



CLIPPED MANES & Champagne Showers

Photos by Geoff Young

The 23rd annual Schomp BMW Denver Polo Classic, held June 25th through the 27th, continues to reign as the largest charity polo tournament in the U.S. and this year was no different as organizers anticipated topping last year's \$300,000 take for children's charities. The Denver Active 20-30 has run this tournament for 23 years and has donated over eight million dollars to various charities that benefit children.

Valiente's Kris Kampsen attempts a shot while Hernan Tejera tries to block.



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Three days of fun included a black tie ball on Friday night and polo action over the weekend culminating with Championship Sunday and the crowning of the 2010 Congressional Cup Champion.

Under the massive white tents at the prestigious Polo Reserve Development in Littleton, Colorado, patrons and fans cheered on the polo action while partaking of gourmet treats from some of Denver's finest restaurants, and quenching thirsts from the many open bars freely pouring Grey Goose and Champagne. With a live and silent auction bumping up the excitement under the tent, out on the field, the championship match rose to the occasion and provided spirited competition to close out three days of parties.

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The Schomp BMW Denver Polo Classic continues to be the most entertaining and impressive charity event held in Colorado, and the nation; and those who are in the most need, the disadvantaged children, are the real winners of this June weekend event.



Nacho Novillo (left) and Juanca Harriet chase down the ball during the championship match.



The agility of horse and rider is one of the riveting aspects to well played polo.



This is not your typical Sunday pony ride!



Juanca Harriet watches the ball take flight from his mallet.



Team Schomp BMW's Nacho Novillo and his pony put on the brakes.



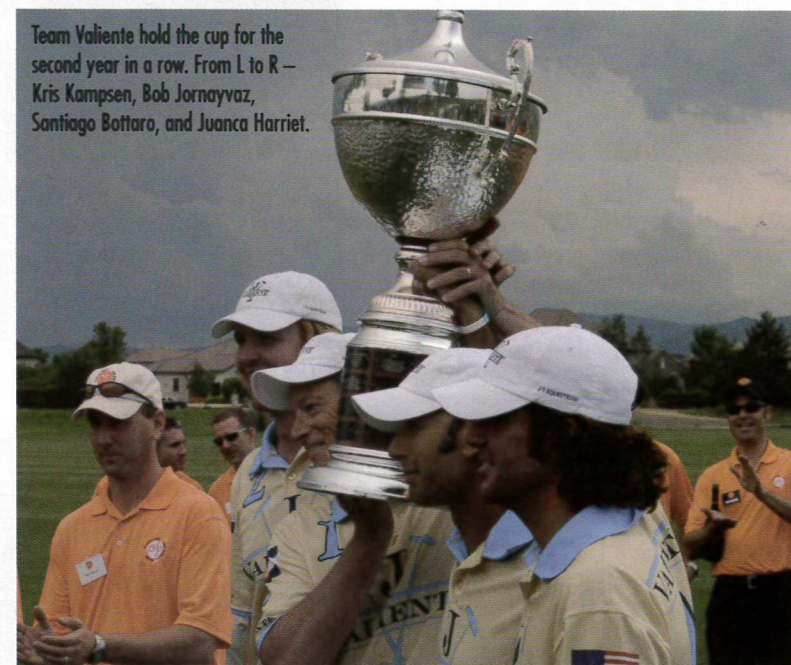
Team Valiente's Santiago Bottaro prepares to hit the ball, as his pony appears to be taking off!



Bob Jornayvaz and the cup get the only shower on a sunny Championship Sunday.



Team Schomp BMW from L to R – Hernan Tejera, Agustin Wulff, “one of the 20-30 guys,” Nacho Novilla, and Tim Kelly.



Team Valiente hold the cup for the second year in a row. From L to R – Kris Kampsen, Bob Jornayvaz, Santiago Bottaro, and Juanca Harriet.



Tournament MVP Kris Kampsen from Team Valiente.

Champagne Party Pictures



Erica Gandomcar Sachs, (third from right) with her crew from Denver Polo Club



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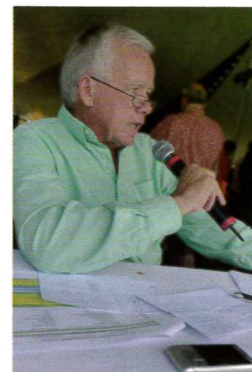
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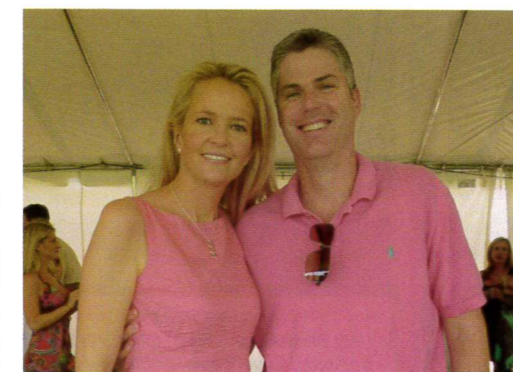
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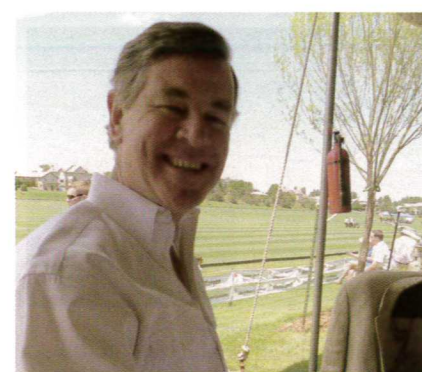
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Gene Burke, U.S. Polo Association Rocky Mountain Circuit Governor



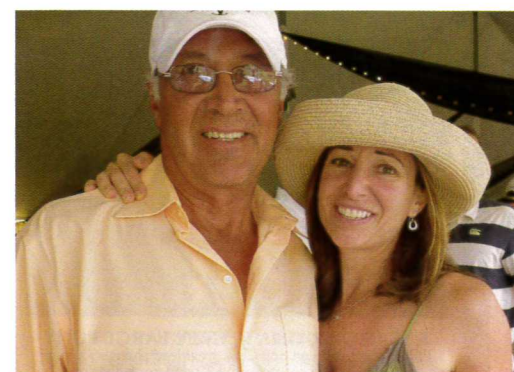
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Celebrity Announcer Amelia Earhart, 9News



Jake Jacobson, Steve Wisko, Lysie Olsen, Paul Olsen and Jana Olsen



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