



Alfa Notizia January 2013

Happy new year !

This is the Year of the Snake. If you were born in a Year of the Snake you are, " keen, cunning, quite intelligent, a great mediator and good at business." Yeh, I wasn't born in one of those years either.

The Christmas party, held at *Alfano's*, was lightly attended but the warmth and cheer was there and Polly Claus brought wonderful gifts for everyone ! Barry Andress passed the glass Alfa to the new president for 2013, me >. That's Peggy Mann and Chip Denyko on the left. And there was no other business.



Business meeting at Jason's Deli in Clearwater, Thurs, Jan 10, 6:30~8:30. Franco Noce, noted local Alfa engine rebuilder will be our guest.

First event for 2013 is coming up quickly: Sunday, January 13th, a gathering at the Sarasota Polo Club. We'll have fifty people there so it will be a good time to meet and greet. Bring your picnic and eat under the tent, on the grass or, like Bob & Theresa Lombardo do, off of linen, china, sterling and crystal laid out on the trunk, tail gate, of their spider. Tickets are still available from me at \$15 per person. If you want to get them at the business meeting on the 10th, let me know, I have a limited supply. They will not be available at the South Gate where we will be. You can buy them at the North Gate, turn around and drive to the South Gate or drive across the practice field behind the east goal posts. For you using GPS, the address is:
8201 Polo Club Lane, Sarasota, FL 34242.



Directions are: take I-75 to Exit 213, University Parkway. Go east for six miles. You will see horse fences on the right. Turn right on Lorraine Road. Go to the third road on the right, Polo Club Lane and turn right into the Sarasota Polo Club. Young folks will take your tickets and direct you to the right, toward the Alfa flags. You will be directed where to park there. Please arrive about 11:00 AM.

Please let me know the model, color and year of the Alfa you are bringing and what your home town is so the announcer up in the press box can properly announce you when we parade around the field at half time after the Andalusion Horse Presentation. Those pure Spanish horses are almost as beautiful as our Italian cavallinos. You certainly



don't have to be in an Alfa to attend and those of you who are not in the parade can ride in the Budweiser wagon pulled by four, prancing Clydesdales. Or, as many spectators do, go out on the field and stomp divots back in place. Warning, do not stomp the steaming divots!

On Saturday, February 23rd, is the elegant Sarasota Exotic Car Fest on St Armands Circle. It used to be the Ferrari and Exotic Car Fest and, although the theme is year is "50 years of James Bond," it is still primarily an Italian car show with lots of Ferraris, Lambos, Masies and our Alfa's. If you have a clean Alfa you would like to put "in the Circle," judged or non-judged, let Dan Castorani know at dan_castorani@yahoo.com or (941) 922-7982. Registration is only \$50 per car for this distinguished event. A registration form is attached. For more info go to www.sarasotaexoticcarfest.com.

Even if you don't enter a car it is an exquisite way to spend a Sunday, wandering among the aforementioned cars plus Veyrons, GT40s, a Spyker, Ultima GTR, Saleen, Scarab, Koenigsegg and all the new Rolls, Bentleys, Mercedes and Porsches that sponsor the event. There is no entrance fee and free parking is a block away. Most club members lunch together at one of the fine restaurants surrounding the Circle or you can picnic on the grass in the sun or shade. The weather is always wonderful on this day !

March 8-10 is the Amelia Island Concourse d'Elegance just south of Jacksonville. If you've never been to Amelia, treat yourself to a fine car dream. The finest of car dreams ! Not only do you see the rarest and finest but all day Saturday you can do complimentary manufacturer's test drives in new Jags, Porsches, MBs, etc. Although some members go for just one day, some stay for two or three and revel in the two auctions, Gooding on Friday down the road at the also posh Amelia Island Plantation Resort and RM on Saturday at the Ritz. Haven't found any info on the Concorso Italiano coming back to the Plantation this year. Instead it has been replaced by the Festivals of Speed at the 17th fairway of the Plantation on Saturday. If your car wasn't invited to be on the grass at the Ritz you can show it at the Plantation on Saturday. For info go to festivalsofspeed.com. Saturday night Polly Greene gets us a good discount at a nearby motel and we have a group dinner that evening. Contact Delmas for info and reservations at alfagreene@earthlink.net or (727) 799-1486.

