

# February 2014 Newsletter



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## Huge Event at the Florida Horse Park!

### Florida Horse Park Event

The combined event held at the Florida Horse Park on January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> was a great success. With over 50 entries in the Extreme Cowboy Race and 90 in the Obstacle Challenge, spectators were treated to some of the best competition in both events.

Congratulations to all of the winners and thanks so much to judge Shawna Davenport (EXCA Race), to all the volunteers at both events and special thanks to our volunteer judges that made Sunday's obstacle challenge move through in record time. You all helped us put on an awesome event!

Results and pictures are on the next page.

### Next Obstacle Challenge is March 8th

The next SOCA event is an Obstacle Challenge on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Greene Acres Stables in Plant City, FL. Entries are already rolling in, so don't be left out....get your entries in soon! This is a great new venue with new obstacles – We thank Pam and Ronnie Bacon for hosting this event! Flyer and entry form is attached.

**SOCA dues (\$10) are due January 1<sup>st</sup>!**

**Please renew at your first event of the year.**

**Dues help fund the highpoint awards and administrative costs of the club.**

### 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 **(Flyer attached)**

**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

**6/28/14** – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) – Pontotoc County Agri-Center, Pontotoc, MS

**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

### Extreme Cowboy Racers

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

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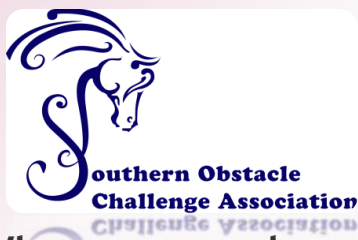
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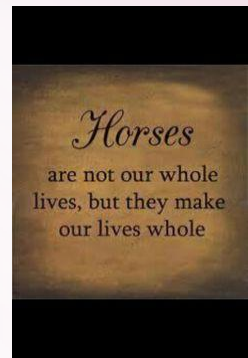
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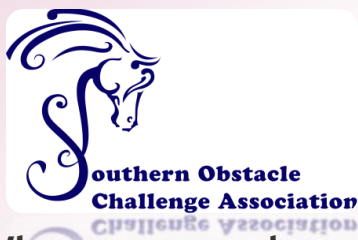
## Results from the SOCA Extreme Cowboy Race at the Florida Horse Park - January 18, 2014

	Rider Name	Horse Identification
<b>Young Guns Divison Results</b>		
1	Lilly Hite	Misty T
2	Rylee Yarbrough	Tips
<b>Novice Divison Results</b>		
1	Kristina Dunn	Texan At The Ritz
2	John Hodges	Bud
3	Sherry Diamond	Atlas
4	Lilly Hite	Misty T
5	Sheryl Strasser	Wut The Sign Sez
6	Maggie Young	Iceman
7	Sarah Schlaich	Moxie
8	Bret Lambdin	Tug
9	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl
10	Jeremy Brooks	Mama
<b>Green Horse Divison Results</b>		
1	Bernie Duncan	Delta
2	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Night At The Ritz
3	Kelly Gifford	Boo Man Choo
<b>Non Pro Divison Results</b>		
1	Tracy Pinson	Texan At The Ritz
2	Michael Lindsey	Ace
3	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco
4	Taylor Cronk	Poco Miss B Haven
5	Danielle Cain	The Buckskin Lady
6	Dennis Tipton	Goodbar's Sonny
7	Sheryl Strasser	Wut The Sign Sez
8	Dakota Rose Hodges	Sonny's Busy Lady
9	Tim Haupt	KBS Prime Oak (Dealer)

	Rider Name	Horse Identification
<b>Intermediate Divison Results</b>		
1	Lisa Steinbach	Texan At The Ritz
2	Rebecca Adams	Generator's Tall Paul
3	Sarah Schlaich	Bindi
4	Shelby Ratliff	Dillon
5	Dennis Tipton	Goodbar's Sonny
6	Pam Bacon	Peyton
7	Danielle Cain	The Buckskin Lady
8	Vicky DeCaro	Roxie Rose
9	Dakota Rose Hodges	Sonny's Busy Lady
10	Amy Barnett	Magic's Alley Cat
<b>Youth Divison Results</b>		
1	Dana Fleming	Destiny
2	Rachel McCormick	Amber
3	Shawn Charles	Dancing Lil
4	Katie Sherman	Calvin
5	Rhiannon Cain	Teddy
6	Lilly Hite	Misty T
7	Stephanie Walters	Mr. Kandelite & Roses
8	Virginia Barnett	Drama Queen
<b>Ride Smart Divison Results</b>		
1	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco
2	Dennis Tipton	Goodbar's Sonny
3	Vicky DeCaro	Roxie Rose
4	John Hodges	Bud
<b>Pro Divison Results</b>		
1	Joel Mobley	Chic
2	Windy Steele	Tango
3	Sean Patrick	Joker

