



## January-February 2026 Newsletter

### The Fun Begins!

The 2026 show season begins soon and we've got a number of fun events planned for this year. IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO ENTER! Flyers and registration forms are on the SOCA website.

We are always in need of sponsors – no amount is too small and helps us put on quality events with great prizes.

Our sponsors and volunteers are second to none – TEAM SOCA ROCKS!

#### FIRST 2026 EVENT!

February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Florida Horse Park. Extreme Cowboy Race on Saturday and an Obstacle Challenge on Sunday!

Flyer and entry forms are attached.

**Flyers for all 2026 events are on the SOCA website. It is never too early to enter! For the races, first to enter is last to run. For the challenges, early entries given order of go preference.**

### 2026 Events

- 2/28-3/1/2026** – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday & Obstacle Challenge on Sunday..
- 4/4/2026** – Obstacle Challenge, Southern Roe's Farm, Groveland, FL
- 5/2/2026** – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) The Canyon – Hodges, AL
- 5/29 – 5/31/2026** – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA National Championships, Champions Arena, Celebration Grounds, Shelbyville, TN (5X Points)
- 9/11/2026** –Clinic – Lee Hart
- 9/12/2026** – Extreme Cowboy Race –SE Regional Championships - (Triple Points) Chicopee Agricultural Ctr, Gainesville, GA
- 10/10/2026** - Obstacle Schooling Day – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL
- 11/14/2026** – Obstacle Challenge, Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

We need 2026 sponsors....Can you please help!?!? Every little bit helps pay for awards, buckles, ribbons, etc. The sponsorship form is attached and donations are tax deductible. Thanks!!

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE THESE EVENTS HAPPEN!!!!**

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Each year, SOCA makes a \$250 donation to charities on behalf of our judges/volunteers/announcers that go above and beyond by volunteering at all of our obstacle challenges. Here are the recipients of this year's donations!



## KEY CENTER FOUNDATION

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### Key Training Center

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### Wedgefield Kitty Project

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Wedgefield Kitty Project on behalf of Janine Charles



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## FINAL 2025 HIGH POINT STANDINGS

Congratulations to All!

### SOCA RACE HIGH POINT - 2025

#### Young Guns Divison Results

NO BUCKLE		
1	Maddie Jones	Drifting Thru Poco 250.173
2	Sadie Reilly	LEO's Pride 220.706
3	June Trommsdorff	Patch 207.412

#### Novice Divison Results

1	Chase LaMontagne	Indigo 1969.060
2	Cullen Green	Buster 1759.727
3	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl 1703.654
4	Charles King Sr.	Gus 1358.461
5	Terri Glonek	Tuff Lil Texan 1352.403
6	Charles King Jr.	Champ 1331.285

#### Green Horse Results

NO BUCKLE		
1	Hannah Howe	Peppy Jac Kingwood 1813.786
2	Dennis Tipton	Trendys Classic Jac 1457.718
3	Mike Jeffers	Bucky 1277.263
4	Tim Yoho	Gentry 1140.625
5	Jazzy Durgin	Only 2X The Money 1124.985
6	Angie Jones	Barbie 1110.511

#### Non Pro Divison Results

1	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Struck Gold 2655.671
2	Tracy Pinson	2X T-Buck 2617.671
3	Laura Green Hart	ShesaOsaLenaCat 2200.737
4	Rick Peniston	Savvy Gun Play 2135.259
5	Gina Gatto	So Charming 2054.967
6	Tyler Howe	Indiana Cowgirl 2044.194

#### Intermediate Divison Results

1	Angela Graham	Jack 2272.195
2	Lisa Steinbach	Tuff Struck Gold 2268.944
3	Edward Brown	Spook 1904.984
4	Michael Garman	Newt 1481.015
5	Alecia Grissett	Pepper 1403.436
6	Diane McMurtrey	I'm Gonna Rip It Up 1196.378

#### Youth Divison Results

1	Gina Gatto	So Charming 2071.301
2	Meredyth Crews	Dixie 1962.787
3	Braylie Sturgeon	Roger Diablo 1640.887
4	Braylie Sturgeon	Dollar 1523.033
5	Jordan Jeffers	Champ 1454.611
6	Brooke Baldwin	Redden's Photo Finish 1271.058

#### Ride Smart Divison Results

1	Tracy Pinson	2X T-Buck 2682.402
2	Lisa Steinbach	Tuff Struck Gold 2426.955
3	Angela Graham	Jack 2403.043
4	Rick Peniston	Savvy Gun Play 2201.466
5	Vaudry Edge	Rojo Willy John 2 1960.722
6	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Night At The Ritz 1748.370

