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Racing was Hot in Georgia!

August Race in GA

The Georgia State Championships Extreme Cowboy Race was held August 11th at the Chicopee Wood Agriculture Center in Gainesville, GA. We had a great clinic with Johnie Clem on Friday, then he judged the race on Saturday. Even though we were in a covered arena, Mother Nature was very kind and supplied cooler (than usual) weather for us.

Thanks to Dennis Tipton and Joe Holloway for putting this race together for us, it is always a great time!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 8th – Obstacle Challenge

September 21st – Pete Fraser EXCA Clinic

September 22nd & 23rd – EXCA SE Regional Championships, Gaffney, SC

If you haven't sent your entries for these events, please do so....these will be our last challenge and race for the season! We hope to see everyone at these great events!

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Remaining 2018 Events

9/8/18 – Obstacle Challenge – Florida Horse Park, Ocala, FL (*Flyer Attached*)

9/22-23/18 – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championships (Triple Points)- Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC (*Flyer Attached*)

Clinic with Pete Fraser on 9/21/18

11/24/18 – Obstacle Schooling Day – Bushnell, FL (*Flyer Attached*)

Tentative 2019 Events

1/12-13/19 – Florida Horse Park – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) on Saturday & Obstacle Challenge on Sunday

2/23/19 – **Obstacle Schooling Day**, Bushnell, FL

4/13/19 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) – Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC

4/27/19 – Obstacle Challenge – Bushnell, FL

5/11/19 – Extreme Cowboy Race (double points) The Canyon – Hodges, AL

6/1-2/19 – Extreme Cowboy Race – EXCA Nationals (Triple Points) – Decatur, AL

7/6/19 – Obstacle Schooling Day – Bushnell, FL

8/10/19 – Extreme Cowboy Race (Double Points) – Chicopee Agricultural Center, Gainesville, GA

9/7/19 – Obstacle Challenge – Florida Horse Park, Ocala, FL

9/28-29/19 – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championships (Triple Points)- Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC

11/30/19 – Obstacle Schooling Day – Bushnell, FL

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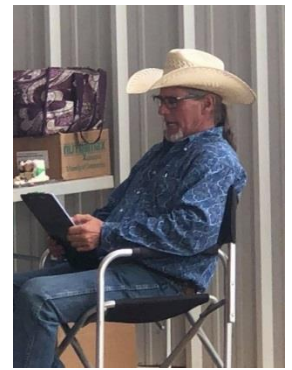
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RESULTS FROM THE AUGUST 11th, GEORGIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EXTREME COWBOY RACE

		Round 1	Round 2	Total	
Young Guns Divison Results					
1	Dakota Jeffers	Champ	140.987	139.014	280.001
Novice Divison Results					
1	Gregg Moore	Boomers Double Doc	165.021	174.465	339.486
2	Maggie Young	Jack The Man	170.071	160.615	330.686
3	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel (Shango)	151.363	177.964	329.327
4	Lance Miller	Koozie	174.813	149.232	324.045
5	Jane Peniston	Smoochie	154.297	164.282	318.579
6	Angela Graham	Jack	154.534	161.630	316.164
7	Jovie Reeves	Levi	159.903	141.590	301.493
8	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	154.124	143.739	297.863
9	Mike Elledge	Dancing In Dixie	129.882	135.397	265.279
10	Susan Zubek	Sino da Cevera	112.704	117.535	230.239
11	Susan Zubek	Kalypso	81.590	95.669	177.259
Green Horse Results					
1	Tracy Pinson	T Buck	145.093	151.924	297.017
2	Lisa Steinbach	Tuff Struck Gold	135.288	140.263	275.551
3	Shelby Ratliff	Dangerous Da Vinci	137.352	131.405	268.757
Non Pro Divison Results					
1	Leanne Hale	Jigsaw	228.683	240.699	469.382
2	Rick Peniston	Savvy	215.205	212.794	427.999
3	Kelise Yates	Whiskey	206.822	220.401	427.223
4	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco	194.981	204.932	399.913
5	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	195.118	202.800	397.918
6	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Night At The Ritz	205.504	177.292	382.796

