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Come for the Horses, Stay for the Food and Music at Galway Downs

Temecula, Calif., March 23, 2015 — Music and food will once again add spice to competitive excellence of the Galway Downs International Horse Trials, at the Temecula Downs Event Center on March 26-29.

Three fabulous food trucks, all from San Diego, will be on the grounds from Friday through Sunday, from 9:30 to 4:00, offering special treats for fans and competitors.

On Friday they'll be in the Trade Fair, overlooking the international dressage and show jumping phases. But then on Saturday, the trucks will be in one of the three oasis locations around the cross-country course, along with a selection of local wines and micro-brews, and live music. On Sunday they'll return to the Trade Fair for the show jumping phase of the national divisions.

Super Q food truck (www.superqfoodtruck.com) brings what they call "the best hickory smoked BBQ this side of the Mississippi!" Super Q features four original entrees, three "Knock-Out" sandwiches, sliders and barbequed Asada fries.

Ms. Patty Melt (www.truckedupproductions.com) features classic favorites with a twist—Lobster Grilled Cheese, Patty Melts with Kobe beef, and a ton of other choices to tickle your palate.

The third truck, Devilicious (www.deviliciousfoodtruck.com), rose to Fame on the TV show, "The Great Food Truck Race" and brings its culinary magic to Galway Downs. Lovers of flavor and fun will be drawn to their Crab Crab Cakes and their desert sandwiches, featuring the flavor of s'mores and strawberry cheesecake.

Local musicians will be entertaining everyone from Thursday night through Saturday night. The musical schedule is:

Thursday, March 26, at the Welcome Reception, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.—the Lee Koch Duo (guitarist/vocalist) and a D.J. during dinner.



Ms. Patty Melt is one of the three San Diego food trucks that will be serving fans during the Galway Downs International Horse Trials, from Friday through Sunday.

On Saturday, March 29, three vocalists will entertain fans and riders during the international cross-country phase, one in each of the three oasis locations alongside the viewer-friendly cross-country course, from 12:30 to 3:30. Guitarist Tim Walsh will be playing in the MD Barn near the cross-country course start; guitarist Mark Cloud will be playing under the control tower in the center of the course; and keyboardist Jill Morrison will be playing in the Beer Garden in the Trade Fair.

The musical entertainment reaches its climax on Saturday evening, March 28, with when popular local band Mrs. Jones' Revenge will be on stage from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., following the catered dinner and awards ceremony.

This concert is open to the public at a price of \$20 per person, which doesn't include food or drinks.

Attractions like these are sure to please the entire family—horse lovers, music lovers, and food lovers will all have something to enjoy in the beautiful Southern California sunshine at Galway Downs.

The top-quality international competition that is the hallmark of Galway Downs, along with attractions like these, are why the two Always Downs International Events held each year have such serious

economic impact the Galway Downs International Events have on the Temecula Valley economy.

In July 2013, the Temecula Valley Visitors Bureau commissioned an economic-impact study of travel in the valley, conducted by Dean Runyan Associates of Portland, Ore. The study collected travel data from 2000 to 2012, and its findings parallel the history of the Galway Downs International Events, which have been run annually since 1999.

During that period, yearly travel spending in the Temecula Valley increased from \$131.1 million to \$625.3 million (at an annual rate of 13.9%), and travel-related jobs increased from 1,660 to 6,580 (at an annual rate of 14.6%). In 2012 alone, some 2.9 million people traveled to and stayed at least one night in the Temecula Valley, roughly half in a hotel or motel and half in an RV or with friends or family.

The study estimates that in 2012 those 2.9 million visitors spent an average of \$152 per day.

Approximately 350 horses compete at five levels at each Galway Downs International Event, with each horse bringing two to three people with them. Plus, each event requires approximately 125 officials, staff and volunteers to run it. So, if approximately 1,000 people spend \$152 per day, and they stay an average of three days, the total revenue is \$456,000 per event, not including entry fees and sponsor donations. And since there are two Galway Downs International Events every year, the total impact is more than \$1 million per year.

What do the competitors at Galway Downs spend their money on, other than hotel or motel rooms? They buy food, at restaurants, grocery stores and at the food trucks on the grounds. They put thousands of gallons of gas or diesel fuel in their cars or trucks, and sometimes they have to get their trucks or trailers repaired by local businesses before they can return home. For their horses, they buy hay, grain, shavings and other supplies—either from stores like Big Horse Feeds or on the grounds, brought in by local vendors.

Each of the more than 60 international horses competing at this Galway Downs event will perform in dressage on Friday morning and then negotiate the demanding show jumping course in the late afternoon. Then, on Saturday afternoon, they'll gallop over the more than 30 jumps on the cross-country course designed by Ian Stark of Great Britain, the Galway Downs course designed since 2007.

The action continues on Sunday, with the three upper levels of the national divisions navigating the show jumping course and the

two lower levels navigating the cross-country course, from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m.

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Media representatives must contact the Press Officers (above) for passes prior to March 25.

General admission for the Galway Downs International Horse Trials is only \$10 per day in advance, \$15 at the gate, with children under 12 free when accompanied by a paying adult.

Patron's passes—which include seating in the ringside tent, lunch and a full selection of beverages—are also available for \$55 per day on Friday and Sunday, \$75 for Saturday, or \$150 for the weekend in advance. For advance reservations, go to www.galwaydowns.com.

For more information on the Galway Downs International Horse Trials, visit www.galwaydowns.com or call 951-303-0405. To learn more about eventing, visit the U.S. Eventing Association's website (www.useventing.com).