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# March 2018 Newsletter



### SOCA TAKES A BREAK IN MARCH!!

# February Schooling

Thank you to all who showed up for the Schooling Day. We had 50 horses and riders enjoy the perfect weather at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL. Participants were able to school their horses on a host of obstacles including water, ditches, three steps, bridges, drags, jumps, roping, tarps, etc. While most were riding, many were working on their in hand skills. We appreciate everyone that turned out for the day and we hope to see you at more SOCA events soon!

#### **APRIL & MAY EVENTS**

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Lee Hart Clinic, Gaffney, SC April 7<sup>th</sup> – South Carolina State Championship Extreme Cowboy Race, Gaffney, SC

April 21<sup>st</sup> – Obstacle Challenge, Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Annie Chance EXCA Clinic, Hodges, AL May 12<sup>th</sup> – Alabama State Championship Extreme Cowboy Race, Hodges, AL

### **EXCITING NEWS**

#### **SEMINOLE FEED**

Is now the official feed sponsor of SOCA. We are very excited about this new partnership!!





### 2018 Events

1/13-14/18 – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday & Obstacle Challenge on Sunday

2/24/18 - Obstacle Schooling Day, Bushnell, FL

4/7/18 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) -Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC (Flyer Attached) Clinic with Lee Hart on 4/6/18

**4/21/18** – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL (Flyer Attached)

**5/12/18** – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) – Hodges, AL (Flyer Attached)

Clinic with Annie Chance on 5/11/18

6/2-3/18 – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA Nationals (Triple Points) – Celebration Arena, Decatur, AL (Flyer Attached)

**7/7/18** – Obstacle Schooling Day – Bushnell, FL **8/11/18** – Extreme Cowboy Race (Double Points)

- Chicopee Agricultural Center, Gainesville, GA

Clinic with Johnie Clem on 8/10/18

9/8/18 – Obstacle Challenge – Florida Horse Park, Ocala, FL

**9/22-23/18**— Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championships (Triple Points)- Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC

Clinic with Pete Fraser on 9/21/18

11/24/18 - Obstacle Schooling Day - Bushnell, FL

2018 Events flyers are on the website at www.southernobstaclechallenges.com

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# **SOCA News**

Please note that we will be adding some new features in our monthly newsletter to include Sponsor and Member Spotlights, Training Tips and a Judge's Corner.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS.....We would like to feature a SOCA member in the newsletter each month. Please send us a few of your favorite pictures along with information such as where you live, how many horses do you own, what other activities you do with your horse, what other hobbies do you have, what do you do for a living (to pay for the horses!), what breed of horse(s) do you own, what type of SOCA events do you attend.....anything that you want to share with other SOCA members. We want to know more about you and your horses. The next page is an example of one that ran in our April 2015 newsletter.

**TRAINING TIPS AND JUDGES CORNER**.....If you any questions about obstacles or tips that may be helpful to our members, please submit them to the email below.

**SPONSOR SPOTLIGHTS**.....We will be highlighting one or two of our sponsors each month. If you are a sponsor and would like to be featured in the newsletter, please submit the article and pictures to us at the email below.

As a special bonus to those of you who thoroughly read this newsletter, we are offering the first person to email us at <a href="mailto:southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com">southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com</a> with their member spotlight a free entry to the next schooling day, race or obstacle challenge. The next three to respond will win prizes to be awarded at the next event. Good luck and thank you!!

If you have news that you would like to submit to the SOCA newsletter, please email it to <a href="mailto:southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com">southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com</a>

THANKS TO ALL OUR JUDGES, VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS!!!!!

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

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(This is a Member Spotlight that we ran in 2015)



### **Member Spotlight - Briana Tribett**

My name is Briana Tribett. I'm 26 and I've been riding since I could talk. I have trained all my own horses. I work for everything I have. I do sorting and obstacle challenges. Win a little money at both. I have trained all 3 of my horses. Ty is my cattle horse. Owned him for 12.5 years, since he was 1.5. Thor is my obstacle horse. We are having an awesome second season so far even though I was given the news he is 50% blind in one eye... And will go completely blind in it. He still puts me in the ribbons and the money:) Then there's Finn, my 4 year old who I've owned since weaning. He is an awesome trail horse and obstacle horse in the making.















