

ELDORADO POLO

A NEW ERA OF DESERT TRADITION

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Welcome new and returning players and our enthusiastic fans to Eldorado's 55th season of polo.

The investment we made in our fields has certainly paid off. They are showing vast improvement over the past seasons. Due to our new maintenance program they will continue to improve each and every year. A very special thanks to Lane Stave, who is our agronomy consultant, and is one of the top ten Agronomist' in the country. His advice on the maintenance and restoration of the fields following the concerts is priceless! In addition, he has assisted us in choosing our rye seed and our many water issues, including determining the best company and product to purchase new Water Cannons.

We had our first frost December 6, 2011. When we have frost, it is *crucial* no one accesses the fields. If you do, it will kill the grass, and no one wants that. Damage to the fields will happen at around 40 degrees Fahrenheit, so please use caution during our chilly months. Now that we have had our first frost, you will begin to see brown spots. This is due to the Bermuda going dormant. We will add additional rye seed as necessary.

Welcome new Staff...Darlene Molton; Accountant, Lacey Winterton; Receptionist and Photographer and James a'Court; Marketing and Events Director. We are happy to welcome back our returning staff, George Dill; Polo Manager; Debbie Morrison and Rob Roenisch; Assistant Polo Managers, Santos Macabale; Chief Engineer and Jesse Valenzuela; Field Supervisor. A special thank you to Megan Kozminski and Vanessa Shapiro for the sales and production of our 55th Emerald Anniversary Eldorado Polo Club Magazine.

ROC's Firehouse is our new lessee for the Cantina. Welcome Owners, Roland and Jayme Cook and Johnny Catti. The food is great and it's nice to now receive one check for food and beverage.

Be sure to sign up for the Emerald Anniversary Dinner scheduled for Saturday, January 7, 2012. The dinner is included in your January League fees. Opening Day follows on Sunday, January 8, 2012 with some fun activities in the works. Sunday meals at the Clubhouse will be fairly light and casual with reduced prices. A Brunch will be served at the end of each month for the finals matches.

Again welcome to the 2012 season at Eldorado Polo Club. If we can assist you with anything please don't hesitate to call on us.



Best wishes,

JAN HART
General Manager

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Dear Valued Eldorado Customers,

I would like to welcome everyone to our greatest season so far at the Eldorado Polo Club. I love these fields and I have never seen them look this good. Thanks to our new grass Einstein for all of his agronomic aid. With our fields in great condition we are looking good and ready for fast, competitive polo!

We are still signing up teams and hope everyone is doing well enough to get a grip on their lives and play polo at Eldorado. We need to realize that we all have more money than sand in the hourglass. The best investment of your precious time is to enjoy everyone and every day. Why freeze to death all winter when you can come to Eldorado where it is sunny and 73F all winter; get organized! Let us facilitate your magic-carpet ride here in the desert, all you need to bring is sunscreen and a spare liver!

Love,

GEORGE DILL
Polo Manager

TOURNAMENTS

THE ROADRUNNER TOURNAMENT

Tony Gregg



Green 'n Fresh (3) - George Dill ,Brian Miller, Suki Piper, Ernie Darquea 2, James a' Court 1

World Gym (1) - George Conkwright, Hank Uretz, Tony Uretz, Cacho Galindo, Antonio Juarez 1

With the 2011 Road Runner Tournament complete, it seems rather ironic that the victors played under the banner of Green 'n Fresh, a term that could very well describe the much rejuvenated Eldorado polo fields.

With victories on Saturday and Sunday over the Mike Uretz World Gym group, by scores of 9 - 8 and 7 - 4, George Dill and Green 'n Fresh most certainly earned the 'spoils'.

With Ernie Darquea quarterbacking and in spite of a strong two day effort from the gym's Antonio Juarez, the Green Team, with much help from the sharpshooting James a'Court and Dill himself, with three goals on Sunday, was pretty much in control on both days.

Leading the tournament scoring for the winners, over the two days, was Darquea with five (1 foul), while a'Court had four; Dill scored three times, and Suki Piper and Brian Miller (1 foul) had two each.

The runner-up scoring was led by Juarez with seven (1 foul). Tony Uretz was able to get a pair and Cacho Galindo converted a penalty four. A handicap award of one on each day completed the total.

"GO HONEY" Tournament

Tony Gregg

WEEK 1

The first weekend of the 2011 Go Honey Tournament was won by David Flowers and his Flowers Farms group over George Gilstrap and Jackson Hole Horse Emporium with a total score over the two days (eight chukkers) of 14 - 8 (7 - 4 & 7 - 4).

Flowers, along with Robin Paicius, Erik Wright, and Tim Rudy were simply too much for Gilstrap and his crew of George Dill, Ernie Darquea, and Manny Rodriguez. Not that Jackson Hole didn't have many scoring opportunities, they did. It was case of one team making more of what they had, and the Flowers group did just that.

