

ELDORADO POLO

A NEW ERA OF DESERT TRADITION

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Eldorado Polo Club has kicked off the 2011 season with a bang! Several hundreds of spectators joined us for opening weekend on January 8th and 9th – thanks to all teams and players for bringing great quality polo to our fields. All leagues are in full swing (0, 4 and 8 goal) – as teams vie for tournament titles and the coveted Roenisch bronzes. Tournament finals take place on the weekend of January 29th and 30th – good luck to all teams and players!

Fieldside, our announcer Tony Gregg has been doing a great job at sharing his enthusiasm for the sport. Announced Thursday afternoon games and Saturday noon games at the Cantina have brought familiar faces of old and new members, along with visitors from around the world. The Cantina is THE new place to be, for after polo drinks and dinner or for Sunday night entertainment. The club has had to the pleasure of Bob Greenspan's music on several Sundays and will be mixing it up with different musicians and performers on a regular basis throughout the season. Come early to find a table, and prepare to challenge a roster of talent at the pool table!

The social season at Eldorado was most notably kicked off by the Talent Show on New Year's Eve. Taking home top honors was Hank Uretz, with a hip-hop solo rendition of "I'm Awesome."

Thank you to all participants, most notably Ozzie the Dog and the trumpeting unicyclist bear for Russia! Thanks also to the judges for contributing to the event: Dr. Mike Manno, Dorrie Forstman, Bill Devane, and Alex Jacoy.

The Black and White Opening League Dinner at the Club House was a huge success. The club thanks Crayons Catering for the amazing food, Crater Lake Vodka for the free flowing polo-inspired vodka fountain, and Summerland Wines and Bilo Zarif for his wine pairings throughout the evening. February's League Dinner takes place on Sunday the 13th – just in time for... Mardi Gras! Also, don't forget about the Super Bowl party taking place on February 7th at the Cantina!

Sundays at the Club House are still a club favorite on Sunday afternoons. Please drop in for great food and drinks and the Champagne Divot Stomp sponsored by Wilson Creek Winery.

The word on the street is that the Eldorado Polo Club is buzzing with players, visitors, events, entertainment, and enthusiasm. The Opening of the Season confirmed that people want to see great polo in a friendly atmosphere, and Eldorado has just that! There is no doubt we're in for a fun filled competitive season. Thank you to all playing and social members for choosing Eldorado as your polo destination.

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The Uretz boys win the New Year's Challenge



Patrick was selected as the MVP and Hank was chosen as the top amateur. Easy, owned by Mike, and played by Hank was awarded the honors as Best Playing Pony.

WORLD GYM (1) - Wiley Uretz 1, Patrick Uretz 1, Tony Uretz 0, Hank Uretz -1.

KENTFIELD (3) - Eric Hammon 0, Pat Powell -1, Kyle Fargey 3, Jake Devane 1.

Eldorado kicked off the New Year with a historic moment; the field was ruled by a team consisting of the four Uretz brothers, Wiley (age 21), Patrick (age 19), Tony (age 17) & Hank Uretz (age 14). A team of four brothers has never been recorded in North American polo history. Eldorado was proud to host their opening game as a team.

The Uretz clan is well known in the West Coast polo community; Mom and Dad (Claudia and Mike) have been playing at Eldorado for over 20 years. During our interview Hank was all smiles as he recounted his Mom and Dad's first meeting at the LA Equestrian Center: Claudia was an accomplished dressage rider; Mike was learning how to play polo. One day Mike asked her out on a date. He took her to a match at the South Beach Polo Club, and as Hank put it, "The rest is history".

Anyone who has had the pleasure of meeting the Uretz family would agree that Claudia and Mike have raised four amazing sons. We have to wonder if their plan all along was to create their own winning polo team. The boys started riding and playing polo as soon as they could pick up a mallet. They all agree that there isn't a sport as enjoyable as polo; although, for Tony surfing runs a close second.

After the game, we asked what the most memorable part of the New Year's tournament was for each of them. Here's what they had to say:

- Hank – "Scoring 3 goals!"
- Tony – "Taking out Kyle Fargey ... no, crushing Kyle Fargey!"
- Wiley – "Patrick's perfect tail shot to me from mid-field in the third chukker, which I then passed to Tony via a neck shot, then watching Tony score a goal via another neck shot. That play for me showed the trust and confidence that we had in another in this game."
- Patrick – "Watching Hank score 3 goals."

One thing that all four of them agree on is that being brothers gives them an advantage on the field because each of them 'know' how one another think and can anticipate a play or a reaction well before it ever occurs. There is simply no guessing on the field for these four. Their skills and the level of trust that they have for one another ensures this team has a successful polo career ahead of them.

