



Twin Rivers News  
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**Twin Rivers Fall International**  
Eventers Rarin' To Go for The West's First COVID-era FEI Competition.



(Andrea Baxter and her own Laguna Seca, Twin Rivers Winter Horse Trials)

**Sept. 9, 2020: Paso Robles, California.** After a long delay, the international eventing season roars back to life on the West Coast with the Twin Rivers Fall International Sept. 17-20 in Coastal Central California's Paso Robles.

The region's many upper level riders are excited to get back in the hunt for FEI qualifying scores and pairs of all levels are hot to strut their stuff. The competition will also host Advanced through Intro and Future Event Horse and Young Event Horse levels.

Having undergone intensified upgrades before what would have been the inaugural Spring International CCI4\*-L in April, the Baxter family's beautiful, 500-acre venue is readier than ever to welcome competitors from far and wide.

Before COVID-19 shut the country down in early March, exhibitors at the Twin Rivers Winter Horse Trials in late February glimpsed some of those upgrades. Highlights include new Advanced to Preliminary courses designed by Hugh Lochore and brought to life by the Baxters' earth-moving miracles. There's the Quarry, the Flyover, Jeff's Hot Tub and the Palm Tree and Twin Ponds water complexes, plus other new adventures spread over varied terrain. New frangible table fences, compliments of the of USEA Foundation grants for this purpose, are another addition.

Lochore, of Great Britain, is also designing the Advanced to Preliminary tracks for September while Adri Doyle of Texas is handling the Intro through Training routes. Jose Nava of California is on design duty in the show jumping arena surrounded by picturesque vineyards in the heart of Central California wine country.

The September International offer qualifiers for the USEA Future Event Horse West Coast Championships and The Dutta Corp. USEA Young Event Horse West Coast Championships. This special showcase for young horses will be hosted by Twin Rivers on Oct. 23-24. An unrated one-day event is slated for Sunday, Oct. 24, and a new, rated Horse Trials is pending approval on Nov. 13-15.

### **New Ways To Shine**

The smooth running of Twin Rivers' Summer Horse Trials in July demonstrated the dedication of all involved to complying with the new normal of wearing facemasks while unmounted, maintaining social distancing and other safety measures.

Twin Rivers is owned by the Baxter family and operated with the attitude that all exhibitors, organizers, officials and volunteers are part of that family. In "normal" times, the attitude manifests at the friendly Twin Rivers bar and gathering area in the middle of the property. In these not-so-normal times, it manifests as extreme care toward keeping everyone safe, happy and able to continue pursuing their passion for equestrian sports.

"Our staff, officials, exhibitors and volunteers all have the same priority," says organizer Connie Baxter. "We want to enjoy our horses, our friends and our sport and do everything possible to keep everybody safe. It is a pleasure to welcome all back to our property and to have them join in our efforts to host world class equestrian competition."

In March, the Twin Rivers team earned high praise from visiting Erik Duvander, US Eventing Performance Director. "Every time I come to Twin Rivers, I'm noticing the amount of work. They are constantly upping the game here." That has continued during the coronavirus lull in competition, benefitting all West Coast exhibitors.

Although USEF and local COVID-prevention safety protocols bar spectators from attending, [Ride On Video](#) will live stream throughout the weekend. Livestream sponsorships are available for coverage that will be widely seen by those interested in how horse/riders pairs out West are performing after the long break.

As part of the Twin Rivers Ranch season, The Fall International is made possible by generous sponsors: Presenting sponsors include [Professional's Choice](#), manufacturers of sports medicine boots for equine athletes; [Auburn Labs](#), manufacturers of the adaptogenic APF Formula for horses, people and dogs; [Ride On Video](#), horse trials videographer; and [Get Away RV Rentals](#), the Central Coast's preferred RV rental service thanks to its personalized care, service and high quality fleet.

Supporting sponsors include [Riding Warehouse](#), the horse gear and apparel supplier; and [Best Western PLUS Black Oak](#), which offers exclusive discounts for exhibitors.

For additional sponsorship opportunities, contact Christina Gray of Gray Area Events at [Christina@grayareaevents.com](mailto:Christina@grayareaevents.com).

### **Volunteers Get Front Row Seats!**

Volunteers are critical to the Fall International's success and the experience is a great entrée to the sport, even for those without prior experience. Hours equal credit toward schooling at Twin Rivers or Horse Trials entries, and inclusion in year-end volunteer raffle and prize pack drawings.

To sign-up, <https://www.eventingvolunteers.com/events/1479/signup>.

**Up Next:**

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The USEA Future Event Horse West Coast Championships & The Dutta Corp. USEA Young Event Horse West Coast Championships, Oct. 23-24

Halloween Unrated One-Day Event, Oct. 25

Twin Rivers Horse Trials, Nov. 13-15 (pending approval)

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