

India vs. U.S. *on the* Polo Field



The United States and India will face off on the polo field at the America's Polo Cup on June 11 and 12, 2010 in Washington, D.C. The announcement was made at the New Delhi American Center on July 4 by U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Peter A. Burleigh; the captain of the U.S. polo team, Tareq Salahi; and representatives of ABSi Corporation, sponsors of the America's Polo Cup, who led the pin-up ceremony for the Indian players.

"In celebration of our shared values of friendship, sportsmanship and competition, the Indian team will travel to Washington next June to compete on the National Mall in front of thousands of fans," Burleigh said. The American team will come to India in early 2011 for an official rematch.

International polo in the Washington, D.C. area has been a tradition since 1923, when it received its first patronage from President Warren Harding. The America's Polo Cup World Championships is an invitational event in which the United States and the visiting country compete annually in the spring. The United States won 4-2 in the 2009 championship match against Australia earlier this year.

<http://www.americaspolocup.com/>



Top: U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Peter A. Burleigh (left), Michaela and Tareq Salahi, Seema Sharma and ABSi Corporation CEO Rajeev Sharma. Above: Rajiv Luthra, Kunal Kapoor and Nafisa Ali. Left: Indian polo player Angad Kalaan with wife, Mandira.

Below: Tareq Salahi and wife, Michaela, at the American Center.



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