Dates, details and previous months newsletters can be found on the SOCA  
website at  
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## Results from the SOCA Obstacle Challenge at the Florida Horse Park - January 19, 2014

	Rider	Horse
<b>Green Horse Division Results</b>		
1	Kelly Gifford	Boo Man Choo
2	Vicky DeCaro	Truly Tru Titan
<b>Youth Division Results</b>		
1	Rachel McCormick	Kota
2	Rachel McCormick	Amber
3	Dana Fleming	Destiny
4	Mikayla Moore	Miss Face It (Mocha)
5	Stephanie Walters	Mr. Kandelite & Roses
6	Rhiannon Cain	Teddy
7	Shawn Charles	Dancing Lil
8	Quiana Krabec	Puck
9	Rylee Yarbrough	Tips
10	Virginia Barnett	Drama Queen
<b>Novice Division Results</b>		
1	Suzan Hunt	Windswept Silver Spector
2	Lynn Aston	Fancy Pants
3	Karen Strickland	Rusty Hammer
4	Shelly Cowart	Crystal
5	Samantha Vitalone	A Cool Witness
6	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl
7	Francine Alvarez	El Bailador Dos Veintidos
8	Annette Tolbert	Fancy
9	Bret Lambdin	Tug
10	Pam Williams	Otter Dun It

	Rider	Horse
<b>Posse Division Results</b>		
1	Carrie Legg	Dixie
2	Rebecca Adams	Generator's Tall Paul
3	Connie Lloyd	Chance
4	Barbara Jasewicz	Durango
5	Lisa Wood	Caesar
6	Cathy Ulm	Spirit
7	Sharon Carty	Kitty's Fantasy
8	Sharon Carty	Kate Spade
9	Cathy Rotola	Cannon
10	Rebecca Adams	A Texas State of Mind
<b>Non Pro Division Results</b>		
1	Robin Coleman	Harley
2	Debbie Howell	Dakota
3	Dakota Rose Hodges	Sonny's Busy Lady
4	Dennis Tipton	Goodbar's Sonny
5	Tirina Miller	Wrangler
6	Vickie Oliva	Peppy's Foolish Fancy
7	Joyce Tyson	Scooter
8	Dorrie Krabec	Gunner
9	Tim Haupt	KBS Prime Oak (Dealer)
10	Bernie Duncan	Delta
<b>Open Elite Division Results</b>		
1	Sheryl Strasster	Wut The Sign Sez
2	Jimmy Risley	Star
3	Traci Woodard	Rusty Executive
4	Traci Woodard	Montana Nicajack (Sprite)
5	Windy Steele	Tango
6	Renee Stafford	Coot
7	Vicky DeCaro	Roxie Rose
8	Amy Barnett	Magic's Alley Cat
9	Sean Patrick	Joker

**Serenity Ranch Photography  
By Jr. Adams**

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

**[www.serenityranchphotography.com](http://www.serenityranchphotography.com)**

**If you have news that you would like to  
submit to the SOCA newsletter, please  
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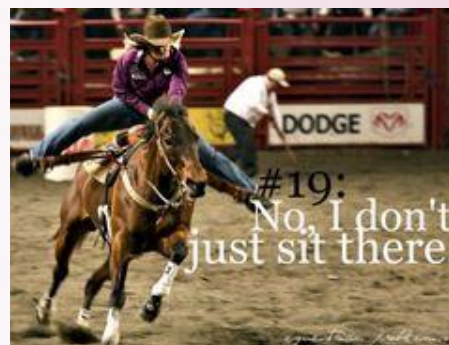




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## **Pictures from the SOCA Extreme Cowboy Race and Obstacle Challenge at the Florida Horse Park - 1/18-19/14**

Pictures by Jr. Adams - Serenity Ranch Photography - Thanks, Jr!!!

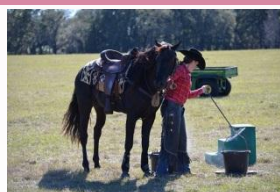
### **Extreme Cowboy Race Winners**



**Lilly Hite  
Young Guns**



**Dana Fleming  
Youth**



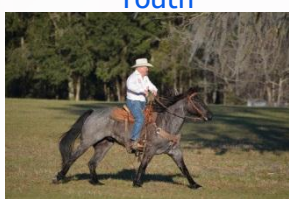
**Kristina Dunn  
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Green Horse**



**Tracy Pinson  
Non Pro**



**Vaudry Edge  
Ride Smart**



**Lisa Steinbach  
Intermediate**



**Joel Mobley  
Pro**

### **Obstacle Challenge Winners**



**Green Horse**



**Youth**



**Posse**



**Novice**



**Non Pro**



**Open Elite**

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## February 2014 Newsletter SOCA Member Spotlight Meet your fellow SOCA Members



### Bret Lambdin

Horse(s) name and breed: Tug - Mustang

Bret is a Senior Police Officer with the City of Altamonte Springs. He is currently assigned to the Patrol Division on the Field Training Squad which is responsible for training new police officers. This assignment fits him well as he has been involved with job and industry training since the mid 1990's.

