

# February 2022 Newsletter



HAPPY  
10TH  
BIRTHDAY!

## Craig & Cole Cameron Florida Clinic

What an amazing weekend of horsemanship and fun! January 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> was an epic weekend for horse lovers! Craig and Cole Cameron held a clinic at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL. Over 20 riders from all over the Southeast learned from two of the best horsemen in the business! Thanks so much for everyone that attended or helped out. What a great weekend!

### Florida Horse Park

February 26th and 27th

**Saturday – Extreme Cowboy Race**

**Sunday – Obstacle Challenge**

**Come join us at the beautiful Florida Horse Park – Compete, Trail Ride, Volunteer or just watch – It will be a great event!**

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

**2022 SOCA EVENT FLYERS ARE  
POSTED ON THE WEBSITE – IT'S  
NEVER TOO EARLY TO ENTER!**

## 2022 Events

**1/15-16/22 – Craig & Cole Cameron Clinic  
– Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL**

**2/26-27/22 – Florida Horse Park – Extreme  
Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday  
& Obstacle Challenge on Sunday**

**4/9/22 – Obstacle Challenge – Southern  
Roe's Ranch, Groveland, FL**

**5/14/22 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double  
points) The Canyon – Hodges, AL**

**6/4-5/22 – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA  
National Championships, Celebration  
Arena, Decatur, AL (5X Points)**

**7/9/22 - Obstacle Schooling Day – Darby  
Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL**

**8/12/22 – Lee Hart Clinic**

**8/13/22 – Extreme Cowboy Race – Chicopee  
Agricultural Center, Gainesville, GA  
(Double Points)**

**9/10/22 – Obstacle Challenge - Darby Oaks  
Stables, Bushnell, FL**

**9/16/22 – Cole Cameron Clinic - TBD**

**9/17-18/22 – Extreme Cowboy Race SE  
Regional Championships (Triple Points) -  
TBD**

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## Pictures from the Ride Smart Horsemanship – Craig & Cole Cameron – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL - January 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>



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## Horses Eyes



- He can see almost 360 degrees around himself because his eyes are on the sides of his head. That's why he notices objects or movements behind him that you (with eyes on the front of your head) can't even see without turning around. But his "rear view" vision is less distinct than his vision from about his shoulder forward--so he naturally wants to skitter away from unfamiliar things behind him or turn to see them better.
- He sees most things with one eye--monocular vision--instead of with both eyes simultaneously (binocular vision --the way you see the world--which he uses for just a small area in front of his head). That's why he may spook at something that he's already walked past and reacted to once: He's seeing it for the first time--with his other eye. (How to know whether he's looking with one eye or two? As he tries to focus with both eyes on something, he pricks both ears straight ahead.)
- His extravagantly big eyeball (largest of any land mammal's) magnifies everything fifty percent larger than we perceive it. That enables him to see distant objects in clearer detail than we can (an advantage for a prey animal needing to spot predators far away).
- He has two ways to bring objects into focus--by using tiny muscles to change the shape of his eye's lens (which is the only way you can focus)--or by changing his head position to direct the image to a different part of his eye. He raises his head to focus on far-away objects (and may turn it slightly at the same time to bring one eye to bear) and lowers it to see closer objects. That's why you see his head going up and down as he tries to figure out some new object he's spotted. It's also why he raises his head on the approach to a fence, then lowers it as he gets closer and gathers himself to spring. If you restrict these natural head movements, he may shake his head, shy because he can't see the object clearly, or even stop because he can't see well enough to jump.
- He sees much better at night than you--even better than your cat! In the dusk, though, you see better than he does, because he sees some colors (yellow, green, blue; red is iffy)--but this color vision diminishes with decreasing light. That's why he may tend to bump into you, the gate, or his pasture mates if you're bringing in your horses around twilight: His color perception has dimmed, but his night vision hasn't quite kicked in yet.
- The third eyelid is a lightning-fast flap that zips across from the inner corner to seal the eye shut against threat even before the lids can close. It's also the source of lubricating tears.

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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.

#### 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)

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