#### **PLEASE SEND US YOUR INFORMATION!!!**

We need more Member Spotlight Bios......Please email your information and pictures to southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com

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# **Sponsor Spotlight**

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Flying L Stable located in Mount Dora Florida is featured in our new Sponsor Spotlight this month.





Owned and operated by long time SOCA members Bret Lambdin and Stephanie Walters, Flying L Stable provides horse boarding, training and lessons to horse enthusiasts. The stable also conducts clinics on Trail Safety & Self Defense, Obstacles, Ground Work, and Natural Horsemanship.

Bret is a 3rd generation horseman, growing up training and showing Shetland and Hackney harness ponies as well as in hand. After working with American Saddlebreds for several years, he continued training with his father at Silver Thread Stables until moving to Florida in 2000. Bret is also an obstacle competition judge and EXCA, Level 1

Several years ago, after becoming involved with SOCA and EXCA (Extreme Cowboy Racing) Bret began studying Natural Horsemanship to improve his effectiveness with horses and later began giving lessons and taking on a few horses for training. In 2017, both he and Stephanie competed in the Jacksonville Mustang Makeover. Stephanie and her young mare demonstrated a beautiful performance and placed 1st in the in-hand Youth Division. Bret placed a respective 5th with an outstanding Freestyle Performance and purchased his 6 year old mare at the auction to compete in EXCA with. In April 2017, with requests for training horses growing and new lessons students filling his free time, Bret took early retirement from law enforcement to work with horses full time.

Bret also became a Mustang TIP trainer through the Mustang Heritage Foundation in 2017 and is dedicated to gentling these great horses and putting them into caring homes.

In 2017, Stephanie competed at the EXCA World Finals and won the title of World Champion in the Youth Division as well as Reserve World Champion in the Intermediate Division. Her accomplishments, dedication, and ability to understand how to guide a horse into the correct answer have made her valuable asset to the stable as she is able to communicate effectively with others to encourage the most out of their horse.

At Flying L Stable, we are "Bringing People and Horses Together" by showing others how to get the most out of their horse through effective communication and preparing the horse to succeed. Success is not measured by color of ribbons or their weight at the end of the year... its measured by evaluating where your horse is, where you want to be and preparing a game plan to encourage and guide your horse to your goals through leadership, consistency and preparing

Flying L Stable would look forward to assisting you with your equine goals and partnership!

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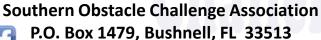
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# PICTURES FROM THE FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> SCHOOLING DAY AT DARBY OAKS STABLES, BUSHNELL, FL THANKS TO MO EARLE FOR THE PICTURES!











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### HIGH POINT STANDINGS AS OF 2/28/18

	SOCA OBSTACLE CHALLENGE HIGH POINT - 2018					
	Rider	Horse	Total			
		Novice Division				
1	Susan King	Sir Prize	129.00			
2	Teresa Cone	Peppin Dually (Chevy)	121.00			
3	Caroline Osgood	KM Best Zippo	120.00			
4	Gail Ransco	Dee Dee	120.00			
5	Aly Chapman	Athena	119.00			
6	Donna Schneider	Hey Gotcha (Superman)	118.00			
7	Denise Silva	Smoke	117.00			
8	Randy Holdaway	Hy Steppin Lil Lena	116.00			
9	Mo Earle	Cabo	115.00			
10	Emily Cook	Scarlet	114.00			
		Youth Divison				
1	Stephanie Walters	Destiny	146.00			
2	Gabriehl Shock	Shooter	131.00			
3	Gabriehl Shock	Sally	130.00			
4	Jazzy Durgin	I'm Angelina Jolie	129.00			
5	Mackensie Brown	Tango with A Blue Twist	122.00			
6	Juleeane Johnston	Oops	107.00			
7	Rebecca Grant	Starbuck	93.00			
8	Caroline Wright	Playboys Cinch	92.00			
9	Sydney Jones	Boone	91.00			
	Intermediate Division					
1	Suzan Hunt	Windswept White Hot Ash	131.00			
2	Cindy Hahn	One Hot Dancin Chip	131.00			
3	Denise Brown	Gismos Candy Two	128.00			
4	Anne Hanley	Conrad's Debonaire Gentleman	127.00			
5	Brook Side	Buck	125.00			
6	Briana Tribett	Imheirrisistibletoo	124.00			
7	Shelby Ratliff	Dangerous Da Vinci (Vinnie)	123.00			
8	Judy Fuller-Brown	Chimer	123.00			
9	Maggie Young	Jack The Man	120.00			
10	Nancy Biddinger	Splash	120.00			
	Open Elite Division					
1	Janine Charles	Sunshine & Whiskey	141.00			
2	Jan Garvin	Peponita's Shot Gun	140.00			
3	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny (Zippy)	132.00			
4	Anna Gay	Miss Kitty	131.00			
5	Traci Woodard	Rusty Executive	130.00			
6	Lisa Wood	Caeser	129.00			
7	Cathy Rotola	BKP Nick of Time	127.00			
8	Connie Lloyd	Chance	126.00			
9	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	125.00			
10	Vickie DeArmond	Titan	120.00			

