

# **Grooming/Exercise Riding/Hotwalking**

# The Cincinnati Polo Club

Winston Churchill once said ... "A Polo handicap is your passport to the world," and he was right. Polo opens the doors to an International network of clubs, players and new opportunities.

Join us and in doing so join a rich tradition of polo here in Cincinnati since 1918 and throughout the world. The Cincinnati Polo Club is actively looking for players, social members, corporate sponsors, grooms and exercise riders, and fans!

Chatsworth Polo Field 10035 Dallasburg Road Loveland, OH

#### **2019 Tentative Schedule**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Saturdays from mid-June through early October

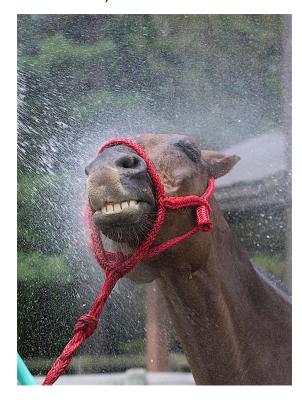
## Interested in exercise riding, grooming, hotwalking?

If you like horses and have been looking for something fun to do; you owe it to yourself to get involved with the game of Polo. The players of the Cincinnati Polo Club (18 playing members and growing!) are always looking for help with the horses. Numerous opportunities exist, with varying hours and involvement levels.

**Grooms:** Grooming for a polo player is an intense experience! You are responsible for 1-4 horses – their welfare, tacking them up, warming them up, cooling them down, loading and unloading, and more. Grooms usually work with one player and their horses, and learn to anticipate needs such as replacing a mallet in mid-chucker, which horses

need more warming up than others, and who cools down quicker (the player or the horse!) Grooms travel with the player for home and away games, and are generally compensated for their time, although some players may trade out polo lessons and green chuckers in exchange for grooming. Riding experience is required, along with comfort in riding and working with horses of different temperments and strengths.

**Hotwalkers:** Hotwalkers help out the grooms or players without grooms and are primarily used at home games. No riding experience is required – all work is done on



the ground. When a horse comes off the field after playing the hotwalker takes the horse from the player and cools it out by walking, sponging off with water, loosening the tack, etc. Hotwalkers are generally compensated for their time, although some players will offer riding lessons in exchange for hot walking.

**Exercise Riders:** Exercise riders are much in demand in the spring, but continue to ride throughout the polo season. Riding experience is required, along with comfort in riding and working with horses of different temperments and strengths. Exercise riding is generally 20-30 minutes of trotting and cantering to leg up the horse, often with some work on the fence for stopping and turning included. Sometimes an exercise rider will ride one horse and 'pony' another, thus getting two horses worked in one ride. Exercise riders are generally paid per ride, although some players may offer polo lessons or green chuckers in exchange.

### ps: Your life will never be the same again.

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Name:	
Age:	Do you have your own transportation? Yes/No
I am interested in being a Groom; Hotwalker; Exercise Rider	
Riding Experience:	
Address:	
Days available to help:	

