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WELCOME



The 2023 Denver Polo Classic presented by Schomp BMW turns 35 this year, older than most of our Foundation's current members! We honor the tradition with all the Polo "Classic" standards and refreshing upgrades for the luxury, high-end experience our guests deserve and expect.

We share our deep gratitude as **Denver Children's Foundation** and our Members welcome you to the 35th Annual Denver Polo Classic, the largest charitable polo event in the country. Without the continued support of you – our dedicated patrons – this event would not be the success it has been for more than 3 decades. The kids in our community need us more than ever and, together, we return with even more dedication to make a difference.

The Denver Polo Classic is better than ever and aims for record-setting fundraising. Members of Denver Children's Foundation, past and present, would like to express our sincere gratitude. For 35 years, members of the Foundation have brought the "Sport of Kings" to Denver at our premier fundraising event to further our mission of contributing to the betterment and welfare of local at-risk children. Due to your support, in 2022 we granted nearly \$1.5 million to 71 local children's charities, bringing the total we've invested in the community to more than \$16 million since our inception.

There is a lot to look forward to this weekend, beginning with **The Hamilton Group / United Energy Trading Black Tie Dinner and Auction** at the Polo Reserve. After a VIP Happy Hour, award-winning Matsuhisa and Epicurean serve their elegant cuisine as evening falls over the field. All guests partake in a full open bar including signature cocktails. Our live and silent auctions feature an exciting array of items including official Denver Polo Classic artwork from exceptional local artist Shawndell Oliver. We elevate the evening with a drone light show and live dance music from Wash Park Band.

Bring the kids on Saturday! **SCA Health Family Day** offers the special V.I.Kids area full of activities for our younger polo enthusiasts. Planned activities include pony rides, a photo booth with fun dress-up items for the kids, face-painters, and dog agility racing. In addition to these activities, sample Naked Wines, enjoy tasty bites from Denver restaurants, visit flowing open bars, get in on the silent auction, and enjoy the opening polo matches. Make sure to get in on the Divot Stomp.

The excitement culminates on **Reserva de la Familia by Jose Cuervo Championship Sunday** where the 2023 Denver Polo Classic Champion will be crowned on the **PNC Bank Polo Pitch**. Once again, sample tasty bites from some of Denver's finest restaurants, visit our open bars, and get your silent auction bids in early. Stomp some more divots, too!

Denver Children's Foundation has come a long way from our first charitable gift more than 35 years ago of \$1,200 to Denver Kids, Inc.! As we progress into our next 30 years, we are grateful for your continued support. Without you, making a difference in the lives of youth across the great state of Colorado would be impossible.

Thank You!



Taylor Kennedy
Polo Chairman



Cody Phifer
President



Adam Cohen
Executive Director

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POLO CHAIRMAN

Taylor Kennedy



As a member of DCF since 2019, Taylor invests in initiatives, groups, and agencies focused on minimizing the importance of socioeconomic status as a factor for success for children in the Denver area. He joined because the group represents the most effective medium to deliver impact towards this goal. Taylor served as a Director of the DCF Board in 2021-2022 and now Polo Chair to lead the group's most significant fundraiser in 2023.

Taylor works as a Director for Huron Consulting Group in the Intelligent Automation practice where he leads enterprise transformations to establish an automation Center of Excellence, build out a digital workforce, and upskill staff. He has more than 15 years of multi-industry experience driving innovation and growth through change management, process improvement, product management, organizational governance, design, and strategy.

Born and raised in Littleton, Colorado, Taylor received a Bachelor's degree in Communication and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Colorado. Outside of work, Taylor is an avid golfer, enjoys time in the mountains skiing and fly fishing, travels to Austria annually to spend time with his brother and sister-in-law, and races sail boats.

As Polo Chair, Taylor wants to recognize and to share his appreciation for all the hard work of his fellow Foundation members, especially Apprentice Chair Ross Blahnik, Beverage Chair Erik Carlson, Logistics Chair Casey Dallas, and the vendors who plan and host the event.

And, he appreciates the stalwart support of patrons who return to the event and welcomes those attending for the first time. Please let us know if you have any recommendations on how to bring the best experience to the most valued part of our organization: our sponsors and donors.

