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April was a record month for SOCA!

SOCA SC State Championships 4-5-14

Over 60 entries competed at the SOCA SC State Championship Extreme Cowboy Race at Green River Farms in Gaffney, SC!

Competition was tough in all divisions on both the fast outdoor course and the technical arena course. Joel and Barbara Mobley are always great hosts and the course is one of the best in the country.

Results and pictures are in this newsletter, as well as the SOCA website.

Obstacle Challenge at Rocking K Ranch held on April 26th

The SOCA Obstacle Challenge held on April 26th at the Rocking K Ranch in Hernando, FL was a huge success! With 84 entries competing for the many prizes and money, great fun was had by all that attended. We thank Karen Wilson and Bob Knight for hosting this event! Some obstacles were in the woods and some were in the arena, making for a good mix of natural and technical obstacles.

Results can be found in this newsletter as well as on SOCA website.

The next SOCA event is the Extreme
Cowboy Race National
Championships to be held in
Shelbyville, TN – Details Attached!

Southern Obstacle Challenge Association

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 (Flyer attached)

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

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

SOCA dues (\$10) are due January 1st! Please renew at your first event of each year.

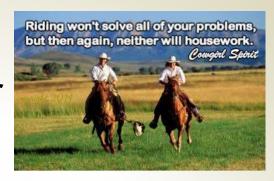
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Member News & Information

EXCA National Championships Hosted By SOCA

Craig Cameron's Extreme Cowboy Association and the Southern Obstacle Challenge Association are pleased to announce that the EXCA National Championships will once again be held at the historic Celebration Grounds in Shelbyville, Tennessee, May 23rd through 24th, 2014. The Nationals will be held during the TWHNC Spring Fun Show. Judges for the Championships will be Peter Fraser, Alberta, Canada and Dee Ladd, of Apache Junction, AZ. SOCA President, Diana McMurtrey said "SOCA is proud to once again have the opportunity to host the EXCA Nationals." She added, "We're really excited that this event will draw racers from all over the United States, from Florida to California, and Canada".

Extreme Cowboy Racing combines horsemanship with speed. The event is judged, as well as timed. Horse and rider teams must execute a series of obstacles that represent trail or ranch work. Obstacles may include water crossing, shooting, roping, negotiating trash or dead fall, ground tying, jumping, dragging and always includes the signature free ride. Horses must be able to run wide open and then rein back to perform slow, technical maneuvers or obstacles. Horses can be of any breed, age, size and sex. The cowboys and cowgirls range in age from 8 to 80!

There will be world champion riders and horses competing for over \$5,000 in prize money, various prizes and the coveted EXCA Nationals belt buckles that are awarded to the champions and reserve champions in each of the divisions including Pro, Non-Pro, Ride Smart (55 & Over), Novice, Intermediate, Youth, and Young Guns (11 & Under). Each division will run once on Friday and then again on Saturday, with the scores from both runs being totaled to determine the winners. The course will be different each day and riders do not know what the obstacles will be until the morning of the race. On top of all the awards, this will be a triple point event to earn those coveted points toward qualifying for the World Finals in Hamilton, Texas this fall. Additionally, SOCA has successfully negotiated with the famed Calgary Stampede to give an automatic invite to the 2014 EXCA Nationals Pro Champion to participate in the 2015 Cowboy Up Challenge, a by invitation only event.

Come see why Extreme Cowboy Racing is the fastest growing equine sport - It is almost as exciting for the spectators as it is for competitors. For more information, volunteer opportunities, entry forms, or sponsorship packages, please email southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com or go to www.southernobstaclechallenges.com.

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Congratulations!



Congratulations to Cathy Rotola & the best horse in Floral City, DERRINGER. first place, posse division at Altoona Trail Riders obstacle challenge, Rocking Horse Ranch, Fla. WaHoo! Long overdue, awesome team! Submitted by Kelly Gifford

SOCA Events are Paint PAC and Pinto Points Approved

If you any of you would like to count points for any other clubs, please let us know. We want our members to get all the recognition they deserve!

