

April 2021 Newsletter



Spring Has Sprung!

March and April will be quiet months for SOCA, but we will have activities every month after that! We hope that you are all out enjoying your horses with the great weather ahead of us.

Flyers and registration forms for most of our events are attached. It's never too early to enter!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 8th – EXCA Race at The Canyon, Hodges, AL

June 5th & 6th – EXCA National Championships, Decatur, AL

July 10th – Obstacle Schooling Day, Bushnell, FL

Flyers and entry forms are attached.

2021 SPONSORS NEEDED!

SOCA is a 501c3 Non Profit Organization, so donations are tax deductible. Small or large, ALL donations are appreciated!!! Sponsorships help us provide better events for you, including prizes, donations to charities and buckles for high point awards.

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2021 Events

1/16-17/21 – Craig Cameron Clinic – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

2/13/21 – Obstacle Schooling Day, Bushnell, FL

2/27-28/21 – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday & Obstacle Challenge on Sunday

5/8/21 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) The Canyon – Hodges, AL

6/5–6/21 – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA National Championships, Celebration Arena, Decatur, AL (5X Points)

7/10/21– Obstacle Schooling Day – Bushnell, FL

8/13/21 – Lee Hart Clinic

8/14/21 – Extreme Cowboy Race – Chicopee Agricultural Center, Gainesville, GA

9/24/21 – Clinic TBD

9/25/21 – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championships (Triple Points)- TBD

10/23/21 – Schooling Day– Bushnell, FL

11/13/21 – Obstacle Challenge- Florida Horse Park, Ocala, FL

Flyers for all events are on the SOCA website. It's not too early to enter any 2021 events...we appreciate pre-entries!

HIGH POINT STANDINGS AS OF 4/1/21

SOCA OBSTACLE CHALLENGE HIGH POINT - 2021

| | Rider | Horse | Total |
|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| Novice Division | | | |
| 1 | Nelda Hix | Heat Up Bartender (Preacher) | 136.50 |
| 2 | Jan McDougald | Southern Gator Girl | 136.00 |
| 3 | Susan Walters | Arrow | 134.50 |
| 4 | John DeArmond | Titan | 134.00 |
| 5 | Karen Olsen | Wilbur | 131.50 |
| 6 | Kathie Remington | Rebel Yankee Jac | 131.00 |
| 7 | Stacy Chambers | Sparkles | 126.00 |
| 8 | Jessica Reeves | Phoebe | 113.00 |
| 9 | Sara Aldridge | Jac | 111.00 |
| 10 | Aurelia Dolin | Wap Bam Boom | 110.00 |
| Youth Division | | | |
| 1 | Rylie Marino | Conrad's Debonaire Gentleman | 133.00 |
| 2 | Madison Gulley | Rockette | 126.00 |
| 3 | Bobbi Jo Martinez | Oops | 90.00 |
| 4 | Gina Gatto | Patch | 74.00 |
| 5 | Sabrina Bonefont | Tristan | 58.00 |
| Intermediate Division | | | |
| 1 | Kathy Ziegler | Reba | 135.50 |
| 2 | Donna Schneider | Hey Gotcha | 133.00 |
| 3 | Germaine Drummond | Iron Rock Hancock | 133.00 |
| 4 | Joyce Elledge | Graham | 131.00 |
| 5 | Vickie Sparacino | Spirit | 130.50 |
| 6 | Catherine Errickson | Bella | 130.00 |
| 7 | Anne Hanley | Lucky Chance | 129.00 |
| 8 | Garey Wallace | Breeze | 128.00 |
| 9 | Mike Elledge | Dancing In Dixie | 126.00 |
| 10 | Lisa Cusimano | Sierra | 115.00 |
| Open Elite Division | | | |
| 1 | Traci Woodard | Montana Nickajac | 143.00 |
| 2 | Shelby Ratliff | Drifting Thru Poco | 142.00 |
| 3 | Nicola Bolt | Sawyer | 142.00 |
| 3 | Anna Gay | Catman | 141.00 |
| 5 | Cathy Rotola | PSU He's Smart N Peppy | 139.00 |
| 6 | Lesia Roe | Cat | 133.50 |
| 7 | Nancy Biddinger | Sunshine & Whisky | 131.00 |
| 8 | Brianna Tribett | Imheirristibletoo | 131.00 |
| 9 | Barbara Jasewicz | Durango | 125.50 |
| 10 | Cathy Ulm | Spirit | 106.00 |

