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December 2013 Newsletter



Yahoo!!



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
FROM ALL OF US AT SOCA!!!
WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL OF YOU!**



Obstacle Challenge Championships

For those of you attending the SOCA Obstacle Challenge Championships....THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!! Not only for coming to the event, but for your patience as we made it through a record 102 entries!

Winners are listed later in this newsletter, as are the high point champions. Complete results can be found on the SOCA website.

Congratulations to all of you!

Florida Horse Park Event

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

Full hook-up campsites are limited, so if you need one, make your reservations now.

There will be an order of go, so get your entries in early and specify if you want to ride with someone in the obstacle challenge.

2014 Events

- 1/4/14** – Schooling Day and Judges Clinic at Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL (Flyer attached)
- 1/18-19/14** – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race on Saturday and Obstacle Challenge on Sunday. (Flyer attached)
- 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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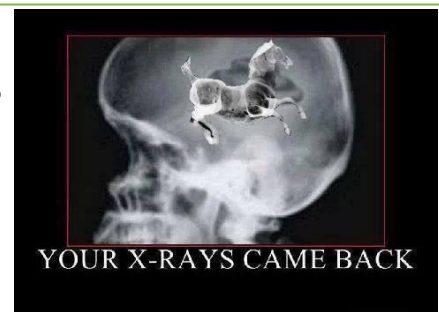
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Make plans for the two day event at the Florida Horse Park – Saturday, January 18th is the Extreme Cowboy Race and Sunday, January 19th is the Obstacle Challenge

Other SOCA News

SOCA will be hosting a schooling day and judges clinic on Saturday, January 4th. Details are on the attached flyer and space is limited. Please RSVP as soon as possible!

Did you complete the SOCA Survey? We want your feedback, please complete the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QKJRFTL>

If you have news that you would like to submit to the SOCA newsletter, please email it to southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com

**THANKS TO ALL OF OUR JUDGES FOR
YOUR HARD WORK & DEDICATION!!!!**

SOCA dues are due January 1st!

**SOCA needs more volunteers &
judges!!!**

**Please attend the judges clinic on
January 4th to become certified
(see attached information).**

**Would you like to help in other
ways? Please email us at
southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com**

2014 Changes to SOCA

There will be ribbons given to 10 places at all events!

All events will have a posted order of go.

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 in the January event flyer):

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, as well as, professional trainers

**Serenity Ranch Photography
By Jr. Adams**

Don't forget to check for your photos:

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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Congratulations to our High Point Winners for 2013!!!!

Obstacle Challenges

YOUTH DIVISION

1	Dana Fleming	Destiny	819.0
2	Mikayla Moore	Miss Face It (Mocha)	677.5
3	Stephanie Walters	Mister Kandelight & Roses	581.0
4	Shawn Charles	Splash	519.0
5	Rachel McCormick	Amber	405.0
6	Emily Cook	Scarlet	391.0
7	Rachel McCormick	Kota	380.0
8	Shelby Ratliff	One Tuff Cowgirl	356.0
9	Rachel McCormick	Merry Legs	132.0
10	Shelby Ratliff	Generator's Tall Paul	127.0

NOVICE DIVISION

1	Joyce Tyson	Loroan Scooter	748.0
2	John Tyson	Phat Daddy	713.0
3	Robin Coleman	Harley	697.0
4	Bret Lambdin	Tug	591.0
5	Connie Bogue	Midnight	493.0
6	Dorrie Kraber	Gunner	430.0
7	Carolyn Caccavale	Nugget	424.5
8	Anette McCrory Tolber	Fancy	405.0
9	Denise Brown	Gismo	404.0
10	Ashley McNulty	Beauty	381.0

NON PRO DIVISION

1	Phala Wriston	Winn Blue Pardner	824.0
2	Vicky DeCaro	Roxie Rose	821.5
3	Jami Robinson	Texas Genuine Jet	769.0
4	Sherry Diamond	Atlas	665.0
5	Christina Crumley	Sadie	646.0
6	Debbie Howell	Dakota	646.0
7	Tirina Miller	Wrangler	621.0
8	Wayne Van De Walker	Boomer	617.5
9	Renee Stafford	Coot	542.5
10	Pam Greene Bacon	Peyton	536.0

