



**Southern Obstacle  
Challenge Association**

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# January 2018 Newsletter



**Here comes 2018!!!!**

## January Event

**REMINDER!!!** January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> is our combined Extreme Cowboy Race and Obstacle Challenge at the Florida Horse Park. We already have a number of entries in both events. **If you haven't sent your entries or made your reservations, please do so now – Campsites are limited!** The entry and reservation form is attached. We look forward to seeing everyone!

*Order of go and stall/camping information will be emailed the week of the event.*

***PLEASE REMEMBER...when you place in the top three in Novice or Intermediate in obstacle challenges, you will be asked to move to the next division....even if it is in the middle of the year. If you have questions about how many top 3 placings you have, please ask!! Points don't transfer from division to division!***

### **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. Sponsorship forms are included with this newsletter.

**THANK YOU!!!**

### **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.**

## 2018 Events

- 1/13-14/18** – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday & Obstacle Challenge on Sunday (**Flyer Attached**)
- 2/24/18** – Obstacle Schooling Day, Bushnell, FL (**Flyer Attached**)
- 4/7/18** – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) - Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC (**Flyer Attached**)
- 4/21/18** – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL (**Flyer Attached**)
- 5/12/18** – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) – Hodges, AL
- 6/2-3/18** – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA Nationals (Triple Points) – Celebration Arena, Decatur, AL
- 7/7/18** – Obstacle Schooling Day – Bushnell, FL
- 8/11/18** – Extreme Cowboy Race (Double Points) – Chicopee Agricultural Center, Gainesville, GA
- 9/8/18** – Obstacle Challenge – TBD
- 9/22-23/18** – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championships (Triple Points)- Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC
- 11/24/18** – Obstacle Schooling Day – Bushnell, FL

**2018 Events flyers are on the website at [www.southernobstaclechallenges.com](http://www.southernobstaclechallenges.com)**

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



Toys Across America on behalf of Lisa Ferro



Our volunteers firmly believe in the reliability, truth, ability, and strength in our horses. We don't see once neglected horses. We see beautiful creatures, with an amazing forgiveness, and a passion for life.

Hope Equine Rescue #adoptionisanoption



Hope Equine Rescue on behalf of Denise Rizzo



“ Cancer didn't bring me to my knees—it brought me to my feet. ”  
— Michael Douglas

**THANKS TO ALL OUR JUDGES, VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS!!!!**

Thanks to Lightning Signs (The Charles Family) & Margo Cook for the awesome obstacle numbers!!!



LLS on behalf of Mike Woodard, announcer for all SOCA obstacle challenges

- **Divisions for 2018 - Youth, Novice Horse & Rider, Intermediate Horse & Rider, Open/Elite & Training.**
- **Riders will be required to move up to the next division if they place in the top 3 at least 3 times in that division, except Youth. *This is cumulative! If you have top 3 wins from previous years, you will be asked to move to the next division mid-year. Highpoints do not transfer from one division to the next. Be mindful of this when entering!!***

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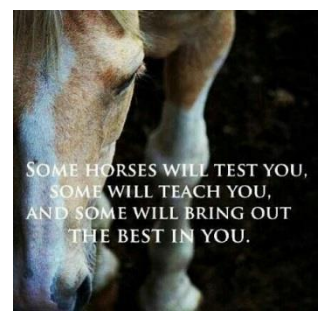
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## 2018 High Points

In 2018 SOCA will award high point obstacle challenge winners in the following divisions: Novice, Youth, Intermediate and Open Elite. Points from each of the 2018 SOCA Obstacle Challenges will be totaled and the horse/rider team with the most points will be the high point champion. Based on the feedback from members, the high point award will be custom SOCA buckles. Ribbons will be awarded to 6<sup>th</sup> place for high point.

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 designated SOCA EXCA race (with the triple points at the Nationals in June and Regional Championship races in September and double points for all State Championships) will be awarded the high point buckle in the following divisions: Pro, Non-Pro, Ride Smart, Novice, Intermediate, Youth and Young Guns.

**To be eligible for high point buckles, SOCA members must have attended all challenges or races.**

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## 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

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