



# November 2013 Newsletter

Yahoo!!

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The last SOCA event for 2013 is the Obstacle Challenge at Rocking Horse Stables in Altoona – Get your entries in to secure your spot!

## 11/16 Obstacle Challenge Championships

Make your plans now for the SOCA Obstacle Challenge Championships to be held at Rocking Horse Stables in Altoona! There are already over 80 pre-entries!

For those of you looking to win a high point buckle, this is a double point event!

## New Venues for 2014

Please mark the 2014 events on your calendar. Most of our dates are now set. We have a few new venues for the obstacle challenges and races, but we will also be going back to our old favorites!

## Florida Horse Park Event

January 18-19<sup>th</sup> will be our combined race and obstacle challenge event. The 2014 event will be held at the Florida Horse Park with the race on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and the Obstacle Challenge on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Details will be coming soon. Don't miss this event at an awesome venue. We will be out on the cross country course for both events!

## 2013 Remaining Events

11/16/13 – Obstacle Challenge Championships – Rocking Horse Stables, Altoona, FL (Flyer attached)

## 2014 Events (Tentative)

1/18-19/14 – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race on Saturday and Obstacle Challenge on Sunday.

3/8/14 – Obstacle Challenge – Greene Acres Stables, Plant City, FL

4/5/14 – Extreme Cowboy Race - 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

6/28/14 – Extreme Cowboy Race – 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 - Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC

11/15/14 – Obstacle Challenge Championships – Rocking Horse Stables, Altoona, FL

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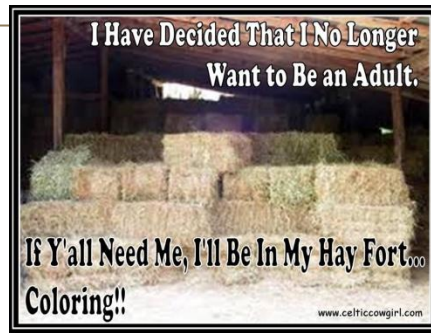
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**Congratulations to all the SOCA members placing  
at the Extreme Cowboy Race World Finals in  
Hamilton, Texas - October 31<sup>st</sup> thru November 3rd**

## 2013 EXCA World Championship

The following SOCA members placed at the  
Extreme Cowboy Race World Finals –  
Congratulations to everyone!!

High Point Horse & Rider - Dennis Robinson ☐

Hall of Fame - Diana McMurtrey ☐

Hall of Fame Horse - Tater (Cullen Green, owner)

Craig Cameron Shoot Out Champion - Rickey Carey

Young Guns Division - 1st Bernie Duncan's mare

Destiny (ridden by Gianna Sbarbaro from Hawaii),

3rd Bennett Green on Chloe

Youth Division - 3rd Tracy Pinson's horse Texan At

The Ritz (ridden by MeiLan Sim from Hawaii), 4th

Shelby Ratliff ☐ on Generator's Tall Paul, 7th Bernie

Duncan's mare Destiny (Ridden by Brooke Matson

from Hawaii), 9th Cullen Green on Tater

Novice Division - 2nd Michael Lindsey ☐ on Ace, 5th

Rebecca Adams ☐ on Generator's Tall Paul, 8th Lisa

Greager Steinbach ☐ on Texan At The Ritz, 9th Tim

Haupt on KBS Prime Oak (SE Highpoint Novice &

Non Pro)

Ride Smart Division - 2nd Richard Peniston ☐ on

Jake, 6th Vaudry Edge on Thru

Non Pro Division - 1st Tracy Pinson on Texan At

The Ritz, 2nd Leanne Hale on Slick, 3rd Kelsie

Graham ☐ on Flower, 4th Rickey Carey on Brandy, 8th

Rick Peniston on Jake

Pro Division - 8th Kelsie Graham on Flower, 10th

Laura Green ☐ on Chloe

## Other SOCA News

If you have news that you would like to submit  
to the SOCA newsletter, please email it to  
[southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com](mailto:southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com)

We will be changing the divisions for the SOCA  
Obstacle Challenges in 2014. Adding a fifth  
division to give more competitors the  
opportunity to win prizes and highpoint. The  
new divisions will be (details next month):

