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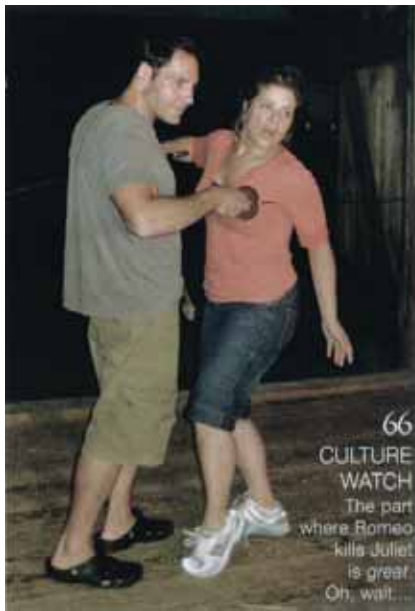
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Oh where, oh where has our little dog gone? To the ARF-sponsored clambake, of course. Those not of the canine persuasion can choose from charity benefits, fishing tournaments, or scandalous plays to keep them feeling frisky.



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FLASH
What would you
get if you crossed
the Kennedys
with the Baldwins?
Whatever it is,
there'd sure be
a lot of them!



Not Just Horsing Around

Circa Jewelry honcho (and budding polo player) **Chris Del Gatto** takes his work and his play very seriously. by Kelly Killoren Bensimon

I ALMOST NEVER GOOGLE PEOPLE before I interview them, because the last thing I want to do is have a preconceived notion of who the person is. The reason I love interviewing is to explore the people behind the brands, and to hear their stories—the way they want to tell them.

But I already knew some things about Chris Del Gatto and Circa, the company he founded that buys and sells high-end jewelry and estate pieces. I was introduced to him by Fabiola Beracasa at a party two years ago. I

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thought he was just running his family business and having fun. Little did I know that the man who makes a living buying and selling “a girl’s best friend” (as the song calls them) is also a fan of the Hamptons *and* a polo player to boot. (All right, that last bit I got online. Thanks, Google!)

At 36, Del Gatto bought a house in North Haven because he loves the laid-back environment of Sag Harbor. He’s a regular at Bobby Van’s, and eats at Sant Ambroeus in Southampton on his way home to New York City every Sunday. But his real love is Estia’s on Sag Harbor Turnpike. He goes there for breakfast and loves the fresh fish at night.

When Del Gatto isn’t feasting out East, he’s on the polo field, playing for the Circa/Black Watch polo team. (I know, I was surprised, too!) He started by sponsoring a polo team, then learned to play polo at the Southampton polo club. Only then did he have the confidence to play with—and against—pros like Nacho Figueras and Peter Brant. In the summer Del Gatto travels between New York and Sag Harbor, in the fall he spends one month in Argentina, and in the winter he lives in Palm Beach. It isn’t as if he’s been riding all his life—he only recently learned. Now he’s playing and living like a professional polo player.

So how did all this start?

Del Gatto might not have made it on horseback if he hadn’t experienced such success in his “day job” with Circa. In 2001 Del Gatto, who didn’t go to college, became a gemologist. He quickly realized that anyone could *buy* a piece of jewelry, but there was no place to sell jewelry to a liquid market. By creating a company that deals in high-end jewelry and estate pieces, Del Gatto created a megamillion-dollar business. And if you’re “invited,” he’ll make an appointment and do business with you. The company has locations in cities all over the world—on Madison Avenue in NYC and in Chicago, San Francisco, Palm Beach, Philadelphia, Hong Kong, and Paris.

The only question I forgot to ask was if Del Gatto is single. Well, either way, he’s looking to move in the Village, so if you know of any good apartments there, let him know. **H**