

OVER THE BOARDS

The Official Newsletter of the Sarasota Polo Club

September 2009

CLUB MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Dear Polo Members,

We received a lot of great compliments on the first newsletter, so we will keep "up the good work" and continue to keep everyone up to date regarding all the happenings around the polo club.

Mark your calendars! Polo is just around the corner and we are ready for another exciting new year with the Polo Grill & Bar Cup kicking off the season with the opening game on December 20, followed by a huge "after party" for all at the Polo Grill. The Ritz-Carlton Members Club will be hosting a holiday gathering for all members, players and tailgaters at their private golf club here in Lakewood Ranch. Plans are also in the works for a New Years Eve dinner and dance for all polo members at the Polo Grill - more details later.

The majority of our advertising sponsors are returning for another year—they know polo is where it's at. The magazine is coming along brilliantly with a hilarious story about George Radcliff and the infamous crawfish boil he hosts each spring. George was kind enough to ask his good friend Winston Groom (author of Forrest Gump) to write a little something for the magazine – what a coop! I guarantee you will love it. I am happy to report that the installation of our new "Mac Daddy" sound system is almost complete. There are twice as many amplifiers than last year and 4 additional speakers - our fans (and all of Lakewood Ranch) will be able to hear us now.

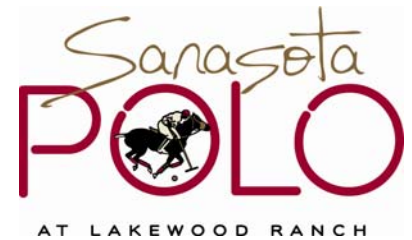
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- Fall Arena Polo - starts October 1, with practices on Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Rein in Early Savings – if you are a "full green fees player" member, pay your dues in full by October 1, and receive a \$1,000 discount off your dues.
- New for 2010 - a "Practice Only" membership - just \$3,500 for the season. With practice 4 times a week – such a deal!

Please enjoy the fall months and I look forward to seeing everyone back along with a few new faces— always great to meet new players from around the country.

All the best,

Maggie Mitchell
Club Manger



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POLO REFERRAL PROGRAM

WE WANT TO THANK OUR MEMBERS!
BRING US A NEW FULL PLAYING MEMBER FOR THE 2010 POLO SEASON
AND WE WILL GIVE YOU **\$1,000.00!**





THE FACTS

Established in 1991.

130 Acres.

9 Polo Fields.

2 Stick & Ball Fields.

Full Size Outdoor Arena.

4—14 Goal Polo.

Practice 4 times a week.

1/4 Mile Exercise Track.

3 24-stall barns with turnout.

Veterinary Clinic on site.

Member's Clubhouse.

Covered Open-air Pavilion.

Gift Shop.

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UPCOMING

EVENTS

→ SEPTEMBER 2009

- 5—7 **SCI Labor Day Cup Presented by NIKE**
Teams from all over Florida convene to play in one of the largest and most competitive soccer tournaments in the area.
- 14—Oct 9 **Fall Kettlebell Camp**
Get a strong body, burn more fat and have fun working out. If you love the outdoors and have always wanted to learn more about kettlebells, this camp is for you!
- 26-27 **Florida United Lacrosse Cup Series—Sunshine Cup**
More than 40 teams representing their respective elite programs, high schools, and middle schools will be participating in many divisions ranging from U-11 through U-19.

→ OCTOBER 2009

- 24 **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer**
A noncompetitive 5K walk to help fight breast cancer and provide hope to people facing the disease. Your participation will support the American Cancer Society's lifesaving research, prevention, early detection, and support programs for thousands of patients and their families.
- 26—Dec 4 **Knockout Boot Camp**
Get a lean, strong body that combines fitness boxing with other fat burning training techniques. Includes fitness assessment, equipment & more.
- 26—Nov 20 **Kettlebell Boot Camp for Women**
Benefits: whole body strength, improved endurance, burn more fat in less time, strong core. Time saving routines for the busy woman.
- 29—Nov 1 **Ultimate Players Association Club Championships**
60 of the top open, women's, mixed and masters Ultimate teams from across the United States and Canada will compete for the Championship title in their division. A game of Ultimate is played by two seven-player squads with a high-tech plastic disc (looks like a Frisbee) on a field similar to football.