On Saturday, April 13th, a new event for us: Jeff Hanson is putting together a trip through winding roads in east Manatee County out to the Rosa Fiorelli Winery where we'll enjoy a tour of the winery, tasting and bistro lunch. As Nat King Cole sang, "Non Dementicar."

Shop Recommendations.

If your wheels or rims need work, here's a couple of shops in Sarasota and Hillsborough Counties.

The Wheel Doctor
5646 Jason Lee Place
Sarasota, FL 34238
(941) 302-7467

Brad Shugart took a dent out of an aluminum rim I bent drifting over a pothole that was as big as those in NY City. I can't find the area he repaired. Relatively inexpensive, too.
www.TheWheelDoctor.org

Wheel Specialists
Lutz, FL
(813) 842-9181

Jim Stafford doesn't advertise but he has a big shop and has been recommended by two people.

FOR SALE



1988 Spider Quadrifoglio. Ray Schillinger has to sell this car down from Buffalo, NY in 2009. Stephen's Alfa in Pompano Beach and Hoti Imports in Delray Beach have maintained it since. 42,000 miles, soft top 2 years old, hard top in the garage. "Drives beautifully, shifts well and everything works !" Asking \$8,500. (202) 421-4899, silveralfaspiderquad@gmail.com.

Snaking into 2013

Post this on your frige !

January 5th, 8:00~10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Suncoast Porsche on the Trail in Sarasota.

January 10th, 6:30-8:30 PM, Business meeting at Jason's delicious Deli in Clearwater.

January 12th, 8:00~10:00 AM, Cars and Coffee at Ferrari of Tampa, Palm Harbor.

January 13th, Sunday, 11:00~3:00, polo at the Sarasota Polo Grounds. Bring your friends ! Tickets are \$15 and available at business meeting at Jason's on Jan 10th. Tickets not available at our gate at the polo club. For tickets: (941) 726-9723 or harmonheed@yahoo.com.

January 19th, 7:30~10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St Pete.

February 2nd, 8:00~10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Suncoast Porsche on the Trail in Sarasota.

February 9th, 8:00~10:00 AM, Cars, Coffee at Ferrari of Tampa, Palm Harbor.

February 14th, Valentines Day ! Business Meeting at Jason's Deli in Clearwater. Bring your sweetie but not your New Year's resolution to lose weight.

February 16th, 7:30~10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St Pete.

February 23rd, Saturday, 10:00~3:00, Sarasota Exotic Car Fest on St Armands Circle in Sarasota. Four dozen Ferraris, one dozen Lambos, a few Masies, Jags, Porsches, Bentleys, a couple of Veyrons, GT40s, McLarens, Stryker, and six to ten of our Alfas !

March 2nd, 8:00~10:00 AM, Cars & Coffee at Suncoast Porsche, Sarasota.

March 8-10th, Saturday & Sunday, Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance at the Ritz on Amelia Island, FL. See some of the rarest and finest cars in the world at "Pebble Beach South."

March 16th, Cars & Coffee at duPont Registry, St Pete.

April, 13th, Saturday, 10:00~3:00, road trip and wine tasting at Fiorelli Winery just south of Lake Manatee in east Manatee County. Get out of the way Novulari !

If you have a new idea for an event or one you would like to put on the schedule, let me know ! (941) 726-9723 or harmonheed@yahoo.com.



