



March 2017 Newsletter



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February was all about Schooling and Judging!

February Schooling Day and Judges Clinic

The schooling day and judges clinic was held at Rocking K Ranch in Hernando, FL on February 25th. Thanks so much to Karen Wilson and Bob Knight for hosting. The obstacles were great and challenging! Pictures of some of the obstacles are in this newsletter.

Director of Judges and SOCA President Diane McMurtrey taught an eager group of potential judges the SOCA way! We have included some of the notes handed out to the judges in this newsletter, so competitors can learn what the judges will be looking for.

SOCA judges are VOLUNTEERS and we certainly appreciate their time and service to make SOCA events better for everyone!

APRIL EVENTS!

- April 8th – Extreme Cowboy Race (Double Points – Two Runs) at Green River Farm in Gaffney, SC
- April 22nd – Obstacle Challenge at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL

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

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

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.

2017 Events

- 1/14-15/17 – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday & Obstacle Challenge on Sunday
- 2/25/17 – Obstacle Schooling Day & Judging Clinic – Rocking K Ranch, Hernando, FL
- 4/8/17 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) - Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC (Flyer Attached)
- 4/22/17 – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL (Flyer Attached)
- 5/13/17 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) – Pontotoc Agri-Center, Pontotoc, MS (Flyer Attached)
- 6/3-4/17 – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA Nationals (Triple Points) – Celebration Arena, Decatur, AL (Flyer Attached)
- 7/8/17 – Obstacle Schooling Day – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL
- 8/12/17 – Extreme Cowboy Race (Double Points) – Chicopee Agricultural Center, Gainesville, GA
- 9/9/17 – Obstacle Schooling Day – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL
- 9/23-24/17 – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championships (Triple Points)- Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC
- 11/11/17 – Obstacle Challenge Championships – Florida Horse Park, Ocala, FL

**2017 Events flyers are on the website at
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SCORING FOR SOCA OBSTACLE CHALLENGES

Southern Obstacle Challenge Association was founded in 2012 as a place for horse and rider to have fun! In that, the opportunity to learn and grow as horsemen is our goal. We offer sanctioned Craig Cameron Extreme Cowboy Races and Obstacle Challenges. We hold a standard for our judges to be knowledgeable and competent. We offer our expertise in training our judges to provide consistency and fairness.

While it is expected that judges use their own judgement, there are guidelines we offer to assist with their evaluations. Our scoring system is designed to promote horsemanship and skill. Judges should give credit for quiet seat and hands. Excessive kicking, spurring or use of aids such as crops or reins for encouragement should be penalized.

Scoring System

- Score of 9-10: Horse moves willingly toward and through the obstacle with relaxed, forward movement. NO hesitation and NO obvious encouragement from the rider; completes the obstacle.
- Score of 7-8: Horse moves forward willingly with only one or two slight hesitations. Some subtle encouragement from rider. Completes the obstacle.
- Score of 5-7: Horse moves forward but, is resistant with a stop or two, looking closely at obstacle; completes the obstacle.
- Score of 3-4: Horse is resistant with frequent stopping and encouragement from rider; completes the obstacle
- Score of 2: Rider shows good horsemanship skills, horse remains focused, does not complete the obstacle.
- Score of 1: Horse is extremely unwilling. However, touches or gets through part of the obstacle; does not complete the obstacle satisfactorily.
- Score of 0: Horse is unable to complete the obstacle.

Once an obstacle has been engaged, rider may not start over, only proceed from where the horse left the obstacle. If horse balks and refuses in the obstacle, rider may not choose to start over. Horse must always show forward motion. The 60 second time limit for each obstacle will be adhered to.

Please refer to the January newsletter for the additional notes that were given to the judges. For questions or comments, please contact Diane McMurtrey at dmcmurt349@aol.com.

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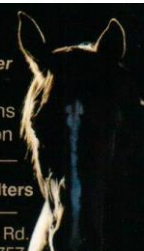
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YOUTH RIDERS – GET READY FOR 2017!

YOUTH RIDERS

Bernie Duncan Memorial Youth Educational Fund

Starting with the 2016 show season, SOCA awards \$500 to the high point youth rider at the Obstacle Challenges and \$500 to the high point youth rider at the Extreme Cowboy Races.

The youth/horse combination must compete in all 2017 SOCA Obstacle Challenges to be eligible for the \$500 Challenge Fund Award.

The youth/horse combination must compete in all 2017 SOCA Extreme Cowboy Races to be eligible for the \$500 Race Fund Award.

The Youth must be a paid member of SOCA for the 2017 season. The same youth can win both awards if they attend all races and challenges.

Congratulations to our 2016 Winners:



Stephanie Walters
Obstacle Challenges



Casey Hiser
Extreme Cowboy Races

REMINDER: CHANGES FOR 2017 OBSTACLE CHALLENGES

- **Divisions for 2017** - Youth, Posse, Novice Horse & Rider, Intermediate Horse & Rider (previously called Non Pro), 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 – over the years!**
- Training division is judged, but not scored – You will get a card for the judges to give a score, but they won't be tabulated or prizes given. Simply training.

YOUTH OBSTACLE CHALLENGE STANDINGS

1	Stephanie Walters	Destiny	144.00
2	Mackenzie Brown	Gee Bee's Augustus	127.00
3	Emily Cook	Scarlet	118.00
4	Breanna Bork	Diego	111.00
5	Amalia Spencer	Wuden Chu Cimamom Baby	70.00
6	Brooke Bremer	Shadees Kharma	66.50
7	Madison Carter	AKR Cinnfully Dotin	58.00

YOUTH EXTREME COWBOY RACE STANDINGS

1	Stephanie Walters	Destiny	430.910
2	Kianna Ferro	Texan At The Ritz	376.345
3	Shawn Charles	Sunshine N Whiskey	364.942

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A trip to the tack store is a cure for a bad day at work.