→ NOVEMBER 2009

- 7 **Suncoast Winefestival**
This annual event features more than 300 American and International wines, foods from more than 30 of the area's best restaurants, cooking demos by well-known area chefs and live entertainment.

→ DECEMBER 2009

- 20 **Polo Season Begins!**
We will begin the season with exhibition matches on Sunday, December 20 and 27. Please contact the polo office if you are interested in playing in either of these matches.

GET IN SHAPE AT THE POLO CLUB

Fall Kettlebell Camp

September 14—October 9
M/W/F 6:30—7:30am
Cost is \$300
Signup Deadline: 9/4/2009



Knockout Boot Camp

October 26—December 4
M/W/F 6:30—7:30am
Cost is \$350
Signup Deadline: 10/9/2009



Women's Kettlebell Camp

October 26—November 20
M/W/F 9:00—10:00am
Cost is \$300
Signup Deadline: 10/9/2009

2010 POLO SCHEDULE

JANUARY LEAGUES

0-4 Goal	Saturday	9,16,23,30
4-8 Goal	Wednesday	6,13,20,27
4-8 Goal	Friday	8,15,22,29
8-12 Goal	Friday	8,15,22,29
8-12 Goal	Sunday	3,10,17,24

FEBRUARY LEAGUES

0-4 Goal	Saturday	6,13,20,27
4-8 Goal	Wednesday	3,10,17,24
4-8 Goal	Friday	5,12,19,26
8-12 Goal	Friday	5,12,19,26
8-12 Goal	Sunday	7,14,21,28

MARCH & APRIL TOURNAMENTS

USPA Regional President's Cup* March 2,9,16,23

4-8 Goal / League Format
Winner earns a slot in USPA National President's Cup at International Polo Club, Wellington

SMR Cup March 5-7

Cowboys and Polo Players

USPA/PTF Senior's Tournament*** March 6 & 7

League Format / 4 chukkers

Wayne Brown Tournament*** March 7-14

4-8 Goal / Single Elimination

USPA Sportsmanship Cup** March 13,20,27,

April 3

0-4 Goal / League Format

USPA National Inter-Circuit* March 17-21

8-12 Goal / Single Elimination

Robert A. Uihlein, Jr. Memorial*** March 24-28

10-14 Goal / Single Elimination

USPA Regional Classic-Southeast* March 31-April 4

10-14 Goal / Single Elimination

Ringling Cup*** April 6-11

PRACTICES

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 A.M.

Sundays at 10:00 A.M.

* USPA National Outdoor Event

** USPA Circuit Outdoor Event

*** USPA Sanctioned Event

POLO FEES: 2010 SEASON

MEMBER DUES

Full Playing Member* \$7,840.00/season

*Pay in full by October 1st & save \$1,000: **\$6,670.00/season**

Practice Only Member* \$4,095.00/season

Polo Ranch Owner—Player* \$6,770.00/season

Polo Ranch Owner—Non-Player** \$3,560.00/annual

*Add \$300.00 to Full Playing Member or Polo Ranch Owner-Player for winter arena polo.

**A 50% discount is given to a Polo Ranch Owner Non-Player who has 1 Full Playing Member stabled on their property; this discount will expire on January 1, 2010.

Please note: member dues include 7% Sarasota County Sales Tax and a \$350 administrative fee

ARENA POLO FEES

Full Season \$1,260.00/ October—June

OR

Fall Season \$ 500.00/ October—December

Winter Season \$ 600.00/ January—March

Spring Season \$ 500.00/ April—June

Practice Chukkers \$ 25.00/ 2 chukkers

Please note: arena polo fees include 7% Sarasota County Sales Tax

ADDITIONAL FEES

Non-Member* \$ 60.00/ chukker

Stick and Ball Fee \$2,670.00/ season

Boarders (use of track and trails only) \$3,210.00/ annual

*Any non-member player must pay per chukker for any league, tournament or practice game.

