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Caption: Herbert Haseltine (American, 1877 – 1962), Detail of *Polo Group*, 1908

**POLO! Weekend
Symposium, NSLM Polo Cup, and Exhibition**

**National Sporting Library and Museum
September 22 and 23, 2012**

MIDDLEBURG, VA – The National Sporting Library and Museum will host two major events on the weekend of September 22 and 23, 2012.

The first will be a Symposium held on Saturday in the Founders' Room of the Library from 3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The second will be a Polo Cup Match and Luncheon fundraiser on Sunday that will take place at the Virginia International Polo Club in Upperville, Virginia.

POLO! Weekend

Polo enthusiasts can immerse themselves in the sport of polo at the National Sporting Library and Museum on the weekend of September 22 and 23 with a symposium, an art exhibition, and a polo match. **Each event may be attended separately.**



photo by Douglas Lees

SYMPOSIUM: THE EVOLUTION OF POLO IN AMERICA

This extraordinary opportunity is enriched by a symposium featuring prominent experts in the sport – its history, art and the game itself. Moderated by F. Turner Reuter, Jr., the panel of experts includes:

H. A. Laffaye

Horace A. Laffaye, M.D. a 2009 - 2010 NSLM John H. Daniels Fellow, is a former polo player and an authority on international polo and its history. He has authored several books, including *The Evolution of Polo* and *Polo in the United States*. Dr. Laffaye is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Museum of Polo and Chairman of the Hall of Fame Nominating Committee.

Michael H. S. Finney

Michael H. S. Finney is a Maryland racing historian and sporting art dealer specializing in equine art. He began his polo career at the Bostwick's Village Farms Club in New York and went on to reside with Hector Barrantes in Argentina before playing for White Birch Farm. Finney has also served as an instructor, announcer and referee at the Myopia Polo Club in Boston and as a consultant on polo art for Polo Magazine.

Dennis J. Amato

Dennis J. Amato, Ph.D. a noted polo historian, has amassed one of the world's largest collections of printed materials and ephemera on the sport. He has contributed to several books and written almost forty articles including *Long Island Polo: Past & Present*, *Theodore Roosevelt and Oyster Bay Polo*, *Early California Polo and Artist & Poloist: Charles Cary Rumsey*. Amato also served as the Meadow Brook Club's historian in 1994 and 1995.

Charles Muldoon

Charles Muldoon, a 5-goal polo player, has played the sport at the highest levels, both nationally and internationally. Notably, he is also the captain for the U.S. Polo Team and was elected Governor at Large of the US Polo Association in 2011.

Saturday, September 22, 2012, 3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Limited seating, reservations required for symposium and reception. Contact jsheehan@nsl.org or call 540-687-6542, ex 10.



Thomas Sherwood LaFontaine (American, 1915 -), *Polo at Cirencester*

POLO CUP FUND-RAISER

A Benefit Polo Match and Luncheon for the NSLM at the Virginia International Polo Club in Upperville, Virginia, Sunday September 23.

TIME: 12:30 p.m. Gates Open | 1:00 p.m. Luncheon | 2:30 p.m. Polo Match

LOCATION: Virginia International Polo Club (VIPolo Club) | 21515 Trappe Road, Upperville, VA

LEADERSHIP:

Jacqueline B. Mars, Event Chairman

Lord and Lady Charles Cecil, Honorary Committee

Robert and Lucianna Duvall, Honorary Committee

The Honorable and Mrs. William A. Nitze, Honorary Committee

Exciting sponsorship packages are available. Please contact Holly Johnson at holly@webstergroupinc.com or 202-741-1294 for information about ticket prices and sponsorship opportunities.



Herbert Haseltine (American, 1877 – 1962), Detail of *Polo Group*, 1908

ART EXHIBITION: *CHUKKERS: THE SPORT OF POLO IN ART*

This exceptional weekend highlights an exhibition of over fifty paintings and watercolors, twenty sculptures and medals, and a selection of antique trophies in *Chukkers: the Sport of Polo in Art* which has been curated by the NSLM and researched by **H. A. Laffaye** with loans from the **Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame**. *Free and open to the public.*

Museum Hours: Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. The NSLM is closed on federal holidays.

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About the National Sporting Library and Museum

The National Sporting Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving and sharing the literature, art and culture of equestrian and field sports. Founded in 1954, the institution has over 24,000-books dating from the 16th-21st centuries. The John H. Daniels Fellowship program supports the research of visiting scholars. The Museum, a newly renovated and expanded historic building on the Library campus, houses exhibits of American and European fine sporting art. Information is shared through exhibitions, lectures, seminars, publications and special events. The NSLM is open to researchers and the general public.

Admission is free. Library Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Museum Hours: Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

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