DFC PRESIDENT

Cody Phifer



DCF recruited Cody to join the group after a successful stint as Chair of the Young Professionals Board of Special Olympics Colorado. Cody's experience with DCF includes serving on the Grant Review Committee, acting as Lead Partner of a Social Venture Partners capacity-building engagement with a DCF grantee, serving as the Denver Polo Classic Chair, and Co-Chairing the 2020 Comedy and Concert Benefit for Kids.

He takes a lead-by-example approach in the group – on track in 2023 for the top member fundraising year of all time after leading DCF members in fundraising in 2022 and 2020. Cody's other avenues of giving back include serving on the Advisory Council of Colorado UpLift and coaching his brother's Special Olympics basketball team.

To pay the bills, Cody partners with like-minded business leaders to develop commercial and residential projects in the Denver Metro Area. He co-founded Pearl Street Hospitality (Hudson Hill, Lady Jane, and The Wild cocktail bars) and owns partnership interests in various development projects around Denver and in Detroit. Cody loves his family (his wife, Kathryn and two children), his dog, and golf.





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FEATURED ARTIST: SHAWNDELL OLIVER



Shawndell is a Colorado native, a renowned artist, an avid horse rider, and a world traveler. Shawndell and her husband live on acreage near Boulder, Colorado, where on any given day she can be found in her Barn studio or on the back of her beloved horse riding in the Colorado Mountains. While growing up, Shawndell spent her summers in Durango and in the Rocky Mountains hiking countless hours exploring the outdoors and its wildlife. At the age of 25 she spent 2 years in Africa while her Aviator husband flew Safaris, and this was when her passion to paint animals started. Shawndell and her husband share the importance of wildlife conservation and return to Africa as often as possible. She has continually had an intense love affair with each and every animal image she paints on her huge canvases. The depth of this love and respect explode from each drop of paint she applies trying to capture the expression of the heart and soul of these massive animals at the moment of direct eye contact with her in a human connection. Shawndell's lifelong passion for animals is the depth that helps her capture that intimate essence of their spirit deep in the eyes of these beautiful animals. Shawndell always goes to great lengths to study, each subject matter expressed by every stroke of her paintbrush. This significance is captured by her dedication to her work ethics by interweaving her knowledge of oils, acrylics, light, shadows, and three-dimensional textures with her passion to interpret the power of each image she paints. Shawndell only uses professional-grade artists' oil and acrylic paints which are applied to professional custom-ordered 100% cotton hand made canvas and all paintings are finished with multiple coats of protective varnish; this pops the layers of color forward and that is what make her pieces so unique and recognized immediately by all her clients, collectors, and gallery owners alike.

Shawndell's Stunning Paintings are represented in U.S. galleries in Aspen, Vail, Cherry Creek, Colorado - Jackson Hole, Wyoming - Lake Tahoe, California - Park City, Utah - and Sante Fe, New Mexico.



Shawndell Oliver - "Competitive"

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY - THE HAMILTON GROUP / UNITED ENERGY TRADING BLACK TIE DINNER AND AUCTION



Happy Hour and Dinner:

We host a top-notch cocktail service and dinner as the sun sets over the Littleton Polo Reserve. Matsuhisa returns for its second Polo Classic service, offering new-style Japanese appetizers and dinner for VIP Sponsor and Major Sponsor Cabana guests. Epicurean offers its award-winning, contemporary culinary experience for big tent guests this evening. Bon Appetit!

Beverages:

Enjoy the open bar with top-shelf cocktails until 11:30 pm. Thank you to our beverage sponsors. Cheers!



Live Auction:

Beginning around 8:30 pm, auctioneer-extraordinaire **John Curley** will conduct a spirited live auction. The live auction's once-in-a-lifetime trips and experiences will astound you. Paddles up!

Silent Auction:

The silent auction will be available until 11:30 pm with more than 125 items available for bidding. Good luck!

Raffle Tickets:

Purchase a 2023 Drive for the Kids raffle ticket for your chance to win a cherry-red 1969 Stingray T-Top (Corvette!) from Worldwide Vintage Autos. This vintage vehicle has a 350 V8 engine, T-Top, Rallye wheels, bucket seats, automatic transmission, power steering, disc power brakes, tan interior, and Cooper radial tires. The estimated retail value of the vehicle is \$32,500.



