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## **EUROPEAN RIDERS TO COMPETE IN INTERNATIONAL GOLD CUP** *Representatives from at Least Eight Nations to Vie for Trophy*

WARRENTON, Va. —The Virginia Gold Cup Association announced today that riders from across Europe will compete in the upcoming 70<sup>th</sup> Running of the International Gold Cup on Saturday, October 20, for the Fegentri World Championship . The jockeys are official members of the International Federation of Amateur Riders (FEGENTRI). As amateur riders, they come from varied backgrounds and have full time professions such as banking, high technology, doctors, dentists and lawyers. Some students also compete. All are united by a common passion for horseracing and an addiction to the adrenaline rush they get from the speed.

The International Gold Cup, presented by Porsche of North America, has a long-standing history of international involvement. One of the most prestigious timber races in the country, the event includes seven races timber, brush, and the flat. Attracting the finest jump-race contenders in the United States and Europe, the International Gold Cup presents purses (prize money) totaling over \$175,000. Pre-race festivities, including Jack Russell terrier races and a musical ride demonstration by the U.S. Park Police, add to the genteel character and family enjoyment of an autumn day in Virginia horse country. New this year, the International Gold Cup is extremely proud to host a Porsche Sports Car Exhibition, presented by Porsche Club of America and the Washington, D.C. area Porsche dealers, will feature an exciting display of vintage and current model Porsches. Porsche enthusiasts will be on hand to share their passion for and knowledge of these gorgeous exotics. So, there is horse power both on the field and off the field.

The first International Gold Cup was held in 1930 at Grasslands Downs in Tennessee. The King of Spain placed the spectacularly beautiful gold trophy, still awarded annually to the winner, in competition that year. After the Tennessee race meet ended in 1932, the event was moved to the Rolling Rock course in Pennsylvania. The Rolling Rock Hunt Meet ended a half-century later in 1983. The following year the International Gold Cup race and trophy were moved to Virginia.

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](http://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](http://www.vagoldcup.com).

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