TICKETS & CAR REGISTRATION

BENEFITING UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

FEBRUARY 22-24, 2013

	Ticket Price	No. of Tickets	Amount
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - Luxury Lifestyle Jet Port Reception 6:30 pm - Rectrix Aerodrome Center at SRQ Airport	\$185.00	x _____	= _____
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - St. Armands Circle Concours 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Display cars and judging on St. Armands Circle <i>\$50 per car registration, this form must be submitted to enter.</i> Price increases to \$65 on Feb. 1. (Register early)	\$50.00	x _____	= _____
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - \$700 Display Car on St. Armands	\$700.00	x _____	= _____
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - Cocktails & Dinner at Michael's On East 6:00 pm - Cocktails; 7:00 pm - Dinner	\$150.00	x _____	= _____
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - Road Rally & Closing Brunch 9:30 am - Sarasota Road Rally (Registration required) Rally participation is not required to attend brunch. <i>Availability limited.</i> 11:30 am - 1:00 pm - Brunch at The Founders Golf Club	\$60.00	x _____	= _____
WEEKEND PACKAGE:			
• One ticket for Friday night Jet Port Reception			
• One car registration for Saturday Concours			
• One ticket for the Saturday Dinner at Michael's On East			
• One ticket for Road Rally and brunch on Sunday at The Founders Club	\$400.00	x _____	= _____
• Display additional car(s) with Weekend Package	\$40.00	x _____	= _____
+ 2nd attendee weekend package	\$375.00	x _____	= _____
	TOTAL REMITTANCE		_____

Tickets will not be mailed to you. Your names will be on the check-in registration list at the door.

Your e-mail _____

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make & Model of Car _____ Year _____ For Display _____ For Judging _____

AMEX Visa Mastercard Card # _____ Exp. _____ Card Code _____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

Enclosed is my check payable to "United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida, Inc." (Tax ID 59-1796622) in the amount of \$ _____.
Please list **ADDITIONAL CARS AND GUEST NAMES** on a separate sheet and send with your entry.

The undersigned, on behalf of themselves and all participants and guests for whom passes have been purchased above, does hereby release United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida, Inc., all of its officers, representatives and volunteers from any and all liability arising from the entire event. Photos taken at the event, including your likeness, may be used in marketing and promotional materials.



Please Sign Release: _____

Please mail or fax this form with payment to:
United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida, Inc., 2203 30th Ave., West, Bradenton, FL 34205 • Call 941.348.9039 or
Fax 941.201.1480. For more information, please call: Marilee Roberts 941.724.9996 or email marilee@treborstyle.com.

the game

polo basics

Polo players use a mallet, also known as a "stick." They are made of bamboo cane and the head is made of tipa wood. The head is beveled on one end to allow a full swing, flush to the ground. They vary in length from 48 to 54 inches, and are highly flexible. The ball used today is made of plastic and is 3.25 inches in diameter and weighs approximately 3.5 ounces. Originally, the ball was made of bamboo root, but was changed to plastic for consistency. All players use English saddles as opposed to Western saddles.

THE FIELD

A full-size boarded polo field measures 300 yards by 160 yards. This vast size is necessary for eight polo horses to have room to gallop, stop and turn. Depending on the ability of the player, a struck ball can travel up to 150 yards. The players' jerseys are numbered from 1 to 4. Numbers 1 and 2 are the forwards, No. 3 is the quarterback, and the No. 4 is the defense, and is usually called the back.

THE GAME

Matches are monitored by two mounted umpires and a referee, also called a third man, who is seated on the sideline mid-field. The two umpires consult with one another after each infringement, and impose a penalty only if they agree. If they do not agree, they confer with the referee. Polo matches are divided into six periods or "chukkers." Between chukkers, there is an interval of four minutes to enable players to change horses, and at half time, between chukkers three and four, the players are given 10 minutes to rest and strategize.

Each chukker is seven-and-a-half minutes long and the clock is only stopped by the umpire's whistle. The first horn is blown at seven minutes, warning that the players have 30 seconds left in the chukker, and the second horn is blown to end the chukker, unless a goal is scored or the ball goes out of bounds.

If the score is tied after the sixth chukker, the teams will come out again after a 10-minute break and play "sudden death": the first team to score wins the match.

