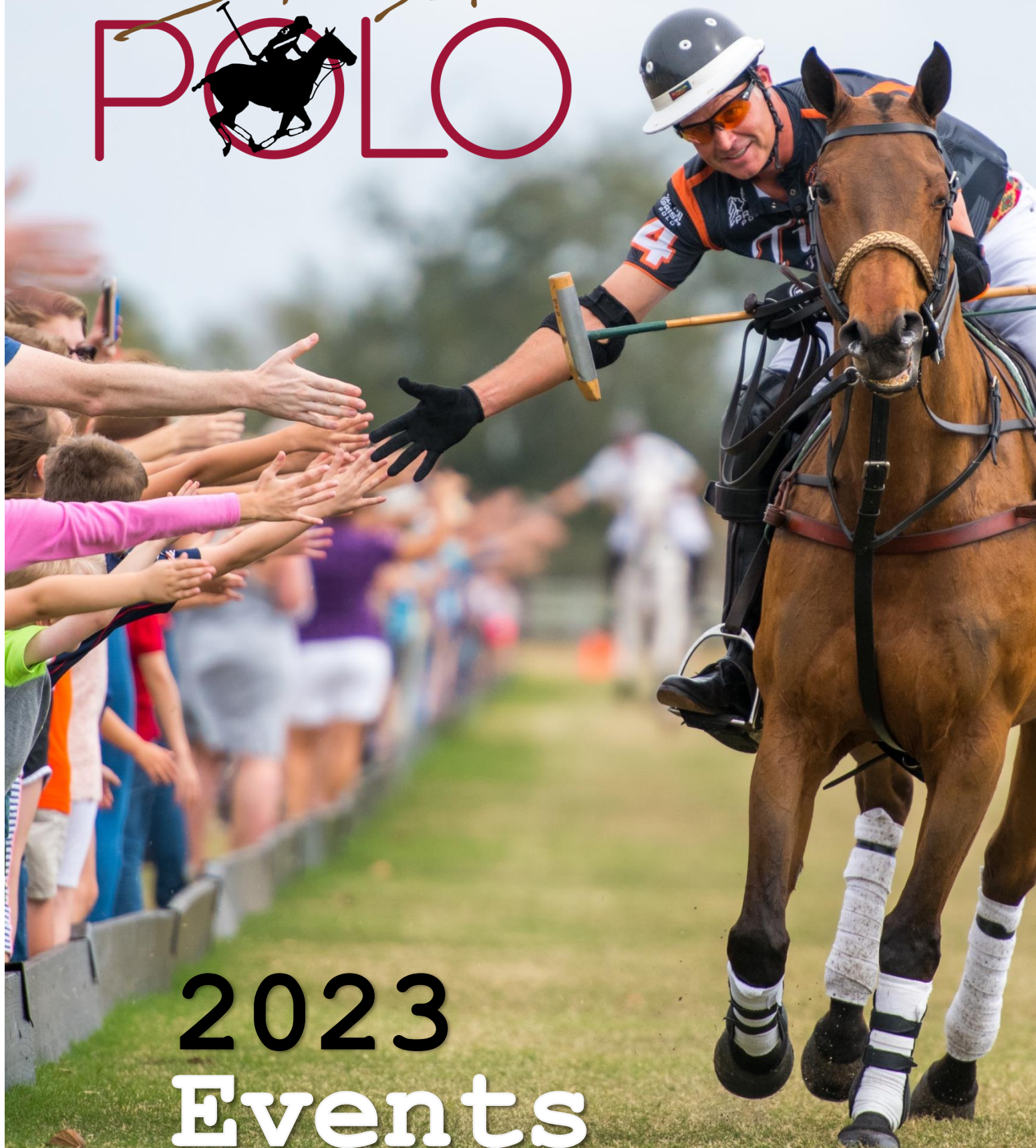


Sanasota POLO



2023
Events

Polo Is A Community Sport Like No Other.

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olo is not just a sport with a rich history; it's a community. I am pleased to present you with this information regarding the Sarasota Polo Club, our sponsorship and advertising opportunities, sponsor polo ticket packages and group events. I have included a wide variety of information. Naturally I am happy to customize a package for you that best suits your needs.

The Sarasota Polo Club is one of the largest, most dedicated and enthusiastic polo communities in the world. An estimated 50,000 spectators were on hand during our 2023 Sarasota Polo Season, January 1st, 2023 through April 30th, 2023.

