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## Green River Farm in Gaffney, SC was the site of yet another great SOCA race!

### March 23<sup>rd</sup> Extreme Cowboy Race, Gaffney, SC Results

Despite a very cold and rainy day, 46 riders turned out for the SOCA Extreme Cowboy Race at Green River Farm in Gaffney, SC. Thanks to everyone who participated and pitched in to help us, you are all super and we appreciate you more than we can say! Also, **special thanks** to Barbara and Joel Mobley for hosting the race, as well as all of the volunteers at Green River. You are the best!

Congratulations to all the winners!

#### Young Guns

1. Bennett Green on Chloe
2. Bennett Green on Dash

#### Novice

1. Michael Lindsey on Ace
2. Rebecca Adams on Generator's Tall Paul
3. Vicky DeCaro on Roxie Rose
4. Joe Holloway on Solano's Moonlite Run
5. Lisa Steinbach on Texan at the Ritz
6. Dakota Rose Hodges on Sonny's Busy Lady

#### Green Horse

1. John Roberts on TT
2. Tracy Pinson on One Tuff Cowgirl
3. Elizabeth Roten on Pearl

#### Non-Pro

1. Tracy Pinson on Texan at the Ritz
2. Michael Lindsey on Ace
3. Leanne Hale on Slick
4. Vaudry Edge on Thru
5. Rick Peniston on Jake
6. Kelsie Graham on Flower

### Florida Horse Park Obstacle Challenge – 4/27/13

Make plans to attend a fun-filled day at the Florida Horse Park! SOCA has been approved to host an obstacle challenge on Saturday, April 27th. The obstacle challenge will be in the western arena. Sign up early to get a good spot in the order of go – Then enjoy the great trails of the Florida Horse Park while we tabulate scores. Pre-entries are coming in strong, so the payback will be good. Come enjoy the day!

Details and entry forms are on the attached flyer. Hope to see everyone there!

#### Youth

1. Eliza Green on Lightnin'
2. Shelby Ratliff on Generator's Tall Paul
3. Cullen Green on Tater
4. Natalie Rogers on Tucker
5. Elizabeth Roten on Allie

#### Ride Smart

1. Rick Peniston on Jake
2. Vaudry Edge on Thru
3. Dennis Robinson on Threat's Dark Reflection
4. Vicky DeCaro on Roxie Rose
5. Joe Holloway on Solano's Moonlight Run
6. Dennis Tipton on Goodbar's Sonny

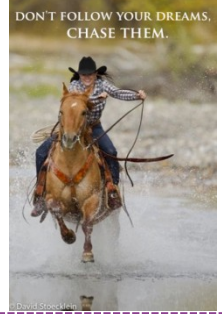
#### Pro

1. John Roberts on Silk
2. Cody Brown on Chic
3. Cody Brown on Red
4. John Roberts on Buffy
5. Laura Green on Chloe





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## SOCA Will be hosting the EXCA National Championships in Shelbyville, TN on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>!!

### Open House at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell

The Florida Walking and Racking Horse Association will be hosting an Open House at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL on Saturday, April 20, 2013. Gates will open at 10:00 a.m. and guests will be allowed to visit with horses on the farm, and well as watch exhibitions and demonstrations of various types of gaited breeds. Some guests will also be given the opportunity to ride a Tennessee Walking Horse, Spotted Saddle Horse or Racking Horse. Come see what these gaited breeds have to offer – Admission is free.

Additionally, there will be exhibitions by residents of the Key Training Center (charity of the Florida Walking & Racking Horse Association), which is dedicated to serving adults with developmental disabilities, as well demonstrations of obstacles such as bridges, water crossing, sidepassing logs, and tarps with horses and SOCA members. Bring a chair, spend the day and join us for a day of horse fun!

For more information, contact Diane McMurtrey at DMcmurt349@aol.com, Tracy Pinson at TLPinson@aol.com or Wayne Conkle at Darby Oaks Stables at 352-568-2001.

