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On July 7-8-9, 2023, the 10th BARNES Luxembourg Polo International will take place, presented by INTEGRA SMILE.

This spectacular Tournament is organized by the Polo Club Luxembourg, the Grand Duchy's historic Polo Club created in 2004, which receives the personal support of Mister Marc Angel, Vice President of the European Parliament.

At Ecurie de la Petrusse - 66 rue des Celtes - Luxembourg Merl.

THE BARNES LUXEMBOURG POLO INTERNATIONAL, 10° ANNIVERSARY... LET'S CELEBRATE !

This prestigious tournament is **The Country Summer Polo Rendez-Vous** which is celebrating its tenth edition this year. It is now well known among international polo players and will bring together 6 teams supported by their patrons, without whom this 3 matches a day tournament would not take place:

6 teams, 6 nations

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A COSMOPOLITAN POLO WEEKEND WHERE THE SPORT IS AS MUCH APPRECIATED AS THE ATMOSPHERE

Traditionally, this polo event gathers a very large audience to support the colours of each team.

In addition, the *Luxembourg Polo Community*, animated by Argentinians for whom polo is a culture and composed of fans, players, friends, families... enjoys coming together to attend the tournament and party for 3 days.



Spectators have the choice of sitting comfortably along the magnificent polo field, watching the matches, having lunch and dinner on the polo field (bar and restaurant) offered by Come à La Maison, either in the **Public Area or in the VIP Area**.

Various activities are planned before and after the matches, such as: horse show, vintage car parade, beautiful hat's stroll, children's games, live music, artists' performances... while many other surprises will be revealed throughout the weekend.



THE SPORT OF KINGS, SKILL AND ELEGANCE, A CHIC COCKTAIL FOR A BREATHTAKING SHOW

24 players from around ten nationalities make up these 6 teams and with around 100 horses, they will compete on the Polo field to win the trophies at stake.

The qualifying matches will be played on Friday 7 July, and then the teams will compete on Saturday 8 July in **The Integra Smile Cup.**

At the end of the grand final on Sunday 9 July, the **Coupe du Luxembourg - Birger Strom** and **The Barnes Cup** will be awarded. The best player of the tournament will receive the **AMCHAM Luxembourg Trophy**.

The strong emotions generated by this magnificent spectacle, which combines energy, speed, team spirit, fair play, daring and adrenaline, offer a unique experience to be shared with family and friends, in a chic and relaxed *polo lifestyle* spirit, according to the Argentine *buena onda*.



Lia Salvo, one of the best players in the world, will defend for the second consecutive year the colours of Argentina, her country of origin, with a 100% female team in a mixed tournament.

His presence on the court is always a great honour and the promise for spectators to attend a remarkable demonstration, to ask for autographs or to take selfies with this international star who is as talented as she is accessible.

Notably, the Argentine Open, one of the most prestigious tournaments in the world, is on her list of achievements...

As well as the Ladies Cup in Deauville, a trophy renowned in Europe, won with the players from Luxembourg in 2022.



A TEAM REPRESENTS THE USA FOR THE FIRST TIME IN LUXEMBOURG



This american team representing the **Gay Polo League** (present in 14 countries), will play under the colours of the rainbow, a symbol of LGBTIQ+ pride and LGBTIQ+ social movements.



Team USA - INTEGRA SMILE will be supported by AMCHAM, the **American Chamber of Commerce in Luxembourg**. These American players will be the first ambassadors of the LGBTIQ+ cause, which the Polo Club Luxembourg, after having supported Ukraine in 2022, has chosen to defend this year.

3 DAYS OF GENEROSITY WITH A CHARITY ACTION FOR THE LGBTIQ+ CAUSE



A sale of **ONE LOVE GOODIES** \swarrow (15€) will be offered online and on site. Proceeds from these sales will be donated to **Rosa Lëtzebuerg asbl**, the LGBTIQ+ organisation in Luxembourg, which has been defending the interests and rights of the local LGBTIQ+ community since its creation in 1996.

In addition to seeking legal equality and fighting discrimination, **Rosa Lëtzebuerg asbl**'s responsibilities include various socio-cultural projects, such as the Luxembourg Pride, which aim to create a safe environment for all members of the community and to eradicate prejudice.



As a result of this charitable action, the 10th BARNES Luxembourg Polo International has been included as a key event in the **program of the Luxembourg Pride 2023**.

A POLO WEEKEND WITH A GALA DINNER AND A BIG PARTY ON THE FIELD

• Friday evening, 7 July:

PINK & WHITE POLO GALA DINNER & MUSIC at Come à la Maison from 7pm.

A superb chic and festive dinner, colourful and joyful, punctuated by music and artistic performances... **Extravaganza!**

Limited place. Reservations required: www.poloclubluxembourg.com



• Saturday evening, 8 July:

APERINETWORK = MUSIC NIGHT & BBQ ON THE FIELD from 6pm.

DJ set around the Asado Grande (Argentinean BBQ), right after the polo match, a great outdoor party, excellent music line-up, strolling artists.

Come and party with the players, fans and all friends of Polo. **Booking:** <u>www.poloclubluxembourg.com</u>



En pratique :

Organisateur : Polo Club Luxembourg, under the auspices of the Fédération de Polo du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg.

Polo Field : Ecurie de La Petrusse - 66 rue des Celtes - Luxembourg Merl Hospitality onsite : Come à la Maison

Programme :

Friday: Venue opens at 11:30 (catering and bars) and 3 qualifying matches from 14:00 Saturday: Venue opens at 11:30 (catering and bars) and 3 matches / semi-finals from 14:00 Sunday: Opening of the site at 11:30 am (catering and bars) and 3 matches / finals from 1:30 pm -Prize-giving ceremony at 5:30 pm

Ticket to attend the Tournament / Public Area : 25€/pers/day (parking included and 1 drink offered) in pre-booking online Or 30€/pers/day on site, 66 rue des Celtes, Merl, on the days of the tournament. VIP AREA PASS : different formulas (lunch - dinner) detailed on the website.

Online booking & Information:

https://poloclubluxembourg.com/10-th-luxembourg-polo-international-tournament/



POLO IN A FEW WORDS

Polo is a dynamic and exciting team game played on horseback. It is one of the oldest known sports in the world. It is believed to have originated in Persia over 2000 years ago. The game as we know it today originated in India in the 1800s, where British soldiers stationed there saw the game being played locally and adapted it to their own needs, often using it as training for horsemen.

Played by around 10,000 players worldwide, Argentinians rule the sport.

Play Polo in Luxembourg!

The Polo Club Luxembourg is the official club of Luxembourg as a member of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg Polo Federation. It offers the possibility to play all year round, in summer and winter, thanks to the great facilities, unique in Luxembourg (grass field, outdoor arena and covered sand arena) located at the Ecurie de la Petrusse where the polo horses live. The Polo Club runs the **Luxembourg National Polo School** which welcomes beginners (juniors or adults).

A **Discovery Package** including 4 lessons, ideal to familiarize oneself with this demanding sport, is offered.

The Club's players benefit from the experience of renowned Argentinean professionals: Pablo Casero, who trains the advanced players, Sebastian Silvestre, who welcomes the beginners and Mayra Valle, a vet, who looks after the horses' welfare.

Matches are held every weekend, national and international tournaments are organised. Club members who do not necessarily play polo can accompany the teams when they travel to tournaments abroad.

A real club life that all members animate with enthusiasm!

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