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Paul Desmond Brown (American, 1893 - 1958),  
*Polo Player Scores a Goal*, © Paul Brown Estate

**National Sporting Library & Museum to Host Popular  
Benefit Polo Match and Luncheon  
Sunday, September 15, 2013  
at Virginia International Polo Club, Upperville, Virginia**

MIDDLEBURG, VA – The National Sporting Library & Museum (NSLM) will host the popular Benefit Polo Match and Luncheon Sunday, September 15, 2013, at the Virginia International Polo Club, 21515 Trappe Road, Upperville, Virginia. The event this year is led by B. Tim and Michelle Brookshire, Event Chairmen; Jacqueline Mars, Honorary Chairman; and Ann Nitze, Host Committee Chair.

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The festive fund-raiser includes an elegant luncheon under a tent and an exciting polo match. The afternoon will also feature a performance by the Washington Scottish Pipe Band, a parade of the Piedmont Fox Hounds and a Ladies Hat Contest judged by internationally prominent designer Anna Weatherley.

People also may choose to tailgate and watch the exciting game. The cost is \$150.00 per car (with a limit of four people per car). Tailgaters are being encouraged to purchase their lunches from the Home Farm store, a Celebrate the Harvest! participant.

Several wonderful weekend events have been organized for sponsors and \$1,000 ticket holders leading up to the game. There will be visits to private estates, including a working Thoroughbred farm, and a special tour of the NSLM. “We are pleased to be able to provide these exciting opportunities,” said Executive Director Melanie Mathewes. Event Chair Michelle Brookshire describes these estates as “some of the most beautiful and extraordinary properties in Virginia’s horse country.”

This special NSLM weekend will begin with a lecture and book signing by Brough Scott, MBE, a jockey and writer whose latest book is *Henry Cecil: Trainer of Genius*. Scott is the grandson of General Jack Seely, author of *Warrior: The Amazing Story of a Real Warhorse*, whose portrait hangs in the Museum as part of the exhibition *Munnings: Out in the Open*. The evening includes a reception and is open to the public. (Reservations required. 540-687-6542 ext. 10)

There are many ways to participate in the NSLM polo fund-raising event. For inquiries about the Polo Weekend package, sponsorship opportunities, tickets to the afternoon Benefit Polo Match and Luncheon under the tent, or tailgating with your own hamper, please contact Holly Johnson at [holly@webstergroupinc.com](mailto:holly@webstergroupinc.com), 202-741-1294.

For a list of leadership groups and sponsors please go to: <http://www.nsl.org/events>

**Caption:** courtesy of the National Sporting Library & Museum

Paul Desmond Brown (American, 1893 - 1958), *Polo Player Scores a Goal*, © Paul Brown Estate

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*The National Sporting Library & Museum (NSLM) is dedicated to preserving, promoting and sharing the literature, art and culture of equestrian, angling 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 animal and sporting fine art. Information is shared through exhibitions, lectures, seminars, publications and special events. The NSLM is open to researchers and the general public.*

**Admission:** 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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