



August 2014 Newsletter



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Summer is definitely upon us - Keep your horses hydrated!

Schooling Day & Judging Clinic was a success!

There were over 50 horses and riders at the SOCA schooling day held July 12th at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL. The hot temps didn't deter those that were in attendance.

Diane McMurtrey also held another great judging clinic. The twenty folks in attendance were not only certified as SOCA judges, but learned how our judges are trained to score the obstacles so they could become better competitors. Besides providing a place to have fun with your horse, SOCA has a goal to improve the horsemanship skills of our members. We want you and your horses to succeed!

It is been requested to have more of these schooling days in the future, so we will try to add some to the 2015 calendar. We hope to have our dates published soon.

**Next SOCA Event: September
13th Obstacle Challenge in
Bushnell – Have you sent your
entries in yet????**

**Serenity Ranch Photography By
Jr. Adams**

**Don't forget to check for your
photos:**

www.serenityranchphotography.com

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
- 4/26/14** – Obstacle Challenge – Rocking K Ranch, Hernando, FL
- 5/23-24/14** – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA Nationals (Triple Points) Shelbyville, TN
- 6/28/14** – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) – Pontotoc County Agri-Center, Pontotoc, MS
- 7/12/14** – Schooling Day & Judging Clinic, Darby Oaks Stables
- 9/13/14** – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL (**Flyer attached**)
- 9/27-28/14** – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championships (Triple Points) – Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC (**Flyer attached**)
- 11/15/14** – Obstacle Challenge Championships (double points) – Rocking Horse Stables, Altoona, FL (**Flyer attached**)





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Pictures from the July 12th Schooling Day at Darby Oaks Stables



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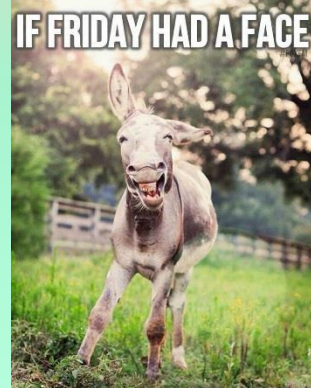
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Obstacle Practice/Schooling Directory

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



Minimum of 5 to schedule weekdays or evenings. Also offer night obstacles and host clinics.

Prices: One on one \$50; Groups of 5 plus \$40; Play days \$25 (check for scheduled events)

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>



Steele Stables

110 Highliner Road, Crescent city, FL 32112 (no email)

FaceBook-open to public under **Windy Steele** - Call or text [\(386\) 559-0687](tel:3865590687)

\$20 per horse for obstacle course on Sundays.

Located right next to Welaka State forest with Beautiful trails, bathrooms, stalls & camping for a \$2 per person forest donation.

Call for next available openings.

No concessions available.



Greene Acres Stables - Owners Pam and Ronnie Bacon

Email twhcasper2@gmail.com

5041 Reece Road, Plant City, FL 33567 Phone - 813-727-0502

Cost for schooling your horse \$20.00 Per horse - Negative coggins required.

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



****Please note: This directory is a service for our members, SOCA does not sanction or endorse these facilities. If you would like to add your facility to the list, please send information to SOCA.**

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The Buckle Race High Point Standings through June 30th

