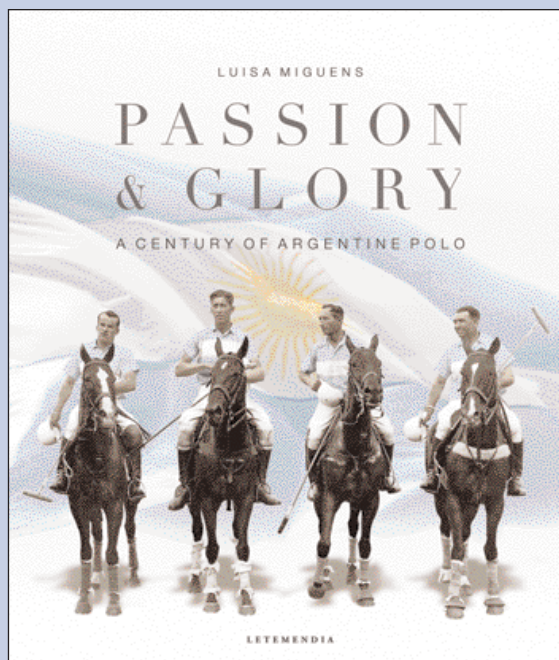


PASSION & GLORY

Polo book exams over 100 key years of Argentine polo

LUISA MIGUENS recently released book covering over 100 years of polo in Argentina will make you feel like you've opened up a polo time capsule. *Passion & Glory, a Century of Argentine Polo* takes you on a journey from gringo polo beginning in 1875; when Argentine polo was put on the map beginning in 1920; to the glory days starting in 1940; and from 1960 until 1980, when professional polo came into full focus. Also during that time, eight 10-goal players took to the field for "the match of the century," the first match of its kind up to that point.

The book contains perhaps the most comprehensive collection of polo photos, many historical, published to date. From the cover of the book depicting the gold medal winners in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, English players on the Argentine pampas in 1915, women players in 1938, International polo to numerous Argentine Open photos throughout the years, you will be transported to another time. Remarkably, the photos are well preserved and excellent quality. The book also includes reproductions of interesting polo illustrations, advertisements, posters and other treasures. Even more fun are the many pictures of today's talented professional players we have marvelled at, shown in their very early years: 10-goaler Agustin Merlos sucking on a pacifier; the Novillo Astrada brothers playing on the polo field in 1979; and a couple of young boys, Javier Tanoira with Bautista Heguy wearing an Argentine flag as a cape, just to name a few. The book celebrates not only high-goal polo but farm polo as well, and explores not just the



passion of the players but the spectators too.

Miguens has a unique perspective of the sport as daughter of polo player Carlos Miguens; wife of the late 10-goal player and Argentine polo association (AAP) chairman Gonzalo Tanoira and mother of three polo playing sons and two sons-in-law. Further, she played polo herself in chukkers at the family's *estancia*.

As the wife of one of the greatest players of his time, she accompanied Tanoira all over the world for two decades, sharing some of the best polo moments. Because of his contributions to polo in the United States, Tanoira was inducted

into the National Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame this past February. He was only the second foreign player to receive this recognition.

As chairman of the AAP, Tanoira was well respected. His unexpected death in 2003 while having back surgery sent shockwaves throughout the International polo community.

Prior to his death, Tanoira had asked Louisa to start searching for photographs and stories so they could put together the history of the sport in Argentina. The book is a homage to his memory.

This beautiful hard-cover book spans some 288 pages and is a must have for anyone interested in the sport of polo. It was published by Letemendia Casa Editoria in 2008. It is available in both English and Spanish versions for \$123.75. It can be ordered through Amazon.com or directly from the publisher www.letemendia.com or by email at info@letemendia.com. An architect, this is Miguens first book. ♦

"No one ever came to grief, except honorable grief, by riding horses; no moment of life is lost that is spent in the saddle. Young men have often been ruined by owning horses and by backing horses, but never by riding them. Unless of course you break your neck, which taken at full gallop is not a bad death to die."

—Winston Churchill