Any time a ball crosses the line between the goal posts, it is considered a goal, and it makes no difference whether a horse or a mallet causes the ball to go through. The goal posts are eight yards apart and, for safety reasons, are collapsible upon impact. The goal posts, like American football, continue up from the posts to infinity; therefore as long as the ball crosses over that 8 yard line, regardless of how high, it is a goal. To equalize wind and turf conditions, the teams change sides after each goal.

The team that scores the most goals wins the match. Each player is given an individual handicap from minus 2 to 10 goals, with



minus 2 as a novice, and 10 being the very best. Only 0 and 1 goalers can go up in half point increments. The handicap of a team is the sum total rating of its players.

At the beginning of the game and after each goal is scored, the two teams line up in the center of the field. Numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 are being paired off with their corresponding numbers of the opposing team and face the umpire. The umpire then bowls the ball in underhanded between the two teams. Once a player strikes the ball, the game opens up and the players are no longer marking their corresponding numbers, but now their opposite numbers. No. 1 marks the opposing back, the No. 2 the opposing No. 3, the No. 3 the opposing No. 2, and the back with the opposing No. 1.

When a ball crosses the sideline or goes over the sideboard, it is considered out-of-bounds and the umpire will bowl in

another ball between the two teams, five yards from where the ball went out of play. Should a team in an offensive drive hit the ball across the opponent's backline, the defending team resumes the game with a free hit from their backline. No timeout is allowed for knock-ins or throw-ins.

THE PLAY

Dangerous riding is forbidden, such as bumping at a dangerous angle, zigzagging in front of a player riding at a gallop, pulling across another player's horse, or even riding at an opponent in such a manner as to intimidate him. When riding-off or bumping an opponent, it is permissible to push with your shoulder with your arm close to your side: no elbowing is allowed. The angle of the bump should never exceed 45 degrees. The faster the horse travels, the smaller the angle must be.

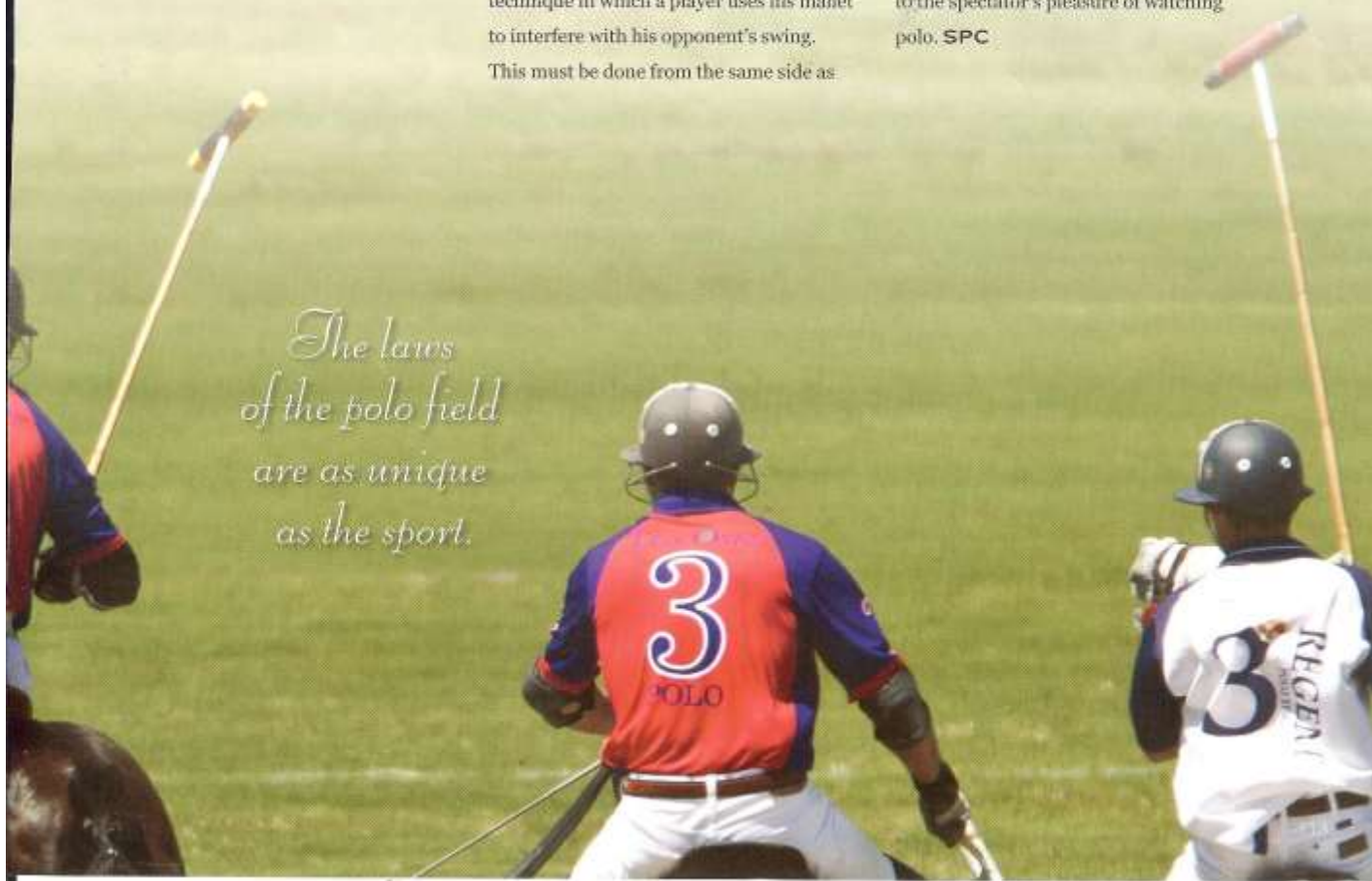
A hook is an extremely effective defensive technique in which a player uses his mallet to interfere with his opponent's swing. This must be done from the same side as

