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## **Tasting Festivals, Motorcycle Poker Run & Derby Dog Dash Highlight Return of Live Fall Horse Racing to Pleasanton Fairgrounds**

**September 21-24 & September 30-October 1**

Pleasanton, Calif. – The Pleasanton Track is the place to be as Fall Racing returns on Thursday, September 21 for two exciting, event-filled weekends.

The track will once again host its popular, unlimited sampling events featuring craft beer, wine and craft cocktails. Fans can enjoy a different experience each time:

- Sip, Savor and Wager Wine Festival – Sat. 9/23  
More than 25 top wineries on hand to serve up their best reds, whites & pinks. Participating wineries listed below.
- Craftoberfest Craft Beer Festival -- Sat. 9/30  
Presented by Tri-Valley Beer Trail with more than 20 craft breweries participating. Participating breweries listed below.
- New! Mixology Craft Cocktail Festival – Sun. 10/1  
Tasters will rate as top “Mixologists” shake things up with their best new craft cocktail creations.

All tasting events are held inside the grandstand from 2PM – 5PM. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door, per event. “All Access” passes (admission to all three events) are available for just \$60. Price includes unlimited sampling, special commemorative glass, racing program and tip sheet. Must be 21. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://racing.alamedacountyfair.com/>

- Poker Run to the Races – Sun. 9/24

Motorcycle fans won't want to miss this new, featured event where participants collect poker cards at 5 stops along the 120-mile route, then play to win cash prizes up to \$500. Ticket price includes admission, Poker Run T-shirt and lunch. Run begins at 9:30AM at Arlen Ness Motorcycles in Dublin. Tickets are available online in advance for \$30, or \$40 at the event. Visit website for tickets & info: <http://racing.alamedacountyfair.com/poker-run/>

- Derby Dog Dash on Sat. 9/23  
Also new this year, the Derby Dog Dash calls all pint-sized pooches to the track for fun & prizes. All races are short-distance and entry is free at <http://www.derbydogdash.com>. Deadline to enter is Wed. 9/20.

Fall Live Horse Racing runs for two weekends: September 21-24 and September 29-October 1, with special events and promotions each day. Post times are Fridays at 2:15 p.m. and Saturdays, Sundays & first Thursday at 1:15 p.m. Admission is free. For more information and complete daily schedule visit: <http://racing.alamedacountyfair.com/>

#### Sip, Savor & Wager Wine Fest -- Participating Wineries:

Angeline	Hope Family Wines
Avalon	JCB by Jean Charles Boisset
Black Ink	Le Grand Courtage
Boschendal	Luc Belaire
Bogle	Menage a Trois
Brown-Forman	Michael David
Buena Vista	Mirabeau
Cloud Chaser	Raimat
DeLoach	Rutherford
Fenestra	Tenuta Sassoregale
Fetzer	Surf Swim
Giesen	Torressella
Hahn	Underwood
Hess Collection	Vintage Wine Estates

#### Craftoberfest – Participating Breweries:

10 Barrel Brewing Co	Lost Coast Brewery
Deschutes Brewery	Mendocino Brewing Co
Elysian Brewing	Mike Hess Brewing
Epidemic Ales	Seismic Brewing Co
Golden Road Brewing	Shadow Puppet
Goose Island	Speakeasy Ales & Lagers
Highwater Brewing	Sierra Nevada
Kona Brewing Co	Stone Brewing
	Trumer Pils

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