



Joanna Monaco Memorial

January 19th 2015

Joanna Monaco, for whom this tournament is named, traveled the polo circuit, with her husband Tom, a professional player and club manager. Joanna was loved by everyone and she mentored many people in the working world of polo. In her era there were many English ladies who came to the States as grooms. Joanna became a surrogate mother to them. Her door was always open, and it was not uncommon to find many people, temporarily down on their luck, at Joanna's house for dinner. They were often, also given a place to stay until they could get on their feet. Out of this developed a program where Joanna would find jobs for people in the polo world. For many years, if a polo groom needed a job, they went to Joanna, and she would find work for them.

Sadly she was taken by cancer at too young an age, but those who remember Joanna all speak of her kindness, her constant cheerful attitude and above all her help for those who needed a temporary haven until they could get back on their feet. This tournament marks The Polo Training Foundation's and the rest of the polo community's appreciation for a great lady who helped the people behind the scenes who make polo a great sport.

A lot of people come together to make these tournaments possible, so we would first like to give a special THANK YOU to Marla O'Connor and the Gulfstream Polo Club for hosting the Joanna Monaco!!! Another special thank you goes to Charlie Muldoon and the USPA Umpires who officiated 30 Chukkers of polo!!! And last, but not least, a special thank you to all of our Volunteers: Brandon Von Loon, Maggie Mitchell, Cale Newman, Amber Owen and Alyson Poor!!

On a beautiful Monday morning at the Gulfstream Polo Club, 66 junior players competed in the 2015 Joanna Monaco Memorial. Five teams at the most advanced level battled for the title of Joanna Monaco Championship. The final between the Stefano Laviano Team of Jack McLean, Lucas Criado, Vance Miller and Vaughn Miller and the La Martina Team of Mia Novillo Astrada, Manuel Novillo Astrada, Nico Escobar and Rachel Kelly was an exciting, well balanced game, ending only in overtime with La Martina's Nico Escobar scoring the winning rainbow rule goal, thus making **La Martina the 2015 Joanna Monaco Champions!!!**

9am @ Gulfstream's West Practice Field

Chukkers 1 & 2: Grand Champions vs. Natalie's- TIED

Chukkers 3 & 4: Grand Champions vs. Nano's - TIED

Chukkers 5 & 6: Natalie's vs. Nano's

MVP: Hope Arellano

BPP: "Cecee" Hope Arellano

Sportsmanship: Kristos Magrini

Grand Champions – Sapphire

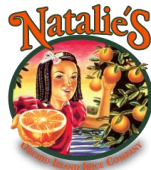
Hope Arellano
Jacob Bacariza
Riley Ganzi
Richard Gollell

Natalie's Orchid Island Juice—white

Jaqui Casey
Juan Olivera
Landen Daniels
Alyssa Tranchilla

Nano's Mallets – Green

Simon Astrada
Noqui Tognini
Kristos Magrini
Benja Quiroga





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Chukkers 1 & 2: Tackeria vs. **Stefano Laviano**

Chukkers 3 & 4: Tackeria vs. **Tato's**

Chukkers 5 & 6: **Stefano Laviano** vs. **Tato's**

Chukkers 7, 8, 9 & 10: Casablanca vs. **La Martina**

Chukkers 11 & 12: (4 Minute Chukkers) – Final –La Martina Defeated Stefano Laviano in OT.

MVP: Mia Astrada

BPP: Vaughn Miller

Sportsmanship: Cipriano Echezarreta

Tackeria - Yellow

Lucas Arellano
Malia Bryan
Benji Daniels
Donovan Stratemann

Stefano Laviano – Lime

Lucas Criado
Jack McLean
Vance Miller
Vaughn Miller

Tato's Mallets – Black

Cipriano Echezarreta
Lucas Escobar
Josh Daniels
Tomi Panelo

Casablanca – Orange

Santos Bollini
Matt Cohen
Timmy Dutta
Tenzin Tognini

La Martina – White

Manuel Astrada
Mia Astrada
Nico Escobar
Rachel Kelly

9:30 @ Gulfstream's Stick N Ball Field

(10 Minute chukkers)

Chukker 1: Polo School vs. **County Line Feed**

Chukker 2: Polo School vs. **PoloGraphics**

Chukker 3: **County Line Feed** vs. **PoloGraphics**

MVP: River Blake

Sportsmanship: Juli Ezcurra

BPP: Miguelito Astrada

Polo School @GC – Sapphire

Javier Celis
Lucianna Ramirez
Lorenzo Ramirez

County Line Feed – Yellow

River Blake
Juli Ezcurra
Finn Secunda

PoloGraphics – Navy

Zoey Echezarreta
Gigi Fenner
Miguelito Astrada





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4 chukker game

MVP: Juana Criado

BPP: Thomas Gunnell

Sportsmanship: Arianna Soresi

Wildcats – Red

Maria Celis

Breanna Heiston

Arianna Soresi

Juana Criado

Alex Photo – White

Thomas Gunnell

Carl Gittens Jr.

Joseph Schwartz

Oliver Firestone

10:30am @ Gulfstream's Stick N Ball Field

(10 Minute Chukkers)

Chukker 1: *The Morning Line* vs. **Tackeria**

Chukker 2: *The Morning Line* vs. **Huskies**

Chukker 3: **Tackeria** vs. **Huskies**

BPP: "Sangria" played by both Weston Meade and Harrison Riecher

The Morning Line – Orange

Weston Meade

Harrison Riecher

Maeve Riecher

The Tackeria – Black

Roman Bogani

Santos Goti

Norberto Pinheiro

Leon Donoso

Huskies – white

Buhl Fenner

Sebastian Mandelbaum

Juan Ramirez

11:30am @ Gulfstream's Stick N Ball Field

Leadline

BPP: Mia Maldonado

APHA – Yellow

Mia Fernandez

Grady Johnson

Alex Lavine

Mia Maldonado

Eagles – Navy

Lion Mandelbaum

Theodore Riecher

Juan Rodriguez