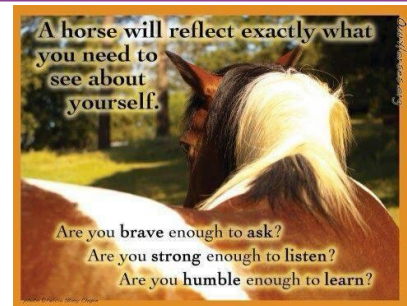
**Dates, details and previous months  
newsletters can be found on the SOCA  
website at  
[www.southernobstaclechallenges.com](http://www.southernobstaclechallenges.com)**

### 2013 Events

- 1/19-20/13 – RO Ranch in Mayo, FL – Obstacle Challenge & Extreme Cowboy Race.
- 3/2/13 – Obstacle Challenge – Colt Creek State Park, Lakeland, FL
- 3/23/13 – Extreme Cowboy Race - Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC
- 4/27/13 – Obstacle Challenge – Florida Horse Park, Ocala, FL (Flyer Attached)
- 5/25/13 – Extreme Cowboy Race National Championships – Celebration Grounds, Shelbyville, TN (Flyer attached)
- 6/22/13 – Extreme Cowboy Race – Pontotoc County Agri-Center, Pontotoc, MS (Flyer on website)
- 9/7/13 – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL
- 9/28/13 – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championships - Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC (Flyer on website)
- 11/16/13 – Obstacle Challenge Championships – Rocking Horse Stables, Altoona, FL

**Trophy Halters will be given at SOCA events  
this year – Make sure you compete & win one!**

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## Are you in the running for a buckle? Highpoint Results (top 10 in each division) Through 3/24/13 are as follows:

### Obstacle Challenges

YOUTH DIVISION			
1	Dana Fleming	Destiny	278.0
2	Stephanie Walters	Mister Kandelight & Roses	222.0
3	Mikayla Moore	Miss Face It (Mocha)	197.0
4	Shelby Ratliff	One Tuff Cowgirl	135.0
5	Shelby Ratliff	Generator's Tall Paul	127.0

NOVICE DIVISION			
1	Joyce Tyson	Loroan Scooter	264.0
2	John Tyson	Phat Daddy	235.0
3	Suzan Hunt	Badland's Dena	215.0
4	Bret Lambdin	Tug	213.0
5	Connie Bogue	Midnight	190.0
6	Carolyn Caccavale	Nugget	164.0
7	Robin Coleman	Harley	144.0
8	Beverly Hartely	Emerald	141.0
9	Heather Juhl	Jasmine Sue Zan	138.0
10	Maggie Young	Gummie Bear	133.0

NON PRO DIVISION			
1	Jami Robinson	Texas Genuine Jet	273.0
2	Phala Wriston	Winn Blue Pardner	267.0
3	Dakota Rose Hodges	Sonny's Busy Lady	259.0
4	Vicky DeCaro	Roxie Rose	253.0
5	Christina Crumley	Sadie	215.0
6	Melissa Townsend	Barbo	145.0
7	Tirina Miller	Wrangler	137.0
8	Debbie Howell	Dakota	137.0
9	Pam Greene Bacon	Peyton	137.0
10	Rick Peniston	Jake	136.0

PRO/POSSE DIVISION			
1	Connie Lloyd	Chance	276.0
2	Sharon Carty	Kitty's Fantasy	235.0
3	Cathy Ulm	Spirit	221.0
4	Cathy Rotola	Cannon Ball	149.0
5	Rebecca Adams	Generator's Tall Paul	149.0
6	Rebecca Adams	A Texas State of Mind	134.0
7	Sandra Vann	Spirit	134.0
8	Lisa Wood	Caesar	131.0
9	Nancy Denmark	Spice	122.0
10	Denise Rizzo	Sable's Blackjack Shadow	119.0