When asked if there was much discussion as to what position they would play there was a resounding, "No". Wiley is their defensive lead, always playing 4, Patrick is their offensive lead, playing 3, Tony has the ability to play either defensively or offensively, playing 2, and Hank plays forward as their 1.

As for Mike and Claudia, they love watching their boys play together and so do we. Claudia told us, "Polo has really been the glue for our family" and followed up with, "A family that plays polo together, stays together".

The Eldorado Polo Club is proud to be home to the Uretz family and wish them all the best in the upcoming season!

TOURNAMENT WINNERS



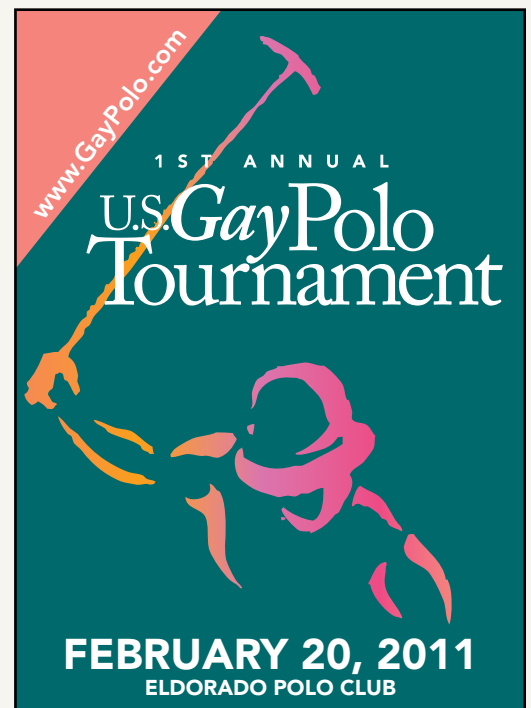
CHUKKERS FOR CHILDREN TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Eldorado was proud to host the 2010 holiday tournament with proceeds going to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission and Shelter from the Storm. The winners of the tournament was the world gym team, made up of Wiley, Patrick, Tony & Claudia Uretz. With Wiley calling the shots, the World Gym team was able to beat Wilson Ranch (Byron Wilson, Cam Smith, Chris Kerley & Brianna Galindo) with a 7 to 5 victory! Wilson's Ranch put up a good fight with Brianna Galindo leading the way with 2 goals, but it wasn't enough to match the synchronized Uretz team. Congratulations to Wiley Uretz who was selected as the Professional MVP while Mom Claudia was chosen as the amateur MVP. Hilita, a Uretz bred mare played by Patrick and owned by proud father Mike was awarded Best Playing Pony.



JANUARY 4 GOAL TOURNAMENT (FIRST HALF OF MONTH) WINNERS

The first 4 goal tournament of the official Eldorado season was won by Lyn Jason-Cobb's Coldwell Banker/Menlo team! Congratulations to Lyn Jason-Cobb, Eric Wright, Manuel Rodriguez, & Jared Sheldon on a nail biting win! Coldwell Banker/Menlo played Kentfield (Eric Hammon, Pat Powell, Kyle Fargey & Jake Devane) on the Cantina field to a cheering crowd who couldn't get enough of the fast paced play. The field belonged to Kentfield in the first two chukkers, resulting in a 5 goal lead. Between chukkers 3 and 5 Coldwell Banker/Menlo made a significant come back which resulted in a battle over a one goal win in the final chukker. Thank you to both teams in recognition of the exciting game they gave to spectators. Kentfield player Eric Hammon was selected as the MVP and Pat Powell's horse Marty, played by Kyle Fargey was chosen as the best playing pony.



