



# Southern Obstacle Challenge Association

Where you and your horse can have fun!

## August-September 2012

## Newsletter

Yahoo!!



### IMPORTANT!!!

#### CHANGE OF VENUE – 9/8/12!!!

Due to the rain in central Florida, Xtreme Horsemanship has notified us that the 9/8/12 to be held in Webster will need to be rescheduled.

**Rather than change dates, we decided to move the event** to Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL.

Even if you competed at Darby Oaks in March, the course will be different, so please make plans to attend. Attached is the revised flyer that was sent out to all SOCA members.

Also, please note that we will be offering a timed obstacle challenge after the regular event. The entry fee is only \$20 and is open to all riders. We will offer ribbons to six places and will make this an additional division in our Obstacle Challenges if it is well received.

We look forward to seeing everyone after the summer break!

## 2012 - 2013

Wow, where did this year go?! SOCA was formed the end of January and it's hard to imagine that we have already hosted seven events, with four more left on the calendar:

- 9/8 Obstacle Challenge in Bushnell, FL
- 9/29 Regional EXCA Race in Gaffney, SC
- 10/27 Obstacle Clinic in Bushnell, FL
- 11/17 Obstacle Challenge in Altoona

Flyers and entry forms for each of these events are attached to this newsletter and are also available on the website. **We can't stress enough how much pre-entries help us.** If you want to fax or email your entries and releases, you can pay at the event. Getting the paperwork done early saves a lot of time and allows us to put on a quality event! Also, the earlier you send in your paperwork, the better your spot in the order of go!

As we start planning for 2013, please send us your suggestions for venues, events, obstacles, etc. We do appreciate and use your feedback.

We also need a lot of volunteers to put these events on – Please get involved and let us know what you can do to help.....It is appreciated!!!

**PLEASE SEND YOUR ENTRIES IN EARLY!!!**

**SOCA events are now approved for the Paint Horse PAC program!  
If your breed has a program that you would like SOCA to join, please let us know!**

For more information, a membership application or a sponsorship form, contact:

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## What's Going On!

### WEBSITE

- The SOCA website is up and running! Please spread the word and send everyone to [www.southernobstaclechallenges.com](http://www.southernobstaclechallenges.com)
- The website will have all event flyers and information, as well as membership and sponsorship forms.

### EVENTS ARE BEING FINALIZED

- Check the revised calendar of events as some of the dates and locations have changed. SOCA is working hard to get the schedule set for the year so everyone can get the dates on the calendar. Event flyers and entry forms will be posted to the website as they are available.
- Don't forget there will be prizes and payback at all events!

### FACEBOOK

- Southern Obstacle Challenge Association has a group page where members discuss events, ideas and post questions. Please join us and give us your ideas!
- Got an idea for a different obstacle? Please post it on Facebook!

Check out Winner's Circle Horse Supply at [www.wcircle.com](http://www.wcircle.com)

## Quote of the Month

Horse are predictably unpredictable.

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## 2012 Calendar of Events

- **March 24 – Obstacle Challenge** at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL.
- **March 31 – Obstacle Schooling** at Walker Pond Farm – Contact Diane at [DMcmurt349@aol.com](mailto:DMcmurt349@aol.com).
- **April 28 – Obstacle Schooling Day & Judging Clinic** at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL.
- **May 5 – Extreme Cowboy Race** at Circle E Guest Ranch in Winchester, TN.
- **May 19 – Extreme Cowboy Race** at R.O. Ranch Equestrian Park in Mayo, FL.
- **June 9 – Obstacle Challenge Evening Challenge** at Diamond B Ranch in Dade City, FL.
- **June 23 – Extreme Cowboy Race** at Green River Farm in Gaffney, SC.
- **September 8 – Obstacle Challenge** Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell FL. Flyer attached.
- **September 29 - Extreme Cowboy Race (Regional Championship)** at Green River Farm in Gaffney, SC. Flyer attached.
- **October 27 – Obstacle Clinic and Schooling Day** – Learn from World Champion EXCA and Versatility competitors and judges! Flyer attached
- **November 17 – Obstacle Challenge Championship** – Rocking Horse Stables, Altoona, FL. Flyer attached

## We Need Your Help!!!

Corporate, Division, and Ribbon sponsorships are available – Please help support our events so we can give away great prizes and payback!



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#### Thanks to our sponsors!

**SOCA would like to thank our corporate sponsors**

- Stellar Marine
- Walker Pond Farm
- Darby Oaks Stables
- Kathy Zeis & Texas Joe Black
- Trailhead Ranch – Jerry & Linda Harrington
- The Snowbunnies!

**SOCA would like to thank our division and ribbon sponsors:**

- Mary Palmer & Starry Night Farms
- Tina & Billy Miller
- Bernie Duncan
- Marc & Denise Hall – Ocoee Animal Clinic
- Watson Dental Care
- Florida Walking & Racking Horse Association
- Janie & Wayne Van De Walker
- Diane Richardson

.....can we add you to the list!?!? Check the SOCA website for details on sponsorships packages.

#### Volunteers or Event Hosts

*We need your help!!!*

If you would like to help at any of our events or if you would be interested in hosting an event, please email us at [southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com](mailto:southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com)

#### Purpose of SOCA

##### OBSTACLE CHALLENGES

- Divisions for all levels of horses and riders
- Open to all breeds
- Payback in all classes, prizes, and ribbons
- Ten to fifteen obstacles
- Some events will be in arenas – others will be on the trail

##### EXTREME COWBOY RACES

- Sanctioned Extreme Cowboy Races with divisions for: Pro, Non-Pro, Novice, Ride Smart (55 & Over), Youth, Young Guns, & Green Horse
- Open to all breeds
- Practice races for anyone that wants to try a cowboy race for the first time
- Payback, prizes, and ribbons

##### CLINICS/SCHOOLING DAYS

- Learn to negotiate various types of obstacles
- Schooling days will allow you to practice obstacles with the help of others, and without the pressure of competition.

**We want your input!**

**Check out the SOCA group page on Facebook and give us your ideas!**

#### Club Membership - Affiliate Program

**Interested in hosting your own event?  
Check out the SOCA Club Membership - Affiliate Program on the website – We will help get you started and promote your event.**

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