

April 2014 Newsletter



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April will be an exciting month for SOCA!

SOCA SC State Championships 4-5-14

Hope to see everyone in Gaffney on April 5th for the SOCA South Carolina State Championship Extreme Cowboy Race. This will be a double point event.

Joel and Barbara Mobley are great hosts and the course is one of the best in the country. We can't wait to see our racing buddies from all over the Southeast!

Next Obstacle Challenge....April 26th in Hernando, FL

The next SOCA Obstacle Challenge will be held on April 26th at the Rocking K Ranch in Hernando, FL. We already have over 50 entries, so make sure you get your name on the list....get your entries in soon! This is a great new venue with new obstacles – We thank Karen Wilson for hosting this event! Flyer and entry form is attached.

Word has it that there will be some good food at this event, so bring your appetite!!!

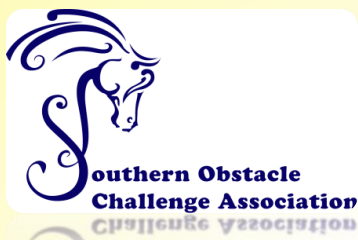
Rocking K will have a "Horsey Yard Sale" on April 26th, during the Obstacle Challenge, to benefit SOCA. Please bring any items that you would like to donate or bring your wallet and buy some good stuff!

PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL DIRECTIONS ON THE 4/26 OBSTACLE CHALLENGE FLYER....FOLLOW THE SOCA SIGNS!!!

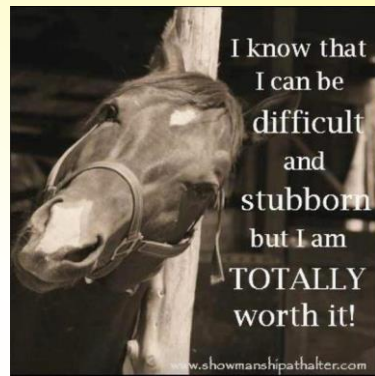
2014 Events

- 1/4/14** – Schooling Day/Judges Clinic at Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL
- 1/18-19/14** – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday and Obstacle Challenge on Sunday.
- 3/8/14** – Obstacle Challenge – Greene Acres Stables, Plant City, FL
- 4/5/14** – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) - Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC (Flyer attached)
- 4/26/14** – Obstacle Challenge – Rocking K Ranch, Hernando, FL (Flyer attached)
- 5/23-24/14** – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA Nationals (Triple Points) Shelbyville, TN (Flyer attached)
- 6/28/14** – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) – Pontotoc County Agri-Center, Pontotoc, MS (Flyer attached)
- 9/13/14** – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL
- 9/27-28/14** – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championships (Triple Points)- Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC
- 11/15/14** – Obstacle Challenge Championships (double points) – Rocking Horse Stables, Altoona, FL





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Member News & Information

Mark Newby - Mounted Law Enforcement Training

Among 63 horse/rider teams at the State Fair's annual mounted law enforcement and training event this past February, Leo and I placed 5th in Equitation, and Peppy and I placed 4th in a speed mounted law enforcement obstacle course.

Sharon Carty - Mounted Police Training

Kate Spade and Sharon Carty attended the Mounted Police training at the state fair in February, and I am very happy to say we placed second in the day obstacles and fourth in the night obstacles. This was the first time for Kate at this event, and I am sure the SOCA events we have attended were a large part of her performance. Thank you for all you do.

**Congratulations to all our
Posse and Mounted units!**

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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.

SOCA Divisions

We've had some questions about divisions and would like to reprint the following that has been printed on all obstacle challenge flyers. SOCA promotes a fair playing field for all skill levels. SOCA reserves the right to refuse entries for anyone purposely misrepresenting their abilities, as deemed by judges and officers. If you have questions about what division you belong in, please ask!!

