

# May 2023 Newsletter

## April Obstacle Challenge

Competition was tough and the judges decisions were even tougher at the April 15<sup>th</sup> Obstacle Challenge held at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL. It was also great to see several new faces and many old friends. Thanks to all of the competitors, judges, volunteers and sponsors that made this event happen. Full results are in this newsletter and on the website. Thanks again everyone and congratulations to the winners!

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

May 6<sup>th</sup> - Extreme Cowboy Race at The Canyon Lodge in Hodges, AL

June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> - Extreme Cowboy Race National Championships hosted by SOCA in Shelbyville, TN

July 8<sup>th</sup> - Obstacle Schooling Day, Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

**2023 SOCA EVENT FLYERS ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE - IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO ENTER!**

## 2023 Events

**1/14-15/23 – Craig & Cole Cameron Clinic – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL**

**3/4-5/23** – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday & Obstacle Challenge on Sunday

**4/15/23** – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

**5/6/23** – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) The Canyon – Hodges, AL

**6/3-4/23** – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA National Championships, TBD (5X Points)

**7/8/23** - Obstacle Schooling Day – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

**8/11/23 – Lee Hart Clinic, Gainesville, GA**

**8/12/23** – Extreme Cowboy Race –SE Regional Championships - (Triple Points) Chicopee Agricultural Center, Gainesville, GA

**9/16/23** – Extreme Cowboy Race - TBD

**11/18/23** – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

### **We still need 2023 Sponsors!!**

**If you or a business that you know would like to be sponsor for SOCA, we would really appreciate it! Any amount is appreciated.**



## RESULTS FROM THE APRIL 15, 2023 OBSTACLE CHALLENGE AT DARBY OAKS STABLES, BUSHNELL, FL

Place	Rider	Horse	Div	TOTAL POINTS	Total Time
1	Meghan Maharrey	One Tuff Cowgirl	Y	133.00	18.54
2	Kailey Hetherman	One Tuff Cowboy	Y	114.00	53.72
3	Brooke Bremer	Shades	Y	99.00	103.47
4	Sophia Johnson	Fergie	Y	94.00	20.84
5	Khole Murray	Twizzler	Y	74.00	79.25
6	Isla Sachs	Uno	Y	61.00	52.5
1	Donna Schneider	Hey Gotcha	P	146.00	15.78
2	Cathy Rotola	Nick	P	145.00	23.69
3	Suzan Hunt	Emmett	P	144.00	20.6
4	Lesa Roe	Cat	P	142.00	17.41
5	Jazzy Durgin	Bulletproof	P	141.50	21.81
6	Renee Lewis	TR Really Splendid (Ace)	P	126.00	30.28
7	Connie Lloyd	Larks Grey Twist	P	124.00	15.69
1	Karen Chadwick	GB Bocelli	N	145.00	28.67
2	Kimberly Paquette	Absoluteontherocks	N	135.00	23.98
3	Danielle Harris	Spot on Charlie	N	131.00	28.06
4	Billie Jo Kerrivan	Eddie	N	131.00	29.94
5	Janet Bozeman	Fergie	N	129.00	25.72
6	Donna Milliken	Thor	N	126.00	31
7	Leslie Davis	WR Esmeralda's Will By Caymu	N	125.00	24.5
8	Sara Aldridge	Jac	N	121.00	72.73
9	Sarah Bremer	Rocket	N	121.00	77.22
10	Dusty Bremer	Diesel	N	117.00	14.87
11	Frances Hamlett	Fate	N	117.00	26.03
12	Tina Bombardo	Kiddo	N	112.00	78.19
13	Malerie Kersey	CRC Belle Hancock	N	105.00	31.61
14	Julie Testa	Boone	N	100.00	83.56
15	Connor Hougland	Wyatt	N	97.00	73.43
16	Jennifer Green	Hot Dun Cashin Chex	N	92.00	109.25
17	Courtney Snyder	Finn	N	88.00	98.65
18	Robin Staley	Demi	N	84.00	78.59
19	Daisy Jones	Hawaiian Punch	N	76.00	32.86
1	Marilyn Loaces	Manolo de Erimar	I	145.00	15.72
2	Margo Cook	Luna	I	140.00	17.95
3	Garey Wallace	Breeze	I	137.00	19.35
4	Phyllis Kirby	Patron	I	135.00	31.07
5	Lisa Cusimano	Sierra	I	131.00	47.87
6	Barbara Van Winkle	Pepper	I	127.00	20.38
7	Mo Earle	Whodat	I	124.00	23.37
8	Nancy Biddinger	Rooster	I	123.00	22.65
9	Donna Bellusci	Caz (Chicago's Lad)	I	122.00	91.66
10	Karen Ketchum	Bindi	I	94.00	21.54
1	Pat Morris	Pepper	GH	127.00	16.86
2	Terri Glonek	Tuff Lil Texan	GH	121.00	80.56
3	Laura Sachs	Dixie	GH	89.00	107.15
4	Shannon Morgan	Tobias	GH	81.00	38.85
5	Janna Loeffler	HMS Anastacia	GH	81.00	54.71
6	Jerrilyn Taylor	Dude	GH	52.00	87.79