Please note: additional fees include 7% Sarasota County Sales Tax

STABLING FEES

Stall \$ 500.00/ season

Tack Room \$ 500.00/ season

Quarter Acre Paddock \$ 500.00/ season

SPONSORSHIP FEES

Playing Sponsorship \$7,900.00/ season

Playing Sponsorship—Ranch Owner \$6,900.00/ annual

Full Playing Member Privileges

Season Use of Sarasota Polo Club facilities

Recognition in the 2010 Sarasota Polo Magazine

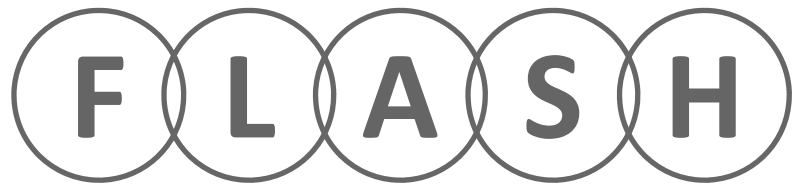
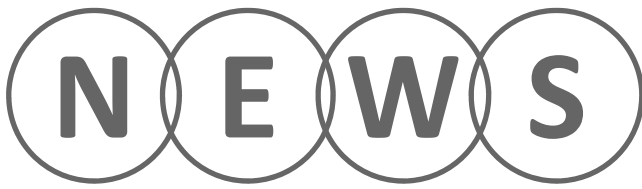
Seasonal Premier entry signage (2)

Pony Line Sponsorship—Ranch Owner \$3,900.00/ annual

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Sarasota Polo Club brings Country Club living to your Polo lifestyle

New for the 2010 polo season! The opportunity to join the Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club as a seasonal member from December 1, 2009—April 30, 2010. There will be two levels of memberships:

Polo Platinum/Resort Membership

Price: \$4,200 Seasonal Dues + Sales Tax (\$273) = **\$4,473 (inclusive)**

Season December 1, 2009 thru April 30, 2010.

This equates to \$894.60 per month based on 5 months. (\$29.82 per day)

Polo Platinum/Resort Members are entitled to use of all of the Club facilities December 1st, 2009 thru April 30th 2010; Golf, Tennis, Aquatics, Fitness, Dining and Social Events.

Golf:

- Available Play
 - *December 1st thru April 30th / Tuesday thru Friday / Country Club East Course Only
 - *January 1st thru April 30th / Monday / Cypress Links or Kings Dunes Courses
- 54 Holes of golf
- Tee times made 7 days in advance
- Member pays cart fees only
- Guest pays guest fee

Tennis:

- 18 lighted tennis courts
 - *16 fast-dry & two classic red clay
 - *HydroGrid watering system for optimal playing conditions
- Tennis Pro Shop
- Beach Tennis
- Locker & shower facilities
- Three-day sign-up privilege to reserve tennis courts
- Guest pays guest fee

Athletic Center:

- Fitness classes (included in membership – no additional charge)
- Steam, sauna & whirlpool
- Massage therapy facilities
- Locker & shower facilities
- Personal Trainers

Aquatics:

- Two heated outdoor pools
 - *Resort pool & Jr. Olympic with 8 lap lanes

Dining:

- Enjoy Dining (Brunch, Lunch & Dinner) / Guests permitted
- Casual & Fine Dining
- Special Events
- Jeans permitted on the patio Monday Evenings January thru April
- Curbside Dining – “To Go” Menu (no need to get out of your car!)
- “To Go” Gourmet Frozen Entrees

Polo Athletic/Resort Membership

Price: \$1,000 Seasonal Dues + Sales Tax (\$65) = **\$1,065 (inclusive)**

Season December 1st thru April 30th.

This equates to \$213 per month based on 5 months. (\$7.10 per day)

Polo Athletic/Resort Members are entitled to the following amenities December 1st, 2009 thru April 30th, 2010; Aquatics, Fitness, Dining and Social Events.

Athletic Center:

- Fitness classes (included in membership – no additional charge)
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Visit the LWRGCC website:
www.lakewoodranchgolf.com

Applications for seasonal membership
will be available soon!