- **Youth - Riders 17 & Under**
- **Novice Horse & Rider** - Both horse and rider (18 & Over) are new to obstacle challenges - If you have won a SOCA event or any obstacle challenge, you are not eligible for Novice. SOCA judges or directors can determine that you should remain in Novice or should be moved up due to skill level. You can finish the year in Novice as long as the above is true at the start of the year.
- **Non-Pro (Intermediate Horse & Riders)** - Riders 18 & Over who do not accept money for training or riding horses. Riders may complete the year as Non-Pro, however, any rider winning a Non-Pro class at a SOCA event or consistently placing in the tier will graduate to Open Elite the next year.
- **Open Elite** - This division is open to trainers and Non-Pro riders that have excelled in that division and graduated to Open Elite status. These are the top tier riders and horses, the SOCA Elite!
- **Posse** - Horse/rider that is a certified member of any posse or mounted unit, or that trains with a posse.
- **Green Horse** - Training division for horses 4 & under. Prizes and ribbons only, no payback or high point.



Results From The March 8th Obstacle Challenge at Greene Acres Stables in Plant City, FL

	Rider	Horse
Green Horse Division		
1	Madison Maddox	Harley
2	Tara Harter	Jersey
Youth Division		
1	Dana Fleming	Destiny
2	Rachel McCormick	Amber
3	Shawn Charles	Dancing Lil
4	Quiana Krabec	Puck
5	Stephanie Walters	Mr. Kandlelite & Roses
6	Rachel McCormick	Dena
7	Rachel McCormick	Kota
8	Mikayla Moore	Miss Face It (Mocha)
9	Emily Cook	Scarlet
10	Meghan Carnahan	Diamond
Novice Division		
1	Kerry Strickland	Val
2	Shelly Cowart	Crystal
3	Annette Tolbert	Fancy
4	Lisa Hutchinson	Dolly
5	Lori Lee Graham	Tango
6	Brianna Tribett	Im Heirrisistible Too
7	Patti Hynds	Randle Lena (Randall)
8	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl
9	Jenny Piloto	Magnolia
10	Becky Jacklin	Callie
Posse Division		
1	Rebecca Adams	Generator's Tall Paul
2	Lisa Wood	Caesar
3	Cathy Rotola	Derringer
4	Cathy Ulm	Spirit
5	Sharon Carty	Kitty's Fantasy
6	Carrie Legg	Dixie
7	Connie Lloyd	Chance
8	Sharon Carty	Kate Spade
9	Maggie Young	Iceman
10	Rebecca Adams	A Texas State Of Mind
Non Pro Division		
1	Dorrie Krabec	Gunner
2	Jami Robinson	Texas Genuine Jet
3	Pam Bacon	Peyton
4	Robin Coleman	Harley
5	Joyce Tyson	Scooter
6	Tirina Miller	Wrangler
7	Beverly Hartley	Maverick
8	Debbie Howell	Dakota
9	Bernie Duncan	Delta
10	Larry Jacklin	Phantom
Open Elite Division		
1	Traci Woodard	Rusty Executive
2	Renee Stafford	Coot
3	Jimmy Risley	Star
4	Traci Woodard	Montana Nicajack (Sprite)
5	Vicky DeCaro	Roxie Rose
6	Johnny McKeahan	Incredible Wolf

Over 80 entries found awesome weather and challenging obstacles at Greene Acres Stables. Thanks to Pam and Ronnie Bacon for hosting the event and providing some great food and strawberry shortcake!! Special thanks to all our competitors, judges & volunteers. We couldn't do this without you!!



Green Horse



Novice



Youth



Posse



Non Pro



Open Elite



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The Buckle Race High Point Standings through March 31st

