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February 2015 Newsletter

Yahoo!!



The First 2015 SOCA Event broke records!!

Florida Horse Park Race & Challenge

SOCA's first event for 2015 was a combined Extreme Cowboy Race and Obstacle Challenge held at the Florida Horse Park in Ocala, FL on January 17th and 18th. Wow - what an event!! With over 50 competitors in the race and 108 in the obstacle challenge, this one was one for the record books!

We can't thank everyone enough who turned out to make the weekend a success. From the competitors to Diane McMurtrey and her great judges, announcers (Joel Mobley & Mike Woodard) volunteers, spectators and those who just pitched in where we need you.....THANKS SO MUCH!!! As we keep saying....TEAM SOCA ROCKS!

Congratulations to all of the winners – Results and pictures are in this newsletter and complete results are on the SOCA website.

Rancho PasoLuna is offering an exciting new prize program for gaited horses competing in the Novice Division – See details on page 5 and enter today!!

Heartland Farm, Traci and Mike Woodard, are sponsoring the OVERALL HIGHPOINT award for the Horse & Rider team with the most points at the end of the year!

2015 Events

1/10/15 – EXCA Clinic, Bushnell, FL

1/17-18/15 – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday & Obstacle Challenge on Sunday

3/7/15 – Obstacle Challenge – Greene Acres Stables, Plant City, FL (flyer attached)

3/21/15 – Extreme Cowboy Race – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL (Not a buckle race!) (flyer attached)

4/18/15 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) - Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC (flyer attached)

4/25/15 – Obstacle Challenge – Rocking K Ranch, Hernando, FL (flyer attached)

6/5-6/15 – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA Nationals (Triple Points) Winchester, TN

6/27/15 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) – Pontotoc County Agri-Center, Pontotoc, MS

7/11/15 – Schooling Day & Judging Clinic- Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

9/12/15 – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

9/26-27/15 – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championships (Triple Points)- Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC

11/14/15 – Obstacle Challenge Championships (double points) – TBD

11/28/15 – Extreme Cowboy Race - TBD (Not a buckle race)

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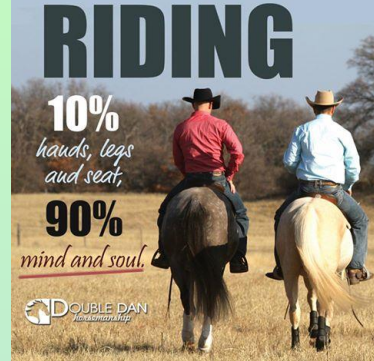
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Results from the January 17th Extreme Cowboy Race

Young Guns Divison Results			
1	Casey Hiser	Pancake	200.960
Novice Divison Results			
1	Holly Bacola	Yoshi	321.072
2	Karen Ketchum	Executive Gold Pride (Millie)	311.664
3	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	309.745
4	Phala Wriston	Winn Blue Pardner	308.606
5	Kelly Gifford	Boo Man Choo	308.008
6	Jane Peniston	Smoochie	305.177
7	Carol Hiser	Popcorn	290.388
8	Lisa Hutchinson	Dolly	285.910
9	Shelly Cowart	Crystal	132.048
10	Alison Stewart	Doc	127.255
Non Pro Divison Results			
1	Rick Peniston	Jake	420.991
2	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny (Zippy)	414.779
3	Jason Hiser	Delgado	411.051
4	Jennifer Hall	Joseie	362.799
5	Sarah Schlaich	Bindi	348.108
Youth Divison Results			
1	Quiana Krabec	Puck	323.544
2	Lily Hite	Misty T	296.958
3	Stephanie Walters	Mister Candelite & Roses	284.197
4	Casey Hiser	Pancake	232.000

Intermediate Divison Results			
1	Jason Hiser	Delgado	434.489
2	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny (Zippy)	417.253
3	Phala Wriston	Winn Blue Pardner	380.383
4	Kelly Gifford	Boo Man Choo	374.937
5	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run (Annie)	373.547
6	Pam Greene	Peyton	371.399
7	Jennifer Hall	Josie	369.852
8	Lisa Steinbach	Texan At The Ritz	366.569
9	Holly Bacola	Yoshi	355.957
10	Traci Woodard	Montana Nickajack (Sprite)	161.839
Ride Smart Divison Results			
1	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny (Zippy)	419.528
2	Rick Peniston	Jake	380.400
3	Pam Greene	Peyton	366.275
4	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run (Annie)	348.237
5	Jane Peniston	Smoochie	256.000
Pro Divison Results			
1	Bryce Burnett	Joseph	411.640
2	Jason Hiser	Delgado	365.558
3	Mark Updike	Echo	232.000
Green Horse Results			
1	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Night At The Ritz	354.394
2	Pam Bacon	CJ	288.901



