

The ENDLESS CHUKKER



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36th Annual Hall of Fame and Induction Ceremony



A vibrant Valentines Day theme helped set the stage for the highly anticipated 36th Annual Polo Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Awards Gala on Friday, February 14. It was an emotion-filled night of amazing memories shared by the remarkable individuals both human and equine who were being honored as we celebrated “Loving the Legacy” of polo history. We are grateful to all who attended – our Musuem supporters help us continue our mission to preserve the history and tradition of the sport and honor its heroes. Here are the 2025 winners:

Iglehart Award Jorie Butler Kent

An iconic figure in polo, Jorie received three standing ovations as she accepted the Iglehart Award for exceptional lifetime contributions to the sport. She delivered heartfelt remarks while flanked by her daughter, Reute Butler, and nephew, Adam Butler. “This is an honor beyond all honors,” said Jorie, who managed Oak Brook Polo and was instrumental in the success of several other clubs, including Palm Beach Polo, Greenwich and Windsor in Vero Beach, Florida.



Iglehart Award Susan Stovall

Another trailblazer for women in polo, Susan Stovall, received the Iglehart Award posthumously, honoring her tremendous achievements on and off the field, mainly on the West Coast at Eldorado.

Pictured on the left is Susan’s sister, Gratia Brown, along with family friend, Fergus Gould.

Hall of Fame Award Joe Henderson

The newest Polo Hall of Famer was South African born and raised "Smokin" Joe Henderson, who was a 10-goal arena star and reached 8 goals on grass, winning numerous major tournaments. Henderson said his father wanted Joe to become a lawyer but when that didn't work out, he advised his son to "go to America." So, Joe "just showed up" at the Gulfstream Polo Club office without a job or a place to stay. That didn't last long, and his extensive career took off as he worked for Carlton Beal, Fred Mannix Sr. and the Rooney family.



Bachman Family L to R: Metra Hughes, Matt Fraiser, Jennifer Bachman, Nancy Bachman, Candy Gaines, Todd Bachman

Hall of Fame Award Jimmy Bachman

Jimmy Bachman, who dominated the 1980s and early 1990s, was inducted into the Polo Hall of Fame posthumously. The 7-goaler had considerable success at all levels but was known as "the king of low-goal polo."

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Horses to Remember: Flash

Gene Fortugno accepted the Horses to Remember award in the post-Hartman era for Flash, owned by John T. Oxley. In 1973, Flash earned three Best Playing Awards played by Billy Linfoot, Roy Barry and Corky Linfoot.

Horses to Remember: Beatrice

Beatrice, the equine honoree of the early pre-Hartman era, was a pony who earned a gold medal of valor in WWI. She wore the medal pinned to her saddle pad while being played by Hall of Fame legends Dev Milburn and Winston Guest in 3 International series in 1924, 1928 and 1930, and was owned by yet a 3rd Hall of Famer, Stephen Laddie Sanford. Acknowledging the award, a statement from Sanford's nephew Pierre Manigault was read by Marty Cregg.

Evening Highlights



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Hall of Famer Julian Hipwood
and his wife Natasha Hipwood



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Iglehart Recipient Danny Scheraga, Virginia Jones,
Gratia Brown, Iglehart Recipient Karlene Beal
Garber, Lacey & Ferguss Gould



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What a night!

Left: Amber Biddle & Hall of Famer Tommy Biddle, Jr.

Right: Clearwater Polo Players Paquito de Narvaez and Gringo Colombres, Anita Colombres (center)

Below (L to R): Manuela Hung, Reute Butler, Liam Butler, Hall of Fame Recipient Jorie Butler Kent, Michelle & Adam Butler



Dave Offen & Jan Lamontagne



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Polo player for La Dolfina/Catamount Jesse Bray and his wife Haley Heatly Bray



Left: Gala sponsors Stevie Orthwein & Margaret Lipman Orthwein, Ali & Kris Kampsen

Below: James Cook, Laurie Cunningham, Scott Cunningham, Alyson Rooney Cook, Paula Rooney, John Rooney, Donna Rooney, Veronica Rooney



Above: National Polo Center's Polo Director, Jimmy Newman and his wife Heidi Newman, Cindy & Bobby Lindgren



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Hall of Famer Bob Beveridge and guest, Teresa
Voice of Polo Tony Coppola & Susan Shelley



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Visit the Museum



The Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame is the only one in the world solely dedicated to preserving and sharing the history and traditions of the sport of polo. It was founded by a small group of polo players in the US led by Philip Iglehart and Leverett Miller who believed the sport would benefit from an effort to uphold its history and safeguard its iconic treasures.

Currently, the Museum is a rich repository of physical treasures which displays a few highlights from its exceptional collection of rare trophies, artwork, and artifacts. Moreover, it is also the caretaker of many significant trophies such as the **U.S. Open Trophy** (photo below), Gold and Silver Cups, owned by the USPA, and the Triple Crown of Polo Trophy owned by Melissa Ganzi, to name a few.

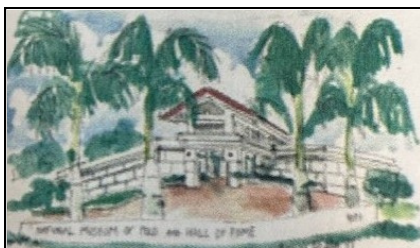
In addition to the members of the Hall of Fame, the Museum also celebrates the hundreds of clubs, intercollegiate and interscholastic polo, men's, women's, and children's participation at all levels of skill.

Although polo is played year-round, the high-goal season in Palm Beach County, from January through April, is considered the best in the world. During the season over President's Day weekend, the museum celebrates and honors those humans and equines who have made a tremendous impact on the sport. Heroes of the sport, past, and living are honored during the Hall of Fame Gala Ceremony.

From the spark in Philip's eye to its current grandeur, the museum has become the premier destination for those interested in learning about the sport and its legacy.

History of the Sport

While the sport of polo is older than recorded history, we know that its origins are in the inspirational relationship between humans and horses. This special bond and the unique blending of athletic talents between horse and rider have helped polo evolve into The Sport of Kings.



Museum of Polo
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by Bonnie Miller
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