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As co-chairs of this once-a-year celebration, we want to thank the people who work so hard to make it happen, year after year. The LeCompte Kalaway Cup was created by and continues to be run by an all-volunteer team of dedicated amateurs who love this rural and equestrian village.

Polo in Barrington Hills has attracted amateur and professional polo players from all over metropolitan Chicago and beyond. The Polo Club's slogan is "Polo among friends," and we focus on providing the finest amateur polo in the country with a light-hearted approach that is fun for both players and spectators alike. Our friendly and welcoming style has helped us become the largest polo club in the Midwest and made the LeCompte Kalaway Cup the largest single polo event in Chicago. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do.



Karen Selman
Chairman
Polo in Barrington Hills



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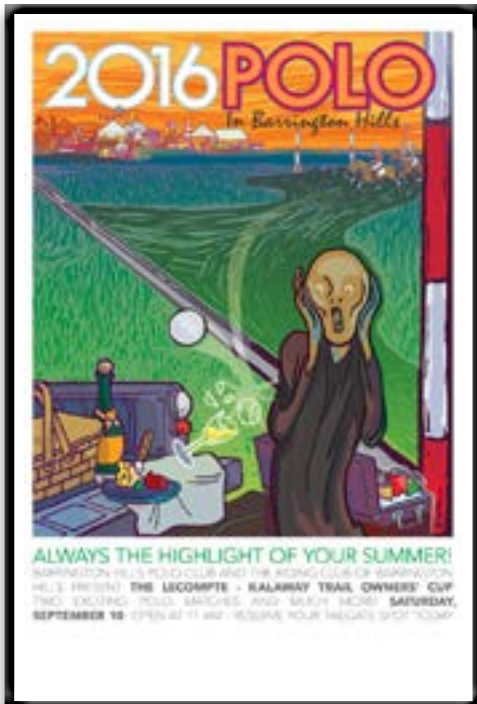
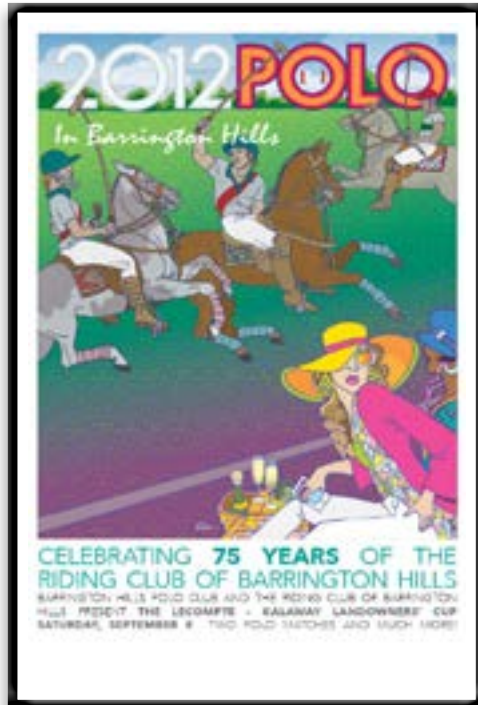
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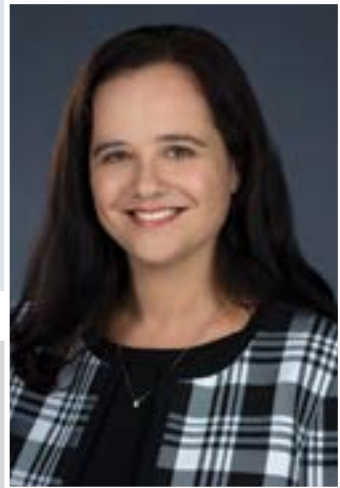
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This is a once-in-a-year chance for the Barrington Hills Polo Club to thank all the equestrian organizations contributing to this event including the Fox River Valley Pony Club, the Fox River Valley Hunt and Hound Heritage Foundation and, especially, The Riding Club of Barrington Hills for its stewardship of all the riding trails throughout our village.

Whether you come to our event on horseback, in a car, on a bicycle or on foot, you can't go anywhere in Barrington Hills without passing barns, fences, paddocks and horses, horses, horses! With few exceptions, it's hard to name a street in our village without horse properties on it.

Many of the Barrington Hills landowners who allow riding trails across their properties, do not own or ride horses. But they recognize how horses contribute to our special rural, equestrian way of life. The LeCompte Kalaway Cup is just the tip of the iceberg. All the equestrian clubs hope you enjoy the fun.

When it comes to bringing all the folks of Barrington Hills together, the LeCompte Kalaway Cup is the main event! So welcome one and all.

— **Joe Messer**
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Neither Berry nor Cathy plays polo, but on their magnificent horse farm was a 14-acre polo facility that laid idle until they made it available for an occasional charity match. Knowing about the polo field and myself a relative newcomer to the village, I went with hat in hand to ask Cathy if my little rag-tag polo club could practice on the field. I said we’d pass the hat every time we played, so every Saturday after polo, I’d knock on the door and hand Cathy a wad of singles, fives and tens. And every week, she’d be out on her tractor mowing the field for us all by herself. I think that was in 1996.

Today, our little club has grown to be the largest polo club in the Midwest, and the Kalaway Cup has become metro-Chicago’s largest single polo event each year! And what’s great about it is that it is an event for the entire community!

The LeCompte Kalaway Cup is also the most anticipated social and family event in Barrington Hills and its surrounding villages. You know about horses? You don’t know about horses? It doesn’t matter. You’ll have fun. You just have to enjoy spending an afternoon on a lush green lawn, eating and drinking and talking and laughing with friends, family and neighbors. Polo, shmolo. The Kalaway Cup is just a great excuse for a party. And an opportunity to celebrate the proud equestrian heritage of a very special community that wouldn’t be the same without its horses and open spaces and rural style of living.