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Music:

After the live auction wraps up, dance the night away to the **Wash Park Band**. When it's time to party, Wash Park goes into high gear with its full band of three dynamic vocalists, a full four-piece horn section, and a five-piece rhythm section to deliver an experience like no other. What sets this band apart is its powerful and faithful reproductions of the horn band era dance music from the 70s to Top 40 hits. Time to party! Wash Park goes into high gear.



Water Sponsor:

Our thanks to **Glaceau smartwater** for donating water to the Polo Classic. Stay hydrated!



Live Auction Preview:

Bid on a six (6) night stay for eight (8) at your choice of Exclusive Resorts luxury residences: Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; Lake Tahoe, California; Los Cabos, Mexico; Peninsula Papagayo, Costa Rica; Real Del Mar, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Scottsdale, Arizona; Sea Island, Georgia; or Steamboat Springs, Colorado! Nearly all of Exclusive Resorts' four- and five-bedroom homes (averaging 3,500 square feet) are located in private resorts or residential enclaves. Each is carefully vetted and maintained, featuring best-in-class amenities like chef-grade kitchens, private infinity-edge pools, and expansive outdoor gathering spaces. No lines. No crowds. No room numbers. Your dream vacation awaits. Prize value approximately \$20,000. Trip must be redeemed by July 17, 2024.

Other amazing Live Auction packages include a 2023-24 **Schomp BMW** 1-year Lease, Polo Classic Signature Artwork "Competitive" by **Shawndell Oliver**, **Argentinian Dove Hunt**, **Ritz-Carlton Vail** and **Keystone** private-residence stays, luxury **African Safaris**, and more!

Guests are advised that auction bids constitute legal offers by the bidder to purchase the goods or services represented by the auction package presented on stage during the live auction, in-person at the auction feature board, or in the online auction platform. Each winning bidder agrees to make payment in the amount of the winning bid. All bidders are encouraged to review the package description and exclusions described therein before offering an auction bid. Guests are advised that live auction proceedings will be recorded with audio and video equipment.

BLACK TIE DINNER CUISINE



Matsuhisa Denver is Chef Nobu Matsuhisa's third Colorado location, having joined Aspen and Vail in April 2016. Situated in the Steele Creek building in Cherry Creek, a thriving and rapidly expanding area 10 minutes from downtown, Matsuhisa Denver has three private dining options perfect for an intimate business meeting or large party. Chef Nobu's new-style Japanese cuisine draws influence from his classical training in Tokyo and his life abroad in Peru, Argentina, and around the world, showcasing signature dishes such as Yellowtail Sashimi with Jalapeño, Black Cod Miso, and White fish Tiradito.

EPICUREAN CATERING

Epicurean believes in the potential for large impact on those who gather together to celebrate successes, support the community, and deepen relationships. The award-winning, high-quality provider helps the Polo Classic make DCF's signature event creative, with seamless collaboration and its commitment to stellar cuisine and meticulous service. Epicurean has won many awards for its work, including 8-time caterer of the year, top 25 caterers in the world, best plated meal and best food presentation, and event of the year. Epicurean team members embody enlightened hospitality and are motivated by the idea that they set the industry standard, not follow it.

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SATURDAY - SCA HEALTH FAMILY DAY



Polo:

Two qualifying matches will take place during the event today to determine standings for the championships on Sunday. Four teams wear the jerseys of our major sponsors: Schomp BMW, The Hamilton Group / United Energy Trading, SCA Health, and Reserva de la Familia by Jose Cuervo. A J-5 LLC sponsored team rounds out the roster. Learn more about polo on pages 27-29 of the program.

V.I.Kid's Tent:

Located at the north end of the seating area, we will provide fun and educational activities to entertain and to delight kids of all ages.

Pony Rides:

Smaller children will enjoy "polo pony" rides sponsored by **Naked Wines** at the north end of the seating area. Adults may sample select wines compliments of Naked Wines.

RUFF Flyball Dog Races:

Between polo matches, come down to the field and watch canines compete in an obstacle course relay.

Face Painting and Balloons:

Kids will be able to choose from dozens of designs and creative balloons.

Silent Auction:

The silent auction will be available until 3:30 pm with more than 125 items available for bidding. Good luck!

Retail:

Commemorative items will be available for purchase at the retail table near the entrance to the event.