### Extreme Cowboy Races

YOUTH				
1	Shelby Ratliff	Y	Generator's Tall Paul	394.810
2	Eliza Green	Y	Lightnin'	199.240
3	Cullen Green	Y	Tater	191.880
4	Natalie Rogers	Y	Tucker	172.040
5	Dana Fleming	Y	Destiny	170.230
6	Elizabeth Roten	Y	Allie	167.530
YOUNG GUNS				
1	Bennett Green	YG	Chloe	103.033
2	Bennett Green	YG	Dash	70.850
NON PRO				
1	Tracy Pinson	NP	Texan At The Ritz	445.600
2	Michael Lindsey	NP	Ace	429.440
3	Rick Peniston	NP	Jake	411.090
4	Dennis Tipton	NP	Goodbar's Sonny (Zippy)	393.250
5	Dennis Robinson	NP	Threat's Dark Reflection	370.820
6	Dakota Rose Hodges	NP	Sonny's Busy Lady	344.020
7	Michael Lindsey	NP	Thru	208.490
8	Leanne Hale	NP	Slick	206.190
9	Vaudry Edge	NP	Thru	205.450
10	Kelsie Graham	NP	Flower	204.250
RIDE SMART				
1	Rick Peniston	RS	Jake	406.450
2	Dennis Tipton	RS	Goodbar's Sonny (Zippy)	393.800
3	Dennis Robinson	RS	Threat's Dark Reflection	382.230
4	Joe Holloway	RS	Solanos Moonlite Run	366.320
5	Vicky DeCaro	RS	Roxie Rose	359.300
6	Vaudry Edge	RS	Thru	198.360
7	John Hodges	RS	Red Bob	174.860
8	John Hodges	RS	Bud	166.480
9	Arnie Kill	RS	Chief	144.600
NOVICE				
1	Michael Lindsey	N	Ace	376.710
2	Lisa Steinbach	N	Texan At The Ritz	331.410
3	Joe Holloway	N	Solanos Moonlite Run	316.600
4	Dakota Rose Hodges	N	Sonny's Busy Lady	304.120
5	Vicky DeCaro	N	Roxie Rose	299.450
6	Rebecca Adams	N	Generator's Tall Paul	166.450
7	John Hodges	N	Red Bob	159.800
8	Cynthia Rogers	N	Q-Tip	153.380
9	Robin Jones	N	Nickelback	152.020
10	Allison Steinbach	N	Skywatch Stopwatch	149.200
PRO				
1	John Roberts	P	Silk	225.880
2	Cody Brown	P	Chic	212.570
3	Cody Brown	P	Red	208.500
4	John Roberts	P	Buffy	204.320
5	Laura Green	P	Chloe	200.010
GREEN HORSE				
1	Tracy Pinson	GH	One Tuff Cowgirl	312.420
2	John Roberts	GH	TT	174.550
3	Elizabeth Roten	GH	Pearl	119.200

It's not too late to get in on the action – Keep in mind that there are two triple point races and the November Obstacle Challenge is double points.





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## EXTREME COWBOY RACE AT GREEN RIVER FARM IN GAFFNEY, SC

Photos of the EXCA Race by Jr. Adams - Thanks!

### EXCA Race Winners



### Winners From Each Division

#### Youth & Young Guns



#### Novice



#### Ride Smart



#### Non-Pro



#### Pro



## SOCA Member Spotlight Meet your fellow SOCA Members

### Amy Barnett



**Horse(s) Name:** My #1 horse is Kota (registered Magic's Alley Cat). He is a registered Spotted Saddle Horse, though he's not very spotted.

**Number of Horses owned & breeds:** My business currently owns 11 horses: 1 TWH, 1 SSH, 1 Welsh/Arabian cross pony, 1 POA/Haflinger cross pony, 1 thoroughbred, 1 welsh/QH cross pony, 1 large Appaloosa pony, 1 small welsh pony, 1 QH/Morgan cross, 2 minis

**Other activities besides SOCA (horse related and non-horse related):** I like to kayak, snow ski, swim, relax at the beach, and read. The only thing I have time to do right now (due to the next two categories) is read! I thoroughly enjoy riding my #1 horse, KOTA, through obstacles and on the trail. I also love to present him (and myself) with challenges, whether it's working at liberty, overcoming obstacles, or doing suppling exercises.

**Occupation:** Own Gingerbread Acres, LLC. We teach riding lessons (we currently have 60 +/- students), host birthday parties, board horses, train horses, and hold camps. I also have a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Florida (Go Gators!), and am currently applying my teaching skills by teaching people to handle and ride horses.

**Family:** Married 19 years to husband, Brad; have two children : Robert, age 14 and Virginia, age 11. I have homeschooled my children for 9 years.

**Other interesting facts about you and/or your horse (what you like to do, anything you've won, goals, etc.)** I would love to gallop in a group of people with a controlled, thinking horse, with all the people around me riding controlled, thinking horses...like you see on Clinton Anderson's videos when he is advertising his clinics. I'd also like to win a blue at a SOCA or Bess Wahl obstacle challenge one day, with scores of 8-10 on each REALLY TOUGH obstacle. There are many other things I'd like to do as well, but these are the ones that come to mind first.