#### Pro Divison Results

NO BUCKLE		
1	Jazzy Durgin	BulletProof 2117.083
2	Hannah Howe	High Flying X Tex 1842.108
3	Lee Hart	Lumpy 1567.040
4	Lee Hart	MOSU Freckle Lena 1154.453
5	Angeline Saliceti	Samson 1150.555
6	Lee Hart	Crimson Contender 1092.342

#### Open Divison Results

1	Gina Gatto	So Charming 2122.944
2	Tyler Howe	Indiana Cowgirl 2281.171
3	Jazzy Durgin	BulletProof 2114.447
4	Lee Chapman	Pistol Pete 1877.888
5	Lee Hart	Lumpy 1569.395
6	Chase LaMontagne	Indigo 1536.694

### SOCA OBSTACLE CHALLENGE HIGH POINT - 2025

	Rider	Horse	Total
Novice Division			
1	Julie Testa	Boone	359.00
2	Laura Sirak	Chief	348.50
3	Frances Hamlett	Fate	344.50
4	Joni Nathanson	Prime Time Spook (Blue)	244.00
5	Mary Baujan-McLeod	Talk About Prince	219.50
6	Daisy Jones	Dutton	215.00
Youth Division			
1	Alexa Jackson	BiBi	411.50
2	Maddie Jones	Drifting Thru Poco	340.50
3	Kailey Hetherman	One Tuff Cowboy	285.50
4	Gina Gatto	So Charming	258.00
5	Meredyth Crews	Dixie	235.00
6	Meredyth Crews	Clark	134.50
Intermediate Division			
1	Jenna Bishop	J-Low	418.00
2	Kimberly Paquette	Absoluteontherocks	382.50
3	Karen Ketchum	Bindi	327.00
4	Tim Haupt	Mercy Reigns	321.50
5	Denise McMeekin	Macky	262.00
6	Anne Hanley	Spirit	241.50
Open Elite Division			
1	Lesia Roe	Cat	416.00
2	Margo Cook	Luna	408.50
3	Lisa Cusimano	Sierra	396.00
4	Connie Lloyd	Lark's Grey Twist	392.00
5	Terri Glonek	Tuff Lil' Texan	265.00
6	Jazzy Durgin	Bulletproof	137.50

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## Winter Respiratory Care For Horses

Improve your horse's  
respiratory health through  
winter.



You may want to bundle up your horse with these cold temperatures, but leaving them inside can potentially affect their respiratory health. Your horse needs time outside with fresh air. If that's not possible, then you must create a good stable environment. Some horses are more prone to respiratory issues. You must monitor them carefully during the winter season. These tips will set you up for success.

### Tips for Your Horse's Respiratory Health

- Give your horse plenty of time outside every day if possible.
- Ensure your horse barn has good airflow and proper ventilation. You may want to close up the doors to prevent the cold air from coming inside, but that can negatively impact your horse's respiratory system.
- Clean stalls when your horses are not in the barn. The same goes for sweeping or blowing out the aisle. Airborne dust can cause your horse to cough or have breathing troubles.
- Store your hay and bedding in a different building or space.
- Pick bedding that is low to no dust, such as shavings, hemp, rice hulls, or shredded cardboard.
- Consider the dust that an attached indoor arena may bring.
- Be wary of exercising in extreme temperatures. The cold weather can lead to inflammation in your horse's airway.
- Allow your horse to eat on the ground, which is their natural eating headset.
- You may need to soak your hay, which reduces dust and molds.
- Those with respiratory issues may need low-dust feed options or even forage replacements.

Purina Mills shared that "25–80 percent of stabled horses suffer from Recurrent Airway Obstruction (RAO), commonly known as heaves, and Inflammatory Airway Disease (IAD)." It's important you take the proper measures to ensure your horse's respiratory health is protected.

**SOCA would like to thank our 2026 Corporate Sponsors**  
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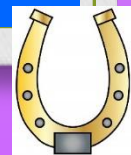
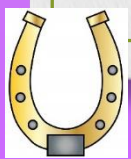


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**2026 SPONSORS NEEDED!**

SOCA is a **501c3 Non Profit Organization**, so donations are tax deductible. Small or large, **ALL** donations are appreciated!!! Sponsorships help us provide **better events for you**, including prizes, donations to charities and buckles for high point awards. **THANK YOU!!!**



## SOCA NEWS

### 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.

THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS, JUDGES & VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE OUR EVENTS POSSIBLE!

#### 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.



SOCA dues (\$10) are due January 1<sup>st</sup>!

Please renew at your first event of the year. Dues help fund the highpoint awards and administrative costs of the club.

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)

**SOCA would like to thank the following for Product Donations:**

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