



September 2014 Newsletter



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September is a busy month for SOCA!

September 13th Obstacle Challenge

The September 13th Obstacle Challenge at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL looks to be another great event. There are over 60 pre-entries and we are still a couple of weeks out! Most of the obstacles will be under the shade trees, so it should be a pleasant day! The flyer and entry forms are attached to this newsletter. If you haven't already done so, please get entries in to secure your place in the order of go.

Cookin' Country will be on hand for some good food, so bring your appetite too!

Extreme Cowboy Race Regional Championships – September 27-28 – Gaffney, SC at Green River Farms

This will be an event for the record books! We already have over 70 pre-entries for this race – Thank goodness it will be two days so everyone will get two runs!

Barbara and Joel Mobley always provide great hospitality and awesome food! Diane McMurtrey and Kim Hazlett from Canada will be our judges. Remember, last to enter is the first to run – Send those entries in!!

Buckles for each division winner at the race!!

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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

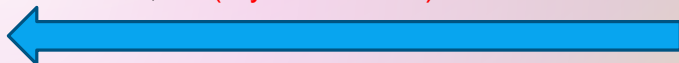
6/28/14 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) – Pontotoc County Agri-Center, Pontotoc, MS

7/12/14 – Schooling Day & Judging Clinic, Darby Oaks Stables

9/13/14 – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL (**Flyer attached**)

9/27-28/14 – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championships (Triple Points) – Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC (**Flyer attached**)

11/15/14 – Obstacle Challenge Championships (double points) – Rocking Horse Stables, Altoona, FL (**Flyer attached**)





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Congratulations to SOCA members Connie Lloyd, Karen Ketchum, Kelly Gifford and Cathy Rotola at the First Responder Games in West Palm Beach, FL

More Member News - Sneak Peak for 2015!

Proposed Divisions for 2015 Obstacle Challenges:

- Youth
- Novice Horse & Rider
- Non Pro
- Posse
- Open Elite
- Green Horse (any skill level rider)



Other notes and changes:

- Riders will be asked to move up to the next division if they place in the top 3 at least 3 times during the year (starting with 2014), with the exception of Youth and Green Horse.
- Green Horse (training division) is not a high point division - one win and you move up to the riders appropriate division. A horse is only considered Green for one show season and then they must move up.
- Posse will be open to any posse members, however, they can also show in any division (except Novice) that defines their skill level.
- Youth will be limited to a maximum of three entries per event.

Tentative Dates for 2015 Buckle Events (Venues to be announced soon):

1/17-18/15 - Race & Obstacle Challenge (FL)
3/7/15 - Obstacle Challenge (FL)
4/18/15 - Extreme Cowboy Race (SC)
4/25/15 - Obstacle Challenge (FL)
6/5-6/15 - EXCA Nationals (TN)
6/27/15 - Extreme Cowboy Race (MS)
9/12/15 - Obstacle Challenge (FL)
9/26/15 - EXCA Regional Championships (SC)
11/14/15 - Obstacle Challenge Championships

Additional Sanctioned Florida EXCA Races (Will not count toward buckles):

3/21/15 - Bushnell, FL
11/28/15 - TBD

Tentative Schooling Days:

