

OPEN SEASON

Polo in the Hamptons



SEASIDE POLO CLUB IN BRITTANY

Polo in La Baule, a lively, tonic seaside spot on the Atlantic, was born around 30 years ago when a group of locals started to play in the countryside of the Nantes area (largest town in the West of France). Spending their weekends and most of their vacation in La Baule (one hour from the city), they brought their horses and started playing Paddock Polo, this until Parisian polo player Guy Charloux decided to buy property near La Baule in 1990 and build a new polo club, then called Congor Polo Club.

Polo Director Laurent Poirier says “The club quickly became one of the top French Summer spots to play polo thanks to its convenient location from Paris and the renown Summer resort of La Baule offering an exciting après-polo.”

The current owner, Jean-François Decaux, purchased the club in 2000 and started an expansion program that ended in 2007 with the name change to Brittany Polo Club. The name was chosen to reflect the geographic location of the place, southern Brittany, on the French West coast.

The Brittany Polo Club is now operating all year

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Top, Aerial view of the Brittany Polo Club and the “Guérande Salt Marshes” right behind it, the Atlantic Ocean is on the horizon. This area is under the protection from organizations. The salt produced there is distributed all over the world and mostly used by the best chefs around the world, look for the label “Sel de Guérande.” At right and below, Polo on the beach at La Baule.



BRITTANY



Polo on the beach at La Baule, France, is one of the added pleasure of playing at the Brittany polo Club.

SANTA BARBARA

2008 20 Goal Summer Season

8 Teams - 20 goal - July - September, 2008

Robert Skene Tournament (starts July 25)

America Cup (starts Aug 8) - Bombardier Pacific Coast Open (ends Sept 7)

Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club, CA

Alphabetical Order

Marc Ganzi 1	AUDI POLO
Sugar Erskine 7	
Gonzalito Pieres 9	
Gonzalo Del Tour 3	
20	
Scott Wood 1	ERG
Pablo Spinacci 6	
Paco de Narvaez 9	
Agustin Molinas 4	
20	
Cachi Garcia Velez 1	
Frederick Manniz 7	GRANT'S FARM
Jeff Hall 8	
Andy Busch 4	
20	
Melissa Ganzi 0	GRAND CHAMPIONS
Juan Bollini 6	KLENTNER
Mike Azzaro 9	
Justin Klentner 1	
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Dan Walker 3	LONG BEACH
Matt Walker 3	
Luis Escobar 7	
Jeff Blake 6	
19	
John Muse 0	LUCCHESI
Martin Zeggars 6	
Carlos Gracida 8	
Andres Weisz 6	
20	
Tom Barrack 1	
Julio Gracida 5	PIOCHO RANCH
Memo Gracida 8	
Kris Kampsen 6	
20	
Lyndon Lea 1	
Ruki Baillieu 7	ZACARA
Javier Astrada 9	
Santiago Torres 3	
20	

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round with 3 full size grass fields, a practice grass field, a track, a fully drained and boarded winter arena and stable for 180 horses.

Every year, Mr. Decaux is entering a team in the series of 22 goal tournaments, namely the Vivary Queen's Cup and the Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup for the British Open (see page 17) in the United Kingdom. This year, Team Brittany Polo Club is in the Gold Cup semifinals this Thursday, July 17 against 2007 Queen's Cup and last year's Gold Cup runner-up Loro Piana.

Tournaments at the Brittany Polo Club run from mid July until the end of August. Around 20 teams enter 4 goal to 14 goal tournaments. The polo school was opened 3 years ago and is welcoming new players from the age of 10, one of the goals of the Brittany Polo Club being to attract more people to the sport of polo.

Jean Claude Decaux' commitment to polo led him to acquire a property in Argentina for its winter polo. The property is scheduled to start its activities in November of 2008 with the aim of being one of the top polo properties welcoming players from around the world.

Mayors Cup

2 Teams - 20 goal - July 13-20, 2008

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Dan Walker 3	LONG BEACH
Matt Walker 3	
Luis Escobar 7	Sun 13 Def. Grand
Jeff Blake 6	Champions 15-14
19	
Melissa Ganzi 0	GRAND CHAMPIONS
Juan Bollini 6	KLENTNER
Mike Azzaro 9	
Justin Klentner 1	
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Final

Sun 20

3 pm