SOCA RACE HIGH POINT - 2018					
			Total		
	Young Gu	uns Divison Results			
1	Juleeane Johnston	Oops	217.370		
	Novice	Divison Results			
1	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	330.276		
2	Lesa Roe	Cat	302.845		
3	Maggie Young	Jack The Man	302.598		
4	Kristin Volner	Zips Tripolay Cat	293.648		
5	Mike Elledge	Dancing In Dixie	292.254		
	Karen Chadwick	Bocelli	291.250		
	Joyce Elledge	Graham	278.470		
	Cindy Hahn	One Hot Dancin Chip	273.305		
	Krystal Loos	Dixie	266.315		
10	Mo Earle	Whodat	262.444		
		n Horse Results			
	Shelby Ratliff	Dangerous Da Vinci	297.262		
2	Kiana Bolognese	Apache	207.683		
		o Divison Results			
	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Night At The Ritz	468.438		
	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco	419.104		
	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	410.831		
	Vaudry Edge	Tickle 4865	355.113		
5	Jeremy Brooks	Poco's Little Jewel	134.443		
		iate Divison Results			
	Stephanie Walters	Destiny	419.453		
	Shelby Ratliff	Drifting Thru Poco	410.501		
	Lisa Steinbach	Texan At The Ritz	400.822		
	John Hodges	SB Shaney Face Dunit	399.611		
	Janine Charles	Sunshine N Whiskey	369.185		
	Jazzmyn Durgin	I'm Angelina Jolie	367.461		
	Kristin Volner	Zips Tripolay Cat	350.741		
	Jennifer Hall	Josie	348.637		
	Mike Elledge	Dancing In Dixie	347.996		
10	Brook Side	Buck	335.317		
1		Divison Results	400 470		
	Stephanie Walters	Destiny	400.479		
	Jazzmyn Durgin Breanna Bork	I'm Angelina Jolie	387.284 353.133		
	Jenna Anderson	Diego Josie	308.891		
	Kassandra Garcia	Penney	102.918		
3		art Divison Results	102.318		
1	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco	441.559		
	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	418.799		
	John Hodges	SB Shaney Face Dunit	396.416		
	Vaudry Edge	Tickle 4865	396.345		
	Vicky DeArmond	Truly Tru Titan	348.363		
	Cindy Hahn	One Hot Dancin Chip	156.809		
Pro Divison Results					
1	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	394.006		
	Bret Lambdin	LEO's Pride	330.338		

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### **SPONSORS NEEDED!**

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





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### 2018 High Points

In 2018 SOCA will award high point obstacle challenge winners in the following divisions:
Novice, Youth, Intermediate and Open Elite.
Points from each of the 2018 SOCA Obstacle
Challenges will be totaled and the horse/rider
team with the most points will be the high point
champion. Based on the feedback from
members, the high point award will be custom
SOCA buckles. Ribbons will be awarded to 6<sup>th</sup>
place for high point.

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 the triple points at the Nationals in June and Regional Championship races in September and double points for all State Championships) will be awarded the high point buckle in the following divisions: Pro, Non-Pro, Ride Smart, Novice, Intermediate, Youth and Young Guns.

To be eligible for high point buckles, SOCA members must have attended all challenges or races.

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 <a href="mailto:southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com">southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com</a>

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