Raffle Tickets:

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SUNDAY - RESERVA DE LA FAMILIA BY JOSE CUERVO CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

Polo:

Championship polo matches will be contested during the event today. Get involved in the Barefoot Divot Stomp out on the field!

Silent Auction:

The silent auction will be available until 2:30 pm with more than 125 items available for bidding. Good luck!

Raffle Tickets:

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EDUCATION

MOTIVATION:

There's a growing gap in the quality of education that's available to children due to socioeconomic, disability, and other situations. At DCF, we support organizations that help students prepare for each step in their educational journey and eventually find gainful employment in our community. A quality education for children is the foundation for long-term success and enables a better future for our communities.

FUNDING STRATEGY:

Target organizations that demonstrate success in improving reading and math proficiency, graduation rates, college/high school readiness, and other measurable outcomes.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Higher graduation rates
- High school/college/job readiness – ensuring students are prepared for the next step in their educational journey and have the support needed to succeed
- Job placement – for those that choose not to pursue post-secondary education, finding gainful employment is critical to leading a successful and fulfilling life

TOTALS GRANTED IN EDUCATION:

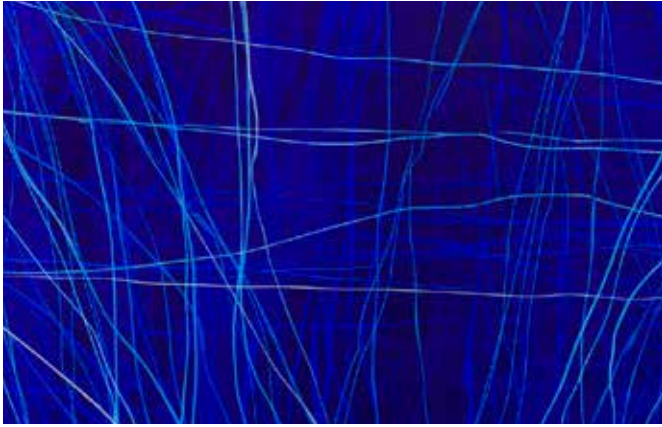
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2022 EDUCATION GRANTS

- Assistance League of Denver
- Book Trust
- Boys & Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region
- Breakthrough at Kent Denver
- Colorado "I Have A Dream" Foundation
- Colorado UpLift
- Denver Kids
- Educational Access Group
- Focus Points Family Resource Center
- Heart and Hand Center
- Invest in Kids
- Mile High 360
- Minds Matter Colorado
- PCs for People
- Peak Education
- Reach Out and Read Colorado
- Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Association
- Save Our Youth
- Summer Scholars DBA Scholars Unlimited
- Sun Valley Youth Center
- YESS Institute
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HEALTH/WELL-BEING

MOTIVATION:

DCF recognizes that physical and mental health affects children from all backgrounds and levels of socioeconomic status. We fund a diverse portfolio of organizations providing access to care and support for children suffering from poor physical health, mental health, or exposed to situations where either is at risk, with an emphasis on providing support to traditionally under-served groups.

FUNDING STRATEGY:

Target organizations that eliminate socioeconomic barriers to the healthy growth, development, adaptation and recovery of children experiencing a health-related circumstance affecting physical health, mental health, or social-emotional well-being.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Improved health outcomes for affected children
- Access to care, support or treatment for underserved populations
- Greater ability to return to normal life or adapt to life-long or long-term consequences of a physical or mental health event
- Better overall health leading to improved social-emotional well-being

**TOTALS GRANTED IN HEALTH/
WELL-BEING: \$365,000**



2022 HEALTH/WELL-BEING GRANTS

Adam's Camp
Colorado FriendShip
Deserving Dental
Doctors Care
Food for Hope
Griffith Centers for Children
Jeffco Eats
Judi's House
Kids First Health Care
Kids In Need of Dentistry
Kids Mobility Network
Listen Foundation
Maria Droste Counseling Center
Rise Against Suicide
Rocky Mountain Children's Health
Foundation
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Second Wind Fund
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CHILD ADVOCACY

MOTIVATION:

Children that are victims of neglect and abuse do not have the ability to advocate for themselves. DCF believes these children need and deserve a champion – a trusted adult looking out for the best interest of that child.

