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Yahoo!!



March is a busy month for SOCA!

March Events

SOCA will host two events in March. On the 7th, we will go back to Greene Acres Stables in Plant City, FL for an obstacle challenge, as well as a timed challenge. There are a number of new obstacles there, so be ready for some new challenges! If you haven't sent in your entries, please do so we can have the paperwork ready and speed the check in process.

Then, on March 21st, Darby Oaks Stables will host a sanctioned Extreme Cowboy Race in Bushnell, FL. While this race won't count toward the high point buckle at the end of the year, it does offer an opportunity to gain points to qualify for the World Finals in Hamilton, TX this fall. For those of you that have asked for more Florida races, here is your opportunity!

We hope to see everyone at these events.

DON'T FORGET.....Rancho PasoLuna is offering an exciting new prize \$ program for gaited horses competing in the Novice Division – See details on page 3 and enter today!!

**New SOCA Logo
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next event!**



2015 Events

1/10/15 – EXCA Clinic, Bushnell, FL

1/17-18/15 – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday & Obstacle Challenge on Sunday

3/7/15 – Obstacle Challenge – Greene Acres Stables, Plant City, FL (flyer attached)

3/21/15 – Extreme Cowboy Race – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL (Not a buckle race!) (flyer attached)

4/18/15 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) - Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC (flyer attached)

4/25/15 – Obstacle Challenge – Rocking K Ranch, Hernando, FL (flyer attached)

6/5-6/15 – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA Nationals (Triple Points) Winchester, TN

6/27/15 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) – Pontotoc County Agri-Center, Pontotoc, MS

7/11/15 – Schooling Day & Judging Clinic- Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

9/12/15 – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

9/26-27/15 – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championships (Triple Points)- Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC

11/14/15 – Obstacle Challenge Championships (double points) – TBD

11/28/15 – Extreme Cowboy Race - TBD (Not a buckle race)

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Highpoint Standings Through 2/28/15

SOCA OBSTACLE CHALLENGE - 2015 HIGH POINT

	Rider	Horse	1/18/2015
Youth Division Results			
1	Shawn Charles	Splash	137.000
2	Quiana Krabec	Puck	130.500
3	Stephanie Walters	Mister Candelite & Roses	127.500
4	Emily Cook	Scarlet	121.000
5	Mikayla Moore	Miss Face It (Mocha)	118.000
6	Rachel McCormick	Saleen	117.000
7	Mackensie Brown	Cricket	109.000
8	Tara Smith	Cross	108.500
9	Summer Sloan	Dixie	107.500
10	Jaylin Motes	Boston	95.000
Novice Division Results			
1	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgril	130.000
2	Leslie Kingree	Scamp's First Hit	126.500
3	Lesia Roe	Cat	122.000
4	Margo Cook	Magic	121.500
5	Lisa Hutchinson	Dolly	121.000
6	Briana Tribett	Imheirrisistible Too	120.500
7	Tricia Maeder	Red Hot & Smoken	119.000
8	Lori Lee Graham	Lucky Lil Impulse (Tango)	119.000
9	Denise Brown	Gismos Candy Two	118.500
10	Robert Bunnell	Hannah	117.000
Posse Division Results			
1	Connie Lloyd	Chance	133.000
2	Vicki Anderson	Peps Wittle Wrangler	132.000
3	Carrie Legg	Dixie	132.000
4	Barbara Jasewicz	Durango	130.000
5	Lisa Wood	Caesar	129.000
6	Karen Ketchum	Executive Gold Pride (Millie)	127.500
7	Cathy Rotola	Derringer	127.000
8	Kelly Gifford	Boo Man Choo	124.000
9	Ann Simonsen	Indi	117.500
10	Cathy Ulm	Spirit	117.000
Non Pro Division Results			
1	Jan Garvin	Peponita's Shot Gun	142.500
2	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	140.000
3	Pam Bacon	Peyton	138.000
4	Suzan Hunt	Windswept Silver Spector (Jasper)	137.000
5	Kathy Sokol	He Packs A Pistol	135.000
6	Julie McCormick	Kota	132.000
7	Anna Gay	Catman	131.500
8	Tirina Miller	Wrangler	127.000
9	Joe Holloway	Solano's Moonlite Run (Annie)	126.500
10	Wayne Van De Walker	Boomer	125.000
Open Elite Division Results			
1	Sean Patrick	Joker	144.000
2	Jim Anderson	Dun It Chic	144.000
3	Jimmy Risley	Star	138.000
4	Traci Woodard	Montana Nicajack (Sprite)	136.000
5	Renee Stafford	Coot	134.500
6	Phala Wriston	Winn Blue Pardner	131.000
7	Ross Harper	Chocolatier (Dove)	124.000
8	Glenda Bradley	Iceman	123.500
9	Alisha Patrick	Just Joe	123.000
10	Bret Lambdin	Tug	119.000
NOVICE GAITED SPORT HORSE HIGH POINT			
1	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgril	130.000
2	Lisa Hutchinson	Dolly	121.000
3	Karen Holgate	Blessing	114.500
4	Alison Griffiths	Argus	111.500
5	Joyce Elledge	Back In Dixie	110.000
6	Harold Moore	Rooster Cogburn	100.500
7	Bill Jasewicz	Dollar	100.000
8	Katreena Haley	Suprema	95.500
9	Nancy Maleske	Concy	67.000
10	Lisa Guess	Castillo de Monterey	66.500

