

# THE HUSKY POLO POST

The Newsletter of the UConn Polo Club

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## Lucia

### Polo Pony of the Month

Out of the UConn Polo pony herd, Lucia is one of the longest-standing members. This mare's knowledge and love of the game combined with her athleticism makes her one of the best horses to ride during a chukker. She is a handy, fast, and steady pony with a killer bump. You can spot her in the arena by her bright blue fluffy breastplate cover. Lucia was generously donated to UConn Polo by Robert Wilkinson of Saint Charles, IL.





# Player of the Month:



## Happy Doran



Happy Doran is the UConn Polo Club President of 2023! She is a junior from Natick, MA studying Animal Science. She is on the pre-vet track and aims to be a small animal veterinarian. She spent this summer as a vet-tech assistant at Thrive Pet Healthcare. Happy started riding 7 years ago in equitation but took up polo lessons in 2020 when she started at UConn. After spending a year in UConn's polo practicum lesson program, Happy joined the team last year. Her favorite UConn Polo pony is Lucia.

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# IGNITE FUNDRAISER STARTS TODAY

Please consider supporting UConn Polo!

Ignite is the UConn Club Sports fundraising campaign. From November 14-15 UConn Polo, and all the other club sports teams, have the opportunity to use ignite as an outreach to their communities for support to help them for the rest of the academic year. By supporting UConn Polo, you will help us with game fees, pony tack, and more!

[Click for our IGNITE donation page](#)



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# UConn Winter Polo



[REGISTER HERE](#)

Lesson dates: December 19, 21, January 2, 4, 9, 11

Want to continue your lessons?  
Want to try polo for the first time?  
In CT and can't get enough of polo?

Ride during our Winter Equine Practicum! Must be at least an intermediate rider and 13 years or older.

Click [register here](#) for more info!





# UConn

## POLO

### \* Fall 2023 Game Schedule \*

Day	Date	UConn Team	Time	Team	
SATURDAY	OCT 7TH	WOMEN	1:00 PM	FARMINGTON POLO CLUB	
<b>-----POSTPONED TO 10-27-----</b>					
SUNDAY	OCT 8TH	WOMEN	12:00 PM	HARVARD	L 11-10
FRIDAY	OCT 13TH	WOMEN	6:00 PM	YALE	W 25-9
SATURDAY	OCT 14TH	WOMEN	1:00 PM	FAMILY WEEKEND INTERCLUB MATCH	
SATURDAY	OCT 28TH	WOMEN	1:00 PM	UConn DUBLIN	
<b>-----CANCELLED-----</b>					
SATURDAY	NOV 4TH	WOMEN	1:00 PM	SKIDMORE	W 9-5
SATURDAY	NOV 11TH	WOMEN	1:00 PM	YALE	
<b>-----CANCELLED-----</b>					

### HOME GAMES IN BOLD

Coach: Kylie Dalton – [kylie.dalton@uconn.edu](mailto:kylie.dalton@uconn.edu)

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 Instagram page for updates \*\*





# October Game Highlights

Harvard, Yale, and More!

## UConn VS. HARVARD 10-8-2023



Our season started off with a game against Harvard Polo Women's Team. The team started the day driving up to Myopia Polo's arena in South Hamilton, MA, with team members, Molly, Kat, Anna, Liz, Bow, Ruby, Alexa, and Happy,

in tow (pictured on the right, listed middle to right, top then bottom row). After some hard playing, the team finished the game at a one point deficit, ceding to Harvard 11-10. Despite the loss, it was a big day for the team with our two number 4's, Kat McGuire and Alexa Norquist, making their debut. For both it was their first game ever with outstanding reviews from returning players, Happy and Liz!





## UConn VS. YALE 10-13-2023



UConn Polo picked up their second game at Yale Polo on a crisp fall evening. We had team members, Alexa, Liz, Toni, Happy, Anna, Ruby, and Bow (pictured bottom left) travel to Yale Polo Center in Bethany, CT. The team scored a victory against Yale Women's Polo with an ending score of 25-9. This game had the reunion of our three

returning players and starters, Happy Doran, Toni Moore, and Liz Leudesdorff.

## UConn VS. FARMINGTON POLO CLUB 10-27-2023



At the generosity of Heather Suoto, of Farmington Polo Club, the UConn Polo Team traveled to the nearby polo club in Farmington, CT to compete in a scrimmage against Farmington Polo members. Due to a lack of player availability, this match saw the return of alumni, Coach Kylie Dalton, as a player for UConn. She played alongside old teammate, Toni Moore, and new team member, Ruby Hughes. This scrimmage was Ruby's first match and she did exceedingly well, especially considering she only started playing at the beginning of this academic year!



# UConn Polo Interclub Match

## Family Weekend Fun!



Player features starting  
top left: Alexa Norquist,  
Anna Shupenis, Bow  
Reavis, Happy Doran, Kat  
McGuire, Liz Leudesdorff,  
Ruby Hughes, Toni Moore

Our bi-annual Family Weekend Interclub Exposition match was a real hit! Thank you to everyone for coming. It is always wonderful to see our alumni, family, friends, and community! Our interclub match is an opportunity for all team members to play in a scrimmage where friends and family can see them play at home. We will have another interclub scrimmage in the spring!



# University College Dublin Clinic

## Visitors from Across the Pond



After plans to play a match versus the University College Dublin Polo Team fell through, we regrouped to host the Dublin team for a clinic and a trail ride over the scenic Horsebarn Hill. Friend of UConn Polo, Horacio Herrán Marcó, came to UConn to coach UConn players, Bow Reavis, Ruby Hughes, and Anna Shupeni and visitors, Zoe, Barbara, Heather, and Sita. They worked on riding control, and defensive plays. Afterward, The UConn players swapped out and Liz Leudesdorff and Toni Moore joined the Dublin team and Horacio for a beautiful, fall-color-filled, trail ride over Horsebarn Hill.



# Halloween Practice Gallery





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\$20 for a quarter  
page ad.

\$35 for a half  
page ad.



Please contact Toni Moore by email or text  
with photos and information you want  
included:

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### **Are you:**

- An alumnus 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 Toni Moore by email or text  
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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](mailto: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.