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Celebration of spring: Osoyoos is your oyster

Special to Okanagan Saturday

OSOYOOS — The sixth annual Osoyoos Oyster Festival returns to the South Okanagan, April 19-23.

The festival offers the perfect opportunity to dive into spring with outstanding dining experiences, tastings of oysters from around the world, and glasses brimming with award-winning South Okanagan wines, ciders, beers and spirits.

A variety of oysters will be featured throughout the festival, supplied by Kelowna's Codfathers Seafood Market, Nova Scotia's Sober Island Oyster Farm, Effingham Oyster and more.

The five-day line-up consists of three big parties organized by Destination Osoyoos and five partner events, with plenty of time in between to explore the area.

Returning to the festival this year is special guest Patrick McMurray, also known as "Shucker Paddy." Patrick is a former world champion oyster shucker and owner of The Ceili Cottage Restaurant in Toronto. He'll be shucking fresh oysters at events throughout the festival. Trevor and Michelle Munroe from Nova Scotia's Sober Island Oyster Farm, along with their children, will be shucking east coast oysters at all three signature events.

The following is a partial list of events:

- Beach BBQ & Brews at

Watermark Beach Resort, April 21, 6:30 p.m., \$75

- Deep Sea Garden Party at Walnut Beach Resort, April 22, 1 p.m., \$60, ages 11-18, \$25, under 10 is free

- Art of the Pearl Gala at Spirit Ridge Resort, April 22, 6 p.m., \$95

- Long Table Dinner at Miradoro at Tinhorn Creek Winery, April 19, 6:30 p.m., \$39

- Under the Tuscan Sea at Terrafina Restaurant at Hester Creek, April 20, 6:30 p.m., \$45

- Whiskey & Oysters at Sol in the Holiday Inn, April 21, 4 p.m., \$65

- Amateur Shuck n Suck Competition at the Sage Pub, April 22, 8 p.m., \$20 per team

- Brunch Buffet at Mica Restaurant at Spirit Ridge Resort, April 23, 10 a.m., 3 p.m.

Many Osoyoos hotels and resorts will be offering special weekend rates for the duration of the festival, as well as "Stay and Savour" packages starting at \$569 per couple (includes two nights' accommodation and tickets to Oyster Festival events). Shuttle service, departing from set Osoyoos-based locations, is available during the following Oyster Festival events: Beach BBQ & Brews, Deep Sea Garden Party and Art of the Pearl Gala.

For more information about the accommodation packages or to purchase tickets to the various events, visit destinationosoyoos.com/osoyoos-oyster-festival.