I like to think that being an equestrian community adds value to our property and to our lives. I’d hate it if we were to devolve into just a “residential” community. I think living in an equestrian community makes us special. I like being special, and I like having special people as neighbors. And I thank Berry and Cathy for helping our village stay special by making our event possible.

—John Rosene

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HOW TO WATCH A POLO MATCH

Polo is an easy game to understand ... although it helps to be drinking a can of beer or glass of Champagne while you watch!

THE ELEMENTS: Polo consists of a few simple elements, starting with the spectators along the sidelines. For a polo spectator, choice of apparel is wide and varied. You'll see women in elegant dresses and wide-brimmed hats with men in blazers and ascots. You'll also see blue jeans, cut-off shorts, tank tops and t-shirts.

Few spectators actually watch the polo. That's because most of the polo action seems to take place at the opposite end of a 300 yard field! So spectators watch each other and stroll the sidelines to visit the various tail-gate parties to sample food and drink which ranges from catered hors d'oeuvres and wine in cut crystal to bratwurst and beer.

Polo players are the second most important element. Wearing colorful jerseys and tall boots and mounted on fiery steeds, polo players look impressive. But when you see them up close, they are mostly sweaty men and women in dirty white pants. The polo ponies are also sweaty, but they still look pretty classy.

The polo pony is really the best part of polo. Said to be 70-80% of a player's game, polo ponies are actually full-size horses. Many are Thoroughbreds, but you'll also see Quarter Horses, Argentines, Paints, Appaloosas and many cross-breeds.

THE GAME: Polo is a pretty simple game. Two teams of four players each on fast, agile horses use long mallets to hit a small white ball between goal posts at each end of the field. Spectators often ask how you can hit a little ball from the back of a galloping horse. Polo players often ask how you can so frequently miss!

Each player wears a jersey numbered from 1 to 4. The numerals reflect the position of the player. Number 1 is the forward, usually out front to receive a pass from a teammate and take the ball to goal. Numbers 2 and 3 are the halfbacks and Number 4 is the back, responsible for defense. Most of the time, the players are not where they're supposed to be.

Play begins when the two teams line up at center field, and the umpire bowls the ball between the two lines of players. Once a goal is scored, the teams hustle back to the center for a new lineup and bowl-in. The teams change directions after each goal, a tradition designed mainly to confuse the spectators, but which often confuses the players as well. The periods (or chukkers) are 7.5 minutes long and the clock continues to run unless an umpire blows a whistle to stop the play for a penalty.

The most frequently called penalty is a "crossing" foul. A player who hits the ball on the right side (the "off side" of his horse) establishes what is called "the line of the ball" and has the right to follow the line of the ball



in what is called "the right of way." Any opposing player who enters the hitting player's right of way or crosses the line to hit or try to hit the ball is guilty of a "crossing" foul. Don't worry if you have trouble recognizing when fouls occur. Most players have the same problem. The umpire will allow the team that was fouled to take a free hit toward their opponent's goal from a point determined by where the foul occurred or the severity of the offense.

When a hit toward goal goes wide and crosses the end line, the defending team gets to "knock in" from the end line toward their opponent's goal. All opposing players must stay a minimum of 30 yards from the player knocking in the ball.

Polo matches generally consist of 4 to 6 chukkers. Polo fields vary in size, but regulation fields (of which Barrington Hills is one) are 300 yards long by 160 yards wide. Goal posts are 24 feet apart.

At the end of each chukker, players get a few minutes to change horses. It is imperative that horses are changed as the game is too fast and strenuous for an animal to play more than one period without rest.

THE RULES OF POLO: they're complex and arcane. That's why so many polo players are lawyers. The rules of polo were, in fact, created to assure the safety of horses and riders. The simplest rule is: the team that scores the most goals wins.

HANDICAPS: each player is assigned a handicap ranging from minus 2 to plus 10. The rating or handicap is not based on how

many goals a player is likely to score, but rather on an assessment of a player's overall skills. There are rarely more than a dozen 10-goal players in the world. And many players with a 2 or 3 rating are good enough to be playing professionally. Polo may be the only team sport in the world where women and men play equally on a co-ed basis. Female and male players are judged on the same basis, so that a woman with the same rating as a man is considered an equal player. A thousand-pound horse is a great equalizer.

HITTING THE BALL: All players are required to hit right handed. The last "lefty" allowed by the United States Polo Association passed away recently. There are four basic shots in polo. The two "off-side" shots are hitting the ball forward or backward from the right side of the horse. The two "near-side" shots are hitting the ball forward or backward from the left side of the horse. There are variations on each shot, but you probably don't need to know what they are. Most players are lucky if they can master two out of four.

WHAT IT TAKES TO PLAY POLO Many people assume that to play polo, you must be a superb rider. And wealthy, too. Certainly, good horsemanship and lots of money are pluses. But lack of riding skills or deep pockets should not deter anyone from playing polo. The primary requirement for a beginner polo player is a good sense of humor.

Learn how little skill or money it takes to start playing polo. Call John Rosene at the Barrington Hills Polo Club, 847-791-2910, and ask about the club's famous Spring Polo School. Or visit www.barringtonhillspolo.com.



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Q & A: Everything you ever wanted to know about polo

Q. How much money does it cost to play polo?

A. How much have you got? Seriously, there's no ceiling on how much you can spend on your "polo habit." Some players spend millions each year. However, at the Barrington Hills Polo Club we pride ourselves on making polo affordable. Some of our members don't even own horses. Our formula says that "If you can afford the payments on a new Honda, you can afford to play polo. You might not afford the Honda and the polo, though."

Q. How good a rider do you have to be to play polo?

A. If you can sit on a horse, you can probably learn how to play polo. We routinely take beginner riders and have them playing some level of polo in one lesson.

