



SEATTLE  
POLO  
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## SEATTLE POLO AND EQUESTRIAN CLUB DEBUTS WITH A POLO TOURNAMENT AND PARTY; INTRODUCES THE ‘GAME OF KINGS’ TO SEATTLE

*Seattle Polo and Equestrian Club, the newest polo club in the Pacific Northwest, will host its inaugural event, the Seattle Cup Tournament and tailgate polo party, on Saturday, August 9 and Sunday, August 10 to celebrate its opening and first polo tournament on the facility grounds.*

**Enumclaw, WA (July 25, 2014) –** [Seattle Polo and Equestrian Club](#), the newest and premier polo club in the Pacific Northwest, is pleased to announce its inaugural event, the Seattle Cup Tournament, on August 9 – 10, 2014.

Polo, one of the oldest team sports in history, originated in Persia more than 2,000 years ago, and has spread around the world since then. The United States Polo Association (USPA) was created in 1890, and now boasts more than 250 active polo clubs throughout the country. Polo in the United States is traditionally played in the summer months with the winter polo season played in dry areas of the southern states.

Seattle Polo and Equestrian Club (SPEC), which features 68 acres of equestrian facilities including a regulation-size polo field, two riding arenas, stables for 60 horses, pasture for an additional 60 horse, individual polo lessons and polo clinics, kicked off the Northwest polo season with a July 17 practice session that was open to the public, drawing more than 300 local attendees.

"We started Seattle Polo and Equestrian Club to offer summer polo and grow the sport in the Northwest," said Cameron Smith, president and owner of SPEC, "There are large polo events throughout the country, and we would like to introduce that culture to the Northwest, while creating a place for the local community to gather. The initial response from the community shows great promise and interest in growing the sport."

With a short polo season focused from the middle of June through the middle of September, SPEC will also offer standard equestrian lessons year-round.

SPEC will host two tournaments each year, with a traditional polo party to celebrate the Seattle Cup Tournament finale in August. This year, the tournament falls on August 9-10, and offers the ability to attend either or both days, with the polo party, entertainment, trophy presentation and award ceremony on Sunday. Attendees can purchase general admission tickets and tailgating parking passes to watch the games field-side. SPEC will have food available for purchase both days, and a VIP tent on Sunday with seating and catering for those looking to enjoy a full-service experience.

The club has a relaxed atmosphere and an easily accessible location off Hwy 169 approximately one mile outside of Enumclaw.

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### **Tournament and Polo Party Fast Facts:**

**Where:** Seattle Polo and Equestrian Club  
25901 SE 400th St  
Enumclaw, WA

**When:** Saturday, August 9 -and- Sunday, August 10, 2014

**Gates Open:** Saturday 3:00pm  
**Game Times:** Saturday 4:00pm and 6:00pm  
**Tickets:** \$10 General Admission  
\$30 Tailgating Pass

**Gates Open:** Sunday 11:00am  
**Game Times:** Sunday 12:00pm, final at 2:00pm  
**Tickets:** \$15 General Admission  
\$50 VIP Admission  
\$50 Tailgating Pass

Tickets are for sale at [www.seattlepoloparty.com](http://www.seattlepoloparty.com)

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### **ABOUT THE SEATTLE CUP POLO TOURNAMENT AND PARTY**

Seattle Polo and Equestrian Club will host the Northwest's first traditional polo tournament and polo party on August 9-10, 2014 with the public invited to watch and enjoy polo and the cultural and social aspect of the sport.

On both days, spectators may attend to watch the two qualifying games by purchasing general admission and/or tailgating parking passes. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets to view the games field-side. Food will be available for purchase.

On Saturday, the games are at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm, and admission allows viewing of both games.

On Sunday, the consolation game will be played at noon and the tournament finals at 2:00 pm, with a polo party atmosphere and a big hats theme for women. SPEC will offer entertainment in-between the games, a trophy and award presentation, and the traditional divot stomp at halftime. Seating in a VIP tent is available for those who prefer a full-service experience.

### **ABOUT SEATTLE POLO AND EQUESTRIAN CLUB**

Seattle Polo and Equestrian Club (SPEC) was founded in 2012 by Cameron Smith, along with Ben and Ruth Ann Smith, to promote and grow the sport in the Pacific Northwest while supporting equestrian activities in the local Enumclaw community. SPEC hosts practices, boarding and training to polo players during the summer, and boasts the highest level of polo play in the Northwest. SPEC hosts two annual tournaments and a traditional polo party. SPEC offers equestrian center functions year-round.

For more information on the polo party, please visit [seattlepoloparty.com](http://seattlepoloparty.com). For more information on SPEC, please visit [seattlepoloclub.com](http://seattlepoloclub.com). For the latest news and updates, please follow SPEC at [Facebook.com/seattlepoloclub](https://www.facebook.com/seattlepoloclub).