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## Dear Readers,

Summer, sun and polo in Europe. The beach polo events are becoming increasingly popular, whereby the spectators are close to the action and players delivering hot duels in the sand arena just meters away from the VIP tables. As in previous years, the Beach Polo Cup in the picturesque harbour town of Rovinj attracted many spectators. The successful combination of sports and appealing evening events on the Croatian Adriatic has firmly established itself in the international polo calendar. The motor of the event is Uwe Zimmermann, who in the past put polo tournaments in Ascona and Gut Basthorst on the map.

The U.S. Open Polo Championship ended an equally exciting and successful polo season in the USA. We show you the highlights of this top tournament. Part of our coverage is also the Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series tournaments at the Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club, which traditionally peaked with the Julius Baer Gold Cup.

Our vehicles section is also waiting for you with highlights. Recently, Rolls-Royce introduced the Cullinan, an SUV designed as a high-end vehicle to combine all the classic Rolls-Royce virtues and ultra-luxury off-road capability.

With the Harley-Davidson BLUE EDITION, the Swiss jewellery and watch manufacturer Bucherer also ventures into unfamiliar territory. This Harley is a jewel on two wheels, concealing in its interior among other things a 5.4-carat heavy brilliant ring. With a price of 1,888 million Swiss Francs, it is the most expensive motorcycle in the world.

New Zealand is known for its breath-taking scenery, countless sheep and naughty kea birds. The 'kiwis', the nickname of the New Zealanders, also grow very good wine, which you will learn from New Zealand's first sommelier Cameron Douglas.

In the antique furniture market, only pieces of outstanding provenance achieve top prices, and the price of other previously heavily traded pieces is in free fall. Opportunities for buyers. If you wanted to secure one or more exhibits from the Collection of Peggy and David Rockefeller, you had to be ready to dig deep into your pocket. Christie's auction achieved \$832.5 million in the Rockefeller auction, setting a new record price for a private collection.

Enjoy our new magazine!

Yours, Birgit Hügli-Herrmann

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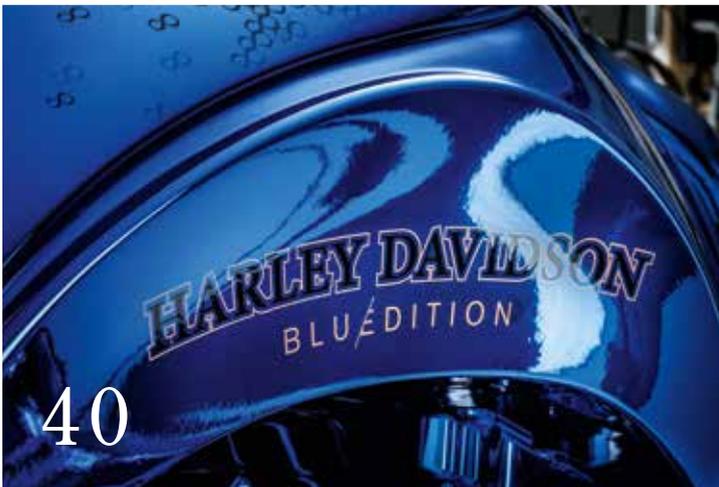
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U.S. Open champions 2018: Team Daily Racing Form - Jared Zenni, Hilario Ulloa, Mariano Obregon, Agustin Obregon, pictured with Jim Zenni

U.S. Open Polo Championship® at the Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington

## Daily Racing Form destroyed Valiente's dream of the Triple Crown of Polo™

Competing passionately for the most prestigious title in American polo, Daily Racing Form advanced undefeated into the U.S. Open Polo Championship® Final alongside the seemingly indomitable Valiente at the International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington, Florida. Matching Valiente goal for goal, Daily Racing Form's powerful offensive drives held a consistent one-goal lead throughout the second half, effectively derailing Valiente's clean sweep of the Triple Crown of Polo™, to culminate the season in a 10-9 victory.