Q. Why do you have to play polo right handed?

A. It's a matter of safety. Just as in sailing, where starboard tack has the right of way over port tack, a player carrying the ball on his right side has the right of way over a player approaching the ball on his left side. Players tend to choose their "head-on" approach to another rider based upon which hand is holding the mallet. A left-handed player could create a confusing situation. On the bright side, many lefties have learned to hit effectively with their right hands.

Q. Why do polo players wear only brown boots?

A. Tradition. However, we tell our new members to wear out their old black boots before investing in new brown boots.

Q. Why do polo players wear white pants?

A. Tradition... and stupidity.

Q. Does each polo club have its own team?

A. Not usually. Most people don't realize that polo is essentially a "pick up" game. Teams are formed for individual matches or tournaments, so you don't see standing teams like the Chicago Bears. A player who was on Team A in one match, could easily be playing on Team B against Team A in another match. It's a lot like showing up at the playground after school and choosing up sides for baseball. In fact, polo might be called the world's most expensive sandlot game.



Polo Primer

Polo is the oldest known team sport, played in Asia more than 2,000 years ago. The British learned the game in India, and publisher James Gordon Bennett brought polo to the U.S. in 1876. The following will help you understand the "King of Sports."

BALL: Hard, solid plastic. About the size of a regulation baseball. Originally made of wood.

BUMP: Also called a "ride-off." One player may ride into another to spoil his shot or force him away from the line of the ball. The angle of allowable contact varies depending on the speed of the horses.

CHUKKER: The period of play, 7.5 minutes each. There are four to six chukkers in a match.

FIELD: A regulation field is 300 yards long by 160 yards wide. Goal posts are 8 yards apart.

GOAL: Any time a ball crosses the line between goal posts, a goal is scored regardless of whether a horse or mallet caused the ball to pass thru. After a goal is scored, teams change directions.

HANDICAP: All players are rated on a scale of minus 2 to plus 10. 10 is the highest and there are rarely more than a dozen 10-goal players in the world. The handicap has nothing to do with the number of goals a player scores. It is simply a handicap based on a player's overall skills. The handicap of a team is the sum total rating of its players.

HOOK: A player may spoil an opponent's shot by blocking the opponent's mallet with his own. The hook must be done from the side of the hitting player is swinging. Reaching

across an opponent's mount to block his mallet is a serious foul.

KNOCK-IN: When the offensive team hits the ball over the opponent's end-line wide of the goal, the ball is placed on the end-line and the defending team hits it into play.

MALLET: Also called the "stick." The shaft is cane and the head is hard wood. Length ranges from 48" to 54" depending on player preference or size of horse. The ball is hit with the flat side of the mallet, not the ends as in croquet.

NEAR SIDE: The left side of the horse.

NECK SHOT: Hitting the ball under your horse's neck from either side

OFF SIDE: The right side of the horse.

PENALTY: A free hit toward the opponent's goal from a distance determined by the severity of the foul.

PONIES: Polo ponies are full size horses usually between 15 and 16 hands. Thoroughbreds and Thoroughbred crosses are popular although Quarter Horses, Appaloosas, Paints and other breeds are frequently seen. Qualities required are heart, stamina, handiness and temperament. Polo ponies usually play well into their teens and horses in their 20's are often seen on the field. Players attribute 70-80% of their game to their ponies.

POSITION: Each of four team members wears a numeral from 1 to 4. The 1 and 2 are forwards. The 3 is the quarterback and the 4 is usually

assigned to defense. Because the game is fluid, players may frequently change positions.

RIDE-OFF: See "bump."

SAFETY: When a defending player hits the ball across his own backline, the opposing team is allowed a free hit from 60 yards out with the ball placed the same distance from the sideline as where it went out.

SUDDEN DEATH: In the event of a tie, an extra chukker is played in which the first team to score is declared the winner.

TAIL SHOT: Hitting a back shot behind and below your horse's rump.

THROW-IN: To start each chukker and after every goal, the teams line up at center field, and the umpire bowls the ball between the two lines of players to begin play. A throw-in also occurs when a ball goes out of bounds and takes place adjacent to where the ball left the field.

TIME OUT: An umpire calls time out when a foul is committed, an accident occurs or at his own discretion. A player may ask for a time out in the event of broken tack or an injury. No time out is allowed for changing mounts or a broken mallet.

UMPIRE: Mounted officials, usually two, monitor the game for infractions, call fouls and determine penalties. If the two do not agree on a call, they consult the unmounted "third man" usually positioned off the field at center line.

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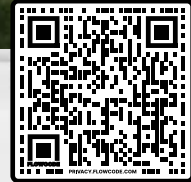
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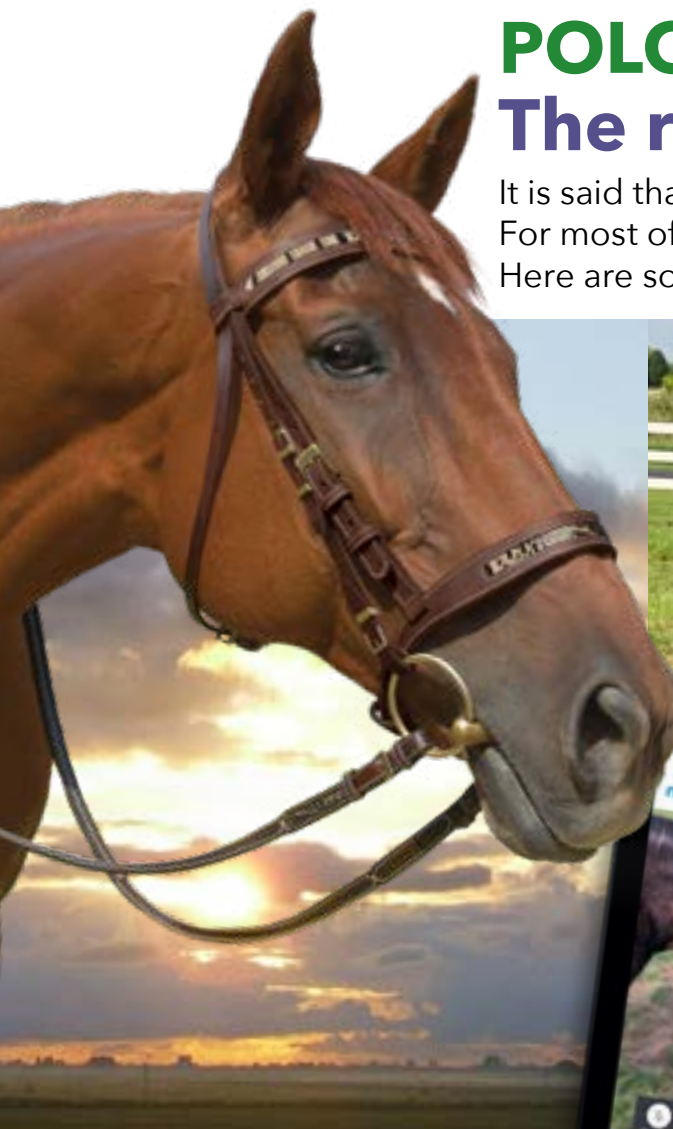
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POLO PONIES: The real heroes of the sport!