		Round 1	Round 2	Total	
Intermediate Divison Results					
1	Mike Jeffers	Champ	218.173	205.827	424.000
2	Gregg Moore	Boomers Double Doc	196.353	210.456	406.809
3	Mike Jeffers	Jazzmine	190.191	213.020	403.211
4	Shelby Ratliff	Drifting Thru Poco	201.848	186.986	388.834
5	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run	191.092	187.195	378.287
6	John Hodges	SB Shaney Face Dunit	192.550	173.155	365.705
7	Lisa Steinbach	Texan At The Ritz	181.226	178.496	359.722
8	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel (Shango)	180.633	177.220	357.853
9	Jane Peniston	Smoochie	172.807	179.150	351.957
10	Lance Miller	Koozie	180.983	169.264	350.247
11	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	183.088	161.592	344.680
12	Angela Graham	Jack	155.511	179.588	335.099
13	Susan Zubek	Sino da Cevera	159.552	122.109	281.661
14	Mike Elledge	Dancing In Dixie	129.625	143.075	272.700
15	Susan Zubek	Kalypso	137.537	125.013	262.550
Youth Divison Results					
1	Dakota Jeffers	Champ	196.192	185.334	381.526
Ride Smart Divison Results					
1	Rick Peniston	Savvy	218.638	210.272	428.910
2	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run	217.124	211.568	428.692
3	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	200.404	221.233	421.637
4	Gregg Moore	Boomers Double Doc	203.660	204.731	408.391
5	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel (Shango)	199.442	191.793	391.235
6	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco	189.122	198.307	387.429
7	Maggie Young	Jack The Man	179.183	186.157	365.340
8	John Hodges	SB Shaney Face Dunit	171.242	178.627	349.869
Pro Divison Results					
1	Leanne Hale	Jigsaw	230.659	242.117	472.776
2	Rick Peniston	Savvy	208.473	221.195	429.668
3	Kelise Yates	Whiskey	196.187	195.249	391.436
4	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	187.795	199.185	386.980
5	Bret Lambdin	LEO's Pride	185.088	170.799	355.887





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PICTURES FROM THE AUGUST 11th GEORGIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EXTREME COWBOY RACE



Young Guns
& Youth



Novice



Green Horse



Non Pro



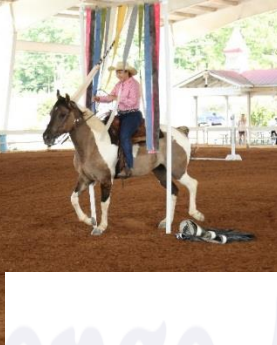
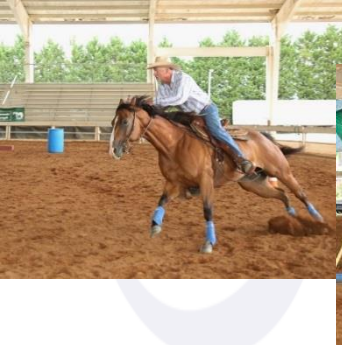
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Ride Smart



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Member Spotlight Renee Lewis

I'll start with good news. On August 2, 2018 Ace and I logged the last couple hours we needed to reach 3,000 hours in the Appaloosa Saddle Log program. It's been a long time coming and this is a goal I am thrilled we reached. We continue to optimistically log hours toward the 4,000 hour Award.

Please read this story for the informational value. I hope by sharing it will help someone understand there may be issues affecting your horse's health, performance or attitude you cannot see or touch.

Some of you know I've been challenged to resolve health issues for Ace I just never saw coming. We noticed early in working with him he had a Dr. Jeckyl/Mr. Hyde personality. Some other symptoms were sweating when other horses were not, unexplained tenderness in parts of his body that massage and chiropractic only temporarily relieved, over-reacting to stimuli, having temper tantrums, refusing to move forward - even to walk and occasionally bucking for no apparent reason.