SOCA EXTREME COWBOY RACE HIGH POINTS - 2015

	Rider	Horse	
Young Guns Divison			
1	Casey Hiser	Pancake	200.960
Novice Division			
1	Holly Bacola	Yoshi	321.072
2	Karen Ketchum	Executive Gold Pride (Mi	311.664
3	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	309.745
4	Phala Wriston	Winn Blue Pardner	308.606
5	Kelly Gifford	Boo Man Choo	308.008
6	Jane Peniston	Smoochie	305.177
7	Carol Hiser	Popcorn	290.388
8	Lisa Hutchinson	Dolly	285.910
9	Shelly Cowart	Crystal	132.048
10	Alison Stewart	Doc	127.255
Green Horse Divison			
1	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Night At The Ritz	354.394
2	Pam Bacon	CJ	288.901
Non Pro Division			
1	Rick Peniston	Jake	420.991
2	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny (Zippy)	414.779
3	Jason Hiser	Delgado	411.051
4	Jennifer Hall	Joseie	362.799
5	Sarah Schlaich	Bindi	348.108
Intermediate Division			
1	Jason Hiser	Delgado	434.489
2	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny (Zippy)	417.253
3	Phala Wriston	Winn Blue Pardner	380.383
4	Kelly Gifford	Boo Man Choo	374.937
5	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run (A	373.547
6	Pam Greene	Peyton	371.399
7	Jennifer Hall	Josie	369.852
8	Lisa Steinbach	Texan At The Ritz	366.569
9	Holly Bacola	Yoshi	355.957
10	Traci Woodard	Montana Nickajack (Spr	161.839
Youth Division			
1	Quiana Krabec	Puck	323.544
2	Lily Hite	Misty T	296.958
3	Stephanie Walters	Mister Candelite & Rose	284.197
4	Casey Hiser	Pancake	232.000
Ride Smart Division			
1	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny (Zippy)	419.528
2	Rick Peniston	Jake	380.400
3	Pam Greene	Peyton	366.275
4	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run (A	348.237
5	Jane Peniston	Smoochie	256.000
Pro Division			
1	Bryce Burnett	Joseph	411.640
2	Jason Hiser	Delgado	365.558
3	Mark Updike	Echo	232.000

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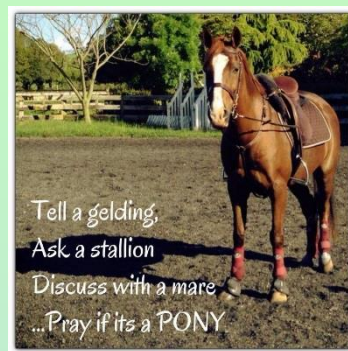
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Novice Gaited Sport Horse Award Program

