



## Welcome to the PTF Quarterly Newsletter

Spring 2016

We hope you enjoy the tenth issue of the PTF Quarterly Newsletter. Founded in 1967 to help grow the sport of polo with an emphasis on youth, the PTF continues this mission through its many projects.

### Polo loses a Friend and a Father

*PTF loses a Board member*

*By Danny Scheraga*

I was shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of Bob Daniels from a tragic polo accident that happened on Wednesday March 22, 2016. Two days before that he had attended the PTF Buzz Welker Junior tournament and the PTF Youth tournament at the Lechuza polo fields to watch three of his boys play. I had a great chat with him that day about his longevity in the sport, about his great horse Silverada purchased from trainer Judith Baker that won the best playing pony award in the Argentine Open under Bautista Heguy, and most importantly how well his three younger sons Justin, Benji, and Landon were playing. Justin had just won an MVP and Best Playing Pony award in the Youth game.

I first met Bob in 1983, two years after he began his polo career when he brought his oldest son Kenny to a polo camp I was conducting at Cornell. At the memorial service when I saw Kenny and reminded him of that experience, his eyes lit up and he said "I had a great time at that camp!" I got to know his sons Greg and Marc when they played for U.Va., during the years I ran the Intercollegiate program. In recent years I've really enjoyed watching Justin,

Benji and Landon develop in the PTF Florida Junior and Youth Polo Program.

Bob was a wonderful father and he epitomized the goals of the PTF to introduce young players to the sport while getting a minimum of a college education. In fact Bob was a big fan of the PTF's new College Fair program where high school students are given an opportunity to meet with several collegiate polo coaches from all across the USA.



The PTF would like to send our deepest condolences to the Daniels family and the Pony Express Family. In honor of the common goals of Bob Daniels and the PTF, the family has asked that memorial contributions be sent to the PTF, 70 Clinton Street, Tully, NY 13159.




**POLO COLLEGE FAIR**  
**FALL 2016**  
 THE POLO TRAINING FOUNDATION  
**Saturday September 24**  
**12pm Polo College Fair**  
 COLLEGE FAIR SHOWCASING THE TOP COLLEGE POLO COACHES  
 CORNELL, UCONN, TEXAS TECH, TEXAS A&M, UVA, YALE & MORE  
 MEADOWBROOK POLO CLUB, NEW YORK

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**5PM COLLEGE FAIR GAME**  
 4 CHUKKER ARENA GAME  
 COUNTRY FARM POLO CLUB, NEW YORK

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO REGISTER,  
 PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER MCLEAVY:  
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## Polo Party & Awards Ceremony

*April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016 @ International Polo Club*

On the last Friday of the US Open in Wellington Florida, the Polo Training Foundation and the USPA hosted the third annual Polo Party at the International Polo Club. After a successful winter season in Wellington Florida, with over 200 Junior & Youth Players competing in 10 PTF tournaments and hosting an English Exchange team, with two International Games with teams.

The Polo Training Foundation was joined by the USPA in hosting the third annual Polo Party and Awards Banquet at the International Polo Club. After a successful winter season in Wellington, Florida with over 200 Junior and Youth players competing in 10 PTF tournaments, and hosting an English Exchange team which included two International Games with teams from England, Brazil, Argentina, the USA, and an International Girls team, the PTF had a lot to celebrate.

The 2016 Junior and Young Player Award recipients were the stars of the evening: Hope Arellano (Female Junior Sportsmanship), Segundo Melos (Male Junior Sportsmanship), Mia Cambiaso (Most Improved Junior

Player), Timmy Dutta (Most Improved Junior Player), Guilherme Maia (Young Player Sportsmanship) and Justin Daniels (Most Improved Young Player).



Joe Meyer, Gil Johnston, Dick Riemenschneider, Mia Cambiaso, Justin Daniels, Melissa Gani, Timmy Dutta, Guilherme Maia, Danny Scheraga, Tony Coppola and Segundo Merlos.

Grant Ganzi was named the first Spirit of PTF Award Winner to only be given in years someone goes out of their way to embody the spirit of the PTF. Grant, spent a tremendous amount of time the past two seasons showing both the English and New Zealand young playing visitors around south Florida.



Gil Johnston, Melissa Ganzi, Spirit of PTF Awardee Grant Ganzi, Dick Riemenschneider, Tony Coppola and Danny Scheraga

PTF Event Co-Chair Jennifer Ametrano Rodriguez was give the PTF Volunteer of the Year Award for her efforts in organizing this year's event as well as a successful Sip and Shop event at J. McLaughlin's on Worth Avenue in March.