FUNDING STRATEGY:

Target organizations that provide a safe haven for children in crisis situations and provide long term advocacy, counsel, and guidance to those victims of abuse and/or neglect.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Emergency services – Removing children from dangerous situations and providing them a safe environment including food, shelter, and nurturing.
- Long-term advocacy – Providing children with a capable advocate and counsel to navigate the legal environment, with the ultimate goal of achieving security and stability in their lives.
- Case Management – Reducing time in foster system, finding a permanent home more quickly, and building a sense of safety and security

TOTALS GRANTED IN CHILD ADVOCACY: \$465,000



2022 CHILD ADVOCACY GRANTS:

- Adoption Options
- Advocates for Children - CASA
- Blue Sky Bridge
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Weld County
- CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties
- CASA of the Pikes Peak Region
- Child Advocates – Denver CASA
- ChildSafe Colorado
- Clothes To Kids of Denver
- Denver Children's Advocacy Center
- Denver Children's Home
- Hope House Colorado
- Illuminate Colorado
- Ralston House
- Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center
- Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network
- SafeHouse Denver
- Shiloh House
- Tennyson Center for Children
- TGTHR (formerly Attention Homes)

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PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

MOTIVATION:

Our perspective of the world is what shapes our actions. Children in poverty don't experience life in the same way more fortunate kids do. Many whom lack basic needs never have an opportunity to engage in activities that lead to greater social and emotional well-being.

FUNDING STRATEGY:

Target organizations that provide mentorship, adventure and teambuilding experiences, as well as those that broaden children's horizons to expand the scope of what's achievable in one's life.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Help children achieve a higher level of social and emotional awareness, through confidence building, feelings of accomplishment, healthy relationships, and increased self-esteem, leading to a life of fulfilment.

TOTALS GRANTED IN PERSONAL ENRICHMENT: \$125,000



2022 PERSONAL ENRICHMENT GRANTS:

- A Child's Song
- Art from Ashes
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado
- Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center
- Colorado Center for the Blind
- Colorado Children's Chorale
- Environmental Learning for Kids
- National Sports Center for the Disabled
- PlatteForum
- Special Olympics Colorado



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ABOUT US

The Denver Children's Foundation is an independent non-profit service organization for business leaders between the ages of 20 and 39. Foundation members represent a diversity of professional and personal backgrounds. The mission of DCF is to develop philanthropic leaders who mobilize the community to impact the lives of disadvantaged children through annual fund-raising events and projects. Since our inception in 1987, events hosted by DCF have raised more than \$16 million.

The 36-year old Foundation is dedicated to contributing to the betterment and welfare of at-risk and underserved children in the local community. In its efforts to help others, each DCF member also strives to develop character, to become a better citizen, and learn to live and to appreciate a fuller and richer life. In addition, DCF strives to raise the community's awareness of the need to care for underprivileged children in the state of Colorado through fundraising and hands-on community service.



Who We Fund:

For the past three decades, DCF has been changing the trajectories of children in Colorado through financial grants to organizations that directly support at-risk, disadvantaged children in our community. But, that's not all. We also go deeper with a few select charities providing business and other supporting activities to help those organizations grow and thrive. Our membership is composed of young, talented professionals who bring experience and fresh ideas to the table. Receiving support from DCF is not easy, but it's worth it. We accept grant applications May 1 - July 31 every year.

Funding Strategy:

At DCF, we've developed a strategic grant giving strategy that's aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty among children during their formative years. Obviously, there are many nonprofits doing amazing work in our community. But, we choose to partner with those that have the greatest impact on four areas of a child's life: Education, Health & Well-Being, Child Advocacy, and Personal Enrichment.

For more information about our mission and our events, please visit our website: www.denverchildrensfoundation.org.

Thank you all for your generous support of the Denver Polo Classic presented by Schomp BMW, and enjoy the weekend!



“A man never stands so tall as when kneeling to help a child.”

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OUR EVENTS



September 30, 2023



One of Denver's hottest charity events – featuring top-tier country music stars on a large stage – the 2023 Denver Barn Party presented by **Schomp Ford** will host 5,000+ guests from all over the Front Range.