Youth – For riders under 18

Novice – New to obstacle challenges

Posse – Members of a recognized posse

Non Pro – Graduates from Novice

Open Elite – Top tier amateurs/non-pros, plus  
professional trainers

### Serenity Ranch Photography

By Jr. Adams

**Don't forget to check for your photos on  
Jr.'s website!**

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

**Jr. shot the following SOCA events: 3/23  
EXCA Race in Gaffney, 4/27 Obstacle  
Challenge at the Horse Park, 6/22 EXCA  
Race in Pontotoc and the 9/28 EXCA  
Regional Championships in Gaffney, SC**

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**One more obstacle challenge.....  
Buckle results for the Extreme Cowboy Races!**

## Obstacle Challenges

YOUTH DIVISION			
1	Dana Fleming	Destiny	558.0
2	Mikayla Moore	Miss Face It (Mocha)	415.5
3	Shelby Ratliff	One Tuff Cowgirl	356.0
4	Stephanie Walters	Mister Kandelight & Roses	341.0
5	Shawn Charles	Splash	242.0
6	Emily Cook	Scarlet	204.0
7	Rachel McCormick	Amber	139.0
8	Rachel McCormick	Merry Legs	132.0
9	Shelby Ratliff	Generator's Tall Paul	127.0

NOVICE DIVISION			
1	Joyce Tyson	Loroan Scooter	517.0
2	John Tyson	Phat Daddy	469.0
3	Robin Coleman	Harley	427.0
4	Beverly Hartely	Emerald	374.0
5	Bret Lambdin	Tug	346.0
6	Carolyn Caccavale	Nugget	330.5
7	Connie Bogue	Midnight	295.0
8	Francine Alvarez	El Bailador 222	225.0
9	Suzan Hunt	Badland's Dena	215.0
10	Faye Wilkinson	Blue	213.0

NON PRO DIVISION			
1	Phala Wriston	Winn Blue Pardner	550.0
2	Vicky DeCaro	Roxie Rose	535.5
3	Jami Robinson	Texas Genuine Jet	504.0
4	Dakota Rose Hodges	Sonny's Busy Lady	494.0
5	Christina Crumley	Sadie	444.0
6	Sherry Diamond	Atlas	397.0
7	Vickie Oliva	Peppy's Foolish Fancy	388.5
8	Tirina Miller	Wrangler	380.0
9	Debbie Howell	Dakota	380.0
10	Wayne Van De Walker	Boomer	376.5

PRO/POSSE DIVISION			
1	Connie Lloyd	Chance	546.5
2	Cathy Ulm	Spirit	455.5
3	Rebecca Adams	Generator's Tall Paul	436.0
4	Sandra Vann	Spirit	389.0
5	Sharon Carty	Kitty's Fantasy	367.0
6	Rebecca Adams	A Texas State of Mind	359.0
7	Cathy Rotola	Cannon Ball	268.0
8	Traci Woodard	Montana Nicajack (Sprite)	266.0
9	Denise Rizzo	Sable's Blackjack Shadow	223.0
10	Lindsey Laycock	CS Booker Roan	222.5

