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Sports Illustrated Ranks Newport Polo '5th' in Top 25 Sports Bargains



Friday, July 10th, 2009...**Sports Illustrated** has ranked the Newport International Polo Series fifth in its list of Top 25 Best Summer Sports Bargains, released Friday on SI.com.

"As a world authority on sports, we are honored to have this distinction among all the options available nationwide," stated Dan Keating, Polo Series founder and President, "because we have always strived to make Polo affordable and a family event."

The matches take place every Saturday at 5pm in June - September (4pm in Sept.) on the outskirts of Newport. Dating back more than 130 years, the polo matches are a unique and popular Newport summertime tradition enjoyed by the public. Tickets are sold at the entry gates two hours prior to the start of each match. General Admission for the grandstand or for tailgate picnics on the lawn is \$10.00 for adults; children 15 & under are free. Box seating in the Subscribers Enclosure is also available for \$15/person. For season tickets, group reservations and more information call 401-846-0200.

The Polo Series takes place on the polo grounds of historic Glen Farm, 715 East Main Road (also called Route 138) in Portsmouth, RI, just 6 miles north of downtown Newport. **Glen Farm** is the remaining 100 acres of a 700-acre manorial farm whose history dates back to the 1600's. Its classical stone barns from the Gilded Age and its park-like grounds were rescued from ruins and rehabilitated by the Newport Polo Club's founder in the early 90's and, as a result, it thrives today as a vital equestrian and community recreational property and the jewel of Portsmouth.

Special events in conjunction with the matches include the Newport Polo Club's **Asado Lamb Roast** on **July 18th**, the **International Polo Ball** on **July 31st** to benefit the restoration of the Newport Opera House, a **Lobsterbake** on **Aug. 1st**, and a **Jerk Grill** on **Aug. 15th**, in which the public is invited to partake. For more information on the special events, contact the Polo Office: 401-847-7090.

This is the 18th season of the Newport International Polo Series, sponsored by the [Carnegie Abbey Club](#), [WCRB Classical Radio](#), [NBC Channel 10](#), the [Newport Daily News](#), [Pearls Boutique Hotels](#), [Barton and Gray Mariners Club](#), [The Mooring Seafood Restaurant & Bar](#), [Lufthansa](#), [O2 Global Chauffeured Services](#), [McGrath Clambakes](#), [Northwestern Mutual Financial Network](#), [Udderly Smooth/CVS](#) and [Bose](#), as well as promotional partners including [The Preservation Society of Newport](#), [Bird's Eye View Helicopter Tours](#), [America's Cup Charters](#), the [Newport Music Festival](#), the [International Tennis Hall of Fame](#), [Eastern Mountain Sports of Middletown](#) and [Newport County Visitor & Convention Bureau](#). "Without their help the Series would not be as extensive as it is," explained Dan Keating, Polo Series founder.

At the polo matches you will find choices of hot and cold food concessions a la carte and a full service bar on site, for your convenience. The ***Twisted Pony Bar*** is known for its craft beer selection, premium spirits and collection of boutique wines from all over the universe. A la carte fare includes a mouthwatering raw bar by **Bluepoint**, and **Grillmasters** offers a standard menu of grilled fare. The sprawling lawn and surrounding fields offer an opportunity for dog-lovers to bring their 4-legged friends along on a lead for the afternoon, and Moms swear it's the only activity their teenage kids are still willing to do with the rest of the family. Attire is smart-casual. Shopping for unique souvenirs includes hand-painted signature jewelry from **Angela Moore** to accessorize any sundress; handbags inspired by the sea from **She Shells**, the latest fashion designs from **Guilded Boston**; and official apparel of the **Newport International Polo Series**.

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