In addition to polo, our Club's spectacular grounds and venues are home to a variety of community and social events including concerts, festivals, theater, sporting events, charity fundraisers, corporate meetings and elegant weddings. Our entire facility, grounds and pavilion can be rented in part or as a whole.

Established in 1991 as the first development in the award-winning, master-planned community of Lakewood Ranch, the Sarasota Polo Club has a remarkable legacy. In 1922 our property was settled as a 28,000-acre timber ranch. Originally the cowboys who worked on our ranch began playing knock-around polo games in their free time. Riding their quarter horses with stock saddles, using make-shift equipment and knowing very little about polo, the cowboys played by their own rules. Rule #1 was the first rider to fall off their horse bought beer for the team, a tradition that remains in place today. Eventually mallets, saddles and a few polo ponies were donated to the "cowboy games" and in 1991, a real polo club was born. Today our Club spans 170 acres. Our world-class facilities include: 45 private equestrian estates, 7 Bermuda grass polo fields, a regulation-sized polo arena, a half-mile all-weather training track, stick & ball fields, a polo school, riding trails, on-site stabling for up to 300 horses, on-site veterinary care and a midfield polo pavilion.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to hosting your event.

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THE 2023 SARASOTA POLO SEASON

Beginning Sunday, January 1st 2023
through Sunday, April 30th 2023



SUNDAY POLO

Every Sunday at 1 pm beginning January 1st 2023 through April 30th 2023
Join thousands of fans for exciting polo action, opening parade, live national anthem, theme weeks, half-time entertainment, food, drinks and divot-stomping.

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SUNSET POLO HAPPY HOUR

Every Thursday at 5:30 pm beginning March 16th 2023 through April 6th 2023
The most unique after-work party in Lakewood Ranch. Enjoy food, drinks, music and polo against a backdrop of a breathtaking sunset.

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SUNSET POLO
Happy Hour
AT THE SARASOTA POLO CLUB



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SUNSET POLO Happy Hour AT THE SARASOTA POLO CLUB

EVERY THURSDAY
FROM MARCH 16TH TO APRIL 6TH

GATES OPEN AT 4:30PM
MATCH BEGINS AT 5:45PM

Join the party for the Sunset Polo Happy Hour and Community Concert Series at the Sarasota Polo Club on Thursday nights at 4:30 p.m. from March 16th through April 6th.

Enjoy exciting polo action, tailgating, food, drinks and divot-stomping against a backdrop of a breathtaking sunset. Once the polo action is complete for the evening, stick around and join us for live music!



2023 SCHEDULE

March 16

March 23

March 30

April 6



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ABOUT OUR SPORT

Sanasota  POLO

110 MPH

Speed a Polo Ball can reach during play

60 POLO PONIES

ARE RIDDEN PER GAME

Riders use one or more horses each chukker



300_{YDS} X 160_{YDS}

THE SIZE OF A REGULATION POLO FIELD

Equivalent to nine football fields

7¹/₂



MINUTES
IN A CHUKKER

4 PLAYERS PER TEAM



Number 1

The most offensive player, concentrating on scoring



Number 2

The most experienced and highest-rated players wear jersey numbers 2 and 3



Number 3

Often serves as the team captain and is responsible for coordinating the offense



Number 4

The defensive player, primarily responsible for defending his or her team's goal

35 MPH

TOP SPEED
OF A POLO PONY



3 Umpires

2 Mounted Referees

1 "Third Man" in the "Crow's Nest"

6

CHUKKERS
OR PERIODS
IN A MATCH

20

MINUTES

during halftime when you can walk the field and help replace divots created by play

ABOUT OUR CLUB

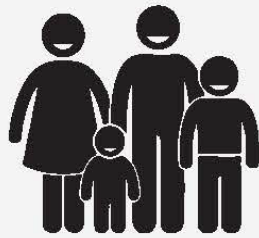
Sarasota  POLO

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One of the largest & most enthusiastic
polo communities in the world,

WELCOMING
50,000
SPECTATORS EACH SEASON



CELEBRATING OUR

31st

POLO SEASON

65+
PLAYING
MEMBERS

18
WEEKS
SUNDAY POLO
JAN. 1 - APR. 30

4 THURSDAY SUNSET POLO
Happy Hour
MAR. 16 - APR. 6

WEEKS



A Packed Schedule
of Exclusive Member &
Community Social Events



Located in the award-winning community of
Lakewood Ranch, FL just 30 minutes to
Siesta Key Beach and 20 minutes to SRQ Airport



