



**Southern Obstacle
Challenge Association**



September-October 2026 Newsletter

SE Regional Extreme Cowboy Race Championships

Thanks to everyone that came to the Southeastern Regional Championship Extreme Cowboy Race at the Chicopee Woods Agri Center in Gainesville, GA. The turnout was awesome! We had a great clinic with Lee Hart on Friday, then he and Diane McMurtrey, Hannah Howe and Mike Jeffers judged the race on Saturday. Thanks to John Glonek for announcing the race and keeping everything running smoothly. The courses were fast, technical and fun! Complete results are in the newsletter and on the website.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers that make our events happen – We absolutely cannot do it without all of you! **Special thanks to Dennis and Mariette Tipton, Jamie Caldwell and the rest of the Rocking T Ranch crew for all your work in hosting this event! We know that there is a lot of behind the scenes work and it is appreciated!!**

High Point Buckles will be awarded at the 11/14/26 Challenge. Make sure you check the standings!

Remaining 2026 Events

11/7/2026 - Obstacle Schooling Day –
Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

11/14/2026 – Obstacle Challenge, Darby
Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

Tentative 2027 Events

2/27-2/28/2027 – Florida Horse Park –
Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on
Saturday & Obstacle Challenge on
Sunday..

4/3/2027 – Obstacle Challenge, TBD

5/1/2027 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double
points) The Canyon – Hodges, AL

6/4 – 6/6/27– Extreme Cowboy Race –
EXCA National Championships,
Champions Arena, Celebration Grounds,
Shelbyville, TN (5X Points)

9/11/2027 – Extreme Cowboy Race –SE
Regional Championships - (Triple Points)
Chicopee Agricultural Ctr, Gainesville, GA

TBD - Obstacle Schooling Day – Darby
Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL

11/13/2027 – Obstacle Challenge, Darby
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MAKE THESE EVENTS HAPPEN!!!!**

SE Regional Championship Extreme Cowboy Race in Gainesville, GA

Thank you Shelby Ratliff Photography!



Southeastern Regional Championship Extreme Cowboy Race Winners



Novice



Green Horse



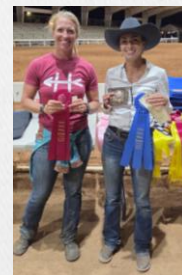
Non Pro



Intermediate



Ride Smart



Pro



Youth



Open



Judges Lee Hart,
Diane McMurtrey,
Hannah Howe and
Mike Jeffers.



Walter
Redden
Jack of All
Trades!