- Open to all gaited breeds entered in the Novice Horse & Rider Division at the five SOCA Obstacle Challenges in 2015. Gaited breeds include (but not limited to) Paso Finos, Peruvians, Tennessee Walking Horses, Racking Horses, Spotted Saddle Horses, Rocky Mountain Horses, Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horses, Icelandic Horses, etc.
- To be eligible, the horse and rider must not have won any obstacle challenges. You must indicate on the entry form the gaited breed you are entering. This is for the Novice Horse & Rider division only
- \$175 Prize purse for every SOCA obstacle event for 2015 – Ties will be broken by obstacle time.
 - \$100 to the highest scoring gaited horse in the Novice Division
 - \$50 to the second highest scoring gaited horse in the Novice Division
 - \$25 to the third highest scoring gaited horse in the Novice Division
- Ribbons for 1st through 3rd to accompany checks
- High Point Year end award of:
 - 1st place \$500
 - 2nd place \$250
- The objective of this program is to bring new gaited horse riders into SOCA Obstacle Challenges. This program was developed by and is being sponsored by gaited horse enthusiasts who want to encourage other gaited horse owners to participate in trail obstacle competitions.
- **Sponsored by Rancho PasoLuna of Dunnellon, Florida**



Heartland Farm, Traci and Mike Woodard, are sponsoring the OVERALL HIGHPOINT award for the Horse & Rider team with the most Obstacle Challenge points at the end of the year!

Here are the standings after the first event.

	OVERALL HIGHPOINT HORSE & RIDER		
1	Sean Patrick	Joker	144.000
2	Jim Anderson	Dun It Chic	144.000
3	Jan Garvin	Peponita's Shot Gun	142.500
4	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	140.000
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Learning To Learn by Craig Cameron

Learning is the response from a demand to grow or do something that you have never done before.

Horsemanship, like life, is an unending journey of learning for both horse and rider. No person comes into the world knowing horsemanship. By the same token, no horse comes into the world knowing what the human is asking of him. In the art of horsemanship, the student is not only the horse but also the human. In this article the word 'student' will be applied to both entities.

In most cases, the human is the one who steps into the horse's life. It is the human who is asking something of the horse. And the horse is only asking for a fair deal. Unfortunately for the horse, there is no requirement of a license or education to ride or even purchase this amazing animal. I think most of us would agree that the majority of people who own or ride horses know little or nothing about the horse. The human is the one who must make the conscientious effort to become educated in the art of equine. Each person must put his ego aside, be truthful and seek out whatever it takes to learn horsemanship.

It has been my experience that the majority of humans who are starting out in horsemanship believe that the endeavor will be simple. To these people, horsemanship is 'kick it to go, pull it to stop' and 'why won't it do what I told it to do?' Truly, my favorite comment by novice horseman, (which they usually say in frustration), is "This horse has a mind of its own!" I always respond "Whose mind did you think he was going to have!?" In my opinion, the slowest and hardest way to learn horsemanship is to try and teach oneself.

Learning how to ride without instruction is like trying to cook an intricate meal without any recipe. I am often asked, "Where do I start?" To this I reply "The beginning would be nice!" Years ago, as a young horseman, I found information difficult to obtain and experienced horsemen close mouthed about their techniques. Most old horse masters got their knowledge through the school of hard knocks and they figured you ought to get it that way as well. Fortunately for horse people today, there is an abundance of readily available information through magazines, books, videos, clinics, instructors, and expositions.

To be great in anything, I think you must do it every day. If you cannot do it, you must think about it, visualize it, or read about it. With a little investigation, one can find out who the better horseman are in your area. Start with lessons and surround yourself with the world of horses. One thing will lead to another. You will meet new people and make new friends who have the same interest in horses. These are the seeds you plant and you nurture then with knowledge.