Novice

Intermediate

Youth

Pro



Non Pro

Ride Smart

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Youth

Results from the January 18th Obstacle Challenge

Place	Rider	Horse	Total Obstacle Points
NOVICE DIVISION			
1	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgril	130.000
2	Leslie Kingree	Scamp's First Hit	126.500
3	Lesa Roe	Cat	122.000
4	Margo Cook	Magic	121.500
5	Lisa Hutchinson	Dolly	121.000
6	Briana Tribett	Imheirrisistible Too	120.500
7	Tricia Maeder	Red Hot & Smoken	119.000
8	Lori Lee Graham	Lucky Lil Impulse (Tango)	119.000
9	Denise Brown	Gismos Candy Two	118.500
10	Robert Bunnell	Hannah	117.000

YOUTH DIVISION			
1	Shawn Charles	Splash	137.000
2	Quianna Krabec	Puck	130.500
3	Stephanie Walters	Mister Candelite & Roses	127.500
4	Emily Cook	Scarlet	121.000
5	Mikayla Moore	Miss Face It (Mocha)	118.000
6	Rachel McCormick	Saleen	117.000
7	Mackensie Brown	Cricket	109.000
8	Tara Smith	Cross	108.500
9	Summer Sloan	Dixie	107.500
10	Jaylin Motes	Boston	95.000
10	Mackenzie Erb	Bambi	92.500
10	William Brown III	Tonka	92.000

NON PRO DIVISION			
1	Jan Garvin	Peponita's Shot Gun	142.500
2	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	140.000
3	Pam Bacon	Peyton	138.000
4	Suzan Hunt	Windswept Silver Spector (Ja)	137.000
5	Kathy Sokol	He Packs A Pistol	135.000
6	Julie McCormick	Kota	132.000
7	Anna Gay	Catman	131.500
8	Tirina Miller	Wrangler	127.000
9	Joe Holloway	Solano's Moonlite Run (Ann)	126.500
10	Wayne Van De Walker	Boomer	125.000

Place	Rider	Horse	Total Obstacle Points
POSSE DIVISION			
1	Connie Lloyd	Chance	133.000
2	Vicki Anderson	Peps Wittle Wrangler	132.000
3	Carrie Legg	Dixie	132.000
4	Barbara Jasewicz	Durango	130.000
5	Lisa Wood	Caesar	129.000
6	Karen Ketchum	Executive Gold Pride (Millie)	127.500
7	Cathy Rotola	Derringer	127.000
8	Kelly Gifford	Boo Man Choo	124.000
9	Ann Simonsen	Indi	117.500
10	Cathy Ulm	Spirit	117.000

OPEN ELITE DIVISION			
1	Sean Patrick	Joker	144.000
2	Jim Anderson	Dun It Chic	144.000
3	Jimmy Risley	Star	138.000
4	Traci Woodard	Montana Nicajack (Sprite)	136.000
5	Renee Stafford	Coot	134.500
6	Phala Wriston	Winn Blue Pardner	131.000
7	Ross Harper	Chocolatier (Dove)	124.000
8	Glenda Bradley	Iceman	123.500
9	Alisha Patrick	Just Joe	123.000
10	Bret Lambdin	Tug	119.000

GREEN HORSE DIVISION			
1	Sharon Tosspon	Tumbleweed	122.500
2	Pam Bacon	CJ	117.000
3	Stephanie Walters	Autumn	111.500
4	Tiffany Williams	Dilbert	97.500
5	Kim Roberts	Bub	91.000
6	Mark Updike	Buddy	86.000

Green Horse



Novice

Posse



Open Elite

Non Pro

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More Pictures from the Horse Park Events



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Novice Gaited Sport Horse Award Program Winners from 1/18/15

- 1st Place - Terri Glonek
& One Tuff Cowgirl (TWH)
2nd Place - Lisa Hutchinson
& Dolly (MFT)
3rd Place - Karen Holgate
& Blessing (Paso)

Novice Gaited Sport Horse Award Program

- Open to all gaited breeds entered in the Novice Horse & Rider Division at the five SOCA Obstacle Challenges in 2015. Gaited breeds include (but not limited to) Paso Finos, Peruvians, Tennessee Walking Horses, Racking Horses, Spotted Saddle Horses, Rocky Mountain Horses, Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horses, Icelandic Horses, etc.
- To be eligible, the horse and rider must not have won any obstacle challenges. You must indicate on the entry form the gaited breed you are entering. This is for the Novice Horse & Rider division only
- \$175 Prize purse for every SOCA obstacle event for 2015 – Ties will be broken by obstacle time.
 - \$100 to the highest scoring gaited horse in the Novice Division
 - \$50 to the second highest scoring gaited horse in the Novice Division
 - \$25 to the third highest scoring gaited horse in the Novice Division
- Ribbons for 1st through 3rd to accompany checks
- High Point Year end award of:
 - 1st place \$500
 - 2nd place \$250
- The objective of this program is to bring new gaited horse riders into SOCA Obstacle Challenges. This program was developed by and is being sponsored by gaited horse enthusiasts who want to encourage other gaited horse owners to participate in trail obstacle competitions.
- **Sponsored by Rancho PasoLuna of Dunnellon, Florida**



