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10th Anniversary Celebration Planned For Galway Downs International Three-Day Event

Temecula, Calif., Oct. 8 — Organizers, officials and competitors at the Galway Downs International Three-Day Event on Oct. 30-Nov. 2 will be celebrating the competition's 10th anniversary with a champagne dinner on Saturday and a special ceremony for Gina Miles, the individual silver medalist at the 2008 Summer Olympics, on Sunday.

Galway Downs is the longest-running CCI** (international two-star three-day event) currently held in North America, having been launched by organizer Robert Kellerhouse on Nov. 4-7, 1999, at the Southern California Equestrian Center located on Los Corralitos Road in Temecula, Calif.

Since then, the Galway Downs International Three-Day Event has provided dozens of West Coast riders with upper-level competitive opportunities that were previously unavailable in California. These riders have developed their own and their horses' skills at Galway Downs before heading to the East Coast

for three- and four-star events or the North American Young Riders Championships, or before heading to Europe for international events there.

And no one has profited more from those opportunities than Miles, 34, who has competed at all levels offered by Galway Downs events during the last decade. Miles, of Creston, Calif., will sign autographs for her fans during Sunday's festivities.

"Galway gives us a chance to run over a serious track [to prepare for higher-level international events]. Robert Kellerhouse gives us a professional, quality event. It makes us confident that our horses are on track to be competitive when we head to the East Coast to compete," said Miles after winning the Galway Downs CIC*** (international three-star horse trials) on McKinlaigh last March, an important part of the pair's pre-Olympic preparation.

But Galway Downs is also a great competition for riders who don't harbor Olympic aspirations and for upcoming horses. Along with the CCI**, Galway Downs has always offered a CCI*, a level that provides a healthy challenge for many riders and is a stepping stone to the CCI** for numerous horses. For the second year, the Galway Downs CCI* will also feature the USEF Western Junior/Young Riders National CCI* Team Championship.

This year Galway Downs is also offering a half-star CCI, or training level three-day event, for the first time.

"I'm very excited about adding the training level, because a huge part of what we've always done is add to people's education, and that's what the half-star is all about," said Kellerhouse. More than 125 horses are expected to start in these three levels of competition, with riders coming from across the western United States, Canada, Mexico and other countries.

A special 10th anniversary poster will be available at the event or on the Galway Downs website, for \$4.

General admission for the Galway Downs International Three-Day Event is \$8 in advance, \$10 at the gate. Patron tickets—which include seating in the ringside tent, lunch and a full selection of beverages—are also available for \$55 per day or \$150 for the weekend, in advance. For advance reservations, go to www.galwaydowns.com.

For more information on the Galway Downs International Three-Day Event, 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).

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