



March 2014 Newsletter



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Best of luck to SOCA's own Sean
Patrick and Joker at Road To The
Horse in Lexington, KY this month!

March & April will be busy months for SOCA!

**Next Obstacle Challenge
is March 8th**

The next SOCA event is an Obstacle Challenge on March 8th at Greene Acres Stables in Plant City, FL. We already have over 60 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 Pam and Ronnie Bacon 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!!!

**Next Race....April 5th in
Gaffney, SC**

Dust off those saddle pads and get those ponies ready.....It's already time for racing in Gaffney! April 5th will be our second race of the season and our first of the year at Joel & Barbara Mobley's Green River Ranch. The course is always fun, fast and furious!

All the stalls are reserved, so if you were planning to come and haven't made your reservations yet, please get your forms sent in so we can accommodate you. There are already over 50 entries, so come out and join us for a great day of racing fun!!!

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.

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

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

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SOCA Member Spotlights

Meet your fellow SOCA Members



Rhiannon Cain

Horse(s) name and breed: Rhiannon Cain (age 12) and her horse Teddy, Haflinger (age 7)

Other activities besides SOCA (horse related and non-horse related): Rhiannon trained a mustang last year for the mustang million. She is involved in 4H and several academic clubs at school. She is an honor roll student and wants to be an equine vet when she grows up.

Family: Rhiannon has two brothers and one sister and lives with her parents in Elkmont, AL

Other interesting facts about you and/or your horse (what you like to do, anything you've won, goals, etc.): Rhiannon and Teddy - They compete in EXCA, ACTHA and local obstacle challenges. Her goals for this year are to compete in the Alabama mustang makeover, qualify for EXCA world finals and start riding her mustang she trained last year.

Karen Strickland



I have 9 horses and love them all. I am currently just a house wife and ride the trails with my husband. I used to be a Pro Barrel Racer with the WPRA, FBRA, NBHA, IRA, FCA. I also ran a few horse shows, barrel racing shows, did some reining, have done level one dressage and green hunter jumper in Jupiter. I have raced all over the country. I owned my own harness racing stable with my husband. I have owned mini horses and show them as well.

I retired a few years ago after a bad accident on horse. Now I just love to ride and obstacle challenges have peaked my interest. I have won 7th in the FCWPRA barrel, Rookie of the Year and Rookie Horse of the Year, but he has since passed away. I have a coming 8 year old and am looking forward in riding him the whole year and doing our best. Tom, my husband, is my biggest fan and greatest supporter. He comes, watches and sometimes competes on one of my other horses.

My goal is to make all the SOCA shows and see just how much this little horse and I can do. I took him from a girl I knew after I lost my mare a year ago. He was mad and had a rank attitude - really did not trust anyone. I was advised by some friends to let him go so I would not get hurt again. But something in my head told me to keep trying and start from the ground up. We are getting along good now and this year will be the test to see if I can stay with it. Next year, I am planning to replace a second knee and will be out for a while, so with the Judging clinic, maybe I can help you all do some of that.....and husband is a great ground worker. Looking for a great year, no matter what the out come is....

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, 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

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Serenity Ranch Photography By Jr. Adams
Don't forget to check for your photos:
www.serenityranchphotography.com

Extreme Cowboy Racers

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

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