



# September 2017 Newsletter



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## Things are heating up for SOCA in September!

### September Events

**September 9<sup>th</sup> will be the next Obstacle Schooling Day at Darby Oaks Stables in Bushnell, FL. If you haven't made reservations, please do so now. You can email us and pay at the event. Our last schooling day was completely full and this one is likely to be as well! Hope to see everyone there!**

#### **REMINDER!!!!!!!**

The EXCA Southeastern Regional Championships to be held in Gaffney, SC will be a TWO DAY race (September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>).

There are a few more spots left in the riding clinic with Peter Fraser (EXCA Director of Judges) on Friday 9/22.

The September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> race will be held at Barb and Joel Mobley's Green River Farm in Gaffney, South Carolina. This fast, fun outdoor course is one of our favorites and the hospitality is second to none! The food is great, the facility is awesome and friendship can't be beat anywhere! We look forward to seeing our veteran racers, as well as welcoming new faces! If you haven't entered the race or clinic – Do so now – Don't be left out!!! Flyers and entry forms are attached

**THANKS TO ALL OUR JUDGES,  
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### 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
- 4/22/17 – Obstacle Challenge – Darby Oaks Stables, Bushnell, FL
- 5/13/17 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) – Pontotoc Agri-Center, Pontotoc, MS
- 6/3-4/17 – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA Nationals (Triple Points) – Celebration Arena, Decatur, AL
- 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 (Flyer Attached)
- 9/22/17 – EXCA Judging Clinic (Flyer Attached)
- 9/23-24/17 – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championships (Triple Points)- Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC (Flyer Attached)
- 11/11/17 – Obstacle Challenge – Florida Horse Park, Ocala, FL (Flyer Attached)

**2017 Events flyers and 2018 dates are on the website at [www.southernobstaclechallenges.com](http://www.southernobstaclechallenges.com)**

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## Results from the 8/12/17 Georgia State Extreme Cowboy Race Chicopee Agriculture Center, Gainesville, Georgia

Young Guns Divison Results		Round 1	Round 2	Total	
1	Dakota Jeffers	Champ	114.541	112.309	226.850
Novice Divison Results					
1	Holly Bacola	Yoshi	156.272	165.375	321.647
2	Jane Peniston	Smoochie	146.215	157.548	303.763
3	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	141.183	149.734	290.917
4	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel	128.825	140.832	269.657
5	Cindy Hahn	One Hot Danun Chip	113.783	106.139	219.922
6	Jovie Reeves	Levi	93.853	121.549	215.402
7	Jenna Williams	Skipa Blue Moon	71.000	90.500	161.500
Green Horse Results					
1	Rick Peniston	Savvy Gun Play	147.542	159.789	307.331
2	Tania Morton	Chirsty Gotta Gun	142.351	146.590	288.941
Non Pro Divison Results					
1	Jason Hiser	Delgado	194.844	220.672	415.516
2	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Night At The Ritz	195.323	215.221	410.544
3	Erik Herndon	Royal Nurse Pepto	175.300	187.814	363.114
4	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	167.421	168.630	336.051
5	Rick Peniston	Smoochie	183.354	0.000	183.354
Intermediate Divison Results					
1	Casey Hiser	Chrome Faith	195.871	202.608	398.479
2	Shelby Ratliff	Drifting Thru Poco	185.831	209.239	395.070
3	Mike Jeffers	Champ	186.768	204.723	391.491
4	Holly Bacola	Yoshi	188.014	190.409	378.423
5	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	182.363	187.513	369.876
6	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run	181.583	185.346	366.929
7	Kirsten Mew	Mister Twister	172.697	193.146	365.843
8	Jane Peniston	Smoochie	168.300	178.519	346.819
9	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel	180.841	165.564	346.405
10	Dennis Robinson	Threats Dark Reflection	179.368	165.380	344.748
11	Dawton Davis	Trinity	164.240	178.295	342.535
12	Cindy Hahn	One Hot Danun Chip	125.000	138.847	263.847
Youth Divison Results					
1	Casey Hiser	Chrome Faith	199.909	212.564	412.473
2	Kirsten Mew	Mister Twister	171.445	215.348	386.793
3	Dawton Davis	Trinity	169.611	186.460	356.071
Ride Smart Divison Results					
1	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	191.836	201.276	393.112
2	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run	191.076	192.912	383.988
3	Rick Peniston	Smoochie	186.899	186.019	372.918
4	John Hodges	SB Shaney Face Dunit	178.973	189.271	368.244
5	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel	184.865	167.941	352.806
6	Dennis Robinson	Threats Dark Reflection	169.148	174.150	343.298
7	Cindy Hahn	One Hot Danun Chip	132.000	161.628	293.628
Pro Divison Results					
1	Jason Hiser	Delgado	200.826	208.166	408.992
2	Erik Herndon	Royal Nurse Pepto	191.129	206.820	397.949
3	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	191.289	0.000	191.289



