

# *The Denver Polo Classic*

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Alejandro Novilla Astrada (8 goals) winds up for a shot as Santiago Toccilino (also at 8 goals) looks ahead for the ride off.



Bob Jornayvaz and Robert Jornayvaz riding off.



Going in for the hook.

## Father & Son Duel It Out At The Denver Polo Classic

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The Schomp BMW Denver Polo Classic, held June 25–26, is the premier polo event of the summertime in Colorado. This event is billed as the largest charity polo classic, which raises over \$650,000 for at-risk children.

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The four teams in the weekend tournament were well matched. The J5 Valiente team starring local entrepreneur Bob Jornayvaz and Ignacia "Nacho" Novillo Astrada, an amazing 9-goal player from Argentina, ended up facing off in the championship round versus the Schomp BMW team, which featured Mr. Jornayvaz's son, Robert, and the highest rated American-born player, Jeff Hall (8-goals). The Championship "Play of the Day" was a 120-yard shot from the boards taken by Robertito Zedda in the last seconds of the chukkar, taking the championship game into overtime. The winning goal was hit by Robert Jornayvaz with his father looking on with pride.

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Nacho Astrada (9-goals) takes a back shot.







Local Colorado pro – Rick Lontin and a couple of fans



### The Boys of Summer

Photos by Meghann Norris

HC's Boys of Summer play with a stick and a ball but you won't find them standing around a ballpark or taking a seventh inning stretch. No, these gentlemen move fast, ride hard, and are in a constant state of motion. Hailing from Argentina and Colorado, these Boys put on a show of grace, power, agility and competitiveness you won't find at a baseball game. If you want to experience the summer pastime HC style, head to a polo field.

Santiago "Santi" Bottaro considers Colorado his second home and is a long time Rocky Mountain favorite.



Argentina's Ignacia "Nacho" Novillo Astrada – 9-goaler  
- photo by Geoff Young

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Alex Gooding from Aspen –  
photo Rebecca Patoile



Santiago Toccalino



Columbine Polo's Robert Jornayvaz Jr.



Alejandro Novillo Astrada - 8-goaler



The US's highest ranked player –  
8-goaler, Jeff Hall

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