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TRYON WINS INTERNATIONAL EVENTING COMPETITION

TEMECULA, CA – Amy Tryon, who recently won a bronze medal at the World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany, was the winner of the CCI** class at the Galway Downs International Eventing Competition with strong performances in cross country and show jumping.

Tryon, 35, of Duvall, Wash., finished the three-days of competition with an error-free show jumping run on Leyland, a 6-year-old gelding, to capture \$1,800 in prize money.

“He was fantastic,” said Tryon, who retired as a firefighter earlier this year. “He’s a young horse but he performed beyond anybody’s expectations.”

Tryon also finished second in the CCI* division without steeplechase aboard Coal Creek.

Tryon was among more than 120 riders from all over the world who competed in the three-phase event at Galway Downs from Nov. 3-5.

Prior to the awards presentation ceremony on Sunday afternoon there was a moment of silence for Mia Eriksson, a 17-year-old rider from Tahoe City, Calif. who was killed in a fatal accident on the cross-country course on Saturday.

Temecula resident Tamra Smith won the CCI* with steeplechase event on Gem Dandy, a 10-year-old gelding.

In fourth place going into the show jumping competition, Smith took top honors with a clean run.

“He was just amazing,” the 32-year-old said. “I wouldn’t change anything – he was great.”

The strongest field since the event began 8 years ago competed for \$12,000 in prize money.

The field also included Hawley Bennett of Temecula and Heather Morris, formerly of Wildomar, who won the CCI* without steeplechase division aboard Genial.

There are three phases in equestrian eventing: dressage, cross country and show jumping.

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