### Danny Hochadel



**Horse's Name:** Skyjacker's Design

**Number of Horses owned & breeds:** One Tennessee Walking Horse

**Occupation:** Works as a records aide for Citrus County Sheriff's Office, scanning and shredding documents

**Other interesting facts about you and/or your horse (what you like to do, anything you've won, goals, etc.):** Danny is a client of the Key Training Center in Citrus County and has a living coach named Paige. Danny loves horseback riding to help stretch and strengthen his muscles and help with balance. He loves to ride Skyjacker's Design (aka "AJ") mostly at Darby Oaks Stables where he can ride with friends or by himself and feel safe. He does try some obstacles when he can. He helps his mother when judging obstacles at SOCA events. Danny loves spending time with his friends and family. He and his brother, Joe, like to go out for breakfast on weekends and spend the day watching movies or other fun activities.

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## SOCA Member Spotlight

### Meet your fellow SOCA Members!

#### Vickie Oliva



**Horses's name:** Peppy's Foolish Fancy, aka Champ 14 year old QH

**Number of Horses owned & breeds:** 3.5 (1QH gelding, 1QH mare, 1 Appaloc and a pony inherited after a friend's death.

**Other activities besides SOCA (horse related and non-horse related):** : ACTHA competitor, participate in Florida and American Ranch Horse clubs and have done cowboy mounted shooting, but absolute passion is trail riding."Normal" trail ride is 15 miles on the average. Have been involved recently in developing and judging obstacle courses for fundraisers.

**Occupation:** Retired Police Officer. Retired after injury while on the mounted patrol.

**Family:** Husband of almost 24 years.3 sons between us. 1 grandson who thinks Grandma is cool!

**Other interesting facts about you and/or your horse (what you like to do, anything you've won, goals, etc.)** Champ is my Flicka. I bought his dam, selected his sire, and have raised and trained him myself. While I will never recommend anyone do this, I consider my absolute dream to be a reality with Champ. He is my partner, and the most incredible shoulder I have ever been able to lean on. I cherish each and every ride, and the people I have come to know because of riding. With Champ, I have become a better rider, but more importantly, a better person.

#### Wendy Low

Hello from new member Wendy Low from Archer, Florida. I am a brand new member with 2 horses, #1) Balu Moon Rizing 16.3 bay Han/TB gelding 15 YO and #2) Agent 99 Pinto/Warmblood Mare 9 YO 16.1. Both horses are eventers and I compete at Training and Novice Levels currently.

I am interested in taking Balu to his first SOCA challenge in April at the Horse Park. We have schooled some things at home but are looking forward to getting some help April 6th at a farm in Bushnell. He has a heart attack over cows so that ought to be interesting. The sport looks fun and it sounds like the people are very down to earth and enjoy their horses.

Because my husband and myself do eventing we have few weekends to do these SOCA events, but I am determined to get one under my belt. We enjoy working on our small farm of 8 acres, hiking, canoeing, going to cultural events at the college and meeting new people doing almost anything outdoors. I am retired after 23 years at Canterbury up in Newberry, Florida where I managed the facility and horse shows.



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## 2013 Buckle Series

In 2013, buckles will be awarded for the high point obstacle challenge winners in the following divisions: Novice, Youth, Non Pro, and Pro/Posse.

Points from each of the 2013 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 awarded the buckle.

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 SOCA EXCA race, with the triple points at the regional championship race on 9/28/13, will be awarded the high point buckle in the following divisions: Pro, Non-Pro, Ride Smart, Novice, 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
- Some events will be in arenas – others will be on the trail

### EXTREME COWBOY RACES

- Sanctioned Extreme Cowboy Races with divisions for: Pro, Non-Pro, Novice, 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.

## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!!!

**SOCA would like to thank our corporate sponsors**

**Rick & Jane Peniston**

**Stellar Marine**

**Walker Pond Farm**

**Darby Oaks Stables**

**Linda & Jerry Harrington – Trailhead Ranch**

**SOCA would like to thank our buckle, division and ribbon sponsors:**

**Janie & Wayne Van De Walker - Bernie Duncan**

**Tony & Claudia Gilstrap - Electric Supply - John Steele**

**Jim & Tami Karr - Ocoee Animal Hospital - Windermere Animal Hospital**

**Can we add you to the list!?!?**

**Check the SOCA website for sponsorships information.**

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