

PTF Exchange Program



The Polo Training Foundation and the Hurlingham Polo Association came together to create a new exchange Program between the Young American Players and the Young English Players. To kick start the program, the PTF hosted 4 Junior English Players for the week of the Avendano Memorial.

On Saturday, the English players joined 5 American players for an arena practice at the Grand Champions Polo Club's Polo West Arena. Following practice they attended the Polo Player's Support Group 40 Goal Match at the International Polo Club. On Monday all the players participated in the infamous Avendano Memorial. Charlie Townsend, the youngest English Exchange player was even awarded the Most Valuable Player in his division.

Tuesday began with an early trip to the Polo Museum and Hall of Fame, where the boys were treated to a special tour of the Museum by Brenda and George DuPont.

Tuesday afternoon was the USA vs. England Junior Game at the Grand Champions Polo Club. The four english players: Thomas Coid, Hugo Taylor, Marcus Cork and Charlie Townsend were coached by Malcolm Borwick and Julian Hipwood, to compete against the USA Team of Riley Ganzi, Grant Braden, Nicolas Escobar and Joaquin Avendano.

The English Team walked away victorious after four exciting and fast chukkers, but all eight players walked away with lasting memories and friendships.

A special thank you to the Escobar Family, the Braden Family and the Avendano Family for helping to host and mount the english players. And a very special thank you to the Grand Champions Polo Club and the Ganzi Family, who not only hosted two of the players but went above and beyond to ensure all the boys enjoyed every minute of their stay!!

The PTF is currently planning with the HPA to bring 4 Junior American Players to England in late July 2014.



Gil Johston presenting to England: Thomas Coid, Hugo Taylor, Marcus Cork, Charlie Townsend and the USA: Riley Ganzi, Grant Braden, Nicolas Escobar, Joaquin Avendano.



Hugo Taylor, Marcus Cork, Sharon Cork, Danny Scheraga, Jennifer McLeavy, Andrew Cork, Thomas Coid and Charlie Townsend.



Marcus Cork, Thomas Coid, Hugo Taylor, Charlie Townsend and Grant Braden at the Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame.



USA's Joaquin Avendano and England's Marcus Cork.



USA's Nicolas Escobar and England's Thomas Coid.