## PICTURES FROM THE APRIL 15, 2023 OBSTACLE CHALLENGE AT DARBY OAKS STABLES, BUSHNELL, FL



**Green Horse**



**Novice**



**Intermediate**



**Open Elite**



**Youth**



## HIGH POINT STANDINGS AS OF 4/16/23

### SOCA RACE HIGH POINT - 2023

#### Young Guns Divison Results

1	Ashlyn Kelley	Snazzy	234.355
2	Brooke Bremer	Shades	215.239
3	Ella Laiosa	Doc Holiday	104.829

#### Novice Divison Results

1	Edward Brown	Spook	347.518
2	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	341.201
3	Danielle Varn	Titan	329.524
4	Sherry Garman	Lumpy	321.916
5	Stacy Chambers	Sparkles	321.555
6	Sarah Bremer	Rocket	282.504
7	Janet Bozeman	Fergie	281.974
8	Maggie Young	Lets Face It	271.634
9	Mo Earle	Whodat	255.562
10	Connie Lloyd	Larks Grey Twist	251.315

#### Green Horse Results

1	Holly Rosenau	Faline	351.958
2	Shelby Ratliff	One Tuff Cowboy	340.467
3	Abbey Slaven	Ezra	340.094
4	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Lil Texan	323.457
5	Cat Zimmerman	Monche	298.393
6	Abbey Slaven	Don't Jinx It	276.683
7	Haleigh Price	Nora	227.312
8	Lee Hart	Tricky	154.530
9	Lee Hart	Concho	145.796
10	Al Murphy	Neon	131.917

#### Non Pro Division Results

1	Tracy Pinson	2X T-Buck	439.460
2	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Struck Gold	436.911
3	Jazzy Durgin	Bullet Proof	427.869
4	Shelby Ratliff	Drifting Thru Poco	411.794
5	Steve Barrett	Echo	395.250
6	Michael Garman	Newt	385.525
7	Dennis Tipton	Pepto Master	382.671
8	Lesla Roe	Fergie	310.650
9	Dennis Tipton	Roos Pine Olena	187.761

#### Intermediate Divison Results

1	Michael Garman	Newt	445.638
2	Jenna Bishop	J-Low	434.220
3	Lisa Steinbach	Tuff Struck Gold	431.291
4	Cathy Rotola	PSU He's Smart N Peppy	398.086
5	Marilyn Loaces	Manolo de Erimar	389.143
6	Edward Brown	Spook	376.088
7	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	362.201
8	Janet Bozeman	Fergie	343.648
9	Tim Haupt	Race	314.405
10	Lesla Roe	Fergie	313.277

#### Youth Divison Results

1	Breanna Bork	Diego	398.407
2	Gina Gatto	Patch	326.398
3	Meredyth Crews	Dixie	325.555
4	Charlotte Kelley	Fitz	292.462
5	Gia Faiello	Oops	182.505

#### Ride Smart Divison Results

1	Tracy Pinson	2X T-Buck	467.264
2	Lisa Steinbach	Tuff Struck Gold	428.149
3	Michael Garman	Newt	419.700
4	Steve Barrett	Echo	405.640
5	Dennis Tipton	Roos Pine Olena	402.177
6	Dennis Tipton	Pepto Master	397.612
7	Tim Haupt	Loomis	314.041
8	Tim Haupt	Race	303.491
9	Sherry Garman	Lumpy	171.734

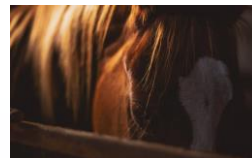
#### Pro Divison Results

1	Carly Renault	Cat N Sugar	459.287
2	Jazzy Durgin	Bullet Proof	445.048
3	Jazzy Durgin	Dreamer	409.608
4	Cat Zimmerman	Stitch	384.345
5	Trey Allen	UF Riginal Bull	375.994

