



January 2024 Newsletter

Craig & Cole Cameron Clinic

January 13th and 14th marks a great weekend for horse lovers! Craig and Cole Cameron will be conducting another clinic at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL.

The clinic is full, but we are still welcoming auditors. Lunch will be served to riders and auditors. This will be a great opportunity to learn from two master horsemen!

Florida Horse Park

March 2nd and 3rd, 2024

Saturday – Extreme Cowboy Race

Sunday – Obstacle Challenge

Come join us at the beautiful Florida Horse Park – Compete, Trail Ride, Volunteer or just watch – It will be a great event! Flyer and registration form are attached.

We need 2024 Sponsors!!

If you or a business that you know would like to be sponsor for SOCA, we would really appreciate it! Sponsorship forms are attached and every amount is appreciated.

2024 Events - Tentative

1/13-14/24 – Craig & Cole Cameron Clinic – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

Feb 2024 – Schooling Day TBD

3/2-3/24 – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday & Obstacle Challenge on Sunday

4/20/24 – Obstacle Challenge TBD

5/4/24 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) The Canyon – Hodges, AL

6/1-2/24 – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA National Championships, Champions Arena, Celebration Grounds, Shelbyville, TN (5X Points)

7/6/24 - Obstacle Schooling Day – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

9/13/24 – Annie Chance Clinic, Chicopee Agriculture Center, Gainesville, GA

9/14/24 – Extreme Cowboy Race –SE Regional Championships - (Triple Points) Chicopee Agricultural Center, Gainesville, GA

11/16/24 – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

2024 SOCA EVENT FLYERS WILL BE ON THE WEBSITE SOON!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE THESE EVENTS HAPPEN!!!!

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Each year, SOCA makes a \$250 donation to charities on behalf of our judges/volunteers/announcers that go above and beyond by volunteering at all of our obstacle challenges. Here are the recipients of this year's donations!



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2023 FINAL HIGH POINT STANDINGS