## Extreme Cowboy Races

YOUTH				TOTAL
1	Shelby Ratliff	Y	Generator's Tall Paul	1925.973
2	Eliza Green	Y	Lightnin'	1816.700
3	Cullen Green	Y	Tater	1592.306
4	Dana Fleming	Y	Destiny	1328.591
5	Natalie Rogers	Y	Tucker	1189.056
6	Elizabeth Roten	Y	Allie	347.363
YOUNG GUNS				
1	Bennett Green	YG	Chloe	1065.490
2	Bennett Green	YG	Dash	910.386
3	Dana Fleming	YG	Destiny	427.632
NON PRO				
1	Michael Lindsey	NP	Ace	2140.222
2	Rick Peniston	NP	Jake	2023.613
3	Tracy Pinson	NP	Texan At The Ritz	2010.651
4	Dennis Tipton	NP	Goodbar's Sonny (Zippy)	1936.601
5	Kelsie Graham	NP	Flower	1925.833
6	Vaudry Edge	NP	Thru	1813.164
RIDE SMART				
1	Dennis Tipton	RS	Goodbar's Sonny (Zippy)	2012.330
2	Rick Peniston	RS	Jake	2009.142
3	Dennis Robinson	RS	Threat's Dark Reflection	1938.597
4	Joe Holloway	RS	Solanos Moonlite Run	1928.542
5	Vaudry Edge	RS	Thru	1838.133
6	John Hodges	RS	Bud	1604.937
NOVICE				
1	Michael Lindsey	N	Ace	1865.466
2	Joe Holloway	N	Solanos Moonlite Run	1633.215
3	Rebecca Adams	N	Generator's Tall Paul	1361.347
4	John Hodges	N	Bud	1321.003
5	Vicky DeCaro	N	Roxie Rose	1302.052
6	Jane Peniston	N	Seven	1073.217
PRO				
1	Laura Green	P	Chloe	1940.639
2	Kelsie Graham	P	Flower	1739.895
3	Cody Brown	P	Chic	1603.142
4	Cody Brown	P	Red	1552.501
5	Leanne Hale	P	Slick	1536.504
6	John Roberts	P	Silk	1313.972
GREEN HORSE				
1	Tracy Pinson	GH	One Tuff Cowgirl	967.520
2	Shelby Ratliff	GH	One Tuff Cowgirl	633.579
3	Phala Wriston	GH	Winn Blue Pardner	528.418
4	Josiah Hood	GH	Sarah	468.361
5	Elizabeth Roten	GH	Pearl	243.862
6	John Roberts	GH	TT	174.550



## SOCA Member Spotlight Meet your fellow SOCA Members



### Renee' Hagan-Labombarda

**Horse(s) name and breed:** I have 2 mares , Kindle (aka Angels Shady Jr Mint) who is a 6 y.o. Reg. QH , and other named Shy (Sheyanne) 6 y.o. paint pony who is being used in the Therapeutic riding Program to which I am presently employed.

**Occupation:** I presently work as a Referral & Intake Coordinator and PATH Instructor for Bit By Bit Therapeutic Riding Center in Davie & Pompano Beach FL.

**Other activities besides SOCA (horse related and non-horse related):** Member of the South Florida Trail Riders, AQHA & Broward Sheriff's Office mounted Posse. When I have time... I enjoy scrapbooking all my photo memories. Actually, I really had alot of other interests..... before I owned 2 horses, but for now I'm totally focused on bombproof training.

**Family:** I have a GREAT husband named Thomas (who is not an equestrian by any means) but supports my horse passion 100%. He builds my 'horse projects' when I have bouts of brainstorm. I am so lucky to have such support from him. I have 2 daughters Caitlin & Giana. Caitlin, who will be graduating from FGCU in Ft. Meyers, & Giana who is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I got the love of horses from my father who was a jockey back in the 60's & 70's. For obvious reasons he wouldn't let me follow in his footsteps, but believe that I am at a much better place then I could have ever been- being a jockey.

**Other interesting facts about you and/or your horse (what you like to do, anything you've won, goals, etc.):** I practice the Downunder Horsemanship (Clinton Anderson) method, thanks to my mentor Windy Steele out of Crescent City, FL who helps me continue to learn, train and grow. I enjoy first and foremost learning to have control of my horse, whether on the trail or through obstacles. I really am not after ribbons/trophies or belt buckles. I win *every single day* that I work with my horses and help them discover the 'thinking side' of their brain. My goal is to build their confidence, keep them respectful, and trust that I am, and will remain a good leader. I guess you can say that my ultimate goal is to have that 'bond' that we all talk about between horse and human. I am interested in learning cow sorting and Extreme Cowboy Challenges *\*\*(wink wink to Tracy)* for the future but am enjoying the path to get there. I am finally where my heart has always been. I truly believe my prayers were answered.

Dates, details and previous months newsletters  
can be found on the SOCA website at  
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Welcome to riding



You are now broke

## 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 at 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.

## 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, 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 corporate sponsors

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