Announcer
John
Glonek

Extreme Cowboy Race High Point Champions



Novice



Green Horse



Non Pro



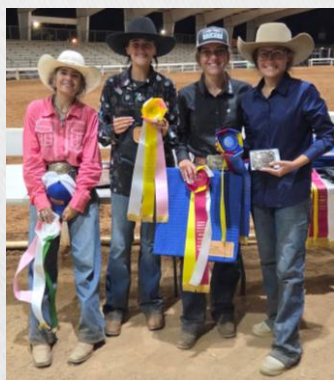
Intermediate



Ride Smart



Pro



Youth



Open

SE Regional Championship Extreme Cowboy Race Results

		Round 1	Round 2	Total
Novice Division Results				
1	Walter Redden 2X T-Buck	263.449	268.859	532.308
2	Michaela Hampl Elenor's Inspiration	250.400	266.776	517.176
3	Terri Glonek Tuff Lil Texan	274.248	234.839	509.087
4	Cullen Green Buster	267.598	237.616	505.214
5	Terri Glonek One Tuff Cowgirl	232.995	267.459	500.454
6	Michaela Hampl Bailey's Irish Cream	240.227	247.149	487.376
7	Diane McMurtrey I'm Gonna Rip It Up	222.642	232.014	454.656
8	Denny Overton Sugar's Cashing Chex	215.019	233.251	448.270
9	Ansley Schuyler Dun It On A Sundee	164.772	172.776	337.548
10	Denise Funk Pinky	142.509	162.420	304.929
Green Horse Results				
1	Tyler Howe Starlight Kingwood	270.114	266.367	536.481
2	Hannah Howe Sugar Pep Kingwood	249.921	282.396	532.317
3	Lee Hart Boons Royal Gypsy	257.988	272.151	530.139
4	Hannah Howe CA Princess Charlee	239.541	248.103	487.644
5	Jazzy Durgin Only 2X The Money	239.442	246.762	486.204
6	Meredyth Crews Dibs	231.357	223.533	454.890
7	Mike Jeffers Chex Smart Pale Face	193.992	219.015	413.007
8	Rick Peniston Imagunnashine	192.696	214.359	407.055
9	Dylan Lamberth BR Hollywood Satin	168.177	191.079	359.256
Non Pro Division Results				
1	Tyler Howe Indiana Cowgirl	329.833	355.538	685.371
2	Tracy Pinson 2X T-Buck	346.949	337.724	684.673
3	Tracy Pinson Tuff Struck Gold	337.232	332.394	669.626
4	Tracy Pinson Tuff Night At The Ritz	334.193	320.263	654.456
5	Tammy Burgard Badger	299.125	352.746	651.871
6	Shelby Ratliff I'm Gonna Rip It Up	326.353	318.237	644.590
7	Rick Peniston Savvy Gun Play	316.735	324.915	641.650
8	Laura Green Hart Reddens Nifty Bar Jo	304.923	328.430	633.353
9	Chase LaMontagne Indigo	319.943	310.114	630.057
10	Tammy Burgard Whiskey	303.730	316.266	619.996
11	Michael Garman Newt	305.611	296.323	601.934
12	Meredyth Crews Dixie	284.517	272.285	556.802

		Round 1	Round 2	Total
Intermediate Division Results				
1	Michael Garman Newt	328.708	329.295	658.003
2	Chase LaMontagne Indigo	331.171	325.792	656.963
3	Jamie Caldwell Crimson Contender	305.418	320.234	625.652
4	Lisa Steinbach Tuff Struck Gold	298.951	318.647	617.598
5	Mary Jo Veluzat Boom Jac Kid	307.310	293.738	601.048
6	Charles King Jr. Champ	291.472	280.797	572.269
7	Terri Glonek One Tuff Cowgirl	284.121	287.933	572.054
8	Michaela Hampl Elenor's Inspiration	264.640	264.173	528.813
9	Mary Jo Veluzat Reminic Dun It Smart	235.827	289.133	524.960
10	Lisa Steinbach Blue Shakerag	269.224	253.005	522.229
11	Michael Garman Lumpy	257.789	262.159	519.948
12	Denny Overton Sugar's Cashing Chex	261.199	252.010	513.209
13	Laurin Whitaker Reycee	212.587	266.361	478.948
14	Charles King Sr Raja	6.000	232.571	238.571
Youth Division Results				
1	Braylie Sturgeon Roger Diablo	344.625	314.423	659.048
2	Braylie Sturgeon Johnny	319.363	314.811	634.174
3	Lucas Mullis Savvy Gun Play	303.684	320.201	623.885
4	Jordan Jeffers Champ	297.936	305.754	603.690
5	Meredyth Crews Dixie	302.883	297.139	600.022
6	Gina Gatto So Charming	258.541	268.596	527.137
7	Timothy Laszlo Sugs Teoc Lady	243.579	265.587	509.166
8	Eliza Meiners Stella	194.611	229.265	423.876
9	Jordan Jeffers Lena	255.622	149.454	405.076
Ride Smart Results				
1	Tammy Burgard Badger	356.505	352.440	708.945
2	Tracy Pinson Tuff Night At The Ritz	366.226	342.248	708.474
3	Tammy Burgard Whiskey	353.107	350.721	703.828
4	Tracy Pinson 2X T-Buck	346.159	354.200	700.359
5	Rick Peniston Savvy Gun Play	356.781	338.016	694.797
6	Laura Green Hart Reddens Nifty Bar Jo	358.795	320.517	679.312
7	Michael Garman Newt	341.382	331.542	672.924
8	Mary Jo Veluzat Boom Jac Kid	344.728	321.049	665.777
9	Mary Jo Veluzat Reminic Dun It Smart	321.122	302.340	623.462
10	Lisa Steinbach Tuff Struck Gold	313.235	301.560	614.795
11	Dennis Tipton Trendy's Classic Jac	295.582	200.228	495.810
Pro Division Results				
1	Jazzy Durgin Bullett Proof	341.360	350.490	691.850
2	Hannah Howe AR Bourbon N Branch	344.105	338.592	682.697
Open Division Results				
1	Tyler Howe Indiana Cowgirl	376.561	379.801	756.362
2	Jazzy Durgin Bullett Proof	350.191	351.062	701.253
3	Gina Gatto So Charming	306.860	315.383	622.243