It is said that the horse is 70 to 80 percent of a player's game. For most of us, our horses are 110 percent of why we play! Here are some of the horses making polo the addictive pastime that it is.



Our field correspondent Pebbles, on staying forever young.

Who was it that said a lady never grows older than 29? Well, darlings, it must be true, because as of 2022 that's my age and from now on I'm sticking to it. But don't get me wrong. I have nothing against getting old gracefully— feel free to do so, if you like!

To those who plan to continue the numerical parade: allow me to introduce my dear friend Sapporo Kaminski. Like me, he's a former racehorse and at 34, he is closing in on the age record for our breed. Though he now lives on a remote country estate, I was able to connect with him via **nickr** (that's the app

I created, if you recall...*app* as in application, not Appaloosa) and ask him for some words of wisdom.

Sapporo, what do you think is the best-kept secret of maturity?

I've learned that life doesn't slow down— you have to keep pace or else you'll find yourself out of the running.

Any "hacks" you'd like to pass along to the next generation?

To me, the mane thing in life is to have a game plan. Lead off on the right foot, don't saddle yourself with too many worries, and no matter what happens, just stay on the ball and keep swinging.

Would you change anything, if you had it to do over again?

I'd have gotten into polo sooner. Some horses find the racing game a breeze, but for me it was a non-starter. I was lucky (probably from wearing horseshoes) to meet a trainer who showed me the polo life. I recommend it for all ages. It's good fun, keeps your mind sharp— and most humans can be trained to play, if you're patient!

So there you have it— like my friend himself, the advice is sound. Its lesson: you can be as old as the hills, but if your heart is frisky you are never pasture prime.



"Gata"

Paul Nourbash purchased his chestnut mare, Gata, from her trainer, Pedro Manion. She helped Doctor Paul improve his game exponentially. A beginner rider and player just a few years ago, Paul is now a fierce and formidable contender on the field. The blaze-faced mare is, according to Doctor Paul, "calm, consistent and brave." The good doctor also says she has another attribute: "She keeps our fields free of coyotes."



"Cheyenne Candy Nourbash"

Although she looks like an American Appaloosa, Cheyenne Candy Nourbash is a Criollo, a breed from Argentina known for stamina and strength. Argentine horses are prized by polo players all over the world, and this mare was bred, born and trained in Argentina by Carlos Corvalan to stand out in fast, competitive polo. Shannon Nourbash acquired her from Lisa Sanfilippo last year and the mare has carried her new owner proudly through quite a number of matches and tournaments this season.



"Kensington"

Mark Weidman returned to the Barrington Hills Polo Club last winter after a 31-year absence. He was in our original Spring Polo School in 1990. He brings with him a beautiful black Thoroughbred mare, Kensington. Foaled in 2007, she raced until purchased by Tod Rackley who trained her for polo. Clifton Yandell played her for 10 years in mid to high goal polo. A great-great granddaughter of Triple Crown Winner Seattle Slew, Mark says she is unafraid, likes to play and stays calm. "She's easy to communicate with and responsive. She's easy-going but knows how to be a big bitch when she needs to be." Mark has achieved several tournament wins and even a best playing pony award on Kensington since buying her in 2021.



"Lenny"

According to Keith Gray, Lenny was bred in Oklahoma to be a high-end show pony. The height limit for show ponies is 14.2 hands. Lenny grew to 14.3. He's the perfect height for his owner, Joanne Gray who used Lenny as a fox hunter, for which he excelled as a Whipper-In. Joanne's husband Keith plays polo on Lenny to keep him fit for fox hunting. And he's turned out to be as good as any of his other polo ponies. Lenny enjoys being

the center of attention when kids come to visit. Keith says Lenny "allows his humans to feed him carrots and peppermints along with his hay and grain."



"Mitzi"

Megan West-Koll was still Megan West when she acquired Mitzi from New Vocations, a racehorse adoption facility, almost two years ago. The beautiful bay Thoroughbred mare had no training other than how to run from the starting gate, and Megan basically started training her from scratch. Megan took her time, and clearly, she was right. Mitzi can run, spin on a dime, slide to a stop and ride off an opponent effectively. Today, Mitzi is playing tournament polo in our arena and is being eased into fast polo on the grass.

annual Spring Polo School. She was eagerly responsive and generously forgiving, the perfect combination for beginner and experienced players alike. She earned Best Playing Pony in the Magnolia Cup just last year. She belonged to John Rosene, who bought her 25 years ago as a 4-year-old playing "green horse" polo in San Antonio. John said she was always the most loving horse in the string. She would follow you around the paddocks like a puppy dog. She came from Tommy Wayman, America's only 10-goal player in the 1980's.



