



# October 2012 Newsletter



## Southern Obstacle Challenge Association

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### September 9<sup>th</sup> Obstacle Challenge

The September 9<sup>th</sup> SOCA Obstacle Challenge was held at Darby Oaks Stables due to the amount of water at the original location in Webster. Even though a number of the 60 competitors had been to this venue before, most of the obstacles were very different and created challenges for many of the teams!

After the regular divisions were run, an added timed obstacle challenge was put into place and was a hit with participants and spectators. We may just make this part of the regular schedule next year and perhaps some of you speed demons will get involved in Extreme Cowboy Racing as well!

Winners for each division are on the next page. Congratulations to all of you!

### What's Left in 2012?

**October 27 – Obstacle Clinic and Schooling Day** – Learn from World Champion EXCA and Versatility competitors and judges! Flyer attached

**\*\*ONLY 7 SPOTS LEFT IN THE CLINIC\*\***

**November 17 – Obstacle Challenge Championship** – Rocking Horse Stables, Altoona, FL. Flyer attached

**December 15 – SOCA Trail Ride** and get together. Location to be determined.

### EXCA Regional Championships

Talk about Extreme!!!! If you missed the EXCA Regional Championships hosted by SOCA at Joel Mobley's Green River Farm in Gaffney, SC, then you missed Extreme Cowboy Racing at it's best!

There were 45 riders, each running twice, so a total of 90 runs made for a VERY long day, spirits were still high at the awards ceremony, after midnight! The rain added an extra element, but everyone managed to "cowboy up" and make the best of things. A little mud never stopped the fun!

We had riders from 9 states including Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and as far away as Washington state...Not Washington, DC, Joy Townsend came all the way from Washington state. Now that is someone who loves the sport of Extreme Cowboy Racing!

Judge Diane McMurtrey braved the downpours while some of the best horse/riders teams competed for Regional Championship honors. Special thanks to the volunteers at Green River that never gave up during the 15 hour day - we can't thank you enough.

Congratulations to all the winners – Details are on the next page and the website.

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE SOCA MEMBERS ATTENDING THE EXCA WORLD FINALS IN HAMILTON, TX NOVEMBER 2 – 4!!!**

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

SOCA is planning to have a buckle series for the Obstacle Challenge Events in 2013! Stay tuned for details!!

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### September 9<sup>th</sup> Challenge Results

#### 9/8/12 SOCA Obstacle Challenge Winners

##### Youth

1. Dakota Rose Hodges on Sonny's Busy Lady
2. Dana Fleming on Destiny
3. Dana Fleming on Peyton
4. Jamie Haught on Belle
5. Shelby Ratliff on Mona

##### Novice

1. Sherry Diamond on Atlas
2. Kim Roberts on Skyrocket
3. Debbie Howell on Dakota
4. Stacey Helsel on Fawkes
5. Christina Crumley on Sadie
6. Robin Coleman on Red Hot Excitement

##### Non Pro

1. Phayla Wriston on Winn Blue Pardner
2. Jan Garvin on Peponita's Top Gunner
3. Traci Woodard on Sprite
4. Wayne Van De Walker on Boomer
5. Sonja Haught on Sophia
6. Karen Ketchum on Reno

##### Pro/Posse

1. Rebecca Adams on Paulie
2. Connie Lloyd on Chance
3. Carrie Legg on Dixie
4. Mike Woodard on Rusty
5. Rebecca Adams on A Texas State of Mind
6. Cathy Ulm on Spirit

##### Timed Obstacle Challenge

1. Traci Woodard on Rusty
2. Phala Wriston on Winn Blue Pardner
3. Rebecca Adams on Paulie
4. Dana Fleming on Destiny
5. Rebecca Adams on A Texas State of Mind
6. Dakota Rose Hodges on Sonny's Busy Lady