Thank You!

Thanks so much for cleaning up after yourselves at these events....It is appreciated by everyone!! The facilities are happy to have us back when we respect their property! We get many great compliments on the SOCA group and we do appreciate you!

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4/5 EXCA Race Results

| | Young Guns Divison Results | | Total |
|----|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Bennett Green | Chloe | 288.449 |
| 2 | Bennett Green | Tater | 265.434 |
| | Novice Divison Results | | |
| | Joe Holloway | Solano's Moonlite Run | 351.541 |
| | John Hodges | Bud | 326.930 |
| | Lance Miller | Bailey | 320.046 |
| | Courtney Pearre | Hawk | 304.466 |
| | Jane Peniston Daphne Martin | Seven Del Rio Clip | 297.096 292.321 |
| | Mikel Davis | Genny Lee | 289.389 |
| | Terri Glonek | One Tuff Cowgirl | 283.570 |
| | Randy Moreland | Jed | 257.399 |
| | | La Reina Roja | 253.979 |
| | Danielle Hood | Ace | 235.848 |
| | Alison Stewart | Doc | 190.450 |
| | Non Pro Divison Results | 500 | 130.430 |
| 1 | Tracy Pinson | Texan At The Ritz | 475.310 |
| | Kelsie Graham | Flower | 463.749 |
| 3 | Steve Barrett | Mr. Geniune Doc | 459.282 |
| 4 | Leanne Hale | Slick | 458.245 |
| | Rick Peniston | Jake | 447.066 |
| | Dennis Tipton | Goodbar's Sonny (Zippy) | 445.100 |
| | Cullen Green | Tater | 434.224 |
| | Vaudry Edge | Drifting Thru Poco | 430.177 |
| | Michael Lindsey | Ace | 427.686 |
| | Eliza Green | Lightnin' | 417.276 |
| 11 | Josiah Hood | Honey | 408.621 |
| 12 | Elizabeth Roten | Allie | 376.945 |
| 13 | Danielle Cain | The Buckskin Lady | 346.214 |
| | Intermediate Divison Results | | |
| | Dennis Tipton | Goodbar's Sonny (Zippy) | 437.352 |
| | Rebecca Adams | Generator's Tall Paul | 424.291 |
| 3 | Joe Holloway | Solano's Moonlite Run | 419.419 |
| | Lisa Steinbach | Texan At The Ritz | 410.851 |
| | Angela Kunz | Red | 404.504 |
| | | Bindi | 400.024 |
| 7 | Shelby Ratliff | Dillon | 396.324 |
| | Karen Benson | Money Makes Money | 389.181 |
| | Courtney Pearre | Hawk | 387.801 |
| | Dennis Robinson | Threat's Dark Reflection | 375.617 |
| | Danielle Cain | The Buckskin Lady | 361.462 |
| 12 | | Genny Lee | 337.842 |
| _ | Youth Divison Results | Totas | 420.02= |
| | Cullen Green | Tater | 428.927 |
| | Elizabeth Roten | Belle | 416.867 |
| | Eliza Green | Lightnin' | 406.468 |
| | Elizabeth Roten | Allie | 393.008 |
| 5 | Shawn Charles | Dancing Lil | 391.752 |
| | Elizabeth Roten | Pearl | 342.893 |
| | Rhiannon Cain | La Reina Roja | 316.461 |
| 1 | Ride Smart Divison Results | Mr. Gonium Doc | 479.726 |
| | Steve Barrett | Mr. Geniune Doc Jake | 449.648 |
| | Rick Peniston | | |
| | Vaudry Edge | Drifting Thru Poco Goodbar's Sonny (Zippy) | 449.551 437.569 |
| | Dennis Tipton Joe Holloway | | |
| | | Solano's Moonlite Run Bud | 415.393 |
| | John Hodges Dennis Robinson | | 402.774 391.282 |
| | Randy Moreland | Threat's Dark Reflection Jed | 328.314 |
| 0 | Pro Divison Results | 364 | 528.514 |
| 1 | Laura Green | Chloe | 470.080 |
| | Leanne Hale | Slick | 457.741 |
| | Kelsie Graham | Flower | 445.021 |
| | Joel Mobley | Chic | 220.122 |
| -+ | Green Horse Results | 56 | 220.122 |
| 1 | Tracy Pinson | Tuff Night At The Ritz | 346.190 |
| | Rick Peniston | Boon | 319.883 |
| | THERE I CHISCOII | 200 | 515.005 |