"Picassa"

Picassa died doing what she loved most, playing polo. Her heart gave way mid-chukker under her owner, Joe Messer, in our arena this summer. At age 15, Picassa was at the peak of her career making her loss even more tragic. Joe claimed "Picassa was the sweetest and most affectionate horse I've ever owned." He said she was "incredibly trusting of people and would take care of any level of rider." Like Carmen, Picassa was a favorite among students in our Polo School. Joe said she could play a fast, aggressive chukker and then turn around and give a slow, field-side ride to a 10-year-old kid with no riding experience. "She was the best horse in my string. I will never forget her."

Rest in Peace

The saddest thing that can happen to a polo player is the loss of a cherished horse. This year, the club lost two of its most beloved equine athletes.



"Carmen"

Carmen played almost to the end and was one of the most popular horses in our

At the Barrington Hills Polo Club, our ponies come first. Here are some more of our favorite horses.



"Xena"

Xena is an Argentine thoroughbred that came from a pro in Arkansas on consignment to Emily Smedlund. Emily, who was supposed to help sell the mare, fell in love with her. So Emily bought Xena earlier this year. Said Emily, "Xena is a rock solid golden mare who adapts to any rider and carries them smoothly down the field. She is both great offensively and a good bump when on defense. Xena is proving to be a great asset for our polo club."



"Dark Knight"

Minya Bulic got Dark Knight from Matias Obregon. Minya fell in love the first day she played him. Originally called "Sombrero," Minya changed his name to "Dark" because he's almost black and "Knight" because, she says, "He is always looking after me." The tall thoroughbred was trained for polo after his racing career ended. He also jumps, fox hunts and Minya has ridden him on a variety of adventurous trail rides. He also serves as a therapy horse for a young girl with a rare kidney disease.



"Fleur-de-Lis"

Fleur is a Connemara, bred to be a show pony and a hunter/jumper. The 14.2 hand pony is all that, but is now a first class polo pony as well. According to her owner, Sherry Cope, the little grey mare is gentle, safe and has a great personality. She's sweet and loves to play polo. Not only has Fleur helped Sherry regain her confidence after a serious riding accident, but she has been the pony that helped her son, Stirling, get his start in polo. Together, Stirling and Fleur have been playing 6-goal polo this summer and she'll be carrying Stirling in today's Battle of the Sexes.



"Ratatouille"

This 8-year-old gelding is one of the prettiest polo ponies in the Barrington Hills Polo Club according to club chairman, John Rosene. "First, he's small ... I believe he's less than 15 hands. Second, he's a bright solid bay, my favorite color. Third, Ratatouille is one of the shapeliest ponies in the club and one of the most graceful." Ratatouille belongs to Dr. Roueen Rafeyan and is extremely fast and handy, yet quiet and responsive.



"Tufflea"

Tufflea is a tiny flea-bitten grey Quarter Horse who is actually the size of a large pony, 14.2 hands tall. He may also be the oldest active polo pony in the Midwest at age 29. When John Rosene bought him, he was being used as a jumper. The little horse was not eager to play polo, but he and John finally came to terms ... when a chukker is over, John is not allowed to linger on the field. Tufflea gets to go back to the trailer for a rest ASAP, or he gets seriously irritable and unruly. Even so, Tufflea has been John's "go to" horse for 19 years



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According to an article by Lois Britten in 2009's *Aiken Polo Club Program*, American tailgating may well have started at the Battle of Bull Run where civilian Union supporters gathered with baskets of food and drink to cheer on their blue clad heroes during the Civil War.

But tailgating goes back to the origins of modern polo during the British Raj of India. Carriages of well-dressed men and women parked along the sidelines of the polo pitches to eat, drink and enjoy the polo. Today, polo fans park their cars, SUVs or pickups along the field, unpack the lawn chairs, tables or picnic blankets,

unwrap the food, crack open the beverages and have themselves a party. Sometimes they even watch the polo.

Tailgating at Polo in Barrington Hills can be as fancy or as down home as you like. Some folks get all dressed up with men in blazers and ladies in wide-brimmed hats and eat gourmet food off of fine crystal and china with white table cloths. Others show up in cut-offs and blue jeans to enjoy buckets of chicken and six-packs of beer.

