



# January 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to the 2025 SOCA show season!

## 2025 Tentative Events

### FIRST 2025 EVENT!

March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Florida Horse Park. Extreme Cowboy Race on Saturday and an Obstacle Challenge on Sunday.

1/11-1/12/2025 – Craig & Cole Cameron Clinic – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL  
**POSTPONED – NEW DATE TBD**

3/1-3/2/2025 – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday & Obstacle Challenge on Sunday..

4/5/2025– Obstacle Challenge, TBD

5/3/2025 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) The Canyon – Hodges, AL

5/31 - 6/1/2025 – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA National Championships, Champions Arena, Celebration Grounds, Shelbyville, TN (5X Points)

7/12/2025 - Obstacle Schooling Day – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

9/12/2025 –Clinic - TBD

9/13/2025 – Extreme Cowboy Race –SE Regional Championships - (Triple Points) Chicopee Agricultural Center, Gainesville, GA

11/15/2025 – Obstacle Challenge TBD

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

ALL EVENT FLYERS FOR 2025 WILL BE POSTED ON THE SOCA WEBSITE SOON!

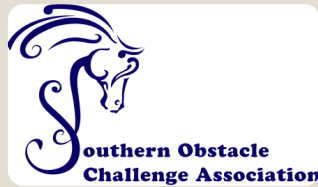
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**THANK YOU!!!**

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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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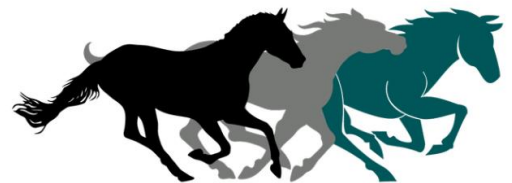
Low Rider Dauschound Rescue on behalf of **Vickie Oliva**



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## FINAL 2024 HIGH POINT STANDINGS

### Congratulations All!

#### SOCA RACE HIGH POINT - 2024

		Total
<b>Young Guns Divison Results</b>		
<b>NO BUCKLE</b>		
1	Brooklyn Baldwin	Drover 953.470
2	Brooklyn Baldwin	Redden's Photo Finish 865.017
3	Ellie Faber	Silver 349.103
4	Sophia Johnson	Faline 260.507
5	Knox Archie	Trigger 207.218
6	Trace Archie	Toby 201.358
<b>Novice Divison Results</b>		
<b>NO BUCKLE</b>		
1	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl 1313.600
2	Alecia Grissett	Pepper 1068.240
3	Terri Glonek	Tuff Lil Texan 1059.793
4	Sandra Baird	Cody 1047.058
5	Jessie Baldwin	Stitch 967.790
6	Elizabeth Faber	Poco Hollywood Jess 941.481
<b>Green Horse Results</b>		
1	Hannah Howe	Moon 2127.191
2	Jen Peterson	Baron 1101.227
3	Vaudry Edge	2X Thirteendiamonds 1056.882
4	Carly Renault	Zek 1052.881
5	Mike Jeffers	Gus 884.052
6	Lee Hart	Reddens Autumn Rain 864.614
<b>Non Pro Divison Results</b>		
1	Tracy Pinson	2X TBuck 2581.349
2	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Struck Gold 2580.579
3	Rick Peniston	Savvy 2151.295
4	Vaudry Edge	Rojo Willy John 2 1818.737
5	Tyler Howe	Indiana Cowgirl 1681.134
6	Michael Garman	Newt 1592.489
<b>Intermediate Divison Results</b>		
1	Tyler Howe	Indiana Cowgirl 2625.501
2	Tyler Howe	High Flying X Tex 2529.038
3	Lisa Steinbach	Tuff Struck Gold 2321.555
4	Jamie Caldwell	Pepto Master 2286.707
5	Jamie Caldwell	Crimson Contender 1774.213
6	Edward Brown	Spook 1768.271
<b>Youth Divison Results</b>		
<b>NO BUCKLE</b>		
1	Gina Gatto	So Charming 1746.066
2	Meredyth Crews	Dixie 1502.517
3	Brooklyn Baldwin	Drover 1307.205
4	Brooklyn Baldwin	Redden's Photo Finish 1219.696
5	Jordan Jeffers	Lena 1178.427
6	Angeline Saliceti	Samson 1169.904
<b>Ride Smart Divison Results</b>		
1	Tracy Pinson	2X TBuck 2646.900
2	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Night At The Ritz 2616.085
3	Dennis Tipton	Pepto Master 2488.548
4	Rick Peniston	Savvy Gun Play 2456.255
5	Lisa Steinbach	Tuff Struck Gold 2377.114
6	Vaudry Edge	Rojo Willy John 2 1866.705
<b>Pro Divison Results</b>		
1	Hannah Howe	High Flying X Tex 2673.381
2	Runt Rageth	Rooster 1645.720
3	Bret Lambdin	LEO's Pride 1258.208
4	Chad Blunk	Eldon 1138.232
5	Lee Hart	Ruthie 1132.769
6	Rick Sandness	Sage 1090.435
<b>Open Divison Results</b>		
1	Rick Peniston	Savvy Gun Play 2596.147
2	Runt Rageth	Rooster 1656.947
3	Shannon Washam	True 1359.434
4	Kim Washam	Oakley 1333.260
5	Chad Blunk	Eldon 1095.154
6	Leanne Hale	Jigsaw 1093.238

