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## Polo Series Opens on June 6<sup>th</sup>

April 9, 2009...Portsmouth, RI: The **Newport International Polo Series** will open its 18<sup>th</sup> season on **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** with **USA vs. Chile** at 5pm. Featuring teams from around the world competing against USA, the polo matches will run continuously every Saturday from June through September on the **polo grounds of historic Glen Farm** on the outskirts of Newport, at 715 East Main Road/Rte.138 in Portsmouth, RI.

Hailing from the Curico Polo Club, the Chilean polo team returns for its 7<sup>th</sup> appearance in the Polo Series, to open the 2009 season and defend its most recent victory against USA, in 2006. Chileans rank among the worlds elite polo players, with recent acclaim including the 2008 FIP world championship and the UK Queen's Cup victory, among other prestigious international titles.

**"The international lineup this season includes Chile, Scotland, Ireland, India, Jamaica, England, South Africa, and Hungary making its debut!"** announced **Dan Keating**, USA team captain and founder of the Polo Series.

Dating back more than 130 years, the polo matches are a unique and popular Newport summertime tradition for the public. Tickets are available at the entry gates two hours prior to the start of each match. General Admission for lawn or grandstand seating and tailgate picnics is \$10.00 for adults; children 15 & under are free. Box seating is also available within in the Subscribers Enclosure for \$15/person. For season tickets, group reservations and more information call 401-846-0200 or visit [www.newportinternationalpolo.com](http://www.newportinternationalpolo.com)

Special events during '09 season include the Newport Polo Club's annual **Asado Lamb Roast** on July 18<sup>th</sup>, the **International Polo Charity Ball** on July 31<sup>st</sup>, the annual **Lobsterbake** on Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, and the annual **Jerk Grill** on Aug.15<sup>th</sup>, in which the public is invited to partake. For more information on the special events, contact the Polo Office: 401-847-7090.

### Newport International Polo Series

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The Polo Series takes place in the bucolic setting of Glen Farm, the last 100 acres of what was once a 700-acre manorial farm whose settlement dates back to the 1600's. Its classical stone barns from the Gilded Age and its park-like grounds were rehabilitated by the Polo Series' founder and thrive today as an equestrian and community recreational property.

### **2009 Season Schedule**

June     6   USA vs. Chile  
          13   Newport vs. Yale  
          20   USA vs. Scotland  
          27   Newport Cup  
July      4   USA vs. Hungary  
          11   Newport vs. Saratoga  
          18   USA vs. Ireland (followed by Asado Lamb Roast)  
          25   Newport Charity Cup  
          31   **International Polo Charity Ball**

August    1   USA vs. India (followed by Lobsterbake)  
            8   Lufthansa Invitational  
           15   USA vs. Jamaica (followed by Jamaican Jerk Grill)  
           22   Red Cross Hurricane Cup  
           29   Carnegie Abbey Cup

Sept.     5   USA vs. England  
          12   Newport Pro-Am  
          19   USA vs. South Africa  
          26   Finals

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