Our 2023 event featuring **DUSTIN LYNCH** with support from crowd favorite BlackJack Billy will be bigger and better than ever on Saturday, September 30, outdoors at Levitt Pavilion in Denver. Promoted by AEG Presents Rocky Mountains, VIP and GA tickets are available at denverchildrensfoundation.org/denver-barn-party and [axs.com](https://www.axs.com). Expect another sold-out show!



December 9, 2023

The Christmas for Kids fundraiser is an event sponsored and coordinated through the Denver Children's Foundation. Presented by **Century Communities**, this event provides underserved Denver-area children the opportunity to share holiday gifts with others, which many wouldn't otherwise be able to experience.

As these children plow through the store, they listen, learn to budget, and develop a shopping list which focuses on other people. Then, after a wild time at the gift wrap tables we've set up for them, they'll leave with brightly colored wrapped packages stuffed in shopping bags for their families. And we've been known to surprise them with a "goodie bag" at the end, as a reward.

Many of you are committed to worthwhile charities and events during the holiday season. However, if you'd like to open your heart to assist us with this most special of all our events, your donations would be greatly appreciated. Each child receives \$100 with which to budget. Every donation we receive gets us closer to the goal of ensuring that these kids have an enjoyable holiday season.

We accept donations year-round. If you would like to Give the Gift of Christmas to a child this year, or would like more information about this incredible event please visit: denverchildrensfoundation.org/christmas-for-kids/

Thank you all again, and Happy (Early) Holidays!





November 2, 2023



In 2022, NAIOP Colorado (Commercial Real Estate Development Association) and DCF continued our partnership to bolster the support of at-risk and disadvantaged children in the Denver area through NAIOP Fight Night. In a single evening, guests and sponsoring affiliates raised \$29,000 in raffle funds for 2022 – increasing the total amount raised to more than \$209,000 since the inception of Fight Night (formerly Brokers for Kids) in 2013.

The NAIOP Colorado Chapter is excited to host the 11th Fight Night Benefitting Denver Children’s Foundation on November 3, 2023, at ReelWorks in Denver’s RiNo neighborhood. This year’s event also commemorates the 11th Anniversary of the NAIOP-DCF partnership.

Once again, Denver’s Top Commercial Real Estate professionals and Colorado’s finest in the ring will gather for an exceptional evening of boxing, business, and the most heart-pumping real estate event of the year! In addition, the evening will feature the “White Collar Brawlers Bout” – an amateur fight between two NAIOP Colorado or DCF Members.

For more details regarding Fight Night 2023 and raffle ticket sales, please visit: www.naiop-colorado.org/fight-night/denverchildrensfoundation.org/naiop-fight-night/



June 20, 2023



Our 12th annual **Leaders Fore Kids Golf Classic** presented by Bank of Colorado was held Monday, June 20, 2023, at the Colorado Golf Club in Parker. Foursome sponsors and guests were treated to catered Tito’s Vodka bloody mary drinks, other beverages, and prizes in the club’s beautiful clubhouse with a stunning view of the Rocky Mountain Front Range of Colorado.

Designed by Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore, the course routing takes golfers on a journey through ponderosa forest, scenic hillsides, rugged barrancas, and open meadows. The Championship Course is a strategic test for golfers of all abilities, set in the pristine Rocky Mountain foothills. Host of the Senior PGA Championship, LPGA Solheim Cup, and Mid-America Amateur, Colorado Golf Club is competition tested and critically acclaimed, and stands among the game’s finest modern courses.

The winning foursome received four (4) tickets for a 2023 Colorado Rockies game in the exclusive Rockies Owner’s Box, donated by Monfort Companies, and framed DCF Champion Flags. The hole-in-one prize was a 2023 BMW X7 1-year lease donated by Schomp BMW.

Get more information at: denverchildrensfoundation.org/leaders-fore-kids-golf-classic/

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LEGACY

DCF LEGACY is a non-profit organization composed of alumni who remain committed to supporting DCF and Colorado's at-risk/underprivileged youth non-profit organizations.

DCF and the former Denver Active 20-30 forged our path to become philanthropic leaders within the local community and we have progressed as leaders within the business community. Now we want to continue to give back to DCF and the worthy cause to support children's charities. In 2019-2020, DCF LEGACY established the Legacy Endowment Donor-Advised Fund to support DCF's operational needs. Learn more at denverchildrensfoundation.org/donate/.