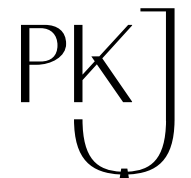
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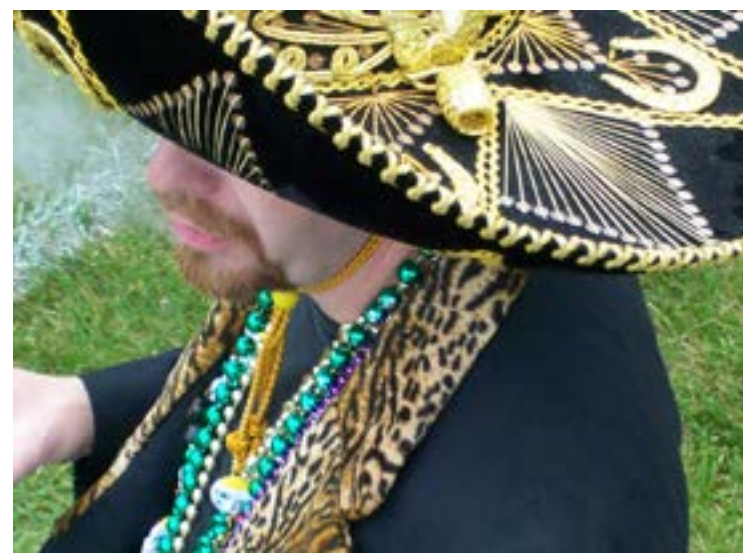
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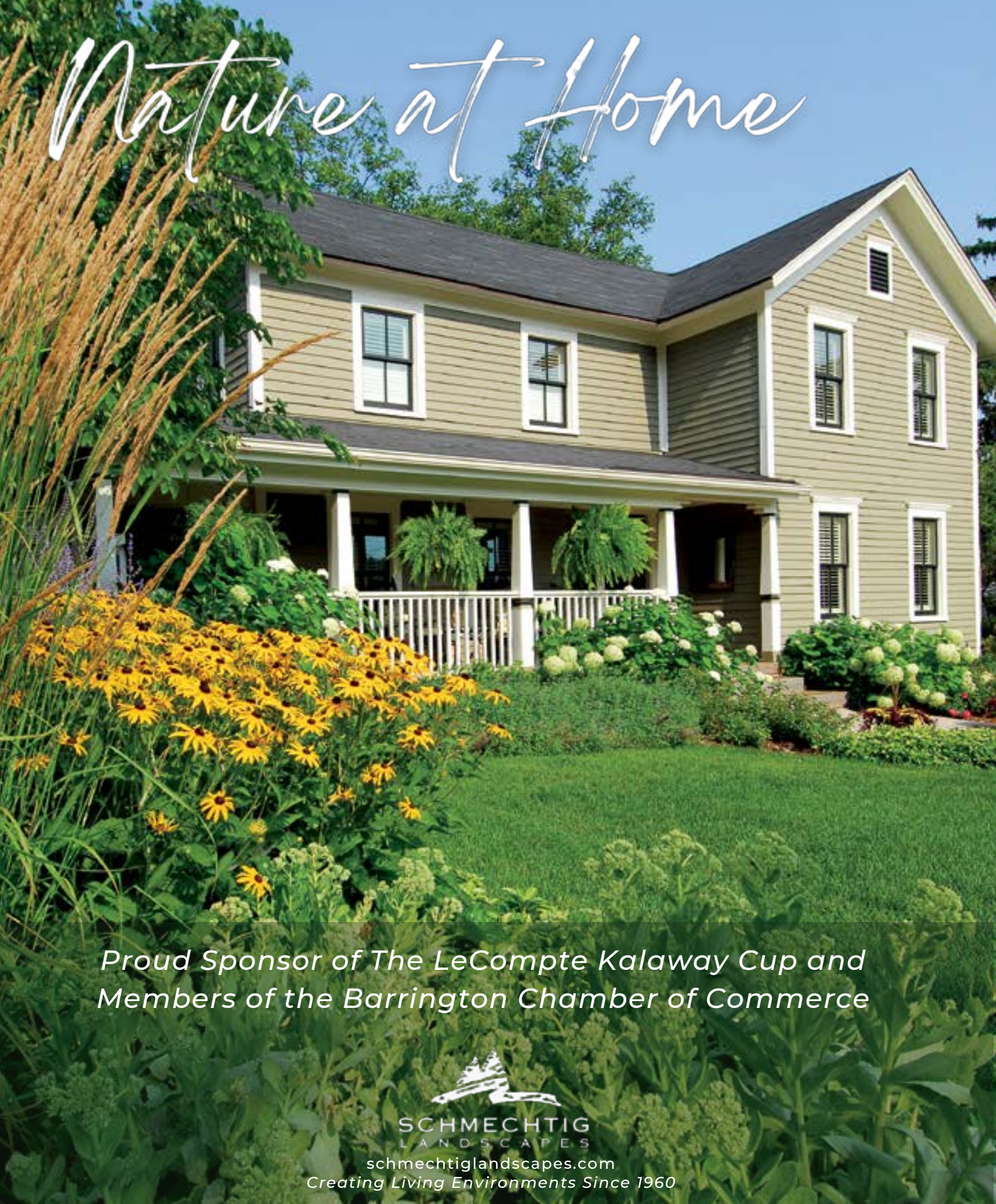
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LADIES' HAT JUDGES



Rick Judd

According to Event Chair, Karen Selman, Rick Judd always looks like he stepped out of GQ which suggests he has a fashion sense and can recognize a good ladies' hat when he sees one. Rick and his wife, Peggy, are long time members of the Riding Club of Barrington Hills and proud supporters of our equestrian way of life.



Catherine Keady

Catherine is a former resident of Barrington Hills. She served on the board for the Riding Club of Barrington Hills and, in 2010, volunteered to join the steering committee for the LeCompte Kalaway Cup where she became the co-chair. Catherine has been in interior design for 18 years.



Jimmy Korshak

Jimmy Korshak grew up in Chicago and developed a love of and a gift for fashion as early as four years old. He has worked as a personal stylist for Neiman Marcus for the past 24 years.



Sal Guccione

A 10-year resident of Barrington Hills, Sal Guccione loves its country lifestyle. He first attended the Kalaway Cup as a Trail Owner. He got more into the equestrian life as a trail rider and challenged himself in the Barrington Hills Polo School more than once. He is a multi-year sponsor of the Ladies Hat Competition with Charles Schwab of South Barrington.

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Dennis Kelly

For many years, Dennis Kelly has trolled the tailgate parties at the annual polo event for free food and beverages. That alone makes him an expert and potentially a great judge. Dennis is president of the Barrington Hills Park District and, together with his wife Vicky, an active volunteer with the Fox River Valley Pony Club.



Stephanie Doubek

Stephanie got her first pony at the age of 3 and has been riding ever since. She raised her family on a small Barrington Hills horse farm for the last 20 years. She and her family were members of the Pony Club and current members of the Riding Club. Stephanie works for an international company in the financial services industry, as well as with Buffalo Creek Brewing in Long Grove.



Terry Groh

Terry Groh is a seasoned equestrian who competed in hunter-jumpers back in 80's and 90's. He now rides at a more leisurely pace on his palomino quarter horse. He also has an off-track thoroughbred he's training. This horse came from Mercury Equine, the same barn as Rich Strike, this year's Kentucky Derby Winner!