SOCA RACE HIGH POINT - 2023

Young Guns Division Results			Total
NO BUCKLE			
1	Jordan Jeffers	Champ	993.088
2	Laynie Rose	Tuff	963.730
3	Rilynne Rose	Jack	868.799
4	Brooklyn Baldwin	Drover	677.347
5	Braylie Sturgeon	Diablo Roger	673.510
6	Braylie Sturgeon	Boots	529.225
7	Kinsleigh Rose	Spirit	267.740
8	Kinsleigh Rose	Tuff	260.907
9	Ashlyn Kelley	Snazzy	234.355
10	Brooke Bremer	Shades	215.239
Novice Division Results			
1	Edward Brown	Spook	1957.604
2	Stacy Chambers	Sparkles	1696.891
3	Tyler Howe	Indy	1597.639
4	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	1563.080
5	Angela Graham	Jack	1554.670
6	Alecia Grissett	Pepper	1407.362
7	Sandra Baird	Cody	1383.322
8	Jamie Caldwell	PeptoMaster	1307.042
9	Jamie Caldwell	Roo's Pine Olena	1251.382
10	Laurin Whitaker	Reycee	1148.070
Green Horse Results			
NO BUCKLE			
1	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Lil Texan	1573.351
2	Mike Jeffers	Gus	1405.218
3	Carly Renault	Sign That Check	1328.320
4	Mike Jeffers	Spirit	1257.279
5	Shelby Ratliff	One Tuff Cowboy	1137.555
6	Chad Blunk	Redden's Dual Zip	857.070
7	Kirsten Mew	Slate	741.999
8	Courtney Pearre	Smokin' Leo Hayes	749.875
9	Kaylie Hiers	Dealer	688.330
10	Chris Redden	Dualin Pistol Duke	651.357
Non Pro Division Results			
1	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Struck Gold	2662.292
2	Tracy Pinson	2X T-Buck	2610.265
3	Hannah Howe	Yadi	1959.227
4	Kelsie Yates	Whiskey	1816.332
5	Dennis Tipton	Roots Pine Olena	1730.321
6	Rick Peniston	Savvy Gun Play	1699.930
7	Tina Louise Icorn	Lil Buckwheat Sugar	1536.170
8	Lesa Roe	Cat	1502.442
9	Karen Huey	Pepite	1473.509
10	Kelsie Yates	Belle	1443.382
Intermediate Division Results			
1	Lisa Steinbach	Tuff Struck Gold	2424.352
2	Jenna Bishop	J-Low	1997.870
3	Courtney Pearre	Tuff	1996.758
4	Mary Jo Veluzat	Boom Jack Kid	1975.663
5	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	1936.233
6	Angela Graham	Jack	1935.912
7	Edward Brown	Spook	1893.290
8	Tina Louise Icorn	Lil Buckwheat Sugar	1852.684
9	Alecia Grissett	Pepper	1698.791
10	Lesa Roe	Cat	1643.053
Youth Division Results			
NO BUCKLE			
1	Josie Wilson	Kash	595.394
2	Breanna Bork	Diego	398.407
3	Gina Gatto	Patch	326.398
4	Meredyth Crews	Dixie	325.555
5	Braxton Leggett	Toby	322.957
6	Charlotte Kelley	Fitz	292.462
7	Josie Wilson	Bailey	281.864
8	Gia Faiello	Oops	182.505
Ride Smart Division Results			
1	Tracy Pinson	2X T-Buck	2621.409
2	Lisa Steinbach	Tuff Struck Gold	2394.633
3	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Night At The Rit	2233.108
4	Dennis Tipton	Pepto Master	1975.276
5	Dennis Tipton	Roots Pine Olena	1960.014
6	Tina Louise Icorn	Lil Buckwheat Sugar	1925.006
7	Rick Peniston	Savvy Gun Play	1662.955
8	Karen Huey	Pepite	1491.750
9	Michael Garman	Newt	1416.618
10	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel	1337.339
Pro Division Results			
NO BUCKLE			
1	Kelsie Yates	Whiskey	1786.606
2	Kirsten Mew	Oakley	1114.485
3	Lee Chapman	Ike	1083.699
4	Leanne Hale	Jigsaw	1081.842
5	Jazzy Durgin	Bullet Proof	1072.116
6	Kelsie Yates	Belle	1026.825
7	Carly Renault	Cat N Sugar	958.179
8	Lee Hart	Lets Face It	622.183
9	Rick Cone	Reys Kual Toy	595.528
10	Josie Wilson	Kash	566.807

SOCA OBSTACLE CHALLENGE HIGH POINT - 2023

	Rider	Horse	Total
Novice Division			
1	Kimberly Paquette	Absoluteontherocks	404.50
2	Sarah Bremer	Rocket	391.00
3	Donna Milliken	Thor	374.00
4	Dusty Bremer	Diesel	351.50
5	Karen Chadwick	GB Bocelli	265.50
6	Janet Bozeman	Fergie	258.00
7	Rebecca Hurm	LovealottaJack	249.50
8	Leslie Davis	WR Esmeralda's Will By Caymus	241.50
9	Julie Testa	Boone	224.00
10	Robin Staley	Demi	186.50
Youth Divison			
1	Meghan Maharrey	One Tuff Cowgirl	393.00
2	Kailey Hetherman	One Tuff Cowboy	306.00
3	Brooke Bremer	Shades	278.00
4	Alexa Jackson	Pepperoni	225.50
5	Gina Gatto	Patch	211.50
6	Ella Laiosa	Doc Holiday	115.50
7	Madison Gulley	Rockette	114.00
8	Charlotte Kelly	Fitz	108.00
9	Sophia Johnson	Fergie	94.00
10	Ashlyn Kelly	Snazzy	89.50
Intermediate Division			
1	Margo Cook	Luna	425.50
2	Marilyn Loaces	Manolo de Erimar	402.00
3	Lisa Cusimano	Sierra	395.50
4	Garey Wallace	Breeze	395.50
5	Barbara Van Winkle	Pepper	376.50
6	Donna Bellusci	Chicago's Lad (Caz)	370.50
7	Mo Earle	Whodat	354.00
8	Nancy Biddinger	Rooster	348.00
9	Phyllis Kirby	Patrone	265.00
10	Karen Ketchum	Bindi	189.50
Open Elite Division			
1	Suzan Hunt	Emmett	436.00
2	Cathy Rotola	Nick	419.00
3	Lesa Roe	Cat	412.00
4	Donna Schneider	Hey Gotcha	412.00
5	Renee Lewis	TR Really Splendid "Ace"	376.50
6	Connie Lloyd	Larks Grey Twist	347.50
7	Jazzy Durgin	Bulletproof	141.50
8	Emily Cook	Sunny	141.00
9	Susan King	Sir Prize	137.00
10	Shelby Ratliff	Drifting Thru Poco	136.50

The Eyes Have it

From color to shape, a horse's windows to the soul can make or break a deal.

