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## LINCROFT VILLAGE GREEN ASSOCIATION SPONSORS POLO MATCH

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Have you ever attended a polo match? On Sunday, June 5th the Lincroft Village Green Association (LVGA), in association with the Colt's Neck Polo Club, sponsored a polo match at the Colt's Neck Polo grounds located at Bucks Mill Park. Just over a hundred Lincroft residents attended the match and can now answer yes to my opening question.

The competition was held as a fundraiser for the LVGA, called "An Afternoon of Polo," and pitted the Tinicum Polo Club of Bucks County, Pennsylvania with the host Colt's Neck Polo Club.



LVGA members flank Co-President Roger Foss. L to R: Rose Stallmeyer, Heather Colella, Roger Foss, Linda Lintz and Dan Herrick

Admission fees went to the benefit of the LVGA.

This event was set up as a tailgate party with admission based on a per vehicle basis. Attendees were allowed to back their vehicles to designated spots just a few feet from the edge of the playing field where one could readily enjoy the thundering action of competitors racing up and down the field.

The match was conducted in the most formal way, with an announcer who was kind enough to explain the rules and components of the game as things went along. LVGA

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Co-President Roger Foss was given the ceremonial honor of throwing out the first ball to start the match. "They told me to throw the ball and run," explained Mr. Foss.

As the match proceeded the rookie fans of the sport learned much of the game courtesy of the informative announcer. A polo match, as explained by the match announcer, is composed of six periods of seven minutes each, known as "chukkers." Breaks between chukkers are 3 minutes in length, just enough time for riders to obtain fresh mounts. In addition there is a five-minute halftime. There are a total of 8 players on the field and men and women compete against each other in this sport.

I must say this was a thoroughly enjoyable event. The field was lined with Lincroft friends and neighbors lounging under large umbrellas before tables of foods and refreshments. As I navigated my way along the field with camera in hand to position myself for some action shots I was constantly invited to stop by this or that tailgate station to sample their refreshments. Those Lincroft folks are just the best!

Roger Foss pointed out that the match organization and arrangements were the result of excellent work by Heather Colella and Linda Lintz. "They did such a great job, I suspect somehow Heather and Linda also had something to do with this perfect weather," said Foss.

This is the first year for this event and such good times were had, the LVGA Board of Directors is already planning a repeat for 2006. This could become the social affair of the season.

In addition to "An Afternoon of Polo" the LVGA has several events planned for 2005, consult their website at [lincroftvillage-green.org](http://lincroftvillage-green.org) for details. When visiting the website you should also take a peek at the LVGA Mission, Goals and Achievements pages. There's a lot going on with this organization, I think every Lincroft resident is benefiting from their efforts.



"There was plenty of action on the field"