



**Southern Obstacle
Challenge Association**

**Where you and your
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December 2012 Newsletter



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
FROM SOCA!**



November 17th Obstacle Challenge Championship

What a great way to finish the 2012 season! The SOCA Obstacle Challenge Championship was held at the beautiful Rocking Horse Stables in Altoona, FL on November 17th. Over 70 entries competed in four divisions for prize money, bridles, grooming supplies, halters, etc.

Top honors in each division went to Dana Fleming on Destiny in Youth, Sherry Diamond on Atlas in Novice, Traci Woodard on Rusty in Non Pro, and Sheryl Strasser on Wut The Sign Sez in Pro/Posse.

Congratulations to all of the winners – The top six in each division can be found on the next page and complete results and scores are on the SOCA website.

NOTICE

If you participated in the SOCA Obstacle Challenge Championship in Altoona, please check the photos at:

<http://VictoriaDeMore.webs.com>

December 15th

Trail Ride at Lake Louisa State Park

Nothing formal – Meet at the trailhead at 10:00 am

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 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!! SOCA will host a fun weekend at RO Ranch in Mayo, FL – EXCA Race on Saturday and Obstacle Challenge on Sunday....Plus camping and trail riding. Details attached. **CAMPsites/STALLS ARE BEING HELD FOR SOCA UNTIL JANUARY 1st**, PLEASE RESERVE NOW THROUGH SOCA OR WE CAN'T GUARANTEE YOU WILL HAVE A SPOT!

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SOCA NEEDS YOU!!!

**Please contact us if you would like to volunteer at any
of the SOCA events – Lots of jobs available!**

November 17th Obstacle Challenge Championship Results

Youth

1. Dana Fleming on Destiny
2. Dakota Rose Hodges on Sonny's Busy Lady
3. Lisa Esposito on Cisco
4. Lauren Chandler on Koda
5. Mikayla Moore on Miss Face It
6. Summer Sloan on Dixie

Novice

1. Sherry Diamond on Atlas
2. Jami Robinson on Tex's Genuine Jet
3. Cindy Wiggins on Bo
4. Debbie Howell on Dakota
5. Vicky DeCaro on CRBB Diamond
6. Kim Roberts on Skyrocket

Non-Pro

1. Traci Woodard on Rusty
2. Phala Wriston on Winn Blue Pardner
3. Jan Garvin on Peponitas Top Gunner
4. Broderick Jenkins on Savanna
5. Denise Eberle on Legend
6. Wayne Van De Walker on Boomer

Pro/Posse

1. Sheryl Strasser on Wut The Sign Sez
2. Lisa Wood on Caesar
3. Rebecca Adams on Generator's Tall Paul
4. John Dalziel on Ebby
5. Connie Lloyd on Chance
6. Carrie Legg on Dixie

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!

2013 Events (Tentative)

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

2012 Obstacle Challenge High Point Winners:

Youth – Dana Fleming on Destiny

Novice – Sherry Diamond on Atlas

Non-Pro – Phala Wriston on Winn Blue Pardner

Pro/Posse – Rebecca Adams on Generators Tall Paul

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**THANKS TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS YEAR – WE
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**Also, we really appreciate those of you who thanked our
judges – It means a lot to them and does not go unnoticed!**

Other Important Stuff!

□ **2013 Dues are Due!** – Please remember to include your 2013 dues with your first entries of the new year. Exception – Those of you who joined in Altoona will be carried over into the new year since you only received the discounted entry fee at one event.

□ **Pre-entries** – We know you hear this before each event, but pre-entries benefit ALL OF US!! Not only does it speed the process at the entry office, it helps us know how many scorecards to print, how much food the concession stand will need, etc. You don't have to pay in advance (unless you want to!), but it is much easier for us to scratch an entry than to do the paperwork for a post entry. We appreciate your cooperation!

□ **Judges** – We are looking for qualified judges, if interested, please let us know!

EXCA RACERS

If you competed in the Novice division this year and don't feel you are ready to step up to Non-Pro, you can petition with the EXCA to stay in Novice. There is a form on the EXCA website under club services. Make sure you do this before the new season starts !

Obstacle Challenge Changes for 2013

□ **New Points System** – Please be sure to read the new points system on the obstacle challenge rules. Starting with the event at RO Ranch, we will be moving to a 1 to 10 scoring system, rather than 1 to 5. This will give judges more opportunity to reward those who use excellent horsemanship skills to negotiate the obstacles and hopefully, eliminate the numbers of ties that we have experienced this year.

□ **Revised Payback** – Please note the changes to payback at the obstacle challenges – Each division (regardless of the number of entries) will receive the same payback.

□ **Novice Division** – Please note the wording for the Novice division in the obstacle challenge rules. We have several people that are ready to step up to Non-Pro for 2013, but some that are not. If you won an event, placed in the ribbons at the Championship event in Altoona, or were consistently in the ribbons in the Novice division this year, you are ready to move up. If you have any questions about eligibility, please let us know.





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As we start the new year, SOCA needs your help!!

If you know anyone or any businesses that would like to help with a sponsorship, or if you have a business that you would like to promote, please use the attached form – Any amount helps us provide prizes and payback at our events.

SOCA Digital Media

WEBSITE

- Please spread the word about SOCA and send everyone to our site at: www.southernobstaclechallenges.com
- The website will have all event flyers and information, results, as well as membership and sponsorship forms.

FACEBOOK

- Southern Obstacle Challenge Association has a group page where members discuss events, ideas and post questions. Please join us and give us your ideas!
- Got an idea for a different obstacle? Want other members to know what you are up to? Have random thoughts about horses? Ideas for event prizes? Proud of your horse or kid? Please post it on Facebook!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

When people say it's just a horse, they just don't understand.

**Check out Winner's Circle Horse Supply
at www.wcircle.com**

THANKS TO OUR 2012 SPONSORS!!!

SOCA would like to thank our corporate sponsors

**Stellar Marine
Walker Pond Farm
Darby Oaks Stables
Kathy Zeis & Texas Joe Black
Trailhead Ranch – Jerry & Linda
Harrington
The Snowbunnies!**

SOCA would like to thank our division and ribbon sponsors:

**Mary Palmer & Starry Night Farms
Tina & Billy Miller
Bernie Duncan
Marc & Denise Hall – Ocoee Animal Clinic
Watson Dental Care
Florida Walking & Racking Horse Assoc.
Janie & Wayne Van De Walker
Diane Richardson- "A Horse Experience"
– Ranch Sitting Services
Michael Ebeling & Jackie Whatley**

.....can we add you to the list!?!? Check the SOCA website for details on sponsorships packages.





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**Don't forget to make your reservations for the Mayo event!
If you haven't been to RO Ranch, it is a beautiful facility and
we will have a weekend full of horse fun!**

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 (55 & Over), Youth, Young Guns, & Green Horse
- Open to all breeds
- Practice races for anyone that wants to try a cowboy race for the first time

- Payback, prizes, and ribbons

CLINICS/SCHOOLING DAYS

- Learn to negotiate various types of obstacles
- Schooling days will allow you to practice obstacles with the help of others, and without the pressure of competition.

**Dates and details can be found on
our website**

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Winners from the Obstacle Challenge Championships



Youth Division

Novice Division



Non-Pro Division

Pro/Posse Division



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