DCF LEGACY salutes DCF on another successful Polo Classic and we hope that our contribution creates positive change within the local community!



Our primary objectives are to:

- Continue to develop DCF through financial and mentoring support
- Advance thought leadership across children's charitable organizations
- Improve communication about DCF events and updates
- Foster camaraderie among DCF alumni

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A POLO 101 OVERVIEW

THE GAME

Six Chukkers (periods), seven minutes each. The field is 300 yards long and 160 yards wide. On the end line at each end are goal posts, eighteen feet apart. Points are scored by hitting the ball between the posts. Each time a goal is scored the teams change direction of play. It's like hockey on horseback. It's legal to "hook" the hitter's mallet and it's okay to ram into your opponent during the play. The game is very physical and can be dangerous. In between chukkers there is a two-minute break for players to change ponies. After three chukkers there is a five-minute "half time." With time-outs for penalties and the like, a typical match lasts one-and-a-half hours.

PLAYERS

There are four players on the field for each team, wearing a jersey numbered 1 through 4. The roles of each player are:

- #1 The Forward. Always out in front – should score most of the goals.
- #2 The Hustler. Quick and aggressive with fast ponies.
- #3 The Pivot. The quarterback and captain. Has to hit a long shot.
- #4 The Back Defender. There are no goalies. It's his job to stop the goal shots.

Helmets are required, and some have face masks. Most players wear padded knee guards and they all have to wear boots.

THE HORSE

They are called ponies. Most are former race horses, high-speed thoroughbreds with exceptional abilities. The tail is braided to stay out of the way of the mallet. The mane is clipped so the player can see the ball, and also to keep the animal cool. The ideal is for each player to have six ponies – one for each chukker – however some players have as few as three ponies for the match.

THE SHOTS

Players actually stand up in the stirrups when hitting the ball. Shots are made from the "off" side, which is the right side of the animal. The left side is called the "near" side. With reins in the left hand and a mallet in the right hand, a player is only holding on with his legs.

HANDICAP

Players are rated on a scale of minus-2 to 10. Beginners start at minus-2. Only eight players in the world are 10, none in the U.S. About 96 percent of all U.S. players have a handicap of 2 or less, and some with a handicap of 2 or more are considered professional. In handicap matches, each team adds up the ratings of its players to arrive at a team rating. The difference of the two teams' ratings is awarded as points to the lesser-skilled team as the beginning score of a handicap match.

FOUL

When you hear the umpire blow the whistle, it's just like basketball– somebody fouled. The other team gets a free hit. The most common foul is crossing the line. Forty percent of the points in a game are scored from the foul line.

RULES

Polo is governed by the United States Polo Association. The rules are so complex it takes 55 pages in the USPA Blue Book just to explain them.

IN A NUT SHELL:

Don't hit your horse or anyone else's with a mallet. You can't play left-handed. No dangerous riding. Abusive play and language are not allowed. If a player comes off his or her horse or off the field, the clock can continue to run; if a horse falls down, stop the clock.

2023 POLO TEAMS



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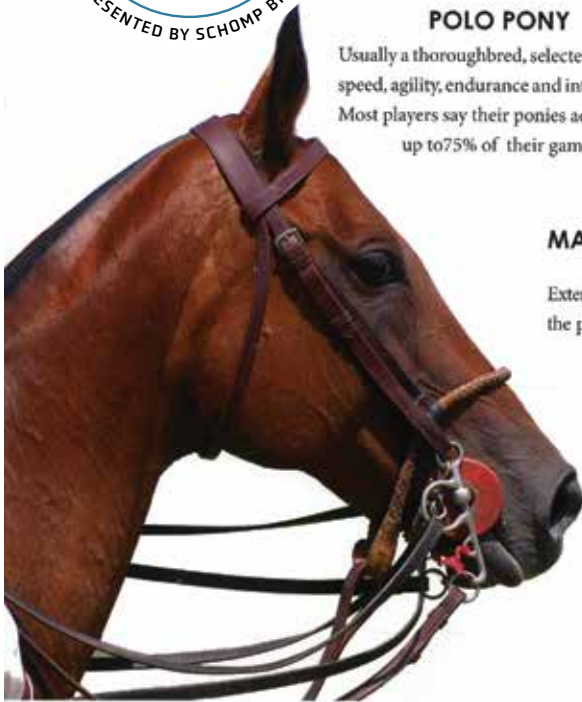


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POLO EQUIPMENT FOR PONY AND RIDER



POLO PONY

Usually a thoroughbred, selected for their speed, agility, endurance and intelligence. Most players say their ponies account for up to 75% of their game.

