

THE HUSKY POLO POST

The Newsletter of the UConn Polo Club

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Moana

Polo Pony of the Month

Moana is a thirteen-year-old thoroughbred X mare with a sweet ground manner. She teaches many beginners how to play polo and when asked firmly, gives her all on the field. She is the smallest of the UConn polo ponies but is handy and speedy. Moana is well-loved by many teams at the UConn barn. Before making a home at UConn, Moana belonged to Yale Polo.



Player of the Month:



Alexa Norquist



Alexa Norquist is from Rutland, Massachusetts, and is currently a junior majoring in chemical engineering. She started riding as a hunter/jumper 10 years ago. During her sophomore year, Alexa started taking polo lessons at UConn. It is her first year on the team. Outside of polo, Alexa works at the UConn barn and plays the trombone in the marching/pep band. She also enjoys skiing and crocheting.

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January Game Highlights

Happy Home Games!

UConn VS. SKIDMORE 1-27-2024



The UConn Polo Team kicked off the season with their first home game of the year against visiting team, Skidmore Polo. The Skidmore women's team reunited with their 4 ponies (Erebus, Gitana, Mana, and Voodoo) who are staying at UConn. The teams played 3, 7:30 minute chukkers. All the ponies had their game face on with starters, Liz, Toni, and Happy starting the game off strong, ending the first chukker 5-0 UConn. In the next 2 chukkers, fourth men, Alexa and Kat played a chukker each. The game ended with a score of 22-3 UConn.

February Game Highlights

Happy Home Games!

UConn VS. HARVARD 2-4-2024



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The team had their second home game of the semester against Harvard women's polo team. With teammate Happy Doran injured, the team's fourth man, Alexa Norquist stepped in to join Liz and Toni. The game was highly anticipated after losing to Harvard in the fall by only one point. UConn started out strong and maintained a lead for the whole game, ending the first chukker with a score of 4-2, the second chukker a score of 7-5, and finishing the game in the third chukker at a score of 12-7.

Practice Makes Perfect

Skidmore + UConn Drills and Trails



In lieu of a game, the Skidmore women's team travelled to Storrs, CT to participate in an open practice with some of the UConn team. Coach Kylie led the two teams in multiple drills in preparation for the USPA Northeastern DII Regional Tournament. After, both teams went for a trail ride on Horsebarn Hill and paid a visit to the UConn Dairy Bar for a well deserved treat after a day of riding!

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* Spring 2024 Game Schedule *

Day	Date	UConn Team	Time	Team
SATURDAY	JAN 27TH	WOMEN	12:00 PM	SKIDMORE
SUNDAY	FEB 4TH	WOMEN	12:00 PM	HARVARD
SATURDAY	FEB 10TH	WOMEN	12:00 PM	SKIDMORE
FRIDAY	FEB 16TH	WOMEN	7:00 PM	CORNELL
SATURDAY	FEB 18TH	WOMEN	12:00 PM	UMASS
FRI - SUN	FEB 23 - 25	WOMEN	TBD	REGIONAL TOURNAMENT @OXLEY EQ. CENTER (CORNELL)

W 22-3

W 12-7

CANCELLED

HOME GAMES IN BOLD

Coach: Kylie Dalton – 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 **



USPA DII Northeastern Regional Tournament

Competition Weekend



UConn's first scheduled game for the USPA DII Northeastern Regional Tournament at Oxley Equestrian Center (Cornell University) will take place on Friday, February 23, 7:00 PM against UMass.

If the team wins their next game will be on Saturday, 4:00 PM against Harvard.

Please refer to the social media pages for live updates and livestream video links.

Wish us luck and thank you for your support!

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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!

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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.