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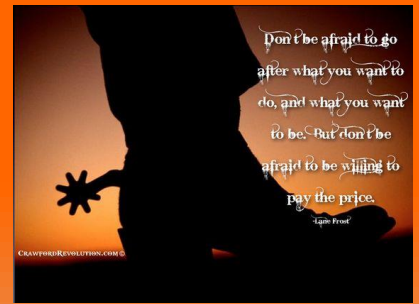
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## Pictures from the 8/12/17 Georgia State Extreme Cowboy Race Thanks To Shelby Ratliff for the great photos!!!



**Young Guns**



**Novice**



**Green Horse**



**Non Pro**



**Youth**



**Intermediate**



**Ride Smart**



**Pro**

Thanks to Joe & Sunny Holloway, Mariette and Dennis Tipton, Joel Mobley, Diane McMurtrey and ALL the volunteers that made this event possible – We appreciate you all so much!



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# 80-year-old man to take on Extreme Cowboy Race

## Joe Holloway began participating in races at age 72



At the age of 72, Gainesville resident Joe Holloway picked up a new hobby — cowboy racing. With encouragement from his friend, Dennis Tipton of Clermont, Holloway began participating in races through the Extreme Cowboy Association, taking a horse through a series of 10-13 obstacles in a timed event. “I was in the novice (division) when I first started because that’s for people new to the EXCA,” Holloway said. “In my case, I wasn’t just new to EXCA, I was new to being on the back of a horse. My first race was sort of walking my horse through the course. I looked pretty lame, but I did it.”

Holloway said it took him about three years to get competitive in the races, but he did just that, winning the novice level at both the regionals and nationals in 2014 and placing in the top 10 in the world competition. Now, at age 80, Holloway doesn’t even let a quadruple bypass surgery about a year ago keep him from the sport he loves. He and his horse, Annie, will be among about 40-45 competitors running a total of 120 races Aug. 12 in a day of Extreme Cowboy racing at the Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center in Gainesville. It’s the second consecutive year the Southern Obstacle Challenge Association, a regional organization of the Extreme Cowboy Association, has sponsored the event at Chicopee. “They came last year during August, the hottest month of the year,” Holloway said. “All the folks loved the Chicopee facility, so it’s now a regular event.”

Extreme Cowboy racing has been around about a dozen years, according to Holloway. Riders are divided by ability and age. They have eight minutes to maneuver a course of 10-13 obstacles, which Holloway said are designed to “simulate obstacles that a cowboy might experience if he were riding a range trying to round up cows.” Rider and horse have about 20-30 seconds to get through each obstacle. Obstacles require skills such as jumping, crossing a narrow bridge and doing precise movements dictated to the horse through small touches from the rider. It’s really horsemanship skills,” Holloway said.

Competitors start each obstacle with a score of 5.5 and are graded up or down based on their approach to the obstacle, the execution of the obstacle and the way the horse proceeds through it. While the rider and horse have eight minutes to complete the course, Holloway said “taking eight minutes on the course will land you at the bottom of the list.” He added that a top time for a course is two and a half to four minutes, and points are awarded based on the time it takes to get through an obstacle. Participants run two races, and the course is reset and changed before the second round of races. Holloway said a good score is 6 to 7.5. An 8 would be a very good score. He said scores of 9 or above are rare, although he received a 9 this year at nationals. It came in the second half of races on a course he had not been able to complete in the first set of races. That score elevated him to a seventh-place finish at nationals. Holloway credits Tipton with getting him interested in riding and Extreme Cowboy racing. Annie, the horse he rides, actually belongs to Tipton, who owns the Rocking T Ranch in Clermont. “He said ‘Come out and ride with me; I’ll give you a horse you can ride,’” Holloway said. “I didn’t really have any riding experience at that point. It turns out Annie knew a lot more than I did, so Annie sort of taught me to ride.”

