



**Southern Obstacle
Challenge Association**

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August 2013 Newsletter

Yahoo!!



**The Next SOCA Event is the Obstacle Challenge at
Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL
on September 7th - Make plans now!**

Next Obstacle Challenge is September 7th

After the summer break, SOCA will host an obstacle challenge at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL. Several new obstacles are in the works and most of them will be in the shade, so don't worry about the heat! Order of go is determined by receipt of entries! Attached is the flyer and entry form.

We hope to see everyone there!

Green River Clinics is hosting a Craig Cameron Clinic (Aug 30-31) and SOCA Extreme Cowboy Race (Sept 1st). Information is attached, awesome opportunity to train with the best!

Serenity Ranch Photography

By Jr. Adams

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Jr. shot the following SOCA events: 3/23 EXCA Race in Gaffney, 4/27 Obstacle Challenge at the Horse Park and the 6/22 EXCA Race in Pontotoc

**Dates, details and previous months newsletters can be found on the SOCA website at
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
- 5/25/13 – Extreme Cowboy Race National Championships – Shelbyville, TN
- 6/22/13 – Extreme Cowboy Race – Pontotoc County Agri-Center, Pontotoc, MS
- **9/1/13 – Extreme Cowboy Race – Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC (Flyer attached)**
- **9/7/13 – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL (Flyer attached)**
- **9/28/13 – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championships - Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC (Flyer attached)**
- **11/16/13 – Obstacle Challenge Championships – Rocking Horse Stables, Altoona, FL (Flyer attached)**

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 for obstacle
challenges & top 5 for races) through 6/25/13 :

Obstacle Challenges

YOUTH DIVISION			
1	Dana Fleming	Destiny	408.0
2	Mikayla Moore	Miss Face It (Mocha)	288.5
3	Shelby Ratliff	One Tuff Cowgirl	228.0
4	Stephanie Walters	Mister Kandelight & Roses	222.0
5	Shelby Ratliff	Generator's Tall Paul	127.0
6	Shawn Charles	Splash	113.0
7	Emily Cook	Scarlet	104.0

NOVICE DIVISION			
1	Joyce Tyson	Loroan Scooter	390.0
2	John Tyson	Phat Daddy	351.0
3	Robin Coleman	Harley	286.0
4	Beverly Hartely	Emerald	257.0
5	Carolyn Caccavale	Nugget	248.5
6	Francine Alvarez	El Bailador 222	225.0
7	Suzan Hunt	Badland's Dena	215.0
8	Bret Lambdin	Tug	213.0
9	Leah Greenleaf	Hailey Comet	200.0
10	Connie Bogue	Midnight	190.0

NON PRO DIVISION			
1	Phala Wriston	Winn Blue Pardner	402.0
2	Jami Robinson	Texas Genuine Jet	392.0
3	Vicky DeCaro	Roxie Rose	389.5
4	Dakota Rose Hodges	Sonny's Busy Lady	372.0
5	Christina Crumley	Sadie	315.0
6	Sherry Diamond	Atlas	257.0
7	Vickie Oliva	Peppy's Foolish Fancy	253.5
8	Tirina Miller	Wrangler	248.0
9	Beth Moran	Talon	244.0
10	Debbie Howell	Dakota	243.0

PRO/POSSE DIVISION			
1	Connie Lloyd	Chance	399.5
2	Cathy Ulm	Spirit	329.5
3	Rebecca Adams	Generator's Tall Paul	286.0
4	Sandra Vann	Spirit	263.0
5	Rebecca Adams	A Texas State of Mind	242.0
6	Sharon Carty	Kitty's Fantasy	235.0
7	Cathy Rotola	Cannon Ball	149.0
8	Lisa Wood	Caesar	131.0
9	Cathy Rotola	Derringer	124.5
10	Nancy Denmark	Spice	122.0

Extreme Cowboy Races

YOUTH			
1	Shelby Ratliff	Generator's Tall Paul	1146.006
2	Eliza Green	Lightnin'	988.090
3	Cullen Green	Tater	791.424
4	Dana Fleming	Destiny	775.561
5	Natalie Rogers	Tucker	694.813
YOUNG GUNS			
1	Bennett Green	Chloe	562.525
2	Bennett Green	Dash	449.159
3	Dana Fleming	Destiny	427.632
NON PRO			
1	Tracy Pinson	Texan At The Ritz	1346.818
2	Michael Lindsey	Ace	1281.179
3	Rick Peniston	Jake	1192.294
4	Dennis Tipton	Goodbar's Sonny (Zippy)	1151.674
5	Kelsie Graham	Flower	1068.255
RIDE SMART			
1	Dennis Tipton	Goodbar's Sonny (Zippy)	1193.096
2	Rick Peniston	Jake	1178.187
3	Dennis Robinson	Threat's Dark Reflection	1147.582
4	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run	1130.723
5	Vaudry Edge	Thru	1003.050
NOVICE			
1	Michael Lindsey	Ace	1084.571
2	Lisa Steinbach	Texan At The Ritz	1014.986
3	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run	962.935
4	Rebecca Adams	Generator's Tall Paul	849.044
5	Vicky DeCaro	Roxie Rose	801.490
PRO			
1	Laura Green	Chloe	1058.702
2	Cody Brown	Red	977.614
3	Cody Brown	Chic	964.423
4	Kelsie Graham	Flower	879.792
5	Tim Edge	Rips Rojo Gooseberry	675.019
GREEN HORSE			
1	Tracy Pinson	One Tuff Cowgirl	967.520
2	Phala Wriston	Winn Blue Pardner	528.418
3	John Roberts	TT	174.550
4	Elizabeth Roten	Pearl	119.200
5	Allen Bobo	Pongo	90.633

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



SOCA Member Spotlight Meet your fellow SOCA Members

The Green Team!

