



NIAGARA POLO 2022



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The Commons, Niagara-on-the-Lake

PRESENTED BY THE NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE MUSEUM



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Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum

MESSAGE FROM SARAH KAUFMAN, MANAGING DIRECTOR

WELCOME TO NIAGARA POLO!

What an experience to witness the challenging game of Polo on the historic Commons, where the King's Dragoon Guards played during their stay, 1838-1842, and the Royal Canadian Dragoons played in the 1930s. Although the games were for the spectator's enjoyment, Polo was a training tool for the cavalry who honed their riding skills on the field, carrying a mallet in one hand rather than a sword.

I would like to say a special thank you to everyone joining us at Niagara Polo this year, especially our amazing sponsors! The Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum is dedicated to preserving and promoting the rich history of Niagara-on-the-Lake. We are a small, private, non-profit museum that relies heavily on the support of our community, our donors, and all levels of government to continue operations. We are also one of the most active organizations in the community with approximately 600 members, 100 volunteers, and an ambitious 80 programs per year schedule. Funds raised through this event support the preservation of the collection, the ongoing maintenance of our heritage buildings, and the continuation of our engaging educational programs.

Thank you to all our volunteers helping out today and to our Niagara Polo event committee without whom none of this would be possible.

I hope you enjoy this unique Niagara experience and thank you again for showing support towards heritage!

*Sarah Kaufman, Managing Director
Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum*





NIAGARA POLO

Schedule of Events

ANNOUNCER:: GEORGE DELL

12:00

OPENING CEREMONIES

Niagara British Car Club; Fort George Fife & Drum Corps; Niagara Regional Police Pipe Band; Introduction of dignitaries & polo players; National Anthem sung by Hannah Otto (courtesy of Yellow Door Theatre Project)

12:30

FIRST POLO MATCH

NOTL Bed & Breakfast Association vs. VRG Capital

1:30

HALF-TIME

Divot Stomp: Cross the field and all attendees 19+ receive a complimentary sample of Vieni sparkling wine while they stomp the divots!

Awards: Presented by Nancy Bailey for MVP and Best Playing Pony

Best Hat Competition: Presented by BeauChapeau

Entertainment: Heavyweights Brass Band

2:30

SECOND POLO MATCH

Engel & Volkers, Nancy Bailey vs. Arterra Wines Canada

3:30

CLOSING

Awards presented by Nancy Bailey, Engel & Volkers Oakville for MVP and Best Playing Pony



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About the Sport of Kings

HOW THE GAME IS PLAYED

The object of the game of Polo is to move the ball down-field, hitting the ball through the goal for a score. After each score, teams change goals, located at opposite ends of the field.

Of the many pieces of equipment used in polo, two are particularly important - the ball and the mallet. Just as you pay attention to the puck in hockey, keep your eye on the ball in polo. Traditionally made of English willow, but now plastic, it can zoom by at nearly 100 mph.

The mallet, made of a bamboo shaft with a hardwood head, is used to hit the polo ball. Like golf clubs, mallets are made in different lengths to accommodate the player's swing and pony's size.

The game starts when the mounted umpire bowls the ball between the two teams of four players, facing each other in centre field. A game consists of four or six periods called "chukkers", which last seven minutes each, plus overtime. There is a four-minute interval between chukkers.

In polo, the horses are called "polo ponies", although they are a far cry from the small mounts children love to ride. They are mostly thoroughbreds and superb equine performers. They must sprint, stop, turn, and accelerate to open speed for seven minutes in duration - which places a high demand on the ponies. That's why players usually change ponies between chukkers, to give them a rest.

However, players may change horses anytime during chukkers, but normal play is continuous, stopped only for penalties, broken tack (horse equipment), or injury to a pony or rider.

Two mounted umpires officiate the game, while a referee on the sidelines makes final decisions on infractions of the rules and penalties.



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Niagara Polo Merchandise

Shirts - \$55; Hats - \$35

Local Shopping

A selection of artisans have been curated by Sorella Niagara.