Obstacle Challenges

Youth Division Results		
1	Dana Fleming	Destiny 402.50
2	Rachel McCormick	Amber 397.50
3	Rachel McCormick	Kota 367.50
4	Mikayla Moore	Miss Face It (Mocha) 358.00
5	Stephanie Walters	Mr. Kandelite & Roses 351.00
6	Shawn Charles	Dancing Lil 348.00
7	Quiana Krabec	Puck 331.00
8	Emily Cook	Scarlet 301.50
9	Rhiannon Cain	Teddy 116.00
10	Rachel McCormick	Dena 108.50
Novice Division Results		
1	Shelly Cowart	Crystal 367.50
2	Annette Tolbert	Fancy 339.50
3	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl 330.00
4	Samantha Vitalone	A Cool Witness 262.50
5	Suzan Hunt	Windswept Silver Spector 258.50
6	Mo Earle	Cabo 254.50
7	Missy Motes	Tari 239.50
8	Margo Cook	Magic 234.50
9	Lisa Hutchinson	Dolly 225.00
10	Brianna Tribett	Im Heirrisistible Too 223.00
Posse Division Results		
1	Rebecca Adams	Generator's Tall Paul 424.00
2	Carrie Legg	Dixie 401.50
3	Sharon Carty	Kitty's Fantasy 399.50
4	Connie Lloyd	Chance 392.50
5	Lisa Wood	Caesar 391.00
6	Cathy Ulm	Spirit 388.00
7	Sharon Carty	Kate Spade 365.00
8	Rebecca Adams	A Texas State of Mind 310.50
9	Caren Risley	Honey 309.50
10	Cathy Rotola	Derringer 278.00
Non Pro Division Results		
1	Robin Coleman	Harley 409.00
2	Dorrie Krabec	Gunner 393.50
3	Tirina Miller	Wrangler 387.50
4	Bernie Duncan	Delta 381.00
5	Jami Robinson	Texas Genuine Jet 377.50
6	Joyce Tyson	Scooter 371.50
7	Pam Bacon	Peyton 267.50
8	Beverly Hartley	Maverick 265.50
9	Debbie Howell	Dakota 262.00
10	Vickie Oliva	Peppy's Foolish Fancy 246.00
Open Elite Division Results		
1	Traci Woodard	Rusty Executive 411.00
2	Traci Woodard	Montana Nicajack (Sprite) 409.00
3	Renee Stafford	Coot 406.50
4	Jimmy Risley	Star 406.00
5	Vicky DeCaro	Roxie Rose 256.00
6	Sheryl Strasster	Wut The Sign Sez 138.00
7	Windy Steele	Tango 129.00
8	Johnnyn McKeehan	Incredible Wolf 124.00
9	Amy Barnett	Magic's Alley Cat 123.50
10	Sean Patrick	Joker 123.00

Extreme Cowboy Races

Young Guns Division		
1	Bennett Green	Chloe 756.699
2	Dana Fleming	Destiny 454.935
3	Bennett Green	Tater 370.914
4	Bennett Green	Briggan 269.245
5	Lilly Hite	Misty T 105.480
6	Rylee Yarbrough	Tips 95.920
Novice Division		
1	John Hodges	Bud 1260.743
2	Joe Holloway	Solano's Moonlite Run 1198.508
3	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl 1123.012
4	Jane Peniston	Seven 795.472
5	Courtney Pearre	Hawk 789.230
6	Alison Stewart	Doc 581.698
Green Horse Division		
1	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Night At The Ritz 1358.997
2	Bernie Duncan	Delta 636.512
3	Rick Peniston	Boon 625.102
4	Josiah Hood	Sarah 529.085
5	Shelby Ratliff	Brad Pitt 477.809
6	Michael Lindsey	Justa Classy Native (Red) 358.862
Non Pro Division		
1	Tracy Pinson	Texan At The Ritz 1797.846
2	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco 1704.289
3	Dennis Tipton	Goodbar's Sonny 1623.332
4	Michael Lindsey	Ace 1616.800
5	Rick Peniston	Jake 1470.010
6	Kelsie Graham	Flower 1165.256
Intermediate Division		
1	Dennis Tipton	Goodbar's Sonny 1727.727
2	Lisa Steinbach	Texan At The Ritz 1627.664
3	Shelby Ratliff	Dillon 1553.341
4	Joe Holloway	Solano's Moonlite Run 1415.805
5	Dennis Robinson	Threat's Dark Reflection 1391.025
6	Sarah Schlaich	Bindi 1137.948
Youth Division		
1	Cullen Green	Tater 1091.151
2	Eliza Green	Lightnin' 1085.647
3	Elizabeth Roten	Belle 979.687
4	Elizabeth Roten	Allie 941.320
5	Dana Fleming	Destiny 776.279
6	Rhiannon Cain	Teddy 672.992
Ride Smart Division		
1	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco 1813.956
2	Dennis Tipton	Goodbar's Sonny 1745.613
3	Rick Peniston	Jake 1594.050
4	Dennis Robinson	Threat's Dark Reflection 1499.640
5	Joe Holloway	Solano's Moonlite Run 1436.985
6	Steve Barret	Mr. Geniue Doc 1220.627
Pro Division		
1	Laura Green	Chloe 1156.138
2	Tim Edge	Drifting Pick 1153.580
3	Kelsie Graham	Flower 1144.771
4	Tim Edge	Mr. Lil Blue Tom 1093.657
5	Rick Peniston	Jake 729.698
6	Joel Mobley	Chic 723.177

