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Get Ready For The Galway Downs International Horse Trials

Temecula, Calif., Feb. 4, 2014 – The Galway Downs International Horse Trials will welcome top-level riders and horses from the United States, Canada and other countries on March 28-30 at the Galway Downs Equestrian Center. Riders will be competing in three international divisions – the CIC3*, the CIC2* and the CIC1*.

Each of the more than 60 horses expected to start 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.

Christina Klingspor of Sweden and Alain James of France will judge the international divisions. Andy Bowles of New Zealand will be the international technical delegate.

The Galway Downs International Horse Trials is one of the 11 events across the country comprising the Adequan/USEA Gold Cup Series. Since Galway Downs is one of only two Gold Cup Events in California (and one of the three on the West Coast), it's a vital competition for advanced riders who are aiming to qualify for the \$40,000 Adequan/USEA Gold Cup Series final in September.

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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).