



# July 2012 Newsletter

Yahoo!!

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### Obstacle Challenge at Diamond B

Mother Nature tried to dash our spirits, but when it comes to SOCA members, it takes more than just a little rain to keep us in the barn! Almost 50 entries braved the threatening weather and made it another successful obstacle challenge.

Margaret and John Bushell were great hosts and provided a beautiful facility, as well as some new and interesting obstacles. The Pasco County Sheriff's Posse was also on hand to help with obstacle set up, using the PA system and anything else that was needed.

Thanks to everyone who showed up and helped out – It is much appreciated!! Also, thanks to our judges who spent all that time in the rain: Brice Ehrich, Liz Brewer, Deb Kornacki, Gail Decatrel, Barbara Mackenzie and Kristina Dunn.

Congratulations to the division winners:

**Pro/Posse:** Rebecca Adams on Paulie

**Non Pro:** Phayla Wriston on Winn Blue Pardner

**Youth:** Dana Fleming on Destiny

**Novice:** Christina Crumley on Sadie

Complete results from all obstacles can be found on the SOCA website and all of the winners can be found on the next page.

### Gaffney was awesome!

Take an awesome course, throw in some nice folks and you have a great Extreme Cowboy Race!! This was one for the record books with 48 entries – which equals 96 runs! To prove that SOCA is truly a Southern association, entries from this race came from 8 different states including: Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Mississippi. Thanks to all of you who traveled many miles to make this event such a success!

Our judges, Diana McMurtrey and Stacey McCoy, had a long day of judging, as well as a lot of tough competitors to watch. The event started at 10:00 am and the awards were handed out at 10 pm!

Thanks to Joel Mobley for hosting this event at his Green River Ranch (as well as doing a great job announcing!) and to Holly Bacola for tracking times, while keeping the riders lined up. We really appreciate Junior Adams spending a long, hot day capturing pictures of all the riders. Also, a huge thanks to everyone who helped out at the event – There were too many to mention, but we couldn't have done it without you!!

Complete results from all runs in all divisions can be found on the SOCA website and the division winners can be found on the next page.

**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!**

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### 6/9/12 SOCA Obstacle Challenge – Diamond B Ranch, Dade City, FL

#### RESULTS

##### Youth:

1. Dana Fleming on Destiny
2. Dakota Rose Hodges on Sonny's Busy Lady
3. Jamie Haught on Bell
4. Shelby Ratliff on Blackjack

##### Novice:

1. Christina Crumley on Senator's Rare Golden
2. Sherry Diamond on Atlas
3. Debbie Howell on Dakota
4. Allison Steinbach on Skywatch Stopwatch
5. Gail Ellerman on Nike
6. Terri Glonek on Royal Jose

##### Non-Pro:

1. Phayla Wriston on Winn Blue Pardner
2. Sonja Haught on Sophi
3. Denise Eberle on Legend
4. Wayne Van De Walker on Boomer
5. Lee Adams on Dee
6. Lee Adams on Haley

##### Pro/Posse:

1. Rebecca Adams on Paulie
2. Tim Thomason on Conan
3. Maria Catello at Justa Lucky Star
4. Cathy Rotola on Derringer
5. Carrie Legg on Dixie
6. Connie Lloyd on Chance

Thanks to everyone who has supported SOCA, we have grown to over 165 members in just five months!! Tell all your friends – Let's hit 200 by the end of the year!

Pictures from the Gaffney EXCA Race are available on the following sites:

<http://sdrv.ms/MTGf6N>

<http://www.debbush.com>

### 6/23/12 SOCA Extreme Cowboy Race – Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC- Results

#### OVERALL RESULTS

##### Young Guns:

1. Cullen Green on Tater
2. Paige Caines on Ali
3. Bennett Green on Chloe
4. Miguel Maldonado on Carbonero
5. Bennett Green on Dash
6. Morgan Rowland on Ali

##### Youth:

1. Cullen Green on Tater
2. Eliza Green on Lightnin'
3. Elizabeth Roten on Belle
4. Dakota Rose Hodges on Sonny's Busy Lady
5. Natalie Rogers on Tucker
6. Elizabeth Roten on Ali

##### Novice:

1. Jose Maldonado on Carbonero
2. Michael Linsdey on Ace
3. Heather Rogers on Sampson
4. Joe Holloway on Annie
5. Dennis Tipton on Good Bars Sonny
6. Dennis Robinson on Cole

##### Non-Pro:

1. Tracy Pinson on Skyjacker's Mountain High
2. Tracy Pinson on Texan At The Ritz
3. Eliza Green on Lightnin'
4. Elizabeth Roten on Belle
5. Vaudry Edge on Thru
6. Rick Penniston on Jake

##### Ride Smart:

1. Dennis Robinson on Cole
2. Vaudry Edge on Thru
3. Dennis Tipton on Good Bars Sunny
4. Rick Penniston on Jake
5. Joe Holloway on Annie
6. John Hodges on Red Bob

##### Pro:

1. Cody Brown on Red
2. Laura Green on Chloe
3. John Roberts on Silk
4. John Roberts on Buffy

##### Green Horse:

1. John Roberts on T.T.
2. John Roberts on Nickelback



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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

A horse doesn't care how much you know, until he knows how much you care.

### 2012 Tentative 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.
- **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 – Xtreme Horsemanship** in Webster, FL. Flyer attached.
- **September 29 - Extreme Cowboy Race (Regional Championship)** at Green River Farm in Gaffney, SC. Flyer attached.
- **October TBD – Obstacle Clinic and Schooling Day – Learn from World Champion EXCA and Versatility competitors and judges!**
- **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

.....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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