After winning the nationals in the novice division in 2014, Holloway had to move to other divisions. He plans to run the races at Chicopee in both the intermediate and 55 and older classes. Tipton and his horse, Zippy, ride in the pro and non-pro divisions. Holloway said his favorite thing about the races is the competition. “It’s like golf,” he said. “You knock (the ball) out in the woods. That makes you just want to come out and do it again. It’s the same with this. If you don’t do well, you say, ‘Let’s try that again.’ It’s the thrill of being able to control that horse.” While it is competitive, Holloway said it “is not a cutthroat sport.” “Everybody supports everybody else,” he said. “Everybody wants to see everybody do well. They just want to do better. It’s unusual in that regard.”

Spectators coming to the Chicopee event will likely be surprised at what they see. “Unless they know something about horses, they won’t recognize what these people are doing,” Holloway said. “But they will say, ‘I didn’t know horses would do that.’” Riders pay an entry fee at registration, but the event is free to spectators. Holloway said he hopes people will come out, see the events and even want to participate. “Most people who come either know somebody who is racing and want to see what they do or you’re a horse person and you want to see horses do something,” Holloway said. “In Gainesville, there are a lot of people who ride horses and they trail ride. Last year, we picked up two or three that were willing to come try it.

“It says Extreme Cowboy racing, and the trail rider may say, ‘That’s too tough for me,’ but it’s not,” Holloway added. “The obstacles are no different than what a trail rider might experience out in the woods. You’ve got a log you’ve got to go over; you’ve got a creek you’ve got to cross. I think there’s a place for everybody who loves their horse to compete.”



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## YOUTH RIDERS CORNER

### 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

Continued prayers for one of our favorite cowboys, Cullen Green, and his family. Cullen is doing better daily!!!



### Youth Obstacle Challenge Standings

1	Stephanie Walters	Destiny	291.00
2	Mackenzie Brown	Gee Bee's Augustus	254.00
3	Breanna Bork	Diego	240.00
4	Emily Cook	Scarlet	237.00

No Eligible Youth for Race Fund

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

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## High Point through 8/31/17

### SOCA OBSTACLE CHALLENGE HIGH POINT - 2017

	Rider	Horse	Total
<b>Novice Division</b>			
1	Renee Lewis	TR Really Splendid (Ace)	268.00
2	Becky McDowell	Shadow	251.00
3	Linda Bradley	Billy	243.00
4	Margo Cook	Luna	234.50
5	Mo Earle	Cabo	234.00
6	Morgan Skrabalak	Hot Roddin Hot Te (Emmett)	189.50
7	Vickie Sparacino	Spirit	136.50
8	Miah Bradley	Dakota	123.00
9	Gail Ransco	Dee Dee	119.00
10	Pam Harrell	Junior	116.00
<b>Youth Division</b>			
1	Stephanie Walters	Destiny	291.00
2	Mackenzie Brown	Gee Bee's Augustus	254.00
3	Breanna Bork	Diego	240.00
4	Emily Cook	Scarlet	237.00
5	Jazzy Durgin	Hot As A Pistol	133.00
6	Jazzy Durgin	I'm Angelina Jolie	128.00
7	Jordan Price	Diamond	83.50
8	Amalia Spencer	Wuden Chu Cimamom Baby	70.00
9	Brooke Bremer	Shadees Kharma	66.50
10	Madison Carter	AKR Cinnfully Dotin	58.00
<b>Intermediate Division</b>			
1	Leslie Kingree	Scamps First Hit	257.50
2	Janice Charles	Sunshine & Whiskey	256.00
3	Nancy Biddinger	Splash	243.00
4	Denise Brown	Gismos Candy Two	242.50
5	Donna Calloway	Surely A Legacy (Rain)	239.00
6	Jan McDougald	Sensations Annie Lee	230.00
7	Brianna Tribett	Imheirristibletoo	229.50
8	Barbara Van Winkle	Pepper	221.00
9	Shelby Ratliff	Vinnie	208.00
10	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	135.00
<b>Posse Division</b>			
1	Cathy Rotola	PSU He's Smart N Peppy	276.00
2	Connie Lloyd	Chance	142.00
3	Pat Cason	Sinoforso	139.00
4	Anne Hanley	Conrad's Debonaire Gentleman	136.00
5	Vicke Anderson	Peps Wittle Wrangler	129.00
6	Warren Cason	Kevin	125.00
7	Cathy Ulm	Spirit	108.00
8	Karen Ketchum	Tango	89.00
9	Kelly Gifford	Trooper Tres'	86.00
<b>Open Elite Division</b>			
1	Traci Woodard	Sprite	286.00
2	Anna Gay	Peppy's Cat ICH1 (Catman)	284.00
3	Vicky DeArmond	Roxie Rose	265.00
4	Lesia Roe	Cat	263.50
5	Bret Lambdin	Tug	245.00
6	Renee Stafford	Jazzy	134.00
7	Sherry Garman	Stormy	132.00
8	Jan Garvin	Peponitas Shot Gun	132.00
9	Michael Garman	Stonewall's Silver Dollar	131.00
10	Ross Harper	Riley	108.50

