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The exciting gymkhana event.

West Coast Horse Fair Saturday Will Feature Numerous Activities

The West Coast Horse Fair will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville featuring a horse show, demonstrations, exhibits, a parade and gymkhana and even a wine-tasting and barbecue.

The highlight will be a \$2,500 West Coast Grand Prix Association Futures Class scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday. This dramatic jumping event pits colorfully-clad riders in competition against each other and some heart-stopping obstacles.

This year Almaden Equine Marketing has teamed up with Sport Horse magazine to produce what is being billed as the most

comprehensive equine industry showcase in the west. The barbecue and wine-tasting, meanwhile, is sponsored by the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

Daily, four-hour demonstrations will be held in the main arena. Diverse performances from the Porterville Canterbelles Drill Team, the Los Altos Hunt, Belgium draft horses and dressage rider Dennis Callin will be featured.

Also of special interest will be retail and educational booths. Three symposiums each day by medical professionals will be held.

Laser acupuncture on horses,

for example, will be covered by Dr. Ihor John Basko of San Jose. Dr. R. Thomas Meyers of Watsonville will give a comprehensive talk on conformation and pre-purchase veterinary examinations.

The Horse Fair opens at 9 a.m. on both days with the Grand Entry parade signaling the start of arena demonstrations at 11 a.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the main gate for \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for seniors and children under 12. A special, two-day adult pass is available for \$5. A combination ticket for admission, barbecue and Futures Class will also be available for a reduced price.