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Pictures From The April 5th Extreme Cowboy Race at Green River Farms in Gaffney, SC (Photos by Jr. Adams - Serenity Ranch Photography)



Green Horse



Young Guns



Youth



Pro





Non Pro



Intermediate



Ride Smart

















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Results From The April 26th Obstacle Challenge at Rocking K Ranch in Hernando, FL

Rocking K Ranch in Hernando, FL was the site of the April 26th obstacle challenge where 84 entries competed for top honors in each division (results below). Thanks to Bob Knight and Karen Wilson for hosting the event and providing some great food and obstacles!! Also, the vendors and horsey yard sale brought in some extra money to help us afford great prizes for competitors.....Like those highly coveted saddle pads! Glad you all enjoyed them! Special thanks to all our competitors, judges & volunteers. We couldn't do this without you!!

| | Youth | Divison Results | |
|----|-------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| | Rider | Horse | Points |
| 1 | Dana Fleming | Destiny | 138.0000 |
| 2 | Rachel McCormick | Amber | 133.0000 |
| 3 | Quiana Krabec | Puck | 129.0000 |
| 4 | Shawn Charles | Dancing Lil | 128.0000 |
| 5 | Mikayla Moore | Miss Face It | 121.0000 |
| 6 | Stephanie Walters | Mister Kandlelite & Roses | 119.0000 |
| 7 | Rachel McCormick | Kota | 119.0000 |
| 8 | Emily Cook | Scarlet | 114.0000 |
| | Novice | e Divison Results | |
| 1 | Suzan Hunt | Windswept Silver Specter | 140.0000 |
| 2 | Shelly Cowart | Mulligan | 136.0000 |
| 3 | Tricia Maeder | Peanut | 135.0000 |
| 4 | Shelly Cowart | Crystal | 131.0000 |
| 5 | Annette Tolbert | Fancy | 126.0000 |
| 6 | Terri Glonek | One Tuff Cowgirl | 126.0000 |
| 7 | Pattty Graves | Tango | 123.0000 |
| 8 | Briana Tribett | Imheirrisistibletoo | 120.0000 |
| 9 | Leslie Kingree | Scamper | 118.0000 |
| 10 | Aidan Marshall | Ту | 116.0000 |
| 11 | Lisa Hutchinson | Dolly | 115.0000 |
| 12 | Lori Lee Graham | Tango | 106.0000 |
| 13 | Donna Zenker | Abby | 100.0000 |
| 14 | Jennifer Taylor | Sheza Smooth Dancer | 96.0000 |
| 15 | Mo Earle | Cabo | 94.0000 |
| 16 | Samantha Vitalone | A Cool Witness | 89.0000 |
| 17 | Linda Howell | Ribbons Hot Chocolate | 89.0000 |
| 18 | Karen Woodruff | Rosye | 74.0000 |
| 19 | Missy Motes | Tari | 74.0000 |
| 20 | Tommy Nesmith | Cash | 69.0000 |
| 21 | Margo Cook | Magic | 67.0000 |
| 22 | Michelle Koneski | Sparklin Spurratic | 66.0000 |
| 23 | Terry Albright | Bareto | 55.0000 |
| 24 | Lisa Cusimano | Sierra | 48.0000 |
| 25 | Harold Moore | Rooster Cogburn | 23.0000 |
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| | Posse Divison Results | | | |
|----|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|--|
| | Rider | Horse | Points | |
| 1 | Sharon Carty | Kitty's Fantasy | 147.0000 | |
| 2 | Cathy Rotola | Derringer | 145.0000 | |
| 3 | Rebecca Adams | Generator's Tall Paul | 143.0000 | |
| 4 | Barbara Jasewicz | Durango | 142.0000 | |
| 5 | Carrie Legg | Dixie | 135.0000 | |
