



VANESSA ROGERS

Horsing Around

IF POLO IS THE SPORT OF KINGS, THEN TAILGATING IS THEIR CELEBRATION OF CHOICE **BY LIZA GRANT SMITH**

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IN THE FABULOUS WORLD OF POLO PARTYING, TAILGATING HAS DISTANCED ITSELF FROM FOOTBALL-ASSOCIATED NOMENCLATURE TO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST COVETED AND EXCLUSIVE EVENTS AT THE INTERNATIONAL POLO CLUB PALM BEACH. THERE IS A WAITLIST TO SECURE ONE OF IPC'S 50 SUNDAY TAILGATING SPOTS, \$5,200 EACH FOR THE SEASON. (561-204-5687, INTERNATIONALPOLOCLUB.COM)

Once you've landed the location, you have to set the scene. Sheila Motley of Wellington-based **Sheila Camp Motley Event Design & Management** specializes in equine happenings and accents. She advises tailgaters to "think plaid fabrics, wicker baskets, and florals in antique horse trophies." (434-466-6939, sheilacampmotley.com)

When it comes to the food, Motley suggests selecting items that can hold up for a long period of time, because polo tailgating is an all-afternoon event. International Polo Club Catering, powered by **Aaron's Catering of the Palm Beaches**, creates customized menus for each client. Whether you want a theme-related feast, a grand spread of seafood, or a symphony of sweets, Aaron's will accommodate and deliver the cuisine to your car. (561-792-9292, aaronscatering.com)



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necessary equipment

TAILGATING IS MORE ART THAN SCIENCE, BUT THERE ARE CERTAIN PREREQUISITES TO STAGING A SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

BEVERAGE MUST-HAVE:

While the sky is the limit for many aspects of your tailgate, glassware is a firm no, so stockpile unbreakable vessels for libations. Our pick: **Palm Beach Lately's** stemless acrylic wine glasses (\$10 each) with Floridian motifs, the perfect way to toast the afternoon. (palmbeachlately.com)



SEATING MUST-HAVES:

Invest in a comfortable yet posh chair and blanket for the sedentary moments. Our picks: The Safari chair (\$2,520) from **Design Within Reach** has a knock-down capability perfect for easy transportation, and **Rani Arabella's** Dillon cashmere throw (\$1,173) will keep you warm throughout the polo season. **Design Within Reach**, West Palm Beach (561-833-1799, dwr.com); **Pioneer Linens**, West Palm Beach (561-655-8553, pioneerlinens.com)



GAMING MUST-HAVE:

What would a tailgate be without a touch of tradition and sportsmanship? Our pick: This Signature Classic cornhole set (from \$3,295) by **Matthias Kaupermann** is handcrafted with mahogany and maple and can be customized with a personal monogram. (matthiaskaupermann.com)

