

Gladiator Polo™ Returns to TIEC for Charlotte vs. Greenville Rematch Saturday, August 3

Ninja Polo™ Camp Announced for Kids 11-18 August 1-4, Proudly Supported by Polo Training Foundation

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Mill Spring, NC – July 5, 2019 – Gladiator Polo™ returns to Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC) for a thrilling rematch between Team Charlotte and Team Greenville on Saturday, August 3, at 8pm at Tryon Resort, featuring the world's best arena polo players and bringing the action-packed fan-favorite event back to the venue. Brand new for 2019, a Ninja Polo™ Camp will be offered August 1-4 to kids ages 11-18, with instruction provided by Team Charlotte and Team Greenville competitors and featuring a Ninja Polo™ showcase Saturday night in Tryon Stadium prior to the Gladiator Polo™ match. Fans can expect an epic battle between the two teams as Team Greenville in black defends their title as “Battle for the Carolinas” champion against a motivated Team Charlotte in teal following their loss in the 2018 championship match at TIEC in June.



Fans will be thrilled to see the return of notable players like Jared Sheldon, 2018 winner of the “Battle for the Carolinas” series at TIEC as well as the US Arena Open, and Patrick Uretz, who holds the Battle for the Carolinas title from 2017 and was a two-time National Intercollegiate Champion. New to the TIEC Gladiator Polo™ stage, key players to watch include Mike Azzaro, former 10 goal player and winner of the US Open, Team USPA member Felipe Viana, winner of the US Arena Open, and Matt Cappola, who was a finalist in two of three GAUNTLET OF POLO™ Finals at International Polo Club at Palm Beach (IPC) in the recent 2018-2019 season.

General Admission and parking for Gladiator Polo™ are free. The stage will be set Saturday evening with free activities for the whole family beginning at 6pm, with kids' activities, face painting and pony rides, entertainers and magicians, concessions stands and onsite restaurants available. An authentic Argentine Asado buffet will be highlighted in the Legends Club and Sky Deck, offering premium seating ringside for an elevated competition dining experience along with a beer festival with unlimited four-ounce flights featuring numerous local breweries. [All-inclusive Asado and beer festival tickets are available here.](#) Following the match, don't miss out on the karaoke after-party at the Silo Bar!



Click the image above to learn more about Ninja Polo™ Camp at TIEC, proudly supported by Polo Training Foundation!

Both teams will collaborate the week prior to the Gladiator Polo™ match as instructors at the first-ever Ninja Polo™ Camp at TIEC Proudly Supported by Polo Training Foundation, which will offer an immersive and hands-on educational experience for kids aged 11-18. Campers will learn from some of the world's best professional high goal arena players for an experience that can't be found anywhere else. Coaching staffing is headed by Gates Gridley, United States Certified Polo Instructor and lead instructor at the Polo School at IPC. The camp offers Beginner through Advanced instruction and no polo experience is required, though participants must be able to walk, trot and canter consistently. School horses are available or campers can bring their own mount, and onsite lodging is available. [Click here to learn more about Ninja Polo™ Camp at TIEC!](#)

About Gladiator Polo:

Gladiator Polo™ was inspired by Mark Bellissimo, CEO of International Equestrian Group (IEG) and Managing Partner of Tryon Equestrian Partners (TEP) and Wellington Equestrian Partners (WEP), who understood that the sport of polo was in desperate need of revitalization in order to attract and broaden its traditional audience base. Combining elements of both Field Polo and Arena Polo, the concept of Gladiator Polo™ took form in Wellington, FL, during the annual high goal season in South Florida and

from there, the game expanded and has garnered both a national and international following. This is the third season that Gladiator Polo™ has been played at TIEC, where it has become a favorite venue for spectators and players alike. To learn more about Gladiator Polo™, visit www.GladiatorPolo.com.

About Tryon International Equestrian Center at Tryon Resort:

Tryon International Equestrian Center at Tryon Resort, host of the FEI World Equestrian Games™ Tryon 2018, is one of the world's ultimate equestrian lifestyle destinations with first-class facilities for all FEI disciplines and showcasing Hunter/Jumper, Equitation, Steeplechase, Polo, and multidiscipline events in Mill Spring, NC. From carousel to competition, the mission of Tryon Resort is to celebrate the magic of the horse, grow equestrian sport, and increase access to this majestic animal. A haven for equestrian competitors and enthusiasts, Tryon Resort is an iconic, year-round destination for connoisseurs of diverse cuisine and shopping, lodging getaways, and family entertainment. Learn more at www.Tryon.com or call 828-863-1000.