SOCA RACE HIGH POINT - 2021

| Young Guns Division Results | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Gina Gatto | Patch | 162.278 |
| Novice Division Results | | | |
| 1 | Anna Gay | Catman | 344.399 |
| 2 | Karen Huey | Pepite | 344.123 |
| 3 | Terri Glonek | One Tuff Cowgirl | 338.527 |
| 4 | Donna Schneider | Hey Gotcha | 335.701 |
| 5 | Teresa Cone | Reys Kual Toy | 323.067 |
| 6 | Danielle Varn | Titan | 319.215 |
| 7 | Maggie Young | Lets Face It | 314.504 |
| 8 | Mike Elledge | Dancing In Dixie | 309.741 |
| 9 | Monica King | Jacs Primetime Pride | 306.939 |
| 10 | Kathie Remington | Rebel Yankee Jac | 304.076 |
| Green Horse Results | | | |
| 1 | Nicola Bolt | Dexter | 336.409 |
| 2 | Jazzy Durgin | Bullet Proof | 334.932 |
| 3 | Lesia Roe | Fergie | 312.673 |
| 4 | Holly Rosenau | Oakley | 307.390 |
| 5 | Roxy Ornelas | Looney | 285.300 |
| 6 | Tim Haupt | Dock Lee | 239.885 |
| Non Pro Division Results | | | |
| 1 | Tracy Pinson | Tuff Night At The Ritz | 464.580 |
| 2 | Tracy Pinson | 2X TBuck | 451.919 |
| 3 | Tracy Pinson | Tuff Struck Gold | 439.717 |
| 4 | Shelby Ratliff | Drifting Thru Poco | 428.424 |
| 5 | Bob Hill | RJ Freckles Jewel (Shan | 423.492 |
| 6 | Shelby Ratliff | Dangerous Da Vinci | 403.138 |
| 7 | Dennis Tipton | Pepto Master | 393.394 |
| 8 | Rick Cone | Chip I'm Hot (Gus) | 384.483 |
| 9 | Tim Haupt | Smokey Joe | 221.786 |
| Intermediate Division Results | | | |
| 1 | James Huey | Tickle | 429.482 |
| 2 | Terri Glonek | One Tuff Cowgirl | 408.331 |
| 3 | Karen Huey | Pepite | 406.551 |
| 4 | Janine Charles | Sunshine N Whiskey | 398.911 |
| 5 | Lisa Steinbach | Tuff Struck Gold | 393.692 |
| 6 | John Hodges | SB Shaney Face Dunit | 384.327 |
| 7 | Teresa Cone | Reys Kual Toy | 383.651 |
| 8 | Nelda Hix | Heat Up Bartender (Prea | 371.641 |
| 9 | Maggie Young | Lets Face It | 334.631 |
| 10 | Meredyth Crews | Misty | 329.551 |
| Youth Division Results | | | |
| 1 | Breanna Bork | Dangerous Da Vinci | 346.962 |
| 2 | Meredyth Crews | Misty | 338.246 |
| 3 | Bobbi Jo Martinez | Oops | 228.120 |
| 4 | Gina Gatto | Patch | 179.592 |
| Ride Smart Division Results | | | |
| 1 | Bob Hill | RJ Freckles Jewel (Shan | 446.987 |
| 2 | John Hodges | SB Shaney Face Dunit | 422.246 |
| 3 | Dennis Tipton | Pepto Master | 416.747 |
| 4 | James Huey | Pepite | 413.502 |
| 5 | Nelda Hix | Heat Up Bartender (Prea | 392.210 |
| 6 | Lisa Steinbach | Tuff Struck Gold | 387.782 |
| 7 | Kelly Gifford | Boo Man Choo | 293.220 |
| Pro Division Results | | | |
| 1 | Chris Redden | SB Shaney Face Dunit | 476.354 |
| 2 | Nicola Bolt | Sawyer | 439.339 |
| 3 | Chris Redden | 2X TBuck | 435.916 |
| 4 | Dennis Tipton | Pepto Master | 427.078 |
| 5 | Chris Redden | Titan | 412.774 |
| 6 | Bret Lambdin | LEO's Pride | 349.250 |
| 7 | Tim Haupt | Smokey Joe | 273.319 |

10 Spring Horse Care Tips

Get your horse ready for Spring by following these essential tips!



With Spring right around the corner, your horses will need some extra care to adjust to the new season. Warmer weather, longer days and green grass are a few highlights farm owners have to look forward to. There are some precautions you should take though!

1. Schedule your horse's vaccines: Between showing and bug season, your horse may be exposed to some scary diseases. You'll want to get them protected with the proper vaccines. Talk to your vet about which ones are essential and recommended.

2. Set a dental appointment: Spring is a great time to schedule your horse a dental exam. Sharp teeth can cause training issues and weight loss, so don't neglect them.