the ball or from immediately behind. A cross-hook occurs when the player reaches over the mount of his opponent in an attempt to hook, and is considered a foul. A player cannot strike at the ball across the legs or body of an opponent's horse.

The foregoing rules are obvious and easily understood but the most important rule of all is crossing, which is for the safety of the horses and players. Most penalties are a result of this infraction.

The majority of the horses being played are thoroughbreds. Each player uses an average of six horses per match and rides a different one in each chukker. There is a distinct partnership between a player and his horse. The better a horse has been schooled and the greater understanding with which it is played, the more successful the player/horse partnership will be. This will greatly add to the spectator's pleasure of watching polo. **SPC**

*The laws
of the polo field
are as unique
as the sport.*



the talk

polo lingo



RIDING OFF

Back Shot

Can be hit from either side of the horse.

Chukker

There are six chukkers in a polo match, each one lasting seven and a half minutes. Between each chukker, players change horses.

Divot Stomping

An activity that involves spectators in the game. During halftime, spectators are invited to go onto the playing field to replace pieces of turf that have been dug-up by the horses.

Double-Chukkered

Means that the same horse may be played again in a later chukker.

Field

The polo field is 300 yards long and 160 yards wide (10 acres). The goal posts have an eight-yard span.

Game

Consists of four or six chukkers, depending on the number of available horses, the level of play, or the nature of the tournament.

Goal

When the ball crosses the line between the goal posts. The team's goal changes each time a goal is scored.

Handicap

Registered players are rated on a scale of minus 2 through 10 (the higher the better). Only 0 and 1 goalers can go up in half point increments.

Hook

An extremely effective defensive technique. A player may use his mallet to interfere with his opponent's swing.

Knock-In

Should a team, in an offensive drive, hit the ball across the opponents' backline, the defending team resumes the game with a free hit from their backline.

Line-of-the-Ball or Right-of-Way

This imaginary line follows the path that the ball takes. On each side of this line is a lane and these two lanes determine the right-of-way of the player.

Mallet

The shaft is made of bamboo cane with a hardwood head. The head is beveled on one end to allow a full swing flush to the ground. The mallet is highly flexible and varies in length.