Bret is also a Certified Flight Instructor with over 1200 hours of flight time. During his time as the Chief Flight Instructor at International Wings he was instrumental in developing the FAA Certified Flight Training Syllabus. He has served on the board of directors of the Power Washers of North America and Envirowash U.S.A. and has been a guest speaker at many of their conventions. Bret was also instrumental in developing wash water recovery methods at the request of the Ohio EPA.

Bret learned about horses early in life as his father, Earnest, raised and showed Hackney and Shetland Ponies. After High School, Bret worked with Saddlebreds and Hackneys at one of the leading training stables in the country, Richlon Farms. He went on work with his father who still trains and judges at Silver Thread Stable.

Bret is married with four children, the youngest, Stephanie and his wife Tammy also share a love for horses and enjoy being involved with SOCA. He and Stephanie are preparing to begin competing in the EXCA races and Bret also hopes to compete at the Florida Police and Fire Games this year in the Mounted Patrol events.

Tammy and Stephanie also have gotten the "Mustang Bug". Tammy recently adopted a 2 yr. old filly through a BLM adoption and Stephanie is planning to compete in the Mustang Makeover youth division next season.

One of the greatest things we enjoy about SOCA is the lack of drama when compared to the horse show world and the family atmosphere where everyone is just out to have a good time and enjoy their horses, while developing good friendships - with some friendly competition of course!

**We need more Member Spotlight Bios.....Please email your information and pictures to [southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com](mailto:southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com)**



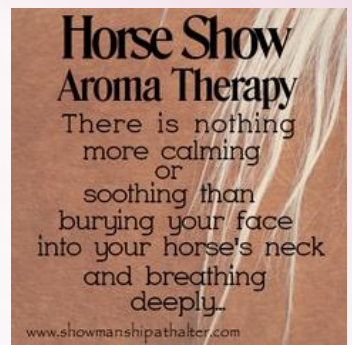




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## SOCA Judge's Guidelines

For those of you that did not attend the SOCA Judge's clinic last month, we thought it would be valuable to publish the handout that was provided. Great information for competitors.

### Scoring System

- Score of 9 - 10: Horse moves willingly toward and through the obstacle with relaxed, forward movement. NO hesitation and NO obvious encouragement from the rider; completes the obstacle.
- Score of 7 - 8: Horse moves forward willingly with only one or two slight hesitations. Some subtle encouragement from rider; completes the obstacle.
- Score of 5 - 6: Horse moves forward but, is resistant with a stop or two, looking closely at obstacle.
- Score of 3 - 4: Horse is resistant with frequent stopping and encouragement from rider; completes the obstacle.
- Score of 2: Rider shows good horsemanship skills, horse remains focused; does not complete the obstacle.
- Score of 1: Horse is extremely unwilling. However, touches or gets through part of the obstacle; does not complete the obstacle satisfactorily.
- Score of 0: Horse is unable to complete the obstacle.

Southern Obstacle Challenge Association was founded in 2012 as a place for horse and rider to have fun! In that, the opportunity to learn and grow has horsemen is our goal. We offer sanctioned Craig Cameron Extreme Cowboy Races and Trail Obstacle Challenges. We hold a standard for our judges to be knowledgeable and competent. We offer our expertise in training our judges to offer consistency and fairness.

While it is expected that judges use their own judgement, there are guidelines we offer to assist judges in their evaluations. Our scoring system is designed to promote horsemanship and skill. Judges should give credit for quiet seat and hands. Excessive kicking, spurring or using aids such as crops or reins for encouragement should be penalized.

Many of our obstacles are unique and offer new challenges for horse and rider. Care should be taken to explain the purpose of the obstacle to allow riders the best opportunity to succeed. If there are questions as to the purpose of safety of any obstacle, be sure to check with SOCA management. Also, our judges do not have to tolerate abusive behavior. Should any questions arise, immediately contact SOCA management.





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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, 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.

## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!!!

**SOCA would like to thank our 2014 Corporate Sponsors**

**Glonek Trucking- Stellar Farms - Walker Pond Farm**

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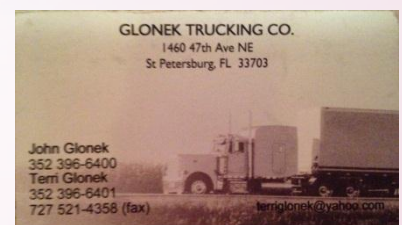
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**Can we add you to the list?**



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