

January 2022 Newsletter



**HAPPY
10TH
BIRTHDAY!**

Craig & Cole Cameron Are Coming to FL!!

2022 Events

January 15th and 16th marks an epic weekend for horse lovers! Craig and Cole Cameron will be conducting a clinic at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL.

While all of the riding spots are filled up, there is still an opportunity to audit. Registration forms are attached, if you are interested. This will be a great opportunity to learn from two master horsemen!

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!**

**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)**

**6/25/22 – Combined race with THE GRIT,
Pendleton, SC (Counts for SOCA Hi Point)**

**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

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

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Each year, SOCA makes a \$250 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!



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What Are the Signs and Symptoms of Ear Mites?

A mite infestation can make a horse extremely uncomfortable, causing intense itching and rubbing. So, if your horse has ear mites, there's a high likelihood that they'll make their displeasure known. Put simply, ear mites are annoying. They're often itchy and painful. This means there should be plenty of visual and olfactory tell-tale signs, including:²

- **Shaking head** – If the horse is shaking their head frequently, it may be a sign that they're trying to dislodge mites.
- **Rubbing ears** – A horse will try their best to remove the pesky critters, and it's not discretionary about what tools they will use to do that. The most frequent ear scratchers are fence posts or the horse's stall. If you're interested in learning more about [how to treat horse scratches](#), we've written about this topic in detail on our blog as well.
- **Sensitivity around the ears** – Although some horses may already be sensitive to being touched around their ears, a mite infestation may make them extremely tender to contact.
- **Drooping ears** – One of the most common visual signs of a mite infestation may be a drooping ear, caused by an inflamed ear canal. If you notice drooping in your horse's ear, it may be caused by an ear mite infestation.
- **Discharge** – Excess ear wax, crusting, and blood are common types of discharge that may occur in or around a horse's ear. These issues are exacerbated when the horse constantly rubs their head.
- **Marks** – The horse's ears may have red, irritated skin, or even visible bite marks.
- **Odor** – The sensitivity to the mites may cause swelling and discharge, which can have a pungent smell.

When it comes to equine health issues, the quicker you can treat the problem, the better. Staying vigilant and proactive not only helps you control the severity of the outbreak in the impacted horse but also keeps it from spreading to other animals in the stable.

Even though ear mites aren't frequent issues for horses, it pays to be on alert and to regularly perform thorough inspections and cleanings. Should you notice signs of an equine ear infection or ear mites in your animal, take them in to the vet as soon as possible.

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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 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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