

# Princeton University Polo Club

## 2014 Annual Review and Giving

### Club History

The first Princeton University Polo Team was founded in 1903 by William G. Devereux and Walter B. Devereux, both Class of 1904. Only one year later, Princeton became the first official collegiate polo team in the United States. The years 1919 to 1942 marked the golden era of PUPC. The R.O.T.C. and the Princeton Polo Association made available several polo fields and one of the nation's largest indoor riding halls on Princeton's beautiful campus. The Tigers won the first ever Intercollegiate Championship in 1920 against Yale. By 1942, the

Princeton Mallet Men, one of whom won polo silver for the United States at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris, had



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won 6 Intercollegiate Championships. Unfortunately, World War II brought Princeton's polo program to a grinding halt. The Harrison Housing Project consumed the riding hall and Devereux Memorial Polo Field. Polo disappeared from Princeton. Unsuccessful attempts to revive polo on campus were made in the 1950's and 1960's. In January 2014, the long-standing polo tradition returned to Princeton! Read more about Princeton Polo's long-standing history and tradition in the article "Tigers with Mallets", published in *Polo Players' Magazine* July 2014 issue (pg 60-64).

### Year 2014 in Bullet Points

**January:** Club is founded and Constitution ratified.  
**March:** Polo Club website is published.  
**April:** Polo becomes an official Club Sport at Princeton University after a 53 year hiatus.  
**May:** Princeton Polo is admitted to the United States Polo Association (USPA).

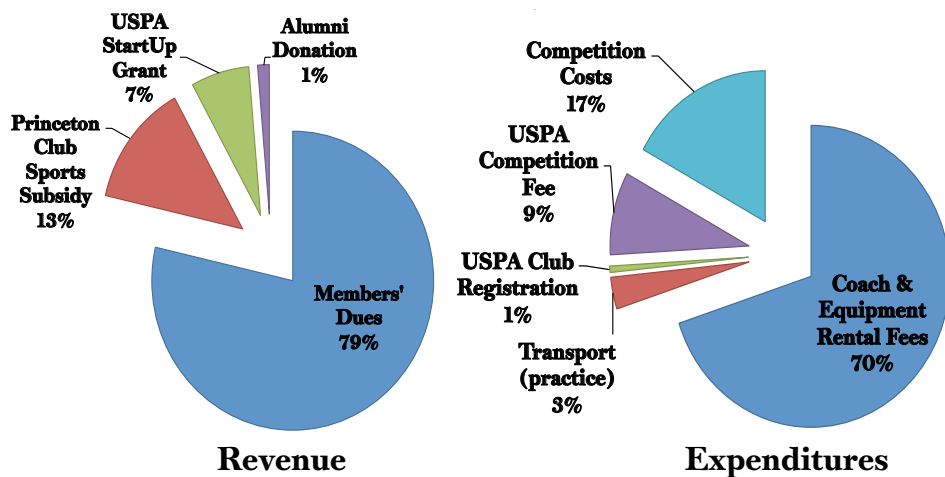
**September:** PUPC is represented at USPA's College Polo Fair, Long Island, NY.  
**October:** PUPC participates in USPA's College Polo Development Camp.  
**November:** PUPC is awarded USPA's New Club StartUp Grant  
**December (pending):** LaMartina Sponsorship

### Club Finances

In 2014, the newly restarted polo club recorded \$14,950 in revenue and \$14,650 in expenses. The major source of income came from membership fees, and the major source of expenses from horse rental and coaching fees (see chart). In its first year, the club had 11 active members (10 undergraduates, 1 staff), and 2 social members. Princeton Polo is seeking to grow its endowment fund

and membership. The undergraduate student body has expressed a strong interest in polo, but membership fees have deterred some talented players from joining. The club's endowment

will be used to subsidize team expenditures and to purchase equipment and horses. PUPC seeks opportunities for alumni involvement and donations to significantly reduce membership fees and to make polo more widely accessible to students. The Princeton Polo Club hinges primarily on the generosity of Princeton alumni. As players and students, we are grateful for the opportunities created by the generosity of our supporters.



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