Contact the polo office for
more information:
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Come play at the Sarasota Polo Club and Country



GOLF



TENNIS



AQUATICS

Sarasota Polo Club brings Country Club living to your Polo lifestyle!

NEW IN 2010! Sarasota Polo Club is bringing its members more value and enjoyment than any club in the country by offering exceptional polo with resort-style amenities.

In addition to playing on 9 of the best polo fields in the country you and your family can enjoy 54 holes of championship golf, tennis, fitness, aquatics, member only social events and Clubhouse dining. Plus Sarasota Polo Club is located in beautiful Sarasota, Florida where award-winning beaches and championship golf meet culture, art and gorgeous weather.

Our 2010 season runs December 20, 2009 - April 11, 2010 with leagues and tournaments played from 4 - 14 goal. With practices 4 times a week, 2 stick and ball fields and a full size arena, there is always polo going on. Our Sunday matches boast record crowds who take tailgating to the extreme. Join us this season and get the most out of your game on and off the field.



AT LAKEWOOD RANCH

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Now accepting new members—call today for more information.

FIELD REPORT



RAINFALL

After a few “drought” years, it appears we are back into our normal rainfall schedule!

AUGUST 2009: 8.25” of rain

AUGUST 2008: 6.6” of rain

AUGUST 2007: 4.7” of rain

Normal rainfall for August: 11.1” of rain

Total 2009 rainfall: 35.4” of rain



FIELD CARE: Soil Microbial Program

In a commitment to the world wide green movement, the Sarasota Polo Club is making a dedicated effort to reduce the amount of chemicals and fertilizers used on the property. Last winter, we installed a Pathway Bio Dispenser to introduce diverse populations of beneficial microorganisms to the soil.

For the past 500 million years plants and beneficial soil microorganisms have coexisted to form a symbiotic relationship. In the photosynthesis process plants release carbon exudates into the soil through the roots. In response to this, beneficial microorganisms surround the root to sequester these exudates and utilize them as a food. In return, the microorganisms protect the roots, nourish the plant, recycle nutrients, improve the surrounding soil structure and solubilize minerals for plant availability.

The key to plant and soil health starts with photosynthesis. The polo fields are cut on a

regular basis at significantly lower heights than they are genetically designed to grow. This cutting of the turf reduces the amount of photosynthesis that takes place within the plant which starts a chain reaction that affects the metabolism of the plant and its ability to produce food. This in turn depletes the microbial populations, which creates environmental stress to the plant. The plant then is constantly under nourished, under stress and susceptible to pest and senescence.

With our Pathway Bio Dispenser we now have the ability to replenish the soil with indigenous and non indigenous species of beneficial microorganisms, as well as natural plant exudates. Microbial products of the past mainly consisted of 2 genus and 5 or 6 species of organisms. Our program inoculates the soil with 7 genus and 55 species of living organisms.

By us using this new technology we have the ability to maintain a healthier turf and an improved soil structure, while using fewer chemicals and fertilizers. The cost of the yearly program is at worst an even exchange.

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REAL ESTATE REPORT

Sarasota Polo Ranches For Sale as of 9/1/2009

→ **FEATURED PROPERTY: 7721 Polo Club Lane**

Listing Price (as of 9/1/09): **\$1,500,000**

Owner: Gerry Aschinger

Details: 11+ acres

2 Barns, 2 Apts

Owner Financing Available

BROKERS PROTECTED

Contact: Gerry Aschinger

(859) 509-0053

→ **OTHER LISTED PROPERTIES FOR SALE**

7710 Cow Camp Lane, Listing Price \$949,000, Owner: Edgar Cato

7761 Cow Camp Lane, Listing Price \$949,000, Owner: Edgar Cato

7771 Polo Club Lane, Listing Price \$1,250,000, Owner: Edgar Cato

7811 Cow Camp Lane, Listing Price \$3,900,000, Owner: Rosy Riguero

8022 Polo Club Lane, Listing Price \$3,499,000, Owner: Michael Ferro

8225 Whiskey Pond Lane, Listing Price \$1,350,000, Owner: Julia Cook