



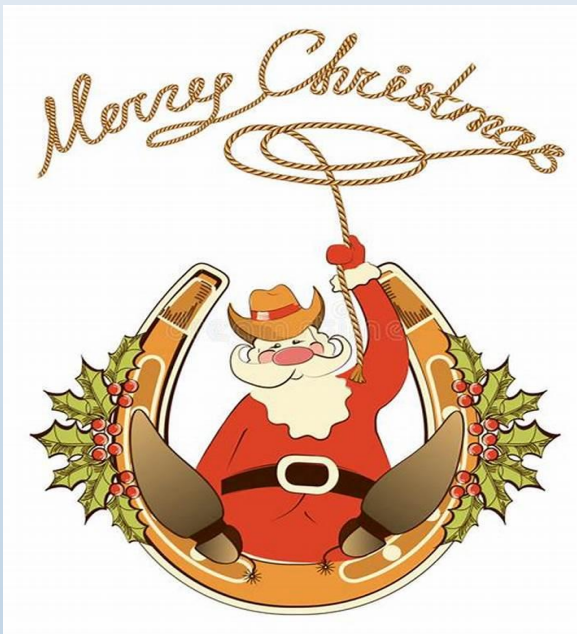
# November/December 2023 Newsletter

## November 18<sup>th</sup> Obstacle Challenge

The final 2023 SOCA event was an obstacle challenge held at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL.

In addition to the challenge, year end high point awards were given out to the Obstacle Challenge champions for 2023.

We appreciate the judges, volunteers and competitors that make these events happen.



## 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**

**4/13/24 – 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 –Clinic TBD, 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!**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!**

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

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### RESULTS FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 2023 OBSTACLE CHALLENGE AT DARBY OAKS STABLES, BUSHNELL, FL

Place	Rider	Horse	Div	TOTAL POINTS
1	Meghan Maharrey	One Tuff Cowgirl	Y	126.50
2	Madison Gulley	Rockette	Y	114.00
3	Gina Gatto	Patch	Y	107.00
4	Kailey Hethernan	One Tuff Cowboy	Y	103.00
5	Alexa Jackson	Pepperoni	Y	97.00
6	Brooke Bremer	Shades	Y	81.00
7	Meghan Maharrey	Rip	Y	79.00
1	Suzan Hunt	Emmett	P	144.00
2	Emily Cook	Sunny	P	141.00
3	Susan King	Sir Prize	P	137.00
4	Lesia Roe	Cat	P	130.50
5	Cathy Rotola	Nick	P	128.00
6	Donna Schneider	Hey Gotcha	P	124.00
7	Renee Lewis	TR Really Splendid (Ace)	P	121.00
8	Connie Lloyd	Larks Grey Twist	P	118.00
9	Al Murphy	Neon	P	113.00
10	Brice Ehrich	Give It All You Got	P	108.00
11	Al Murphy	Shazam	P	60.00
1	Kimberly Paquette	Absoluteontherocks	N	145.00
2	Sarah Bremer	Rocket	N	139.00
3	Carol Yapaolo	Dillon	N	131.50
4	Donna Milliken	Thor	N	130.00
5	Nichole Dalton	Chip	N	126.00
6	Rebecca Hurm	Lovealottajack	N	121.50
7	Dusty Bremer	Diesel	N	116.00
8	Mikelann Renwick	Sawvy	N	114.00
9	Heather Mish	Mr. Southern Sanolena	N	109.00
10	Courtney Snyder	Ace	N	105.00
11	Heather Mish	Cajun Shine	N	94.50
12	Janet Bozeman	Rudy	N	89.50
13	Kashmere Mandel	Dixie	N	74.00
14	Jim Neville	Taco	N	67.00
15	Jennifer Toms	Khaleesi	N	59.00