| 6 | Connie Lloyd | Chance | 135.0000 | |
| 7 | Sharon Carty | Kate Spade | 133.0000 | |
| 8 | Maggie Young | Iceman | 133.0000 | |
| 9 | Cathy Ulm | Spirit | 131.0000 | |
| 10 | Lisa Wood | Caesar | 131.0000 | |
| 11 | Anne Hanley | Conrad's Debonair Gentleman | 125.0000 | |
| 12 | Caren Risley | Honey | 123.0000 | |
| 13 | Rebecca Adams | A Texas State Of Mind | 110.0000 | |
| 14 | Marianne McGuire | Callan | 96.0000 | |
| 15 | June Brower | Rowdy Wolf | 84.0000 | |
| 16 | Lynne Tschuschke | Sheza | 66.0000 | |
| 17 | Karen Ketchum | Reality's Yella Star | 65.0000 | |
| | Open Elite Divison Results | | | |
| 1 | Renee Stafford | Coot | 144.0000 | |
| 2 | Traci Woodard | Montana Nicajack | 143.0000 | |
| 3 | Jimmy Risley | Star | 137.0000 | |
| 4 | Traci Woodard | Rusty | 136.0000 | |
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| | Non Pro Divison Results | | | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| | Rider | Horse | Points | |
| | Robin Coleman | Harley | 139.0000 | |
| | David Kibbey | Chipper | 137.0000 | |
| | Beverly Hartley | Maverick | 137.0000 | |
| | Bernie Duncan | Delta | 132.0000 | |
| | Pam Bacon | Peyton | 132.0000 | |
| | Dorrie Krabec | Gunner | 129.0000 | |
| | David Kibbey | Scooter | 127.0000 | |
| | Tirina Miller | Wrangler | 127.0000 | |
| | Jami Robinson | Texas Genuine Jet | 125.0000 | |
| 0 | Wayne Van De Walker | Boomer | 125.0000 | |
| 1 | Joyce Tyson | Scooter | 111.0000 | |
| 2 | Kathy Richardson | Strider | 73.0000 | |
| 3 | Beverly Dowling | Classy | 46.0000 | |
| | Green Ho | rse Divison Results | | |
| | Kelly Gifford | Boo Man Choo | 127.0000 | |
| | Ann Simonsen | Indi | 124.0000 | |
| | Bernie Duncan | Duncan | 110.0000 | |
| | Jessica Pringle | Mia | 109.0000 | |
| | Shelby Ratliff | Brad Pitt | 109.0000 | |
| | Ann Hanley | Budwiser | 106.0000 | |
| | Lisa McCoy | Sinister | 100.0000 | |
| | Pam Bacon | CJ | 98.0000 | |
| | Al Murphy | Z-Kid | 98.0000 | |
| 0 | Alice Weir | Charlie | 96.0000 | |
| 1 | Buddy Nesmith | Tatter | 95.0000 | |
| 2 | Tandi Tribett | Sampson | 91.0000 | |
| 3 | Patty Webber Fesmire | Tequilla | 71.0000 | |
| 1 | Christina Crumley | Storm | 64.0000 | |
| 5 | Mark Salter | Viola | 45.0000 | |
| ŝ | Jean Murphy | Rio | 43.0000 | |
| 7 | Doris Salter | Baby Doll | 40.0000 | |
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Youth

Novice



Posse



Green Horse







Open Elite

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The Buckle Race High Point Standings through April 30th

Obstacle Challenges

| | | n Divison 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 | | |
| | | e Divison 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 | Divison 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 | Caeser | 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 P | ro Divison 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 Divison 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 | Johnny McKeehan | Incredible Wolf | 124.00 | | |
| 9 | Amy Barnett | Magic's Alley Cat | 123.50 | | |
| 10 | Sean Patrick | Joker | 123.00 | | |