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Pictures from the 2/25/17 Schooling Day Rocking K Ranch, Hernando, FL



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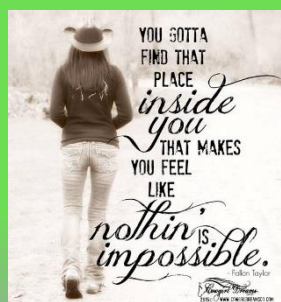
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High Point through 2/28/17

SOCA OBSTACLE CHALLENGE HIGH POINT - 2017

	Rider	Horse	Total
Novice Division			
1	Renee Lewis	TR Really Splendid (Ace)	133.00
2	Miah Bradley	Dakota	123.00
3	Linda Bradley	Billy	121.00
4	Gail Ransco	Dee Dee	119.00
5	Margo Cook	Luna	118.50
6	Pam Harrell	Junior	116.00
7	John DeArmond	Truly Tru Titan	114.50
8	Mo Earle	Cabo	112.00
9	Becky McDowell	Shadow	111.00
10	Penny Mendez	Callie	105.00
Youth Division			
1	Stephanie Walters	Destiny	144.00
2	Mackenzie Brown	Gee Bee's Augustus	127.00
3	Emily Cook	Scarlet	118.00
4	Breanna Bork	Diego	111.00
5	Amalia Spencer	Wuden Chu Cimamom Baby	70.00
6	Brooke Bremer	Shadees Kharma	66.50
7	Madison Carter	AKR Cinnfully Dotin	58.00
Intermediate Division			
1	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	135.00
2	Sergio Hernandez	Lazy N Gunsmoke	132.00
3	Gwenn Muller	Chip	131.00
4	Denise Brown	Gismos Candy Two	129.00
5	Leslie Kingree	Scamps First Hit	129.00
6	Janine Charles	Sunshine & Whiskey	124.00
7	Joyce Elledge	Back In Dixie	124.00
8	Donna Calloway	Surely A Legacy (Rain)	121.00
9	David Kibbey	Scouter	120.00
10	Jane Peniston	Smoochie	118.50
Posse Division			
1	Cathy Rotola	PSU He's Smart N Peppy	134.00
2	Vicke Anderson	Peps Wittle Wrangler	129.00
3	Cathy Ulm	Spirit	108.00
4	Karen Ketchum	Tango	89.00
5	Kelly Gifford	Trooper Tres'	86.00
Open Elite Division			
1	Anna Gay	Peppy's Cat ICH1 (Catman)	143.00
2	Traci Woodard	Sprite	142.00
3	Sherry Garman	Stormy	132.00
4	Jan Garvin	Peponitas Shot Gun	132.00
5	Michael Garman	Stonewall's Silver Dollar	131.00
6	Vicky DeCaro	Roxie Rose	128.00
7	Lesia Roe	Cat	127.00
8	Bret Lambdin	Tug	120.00
9	Ross Harper	Riley	108.50

SOCA RACE HIGH POINT - 2017

		Total
Young Guns Division Results		
1	No Entries	0.000
Novice Division Results		
1	Holly Bacola Yoshi	324.171
2	Sherry Garman Stormy	317.904
3	Anna Gay Peppy's Cat ICM1	315.135
4	Michael Garman Stonewall's Silver Dollar	308.978
5	Terri Glonek One Tuff Cowgirl	298.211
6	Jane Peniston Smoochie	285.056
7	John DeArmond Roxie Rose	276.020
8	Mo Earle Whodat	253.451
9	Renee Lewis TR Really Splendid (Ace)	244.047
10	Kristin Volner San Badgers Lil Tousang	227.114
Green Horse Results		
1	Rick Peniston Savvy	289.760
2	Kiana Bolognese Apache	267.612
3	Jazzmyn Durgin I'm Angelina Jolie	255.486
Non Pro Division Results		
1	Tracy Pinson Tuff Night At The Ritz	431.541
2	Vaudry Edge Drifting Thru Poco	421.494
3	Demetrio Alvarez Chic	413.019
4	Rick Peniston Smoochie	392.344
5	Michael Garman Stonewall's Silver Dollar	365.510
Intermediate Division Results		
1	Stephanie Walters Destiny	416.514
2	Shelby Ratliff Drifting Thru Poco	399.395
3	Lisa Steinbach Texan At The Ritz	394.797
4	Holly Bacola Yoshi	385.555
5	Michael Garman Stonewall's Silver Dollar	381.523
6	Sherry Garman Stormy	380.354
7	Terri Glonek One Tuff Cowgirl	373.490
8	Vicky DeCaro Truly Tru Titan	365.727
9	Kiana Bolognese TT Santana Red	358.903
10	John Hodges SB Shaney Face Dunit	335.075
Youth Division Results		
1	Stephanie Walters Destiny	430.910
2	Kianna Ferro Texan At The Ritz	376.345
3	Shawn Charles Sunshine N Whiskey	364.942
Ride Smart Division Results		
1	Rick Peniston Smoochie	419.030
2	Vaudry Edge Drifting Thru Poco	412.617
3	Sherry Garman Stormy	379.185
4	John Hodges SB Shaney Face Dunit	326.733
Pro Division Results		
1	Joel Mobley Chic	390.914
2	Bret Lambdin Tug	353.638

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2017 High Points

In 2017 SOCA will award high point obstacle challenge winners in the following divisions: Novice, Youth, Intermediate, Open Elite and Posse. Points from each of the 2017 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 6th 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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Please renew at your first event of the year.
Dues help fund the highpoint awards and administrative costs of the club.

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.

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