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# May 2018 Newsletter



## **APRIL WAS A BUSY MONTH FOR SOCA!!**

### April Events

The South Carolina State Championship Extreme Cowboy Race was held April 7th at the beautiful Green River Farms. Our amazing hosts, Barbara and Joel Mobley always provide great courses, fun and food, and this weekend was no exception! Lee Hart put on an awesome clinic. Not only did participants learn a lot, but we laughed a lot too!

April 21<sup>st</sup> was an obstacle challenge at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL. The weather was great, the obstacles were tough and friends gathered! After the challenge, 11 brave riders stayed to participate in the timed challenge. A fun time was had by all!

Complete results and pictures for both April events are in this newsletter.

### MAY & JUNE EVENTS

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Annie Chance EXCA Clinic, Hodges, AL  
May 12<sup>th</sup> – Alabama State Championship Extreme Cowboy Race, Hodges, AL

June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – EXCA National Championships hosted by SOCA. Celebration Arena, Decatur, AL



### 2018 Events

- 1/13-14/18 – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday & Obstacle Challenge on Sunday
  - 2/24/18 – **Obstacle Schooling Day**, Bushnell, FL
  - 4/7/18 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) - Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC  
**Clinic with Lee Hart on 4/6/18**
  - 4/21/18 – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL
  - 5/12/18 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) – Hodges, AL **(Flyer Attached)**  
**Clinic with Annie Chance on 5/11/18**
  - 6/2-3/18 – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA Nationals (Triple Points) – Celebration Arena, Decatur, AL **(Flyer Attached)**
  - 7/7/18 – Obstacle Schooling Day – Bushnell, FL **(Flyer Attached)**
  - 8/11/18 – Extreme Cowboy Race (Double Points) – Chicopee Agricultural Center, Gainesville, GA  
**Clinic with Johnie Clem on 8/10/18**
  - 9/8/18 – Obstacle Challenge – Florida Horse Park, Ocala, FL
  - 9/22-23/18 – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championships (Triple Points)- Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC  
**Clinic with Pete Fraser on 9/21/18**
  - 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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## RESULTS FROM THE APRIL 7, 2018 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EXTREME COWBOY RACE

			Round 1	Round 2	Total
	<b>Novice Divison Results</b>				
1	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel (Shango)	151.560	160.187	311.747
2	Jane Peniston	Smoochie	152.050	152.402	304.452
3	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	145.510	155.136	300.646
4	Lance Miller	Koozie	142.736	155.788	298.524
5	Maggie Young	Jack The Man	145.540	152.615	298.155
6	Mike Elledge	Dancing In Dixie	147.610	149.624	297.234
7	Joyce Elledge	Graham	129.085	160.367	289.452
8	Rick Cone	Chip I'm Hot (Gus)	138.773	141.696	280.469
9	Teresa Cone	Peppin Dually (Chevy)	144.873	131.964	276.837
10	Bettie Hooper	Lucky	111.490	144.138	255.628
11	Simona Schneider	Bozeman	123.157	132.239	255.396
12	Donna Schneider	Hey Gotha (Superman)	108.536	129.277	237.813
13	James Bowden	Chilli	86.847	0.000	86.847
	<b>Green Horse Results</b>				
1	Shelby Ratliff	Dangerous Da Vinci	124.234	145.032	269.266
	<b>Non Pro Divison Results</b>				
1	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Night At The Ritz	222.966	230.332	453.298
2	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	215.928	211.390	427.318
3	Holly Bacola	Yoshi	210.778	208.497	419.275
4	Rick Peniston	Savvy	196.555	199.913	396.468
	<b>Intermediate Divison Results</b>				
1	Mike Jeffers	Champ	207.751	236.910	444.661
2	Holly Bacola	Yoshi	217.873	214.181	432.054
3	Shelby Ratliff	Drifting Thru Poco	198.669	212.515	411.184
4	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run	187.481	205.788	393.269
5	Lisa Steinbach	Texan At The Ritz	195.101	197.354	392.455
6	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel (Shango)	185.843	192.316	378.159
7	John Hodges	SB Shaney Face Dunit	182.561	187.588	370.149
8	Mike Jeffers	Jazzmine	181.672	184.463	366.135
9	Jane Peniston	Smoochie	170.642	192.290	362.932
10	Lance Miller	Koozie	167.857	186.935	354.792
11	Teresa Cone	Peppin Dually (Chevy)	173.138	174.407	347.545
12	Joyce Elledge	Graham	159.978	187.560	347.538
13	Mike Elledge	Dancing In Dixie	170.483	172.973	343.456
14	Rick Cone	Chip I'm Hot (Gus)	161.730	163.577	325.307
15	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	0.000	176.885	176.885
	<b>Youth Divison Results</b>				
1	Brooke Boutwell	Penny	161.865	146.855	308.720
	<b>Ride Smart Divison Results</b>				
1	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	223.445	216.253	439.698
2	Rick Peniston	Savvy	216.160	202.525	418.685
3	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run	197.684	220.055	417.739
4	John Hodges	SB Shaney Face Dunit	193.913	197.560	391.473
5	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel (Shango)	190.944	198.665	389.609
6	Maggie Young	Jack The Man	177.709	191.349	369.058
	<b>Pro Divison Results</b>				
1	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	230.729	221.218	451.947
2	Rick Peniston	Savvy	224.343	205.915	430.258