Horsemanship is a physical, mental, and emotional endeavor for both man and horse. Horsemanship is always a work in progress. I must warn you that it is hard work but if you love horses, it will be the most rewarding work you ever do. Learning is expounding, compounding, and mathematical. The more you learn, the more fun horsemanship becomes. Like anything worthwhile, the learning process can be frustrating. Do not let frustration get the better of you. With desire, determination, and dedication, anything will get better. As you hone your equine skills, it becomes easier for the horse to understand what you want and don't want. Remember that the horse seeks the level of the rider. Be patient and do not forget that your equine friend is learning as well. The horse, just like you, will have good days and bad days. This is part of the learning process.

Remember, as students of the horse, not only are we learning but we are also teaching. The horse is always learning something from us. Whether that something is good or bad will be up to you. To be a good teacher, you must first be a good student. When it comes to horses and horsemanship, the horse may be the best teacher. Don't forget to let the horse teach you as much as you teach him. Remember, teaching is the art of communication and communication requires TWO minds listening and TWO minds open- yours and the horses.

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Pam Greene Bacon

Pam got her first pony, Trigger, at the age of 8, after begging for years. Her first word was "pony". Pam grew up on a strawberry farm, Greene Acres, which was next to a 300 acre dairy. She would help round up the cows for milking and fell in love with the cowboy world. She would pack a lunch in her saddle bag and be gone all day.

While riding a horse named Smokey when she was 10, she broke her collar bone. Six weeks later, after the cast was removed, Pam got kicked and broke her leg (probably due to her no fear attitude!) Her parents said "no more horses!" Trigger was sold.

Two years later, Pam had saved \$400 (mostly from school lunch money). Somehow, she talked her parents into letting her buy a quarter horse named Rebel and he was fast! Her best friend in high school ran barrels on a national level. Pam watched he friend compete, but was never allowed to herself. When Pam left for college, Rebel was sold.

In 1991, Pam was ready to buy another horse. The love she had as a child was still there, but she had back issues and wasn't sure that she could endure the jarring. Her chiropractor suggested she try a Tennessee Walking Horse so she found one named Stock Free. She put Stocker in training with Wayne Conkle and soon fell in love with the walking horse people (Tracy Pinson, Diana McMurtrey, Bernie Duncan and many others).

Pam is a member of the Florida Walking & Racking Horse Association, Sunshine State Racking, Walking & Spotted Horse Association, SOCA and the Extreme Cowboy Association. She owns four TWH's: Two Centennial Gold offspring and one by Mountain of Fool's Gold (aka Casper), who is a half brother to Wayne and Tracy's horse Skyjacker's Mountain High (aka Tuff). This year, Pam is showing CJ (Casper's son) in Green Horse. Pam also bought Peyton (His Power) from Bernie Duncan and competes with him at FWRHA and SSRWSHA shows, as well as SOCA obstacle challenges and EXCA races in the Intermediate and Ride Smart divisions.

When she isn't competing, Pam and Peyton visit orphanages where the children adore the horses and love petting them. Being around their spirits, the children open up, let down their guards and come out of their comfort zones.

Ronnie and Pam own Greene Acres Stables in Plant City, Florida where Pam gives lessons to help inform young riders the proper ways of riding TWH's. They host a SOCA event in March and hope to be able to host EXCA events in the near future. They also board outside horses at their farm.



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- 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
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> (check for scheduled events)



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Email twhcasper2@gmail.com 5041 Reece Road, Plant City, FL 33567
Cost for schooling your horse \$20.00 Per horse - Negative coggins required.
Plenty of obstacles and still adding – Schooling and lessons available.



Time to Shine Equestrian Center - Located in Lakeland, Florida. Right now practice days will only be a couple days a month, but no set schedule due to the summer rains. We will also be having scheduled obstacle challenges and will be updating our Facebook page. Phone is 863-559-4589



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2015 High Points

In 2015 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 2015 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 designated SOCA EXCA race, with the triple points at the Nationals in June 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

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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.

Extreme Cowboy Racers

Reminder to pay your dues to the EXCA so your points will count! If you aren't sure if you are current, check the EXCA website under the club page.

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