The Green Team consists of Bennett, Cullen, Eliza, and Laura Green. We have been racing in EXCA races since spring of 2009. We travel the south east to compete in as many EXCA races we can get to.

The youngest is Bennett. Bennett began racing in 2012. She completed her first season by attending the EXCA World Championship in Hamilton, TX where she placed 7th on Chloe and 8th on Dash. She is eight years old and rides two horses. Dash is her 14 year old “wonder pony”, and Chloe is her Mom’s 8 year old Quarter Horse mare. Bennett and Dash have matching personalities – it’s hard to tell either of them what to do! They are both little spit-fires and so darn cute! Dash has taught Bennett a lot about horses, from riding a super-quick, bouncy trot, to paying attention out in the field or you just might get nipped! They have come a long way together! Chloe provides Bennett a calmer, smoother ride – though still challenging. It is amazing to see how Chloe takes care of Bennett on a course. She will be so easy and calm for the Young Gun race and then come out blazing for her Mom’s Pro round. Bennett likes to say that Chloe “does better for me because I weigh less than my Mom!”

Next is Cullen. Cullen started racing in 2009 riding Dash. He passed her down to Bennett the next spring when Tater, his 10 year old Palomino joined our herd. Cullen is 13 years old and loves football, soccer and basketball as well as riding Tater. Cullen placed in the top ten at the EXCA World Championship in the Youth division in 2010 and 2011, placed 7th in the Young Gun Division in 2011 and is the 2012 Young Gun World Champion as well as a top ten Youth placement and recipient of the “True Grit” award from Craig Cameron. Though it may seem a little backwards, Cullen did not ride in the Young Gun division when he began racing, even though he was only 9 years old. He refused to do “only 6 obstacles”! He wanted to compete against the bigger kids – and he did very well. He finally let us put him in the Young Guns, so that there would be someone from our region to represent that division, and it brought him his first World Title, so far. Since he has aged out of the Young Guns, he has decided to ride in the Non-Pro division along with the Youth division, and is proving to be very competitive there as well. He and Tater are a lot of fun to watch, and they will keep you on the edge of your seat! Like Bennett and Dash, Cullen and Tater are two peas in a pod! They both have big personalities, and they love attention!



Bennett & Dash



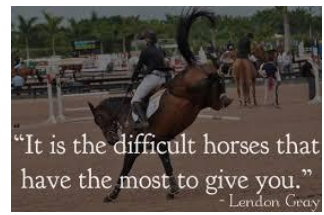
Bennett & Chloe



Cullen & Tater

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





The Green Team (cont'd)!



Eliza & Lightnin'

Then we have Eliza. Eliza is 15 years old and rides her beautiful 10 year old paint mare named Lightnin'. Eliza and Lightnin' have been together for seven years and they are beautiful to watch. They are amazing together, however, Lightnin' is probably our most challenging horse. She is smart. Too smart! Sometimes, she thinks she knows what they should do, and tries to take control, or gets upset or "amped up" during a race. It has been frustrating for Eliza, as Lightnin' only does this in actual races, but she is determined to correct this issue herself. She could have another horse, but she refuses and strives to be the best they can be – even if it means sacrificing a race (or two) for the opportunity to school Lightnin' when she needs it most - on the race course. Eliza rides in both the Youth and Non-Pro divisions. She is the 2013 EXCA Youth National Champion. She has finished in the top ten of the Youth division all four years at the EXCA World Championship. She holds the 2012 EXCA Reserve High Point title as well. Eliza is an officer in her high school's FFA-a position she takes very seriously. In fact Eliza takes most everything she is involved in very seriously. But if you are very lucky, she will show you her funny side – and it is hilarious and precious! She loves her horse and she loves EXCA racing.



Laura & Chloe

Finally we have me, Laura. I am the mother of Bennett, Cullen and Eliza. And we'll just say I'm "old enough"! I have been competing in EXCA since the Spring of 2009. My first race was just three weeks after purchasing Chloe, she was amazing, and I was hooked. I absolutely love the trust and communication it takes between horse and rider in order to excel at this sport. I compete in the Pro division and have competed four times at the World Championships. But it wasn't until 2012 that I finally broke through into the top ten and finished in 4th place. I am so proud of my three kids, as they are great horsemen and great riders, but mostly they are just great kids. They are smart, funny, sweet and loyal, who could ask for more? EXCA racing has opened up a world of new friends to us that are actually more like family. I am thankful for the opportunity to experience the people and this sport with my children. I am also thankful for the opportunity to experience this sport with my Mom, Martha, whom everyone in EXCA knows as "Gram". Gram attends nearly every race with us. The only time she misses a race is when the kids' Dad is home from overseas and there is no room in the truck! She helps groom, finances most of it, and sits and cheers and rides every ride with us. We could not do this without her. Thanks Gram! And thank you to SOCA for putting on great races so we can continue to enjoy what we love so much.



"Gram"



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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.

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