PRO/POSSE DIVISION

1	Connie Lloyd	Chance	805.5
2	Cathy Ulm	Spirit	697.5
3	Sharon Carty	Kitty's Fantasy	621.0
4	Traci Woodard	Montana Nicajack (Sprite)	535.0
5	Cathy Rotola	Cannon Ball	530.0
6	Rebecca Adams	Generator's Tall Paul	436.0
7	Ann Hanley	Conrad's Debonaire Gentle	416.0
8	Anna Gay	Catman	414.0
9	Lisa Wood	Caesar	403.0
10	Sandra Vann	Spirit	389.0

Extreme Cowboy Races

YOUTH

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	Texas 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





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Pictures from the SOCA Obstacle Challenge Championships at Rocking Horse Stables in Altoona

November 16, 2013

Congratulations to all the winners!

SOCA OBSTACLE CHALLENGE RESULTS - 11/16/13

Youth Division Results			Non Pro Division Results		
1	Shawn Charles	Splash	1	Vicky DeCaro	Roxie Rose
2	Rachel McCormick	Amber	2	Jimmy Risley	Star
3	Rachel McCormick	Kota	3	Phala Wriston	Winn Blue Pardner
4	Mikayla Moore	Miss Face It	4	Renee Stafford	Coot
5	Dana Fleming	Destiny	5	Sherry Diamond	Atlas
6	Stephanie Walters	Mr. Kandlelite & Roses	6	Debbie Howell	Dakota
Novice Division Results			Pro/Posse Division Results		
1	Dorrie Krabec	Gunner	1	Lisa Wood	Caesar
2	Robin Coleman	Harley	2	Traci Woodard	Montana Nicajack
3	Maggie Young	Tassie	3	Sean Patrick	Joker
4	Ashley McNulty	Beauty	4	Amy Barnett	Magic's Alley Cat
5	Bret Lambdin	Tug	5	Anna Gay	Catman
6	John Tyson	Phat Daddy	6	Alicia Patrick	Joe



Youth Division



Novice Division



Non Pro Division



Pro/Posse Division

SOCA Obstacle Challenge High Point Winners



Youth Division



Novice Division



Non Pro Division



Pro/Posse Division

SOCA Member Spotlight

Meet your fellow SOCA Members

Mikayla Moore



Harold and Denise are the proud parents of our 15 year old daughter, Mikayla Moore, lover of horses and most animals (with the exception of spiders!) since very early childhood. Our other children, all non-horse people, are older and working in various careers - a research scientist, a chef, an artist, and a government administrator - and live in Gainesville, Jacksonville, Atlanta and Indianapolis. Thanks to Mikayla, our home, from time to time, has been graced with hermit crabs, a rabbit, a cat, a dog and a guinea pig, the latter which came to us as a surprise from Mikayla's school classroom on the last day before summer vacation! She said no one else would take care of it over the summer, and she just could not resist. We lived in Jacksonville, Florida for many years before moving to Clermont in 2011.

Mikayla developed her verbal skills at a young age, and at times, could be an excited, non-stop talker when she was very young. We were visiting family in Denver when she was about 4 years old, and decided to treat Mikayla to a local tourist-oriented trail ride on horseback in the mountains. She was very excited and talked about the adventure all the way there, and was a little disappointed when the guide explained that she could not ride alone, and would have to ride double with her Dad. When we mounted our horses, I glanced at the woman behind us, and warned her that Mikayla might talk a little on the trail. Well, she was so excited, she talked non-stop for two hours straight while riding up and down the mountains! When we finished, I looked back at the lady behind us, and she jokingly said "you sure weren't kidding about her being excited and talking quite a bit!"

Her interest in horses just kept getting more intense as she grew older. A family vacation to Virginia in 2008 encouraged her passion as we watched the saltwater cowboys bring the Chincoteague Ponies across the inlet to the mainland at the annual Chincoteague Island Pony Swim. Another sight Mikayla enjoyed seeing a few years ago are the wild horses of Cumberland Island, Georgia. Over the years, Mikayla has also attended week-long summer camps in North Carolina and Florida, including three of the 4-H / University of Florida Horsemanship Schools. Mikayla now rides Miss Face It (Mocha), a 12 year old western pleasure show horse that she is training to be a trail companion and obstacle challenge competitor.

