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## **Coming Soon: The Galway Downs International Horse Trials**

*Temecula, Calif., Feb. 9, 2015*— The Galway Downs International Horse Trials will welcome top-level riders and horses from the United States, Canada and other countries on March 27-29 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 compete will perform in dressage on Friday morning and then negotiate the colorful show jumping course on Friday afternoon. Then, on Saturday afternoon, the horses and riders will gallop over the more than 30 testing jumps on the cross-country course created by Ian Stark of Great Britain, the Galway Downs course designer since 2007.

Nearly 200 additional horses will also compete in national divisions, from advanced to novice, from Friday through Sunday.

Alain James of France and Christian Steiner of Austria will judge the international divisions. Andy Bowles of New Zealand will be the international technical delegate.

The CIC3\* at 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 four 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. The Galway Downs CIC3\* offers prize money of \$6,000 and an array of prizes provided by the generous sponsors of the Galway Downs International Horse Trials.

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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](http://www.galwaydowns.com).

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