#### SOCA OBSTACLE CHALLENGE HIGH POINT - 2024

	Rider	Horse	Total
<b>Novice Division</b>			
1	Audra Geffer	Charlie	385.50
2	Donna Milliken	Black Pepper	369.50
3	Nichole Dalton	Chip	364.50
4	Dusty Bremer	Diesel	261.50
5	Rebecca Hurm	Lovealotta Jack	257.25
6	Ashley Kranke	Nine Times Two	250.50
<b>Youth Division</b>			
1	Meghan Maharrey	Drifting Thru Poco	415.50
2	Gina Gatto	So Charming	359.50
3	Kailey Hetherman	One Tuff Cowboy	331.50
4	Brooke Bremer	Shades	209.50
5	Charlotte Kelley	Fitz	138.00
6	Madison Gullely	Rockette	130.50
<b>Intermediate Division</b>			
1	Donna Bellusci	Caz (Chicago's Lad)	384.50
2	Carol Yapaolo	Smart Brow Cat	381.50
3	Barbara Van Winkle	Pepper	367.00
4	Sarah Bremer	Rocket	265.00
5	Kimberly Paquette	Absoluteontherocks	262.00
6	Garey Wallace	Breeze	256.00
<b>Open Elite Division</b>			
1	Cathy Rotola	Nick	435.00
2	Alexa Jackson	Sunshine & Whiskey	428.50
3	Margo Cook	Luna	400.50
4	Lisa Cusimano	Sierra	393.00
5	Briana Tribett	Jasper	390.50
6	Connie Lloyd	Lark's Grey Twist	368.00

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While everyone is making New Year's resolutions to hit the gym or read more books, let this be the year you set your sights on the barn. Become the best rider you can be! Spend more time in the saddle, work on developing your horsemanship, and foster a better relationship with your horse. By setting some obtainable resolutions, you can stay focused and work toward something that is important to you. You got this, cowgirl!

## Horse-Inspired Resolutions

- Become a **better rider**. You can take lessons, attend clinics, and watch educational videos. Be like a sponge and absorb knowledge from all around you. Stop blaming your horse for their poor performance and start realizing you have more influence than most care to admit.
- Get a **good saddle** that fits properly. Too many riders pay little attention to the fit of their saddle. Don't let your horse ride around in discomfort. Hire the professional saddle fitter, save up for a quality saddle, and don't forget to check the rest of your tack while you're at it.
- Keep up your **fitness**. The better your balance, the more flexible you are, the stronger your core.... the better you'll ride!
- **Quality time** spent with your horse is never a waste. Let them know you aren't just there to ride. Spend time with them in their field, groom them, take them hand-grazing, find a way to connect out of the saddle.
- Ensure your horse is receiving **top level care**. They'll perform their best when they're happy and healthy. Turnout where they can socialize, a proper diet, regular farrier schedule, and even bodywork can keep them in tiptop shape.

Let these resolutions inspire you! Ultimately, you'll need to create a list that matches your desires and needs. Your goals are unique to you!

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With all of that extra hair, your horse will be a little more challenging to groom. Unless you clip your horse in the winter, their coat will come in thick and fuzzy. It collects dust, dirt, and moisture easily. You'll need to spend some time cleaning them up and checking for any issues. Long hair can easily hide skin infections or injuries. It's a great idea to get in the habit of regularly grooming and checking your horse over.

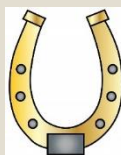
## Winter Grooming Tips

1. Curry combs are a must! A rubber curry can be used in circular motions to draw up dirt and dust. A metal or plastic one can scrap off any dried, caked mud.
2. Tails can get dirty with all of the extra mud in the winter, so many opt for a tail bag. Simply, shampoo and condition the tail, braid it up, and place a tail bag over it.
3. A silicone spray like Showsheen in the mane and tail will help dirt to slick right off.
4. Horse vacuums are amazing! They can blow the coat out or suck up the dirt and dust.
5. If it's too cold for a bath, consider bringing hot towels to the barn. By rubbing your horse all over with a slightly damp towel, you can collect dust from the hair.
6. A spot treatment, such as Cowboy Magic GreenSpot, can remove stains on a gray horse or one with white markings. No water needed!
7. Here's a simple hack for sweaty saddle marks... Put rubbing alcohol in a spray bottle, lightly mist the area, rub it in, and wipe off the excess. When the hair dries, your horse won't have sweat marks left behind.
8. If you need your horse to stay clean, you can always use a sheet or blanket. You must regularly take it off though and check for weight loss, skin infections, and wounds.
9. You might consider trimming up the hair on their pasterns, which will help reduce mud buildup and prevent scratches.
10. If you'll be doing a lot of riding, it might be time to consider body clipping even just a partial clip. Grooming will be a lot faster and the horse will cool down quicker.

Wet conditions and mud can cause many issues, so make sure to stay diligent and groom your horse throughout the week.

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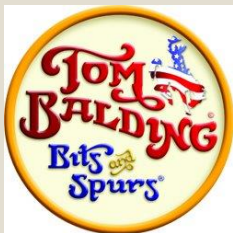
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## SOCA NEWS

### 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
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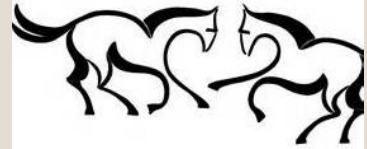
#### CLINICS/SCHOOLING DAYS

- 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 1<sup>st</sup>!**

**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](mailto:southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com)**