# THE HUSKY POLO POST

The Newsletter of the UConn Polo Club



Highlights in this month's issue:

 Polo Pony of the Month: Pinta

Photo by: Judah Shingleton

- Player of the Month: Kathleen
- Spring Alumni and Awards Dinner, RSVP
- Regional Tournament Results

### **Pinta**

#### Polo Pony of the Month

Pinta is a spotted chestnut thoroughbred that is the perfect option for polo players of all levels. She is an incredibly handy polo pony that can respond instantly. Her steadiness makes her great for beginners, and her speed and eagerness to play makes her a dominant pony in the varsity string. She was generously donated by Martin Cregg from Skaneateles, NY.



# PLAYER OF THE MONTH



Kathleen Moriarty is a senior studying in Allied Health Sciences. Kathleen started playing polo in 8th grade on the CT Polo Team which played out of Horsebarn Hill Arena. She was moved onto the UConn varsity team at the beginning of her Freshman year of college. Kathleen's favorite polo pony at UConn is Suerte. In her free time, she loves to spend time with her rescued rat terrier named Tulip.

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# UConn Competes in Final Round of USPA Regional Tournament



The UConn Women's Varsity Polo Team traveled to Ithaca, NY for the March 8th to 10th USPA Northeastern Regional Tournament where they played against Skidmore and Cornell. Their first game ended in a 16-9 win over Skidmore which brought them to the finals. UConn came in second overall, ranking above eight other teams in the region. Anders Carlton won the All-Star Award and Nicole Kula won the Sportsmanship Award.



# On Wednesdays, We Wear Polos



Nadina Dellaripa gets ready to send the ball down the arena on Eve.

Nicole Moody goes for a hook on Heather Wirth to prevent her from continuing towards goal.

Jim (Doc) Dinger gives pointers to Erika Anderson.

On Wednesday nights, you will find the advanced polo practicum in Horsebarn Hill Arena playing chukkers. UConn offers lessons of various levels to the community; you do not have to be a student of UConn to learn. Jim (Doc) Dinger, a talented polo player and previous varsity coach for many years, has taught countless players the strategies of polo. These players of Wednesday night have worked their way into the advanced group through determination and development of their skills.

Alex Cabra carries the ball away from her opponent's goal on Peanut Butter. Kylie Dalton takes an open shot on goal while riding her favorite horse, Mia Mia.



# Wednesday Players:



#### Alex Cabra

Has been playing for: 3.5 years
Favorite polo pony: Dorado
Favorite part about polo: "After
growing up focusing on equitation,
it's fun to go faster paced in a
more competitive environment."



#### **Heather Wirth**

Has been playing for: 5 years Favorite polo pony: Tulsa Favorite part about polo: "The intensity and attitude of the game."



#### **Kylie Dalton**

Has been playing for: 3 years
Favorite polo pony: Mia Mia
Favorite part about polo: "The
level of competition in games and
being on a horse."



#### Nadina Dellaripa

Has been playing for: 2.5 years
Favorite polo pony: Mia Mia
Favorite part about polo: "I like
riding with a purpose and the
variability of the sport. Polo makes
you a better rider."



#### **Nicole Moody**

Has been playing for: 2 years
Favorite polo pony: Tulsa
Favorite part about polo: "I love
the horses and that polo is a team
sport."



#### Erika Anderson

Has been playing for: 3 years Favorite polo pony: Lucia Favorite part about polo: "Going fast."

# RSVP for the Alumni and Awards Dinner! The LAST DAY to RSVP is April 15th.

Where: Coventry Lakeview Restaurant and Bar When: Sunday, April 28th at

5:00PM-10:00 PM.

50 LAKE STREET COVENTRY, CT 06238

Alumni, community polo members, friends, and family are all welcome to come to the UConn Polo Alumni Dinner and Awards Banquet! The dinner will be buffet style, and guests will have a chance to win door prizes. Tickets are \$30 per person. Guests will pay at the door.

RSVP on our website: https://polo.rso.uconn.edu/awardsdinner-rsvp/



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## **Spring 2019 Game Schedule**

Day	Date	UConn Team	Time	Team
SATURDAY	FEB 2nd	WOMEN	7:30pm	@CORNELL
				W 17-13
SATURDAY	FEB 9th	WOMEN	12:00pm	HARVARD
				W 18-5
SATURDAY	MAR 2nd	WOMEN	7:00pm	CORNELL L 25-7
FRI-SUN	MAR 8TH-10TH	WOMEN	TBD	REGIONAL TOURNAMENT
	0111-10111			@CORNELL
		HOME GAMES IN BOLD PLEASE KEEP UPDATED WITH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ABOUT ANY GAME CHANGES.		

Coach: Patrick Marinelli

Home Games Held in Horsebarn Hill Arena located at: 3099 Horsebarn Hill Rd.,

Storrs, CT 06269

Free Admission

All Games subject to change- please check UConn Polo Facebook page for updates

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Please contact Anna McCarthy by email or text with photos and information you want included:

anna.mccarthy@uconn.edu (860)-383-3674

#### Are you:

- · An alumni still active in polo?
- · In the practicum lessons?
- A fan watching the games?
- A community member that has information or photos that could contribute to this newsletter?

#### We want to hear from you!

Please contact Anna McCarthy by email or text with photos or stories you want to share:

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#### DONATIONS NEEDED

Sound horses, tack, etc.

Donations are tax deductible.

Polo ponies used by UConn Polo are generously donated by friends of the UConn Polo Club in the community. The club is currently looking for new horse donations for evaluation to expand the current polo string and to replace aging horses. Approval is done by The Department of Animal Science.

For more information, please email: uconnpoloclub1@gmail.com



We thank the University of Connecticut's Department of Animal Science for giving us the opportunity to use Horsebarn Hill Arena and the polo ponies to play every week. Without them, the club would not be possible.