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## PICTURES FROM THE APRIL 7, 2018 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EXTREME COWBOY RACE



Novice



Green Horse



Non Pro



Youth



Intermediate



Ride Smart



Pro





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## RESULTS FROM THE APRIL 21, 2018 OBSTACLE CHALLENGE IN BUSHNELL, FL

YOUTH DIVISION RESULTS			
	Rider	Horse	Points
1	Stephanie Walters	Destiny	148.00
2	Breanna Bork	Diego	133.00
3	Mackensie Brown	Tango With A Blue Twist	129.00
4	Juleeane Johnson	Oops	67.00

NOVICE DIVISION RESULTS			
	Rider	Horse	Points
1	Linda Bradley	Billy	134.00
2	Susan King	Sir Prize	134.00
3	Mo Earle	Whodat	124.00
4	Emily Cook	Scarlet	123.00
5	John DeArmond	Nikki	120.00
6	Terri Alday	Buck	119.00
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17	Tandi Tribett	Meyer A Dandy Chick	53.00

TIMED OBSTACLE CHALLENGE RESULTS			
	Rider	Horse	Points
1	Sherry Diamond	Atlas	2:12:18
2	Donna Calloway	Surely A Legacy (Rain)	2:13:75
3	Joyce Elledge	Graham	2:25:63
4	Shawn Charles	Sunshine & Whiskey	2:25:69
5	Shelby Ratliff	Dangerous Da Vinci	2:26:56
6	Mike Elledge	Dancing In Dixie	2:32:72
7	Connie Lloyd	Chance	2:36:59
8	Mo Earle	Whodat	2:48:47
9	Breanna Bork	Diego	3:01:47
10	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	3:10:22
11	Karen Ketchum	Reality Yella Star	4:20:88

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION RESULTS			
	Rider	Horse	Points
1	Mike Elledge	Dancing In Dixie	135.00
2	Denise Brown	Gismos Candy Two	133.00
3	Nancy Biddinger	Splash	129.00
4	Margo Cook	Luna	129.00
5	Pat Cason	Eva	129.00
6	Sherry Diamond	Atlas	129.00
7	Donna Calloway	Survely A Legacy (Rain)	128.00
8	Brianna Tribett	Imheirristibletoo	125.00
9	Barbara Van Winkle	Pepper	122.00
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11	Karen Wilson	Ace	110.00
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13	Karen Wilson	Mulligan	96.00
14	Karen Ketchum	Reality Yella Star	96.00
15	Warren Cason	Pielo	93.00
16	Shelby Ratliff	Dangerous Da Vinci	86.00
17	Joyce Elledge	Sunshine & Whiskey	81.00

OPEN ELITE DIVISION RESULTS			
	Rider	Horse	Points
1	Cathy Rotola	BKP Nick of Time	146.00
2	Connie Lloyd	Chance	145.00
3	Janine Charles	Sunshine N Whiskey	143.00
4	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	141.00
5	Traci Woodard	Rusty Executive	139.00
6	Anna Gay	Miss Kitty	139.00
7	Jan Garvin	Peponitas Shot Gun	137.00
8	Lisa Wood	Caeser	136.00
9	Vickie DeArmond	Truly Tru Titan	136.00
10	Vicki Anderson	Wrangler	134.00





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## PICTURES FROM THE APRIL 21, 2018 OBSTACLE CHALLENGE IN BUSHNELL, FL



**Youth**



**Novice**



**Intermediate**



**Open Elite**



**Timed Challenge**



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## SOCA News



### Trail Course Learning Challenge

Legend Farms hosted their first "Trail Course Learning Challenge" on Saturday, April 14th. Instructor was Kathy Beville. Kathy is a certified judge for the Southern Obstacle Challenge Association. She is also a Class A Volunteer and Coach for Sumter County Special Olympics Equestrian Team.

