

Virginia Gold Cup Races
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A TRUE "INTERNATIONAL" GOLD CUP RACE TO BE RUN OCTOBER 20, 2007

WARRENTON, Va. -- The first International Gold Cup was held in 1930 at Grasslands Downs, Tennessee. The King of Spain placed a spectacularly beautiful gold trophy, still awarded annually to the winner in competition that year. Later, when the Tennessee race meet ended in 1932, the event moved to the Rolling Rock course in Pennsylvania. The Rolling Rock Hunt Meet ended a half-century later in 1983. In 1984, the International Gold Cup race and trophy were moved to Virginia where they enjoy large crowds and international attendants.

The 2007 International Gold Cup presented by Porsche of North America marks the 70th running of this prestigious race and maintains international interest both in the spectator venues as well as on course. While contenders for this year's races are yet to be decided, riders from across Europe who are official members of the International Federation of Amateur Riders (FEGENTRI) will compete with U.S. jockeys for the World Cup of Nations.

The event is well-attended by Washington's diplomatic community as well as ambassadors and representatives from many nations. The International Gold Cup provides a unique venue for social entertaining and a great place to network in the midst of spectacular scenery.

General admission car passes are \$55 in advance, \$65 week of the race. For ticket information contact the Virginia Gold Cup Association at 540-347-1215 or order online at www.vagoldcup.com. Advance purchase of tickets is recommended. Children under 12 years of age and under are admitted free with an adult. To get there from Washington, DC take I-66 west to Exit 31 (Route 245 south), and follow signs into Great Meadow, only 50 minutes from Washington, DC.

For ticket outlet information visit us on the web at www.vagoldcup.com.

The 70th running of the International Gold Cup Races is proudly presented by Porsche of North America, Porsche of Arlington, Porsche of Tysons Corner, Rockville Porsche, and Tischer Porsche. Race sponsors include Fidelity Investments, GTSI, L.F. Jennings, Thomas J. Carroll, Jr. and S.W. Rodgers. Additional support for special activities comes from Capital Party Rentals, Farm and Ranch Magazine, Horton Truck and Equipment, Proskauer Rose, LLP, Tri-County Feeds, and the Virginia Lottery. The Official providers for the races include, Brown-Forman, Dogtopia, Miller Brewing Company and Professional Grounds.

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