ABOUT OUR FACILITIES

Sarasota  POLO

SPANNING
130

Perfectly
Manicured
Acres



7

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the week during polo season

ONSITE STABLING
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HORSES

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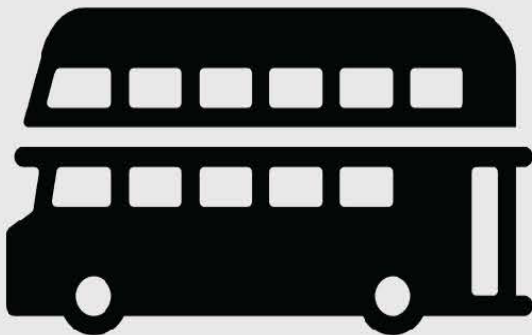
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**MIDFIELD
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Learn the Polo Basics

A VIEWER'S GUIDE TO ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING SPORTS

The 2,500-year-old game of polo is one of the fastest and most technical sports played today. It is gaining increasing popularity as a premier spectator sport and can be an easy game for the first-time spectator to enjoy. Here are a few basic facts to help you watch the game:

GAME BASICS

Polo is played on a 10-acre grass field, 300 yards in length by 160 yards, which is the approximate area of 10 football fields. Goal posts are set eight yards apart on either end of the field. The object of the game is to move the ball downfield, hitting the ball through the goal for a score. Teams change direction after each goal. The team with the most scores at the end of the match is deemed the winner.

Two teams, made up of four players each, are designated by shirt color. The players wear high boots, knee guards, and a helmet. The ponies wear protective bandages and boots to shield them from the ball or the mallet. By tradition, players wear white pants in tournaments. The mallet, made of a bamboo shaft with

a hardwood head, is the instrument used to hit the polo ball.

The polo ball was formerly made of wood but is now plastic. It is about 3 to 3 ½ inches in diameter and 3 ½ to 4 ½ ounces in weight. In fact, the English word “polo” is derived from the Tibetan word “pulu,” meaning ball.

The surface of a polo field requires careful and constant grounds maintenance to keep the field in good playing condition. During halftime of a match, spectators are invited to go onto the field to participate in a polo tradition called “divot stomping,” which was developed to not only help replace the mounds of earth (divots) that are torn up by the horses’ hooves, but to also afford spectators the opportunity to walk about and socialize.

There are six periods, or “chukkers,” in a match. Each chukker is seven and a half minutes long. Play begins with a throw-in of the ball by the umpire at the opening of each chukker and after each goal. Only penalties or injuries may stop play as there are no timeouts or substitutions allowed (except for tack repair).

The four basic shots in polo are distinguished by the side of the pony on which strokes or shots are made. That is “near-side” (left side of the mount) and “off-side” (right side of the mount). This creates the near-side forward and back shot, and the off-side forward and back shot. Shots can also be made under the pony’s neck, across his tail, or the difficult under-the-belly shot, all variations of the basic shots.

A team is made up of four players, each wearing a jersey numbered 1 through 4, which corresponds to their assigned position. No. 1 is the most offensive player, concentrating on opportunities for scoring. No. 4 is the defensive player, primarily responsible for defending his team’s goal. Usually, the most experienced and highest-rated players are at positions 2 and 3, with the pivotal player being No. 3, who must serve as an effective field captain, or quarterback. The No. 3 coordinates the offense, and passes the ball upfield to his teammates as they press toward the opposition’s goal. Each player is also assigned an opponent to cover on defense and must be prepared to shift offensive and defensive modes and to make any play that will benefit his team.

THE RULES

Although there are many rules to the game of polo, the primary concept to which all rules are dedicated is safety – for the player and his mount.

The right-of-way rule is defined by a player’s position relative to the direction of travel of the ball when hit. Once hit, an imaginary line is drawn from the player to the ball, and extended ahead of the ball in the direction it is traveling. This imaginary line can not be crossed by other players. In general, play will flow backward and forward, parallel to the imaginary line extended ahead of, and behind, the ball. This rule creates safe traffic patterns that enable the participants to play at top speeds and to avoid dangerous collisions.

