



GALWAY DOWNS

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FISHER WINS FEI WORLD CUP QUALIFIER AT GALWAY DOWNS

Robyn Fisher, 26, of Topanga, CA was the wire-to-wire winner of the FEI World Cup Qualifier (CIC***-W) at Galway Downs, CA, today on her 11-year-old Holsteiner Thoroughbred gelding, Le Samurai, with a score of 75.6.

Fisher finished each of the three days as the top rider in dressage, cross country and jumping.

She also won CIC** on Lady Calido, a 10-year-old Holsteiner, and received prize money totaling more than \$6,000 for winning both classes.

"I had a great day," said Fisher, who had an error-free run in jumping to capture first in CIC***-W and stay ahead of other riders. "I had no room for error and wanted to finish clean." She received a check for \$4,500 for her efforts and the Inaugural Augie Handley Memorial Trophy, which was donated by Santa Fe Hunt of Del Mar.

Horses and crowds braved wet weather to attend the three-day event, which included a Pet Expo for the first time this year.

"We are real pleased that the Pet Expo will become a permanent attraction at Galway Downs every year," said event organizer Robert Kellerhouse. "We are working very hard to make sure residents of Southern California realize that we are expanding a world-class equestrian event and making Galway Downs a wonderful family attraction as well."

Finishing second to Fisher was Jennifer Wooten, 28, of Buellton, CA on her 10-year-old Irish Thoroughbred mare, The Good Witch, with 78.8 penalty score in her first World Cup event. She had the best time on what other riders described a tough cross country course that was made tougher in wet weather.

“It (the rain) didn’t bother me,” she said. “I liked the course even though it was challenging in places.”

She received \$3,000 and a leather halter.

Lauren Whitlock, 21, Rohnert Park, CA and her 13 year-old Thoroughbred gelding, Kipling, was third with a score of 78.7.

Finishing second in CIC** with a score of 61.5 was Kelly Prather of Bodego Bay, CA on Ballinakill, a 7-year-old Irish Sport Horse.

Lisa Marie Fergusson of Langley, British Columbia held on to her overnight 3rd place with a clean run and a score of 62.6 on Uni Griffon, an 8-year-old Welsh Sport Horse.

Despite lowering a rail on the final day, Fiona Dodson of La Canada Flintridge, CA rode Happy Go Lucky III to a strong performance in dressage and jumping in CIC* competition with a score of 47.2

“He was very good today,” she said of her 9-year-old chesnut gelding. “I probably could have ridden him better.”

Finishing second with a 47.9 was Morgan Roundtree of Grass Valley, CA on Sherwood, an 8-year-old Thoroughbred. Jessica Rice of Kingsburg, CA scored 50.4 to finish third on I’m So Brite, an 11-year-old Thoroughbred.

Galway Downs is a 240-acre, world class equestrian facility less than 7 miles east of the Highway 79 South exit off the 15 Freeway in Temecula. It is located in the heart of Valle de los Caballos (Valley of the Horses), which includes about 2,000 acres south of Temecula’s Wine Country.

Full results are posted on the web site at www.galwaydowns.com

Editor Notes

The United States Eventing Association (USEA) Gold Cup Series is based on a cumulative points structure. Competitors are awarded points for various overall placings as well as other competitive accomplishments during each Gold Cup event. This structure is designed to add additional excitement to championship contention throughout the year. For more

information about the USEA Gold Cup Series, please visit
www.useventing.com <http://www.useventing.org>.

Galway Downs is the site of one of only four World Cup Series events in North America in which riders will be vying for a place in the finals to be held in Malmo, Sweden in September 2006.

Galway Downs also joins an elite selection of 12 venues nationwide to host Adequan USEA Gold Cup Series divisions and is one of four in the Pacific Group. The Adequan USEA Gold Cup Series, presented by the United States Eventing Association (USEA), offers competitors an opportunity to earn points towards the title of Gold Cup Champion at intermediate and advanced level.