### EXCA Regional Championship Results

#### Southeast Regional Championship Event

Young Guns: Cullen Green on Tater  
 Young Guns Reserve: Bennett Green on Dash  
 Novice Champion: Michael Lindsey on Ace  
 Novice Reserve Champion: Dennis Tipton on Zippy  
 Green Horse Champion: John Roberts on TT  
 Non Pro Champion: Tracy Pinson on Tuff  
 Non Pro Reserve Champion: Tracy Pinson on Buford  
 Youth Champion: Eliza Green on Lightnin'  
 Youth Reserve Champion: Cullen Green on Tater  
 Ride Smart Champion: Rick Peniston on Jake  
 Ride Smart Reserve Champion: Vaudry Edge on Thru  
 Pro Champion: John Roberts on Silk  
 Pro Reserve Champion; Laura Green on Chloe

#### Southeast Regional High Point

Young Guns: Cullen Green on Tater  
 Young Guns Reserve: Bennett Green on Dash  
 Novice Champion: Dennis Tipton on Zippy  
 Novice Reserve Champion: Joe Holloway on Annie  
 Non Pro Champion: Tracy Pinson on Tuff  
 Non Pro Reserve Champion: Tracy Pinson on Buford  
 Youth Champion: Elizabeth Roten on Belle  
 Youth Res Champion: Alexis McGlamry on Caspian  
 Ride Smart Champion: Rick Peniston on Jake  
 Ride Smart Res Champion: Dennis Tipton on Zippy  
 Pro Champion: Cody Brown on Red  
 Pro Reserve Champion; John Roberts on Silk

#### SOCA EXCA Event High Point

Young Guns: Bennett Green on Dash/Chloe  
 Novice Champion: Rebecca Adams on Paulie  
 Non Pro Champion: Tracy Pinson on Tuff  
 Youth Champion: Eliza Green on Lightnin'  
 Ride Smart Champion: Vaudry Edge on Thru  
 Pro Champion: Laura Green on Chloe

**Complete Results are on the SOCA website**

**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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### 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, results, 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

**Your horse is only as brave as you are!**

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### 2013 Tentative Calendar of Events

- 1/26-27/13 – RO Ranch in Mayo, FL – Obstacle Challenge and Extreme Cowboy Race (Saturday race, Sunday Obstacle Challenge)
- 3/2/13 – Obstacle Challenge “On The Trail” – TBD
- 3/23/13 – Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC – Extreme Cowboy Race
- 4/27/13 – Obstacle Challenge – TBD
- 5/25/13 – Extreme Cowboy Race in TN – TBD
- 6/22/13 - Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC – Extreme Cowboy Race
- 9/7/13 – Obstacle Challenge – TBD
- 9/28/13 - Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championship
- 11/16/13 – Obstacle Challenge Championships – TBD

**Please give us your feedback on these dates, as well as suggestions for venues.**

**Got ideas for something a little different? Let us know!**

#### 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!

# September SOCA Events



## September 8<sup>th</sup> Obstacle Challenge Winners:

Clockwise from left: **Youth** (Shelby Ratliff, Dakota Rose Hodges, Dana Fleming)  
**Novice** (Kim Roberts, Chrisinta Crumley, Stacey Helsel, Debbie Howell, Sherry Diamond, Robin Coleman)  
**Non Pro** (Phala Wriston, Jan Garvin, Sonya Haught, Wayne Van De Walker, Traci Woodard, Karen Ketchum),  
**Timed Challenge** (Dana Fleming, Dakota Rose Hodges, Rebecca Adams, Traci Woodard, Phala Wriston),  
**Pro** (Rebecca Adams, Carrie Legg, Mike Woodard, Cathy Ulm, Connie Lloyd)



## September 29<sup>th</sup> EXCA Regional Championships in Gaffney, SC

Top Row – Cullen Green, Rick Peniston, Eliza Green

Second Row – Dennis Tipton's Winnings, Karen Benson, Dennis "The Target" Robinson



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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- “A Horse Experience” – Ranch Sitting Services
  - Michael Ebeling & Jackie Whatley
- .....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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