The spring and summer of 2010 was a year of firsts for Mikayla.- First trail ride, first beach ride, and first competitive western pleasure horse show. In the spring of 2011, Mikayla was awarded high point Grand Champion for the weekend at Silver Sands in New Smyrna Beach. In the fall of 2012, Mikayla discovered and fell in love with Obstacle Trail Challenges. She entered her first ever event in October, 2012 at the Lake Louisa Obstacle Trail Challenge, and was fortunate enough to earn fourth place! Lake Asbury Riding Association held an Obstacle Challenge in early November, 2012, and Mikayla improved to a second place finish at only her second event.

We heard about SOCA in Mid-November, 2012 and Mikayla entered her first SOCA sponsored event that month in Altoona, and had a great time! We, as parents, are very proud of her for her commitment throughout the 2013 SOCA season, and have watched her progress from a starting score in the 80's in January to her most recent challenge with a score in the 130's! Mikayla has also competed in the 2013 Altoona Trail Riders Obstacle Challenge, as well as Lynn Palm's AQHA Trail Obstacle Challenges in Ocala, where she has been awarded two blue ribbons and two second place ribbons. In between the competitions, Mikayla participated in two Bess Wall de-sensitizing clinics and two ground-work clinics by Warwick Schiller.

As a typical teenager, Mikayla has developed an intense passion for listening to music, and follows all the news about her favorite bands. She is also interested in photography, and earlier this spring, entered a photo in her local 4-H Club's Lake County photo contest and won a blue ribbon at the county fair. The photo went on to win a blue ribbon at the State level as well! The subject? Horse-related, of course! In fact, the photo was taken at a SOCA event earlier this year. It can be seen online at this web address: http://florida4h.org/events/photo_contest/Intermediates_winners.pdf. Mikayla is an avid reader, which is a big help to her "teachers" (parents) in her home schooling, and possess a very keen sense of humor. She is somewhat adventurous and sometimes tries new things- like when she jumped and attached herself to a velcro wall while wearing a velcro suit! All things considered, we have been blessed by this 15 year old-going on 20 something daughter of ours- she most assuredly keeps us on our toes!





Dennis Robinson

Horse(s) name and breed: Threat's Dark Reflection (aka Cole), Tennessee Walking Horse

Occupation: Currently, I work in construction sales. I retired from Chrysler Corporation and previously owned a Chrysler/Plymouth/Dodge/Ford Dealership in Forest Lake, MN. Before that, I was in the US Army Airborne.

Other activities besides SOCA (horse related and non-horse related): My hobby is trail riding! I have ridden in Montana, Idaho, North & South Dakota, Minnesota, Colorado, Texas, Illinois, Tennessee, South Carolina, Florida and some others I can't remember!

Family: I have been married to Lee for 41 of my 69 years and live in Crossville, TN. We have a son and a daughter, as well as two grandchildren.

Other interesting facts about you and/or your horse (what you like to do, anything you've won, goals, etc.): I started riding at 50 years old on Show Boy, a TWH and half brother to the horse I now ride, Cole, who was a certified mounted patrol horse with the Sheriffs Department as a 3 year old. He also won the High Point World Championship for 2012 and 2013 in the EXCA, I went along for the ride! My goals for 2014 include: winning the EXCA World Championship in the Ride Smart Division, ride another Red Stegall 100 mile ride in Texas, get my wife to come to some of the races, and to put God first, my wife second and riding third. Romans 6:23



We need more Member Spotlight Bios.....Please email your information and pictures to southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com



Dates, details and previous months newsletters can be found on the SOCA website at www.southernobstaclechallenges.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.

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.

Please respond to the SOCA survey to give us your ideas for high point awards. They could be buckles, trophy saddle pads, gear bags, etc. Let us know what you want!

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 2013 corporate sponsors

**Rick & Jane Peniston - Stellar Marine - Walker Pond Farm – Gator Horse Trailers
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Jim & Tami Karr - Ocoee Animal Hospital - Animal Clinic of Windermere
Huddle House of Shelbyville**



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