The course is made up of 20 challenging obstacles. The newest obstacle is a 24 foot by 8 foot water ditch 2 foot deep with 24 rubber ducks floating with the current. Six riders and a cart driver enjoyed the two hour session.

The session was opened by 4-H Muckateers President Ayla Freeman. She also lead the American Flag pledge. Vice President Hannah Barr lead the 4-H Pledge.

For more information about the 4-H Muckateers and the Sumter County Special Olympics Equestrian Team, contact Rose Marie Martin. Phone 727-423-6586.

Danny Hochadel and Cash-N-Amber are pictured crossing the water ditch.

Reprinted from the Sumter Shopper.

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)

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

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

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## Member Spotlight – Shelby Ratliff

I often wonder how people started riding horses. Did they grow up doing it? Was it hard for them? I would love to hear everyone's story.

I got my first horse, Mona, ten years ago. I first saw her at the barn I was taking riding lessons at. My instructor owned her and two other Tennessee Walking horses. She was jet black, beautiful, and I was in love! I had no idea how she was to ride, but I wanted her more than I could imagine. We started leasing her, but she was for sale and we were not experienced enough to own a horse. I begged my mom to get her when someone came to buy her.... And that is how we ended up with Mona.

Mona was young, 16 hands, and difficult. She would drag me everywhere we went. I started participating in Walking Horse shows with her. Luckily, Wayne Conkle saw me struggling and went out of his way to help me. The first thing I remember Wayne saying to me at a horse show was, "put your hands down" as I rode past him on the rail. Eventually, Mona ended up in training at Darby Oaks Stables.

We first sent Mona to training for 30 days and quickly learned that it takes consistent riding and training on both ends to make a better team. Mona soon became a permanent resident at Darby Oaks Stables. Wayne gave me lessons for a while and I started riding more of the horses at the barn. I cannot name all the horses that have had an influence on me over the past several years because the list would be far too long. The owners of these horses know who they are and know how much I appreciate them!

Mona went on to earn several blue ribbons at the Walking Horse shows. We bred her and she had her first foal in 2014. I currently ride her colt, Vinnie. He has been a blast and I look forward to competing with him in the Walking Horse shows, Obstacle Challenges, and the Extreme Cowboy Races!

I have made friendships and memories that will last a lifetime through the barn. I cannot thank Wayne, Tracy, my mom, and the rest of the Darby Oaks Family enough for everything they do for me!



**PLEASE SEND US YOUR INFORMATION!!!**

**We need more Member Spotlight Bios.....Please email your information and pictures to [southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com](mailto:southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com)**





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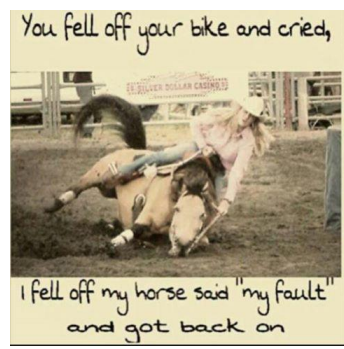




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## HIGH POINT STANDINGS AS OF 4/30/18