3. Start slow with your unfit horse: Does your horse have a winter hay belly? Don't expect them to jump into long, hard work without properly conditioning them.

4. Give them walk breaks: Make sure to offer your horse walk breaks throughout your ride. Their winter coat can make them overheat quickly.

5. Gradually introduce lush pasture: Don't let your horse overindulge in new pasture! Start them slowly and work your horse up to longer periods of grass.

6. Groom regularly: Use tools like a rubber curry to help your horse shed their winter coat.

7. Watch out for fungal conditions: Rain rot, mud fever, and thrush are lurking nearby. Check your horse over regularly!

8. Don't put away their blankets just yet: Spring can still have some chilly days, so monitor the weather carefully. A light-to-medium-weight blanket may be needed.

9. Plan your parasite program: Your horse's worm load can increase with the arrival of spring. It's helpful to have a fecal done and target the parasites your horse has.

10. Adjust your horse's feed: If necessary, make adjustments to your horse's hay and grain amounts. Factors like pasture time and your riding schedule can cause your horse to gain or lose weight.

Don't let Spring catch you by surprise. Be ready for it!

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Vetericyn

How to Treat an Open Wound on a Horse

As soon as you notice that your trusty steed has sustained a wound, just follow these steps:

#1 Stop the Bleeding

First and foremost, you need to stop any bleeding. While panicking is a natural reaction to seeing blood in your horse's coat, it's important to stay calm. This way, you can have your wits about you as you assess the wound.

Depending on the severity of the open wound, you may need to apply pressure on it with a clean cloth towel for 20 minutes to an hour.¹ Most minor wounds will stop bleeding within this time frame.

If your horse's bleeding doesn't stop, give your vet a call right away.

#2 Assess the Severity of the Wound

Once the wound has stopped bleeding, it's time to determine if you can care for it effectively at home. To do so, ask yourself the following questions:

- Is your horse in visible pain?
- Is his or her temperature, pulse, and respiration (TPR) normal?
- Is he or she exhibiting any signs of lameness?
- Is the wound surface-level, shallow, or deep?
- Does the cut appear to be a puncture wound?
- Is the wound located near your horse's eyes, joints, or tendons?



If your horse is in a lot of pain, exhibiting abnormal TPR symptoms, or showing signs of a deep cut or puncture wound, you should leave the treatment to your vet. These are all indications of a more serious injury. You should also defer to your vet for equine wounds involving the eyes, joints, and tendons.

#3 Treat the Wound

If you've decided to treat your horse's wound yourself, the next step is to *gently* flush it out with [Vetericyn Plus Antimicrobial wash](#). This will wash away any large debris and allow you to see the depth of the cut more clearly. Once you know how deep the wound is, you can care for it accordingly.

#4 Watch Out For Complications

No matter who treats your beloved horse, it's important to keep an eye out for complications during the wound healing process, including: Tendon or ligament injuries, Proud flesh & Infections. Monitor the healing wound closely until your horse is totally back to normal.

With Vetericyn's help, you can give your horse the exceptional wound care it deserves.

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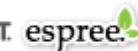
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Thanks to Lightning Signs (The Charles Family) & Margo Cook for the awesome obstacle numbers!!!

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2021 High Points

In 2021 SOCA will award high point obstacle challenge winners in the following divisions: Novice, Youth, Intermediate and Open Elite. Points from both of the 2021 SOCA Obstacle Challenges will be totaled and the horse/rider team with the most points will be the high point champion. Please make sure you see the "moving up" rules on the event flyers.

Regional Championship buckles for the Extreme Cowboy Races will be determined by points accumulated at SOCA events only. The horse/rider teams accumulating the most points at each designated SOCA EXCA race (with 5 times points at the Nationals and triple points at the Regional Championship races, as well as double points for all State Championships) will be awarded the high point buckle in the following divisions: Pro, Non-Pro, Ride Smart, Novice, Green Horse, Intermediate, Youth and Young Guns.

SOCA dues (\$10) are due January 1st!
Please renew at your first event of the year. Dues help fund the highpoint awards and administrative costs of the club.

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
- Events will be in arenas and on the trail

EXTREME COWBOY RACES

- Sanctioned Extreme Cowboy Races with divisions for: Pro, Non-Pro, Novice, Intermediate, Ride Smart, Youth, Young Guns, & Green Horse
- Open to all breeds
- Payback, prizes, and ribbons

CLINICS/SCHOOLING DAYS

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



Extreme Cowboy Racers

Reminder to pay your dues to the EXCA so your points will count! If you aren't sure if you are current, check the EXCA website under the club page.

If you have news that you would like to submit to the SOCA newsletter, please email it to southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com