In August 2015 I submitted a hair sample to www.DePaoloEquineConcepts.com. I indicated on the informational form I thought Ace was in "general good health" and submitted the sample to "ensure we were on the right track nutritionally." When we received the report a couple weeks later Clarence and I were completely stunned.

The test showed he was: Deficient in Magnesium, Manganese, Phosphorous, Iron & Cobalt. Normal in Calcium, Zinc, Copper, Aluminum, Mercury & Nickel. Toxic in Sodium, Potassium, Chromium, Selenium, Lead, Cadmium & Arsenic. Finally, the unexplained symptoms I did not understand were explained when I read the information accompanying the areas where he was deficient and toxic

At the Vet's recommendation I switched him to a forage only diet, which means he had to be taken off all manufactured feed. All of them contain grains (barley, corn, oats, wheat), soy (inexpensive source of protein) and many have molasses. I read a warehouse of feed labels so I can say this with authority. Within 2 weeks he was no longer sore across his back, improvement #1. We started him on a chelation/detox Personal Supplement to rid his body of the toxins in his system. It is unknown how long the detox will take so he will be retested annually until he tests within normal range.

We had another horse on the property so had her hair tested too. We needed to know if his environment was contributing to his imbalance. It was not, our water and soil were clean. She had none of the heavy metal toxicity Ace had but was deficient in the same areas. The Vet attributed that to the food they were being fed (soy is known to cause the body to excrete many important nutrients before the body can absorb them), hence the switch to a forage only diet. We retested Ace Oct 2016 & Oct 2017. The values improved in 2016 and all were within normal limits in 2017, with the exception of potassium, it was still about double what it should be. We were thrilled all the heavy metals were in the acceptable range, although lead was at the top of the range at 98%. I continued to give him the Personal Supplement/detox for another 90 days until Feb 2018.

On August 3rd we received Ace's July 2018 retest results and are saddened to learn he needs to go back on the detox because he is again toxic in Calcium, Magnesium, Sodium, Potassium, Lead and Cadmium. The Lead & Cadmium really concern me, toxicity of these metals can affect the proper function of muscles, bones/bone density, brain, kidneys & endocrine system. We must get him healthy.

I love our big red and white horse, he is SO MUCH fun to ride when he feels good. Some of you have seen first-hand just how fractious he can be when he is not feeling good. I apologize to anyone we may have frightened with his temper tantrums and I thank those of you who tried to help me get him through them. Getting him healthy has been a journey we didn't plan, but one to which I am committed.

One other bit of good news; I've been prepping Ace to learn flying lead changes. I've ridden horses someone else trained to do them but I have personally never trained a horse myself. On Fri Aug 3rd my good friend and trainer John Dalziel, who rode, competed and trained horses for HRH Queen Elizabeth II, worked with us toward this goal. After our preparation Ace did do one flying change, so that means I queued him properly. We missed a 2nd try but he did change a couple strides later. This may sound like a small thing and a bit late in his life to be teaching him, but I've learned to appreciate our victories where and when we get them.

Thanks for reading, I wish health and happiness for you and your horses. Hope to see you soon at another SOCA Challenge, Schooling Day and I hope in the not too distant future, an EXCA race.