By Summer Keeney / USPA

A battle between opposing 10-goalers in the first half, Hilario Ulloa held his own against the formidable duo of Adolfo Cambiaso and Facundo Pieres with aggressive, fast plays. At the two-minute mark Pieres devoured the field riding 'Corcha' to claim the first goal of the game. Ulloa answered with a breakaway field goal despite Tommy Beresford's attempt to hook. A neckshot pass from Cambiaso to Pieres for the score gave Valiente the lead 2-1 moving into chukker two.

Charging from the north end to the south end, both teams struggled to increase their tallies as possession was stolen and goal shots were deflected. Finally, with just over three minutes remaining in the second, both teams picked up a penalty conversion. Immediately responding to Pieres' Penalty 3, Ulloa made a strong break from the throw-in and propelled straight to goal to tie the game 3-all. Opening the third with back-to-back goals from Ulloa (riding flashy grey mare 'Future Lituania'), Daily Racing Form increased their momentum with confident plays, benefitting from Valiente's shots falling wide to end the half leading 5-4.

Anticipating a strong uprising from Valiente, Daily Racing Form played with relentless strength and well-executed team strategy in the second half. Each team adding one goal in the fourth, Daily Racing Form remained on top. The fifth began aggressively as both teams



Valiente's Tommy Beresford, Daily Racing Form's Jared Zenni

fought for possession. A backshot from Valiente mistakenly struck Ulloa in the face early in the chukker. The team captain was down for several minutes as fans and players worried he may be substituted. Ulloa persisted however, and despite a deep cut and bruise on the side of his right eye, he remounted homebred mare 'Lavinia Castellana' to finish what his team had started. "I told them the next two minutes after Hilario had

Mariano Obregon Team Daily Racing Form



Semifinal: Adolfo Cambiaso Team Valiente, Rodrigo Andrade Team Flexjet



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gotten hurt were the two most important minutes of the game," said Julio Arellano, Daily Racing Form Coach. "I said, 'you cannot let that team (Valiente) score two goals on you right now when you guys lose focus. These two minutes right now will determine whether or not you win the game.'"

Once play resumed, Valiente kept the game close, unwilling to let their opponents gain a significant advantage. Matching every goal in the fifth, after two field goals and a penalty conversion from each team the lead remained unchanged. For an unprecedented third chukker in a row Daily Racing Form maintained the advantage, the score standing at 9-8.

## Awards

Showcasing exceptional discipline and skill on defense, and securing two field goals for Daily Racing Form, Zenni was named Most Valuable Player. The first Team USPA member to garner a U.S. Open title the 22-year-old beamed, "for me it's a dream come true, really surreal." Best Playing Pony honors were presented to 'Milenaria', an 8-year-old dark bay Argentine mare trained by Javier Canton and owned and ridden by Mariano Obregon in the first and sixth chukkers. "It's amazing, it's the best prize you can get," said Obregon. "I would rather have this than a Most Valuable Player, because this is what you work for your whole life."

Still anybody's game, both teams made strategic offensive moves in the sixth, Mariano Obregon's efforts to score narrowly missing the target twice. Completing a beautiful shot on goal from distance, Jared Zenni sent the ball soaring through the air with only a few minutes left for Valiente to recover. A final Penalty 2 conversion by Pieres was not enough to shake Daily Racing Form's persistent lead, the 30-second horn signaling a new champion, with a final score 10-9.



Most Valuable Player Jared Zenni pictured with USPA Governor at Large Stephen Orthwein, Jr. and USPAGL Chairman David Cummings

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Best Playing Pony 'Milenaria', owned and ridden by Mariano Obregon, presented by USPA Governor at Large Maureen Brennan with USPA CEO Bob and Marci Puetz. Also pictured Javier Canton, Jose Torres and Marco Tulio Esquivel





# JULIUS BAER GOLD CUP 2018

DUBAI OPEN - 18 Goal Handicap



The champions: Team Bin Drai (from left to right) Raúl Laplacette, Matias Torres Zavaletta, Patron Saeed Bin Drai and Andrés Laplacette

Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series at Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club

## Bin Drai secured the victory of the Julius Baer Gold Cup 2018 due to the best season performance

Bin Drai won the Julius Baer Gold Cup 2018 after defeating Abu Dhabi in the final by 13 to 9 goals at the Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club. Bin Drai proved being the best team of the season after having played on a very high level against Team Abu Dhabi in the final.