2/7/15
7/11/15



SOCA MERCHANDISE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

New SOCA Logo T-Shirts - \$15
SOCA Decals - \$5

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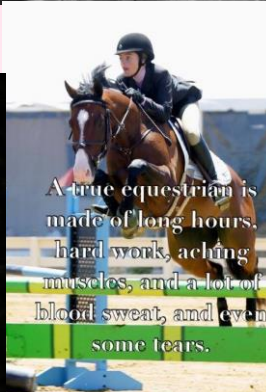
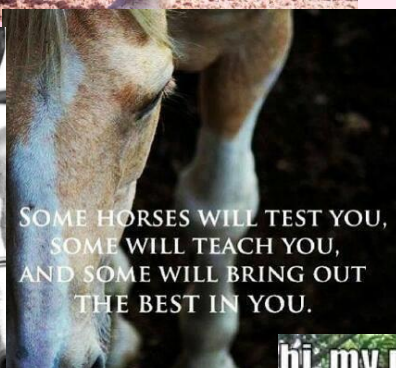
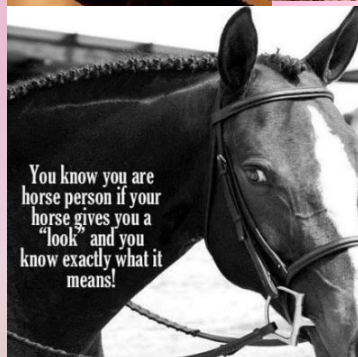
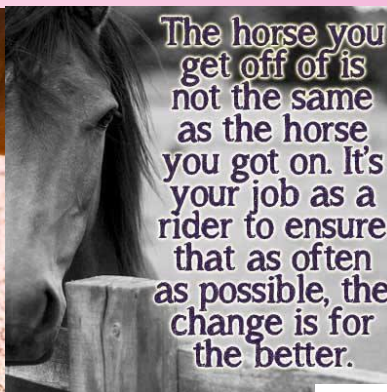
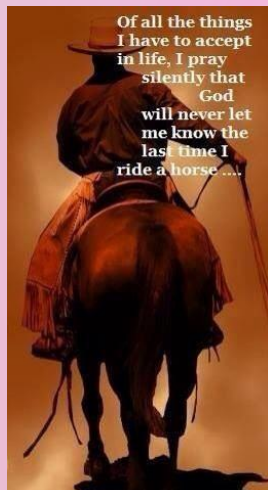
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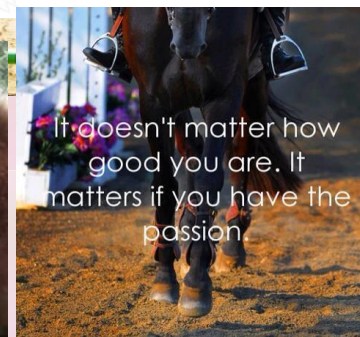
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Random Stuff to Share



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THE ART OF KEEPING
A HORSE BETWEEN YOU
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Obstacle Practice/Schooling Directory

Kick N Back Farm has got well over 50 obstacles spread out both on and off trails.

Many are in the woods and closely mimic both SOCA, as well as other trail competitions. We also have arena style obstacles. We have everything from the "scary" horse killing objects to finesse style challenges to help people at whatever level they want to work. Located in Ocklawah, FL 352-895-2564.

- 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 (check for scheduled events)
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>



Steele Stables - 110 Highliner Road, Crescent city, FL 32112 (no email)
FaceBook-open to public under **Windy Steele** - Call or text (386) 559-0687
\$20 per horse for obstacle course on Sundays.

Located right next to Welaka State forest with Beautiful trails, bathrooms, stalls & camping for a \$2 per person forest donation.

Call for next available openings. No concessions available.



Greene Acres Stables - Owners Pam and Ronnie Bacon

Email twhcasper2@gmail.com

5041 Reece Road, Plant City, FL 33567 Phone - 813-727-0502

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



****Please note: This directory is a service for our members, SOCA does not sanction or endorse these facilities. If you would like to add your facility to the list, please send information to:**

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The Buckle Race High Point Standings through August 31st

Obstacle Challenges

Youth Division 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
Novice Division 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 Division 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	Caesar 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 Pro Division 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 Division 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 McKeenan	Incredible Wolf 124.00
9	Amy Barnett	Magic's Alley Cat 123.50
10	Sean Patrick	Joker 123.00

Extreme Cowboy Races

Young Guns Division		
1	Bennett Green	Chloe 756.699
2	Dana Fleming	Destiny 454.935
3	Bennett Green	Tater 370.914
4	Bennett Green	Briggan 269.245
5	Lilly Hite	Misty T 105.480
6	Rylee Yarbrough	Tips 95.920
Novice Division		
1	John Hodges	Bud 1260.743
2	Joe Holloway	Solano's Moonlite Run 1198.508
3	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl 1123.012
4	Jane Peniston	Seven 795.472
5	Courtney Pearre	Hawk 789.230
6	Alison Stewart	Doc 581.698
Green Horse Division		
1	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Night At The Ritz 1358.997
2	Bernie Duncan	Delta 636.512
3	Rick Peniston	Boon 625.102
4	Josiah Hood	Sarah 529.085
5	Shelby Ratliff	Brad Pitt 477.809
6	Michael Lindsey	Justa Classy Native (Red) 358.862
Non Pro Division		
1	Tracy Pinson	Texan At The Ritz 1797.846
2	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco 1704.289
3	Dennis Tipton	Goodbar's Sonny 1623.332
4	Michael Lindsey	Ace 1616.800
5	Rick Peniston	Jake 1470.010
6	Kelsie Graham	Flower 1165.256
Intermediate Division		
1	Dennis Tipton	Goodbar's Sonny 1727.727
2	Lisa Steinbach	Texan At The Ritz 1627.664
3	Shelby Ratliff	Dillon 1553.341
4	Joe Holloway	Solano's Moonlite Run 1415.805
5	Dennis Robinson	Threat's Dark Reflection 1391.025
6	Sarah Schlaich	Bindi 1137.948
Youth Division		
1	Cullen Green	Tater 1091.151
2	Eliza Green	Lightnin' 1085.647
3	Elizabeth Roten	Belle 979.687
4	Elizabeth Roten	Allie 941.320
5	Dana Fleming	Destiny 776.279
6	Rhiannon Cain	Teddy 672.992
Ride Smart Division		
1	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco 1813.956
2	Dennis Tipton	Goodbar's Sonny 1745.613
3	Rick Peniston	Jake 1594.050
4	Dennis Robinson	Threat's Dark Reflection 1499.640
5	Joe Holloway	Solano's Moonlite Run 1436.985
6	Steve Barret	Mr. Geniue Doc 1220.627
Pro Division		
1	Laura Green	Chloe 1156.138
2	Tim Edge	Drifting Pick 1153.580
3	Kelsie Graham	Flower 1144.771
4	Tim Edge	Mr. Lil Blue Tom 1093.657
5	Rick Peniston	Jake 729.698
6	Joel Mobley	Chic 723.177