Wright, playing back, continually set up Rudy and he then was able to push the ball up to Flowers and a very aggressive Paicius. Jackson Hole, moving the ball many times, was not able to do it on the level that the farmers did and that pretty much defined the game.

Scoring for the winners over the two days was led by Wright with seven counters (1 foul), while Rudy had four, and Flowers supplied three (1 foul). Paicius who kept off the score sheet, was, with her aggressive play, instrumental in breaking up the Jackson Hole offense on more than a few occasions.

Rodriquez led Jackson Hole with three goals, Gilstrap and Darquea had two each, with Dill counting one.

WEEK 2

The team name was different, but the winners were the same, as Chaparrel aka Flowers Farms one week ago defeated Trinity in the second weekend of the Go Honey Tournament by a score of 8 - 3. As was the case in the first weekend victory, Robin Paicius, David Flowers, Erik Wright, and Tim Rudy pretty much controlled things and rode to a relatively easy victory.

As it was in the first win Chaparrel took advantage of every opportunity while the opposition, in this case, a much improved Rick Paicius, Joseph Stuart, along with Tony and Hank Uretz were unable to do the same. While Stuart was able to open things up on many occasions, Rudy and Wright were equally able to turn it around and move the ball the other way.

The scoring for Chaparrel was spread out as Flowers counted two, Robin Paicius scored once, Rudy notched a pair, and Wright provided three.

Trinity, with one on handicap, had an open goal conversion from Tony Uretz and an exceptional 80 yard effort from Stuart.

Wright was selected as the MVP and Modella, played by Stuart and owned by Dina Stuart, was chosen as the BPP.



Flowers Farms (4) - David Flowers -1, Robin Paicius, Tim Rudy 3, Eric Wright 2.

Jackson Hole Horse Emporium (4) - George Gilstrap, George Dill, Manny Rodriguez 2, Ernie Darquea 2



Chaparrel (4) - Robin Paicius, David Flowers -1, Tim Rudy 3, Erik Wright 2.

Trinity (3) - Rick Paicius, Joseph Stuart 4, Tony Uretz, Hank Uretz -1

JACKSON HOLE TOURNAMENT

Tony Gregg



Jackson Hole Horse Emporium (2) - George Gilstrap, Krista Bonaguidi -1, Manny Rodriguez 2, Jared Sheldon 1.

Kentfield (4) - Eric Hammon, Ted Oakie 1, Jesse Bray 3, Scotty Cunningham.

Fish Creek (4) - George Conkwright -1, George Dill, Mike Kerley 3, Chris Kerley 2, (sub. Mike Jordan 1, Tom Shurman -1

George Gilstrap's Jackson Hole Horse Emporium foursome, with himself, Krista Bonaguidi, Manny Rodriguez, and Jared Sheldon won the 2011 Jackson Hole Horse Emporium Tournament on Sunday. With an undefeated record over the two day round-robin event, Gilstrap's group, the lowest rated at two goals, got the win in spite of a scare from Kentfield during Sunday's play.

Eric Hammon and Kentfield (Hammon, Jesse Bray, Ted Oakie, and Scotty Cunningham) were the runners-up based on their strong play on Sunday. It was generally felt that if Kentfield had played as well on Saturday, that they no doubt would have come away with the title. With Bray sending the ball up to the front, Hammon was able to continually push the play and in doing so forced a tie with the winners on the second day. Of course, in a Round Robin, a tie is as good as a win and, as such, Gilstrap and Co. took the title with their win over the third place team, Fish Creek (George Conkwright, George Dill, Mike Kerley, and Chris Kerley). Kentfield earned second spot with a better net goal total than Fish Creek.

E V E N T S

New Year's Eve

The Cantina @ 8:30pm
Featuring "Eldorado's Got Talent"

Party your way into 2012!

Eldorado Arena Polo Masters Finals

January 21 & 22 - Eldorado Polo Club, Indio CA

Come and enjoy fast & competitive Arena Polo – Desert Style!
\$200 per player, teams will be determined by tournament committee

Contact george@eldoradopoloclub.com or 760-342-2223 for nominations and stabling



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For over 50 years, Eldorado Polo Club has hosted world-class polo tournaments in the heart of the Coachella Valley. Eldorado welcomes players from across North America to enjoy unbeatable women's polo, prizes and parties. **Team and individual entries welcome.**

See you in February!

For more information on the tournament and sponsorship opportunities, please contact jan@eldoradopoloclub.com.

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55 YEARS OF POLO - DESERT STYLE!


Saturday, January 7th
Eldorado Polo Clubhouse
Cocktails 6:30pm
Dinner 7:30pm
Attire: Desert Casual
RSVP to Lacey at 760 342 2223
or Eldorado@eldoradopoloclub.com
\$80pp (or included in January League fees for players)



OPENING DAY

Sunday January 8
Polo at 12pm & 2pm
Tethered hot air balloon rides
BBQ on the berm

Free to attend!