### SOCA RACE HIGH POINT - 2017

	Rider	Horse	Total
<b>Young Guns Division Results</b>			
1	Dakota Jeffers	Champ	226.850
<b>Novice Division Results</b>			
1	Holly Bacola	Yoshi	1702.222
2	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	1609.505
3	Jane Peniston	Smoochie	1563.038
4	Michael Garman	Stonewall's Silver Dollar	1418.016
5	Sherry Garman	Stormy	1392.407
6	Gregg Moore	Primer	991.501
7	Angela Graham	Dancer	748.423
8	Nickie Johnson	WB Freckles Lena	731.423
9	David Archie	Toby	328.982
10	Anna Gay	Peppy's Cat ICM1	315.135
<b>Green Horse Results</b>			
1	Rick Peniston	Savvy	1686.239
2	Demetrio Alvarez	Cruz	1110.567
3	Jade Walker	Bamalamingdong	799.167
4	Kiana Bolognese	Apache	267.612
5	Jazmyn Durgin	I'm Angelina Jolie	255.486
6	Jonathan Archie	Cruz	217.877
7	Tania Morton	Chrity Gotta Gun	288.941
<b>Non Pro Division Results</b>			
1	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Night At The Ritz	2361.871
2	Rick Peniston	Smoochie	1961.312
3	Michael Garman	Stonewall's Silver Dollar	1695.062
4	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	1646.953
5	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco	1463.083
6	Demetrio Alvarez	Sally	1376.150
7	Erik Herndon	Royal Nurse Pepto	1335.143
8	Jason Hiser	Delgado	1078.940
9	Steve Barrett	Mr. Geniune Doc	1037.222
10	Kelsie Yates	Whiskey	1024.018
<b>Intermediate Division Results</b>			
1	Shelby Ratliff	Drifting Thru Poco	2219.059
2	Holly Bacola	Yoshi	2066.766
3	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	1995.105
4	Lisa Steinbach	Texan At The Ritz	1732.788
5	Michael Garman	Stonewall's Silver Dollar	1716.714
6	Sherry Garman	Stormy	1650.378
7	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run	1601.881
8	John Hodges	SB Shaney Face Dunit	1561.935
9	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel (Shango)	1520.644
10	Stephanie Walters	Destiny	1408.920
<b>Youth Division Results</b>			
1	Stephanie Walters	Destiny	1443.715
2	Kirsten Mew	Mister Twister	1430.081
3	Dawton Davis	Trinity	1278.147
4	Casey Hiser	Faith	1038.057
5	Jade Walker	Colonel	1001.169
6	Kirsten Mew	Diamond Dee O'Lena	980.043
7	Jazmyn Durgin	I'm Angelina Jolie	749.106
8	Kianna Ferro	Texan At The Ritz	717.871
9	Shawn Charles	Sunshine N Whiskey	364.942
10	Dustin Archie	Toby	352.743
<b>Ride Smart Division Results</b>			
1	Rick Peniston	Smoochie	2205.510
2	John Hodges	SB Shaney Face Dunit	2016.407
3	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	1817.936
4	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run	1703.677
5	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel (Shango)	1550.347
6	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco	1461.468
7	Sherry Garman	Stormy	1370.518
8	Steve Barrett	Mr. Geniune Doc	1103.717
9	Dennis Robinson	Threats Dark Reflection	946.348
10	Gregg Moore	Primer	545.772
<b>Pro Division Results</b>			
1	Joel Mobley	Chic	1803.977
2	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	1581.484
3	Erik Herndon	Royal Nurse Pepto	1401.042
4	Kelsie Yates	Whiskey	1048.155
5	Jason Hiser	Delgado	1040.307
6	Bret Lambdin	Tug	964.204
7	Leanne Hale	Jigsaw	602.025





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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 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.

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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

**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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