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## **CHUKKERS FOR CHARITY ANNOUNCES 2016 NISSAN/AUTOWEEK TEAM**

*The annual event on Sept. 10 will host top teams for Tennessee's largest polo match*

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Chukkers for Charity polo match has announced this year's Nissan/Autoweek team, to play on Sept. 10 at Riverview Farm.

The signature event returns for its "emerald anniversary" to raise funds for Rochelle Center and Saddle Up! This year's home team features local favorite players Orrin Ingram, Stevie Orthwein, Alan Martinez and James Armstrong. The highly-anticipated match will host two teams, both from the Lexington Polo Cup, the highest rated tournament in the region. The Lexington Polo Cup is 14 goal level with 18 teams playing from around the country.

Orrin Ingram is a local favorite and top amateur player. He and his wife Lee Ann host the yearly charity event at Riverview Farm, and he is an avid member of the polo community. Stevie Orthwein comes from a long line of polo players from St. Louis and now resides in Franklin with his wife, Margaret. Orthwein is also owner of the Franklin Polo Academy with fellow player James Armstrong. Alan Martinez played on the Chukkers championship team and was previously MVP and received the Best Playing Pony Award. James Armstrong currently runs the Nashville Polo Club and is director and co-owner of the Franklin Polo Academy. He recently received a lifetime award for his involvement with Chukkers for Charity for the past 20 years.

The gates for Chukkers for Charity will open at 1 p.m. for tailgaters and 2 p.m. for patrons. The opening ceremony will be held at 2:45 p.m. with the polo match beginning around 3 p.m. Following the polo match, the Patrons' Dinner will begin at 6:15 p.m.

Fieldside Patron Tables are available for \$2,500 per table of 10. Standard Patron Tables are available for \$1,750 per table of 10 or \$175 per individual ticket. Tailgating cabanas are available for \$300, which includes six armbands and a cabana, two additional wristbands per cabana available for \$50 each. To purchase tickets, please visit [www.chukkersforcharity.net/events-tickets/](http://www.chukkersforcharity.net/events-tickets/).

Chukkers for Charity is hosted Ingram at Riverview Farm at 1475 Moran Road in Franklin, Tenn. For more information, call 615-794-1150 extension 32.

Sponsors for this event include Title Sponsor, Nissan joined by The Tennessee Titans, Lipman Brothers – R.S. Lipman Company, Autoweek, SilverPointe Properties, The Andrews Agency, Associated Terminals/Turn Services, Jack Daniel Distillery, Tennessee Equine Hospital, Jackie & Barry Alexander, YOUR Williamson, Nashville Geek, Publix Super Markets Charities, Ingram Entertainment, AshBlue, Williamson Source, Nashville Geek and LBMC.

### **ABOUT ROCHELLE CENTER**

In 1968, long time area educator W.R. Rochelle, began the foundation for the agency to offer supports for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. These supports would enhance skills necessary for these individuals to become as independent as possible in our community. Today's Rochelle Center continues that mission with on-campus day programming in addition to residential services. For more information, call 601.254.0673 or visit [www.rochellecenter.org](http://www.rochellecenter.org).

### **ABOUT SADDLE UP!**

The mission of Saddle Up! is to provide children and youth with disabilities the opportunity to grow and develop through therapeutic, educational and recreational activities with horses. Saddle Up! has served more than 1,300 children with disabilities, provided more than 50,000 hours of services, and cared for more than 130 noble horses who served our program in nearly 25 years. Saddle Up! offers recreational therapeutic riding, physical and occupational therapy (called hippotherapy), a school-based equine assisted learning program, the Saddle Up! Equestrian Club, and workshops/seminars. More than 500 volunteers gave over 17,000 hours of service at Saddle Up! in 2014. Saddle Up! is a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center and the only member center in Tennessee of the American Hippotherapy Association. A nonprofit organization, Saddle Up! thanks all donors and volunteers who help make our programs possible. For more information, please visit [www.saddleupnashville.org](http://www.saddleupnashville.org).

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