

THE HUSKY POLO POST

The Newsletter of the UConn Polo Club

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Julianna

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Peanut Butter

Polo Pony of the Month

Peanut Butter, or PB, is a great horse for a wide range of players. Beginners and varsity players alike enjoy riding her. She is a go-to favorite for bareback riding due to her stocky build, but is also a top pick for playing polo. Her smooth and steady gate makes for an easier swing with the mallet. PB was generously donated to us by Butch Butterworth of Giant Valley Polo Club in Hamden, CT.



PLAYER OF THE MONTH



Julianna began riding at the age of 5 and later started her polo career at the age of 11 at Gardnertown Farms in Newburgh, NY. She has played in the Metropolitan Intersvarsity Challenge at the Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club in Tianjin, China (pictured above). Some of her favorite polo ponies at UConn are Peanut Butter and Princess. Julianna is currently in her third year at UConn studying Animal Science as a Pre-vet major. During her school breaks, she works at veterinary hospitals and volunteers at Habitat for Humanity and other outreach groups. She is a proud mental health advocate and a nature/animal lover. In her down time, she can be found camping, hiking, drawing, painting, playing the guitar, and singing.

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SISTERS OF UCONN POLO

Caitlin Cregg

Caitlin (Tufts) Cregg started playing polo on the Cornell High School team from 2003 to 2008. After falling in love with the sport, she knew she wanted to attend a college where she could continue to play. Caitlin came to UConn and played on the Varsity team for all four years from 2008 to 2012. She held the position of Vice President alongside Zach Grob who also served as President. In her senior year, Caitlin was awarded Player of the Year (2012) for her skills in the arena. In the next year, Caitlin coached the UConn high school girls' team who won the High School Nationals that year. Her younger sister, Sara Tufts, was on the team along with Leslie Field, Carly Persano, Maddie McDougall, and Kathleen Moriarty. In addition to caring for and maintaining her own string of polo ponies, Caitlin currently teaches lessons at a local barn with retired polo ponies. Caitlin plays for Skaneateles Polo in New York against visiting teams in the summer months, but also plays polo a few weekends in Florida during the winter months.



Caitlin on the UConn Varsity Team.



Caitlin coaching her sister Sara in an intercollegiate game against Cornell in 2014.



Caitlin playing for Skaneateles Polo in New York.



SISTERS OF UCONN POLO

Sara Tufts

Sara Tufts began playing polo on the Cornell practicum through elementary and middle school. She learned to play from her sister, Caitlin, on a few of their own polo ponies. Sara eventually moved on to the UConn High School team to compete against other interscholastic teams from 2007 to 2013. Like Caitlin, Sara is proud of her team's accomplishment in winning the High School National Championship title in 2013. Sara fell in love with the UConn polo ponies and wanted to follow in her older sister's footsteps, so she also came to UConn where she played as a varsity member all four years. While on the team, she also held the position of treasurer. Now, Sara is diligently studying in Vet School at North Carolina State University.



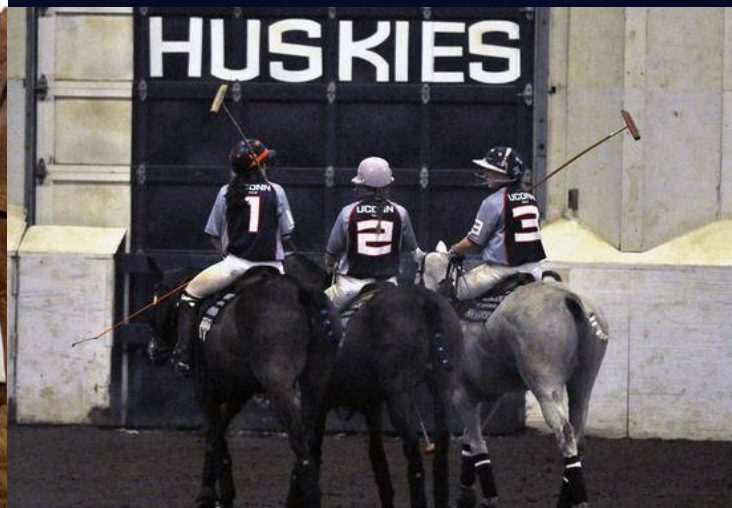
Sara in her cap and gown with Leo.