### SOCA OBSTACLE CHALLENGE HIGH POINT - 2023

	Rider	Horse	Total
<b>Novice Division</b>			
1	Karen Chadwick	GB Bocelli	265.50
2	Kimberly Paquette	Absoluteontherocks	259.50
3	Janet Bozeman	Fergie	258.00
4	Sarah Bremer	Rocket	252.00
5	Donna Milliken	Thor	244.00
6	Leslie Davis	WR Esmeralda's Will By Caymus	241.50
7	Dusty Bremer	Diesel	235.50
8	Julie Testa	Boone	224.00
9	Robin Staley	Demi	186.50
10	Courtney Snyder	Finn	182.00
<b>Youth Division</b>			
1	Meghan Maharrey	One Tuff Cowgirl	266.50
2	Kailey Hetherman	One Tuff Cowboy	203.00
3	Brooke Bremer	Shades	197.00
4	Alexa Jackson	Pepperoni	128.50
5	Ella Laiosa	Doc Holiday	115.50
6	Charlotte Kelly	Fitz	108.00
7	Gina Gatto	Patch	104.50
8	Sophia Johnson	Fergie	94.00
9	Ashlyn Kelly	Snazzy	89.50
10	Khole Murray	Twizzler	74.00
<b>Intermediate Division</b>			
1	Margo Cook	Luna	281.50
2	Marilyn Loaces	Manolo de Erimar	274.00
3	Garey Wallace	Breeze	267.50
4	Phyllis Kirby	Patrone	265.00
5	Lisa Cusimano	Sierra	262.50
6	Donna Bellusci	Chicago's Lad (Caz)	258.00
7	Barbara Van Winkle	Pepper	255.00
8	Nancy Biddinger	Rooster	247.00
9	Mo Earle	Whodat	244.00
10	Karen Ketchum	Bindi	189.50
<b>Open Elite Division</b>			
1	Suzan Hunt	Emmett	292.00
2	Cathy Rotola	Nick	291.00
3	Donna Schneider	Hey Gotcha	288.00
4	Lesla Roe	Cat	281.50
5	Renee Lewis	TR Really Splendid "Ace"	255.50
6	Connie Lloyd	Larks Grey Twist	229.50
7	Jazzy Durgin	Bulletproof	141.50
8	Shelby Ratliff	Drifting Thru Poco	136.50
9	Paige Mulford	Maya	117.00





## 15 Interesting Facts About A Horses Brain

1. A horse's brain is relatively small compared to the size of its body, and accounts for only about 0.1% of its total weight.
2. Despite their small size, horses have very complex brains, with a highly developed cerebral cortex, the part of the brain responsible for conscious thought, decision-making and memory.
3. Horses can learn and remember complex tasks, such as navigating a jump course or performing a dressage routine, through a process called associate learning.
4. Like humans, horses have a left hemisphere and a right hemisphere in the brain, each with specialized functions. The left hemisphere is responsible for the processing of logical and analytical information, while the right hemisphere is more involved in emotional processing and creative thinking.
5. Horses have a great memory and can remember specific people, places and experiences for many years.
6. Horses can learn by observation, and often they can acquire new behaviors and skills simply by observing other horses or humans.
7. Horses have a very sensitive sense of touch and can detect even the slightest pressure or movement on their skin. This helps them respond to subtle cues from your rider or guide.
8. Horses can process visual information very quickly and accurately, allowing them to avoid potential hazards and navigate their environment with ease.
9. Horses are social animals and rely on nonverbal communication to interact with other horses in their herd. This communication is facilitated by the horse's brain, which can interpret subtle changes in body language, facial expressions and vocalizations.
10. Ultimately, like all animals, horses have a unique personality and individual traits that are shaped by their experiences, genetics and environment—all of which is reflected in their brain function and behavior.
11. Horses have a very strong sense of smell and their odor bulb, which processes smells, is relatively large compared to other parts of their brain.
12. The brain, which is responsible for coordinating movement and balance, is also relatively large in horses. This is because horses must be able to move quickly and efficiently to escape predators or navigate through difficult terrain.
13. Horses have a very high pain threshold, which is believed to be related to how their brains process pain signals. While this can be beneficial in some situations, it can also mean that horses may not show obvious signs of pain, making it harder for their caregivers to detect and treat underlying health issues.
14. The hippocampus, a part of the brain involved in learning and memory, is particularly well developed in horses.. This allows them to remember not only specific experiences, but also general concepts and patterns that they can apply to new situations.
15. Finally, studies have shown that horses, like other animals, are capable of experiencing emotions such as fear, happiness, and anger. These emotions are believed to be mediated by the limbic system, a group of interconnected brain structures that play a key role in regulating mood and behavior.



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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
- 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.

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SPONSORS, JUDGES &  
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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  
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