



Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club

2021 USPA Regional President's Cup

SANTA BARBARA, CA. (October 5th, 2021) Last weekend was packed with polo as the club hosted a double header on the US Polo Assn Grandstand Field with the finals of the Cheval Athletics Women's Invitational and the Jackson Hole Horse Emporium Wickenden Cup.

In the Women's Invitational, three teams battled for the title with Cheval Athletics/SBPRC taking an early lead in Friday's games. Despite a valiant effort from Gipsy/World Gym, Central Coast and Cheval met in the final. It was a very defensive match with Cheval holding a two point lead until the final chukker. However an open goal scored by Sierra Dunbar brought Central Coast within one with only a few minutes remaining. However in the final moments of the game Bray capitalized on a spot hit for Cheval shooting on goal and MVP Judith Baker rode out the line to pick up a penalty 1 for the team. The spot hit from the center set up another team play allowing Cheval to score in the final moments and secure the win by 3.

Judith Baker was selected and MVP and Mia Bray's 4th chukker horse, Gossip, was selected as Best Playing Pony. Baker commented on the tournament, "I feel so honored to be selected as MVP for this tournament. I am very lucky to be able to play in my late 70's let alone be getting on the trophy stand! I have many great supporters in my teammates and friend, George Dill, for mounting me on such safe, nice horses".

In the second match of the day, FMB Too!/Seattle challenged the champions of the prior tournament, Rancho Polo/Chogan. FMBToo!/Seattle started the game on fire with many outstanding team plays with Will Busch and Cameron Smith shooting on goal thanks to great passes from teammates Santi Wulff and Henry Walker. However the tides changed in the 5th chukker when MVP Ale Gonzalez hopped on his Best Playing Pony scoring immediate back to back goals. Rancho Polo/Chogan finished on top with a score of 12-10.

About Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club

Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club is the premier destination for summer polo. Players and Patrons from all across the globe call Santa Barbara their home for the summer, bringing world class polo to the Southern California coast. We welcome spectators back to our club to enjoy the matches in 2021. Please visit the “Spectator Information” page for more information.

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