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TIM GANNON CHOOSES HOBE SOUND TO FLEX HIS ALWAYS-ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT AND JOINS THE NEW POLO CLUB'S BOARD

Late January 1995, when the Michelob/Aston Martin team of Bill Bond Elliott folded after being a runner-up to Kerry Packer's Ellerston White in the Challenge Cup at Palm Beach Polo, the suddenly vacant spot in the 16-team Sterling Cup roster was awarded to Tim Gannon and his Outback Steakhouse team.

Tim played his first high goal tournament with Mike Azzaro, Alfonso Pieres and Eddy Martinez, won his 4-team bracket and lost 12-11 to Cold Comfort in the quarterfinals. The same year, Tim Gannon and Outback went on to win their first U.S. Open Championship at Meadowbrook, repeating in 1996 at Palm Beach Polo.

In the next several years, not only would Tim Gannon and Outback win three more U.S. Open Championships grabbing a lion's share in U.S. Polo recent history, but starting in 1999 Tim also began writing a new page in the Wellington playbook when he purchased 40 acres of citrus grove from John Goodman, built a state-of-the-art polo facility with Phil Heatley, both men eventually establishing a very strong medium goal season, now in its 5th year of operation. All along Tim shifted gears, like in 1997, in 2002 and again in 2007, when to the outsider it looked like he was dropping out of polo, but each time came back with a better idea.

On the field, Tim Gannon has stayed true to his unique, entrepre-

neurial spirit for example saddling up the first woman, Sunny Hale, to win a U.S. Open Championship in 2000 or sending his six best horses to Adolfo Cambiaso in Argentina to help him start his formidable La Dolfina team, now a three-consecutive-time Argentine Open Champion.

Off the field, Tim has generously supported the polo efforts of many including Dave Offen to create the Outback 40 goal Challenge, Samantha Charles for the Outback Triathlon and among many other supporting causes, Tim Gannon has been very instrumental for the Red Cross in Palm Beach and the Miami Project with John Goodman, Tommy Lee and Dawn Jones.

So now that he has sold the Outback Polo Farm to John Goodman and it looks like he once again would drop out of polo, "What is Tim Going to Do?"

Tim's answer is straight forward as always, almost disarming in his sincerity: "It was something that was presented to me, and the more I thought about it, the more I liked it. Looking at what the people have already done, bringing in Jack Nicklaus, creating the Bear's Club and so many other great projects, I knew they were 10 goals as developers," adding "they needed someone to shake the polo world, I have more free time now since Outback went private, so there is less pressure on that end."

Following his natural propensity as an entrepreneur, Tim said

that he especially enjoyed starting from scratch and he saw in the new Hobe Sound Polo Club a task that

was for him: "This is the first time a new, top-notch polo club is go-

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OPENING DAYS



It was opening day at Outback and at Royal Palm Polo Club yesterday. Above, Dawn Jones starting with her bluhorse team.

(ph David Lominska www.polographics.com)

Schedule & Results

Vero Beach Polo Club | 772-567-4003 - <http://www.veroeachpolo.com>
 Jan 13 8 goal polo starts

Port Mayaca Polo Club | <http://www.portmayacapoloclub.com>
 2008 Season starts early January

Southampton Polo-South | (516) 901-6394 - <http://www.southamptonpolo.com>
 2008 Season start early January

Far Niente Polo Club | 561-632-5479
 2008 Season starts in January

Junior Polo | (203) 550 3814 | jenniferannpoor@yahoo.com
 Wed 9 5 pm Practice field tba

International Polo Palm Beach | 561 282 5290 - <http://www.internationalpoloclub.com>
 Joe Barry Cup - 20 goal

Sat 12 11am Game 1 Pony Express vs Mt Brilliant/Faraway Polo
 1pm Game 2 Skeeterville vs. San Saba
 3pm Game 3 Isla Carroll vs. Bud Light/ERG

Sun 13 3pm Game 4 Patagones vs. Catamount

Outback Polo | 561 795 4850 - <http://www.outbackpolo.com>
 Sun 6 Pegasus/Escue def. Bonefish Grill/Peapacton 6-5 OT
 Northwood def. bluhorse 8-7

January 14 goal starts Thurs Jan 10

Sun 13 10:00 am Pegasus / Escue vs. Northwood
 11:30 am Bonefish Grill/Peapacton vs. bluhorse

Grand Champions Polo Club | <http://www.grandchampionspolo.com>
 18 goal Tournament Series in March 2008

Flying Cow Polo Club | 561-798-4377

Fri 11 10:30 Palm Beach Equine vs. Jan Pamela at Jan Pamela
 1:00 Bendabout vs. Newport Polo at Everglades
 3:00 Isla Carroll vs. Mt. Brilliant at Jan Pamela

Sun 13 10:00 Palm Beach Equine vs. Mt. Brilliant at Jan Pamela
 10:00 Bendabout vs. Jan Pamela at Everglades
 12:30 Isla Carroll vs. Newport at Jan Pamela

El Sur Polo | 561 798 9859 | elsurpolo@bellsouth.net
 2008 Season starts early January

Gulfstream Polo Club | 561 965 2057 - <http://www.gulfstreampolo.com>

Fri 4 Wildwood def. Flying Diamond 15-5
 Sat 5 Culu Culu def. Birch Hill 12-10
 Hidden Creek def. Florado 10-7

Sun 6 *Flying Diamond def. Culu Culu 12-10 (12 Goal)*
Wildwood def. Hidden Creek 13-11

Cypress Polo | 561 723 3213
 2008 Season starts in January

Royal Palm Polo | 561 994 1876 - <http://boca-polo.com>

Sun 6 2008 Season Opener John T. Oxley Memorial Match
 Fair Oaks def. Boca Developers 9-8
 MVP Brad Blake

Fair Oaks: Bruce Robson, Brad Blake, Joey Casey, Craig Duke
 Boca Developers: Brian Street, Dawn Brown, Diego Cossio, Hector Galindo

Sat 12 10 am Boca Developers vs. Parrot Heads /B
 noon BullTick vs. Las Fajitas /B

Sun 13 noon Boca Developers vs. Green Meadows /H
 3 pm Fair Oaks/No Trees vs. BullTick /H



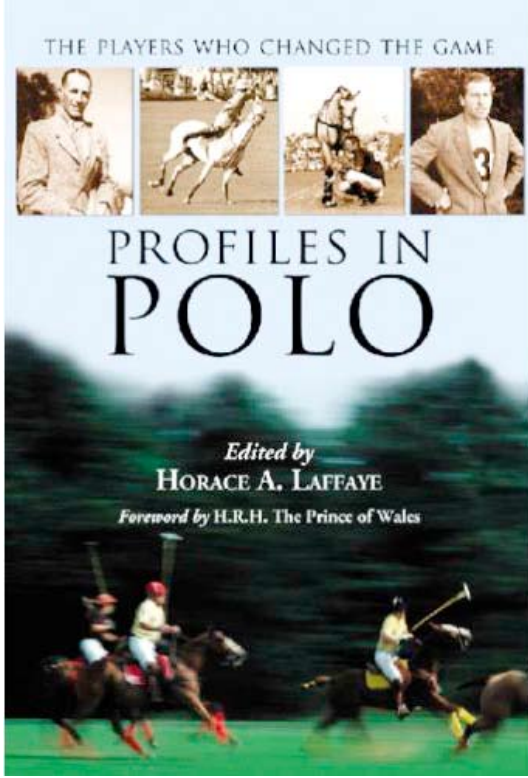
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