NEAR SIDE
NECK SHOT





NEAR-SIDE
BACK SHOT

Penalty

A free hit towards the goal from a set distance. The severity of the foul committed determines what penalty will be awarded.

Positions

Each of the four team members play a distinctly different position. Players may momentarily change positions, but they try to stay at their initial spot. Player No. 1 is the most forward offensive player. No. 2 is just as aggressive, but plays deeper. No. 3 is the pivot between offense and defense and tries to turn all plays to offense. No. 4, or the back, is the defensive player whose principle role is to protect the goal.

Ride-Off

Occurs when two riders attempt to push each other off the line of the ball.

Tail Shot

Hitting the ball behind and under the horse's rump.

Third Man

A referee who sits off the field. If and when the two umpires on the field are in disagreement, the third man makes the final decision.

Throw-In

A chukker begins and many plays resume with the umpire bowling the ball between the two ready teams.

Umpires

Two mounted umpires on the field consult each other after each infringement and impose a penalty only if they agree. If they do not agree, they confer with the third man or referee. They also monitor safety for the players and horses.



OFF-SIDE
NECK SHOT

Near-Side Shot

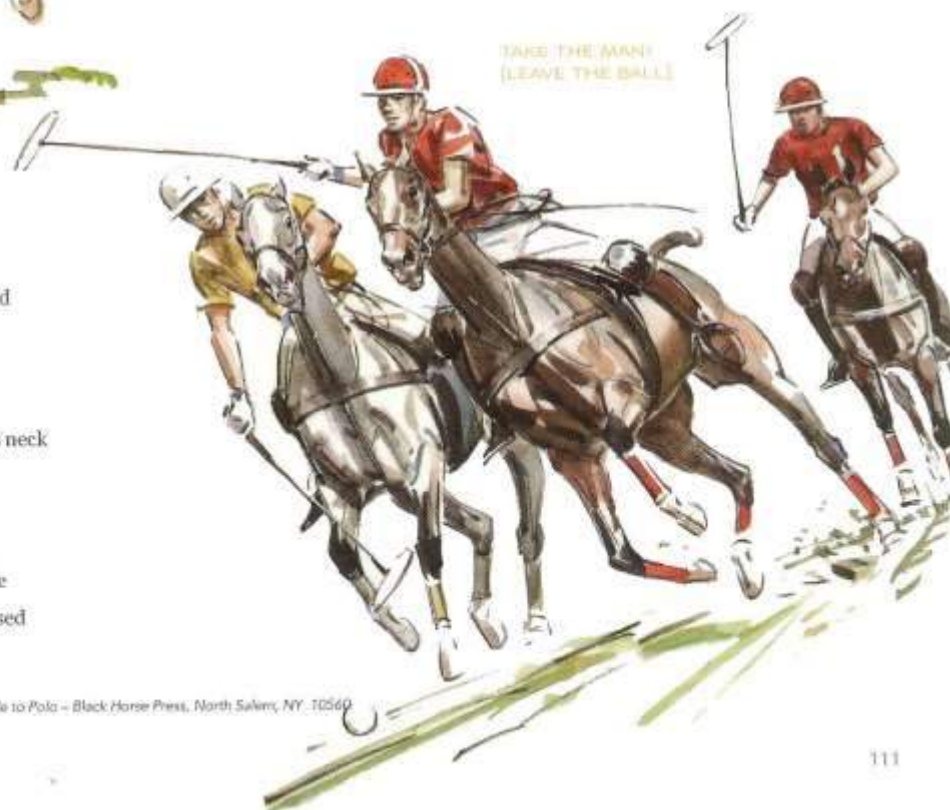
Made from the left side of the horse. Near-side can be a forehand or backhand shot.

Neck Shot

A ball which is hit under a horse's neck from either side.

Off-Side Shot

The off-side is the right side of the horse. It is the most commonly used shot in polo.



TAKE THE MAN!
(LEAVE THE BALL)