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Meet your fellow SOCA Members



Julia Marshall

My name is Julia Marshall. I have had the passion for and ridden horses all my life but didn't actually "own" my first horse until I was thirty. Cricket was actually a wedding present to myself, saved my new husband the trouble of trying to figure out what to get me. I have owned a few horses since then, but the one horse that holds my heart is Romeo. I have owned him since he hit the ground. This horse was my all around companion. We placed at Western Pleasure shows and obstacle competitions. He pulled a cart starting at the age of 2. He was my dream horse from head to toe. We had a bright future ahead of us. Unfortunately, I had to retire him at the ripe ole age of 6, due to a disease that causes paralyzing attacks. My dreams were shattered.

Everything we trained for, down the drain. After my short bout of depression, I finally came to the reality that I need to get back in the saddle. I am still competing (at a low level) at obstacle challenges, but what excites me more is teaching my granddaughter to ride. I currently own a 16.1 hand 9yr old Quarter Horse named Tai. Big step up from a 14.2 horse. What was I thinking! Well, he passed all my tests and decided I would just have to invest in a step stool...lol I volunteer for the Polk County Mounted Search and Rescue Team. We are the team they send out to wooded areas to search for missing people. We also "patrol" and attend events of all kinds. Our team also competes every year at the Tampa Fairgrounds, during the state fair, against other counties. Five days of training and competitions. Its my little vacation away from home for that week. I have to honestly say, obstacles are my passion. I love coming up with new ideas to try. Romeo and Tai are my only horses at this time. I currently board, but hope to soon own a place with property.



Romeo



Tai

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Debra Meredith

Hi members,

My name is Debra and I am fairly new to obstacle challenges. I have been to a couple of practice events at Tracy's place and have completed the Judge's Clinic and judged at a couple of events. I am looking forward to participating in a lot more SOCA events with my 3yr old palomino quarter horse gelding "Designer Guns" a.k.a. Desi or on my 7yr old palomino mare, Summer. We started Desi under saddle this year and cannot wait for him to actually be able to participate in an obstacle event. Before starting Desi under saddle we participated in a few FPEA halter events where as a yearling he took a Grand Reserve. Summer has participated in a few local practice events with friends and competed at Lynn Palm's in Ocala. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the Sept. 13th challenge we will be out of town, and I was looking so forward to it, but hope this will be the only one we miss. I look forward to seeing everyone at all future events either riding or judging. Good Luck to everyone Sept 13th lets get the fall season started off with a bang. My husband Tim and I have enjoyed becoming SOCA members and attending as many events as we can. So glad we found y'all and became members!! Tim is not a rider, but really enjoys helping set up obstacles with our buddy Keith Earle when possible and judging. Happy riding everyone!!



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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

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**"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 so your points will count!

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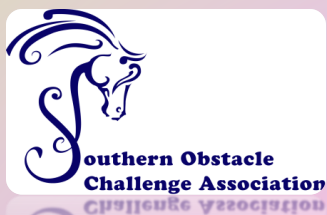
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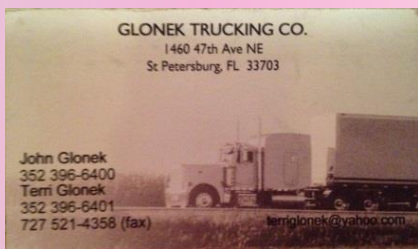
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