2026 HIGH POINT STANDINGS THROUGH 10/1/26

SOCA RACE HIGH POINT - 2026

		Total
Young Guns Division Results		
NO BUCKLE		
1	Samantha Grissett Meradaz Red	581.173
2	June Trommsdorff LEO's Pride	240.454
Novice Division Results		
NO BUCKLE		
1	Terri Glonek One Tuff Cowgirl	1624.841
2	Cullen Green Buster	1564.252
3	Terri Glonek Tuff Lil Texan	1509.514
4	Diane McMurtrey I'm Gonna Rip It Up	1438.904
5	Renee Mims Rooster Playboy Poco	1436.536
6	Michaela Hampl Eleanor's Inspiration	1242.334
Green Horse Results		
1	Jazzy Durgin Only 2X The Money	1875.981
2	Hannah Howe Sugar Pep Kingwood	1788.216
3	Meredyth Crews Dibs	1767.489
4	Tyler Howe Starlight Kingwood	1743.815
5	Lee Hart Boons Royal Gypsy	1403.541
6	Tim Haupt Tucker	1220.643
Non Pro Division Results		
1	Tracy Pinson 2X T-Buck	2684.317
2	Tracy Pinson Tuff Struck Gold	2625.723
3	Tyler Howe Indiana Cowgirl	2287.302
4	Chase LaMontagne Indigo	2085.206
5	Meredyth Crews Dixie	2064.977
6	Tracy Pinson Tuff Night At The Ritz	1773.424
Intermediate Division Results		
1	Lisa Steinbach Tuff Struck Gold	2403.040
2	Chase LaMontagne Indigo	2082.842
3	Jamie Caldwell Crimson Contender	1997.992
4	Jen Casey PR Driftin Doc	1676.535
5	Michael Garman Newt	1672.049
6	Mary Jo Veluzat Boom Jac Kid	1657.627
Youth Division Results		
1	Meredyth Crews Dixie	2205.949
2	Gina Gatto So Charming	1921.805
3	Braylie Sturgeon Roger Diablo	1718.579
4	Jordan Jeffers Champ	1515.790
5	Brooklyn Baldwin Reddens Photo Finish	1403.390
6	Paityn Blunk Bodocs Money Bar	1187.834
Ride Smart Division Results		
1	Tracy Pinson 2X T-Buck	2811.790
2	Lisa Steinbach Tuff Struck Gold	2423.816
3	Dennis Tipton Trendys Classic Jac	1856.815
4	Tracy Pinson Tuff Night At The Ritz	1837.681
5	Tammy Burgard Whiskey	1820.481
6	Rick Peniston Savvy Gun Play	1764.364
Pro Division Results		
1	Jazzy Durgin BulletProof	2556.692
2	Hannah Howe AR Bourbon N Branch	2236.067
3	Jazzy Durgin Blue Shakerag	1336.710
4	Chris Redden Dualin Pistol Duke	1114.227
5	Chad Blunk Reddens Red Stinger	1094.717
6	Jen Peterson J-Lo	983.427
Open Division Results		
1	Jazzy Durgin BulletProof	2641.861
2	Tyler Howe Indiana Cowgirl	2390.029
3	Lee Chapman Pistol Pete	1534.265
4	Chad Blunk Reddens Red Stinger	1117.307
5	Chris Redden Dualin Pistol Duke	1099.767
6	Gina Gatto So Charming	1011.841