Food & Drink

MJ Ingribelli Food Truck
PigOut Catering
Trains Coffee Co.
Ravine Vineyard
Vieni Estates
Great Lakes Brewery



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WHAT THE ANNOUNCER IS TELLING YOU

BUMP: A player may ride into a competitor to spoil his or her shot. The collision angle must be slight, causing no more than a jar.

HOOK: A player may spoil another's shot by putting his or her mallet in the way of the striking player. But a cross hook - reaching over the opponent's mount - is a foul.

KNOCK-IN: When the offensive team hits the ball across the defensive backline, the defending team resumes the game with a free hit from their backline.

NEAR SIDE: Left-handed side of the horse.

NECKSHOT: A ball hit under the horse's neck from either side.

OFF SIDE: The right-hand side of the horse.

OUT OF BOUNDS: When the ball crosses the sidelines or goes over the sideboards. The umpire throws another ball between the two teams to resume play.

PENALTY: A free hit toward the goal from a set distance. Severity of the foul determines the distance of the penalty.

RIDE OFF: Two players bump and attempt to push each other off the line of the ball to prevent a hit. The horses are supposed to do the pushing, although players also may use their bodies, but not their elbows.

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

TAILSHOT: Hitting the ball across and behind the horse's rump.

THIRD MAN: Referee at the sidelines who has final authority when the two umpires disagree.

THROW IN: The umpire bowls the ball to the teams to start or resume play.

TIMEOUT: Called by an umpire at his or her discretion, when a foul is committed or an accident occurs. No timeout allowed to change horses or replace a broken mallet, although a player may do so at any time.



MORE TO DO AT NIAGARA POLO!

Pony Rides for kids from 1-3 pm

Visit the Tiny Museum to see an exhibit on Niagara Camp

Bid on items from the Silent Auction

Participate in the Divot Stomp

Check out the Niagara British Car Club display

Enjoy the half-time show by the Heavyweights Brass Band



Silent Auction

LOCATED NEAR THE VIP AREA; CLOSES AT 3:15 PM

Item Description	Donor Name
Art & Architecture book by Peter Stokes, 1st ed.	Marsha Howe
Reception for 12 at the Museum with wine & hors d'oeuvres	Museum
2 Sets of Hornyansky Prints	Museum
Charcuterie Board	Museum
First Day Cover Brock & Tecumseh Stamps	Linda Rodeck
Suitcase	Geoffrey & Lorraine Joyner
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Tapas and Wine for 12	Joe Carlino and Steve Cohen
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Cacio Pepe Gift Certificate	Cacio Pepe
4 tickets to Shaw Christmas Show	The Shaw Festival
Nest Thermostat	David Hemmings
Ferox Wine and tasting	Ferox
Afternoon on boat	Gary Zalepa Jr.
Restaurant Gift Certificate	Joy Miele
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2 E-skoot full day rental	E-Skoot - Colin and Jen
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Ziraldo Riesling Icewine	Donald Ziraldo
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Senhora Do Convento Extra Virgin Oil	Donald Ziraldo
Peller Estate Signature Merlot	Judy and Peter Gill
4 Air Canada Lounge Passes	BCD Travel
Grape Escape Mystery Room & Bricks and Barley Gift Card	Grape Escape and Richard Mell
2 X 4 Jams	Lisa Kaulzaric
Greaves Basket and Gift Card	Greaves Jams and Marmalades
Hand creams	Serendipity
Beer	Exchange
Beer cooler and T-shirt	Silversmith
Hypnotyc Hair Lounge	Hypnotyc Hair Lounge
Teeth Whitening Kit	Stone Road Dental
Simpsons gift basket	Simpsons Pharmacy
Bravo Niagara! Tickets	Bravo Niagara
Mirror 31 x 23	Geoffrey & Lorraine Joyner
Mirror 19 x 17	Geoffrey & Lorraine Joyner
2 Recipe books	Geoffrey & Lorraine Joyner
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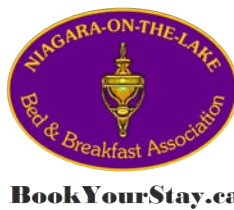
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