



March-April 2024 Newsletter

Horse Park Event Was A Huge Success!

The annual SOCA Extreme Cowboy Race and Obstacle Challenge weekend at the Florida Horse Park was an amazing success! With 73 riders in the race and 70 in the obstacle challenge, competition was tough and the judges decisions were even tougher! Thanks to all of the competitors, judges, volunteers and sponsors that made this event happen. Full results are in this newsletter and on the website. Thanks again everyone!

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20th – Obstacle Challenge at Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

May 4th – Extreme Cowboy Race at the Canyon Lodge in Hodges, AL – Special Mule class with a trophy saddle to the winner!!

We still need 2024 Sponsors!!

If you or a business that you know would like to be sponsor for SOCA, we would really appreciate it! Sponsorship forms are attached and every amount is appreciated.

2024 Events

1/13-14/2024 – Craig & Cole Cameron Clinic – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

3/1/2024 – Cole Cameron Clinic, Florida Horse Park, Ocala, FL **CLINIC IS FULL**

3/2-3/2024 – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday & Obstacle Challenge on Sunday..

4/20/2024 – Obstacle Challenge, Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

5/4/2024 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) The Canyon – Hodges, AL

6/1-2/2024 – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA National Championships, Champions Arena, Celebration Grounds, Shelbyville, TN (5X Points)

7/6/2024 - Obstacle Schooling Day – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

9/13/2024 – Annie Chance Clinic, Chicopee Agriculture Center, Gainesville, GA

9/14/2024 – Extreme Cowboy Race –SE Regional Championships - (Triple Points) Chicopee Agricultural Center, Gainesville, GA

11/16/2024 – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

EVENT FLYERS ARE ON THE WEBSITE!

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

RESULTS FROM THE MARCH 2, 2024 FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EXTREME COWBOY RACE

Young Guns Divison Results		Total	
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Green Horse Results			
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8	Richard Blaudow	Monte	278.740
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10	Denise McMeekin	Macky	267.155
11	Jane Cant	Sarah	253.085
Non Pro Divison Results			
1	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Struck Gold	449.305
2	Tracy Pinson	2X TBuck	442.891
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4	Rick Peniston	Savvy	434.947
5	Dennis Tipton	Roos Pine Olena	422.155
6	Vaudry Edge	Rojo Willy John 2	420.713
7	Michael Garman	Newt	387.203
8	Shelby Ratliff	Drifting Thru Poco	375.247
9	Shelby Ratliff	Dangerous Da Vinci	361.618
10	Breanna Bork	One Tuff Cowboy	359.620
11	Rick Cone	Toby	273.709

Intermediate Divison Results		TOTAL	
1	Tyler Howe	High Flying X Tex	446.059
2	Tyler Howe	Indiana Cowgirl	423.736
3	Michael Garman	Newt	417.844
4	Teresa Cone	Rey's Kual Toy	414.401
5	Jamie Caldwell	Pepto Master	399.801
6	Lisa Steinbach	Tuff Struck Gold	396.543
7	Jordan Loane	Maya	392.270
8	Marilyn Loaces	Manolo de Erimar	390.521
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10	Carol Yapaolo	Smart Brow Cat	173.966
11	Tim Haupt	Loomis	135.411
Ride Smart Divison Results			
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12	Sherry Garman	Lumpy	178.873
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PICTURES FROM THE MARCH 2, 2024 FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EXTREME COWBOY RACE



Judge & Young
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RESULTS FROM THE MARCH 3, 2024

OBSTACLE CHALLENGE AT THE FLORIDA HORSE PARK

Place	Rider	Horse	Div
1	Hannah Howe	Moon	GH
2	Shelby Ratliff	I'm Gonna Rip It Up	GH
3	Tim Haupt	Mercy Reigns	GH
4	Sheri Nall	Gambler Acres Ansuz at Lands	GH
5	Ed Kilpatrick	Levi	GH
6	Sarah Bremer	Doc	GH
7	Holly Rosenau	Thirteen Diamonds	GH
8	Elizabeth Yorke	Santiago	GH
9	Amy Toman	Lily	GH
10	Alaina Faiello	Spirit	GH
11	Beth Macauley	Amigo	GH
1	Meghan Maharrey	Drifting Thru Poco	Y
2	Charlotte Kelley	Fitz	Y
3	Gina Gatto	Piper	Y
4	Madison Gulley	Rockette	Y
5	Ella Laiosa	Doc Holiday	Y
6	Ashlyn Kelley	Snazzy	Y
7	Alexa Jackson	Blondie	Y
8	Madison Gulley	Tank	Y
9	Kailey Hetherman	One Tuff Cowboy	Y
10	Meredyth Crews	Dixie	Y
11	Brooke Bremer	Shades	Y
12	Sophia Johnson	Faline	Y
13	Waylon Johnson	Boots	Y

