



November 2012 Newsletter

Yahoo!!

Southern Obstacle Challenge Association

Where you and your horse can have fun!



November 17th Obstacle Challenge Championship

Wow – It's November already! Where did this year go? The November 17th Obstacle Challenge Championship is going to be held at Rocking Horse Stables in Altoona. For those of you who haven't been there before, this is a beautiful facility. Our challenge will be set up on the spacious cross country course and will allow you to ride between obstacles with friends.

The flyer and entry form is attached and we ask that you get your entries in early. This not only allows us to get the paperwork out of the way, but helps the concession plan for food. You can email, mail, or fax the entry form and release to us at southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com or 352-568-3351. Payment can be made at the event.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Altoona for a lot of fun!

PLEASE SEND YOUR ENTRIES IN EARLY!!!

What's Left in 2012?

November 17 – Obstacle Challenge Championship – Rocking Horse Stables, Altoona, FL. Flyer attached

December 15 – SOCA Trail Ride and get together. Lake Louisa State Park.

SOCA is planning to have a buckle series for the Obstacle Challenge Events in 2013! Stay tuned for details!!

Extreme Cowboy Race World Finals

SOCA Members rocked the Extreme Cowboy Race World Finals! Congratulations to all of our members for an awesome showing!

Young Guns Division – 1st Cullen Green, 3rd Brooke Matson (on Bernie Duncan's mare Destiny), 7th Bennett Green, 8th Bennett Green

Novice Division – 3rd Dennis Tipton, 5th Michael Lindsey, 6th Dennis Robinson, 8th Lisa Steinbach, 11th Dakota Rose Hodges

Youth Division – 2nd MeiLan Sims (on Tracy Pinson's Texan at the Ritz), 6th Cullen Green, 8th Elizabeth Roten, 9th Eliza Green

Ride Smart Division – 6th Dennis Tipton

Non-Pro Division -1st Tracy Pinson, 3rd Tracy Pinson
Pro Division – 4th Laura Green

Hi Point Rider (for the year) – Dennis Robinson
Reserve Hi Point Rider (for the year) – Eliza Green
EXCA Hall of Fame – Tracy Pinson

Most Improved Male at the Finals – Dennis Tipton
True Grit Award – Cullen Green

Cowgirl Tough Award – Dakota Rose Hodges
Non Pro Go Round Buckle Winner – Tracy Pinson
Hi Point Mustang – Joy Townsend

Mark sure you January 19-20, 2013 is on your calendar!!!

We will host a fun weekend at RO Ranch in Mayo – EXCA Race on Saturday and Obstacle Challenge on Sunday....Plus camping and trail riding.....Details will be sent out soon!

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What's Going On!

WEBSITE

- The SOCA website is up and running! Please spread the word and send everyone to www.southernobstaclechallenges.com
- The website will have all event flyers and information, results, as well as membership and sponsorship forms.

EVENTS ARE BEING FINALIZED

- Check the revised calendar of events as some of the dates and locations have changed. SOCA is working hard to get the schedule set for next year so everyone can get the dates on the calendar. Event flyers and entry forms will be posted to the website as they are available.
- Don't forget there will be prizes and payback at all events!

FACEBOOK

- Southern Obstacle Challenge Association has a group page where members discuss events, ideas and post questions. Please join us and give us your ideas!
- Got an idea for a different obstacle? Please post it on Facebook!

Check out Winner's Circle Horse Supply at www.wcircle.com

Quote of the Month

"Give a horse what he needs and he will give you his heart in return."

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2013 Tentative Calendar of Events

- 1/19-20/13 – RO Ranch in Mayo, FL – Obstacle Challenge and Extreme Cowboy Race (Saturday race, Sunday Obstacle Challenge) – Flyer coming soon.
- 3/2/13 – Obstacle Challenge "On The Trail" – TBD
- 3/23/13 – Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC – Extreme Cowboy Race
- 4/27/13 – Obstacle Challenge – TBD
- 5/25/13 – Extreme Cowboy Race in TN – TBD
- 6/22/13 - Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC – Extreme Cowboy Race
- 9/7/13 – Obstacle Challenge – TBD
- 9/28/13 - Green River Farm, Gaffney, SC – Extreme Cowboy Race SE Regional Championship
- 11/16/13 – Obstacle Challenge Championships – TBD

Please give us your feedback on these dates, as well as suggestions for venues.

Got ideas for something a little different?

Let us know!

We Need Your Help!!!

Corporate, Division, and Ribbon sponsorships are available – Please help support our events so we can give away great prizes and payback!



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Thanks to our sponsors!

SOCA would like to thank our corporate sponsors

- Stellar Marine
- Walker Pond Farm
- Darby Oaks Stables
- Kathy Zeis & Texas Joe Black
- Trailhead Ranch – Jerry & Linda Harrington
- The Snowbunnies!

SOCA would like to thank our division and ribbon sponsors:

- Mary Palmer & Starry Night Farms
 - Tina & Billy Miller
 - Bernie Duncan
 - Marc & Denise Hall – Ocoee Animal Clinic
 - Watson Dental Care
 - Florida Walking & Racking Horse Association
 - Janie & Wayne Van De Walker
 - Diane Richardson- “A Horse Experience” – Ranch Sitting Services
 - Michael Ebeling & Jackie Whatley
-can we add you to the list!?!? Check the SOCA website for details on sponsorships packages.

Volunteers or Event Hosts

We need your help!!!

If you would like to help at any of our events or if you would be interested in hosting an event, please email us at southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com

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
- Some events will be in arenas – others will be on the trail

EXTREME COWBOY RACES

- Sanctioned Extreme Cowboy Races with divisions for: Pro, Non-Pro, Novice, Ride Smart (55 & Over), Youth, Young Guns, & Green Horse
- Open to all breeds
- Practice races for anyone that wants to try a cowboy race for the first time
- Payback, prizes, and ribbons

CLINICS/SCHOOLING DAYS

- Learn to negotiate various types of obstacles
- Schooling days will allow you to practice obstacles with the help of others, and without the pressure of competition.

We want your input!

Check out the SOCA group page on Facebook and give us your ideas!

Club Membership - Affiliate Program

**Interested in hosting your own event?
Check out the SOCA Club Membership - Affiliate Program on the website – We will help get you started and promote your event.**

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