T E A M S

JANUARY 8 GOAL LEAGUE TEAMS

Casablanca

Ronai White -1
Carlos Galindo 4
Nicholas Morrison 1
Nick Cifuni 3

Antelope

Geoff Palmer 0
Santiago Trotz 5
Jesse Bray 3
Scott M. Cunningham 0

Cotterell Farm

Jenny Luttrell 0
Luis Saracco 4
Topo Mendez 3
German Saracco 1

Palm Desert

Dan Horn 0
Matt Walker 3
Dan Walker 3
Arty Cameron 2

Hanalei Bay

Ron Bonaguidi 0
Krista Bonaguidi -1
Mariano Fassetta 6
Alvaro Tadeo 3

Thermal Polo

Rege Whyte 0
Joe Henderson 4
Bryan Middleton 3
Byron Wilson 1

Triangle Bar Farm

Mike Kerley 3
Jessica Bailey 1
Pedro Orellana 4
Daniel Galindo 0

Coldwell Banker Menlo

Lynn Cobb -1
Jared Sheldon 1
Eric Wright 2
Manuel Rodriguez 2

JANUARY 4 GOAL LEAGUE TEAMS

Kentfield

Pat Powell -1
Eric Hammon 0
Kyle Fargey 3
Jake Devane 1

Hacienda De Trampas

Mike Ward 0
Claudia Uretz 0
Alvaro Tadeo 3
Nicholas Morrison 1

Cotterell Farm

Jenny Luttrell 0
Ignacio Saracco 3
Tony Uretz 0
Franco Fernandez 0

Melody Ranch

George Dill 0
Mike Jordan 1
Craig Ramsby 1
Chris Kerley 2

Jackson Hole

Dan Walker 3
George Gilstrap 0
Antonio Juarez 1
TBA



V I S I T O R S

Road Runner Tournament: Cledwyn Lewis & Loretta Thompson (Canada), Rob Foster (Canada)

New Year's Tournament: Rob Foster (Canada), Alex Fatemi (France), Siamack & Kati Ilkhanizadeh (Federation of International Polo; Ambassador from Iran)

0 & 4 Goal League: Greg & Cheryl Schindel (Canada); Jan & Shaun Flanigan (Canada)

Polo Academy: Jenn Foster (Canada), Chris Fochuk (Canada), Deidre Lake (Canada), Sara Inkster (Canada), Dawn Goddard (Canada), Elecia Edgar (Canada), Shawna Simpson (Canada), Brent, Laura, and Matt Balisky (Canada).

ELDORADO IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE START OF THE JUNIOR POLO PROGRAM FOR THE 2011 SEASON

Practice Schedule

Days: Saturday and Sunday
 from January through to March
 Time: 8h30
 Field: Cantina Field

Tournament Schedule

February 5 & 6 Artie Cameron Memorial
 Tournament
 March 12 & 13 Joe Barry Memorial
 Tournament

Cost:

Free to children of EPC
 playing and social members.
 \$25/session to children of non-playing
 and social members.

*All children must be registered as a student member of the
 USPA for insurance purposes (\$35 annual membership fee)

Ages: 3 to 18 years of age

Leadline ponies and beginner riders
 will be on short field with instruction
 by Susan Guggenheim. Others will play full
 field format and be coached by a
 variety of EPC polo players.



E L D O R A D O P O L O A C A D E M Y

BASIC INFORMATION

Individual and small group lessons
 Coaching for tournaments and league play
 Practice chukkers / Coaching league
 Video review sessions for swing and game analysis

REGISTRATION

If you have any questions and/or wish to schedule
 lessons for the upcoming season, you can contact
 Kyle directly at kyle@eldoradopoloclub.com or
 706.702.0244.

RATES

Instructional Options	Horse Provided	Your Own Horse
Individual	\$125	\$100
Package of 5	\$500	\$400
Small Group (2-6)	\$85	\$70
Package of 5	\$350	\$300
Coaching League	\$85	\$70
Package of 5	\$350	\$300



ELDORADO POLO CLUB

Women's Tournament

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MARCH 3RD - 6TH, 2011 (THURSDAY TO SUNDAY)

The Eldorado Polo Club is thrilled to host the Ladies Tournament in 2011! We look forward to hosting US, Canadian, and International female players to our world class facilities. We have great fields, horses, and of course many fun-filled events planned. Register Now! Regards, **Jan Hart**, *EPC General Manager*

The committee members include:

Caroline Anier
Dayelle Fargey

Susan Guggenheim
Carin Middleton

Kate Weber
Therese Volmer

Debbie Morrison
Megan Kozminski

FLIGHTS

A Flight: 3 Goal league or above
(players must have current USPA)

B Flight: 1 to 2 Goal league
(players must have current USPA)

C Flight: 0 Goal and -1 Goal players only
Cost \$300/player or \$1200/team (4 chukkers)

Polo Academy League for Beginners
(- 2 Goal Players only)

Cost \$150/individual or \$600/team
(2 chukkers)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FEBRUARY 20TH, 2011 (Individual or Team Entries are welcomed)



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WATCH POLO *at the* CANTINA!

Come sit on the patio of the Cantina and enjoy polo over some breakfast, lunch or dinner!

Every

Thursday at 2:30pm

Saturday at 12pm

Sunday at 10am

PeeWee & Junior Polo at 8:30am Saturday & Sunday

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