BRIDLE

Different types of bridles are used on polo ponies. Usually a Gag, Pelham or Double bridle, leverage based for quick stops and turns. Bridles are customized to suit each pony.

PELHAM BIT

Used with two sets of reins: one for the curb action of the shank; and one for the snaffle action of the ring.

MARTINGALE / HEAD CHECK

Extends from girth to noseband, inhibits the pony's head from rising up too high and hitting the rider.



GAG BIT

With distinctive cheek pieces that pass through holes in the top and bottom of the bit rings to attach directly to the reins, a gag bridle works on the pony's mouth and poll simultaneously to increase braking and balancing control.



BIT GUARDS

Flat rubber rings fitted on to the sides of a bit to protect the sensitive corners of a pony's mouth.



POLO SADDLE

Leather construction with stirrups. Less padding than a jumping saddle.



DRAW / RUNNING REINS

A pulley design, extended from the girth through the bridle rings to the rider's hands to give better control, which is an important safety precaution when the horses are travelling at high speed.



GIRTH

A wide, flat strap that secures the saddle around the belly of the pony.



OVERGIRTH

Used in addition to a standard girth, this nylon or leather strap buckles under the pony's belly and over top of the saddle to keep it from shifting during play.



BREAST PLATE

Secures the saddle in place, keeps it from sliding back during play.



STIRRUP LEATHERS

Strongly constructed of buffalo hide, these adjustable straps connect the stirrups to the tree of the saddle.



STIRRUPS

Steel loops to support the rider's feet, often with a wide flat base to provide more stability while standing to make a shot.



POLO PLAYER

Players are rated from C to 10 goals. "C" being a beginner, and 10 goals being the best in the world.

POLO BOOTS

Leather construction to protect legs and a heel to help keep the rider's foot securely in the stirrup.



KNEE PADS

Provides protection for the rider's knees in case of bumps and falls.



SAFETY GLASSES

These eye protectors are required to withstand the impact of various balls traveling 90 mph. The frames are required to survive the force of a racket at a velocity of 25 mph.



POLO JERSEY

Showcases team name, colors and logos, numbered 1-4 to indicate player position.

POLO BREECHES

Regulation white breeches or jeans are traditional for tournament play.

SADDLE BLANKET

Also called a saddle pad, it must be positioned properly and lay smoothly over the pony's center of gravity. A good blanket helps blood circulate evenly, lets perspiration evaporate, and distributes weight evenly.

BRAIDED TAIL

Minimizes interference with swinging mallets.

POLO WRAPS

Also called bandages, they support and protect a pony's legs from the ball and accidental knocks with the mallet, which are inevitable during play. Made from fabric, they have velcro fasteners at one end and are usually taped for extra security.



BELL BOOTS

Bell boots protect the coronet around the top of the hoof and the heel from being stepped on by one of the other hooves. Made of rubber, fleece, or neoprene.



TENDON BOOTS

Hard plastic or leather boots strapped over bandages to further protect the pony's legs from impact.



HELMET

Hard surface, lined and strapped, the helmet provides the rider with protection against swinging mallets, airborne balls and spills. The USPA has determined that a polo helmet should be light in weight, but must also have a durable or hard shell to structurally support a face mask which will remain intact if a horse rolls over it.

CLIPPED MANE

Eliminates interference of pony's mane with players rein hand.

POLO BALL

The white plastic or wooden ball, 10" in circumference, is struck by the side of the mallet. Indoor or Arena polo uses an inflated ball, which looks like a small soccer ball. Because an Arena is smaller than an outdoor polo ground, this makes it safer in a confined space. It is leather covered with a circumference of 14.5".

MALLET

Made of a bamboo shaft with a hardwood head. The head is beveled on one end (77.5 degree) to allow for a full swing, flush to the ground. Shafts are very flexible and can make a complete arc under the pony's neck or tail when swung hard. Available in lengths of 48" to 54", mallets are chosen by players to best fit their swing and size of pony.



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