He seems to have it all by the video — he moves beautifully, he seems confident and bright, he's got the pedigree, the nominations paid and he's even that bay roan color you've been wanting. You walk up to see him on sale day, peer in his stall and quickly say "nope." What the heck was it? That colt was [Mr. Right on the internet](#), (unlike the last three dates you had via Farmers Only!). What changed your mind? "He didn't have a good eye."

If you're involved in the equine industry, it's a "say no more" situation. That statement makes total sense to a horseman's ear, but if you're an outsider, what the heck does that mean?

A bad eye (at least in this context) does not mean one that's been injured, blind or compromised. A horseman might consider an eye to be a secret glance into what's happening inside a horse's mind. A "bad eye" might describe a horse that looks at the world as though it's bothered, irritated, unhappy, stupid or dangerous. Sometimes, it merely means that a horse is "pig-eyed" (small, unattractive sunken eyes), and it's purely genetics fault. A true "bad eye" is basically a horse that you look at and don't think you can trust.

On the flip side, a "good eye" can sometimes make all the difference on the appeal of a horse. A good eye is soft, liquid, large and kind. It's a look on a horse that hints at intelligence, confidence, sensibility, calmness and an inquisitive, friendly personality. It doesn't always mean that he can go out and win \$100,000, though it doesn't mean he can't, and he may not have the most comfortable lope you've ever sat, but a horse with a good eye rarely lies about his personality.

Some believe we can often influence a horse's "eye" with our own training and handling. A lot of the colts we get in are wild, untrusting and ready to flee or protect themselves should the opportunity arise. But after time with people, riders, chickens, turkeys, flags, cattle and other stimuli, their minds and eyes usually soften and their thoughts wiser. They become a little more seasoned and a lot more comfortable with things that may have scared them in the first place.

That's not to take away from a horse that is just born with a good look. If a person walks through a pen of weanlings, it's easy to see that they all have different mannerisms, expressions and faces. There's usually something in there with a big, soft eye, and something else in there with a look that might make most men keep walking.

Some breeds boast eyes that have "sclera," or white (third eyelid) around the eye as a trait. This can make a horse look wary or surprised without them truly feeling that way

The Eyes Have it (cont'd)

The internet has taken away a lot of the personal connection we have when purchasing a horse. Sometimes it's hard to gauge what's going inside their minds on a one-dimensional photo on a lighted newsfeed. You've just got to see them in person for yourself sometimes and peer into their eyes to get a true feel for the decision on whether to go forward with "Mr. Right," which, I'm guessing, is probably not much different than internet dating.

HEART HORSE

Thank you to Jennifer Toms and Heart Horse for donating a gift basket to the winner of the Open Elite division at the November 18th Obstacle Challenge.

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Sincerely,
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THANK YOU!!!

SOCA would like to thank the following for Product Donations:

Adequan, Bardsley Products, Compana Pet Brands (Manna Pro), Custom Embroidery by Maggie, Durango Boots, Life Data Corp & Farrier's Formula, Mrs. Pastures Cookies, Platinum Performance, Ride Smart Horsemanship, Rocking S Tack, Spurr's Big Fix, Straight Arrow (Mane n' Tail & Cowboy Magic), Triple Crown, TWHBEA, US Rider, Vetericyn, and Winner Circle Horse Supply



SOCA NEWS

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

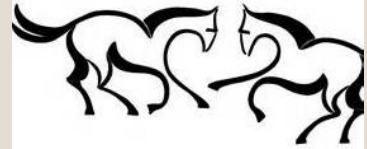
CLINICS/SCHOOLING DAYS

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

THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS, JUDGES & VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE OUR EVENTS POSSIBLE!

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.



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.

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