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Extreme Cowboy Races

| | Young Guns Divison | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|--|--|
| 1 | Bennett Green | Chloe | 288.449 | | |
| 2 | Bennett Green | Tater | 370.914 | | |
| 3 | Lilly Hite | Misty T | 105.480 | | |
| 4 | Rylee Yarbrough | Tips | 95.920 | | |
| | | Novice Divison | | | |
| 1 | John Hodges | Bud | 446.344 | | |
| 2 | Terri Glonek | One Tuff Cowgirl | 370.028 | | |
| 3 | Joe Holloway | Solano's Moonlite Run | 351.541 | | |
| 4 | Lance Miller | Bailey | 320.046 | | |
| 5 | Courtney Pearre | Hawk | 304.466 | | |
| 6 | Jane Peniston | Seven | 297.096 | | |
| | | Non Pro Divison | | | |
| 1 | Tracy Pinson | Texan At The Ritz | 643.630 | | |
| 2 | Dennis Tipton | Goodbar's Sonny | 593.892 | | |
| 3 | Michael Lindsey | Ace | 591.665 | | |
| 4 | Vaudry Edge | Drifting Thru Poco | 589.238 | | |
| 5 | Danielle Cain | The Buckskin Lady | 496.262 | | |
| 6 | Kelsie Graham | Flower | 463.749 | | |
| | Int | ermediate Divison | _ | | |
| 1 | Dennis Tipton | Goodbar's Sonny | 589.885 | | |
| 2 | Rebecca Adams | Generator's Tall Paul | 585.754 | | |
| 3 | Lisa Steinbach | Texan At The Ritz | 580.668 | | |
| 4 | Sarah Schlaich | Bindi | 557.322 | | |
| 5 | Shelby Ratliff | Dillon | 551.557 | | |
| 6 | Danielle Cain | The Buckskin Lady | 508.239 | | |
| | | Youth Divison | | | |
| 1 | Shawn Charles | Dancing Lil | 522.989 | | |
| 2 | Cullen Green | Tater | 428.927 | | |
| 3 | Elizabeth Roten | Belle | 416.867 | | |
| 4 | Eliza Green | Lightnin' | 406.468 | | |
| 5 | Elizabeth Roten | Allie | 393.008 | | |
| 6 | Elizabeth Roten | Pearl | 342.893 | | |
| | Ride Smart Divison | | | | |
| 1 | Vaudry Edge | Drifting Thru Poco | 626.971 | | |
| 2 | Dennis Tipton | Goodbar's Sonny | 604.169 | | |
| 3 | John Hodges | Bud | 545.894 | | |
| 4 | Steve Barret | Mr. Geniune Doc | 479.726 | | |
| 5 | Rick Peniston | Jake | 449.648 | | |
| 6 | Joe Holloway | Solano's Moonlite Run | 415.393 | | |
| | | Pro Divison | | | |
| 1 | Laura Green | Chloe | 470.080 | | |
| 2 | Leanne Hale | Slick | 457.741 | | |
| 3 | Kelsie Graham | Flower | 445.021 | | |
| 4 | Joel Mobley | Chic | 417.622 | | |
| 5 | Windy Steele | Tango | 159.754 | | |
| 6 | Sean Patrick | Joker | 0.000 | | |



May 2014 Newsletter SOCA Member Spotlights Meet your fellow SOCA Members



Mark Newby

Well I figured I would take this opportunity to tell you a little about what my horses and I have done. I retired 3 years ago as a Police Lieutenant after 20 years of full-time law enforcement service in South Florida. I still remain active in law enforcement working as a part-time police officer for the same agency in South Florida. The last several years of my career I oversaw our Department's Mounted Patrol Unit, supervising both sworn officers and civilian volunteers. I have attended a number of mounted law enforcement classes including Basic, Intermediate and Advanced courses. I am a Certified Mounted Law Enforcement Instructor from the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute.