### SOCA OBSTACLE CHALLENGE HIGH POINT - 2018

	Rider	Horse	Total
<b>Novice Division</b>			
1	Susan King	Sir Prize	263.00
2	Linda Bradley	Billy	241.00
3	Emily Cook	Scarlet	237.00
4	Donna Schneider	Hey Gotcha (Superman)	235.00
5	Mo Earle	Whodat	230.00
6	Randy Holdaway	Hy Steppin Lil Lena	228.00
7	Marti Spewock	Max	203.00
8	John DeArmond	Nikki	198.00
9	Dan Harmon	Akiki	194.00
10	Krystal Loos	Dixie	191.00
<b>Youth Division</b>			
1	Stephanie Walters	Destiny	294.00
2	Mackensie Brown	Tango with A Blue Twist	251.00
3	Juleeane Johnston	Oops	174.00
4	Breanna Bork	Diego	133.00
5	Gabriehl Shock	Shooter	131.00
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7	Jazzy Durgin	I'm Angelina Jolie	129.00
8	Rebecca Grant	Starbuck	93.00
9	Caroline Wright	Playboys Cinch	92.00
10	Sydney Jones	Boone	91.00
<b>Intermediate Division</b>			
1	Denise Brown	Gismos Candy Two	261.00
2	Briana Tribett	Imheirristibletoo	249.00
3	Nancy Biddinger	Splash	249.00
4	Mike Elledge	Dancing In Dixie	246.00
5	Margo Cook	Luna	245.00
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7	Barbara Van Winkle	Pepper	230.00
8	Renee Lewis	TR Really Spendid	229.00
9	Karen Wilson	Ace	226.00
10	Vickie Oliva	QNP Hollywood Chic (Holly)	215.00
<b>Open Elite Division</b>			
1	Janine Charles	Sunshine & Whiskey	284.00
2	Jan Garvin	Peponita's Shot Gun	277.00
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4	Connie Lloyd	Chance	271.00
5	Anna Gay	Miss Kitty	270.00
6	Traci Woodward	Rusty Executive	269.00
7	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	266.00
8	Lisa Wood	Caeser	265.00
9	Vickie DeArmond	Titan	256.00
10	Vicki Anderson	Wrangler	134.00

### SOCA RACE HIGH POINT - 2018

		Total	
<b>Young Guns Division Results</b>			
1	Juleeane Johnston	Oops	217.370
<b>Novice Division Results</b>			
1	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	630.922
2	Maggie Young	Jack The Man	600.753
3	Mike Elledge	Dancing In Dixie	589.488
4	Joyce Elledge	Graham	567.922
5	Rick Cone	Chip I'm Hot (Gus)	542.046
6	Teresa Cone	Peppin Dually (Chevy)	518.760
7	Donna Schneider	Hey Gotcha	496.663
8	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel (Shango)	311.747
9	Jane Peniston	Smoochie	304.452
10	Lesia Roe	Cat	302.845
<b>Green Horse Results</b>			
1	Shelby Ratliff	Dangerous Da Vinci	566.528
2	Kiana Bolognese	Apache	207.683
<b>Non Pro Division Results</b>			
1	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Night At The Ritz	921.736
2	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	838.149
3	Holly Bacola	Yoshi	419.275
4	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco	419.104
5	Rick Peniston	Savvy	396.468
6	Vaudry Edge	Tickle 4865	355.113
7	Jeremy Brooks	Poco's Little Jewel	134.443
<b>Intermediate Division Results</b>			
1	Shelby Ratliff	Drifting Thru Poco	821.685
2	Lisa Steinbach	Texan At The Ritz	793.277
3	John Hodges	SB Shaney Face Dunit	769.760
4	Mike Elledge	Dancing In Dixie	691.452
5	Teresa Cone	Peppin Dually (Chevy)	648.338
6	Rick Cone	Chip I'm Hot (Gus)	623.118
7	Mike Jeffers	Champ	444.661
8	Holly Bacola	Yoshi	432.054
9	Stephanie Walters	Destiny	419.453
10	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run	393.269
<b>Youth Division Results</b>			
1	Stephanie Walters	Destiny	400.479
2	Jazzmyn Durgin	I'm Angelina Jolie	387.284
3	Breanna Bork	Diego	353.133
4	Jenna Anderson	Josie	308.891
5	Brooke Boutwell	Penny	308.720
6	Kassandra Garcia	Penney	102.918
<b>Ride Smart Division Results</b>			
1	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	858.497
2	John Hodges	SB Shaney Face Dunit	787.889
3	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco	441.559
4	Rick Peniston	Savvy	418.685
5	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run	417.739
6	Vaudry Edge	Tickle 4865	396.345
7	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel (Shango)	389.609
8	Maggie Young	Jack The Man	369.058
9	Vicky DeArmond	Truly Tru Titan	348.363
10	Cindy Hahn	One Hot Dancin Chip	156.809
<b>Pro Division Results</b>			
1	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	845.953
2	Rick Peniston	Savvy	430.258
3	Bret Lambdin	LEO's Pride	330.338

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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. **THANK YOU!!!**



# May 2018 Newsletter



Where you and your horse  
can have fun!

## 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.**

**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.

## 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.**

**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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