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SOCA Member Spotlights

Meet your fellow SOCA Members

Pat & George Wright

Tennessee Walking Horses, Henry Higgins 21, Rusty 18

In 1999 George, his brother, and I went on a pack trip in Wyoming. Two local friends of ours that grew up in Wyoming were our guides. We started our eight hour trip each with a string of 1 to 3 pack horses. Less than 1 hour out, one pack horse slipped and rolled down the side of the snow covered mountain. Somehow he was not injured and pulled his way back up to join the pack. We set up camp and the adventure began. Over the 4 days our camp was visited by two rather large grizzly bears. One morning we had to find several of the horses that broke loose and left the area after a grizzly visited the camp site. When we returned home I noticed that I was always smiling in the pictures standing next to the horses. The horse fever started and the rest is history.

I took John Lyons courses, read books, prepared and bought the first horse I looked at. Henry was being trained by a certified John Lyons trainer in Ocala. The owner told them... this horse is crazy, cover him with a tarp and bake him in the sun if you think it will help. They were informed that baking horses was not one of their training techniques. For some reason when training was over the owners decided to sell him sooooo there I was ready, willing and maybe not so able. Henry was a 7 year old 16 hand liver chestnut walking horse with shall we say "a lot of personality." He was certainly more than a beginner should consider. I worked with him on the ground for 5 months and rode him on my 51st birthday. It was a great day. A few years later we bought Rusty for my husband George. Rusty is a survivor. He had a bout with Lyme disease and was later diagnosed with liver disease. Over the last 14 years we have met many friends and do a lot of horse camping/riding. George especially enjoys being the camp cook and that is OK with me. We also own a red roan paint that we brought back from Wyoming. Dude carried many people of all ages up and down the mountains and is now lame, but like many others he is enjoying his retirement in Florida.

Henry and I participate in trail challenges. One year we took 6th place out of 100 riders at Lake Louisa State Park. He had a good day! A few years later I am sure we came in dead last. I am not sure who I was riding that day! Regardless Henry is a very interactive horse and is a wonderful willing companion. We have aged gracefully together (if that is possible) as we are almost the same age in horse and people years. Besides getting married 44 years ago, purchasing Henry is the best thing I ever did. As a bonus I believe I rescued Henry from a course heading straight to the meat packing plant. It is amazing what a little patience and love can accomplish. Hopefully we all have many more years of riding ahead.



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

www.southernobstaclechallenges.com

“When you are on a great horse, you have the best seat you will ever have.”
-Sir Winston Churchill

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.

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Extreme Cowboy Racers

Reminder to pay your dues to the EXCA so your points will count!

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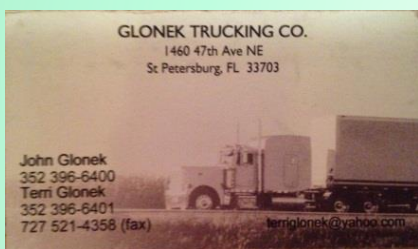
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