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HIGH POINT STANDINGS AS OF 8/31/18

SOCA OBSTACLE CHALLENGE HIGH POINT - 2018

	Rider	Horse	Total
Novice Division			
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
Youth Division			
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
6	Gabriehl Shock	Sally	130.00
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
Intermediate Division			
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
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6	Donna Calloway	Surely A Legacy (Rain)	234.00
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
Open Elite Division			
1	Janine Charles	Sunshine & Whiskey	284.00
2	Jan Garvin	Peponita's Shot Gun	277.00
3	Cathy Rotola	BKP Nick of Time	273.00
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	
Young Guns Division Results			
1	Dakota Jeffers	Champ	636.008
2	Juleeane Johnston	Oops	217.370
Novice Division Results			
1	Maggie Young	Jack The Man	1689.914
2	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	1618.713
3	Mike Elledge	Dancing In Dixie	1580.119
4	Jane Peniston	Smoochie	1409.389
5	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel (Shango)	1397.236
6	Gregg Moore	Boomers Double Doc	1076.979
7	Joyce Elledge	Graham	1039.397
8	Rick Cone	Chip I'm Hot (Gus)	919.906
9	Teresa Cone	Peppin Dually (Chevy)	904.180
10	Angela Graham	Jack	767.014
Green Horse Results			
1	Shelby Ratliff	Dangerous Da Vinci	1535.060
2	Jason Keeker	Bandit	757.979
3	David Archie	Chico	596.327
4	Tracy Pinson	2X T-Buck	297.017
5	Lisa Steinbach	Tuff Struck Gold	275.551
6	Steve Barrett	Echo	274.749
7	Dennis Whitely	Trick	229.679
8	Kiana Bolognese	Apache	207.683
Non Pro Division Results			
1	Tracy Pinson	Tuff Night At The Ritz	2344.776
2	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	2174.715
3	Rick Peniston	Savvy	1822.562
4	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco	1782.661
5	Leanne Hale	Jigsaw	1153.081
6	Steve Barrett	Mr Genuine Doc	928.909
7	Jason Keeker	Valentine	920.797
8	David Archie	Toby	889.564
9	Kimberly Gentry	Rooster With Jewels	886.843
10	Dennis Robinson	Threats Dark Reflection	562.261
Intermediate Division Results			
1	Shelby Ratliff	Drifting Thru Poco	2181.971
2	Lisa Steinbach	Texan At The Ritz	2102.074
3	Mike Elledge	Dancing In Dixie	1786.179
4	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run	1677.683
5	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel (Shango)	1670.531
6	Jane Peniston	Smoochie	1607.392
7	Mike Jeffers	Champ	1484.454
8	John Hodges	SB Shaney Face Dunit	1464.818
9	Mike Jeffers	Jasmine	1356.765
10	Terri Glonek	One Tuff Cowgirl	1301.271
Youth Division Results			
1	Stephanie Walters	Destiny	1023.985
2	Braxton Keeker	Dozer	881.484
3	Shelby Keeker	Dozer	874.710
4	Dustin Archie	Toby	684.727
5	Jazzmyn Durgin	I'm Angelina Jolie	387.284
6	Dakota Jeffers	Champ	381.526
7	Breanna Bork	Diego	353.133
8	Jenna Anderson	Josie	308.891
9	Brooke Boutwell	Penny	308.720
10	Kassandra Garcia	Penney	102.918
Ride Smart Division Results			
1	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	2186.918
2	John Hodges	SB Shaney Face Dunit	2040.554
3	Rick Peniston	Savvy	1859.492
4	Vaudry Edge	Drifting Thru Poco	1801.568
5	Joe Holloway	Solanos Moonlite Run	1772.347
6	Bob Hill	RJ Freckles Jewel (Shango)	1718.257
7	Maggie Young	Jack The Man	1617.526
8	Steve Barrett	Doc	1004.375
9	Gregg Moore	Boomers Double Doc	950.947
10	Dennis Robinson	Threats Dark Reflection	599.172
Pro Division Results			
1	Dennis Tipton	Goodbars Sonny	2185.413
2	Rick Peniston	Savvy	1875.789
3	Leanne Hale	Jigsaw	1158.408
4	Bret Lambdin	LEO's Pride	1125.722
5	Jason Keeker	Dozer	948.619
6	Erik Herndon	Royal Nurse Pepto	630.135
7	Kelsie Yates	Whiskey	391.436

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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 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, Green Horse, 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 1st!

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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