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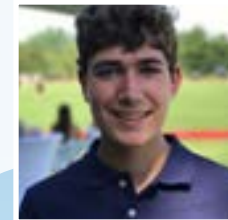
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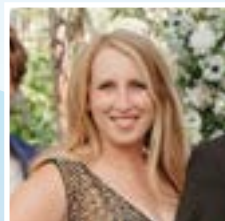
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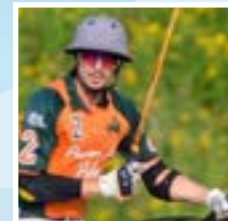
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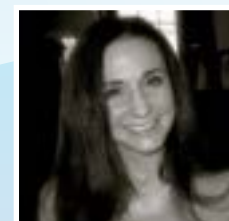
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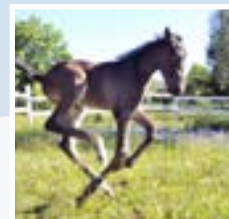
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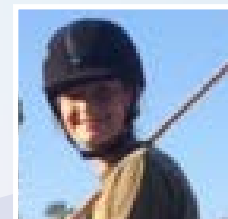
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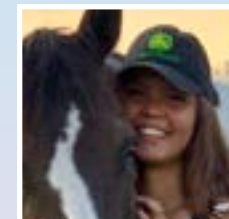
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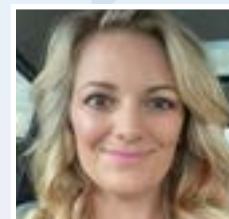
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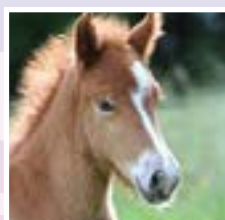
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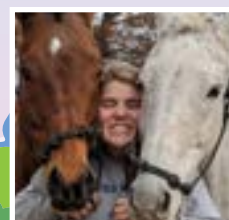
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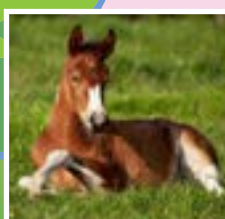
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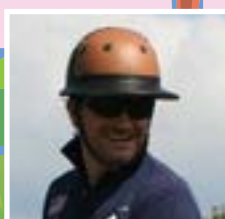
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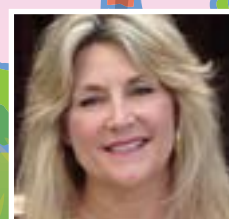
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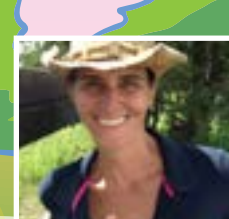
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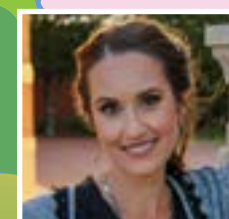
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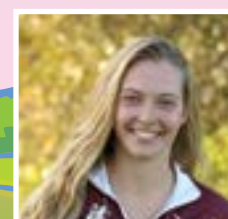
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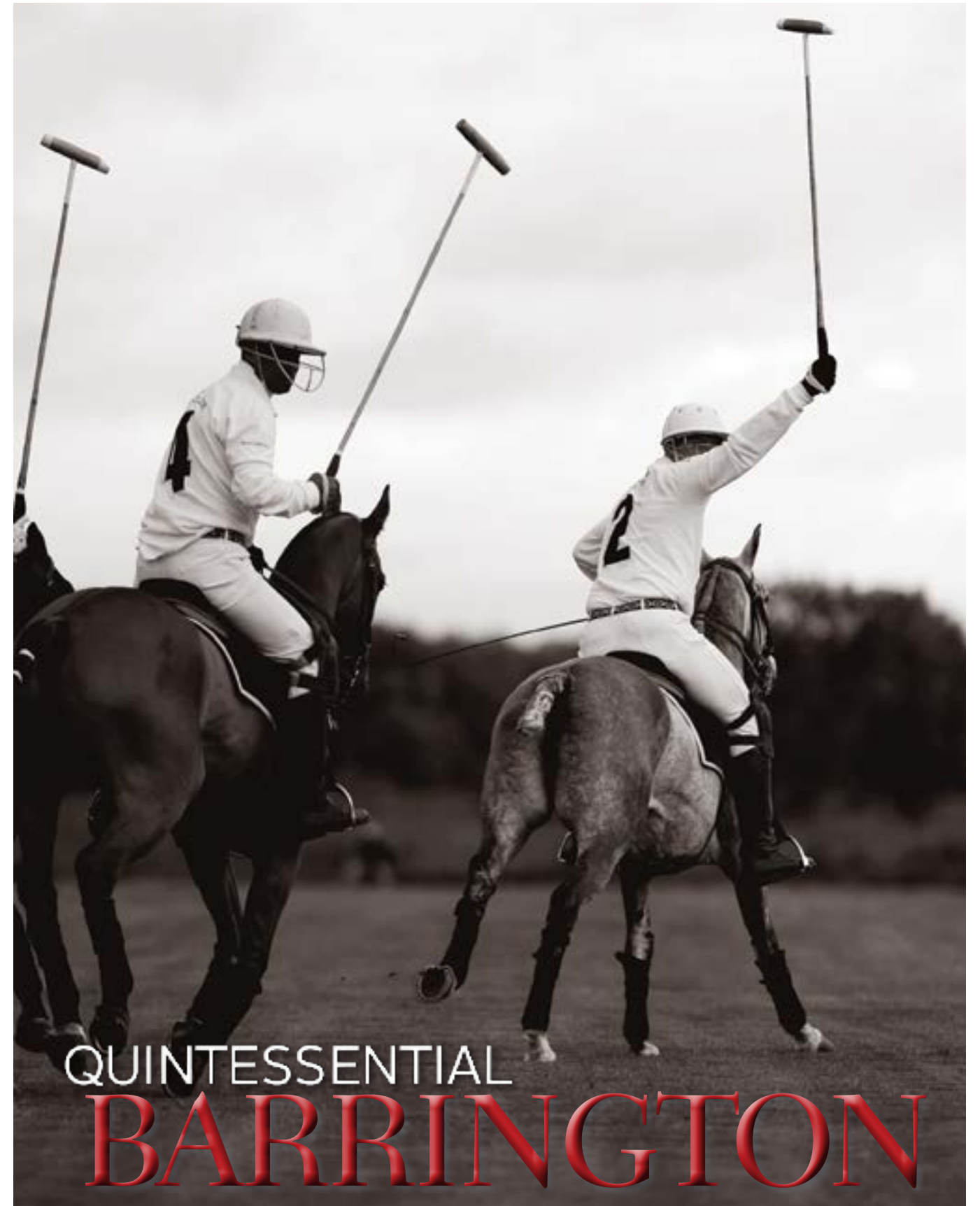
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Karen Selman
Event Chair