Place	Rider	Horse	Div	TOTAL
1	Greg Eastwood	Blu	N	135.00
2	Nichole Dalton	Chip	N	132.50
3	Donna Milliken	Black Pepper	N	131.50
4	Audra Gefter	Charlie	N	129.00
5	Rebecca Hurm	Lovealotta Jack	N	126.75
6	Pam Powell	Pretty Good Fever	N	126.00
7	Dusty Bremer	Diesel	N	121.00
8	Ashley Kranke	Nine Times Two	N	121.00
9	Pete White	Simba	N	120.50
10	Pam Powell	BJ	N	117.50
11	Kaitlyn McCafferty	A Travelin Bandit	N	112.00
12	Jamie White	Brody	N	110.00
13	Julie Testa	Boone	N	108.00
14	Joni Nathanson	Primetime Spook (Blue)	N	108.00
15	Courtney Snyder	Ace	N	102.50
16	Lavonne Thompson	Hollywood	N	100.00
17	Richard Blaudow	Monte	N	99.00
18	Sara Aldridge	Jac	N	97.50
19	Romona Edge	Drifting Pick	N	74.00
1	Donna Bellusci	Caz (Chicago's Lad)	I	140.50
2	Tyler Howe	Indiana Cowgirl	I	139.00
3	Carol Yapaolo	Smart Brow Cat	I	134.50
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11	Denise McMeekin	Macky	I	115.00
12	Edward Brown	Spook	I	113.00
13	Iris Glick	Luminosa	I	108.00
14	Nancy Biddinger	Rooster	I	88.00
15	Tim Haupt	Loomis	I	85.00
1	Alexa Jackson	Sunshine & Whiskey	P	146.00
2	Cathy Rotola	Nick	P	142.00
3	Traci Woodard	Montana Nicajack	P	140.50
4	Hannah Howe	High Flying X Tex	P	139.00
5	Marilyn Loaces	Manolo de Erimar	P	138.50
6	Lisa Cusimano	Sierra	P	136.50
7	Katie Morris	Caspian	P	136.00
8	Margo Cook	Luna	P	134.50
9	Cat Zimmerman	Stitch	P	129.50
10	Briana Tribett	Jasper	P	125.00
11	Connie Lloyd	Lark's Grey Twist	P	115.00



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HIGH POINT STANDINGS AS OF 3/30/24

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Questions to Ask to Find Your Dream Horse

Before Going to Look at a Horse



- What's the horse's age and has it been verified by a vet or equine dentist?
- What's the horse's history and does it have any health concerns?
- Does the horse have any vices and why are you selling the horse?
- How does the horse behave with other horses?
- Is the horse suitable for a beginner, advanced beginner, or advanced rider?
- Does the horse ever leave the farm? What is it primarily used for?
- Is the horse barn or buddy sour? Will it ride off by itself?
- Does the horse load and trailer well?
- Can I have access to the vet records and do you welcome a pre-purchase exam?

When You Meet the Horse

- How does it respond to being groomed, fly sprayed, bathed, and blanketed?
- Does it have good posture? Is the horse parking in or out or shifting weight on its front feet?
- How does it respond to being saddled? Is it extremely girthy?
- Does it stand to be mounted?
- How does it hold its head in the walk, trot, and canter?
- Is the horse sound in all its gaits?
- Does it know its leads?
- How does it respond to riding off alone?



Red Flags

- If the owner asks for a deposit to come look at the horse, dig deeper. Oftentimes, these are scams.
- If the owner won't let you get a vet check or pre-purchase exam, this is a red flag that something is wrong with the horse.
- If the horse has unusual posture, or has a limp or a gait that isn't quite right, discuss this with your veterinarian at the PPE.
- If the horse has extreme girthingness when saddling, it could have an ulcer or back pain.



PRO TIP

Always let the owner lead the horse around and ride the horse first so you can see if it's safe and can evaluate it from the ground.



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Get Your Horse Fit For Spring!

Reprinting from March 2023

Longer days and warmer weather are on the horizon. I don't know about you, but it makes me want to pull out the saddle and go for a ride! The important thing to remember, is that your horse needs to be conditioned before you expect too much from him. Getting him fit will build his stamina and lower his risk of injury. Follow these tips and you'll be on your way to riding all the time!



Steps to Follow:

1. Give your veterinarian a call to confirm your horse is ready for conditioning.
2. Schedule an appointment with your farrier to give your horse a fresh trim or put shoes back on.
3. Speak with a nutritionist to adjust food intake for a horse in work.
4. Consider adding supplements, or minerals, if necessary.

Start Slowly:

1st Week: Try to limit your rides to short sessions and no more than 3 hours per week. Light work in the beginning is ideal.

2nd/3rd Week: Build up to 3-5 hours per week. You can start incorporating short canters, small hills, and leg yields by the end of the 3rd week.

4th Week: If your horse has responded well, then you can consider longer rides of 60 minutes. 5 hours per week with increasing demands is a pretty intense workout schedule.

Know Your Horse's Vitals:

Your horse's normal vitals should be around 98-101 degrees Fahrenheit for his temperature, a heart rate of 32-40 BPM, and a respiratory rate of 8-20 breaths per minutes.

The **maximum** they should ever be when exercising:

Temperature: 103 degrees Fahrenheit

Heart Rate: 200 BPM

Respiratory: 80-100 breathes per minute

Your horse's heart rate should return to normal much faster once he is fit.

Your horse will reap a ton of benefits by ditching the hay belly and working out. You'll notice increased muscle and tendon strength and improvement in bone quality, red cell volume, and oxygen uptake. Start with frequent, short workouts that are low intensity, and over time you'll see the improvement.

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SOCA would like to thank our 2024 Corporate Sponsors
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– PLEASE CONTACT US IF
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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

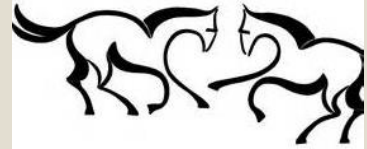
CLINICS/SCHOOLING DAYS

- 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 1st!

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