Hector Galindo was awarded the PTF Carlton Beal Umpire of the Year Award which then led into the following awards being given by the USPA:

*Russ Sheldon Award for Outstanding Contribution to Arena Polo- Robert Ceparano; General Patton- Daniel Colhoun; Clint Nangle Equine Welfare Award- Mike Groubert; BPP – American Bred – Argentine Open Presented by the United States Polo Association – Chocolata owned by Valiente; Kenneth Berry-Recognition for raising and breeding Chocolata; Hall of Fame Umpire Belt Buckle- Hector Galindo; Tom Hughes Umpire Award- Bob Daniels- presented by Britt Baker.*

The Event, a fund raiser for the PTF included a silent auction and closed with a live auction with auctioneer Tony Coppola doing the honors raising nearly \$70,000 for the PTF including \$7000 for the PTF Scholarship Fund.

The PTF would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Chukker TV and Melissa Ganzi for sponsoring the food and to the USPA for sponsoring the Cocktail Hour at the event. We would also like to thank all the donors to our silent and live auctions. Finally we could not have done this without the hard work of our event committee and the hours they put into preparation for this awards banquet and fund raiser:

#### Chairs

Jennifer Ametrano-Rodriguez, Tony Coppola, Melissa Ganzi & Mr. & Mrs. Joe Meyer

#### Committee

Jesse Coppola, Lindsey Ebersbach, Duncan Huyler, Gil Johnston, Olexa Celine Mandelbaum, Perry Palmer, Jennifer McLeavy, Florence Hessen Scher, True Rodriguez and Danny Scheraga

## England Exchange

### July 2016

For the third year in a row, the PTF will be sending 4 young PTF players to England in July as part of an ongoing exchange with the HPA.

If you have participated in a PTF program during 2015 or 2016, and are interested in being selected for the trip, download and send in the application from the PTF website ([www.poloctraining.org](http://www.poloctraining.org)) on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>. The selection committee will respond to all applicants on or before June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Legends of Polo

Your club can host a Senior's tournament to benefit the Polo Training Foundation. Senior players must be 50 years old and the team must average 55 years of age. In addition to club team entry fee, players make a \$150 donation to the PTF. The PTF provides trophies for the winning team and individual prizes for all players. The players really enjoy these tournaments! To schedule such an event contact Danny Scheraga: phone: 888-PTF-POLO (783-7656) or email: [dscheraga@polotraining.org](mailto:dscheraga@polotraining.org)

**CENTRAL COAST POLO CLUB  
SUMMER CAMPS**

**CAMPS COVER THE BASICS OF**

- ✓ Catching, handling, grooming
- ✓ Horse nutrition
- ✓ Horse string exercise & management
- ✓ Swings
- ✓ Riding sets
- ✓ Game play & rules
- ✓ Handicaps
- ✓ Umpiring
- ✓ Team play preparation for college/interscholastic members
- ✓ Preparing the horse for matches

**CAMP DATES**

- JULY 5-10TH  
Tournament T9A
- JULY 12-17TH  
(Includes the World Gen Junior tournament at Santa Barbara Polo Club)
- JULY 19-24TH  
(Includes the PCCL Tournament at Poway)
- JULY 26-31ST  
Tournament T9B

**Beginner Camp** - Focus for new player or beginners, no experience necessary, but must have 10+ hours of riding experience.

**Intermediate Camp** - For existing 1/1 players with 1 year experience on grass or arena.

**Advanced Camp** - Any level with 2+ years experience, will allow each attendee's comprehension of the game. For players who want to play arena tournament.

Package start at \$700 (locals & beginner) \$1200 (advanced).

Sessions will be grouped for similar levels. Lodging and breakfast/dinner not included.

Call or email Megan Judge for more information. [mjudge@centralcoastpolo.com](mailto:mjudge@centralcoastpolo.com) • 805-801-0410

## Support the PTF

The support of polo enthusiasts such as yourself is crucial to our mission to help grow polo. The PTF is a 501(C)(3) organization with a current annual operating budget of \$600,000; of this, \$400,000 is funded by yearly tax deductible donations. Your support in any amount will be greatly appreciated by the beneficiaries of our programs.



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**POLO**  
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**INTERSCHOLASTIC  
 CLINIC & TOURNAMENT**

**August 11-13, 2016**

**Registration Fees**  
 \$700 (horse provided)  
 \$500 (provide your own horse)  
*Dinner provided Thursday*  
*Lunch and Dinner provided on Friday*

**Clinic Includes:**  
 Riding for Polo, Skills & Drills, Penalty Shots,  
 Arena Strategy, chalk Talk, Tack 101,  
 HorseCare & Chukkers!!!

To register, or for more information, please email:  
[ypolo@aol.com](mailto:ypolo@aol.com)

To download the entry forms go to: [www.vapolo.org](http://www.vapolo.org)

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