Obstacle Challenges

Extreme Cowboy Races

Youth Division Results		
1	Rachel McCormick	Amber 264.50
2	Dana Fleming	Destiny 264.50
3	Rachel McCormick	Kota 248.50
4	Mikayla Moore	Miss Face It (Mocha) 237.00
5	Stephanie Walters	Mr. Kandelite & Roses 232.00
6	Shawn Charles	Dancing Lil 220.00
7	Quiana Krabec	Puck 202.00
8	Emily Cook	Scarlet 187.50
9	Rhiannon Cain	Teddy 116.00
10	Rachel McCormick	Dena 108.50
Novice Division Results		
1	Shelly Cowart	Crystal 236.50
2	Annette Tolbert	Fancy 213.50
3	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl 204.00
4	Samantha Vitalone	A Cool Witness 173.50
5	Margo Cook	Magic 167.50
6	Missy Motes	Tari 165.50
7	Pam Lincoln	Otter Dun It 162.50
8	Mandy Wells	Lexi 162.50
9	Mo Earle	Cabo 160.50
10	Kerry Strickland	Val 130.50
Posse Division Results		
1	Rebecca Adams	Generator's Tall Paul 281.00
2	Carrie Legg	Dixie 266.50
3	Lisa Wood	Caesar 260.00
4	Connie Lloyd	Chance 257.50
5	Cathy Ulm	Spirit 257.00
6	Sharon Carty	Kitty's Fantasy 252.50
7	Sharon Carty	Kate Spade 232.00
8	Rebecca Adams	A Texas State of Mind 200.50
9	Caren Risley	Honey 186.50
10	Cathy Rotola	Derringer 133.00
Non Pro Division Results		
1	Robin Coleman	Harley 270.00
2	Dorrie Krabec	Gunner 264.50
3	Debbie Howell	Dakota 262.00
4	Tirina Miller	Wrangler 260.50
5	Joyce Tyson	Scooter 260.50
6	Jami Robinson	Texas Genuine Jet 252.50
7	Bernie Duncan	Delta 249.00
8	Vickie Oliva	Peppy's Foolish Fancy 246.00
9	Karen Wilson	Rikki 208.00
10	Shelby Ratliff	Dillon 171.50
Open Elite Division Results		
1	Traci Woodard	Rusty Executive 275.00
2	Jimmy Risley	Star 269.00
3	Traci Woodard	Montana Nicajack (Sprite) 266.00
4	Renee Stafford	Coot 262.50
5	Vicky DeCaro	Roxie Rose 256.00
6	Sheryl Strasser	Wut The Sign Sez 138.00
7	Windy Steele	Tango 129.00
8	Johnny McKeehan	Incredible Wolf 124.00
9	Amy Barnett	Magic's Alley Cat 123.50
10	Sean Patrick	Joker 123.00

Young Guns Division		
1	Lilly Hite	Misty T 105.480
2	Rylee Yarbrough	Tips 95.920
Novice Division		
1	Kristina Dunn	Texan At The Ritz 124.210
2	John Hodges	Bud 119.414
3	Sherry Diamond	Atlas 107.917
4	Lilly Hite	Misty T 104.951
5	Sheryl Strasser	Wut The Sign Sez 102.249
6	Maggie Young	Iceman 101.131
7	Sarah Schlaich	Moxie 98.116
8	Bret Lambdin	Tug 91.000
9	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl 86.458
10	Jeremy Brooks	Mama 85.281
Non Pro Division		
1	Tracy Pinson	Texan At The Ritz 168.320
2	Michael Lindsey	Ace 163.979
3	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco 159.061
4	Taylor Cronk	Poco Miss B Haven 152.671
5	Danielle Cain	The Buckskin Lady 150.048
6	Dennis Tipton	Goodbar's Sonny 148.792
7	Sheryl Strasser	Wut The Sign Sez 143.425
8	Dakota Rose Hodges	Sonny's Busy Lady 140.457
9	Tim Haupt	KBS Prime Oak (Dealer) 114.322
Intermediate Division		
1	Lisa Steinbach	Texan At The Ritz 169.817
2	Rebecca Adams	Generator's Tall Paul 161.463
3	Sarah Schlaich	Bindi 157.298
4	Shelby Ratliff	Dillon 155.233
5	Dennis Tipton	Goodbar's Sonny 152.533
6	Pam Bacon	Peyton 147.780
7	Danielle Cain	The Buckskin Lady 146.777
8	Vicky DeCaro	Roxie Rose 142.540
9	Dakota Rose Hodges	Sonny's Busy Lady 139.932
10	Amy Barnett	Magic's Alley Cat 132.419
Youth Division		
1	Dana Fleming	Destiny 154.885
2	Rachel McCormick	Amber 133.000
3	Shawn Charles	Dancing Lil 131.237
4	Katie Sherman	Calvin 117.818
5	Rhiannon Cain	Teddy 117.000
6	Lilly Hite	Misty T 116.445
7	Stephanie Walters	Mr. Kandelite & Roses 110.000
8	Virginia Barnett	Drama Queen 103.000
Ride Smart Division		
1	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco 177.420
2	Dennis Tipton	Goodbar's Sonny 166.600
3	Vicky DeCaro	Roxie Rose 165.386
4	John Hodges	Bud 143.120
Pro Division		
1	Joel Mobley	Chic 197.500
2	Windy Steele	Tango 159.754