The line of the ball may not be crossed except under special circumstances and only in such a way as to legitimately gain control of the ball. When a player has the line of the ball on his right, he has the right-of-way. This can only be taken away by “riding off” and moving the player off the line of the ball by making shoulder-to-shoulder contact.



Strategy and anticipation are two of the most important elements in polo and usually come with experience. For the spectator, keep an eye on the horses. The speed and athletic abilities of both the horse and rider are spectacular. All of these elements combined make the fast-paced action of polo one of the most exciting and demanding sports in the world.

PLAYER HANDICAPS

Each player is assigned an individual handicap on the ascending basis of C, B, A (-2 through 0) and 1 through 10. This handicap reflects the player’s ability and his value to the team. The higher the handicap, the better the player (which is opposite to golf). There are only a few 10-goal players in the world.

The team handicap is the combined handicaps of the four players. The team with the lesser handicap is granted the difference in goals (or points) prior to the start of the match. For that reason, a match may well have a “score” prior to the start of the game based on team handicaps.

Player handicaps are evaluated and revised annually by the United States Polo Association. Handicapping is a subjective evaluation of the individual’s horsepower, game sense, hitting ability, and overall value to a team.

PONIES

The polo ponies are central to the success of any team. They are primarily Thoroughbreds, often with race track experience, and considered the most athletic of equine performers because of the requirements to sprint, stop, turn and accelerate to open speed for seven minutes in duration. Although they are called “ponies,” they are actually small horses (average height 15 to 16 hands high, 1 hand=4 inches). Players must change mounts after each chukker due to extreme demands placed on the ponies. Therefore, a team usually has a minimum of 24 horses available during the match.

Most horses can be trained to play polo, however training horses to learn the game should only be taken on by experienced polo players. Beginner and intermediate players are much better off buying an already trained polo pony. ●

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BASIC DEFINITIONS TO ADD TO YOUR POLO WATCHING ENJOYMENT



Back Shot: A shot, which can be hit from either side of the horse, that sends the ball backwards.

Chukker: Similar to “periods” in basketball. There are six chukkers in a polo match, each one lasting 7 ½ minutes. Between each chukker, players change horses.

Divot Stomping: An activity that incorporates spectators into the game. During halftime, spectators are invited to go onto the playing field to replace pieces of turf that have been dug up by the horses.

Double-Chukkered: This term means that the same horse has been approved to be played again in a later chukker.

Hook: This is an extremely effective defensive technique. A player may use his mallet to interfere with his opponent’s swing by “hooking” the opponent’s mallet with his own.

Knock-In: Should a team, in an offensive drive, hit the ball across the opponents’ backline, the defending team resumes the game with a free hit from the backline.

Line-of-the-Ball or Right-of-Way: This imaginary line follows the path that the ball takes. On each side of this line is a lane, and these two lanes determine the right-of-way of the player in possession of the ball.

Near-Side Shot: This type of shot is made from the left side of the horse. A near-side shot can either be a forehand or backhand shot.

Neck Shot: A ball which is hit under a horse’s neck from either side of the horse.

Off-Side Shot: The off-side is the right side of the horse. So the off-side shot is a shot made on the right side of the horse, either sending the ball forward or backward. It is the most commonly used shot in polo.

Penalties: **Penalty 1:** Player commits a dangerous or deliberate foul in vicinity of goal in order to save a goal. The team fouled is awarded an automatic goal. The game will resume with a penalty hit from the center of the field (Penalty 5.b) awarded to the fouled team and a change in direction. **Penalty 2:** A penalty hit by the team fouled from the center of the 30-yard line nearest the fouling team’s goal or from the spot where the foul occurred. **Penalty 3:** Penalty hit by the team fouled from center of the 40-yard line nearest the fouling team’s goal. **Penalty 4:** Free hit at the ball by the team fouled from the center of the 60-yard line nearest the fouling team’s goal. **Penalty 5:** There are two designations for a Penalty 5; 5.a or 5.b. (a) hit from the spot where the ball was when foul occurred, but four yards from boards or sidelines (b) penalty hit from the center of the field. **Penalty 6 or Safety:** Occurs when a player hits the ball over their own end line. A penalty will be hit from a spot 60 yards from the end line opposite where the ball crossed the end line, but no more than 40 yards from the center of the 60-yard line.

