

# Denver Polo Classic ball attracts 1,000, July 20



*Signature artwork sells for \$8,000*

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The 20th annual Denver Polo Classic at the Polo Reserve Development began on July 20 with the Capital Grille Black Tie Ball. Attendees left their cars to be driven by golf cart to the entry point of the elevated spectator area grass fields overlooking the polo field. A 460 foot long tent covered most of the event area where guests were greeted and guided individually to their assigned tables, which were promptly abandoned for cocktail period socializing. The silent auction area was completely automated with tablet PCs thereby enabling bidders to check the status of any

item, or just the ones they'd bid on.

Among the crowd of 1,000 formally attired partygoers was ACC professor and event sponsor **Jeff Petersen**, whose ensemble differed from all other men with his black shorts and red Converse shoes. His wife, **Jo Ann Greenwood**, chose more graceful attire with a multi-colored dress of green and blue. The buffet dinner was completely handled by Capital Grille as the largest event the company had ever pulled off outside of its own kitchens.

**Bob Kendrick**, of 9News, was master of ceremonies. Denver Active 20-30 Children's Foundation President **Dave Dixon** raised the three-day event's fundraising goal to \$400,000. Event chair **Orlin Camerlino** then recognized Denver Active 20-30 members throughout

the crowd wearing nametags. **Bob Gray**, of the Cottonwood Polo Club, followed by stating 16 higher-grade players had arrived in Denver for the matches on July 21 and 22. Kendrick returned to introduce live-auctioneer **Gary Corbett**. As live auction got underway, Corbett said, "I consider eye contact to be a bid." The signature artwork for the event, by artist **Michael Gadlin**, was sold for \$8,500, the highest amount of any Denver Polo Classic event. Check out the artwork at [www.gadlinscanvas.com](http://www.gadlinscanvas.com).

Following the very active live auction, the Sheryl Renee Band packed the dance floor as guitarist **Marc Larson** repeatedly delivered the best guitar playing ever heard for a Denver charity event.

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