SOCA OBSTACLE CHALLENGE HIGH POINT - 2026

	Rider	Horse	Total
Novice Division			
1	Laura Sirak	Chief	278.00
2	Allison Laiosa	Doc Holiday	275.50
3	Caroline Knor	Indy	274.50
4	Kimberly Whitmore	River	243.50
5	James McLeod	Ranger	239.50
6	Daisy Jones	Hottie	239.50
7	Mary McLeod	Talk About Prince	236.00
8	Frances Hamlett	Fate	214.00
9	Renee Mims	Rooster Playboy Poco (Aught)	134.50
10	Christian Keen	Creek	130.00
Youth Division			
1	Jackson White	Sunny	293.00
2	Gina Gatto	So Charming	274.00
3	Maddie Jones	Drifting Thru Poco	268.50
4	Mason Jones	I'm Gonna Rip It Up	262.00
5	Meredyth Crews	Dibs	245.00
6	Coraline Bracco	Bronson	224.50
7	Jade Rinna	Roxy	243.00
8	Jordyn Blomer	Patches	95.00
9	June Trommsdorff	LEO's Pride	93.00
10	Sadie Reilly	Patch	81.00
Intermediate Division			
1	Mo Earle	Whodat	253.50
2	Julie Testa	Boone	243.00
3	Madison Gulley	Rockette	235.50
4	Joni Nathanson	Blue	234.00
5	Nancy Biddinger	Rooster	203.00
6	Jen Casey	PR Driftin Doc	138.00
7	Elizabeth Yorke	Harry Potter	136.00
8	Stephanie Suarez	Bogey	134.50
9	Rebecca Hurm	Lovealottajack	121.50
10	Greg Eastwood	Blu	118.00
Open Elite Division			
1	Cathy Rotola	Cas	289.00
2	Margo Cook	Luna	281.00
3	Jazzy Durgin	Bullet Proof	278.00
4	Lisa Cusimano	Sierra	273.00
5	Connie Lloyd	Larks Grey Twist	256.50
6	Kelby Farnsworth	Sassy	229.00
7	Terri Glonek	Tuff Lil Texan	224.00
8	Karen Ketchum	Bindi	207.00
9	Chris Larson	Catman	138.00
10	Kat Wiegand	WHR Tiny Dancer	134.00

There are several breeds of horse that originated in America. These horses all served an important purpose whether for farm work or travel. Nowadays, many are still used on ranches and for recreational enjoyment. They're loved and cherish by many!

Horses Developed in America

- **Quarter Horse:** Developed in 17th century Colonial America, the Quarter Horse was a cross of imported English horses and Spanish Barb horses. They were raced on village streets and on short paths of a quarter mile, which is how they received their name. They dominated in short-distance sprints.
- **Paint:** Paint horses can trace their lineage back to the Spanish Conquistador Hernando Cortes. He had horses described as pinto with white stockings and patches. The offspring of these colorful horses spread throughout the Western plains. Native Americans and cowboys took great interest in them.
- **Appaloosa:** Originating in the Pacific Northwest, the Appaloosa was developed by the Nez Perce tribe back in the 18th century. This tribe was expert horse breeders, focusing on strength, speed, intelligence, and a unique spotted coat.
- **Morgan:** A bay stallion born in Massachusetts in 1789, Figure is responsible for this breed. He was owned by a schoolteacher and composer, Justin Morgan. His offspring, Sherman, Bulrush, and Woodbury carried on his exceptional traits. Nowadays, all Morgan horses can trace their lineage back to these original horses.
- **Saddlebred:** Influenced by breeds like the Galloway, Narragansett Pacer, and Thoroughbreds, the American Saddlebred was developed between the 1700s and 1800s. Kentucky farmers wanted a versatile horse for farm work and travel.
- **Standardbred:** Back in the 19th century, the Standardbred was created for harness racing and travel. Bloodlines can be traced back to a Thoroughbred named Messenger, who was imported to America in 1788. His great-grandson, Hambletonian 10 sired over 1,300 offspring, which were known for their trotting performance.
- **Mustang:** These feral horses roam the American West. Their descendants were brought to the Americas by Spanish conquistadors. Over time, many other breeds and types contributed to the Mustang.
- **American Cream Draft:** The only native draft breed in the United States, the American Cream Draft was developed in Iowa. The breed can be traced back to Old Granny, a cream-colored mare foaled around 1900-1905. Silver Lace, a foundation sire, was known for passing on the signature color and body type.
- **Tennessee Walking Horse:** As the name suggests, the Tennessee Walking Horse was created in the Bluegrass region of Tennessee. Farmers wanted a versatile horse that could work and be a smooth ride. Black Allan was an early foundation sire for the breed. He was a Standardbred and Morgan cross.
- **Missouri Fox Trotter:** Originating from the Ozark Mountains in Missouri, this breed was created by crossing stock horses with southern plantation types. They're known for their smooth, four-beat gait called the "fox trot."

Do you have a breed of horse that originated in America?

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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**

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