Sara playing for the UConn high school team.



Leo, Soledad, Carly Persano, Tessa Kell, Lauren Pfahler, Sara Tufts, and Brittney.



Sara and her teammates during a home game (player #1).

Alumni Dinner and Awards Banquet

Alumni, Community Polo members, friends, and family are all welcome to come to the UConn Polo Alumni Dinner and Awards Banquet! There will also be door prizes! The dinner will be buffet style, tickets are \$30 per person.

Guests will pay at the door.

When: Sunday, April 28th 5:00 pm-10:00 pm

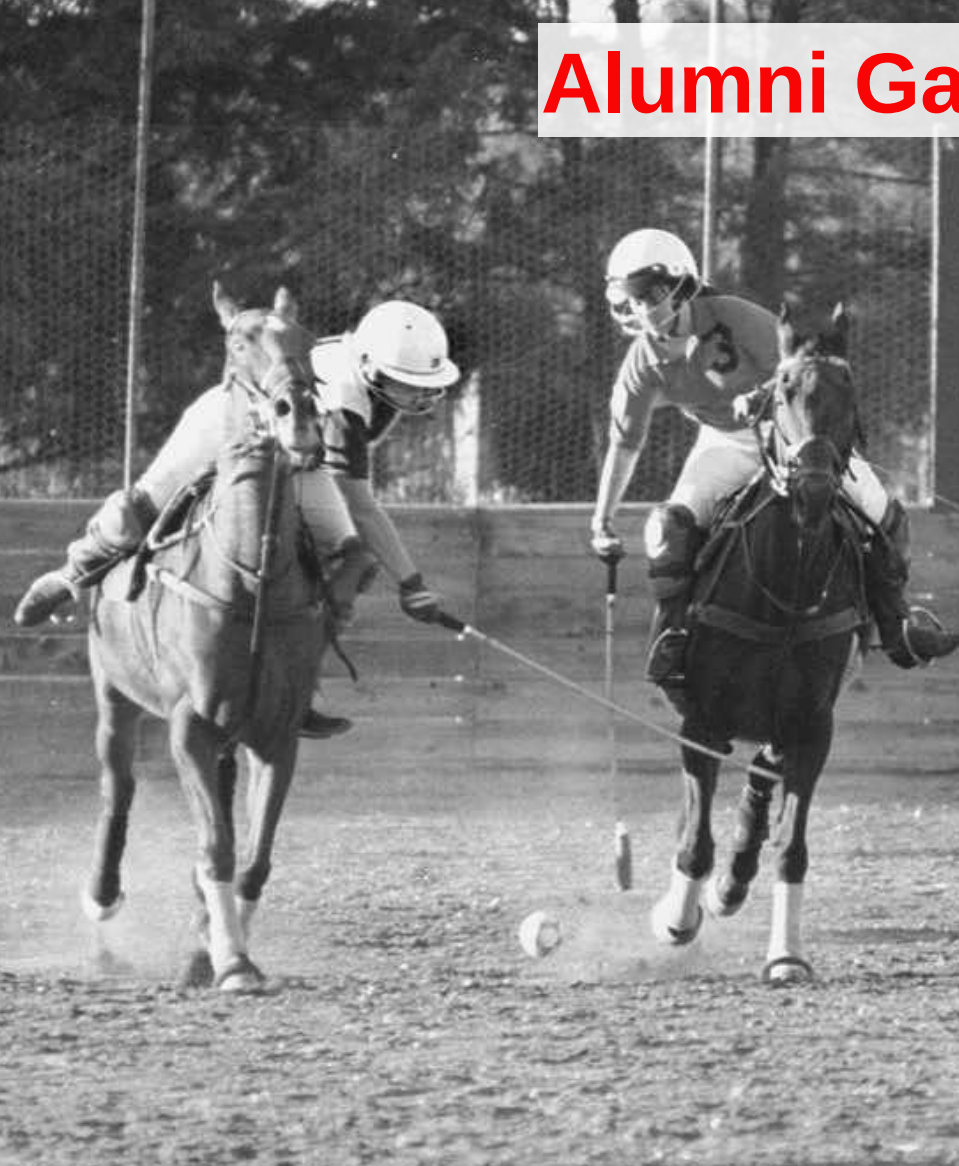
Where: Coventry Lakeview Restaurant and Bar