Place	Rider	Horse	Div	TOTAL POINTS
1	Margo Cook	Luna	I	144.00
2	Lisa Cusimano	Sierra	I	133.00
3	Marilyn Loaces	Manolo de Erimar	I	128.00
4	Garey Wallace	Breezy	I	128.00
5	Barbara Van Winkle	Pepper	I	121.50
6	Donna Bellusci	Caz	I	112.50
7	Mo Earle	Whodat	I	110.00
8	Iris Glick	Luminosa	I	109.50
9	Nancy Biddinger	Rooster	I	101.00
1	Brianna Tribett	Jasper	GH	132.00
2	Pat Morris	Pepper	GH	130.00
3	Audra Gefter	Charlie	GH	122.00
4	Tiffany Goldsmith	Diamond's R The Law	GH	115.00
5	Susan Moore	Fey	GH	80.00





### PICTURES FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 2023 OBSTACLE CHALLENGE AT DARBY OAKS STABLES, BUSHNELL, FL



Green Horse



Youth



Novice



Intermediate



Open Elite

Novice



Youth



### Obstacle Challenge High Point Winners

Intermediate



Open Elite



## 2023 FINAL HIGH POINT STANDINGS

### SOCA RACE HIGH POINT - 2023

		Total
<b>Young Guns Divison Results</b>		
<b>NO BUCKLE</b>		
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
<b>Novice Divison Results</b>		
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
<b>Green Horse Results</b>		
<b>NO BUCKLE</b>		
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	781.999
8	Courtney Pearre Smokin' Leo Hayes	749.875
9	Kaylie Hiers Dealer	688.330
10	Chris Redden Dualin Pistol Duke	651.357
<b>Non Pro Divison Results</b>		
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 Roos 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
<b>Intermediate Divison Results</b>		
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
<b>Youth Divison Results</b>		
<b>NO BUCKLE</b>		
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
<b>Ride Smart Divison Results</b>		
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 Roos 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
<b>Pro Divison Results</b>		
<b>NO BUCKLE</b>		
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
<b>Novice Division</b>			
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
<b>Youth Divison</b>			
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
<b>Intermediate Division</b>			
1	Margo Cook	Luna	425.50
2	Marilyn Loaces	Manolo de Erimar	402.00
3	Lisa Cusimano	Sierra	395.50
4	Gary 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
<b>Open Elite Division</b>			
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



## Trail Riding Etiquette

Because there are no “official” rules for trail riding, like there are for driving, here are some commonly accepted practices that we need to remind ourselves of occasionally. While the word “etiquette” implies good manners, trail etiquette is much about safety as it is courtesy. Horses are herd animals, and this is the driving force behind how they think. Most horses do not like to be “abandoned” and can get upset if they feel like this is occurring. When they encounter something which they perceive as frightening, their natural prey animal reaction is to jump (and run). Much of what is listed below comes from an understanding of these facts.

- Front riders set the pace, they should be alert to the movement of the entire group. This means slowing down and or stopping as needed to ensure the safety of the entire group.
- Allow your horse the opportunity to drink at water crossings. Wait for others in your group to drink before leaving the watering area. Move downstream to allow ample room.
- Please wait for horses to stop and urinate or poop, as this may cause them to become overly excited to catch up.
- Downhill riders yield to uphill riders.
- If you must pass, alert the rider ahead of you of your intention and pass on the left.
- Increase your following distance up/down hills, all while being conscious of the rider behind you. If your horse trots or runs up the hills, the horse behind you will most likely bolt behind yours and may cause an accident.
- Please control your horse! As much fun as it is to run your horse up and down the hills, this is not always the case for other riders and their safety.
- It is very disrespectful to pass a dismounted rider who is trying to mount.
- Ill-behaved horses should ALWAYS wear a red ribbon on their tails and distance should be honored all the way around.
- No gaiting, cantering, galloping when trail riding in a group. Please for everyone’s safety.

There are many ways to discourage your horse from charging to the front. (Small circles, placing further back in the group, weaving side to side, or working the horse down prior to ride). These methods can help to keep horses from pushing past others or upsetting other horses and riders within the group. The point of trail riding is to enjoy the ride and your horse!

Keep your comments to yourself (or pick your battles). Unless the situation is a health risk, or puts a life in danger, refrain from passing on your horsemanship wisdom. Many people may not respond well to a “know-it-all” or will resent the implication that they are stupid. Your “helpful suggestions” may cause more harm than good!



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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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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.

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