



ARGENTINE FUNDRAISER HIGHLIGHTS OAK BROOK POLO SEASON

More than 1,500 spectators enjoyed an afternoon of polo and cultural activities at the Oak Brook Polo Club on Sunday, August 27, 2006 with two fundraisers that benefited Chicago-area organizations.

The Argentine American Chamber Polo Cup 2006, sponsored by the Argentine American Midwest Chamber of Commerce and the Consulate General of Argentina, benefited the Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, three alumni groups from the University of Chicago – the Chicago GSB Pakistan Club, the Chicago GSB Club and the Alumni Club of Metropolitan Chicago - hosted their annual fundraiser.

Tango Sur, one of the top Argentine restaurants in Chicago, prepared an authentic *asado* (barbecue) at the field, an Argentine bakery offered a vast array of pastries, and an Argentine wine merchant introduced spectators to a variety of wines.

In attendance was a large group from Argentina, who had attended a Farm Progress show in Decatur, Illinois, and came to Chicago for the polo event. An Argentine TV crew accompanied the group, filming the event & interviewing the players.

In the first match, Morgan Creek defeated Catamount 11-8 in a preliminary game in the 16-goal Morgan Creek Cup, hosted by the Chicago International Polo Club.

Playing for Morgan Creek were Julian Aguilar, Vale Aguilar, Dean Kleronomos and Miguel Gutierrez. Catamount's foursome was composed of Scott Devon, Todd Offen, Augusto "Tatu" Gomez and Del Walton.

Trophies were presented by Rizwan Kadir, organizer of the University of Chicago Alumni Club event.

The featured match of the day was USA (Tec Air) vs. Argentina (Villa del Lago) in the third annual Argentine American Chamber Polo Cup. Team Argentina – Jim Zenni, Agustin Obregon, Mariano Obregon Jr. and Jared Zenni – proved too strong for Team USA (Bob McMurtry, Darren Watts, Romulo Crespo and Anthony Garcia), winning 13-6, to the delight and cheers of the large Argentine contingent in attendance.

Agustin Obregon deservedly was named MVP, and Jim Zenni's 7-year-old Argentine gray mare Silverado earned Best Playing Pony honors.

Trophies were presented by Ernesto Paz, Consul General of Argentina; Jaime Rojkind, President of the Argentine American Chamber; and Alex Contreras of the Chamber, who organized the event. In addition to the beautiful trophies, the winning players received round-trip tickets to Argentina, compliments of American Airlines!

ARGENTINE AMERICAN CHAMBER POLO CUP

Sunday, August 27, 2006



A large crowd enjoys the polo matches.



Tango Sur prepares an authentic Argentine asado.



Team Argentina: Winner of the 2006 Argentine American Chamber Polo Cup.



Team USA: Runners-up in the Argentine American Polo Cup.



Silverado was honored as Best Playing Pony.