50 Lake St, Coventry, CT 06238

Go to <https://polo.rso.uconn.edu/awards-dinner-rsvp/> to RSVP



Alumni Game



We are in the process of planning an alumni game the same weekend as our awards dinner (April 27th or 28th). We are looking for six alumni to make up two teams. If you are interested in playing, please contact uconnpoloclub1@gmail.com. More details to follow.

Interested in placing your ad in this newsletter?

With a one time donation to the UConn Polo Club, you can place an ad in all the editions of this newsletter for the 2019 Spring Season.

\$20 for a quarter
page ad.

\$35 for a half
page ad.



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

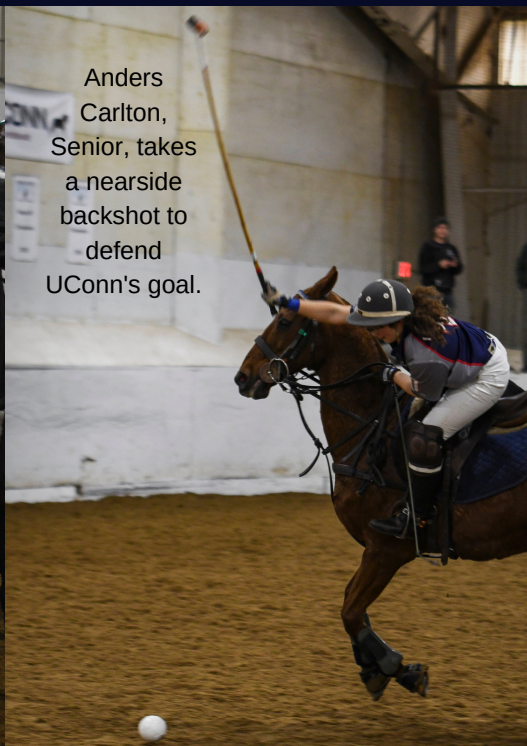
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Pictures from December 2nd's Skidmore Game

Judah Shingleton is a UConn student, writer, and photographer of *The Daily Campus*. Judah shares photos from the Skidmore game in his article, "Women's Polo: Photo Essay" found at <http://dailycampus.com/stories/2019/1/16/womens-polo-photo-essay>.



Sage Saffran, Junior, takes an offside backshot.



Anders Carlton, Senior, takes a nearside backshot to defend UConn's goal.



Nicole Kula, Sage Saffran, Doc Dinger, Anders Carlton, Pat Marinelli, and Julia Marrinan talk about game strategy for the shootout.



Anders Carlton on Pampita.



Nicole Kula on Suerte.



Sage Saffran takes a shot from the 25 yard line in the shootout.



Nicole Kula reaches for the ball to prevent her opponent from getting to it.



Spring 2019 Game Schedule

Day	Date	UConn Team	Time	Team
SATURDAY	FEB 9 TH	WOMEN	12:00	HARVARD
SATURDAY	MARCH 2 ND	WOMEN	7:00PM	CORNELL
FRIDAY-SUNDAY	MARCH 8-10	WOMEN	TBD	REGIONAL TOURNAMENT (@CORNELL)*
**times and games or regional tournament depends		HOME GAMES IN BOLD PLEASE KEEP UPDATED WITH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ABOUT ANY GAME CHANGES.		

Stay updated for post-season games or any schedule changes

Date for end of year awards dinner coming soon. Contact uconnpoloclub1@gmail.com if interested in attending.

More games will be added as the season continues.*

Coach: Patrick ~~Marinelli~~ – coyotecreekpolo@gmail.com
Home Games Held in ~~Horsebarn Hill~~ Arena located at:
3099 ~~Horsebarn Hill~~ Rd.,
Storrs, CT 06269
Free Admission

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.