Karen has chaired this event on multiple occasions. She also co-founded the event in 2005 and has served on its Board since its inception. Her vision has been firm: to keep the LeCompte Kalaway Cup a showcase for the equestrian lifestyle of Barrington Hills that every resident can appreciate and enjoy.



Jenny and Mike Drecoll

If your tailgate is situated where you wanted it, thank Jenny Drecoll. For several years, Jenny has ramrodded the entire process of tailgates, tickets, and field design. Jenny handles this arduous assignment with aplomb. And she knew what she was getting into. She began her Kalaway Cup career as chairman of the entire event in 2016. Since then, she has also shanghaied her husband Mike to help Drew McMahon with the parking every year.



John Rosene

As co-founder of the LeCompte Kalaway Cup, John is chairman of the Barrington Hills Polo Club and is founder and chief instructor in the club's famous Spring Polo School. He's proud of the fact that most of the players on the field are graduates of the school. John serves as back-up for Karen Selman and is in charge of raising the money for the event.



Judy Freeman

If this event owes you money, be nice to Judy. As event treasurer she controls the money and writes the checks. Judy is a member of the Riding Club of Barrington Hills, the Fox River Valley Hunt and a volunteer for the Fox River Valley Pony Club. She was Chairman of the Village's Zoning Board and is committed to helping our community continue its long history of equestrian pursuits.



Vicky Kelly

In this, her first year on the Board, Vicky has taken on the challenging assignment of acquiring and distributing all the "facilities" needed on the polo field the day of the event. Basically, she serves as a purchasing manager who not only secures tents and furnishings needed by the Polo Club and the volunteers managing the Gates, you can thank Vicky for the golf carts taking you from the parking lots to your tailgate.



Drew and Jackie McMahon

Drew and Jackie have totally different responsibilities at the Kalaway Cup. Drew is in charge of Parking. That means he paints the stripes in the parking areas prior to the event and then directs the activities of the parking attendants. He's done this for the past several events. He is an elected commissioner on the Barrington Hills Park Board. Jackie is the event's Volunteer Chairperson. She's in charge of managing the scores of on-site helpers the day of the event. If you get run over by a golf cart, Blame Jackie. This year, Jackie will also perform the National Anthem to open the event.



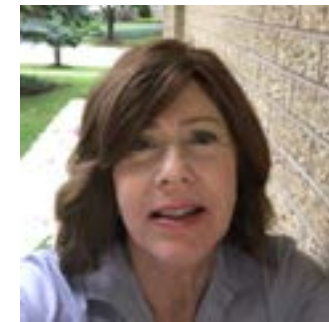
Bob Zubak

Bob and Jill Zubak moved to Barrington Hills in 2015. Jill rides horses. Bob not so much. But Bob enjoys and recognizes the value of our equestrian lifestyle. The Zubaks belong to the Riding Club of Barrington Hills, and Bob served as a Barrington Hills Village Trustee from 2017 to 2021. Jill has served on the Kalaway committee. Bob is a U. of Illinois graduate and earned his masters from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management. He was the Senior Portfolio Manager for Allstate Insurance and managed a variety of tax-exempt mutual funds. He's an avid golfer and fisherman. Bob's the guy who put up our posters all over town.



Ann Messer and Anne Pramaggiore

Ann and Anne are new to the LeCompte Kalaway Cup's Board of Directors. In addition to helping guide the over execution of the event, they've taken of the responsibility of Award management. This involves sourcing, budgeting and acquiring trophies, gifts and prizes for winning teams, MVP's, "Best Playing Ponies" and security. Equally important is recruiting judges for the Hat and Tailgate competitions. Also challenging is distributing the trophies, gifts and prizes amid the crowds that assemble at the Announcer Tower after each match.



Cathy Keady

Catherine and John Keady lived in Barrington Hills from 2006 to 2018. Previously, the Keady's owned auto dealerships in Iowa. Cathy joined the Riding Club of Barrington Hills in 2009 and later served on the board. She signed on to a Kalaway cup committee and worked with various responsibilities, then went on to co-chair the event. Cathy was a western rider and owned a champion quarter horse. Cathy rejoined the Kalaway committee 2022 and is working on advertising and sponsorships.



Martha Adams

Martha has no formal position on the Board of Directors. She doesn't come to the meetings. She doesn't have a title or specific role. She just solves problems. When we can't find enough volunteers, Martha arrives with a crew. When we need to beautify the entry gate to the polo field, Martha steps up. She's been a stealth asset for many and varied events. Her wonderful taste and quiet determination make any event better.



Paula Jacobsen

Do you enjoy spending a few bucks while enjoying the polo and camaraderie at the LeCompte Kalaway Cup? The wander over to our Midway. Paula is the one who recruited the vendors and made sure they had what they needed to have a successful event. This is Paula's first stint as a Board member. She is a former Village Trustee, a dedicated horsewoman and a terrific asset to the Kalaway Cup.

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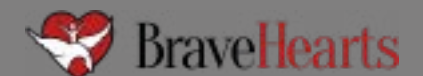
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