I now own Suncoast Equine, Inc. located at the Emerald Oaks Ranch in Webster, Florida. We have horse boarding services and provide riding lessons and training for both horses and riders. We also offer Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Instructor and Manager Mounted Law Enforcement Courses for both sworn officers and civilian members of equestrian support organizations, commonly referred to as a mounted reserve or posse. In addition, we offer a variety of other training such as a sensory and obstacle training, self defense on horseback classes, and formation riding.

I have three horses. Leo is a 13 year old Arab/Quarterhorse cross, who has been doing police work for 9 years patrolling the streets of south Florida. Peppy is a 17 year old registered Quarterhorse who has been doing police work for 7 years. Peppy and I were among the 50 mounted officers that provided mounted tactical support for the Republican National Convention in Tampa. A little too small for police work, my third horse is Freckles Texas Tea. Tea and I enjoy participating in Western Pleasure Shows and speed events.

Among 63 horse/rider teams at the State Fair's annual mounted law enforcement and training event this past February, Leo and I placed 5th in Equitation, and Peppy and I placed 4th in a speed mounted law enforcement obstacle course.







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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Kelly Gifford

SOCA member, Kelly Paulson Gifford, retired FireMedic, Tampa Fire Rescue Dept. 2005. After retirement, started a small business, Equine Excellence, performing lacrymal pigmentation of horses. Volunteering at Citrus Animal Shelter, we have fostered 21 kittens, re-homed 1 donkey, 1 paso fino, a mule, a thoroughbred and a 28 y/o QH. Member of SOCA, ACTHA, Citrus Mtd., Sumter Mtd Reserve. Lives in Inverness Fla. On Trail 9 of the Withlacochee Forest since Dec. 2012. Love to garden, hate housework. Married to my best friend Rick Gifford, 20+ years. Daughter, Caitlin Emily age 24, student St. Pete University. Favorite riding buddy, my 75 y/o mom, Bobbie Busler (who lives 5 ranches down). Since retiring and moving to Inverness, all of my childhood dreams have come true. I have always wanted to have my own little place with horses. Now, with SOCA friends and others, life just keeps getting better and better. Truly blessed.

Goals: Stay healthy enough to ride every day that I choose to.

Horses:

"Boo Man Choo" age 3 QH, dun/paint. Boo was a fence line breeding. Owner didn't know her mare was bred when purchased. Boo was given to me April of 2012 as a stud. Sept 2013: started riding Boo. He has placed 6th in his first obstacle challenge at Renab Ranch. He has been shown in halter, obedience, and has qualified for the Citrus Mounted Posse Unit. In his first arena series Boo won 4 high point western competitions, 18 medals first thru third, several 4th place and a 5th, at the last Pasco Fun show. He has been started in western dressage and seems to excel. He won his first Blue ribbon in Ocala this year in his first EXCA, green horse division and third in the SOCA challenge. This February Boo made a trip to the State Fair in Tampa, despite blowing an abscess on the 2nd day, he rally to place 2nd in team obstacles with another green horse and rider. Currently, recouping from a lameness issue, we have missed a couple challenges, but look forward to getting back to our friends at SOCA.

Goals: Make 14.2H, training in Western Dressage, and Ranch Riding. Continuing to compete with SOCA, and ACTHA, fun shows .

"Destiny's Sassafrass Gal" age16 Anglo-Arab bay

My baby, born in my lap at may mom's ranch in Odessa. Certified Pasco Mounted Posse when she was a youngster. Lots of ups and downs, literally! We competed at the Mounted Games 3 times. Sassy's forte has been hunter paces, 2 second place and 1 3rd trophy from Quantum Leap, and speed. This year, we participated in the Cracker Cattle drive, and tried EXCA at Tracy Pinson's after her first SOCA event. Sassy won High Point speed and High Point barrel trophies, and lots of medals and several 4th place ribbons at the Pasco Fun show this year. We have also dabbled in SEDRA and other distance events. Goals: Lots of trail riding, arena shows, western dressage, ranch riding.









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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 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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