Ride-Off: A ride-off occurs when two riders attempt to push each other off the line of the ball.

Tail Shot: A tail shot involves hitting the ball behind and under the horse’s rump.

Third Man: This refers to the referee who sits off the field. If and when the two umpires on the field are in disagreement, the third man breaks the tie and makes the final decision.

Throw-In: A chukker begins and many plays resume with the umpire “bowling in” the ball between the two ready teams in what is called a “throw-in.”

Umpires: Like referees in football, polo has umpires. There are two mounted umpires on the field for each game. They consult each other after each infringement and impose a penalty only if they agree. If they do not agree, they consult with the third man. They are responsible for monitoring the play to keep it safe for both the players and the horses. ●







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From pig roasts to champagne toasts,
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– FUNDRAISING EVENTS – PRIVATE PARTIES –

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FOR 25 TO 2,000 GUESTS

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The Sarasota Polo Club works closely with a select group of vendors who are well known for their quality and are highly respected in our community.

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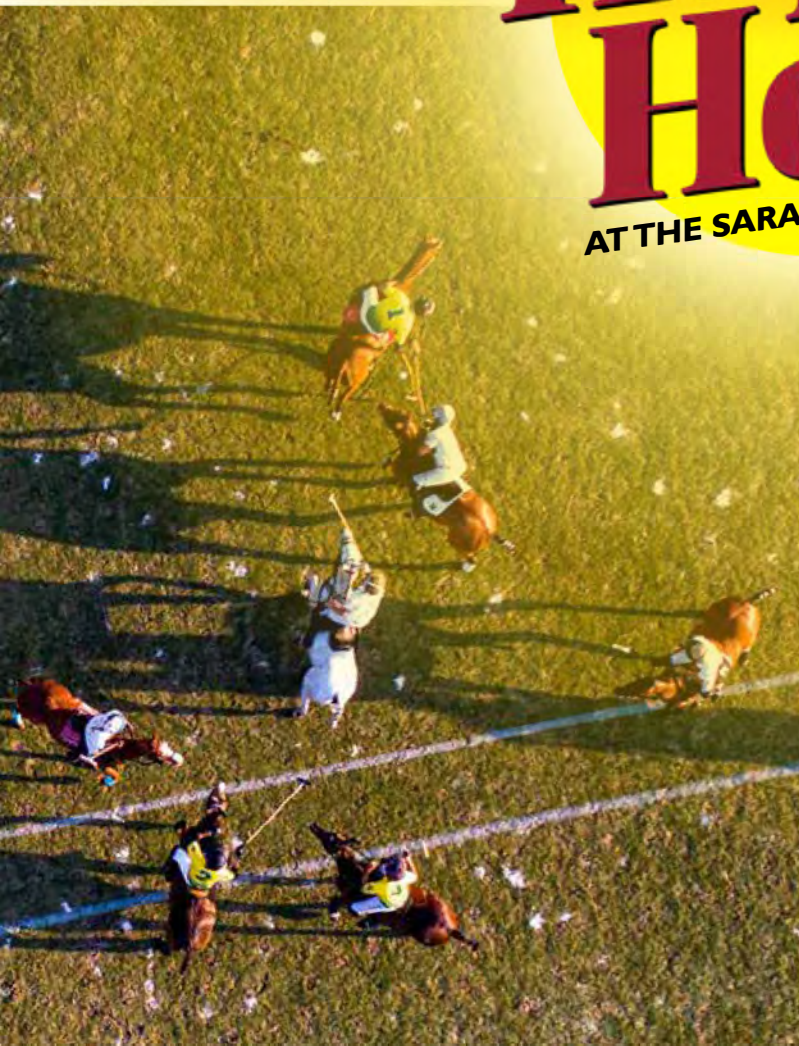
Tent & Party Rentals

U.S. Tent Rental, Inc. (941) 957-0220





SUNSET POLO
**Happy
Hour**
AT THE SARASOTA POLO CLUB







Sarasota Polo Club Venues



Our midfield Polo Pavilion, a favorite venue for both polo and non-polo events, provides a stunning view of our Championship Polo Field.

On Sundays during Polo Season, our Presenting Sponsors can be seen entertaining their guests while enjoying the up-close action from the Polo Pavilion's reserved midfield seating.

