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The **Polo Gold Cup** in Gstaad is taking place for the 17th time from **16 to 19 August** and has become a major international event, drawing attention even in polo stronghold Argentina. The players at this year's tournament are again of the highest calibre this year. Six leading Argentinian players with handicap 7 (Franckie Menendez, Pablo Jauretche) and handicap of 6 (Marcelo Pascual, Ignacio Tillous, Bautista Urbina) will start in the Bernese Oberland – the highest ranked team has a total handicap of 14.

“The fact that top players from Argentina will be coming to Gstaad this year shows the level of international recognition our tournament has achieved,” says Polo Gstaad President Pierre Genecand.

The tournament, which in 2011 had to be changed at the last minute due to the surprise death of Swiss captain Philipp Maeder, will again be played this year using the traditional formula. Two qualifying matches will be played on Thursday, 16 August, followed by the semi-finals on Saturday, 18 August. On Sunday the 19th, the two losing teams from Saturday's matches will play for third and fourth place honours, while the two winners of the semi-finals will battle it out for the championship.

A total of 500 special guests from around the world have been invited to the Hublot Polo Gold Cup Gstaad 2012, which, as always, will be held on the grounds of the private airfield in Saanen. The social highlight of the tournament is Polo Night is on Saturday evening. This year it will be celebrated in the VIP tent, accompanied by blues and jazz pianist Silvan Zingg. After midnight, the famous “GreenGo” Club will move from the Gstaad Palace Hotel to the VIP tent – to let the party continue through the night.