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SOCA Member Spotlights

Meet your fellow SOCA Members



Danielle Cain

Danielle adopted The Buckskin Lady (call name Rio), a 3 year old mustang filly, from the east Douglas HMA in Colorado.

She successfully competed with her in the mustang million 2013. They also qualified for the EXCA world finals when Rio was only 130 days out of the wild. Rio was extremely difficult to work with as at some point in her life she learned to attack anything that was scary to her, even people. It took many long hours, sometimes 6 -8 a day to get Rio ready for the million. But with time and hard work she came around. She is now the horse that comes in from the pasture by calling her name, and tries her heart out for Danielle.

Together they compete in EXCA, ACTHA, and local obstacle challenges, as well as team sorting and penning. They are taking reining and western dressage lessons and are learning together.

Danielle lives in Elkmont, Alabama, with her husband and four children. She works with many horses and mules but Rio has become her favorite. Danielle works for the radio show "All About Horses" doing sales.

Danielle's goals for the year are to compete in the Alabama mustang makeover, to qualify for EXCA world finals, to advance in her reining lessons and to enter in a western dressage show. She also wants to learn to trim her own horses and learn equine Massage therapy.



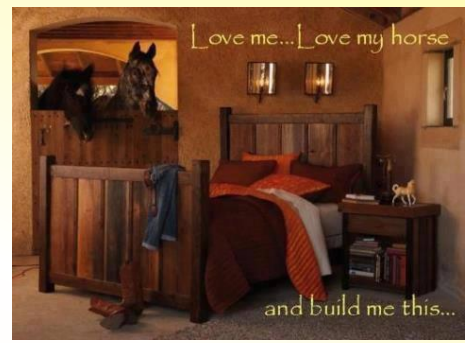
PLEASE SEND US YOUR INFORMATION!!!

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





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2014 High Points

In 2014 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 2014 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 SOCA EXCA race, with the triple points at the Nationals in May 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
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“When you are on a great horse, you have the best seat you will ever have.”
-Sir Winston Churchill

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Serenity Ranch Photography By Jr. Adams
Don't forget to check for your photos:
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Extreme Cowboy Racers

Reminder to pay your dues to the EXCA before the season gets started!

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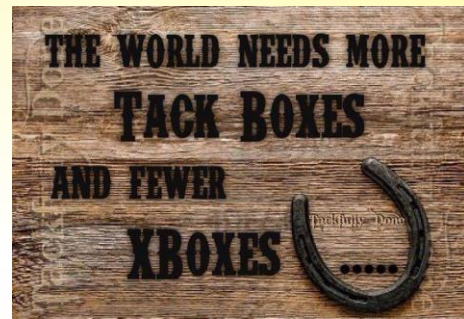
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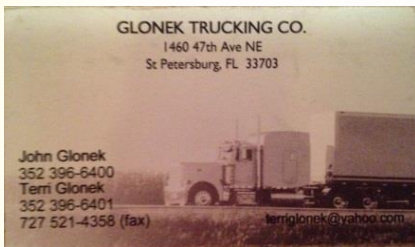
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