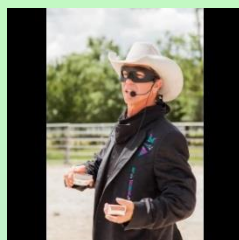
REMINDER – Changes to the Obstacle Challenge Divisions for 2015

- Divisions for 2015 will remain Youth, Posse, Novice, Non Pro, Open/Elite & Green Horse.
- Riders will be asked to move up to the next division if they place in the top 3 at least 3 times during the year (starting with 2014), with the exception of Youth & Green Horse.
- Green Horse (training division) is not a high point division - one win and you move up to the riders appropriate division. A horse is considered Green for one show season and then they must move up.
- Posse will be open to any posse members, however, they can also show in any division (except Novice) that defines their skill level.
- Youth will be limited to a maximum of three entries per event.

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Mark Updike

Mark Updike insists he isn't a horse whisperer. But the Palm City trainer's skill with feral and unbroken horses has built him a reputation as just that. Updike started working with horses as a boy at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch. He showed a natural ability, but his personal problems got in the way of his equine career. Three years ago, he had a run-in with the law in Jupiter. To work off his community service, Updike trained a few horses for the Equine Rescue and Adoption Foundation in Palm City. That experience was a turning point for Updike. The foundation recently called on him again to help with a pair of wild, unmanageable horses. His patient and calm technique as a trainer, coupled with his unique brand of showmanship, have earned him a place in the horse industry.

Mark Updike, as his alter ego Colt Robertson, giving a horsemanship demonstration. Updike uses theatrical elements to engage people's attention and teach them how to work with their horses. "I've never been certified by anybody," Updike admitted. "I studied John Lyons and read his books. I started to develop my own program based in gentle yet firm methodology. I've spent thousands of hours in the round pen and slowly developed a program I can call my own. When I explain something, it's my take on it. I'm not just parroting what I hear someone else say. I've learned the hard way. Through the hard way, I've learned how to explain things."



Updike's career is rooted in an experience he had with an unbroken horse at the youth ranch. While the rest of his classmates were riding their assigned horses, Updike sneaked out to visit an apparently dangerous, untrained Appaloosa he'd been warned to leave alone. "I wandered into the pasture with a halter, put it on that horse and rode him bareback all over the pasture," Updike said. "That was a huge no-no. I got in a lot of trouble, but they were surprised that the horse didn't kill me."

When Updike isn't quietly persuading wild horses to accept a bridle and saddle, he's giving demonstrations on what he does. Updike's presentations are far from dry and instructional. He uses magic and illusion to stand out from the crowd and entertain people while they learn. He turns into his alter ego, lone ranger look-alike Colt Robertson. "At a show a few months ago, I walked up to a lady with her big draft horse and told her that her horse couldn't hear her," Updike said. "I walked up and started pulling big handkerchiefs out of his ear. I started adding magic into my clinics as a way to keep people's attention and drive certain points home."

Updike keeps clients' horses at his home while they are in training. He boards them with his own horse, Buddy. Living with the horses full time gives him time to witness their transformation. That moment of realization is why Updike got into training after he left the Marines. "I love watching a horse change its mind from fear to trust," he said. "My job is to change their mind and recondition their response. Horses' intentions are pure and if I ask the right questions, they will give me truthful answers. It amazes me when they finally realize what I'm asking of them."

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



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Obstacle Practice/Schooling Directory

Kick N Back Farm has got well over 50 obstacles spread out both on and off trails. Many are in the woods and closely mimic both SOCA, as well as other trail competitions. We also have arena style obstacles. We have everything from the "scary" horse killing objects to finesse style challenges to help people at whatever level they want to work. Located in Ocklawah, FL 352-895-2564.

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Clinics are \$40 with lots of hands on help and we serve lunch for \$5
Current SOCA members \$5 off clinics if signed up in advance
- <https://www.facebook.com/KnBFarmObstacles> (check for scheduled events)



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Plenty of obstacles and still adding – Schooling and lessons available.



Time to Shine Equestrian Center - Located in Lakeland, Florida. Right now practice days will only be a couple days a month, but no set schedule due to the summer rains. We will also be having scheduled obstacle challenges and will be updating our Facebook page. Phone is 863-559-4589



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2015 High Points

In 2015 SOCA will award high point obstacle challenge winners in the following divisions: Novice, Youth, Non Pro, Open Elite and Posse. Points from each of the 2015 SOCA Obstacle Challenges will be totaled, with double points at the obstacle challenge championship in November. 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.

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 State Championships in January, April and June, will be awarded the high point buckle in the following divisions: Pro, Non-Pro, Ride Smart, Novice, Intermediate, Youth, and Non-Pro.

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.

Dates, details and previous months newsletters can be found on the SOCA website at

www.southernobstaclechallenges.com

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.

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.

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