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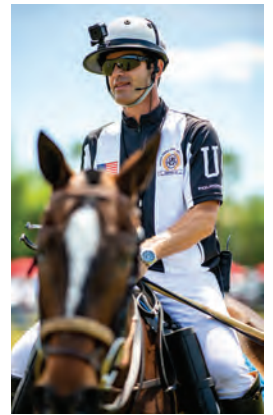
- 40' x 60' covered open-air facility with private bar
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The Sarasota Polo Club Salutes

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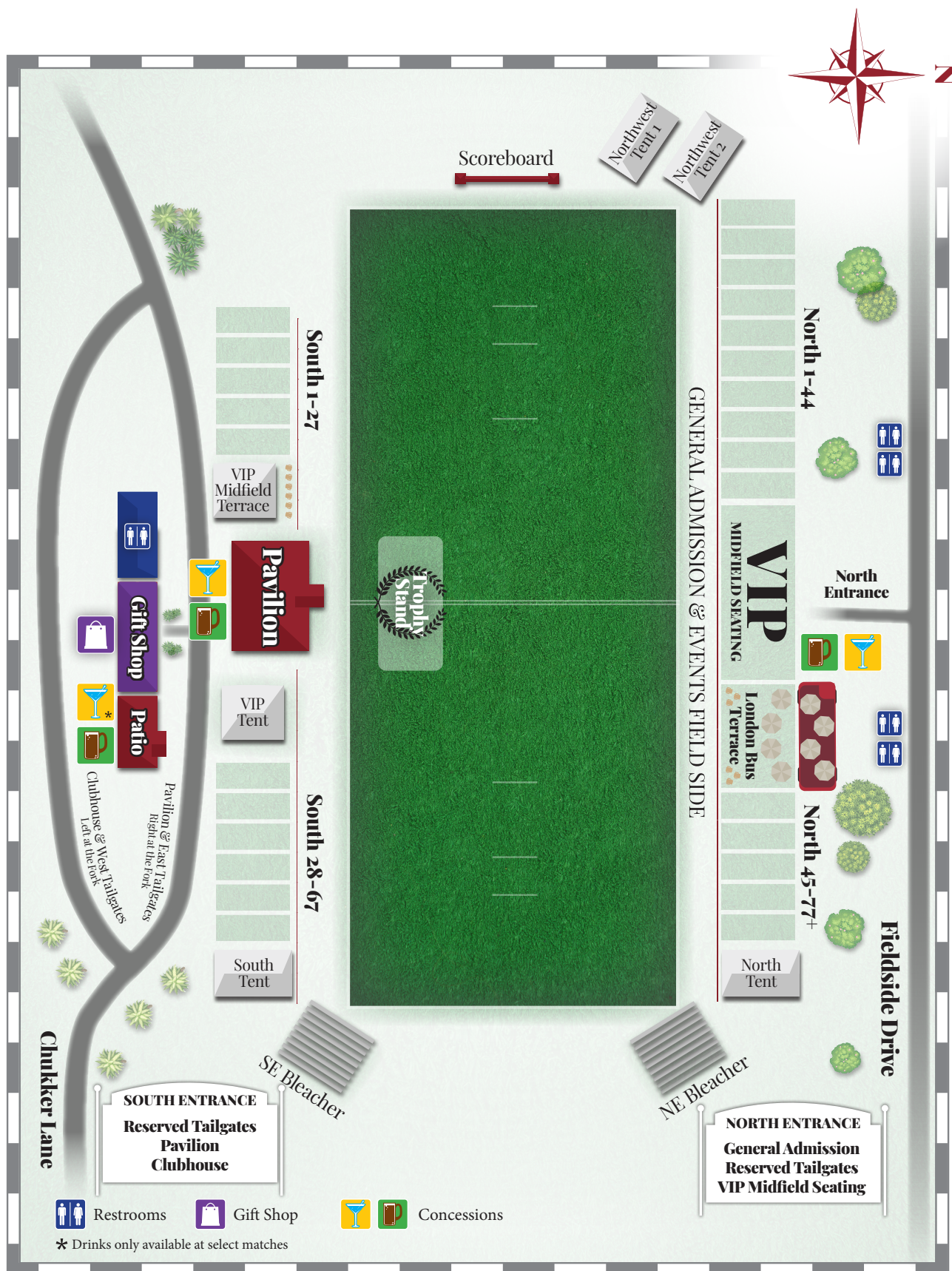
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