goal from a spot opposite where the ball was hit behind the line, none of the defending side to be nearer than 30 yds.
- Captains of teams are the only players who can discuss questions or fouls arising during a game. The Captain can discuss any matter with the Umpire.

### Ponies

- Ponies can play two chukkas in an afternoon with a rest of at least one chukka in between.
- There is no limit to the height of ponies.



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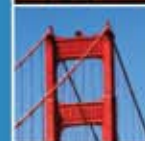
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