

AZ Insider: Polo and Ferraris in Scottsdale

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Kathy Shayna Shocket has the Inside Scoop on Celebrities and the social scene



Kathy takes you behind the scenes of Scottsdale's first polo party. .

Prince Harry didn't acknowledge his invitation to the polo match, but some of Scottsdale's power players did pony up for the first inaugural "Polo Party: Horses & Horsepower." The sporting and social event at WestWorld attracted a crowd donning an eclectic style of polo party fashions. Absent was the famous polka dot type dress **Julia Roberts** made famous in the polo scene in the movie "*Pretty Woman*."

But there were plenty of knit dresses and high heels (even amidst all the grassy areas) beautiful sweaters and trendy scarves. Although several partygoers sported the flowery colorful hats with large brims- the accessory of the afternoon were definitely the frames of fashion! I'm referring to the abundant variety of very fashionable designer sunglasses.



Dan Majerle, his son and A.J. Sulka sporting their argyle sweaters

Among the crowd of 2,500 were Phoenix Suns **Dan Majerle** and **A.J. Sulka** in their stylish argyle sweaters; Scottsdale Mayor **Jim Lane** and his wife **Joanne**; **Conrad Plomin**, **Sharon McLeod**, **Buzz Gosnell**, **Lindy Grave**, **Michele** and **Chris Culbreth**, **Ann** and **Mike Medici** and **Casey** and **Tim Bolinger**.



Mayor Jim Lane and Phoenix Suns Dan Majerle.. talking polo.. or basketball or politics

This was an event of *HORSES and HORSEPOWER*. **Dan** was the honorary umpire for the Arizona Polo Club, which took to the field to to play a full traditional polo match. The Polo Pary was also a sneak preview for January's world-class Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction, with a display of four rare luxury automobiles valued at more than \$1 million each, as well as exotic sports cars from the Arizona Lamborghini Club and Ferrari Club of AZ.



Leisa Brug donning a Burberry sweater with Toby Rolt

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The event was presented by the Arizona Polo Club; the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale car auction, which previewed millions of dollars' worth of luxury cars; and the Arabian Horse Association of Arizona. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art.



Casey Bolinger and Michele Culbreth donning fashionable scarves

Fans were also invited onto the turf for the social polo tradition of the stomping of the divots, (flattening out the divots from the ponies.) It was all part of the inaugural equestrian afternoon with Prince Harry who was training for the Royal Air Force in California and Gila Bend, Arizona... missed out.



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