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Extreme
COWBOY ASSOCIATION



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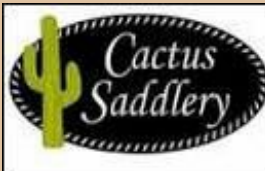
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Welcome to the Extreme Cowboy Association

We are excited about 2017 and the many fun filled and exciting Extreme Cowboy Racing events that are on the schedule.

The formation of EXCA has been an thrilling and challenging adventure! Many people have worked tirelessly to create an association that you will be proud to tell your friends about.

This is the latest issue of your monthly newsletter, The Brave Horse.

You will receive it each month electronically around the middle of the month. The Brave Horse will be full of interesting stories, EXCA event results, point standings, human interest stories about EXCA members and Tips and Tales from our founder, Craig Cameron. We encourage you to communicate your suggestions for stories and ideas that will make The Brave Horse fun, better and more informative. The Brave Horse: the best newsletter in the equine world.

Please forward your ideas and suggestions to Frank Turben at webmaster@extremecowboyassociation.com

Equestrian Youth Foundation - Scholarship Fund

The [Equestrian Youth Foundation](#) was founded on the belief that any motivated individual, in the equestrian industry, should have the opportunity to further his or her education. By removing some of the financial burdens associated with going to, surviving in, and graduating from college, the Equestrian Youth Foundation plays an instrumental role in increasing college access and success for many motivated equestrian young adults.

The [Equestrian Youth Foundation](#) provides educational scholarships for equestrian youth. These are paid directly to the educational institution, for students who qualify, from admission to graduation. The scholarship can be used to cover tuition expenses and related supplemental educational expenses such as books, lab fees, travel and costs of living.

With the belief in increasing college access and success, 100% of all donations to the Equestrian Youth Foundation will go directly to the student or students receiving the scholarship funds. All donations to the Foundation will be fully tax-deductible.



"It's time to start making a difference. Not just with our horses, but with the people who are passionate about them. We need to invest in the future of Horsemanship and that starts here, with the Equestrian Youth Foundation".

-Craig Cameron and Ride Smart Horsemanship.

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Futurity Horse Sale

EXCA World Championship Horse Sale

There will be a Futurity Horse Sale Saturday, November 4th, 2017 following the last class run at the Circle T Resort. [See the Flyer.](#)

Rule Information

Greenhorn vs Green Horse

Please make sure that you understand the difference between these two Divisions:

A **Greenhorn** membership allows a rider to compete in sanctioned EXCA events for a period of 30 days. Once the 30 days has expired, the Greenhorn member must pay the additional Individual membership fee to compete in an EXCA sanctioned event. No exceptions.

When a rider is listed on the spreadsheet with this designation in place of an EXCA number "GH", they are a Greenhorn member and must have their \$35 membership fee included with the event fees submitted to the EXCA office.

Green Horse: A Division to develop aged horses new to EXCA & Futurity Horses. Green Horse event scores must be recorded on a separate spreadsheet as their results do not get sent to the EXCA office and their points are not tracked.

International/Provincial Championship Series

EXCA is very excited to announce a new EXCA International Championship Series. As of now, any current EXCA Affiliated Club in each Country or Province can apply to host an EXCA International Championship event. For this event, EXCA will provide one buckle for the Overall winner of the Championship. There may only be one hosted International Championship per Country or Province. Each EXCA Affiliated Club must have a minimum of 10 current EXCA members competing in the Championship event to qualify for the buckle.

For more information about hosting an EXCA International Championship or becoming an EXCA member please contact turben@extremecowboyaassociation.com

Extreme Cowboy Race National Championships

Extreme Cowboy Race National Championships To Be Held at the Morgan County Celebration Arena in Decatur, Alabama on June 3rd and 4th, 2017

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Obstacle Challenge Association are pleased to announce that the EXCA National Championships will be held at the Morgan County Celebration Arena in Decatur, Alabama, June 3rd and 4th, 2017. Judges again this year will be Peter Fraser, Alberta, Canada, Diana McMurtrey, Winter Garden, Florida and Kim Hazlett, Ontario, Canada - All are Level 4 and 5 Judges with EXCA. SOCA President and Nationals judge, Diana McMurtrey said "SOCA is proud to once again have the opportunity to host the EXCA Nationals." She added, "We are so excited to move to our new indoor venue and expect to see some of the best horse and rider teams in North America at this event".

Celebration Arena is a 45,000 square foot facility sitting on 118 acres located at 67 Horse Center Road in Priceville, Alabama. The arena is 150 feet by 300 feet, with a 50 by 150 foot covered warm up area, as well as a 105 by 180 foot outdoor warm up pen. There are over 650 stalls and 70 camper spaces, so plenty of room for everyone! The arena is only 2 miles off of I-65 and is near hotels and restaurants. A facility fitting of a first class, national event!

Extreme Cowboy Racing combines horsemanship with speed. The event is judged, as well as timed. Horse and rider teams must execute a series of obstacles that represent trail or ranch work. Obstacles may include water crossing, shooting, roping, negotiating trash or dead fall, ground tying, jumping, dragging and always includes the signature free ride. Horses must be able to run wide open and then rein back to perform slow, technical maneuvers or obstacles. Horses can be of any breed, age, size and sex. The cowboys and cowgirls range in age from 8 to 80!

There will be world champion riders and horses competing for over \$5,000 in prize money, various prizes and the coveted EXCA Nationals belt buckles that are awarded to the champions and reserve champions in each of the divisions including Pro, Non-Pro, Ride Smart (55 & Over), Novice, Intermediate, Youth, Young Guns (11 & Under) and Green Horse. Each division will run once on Saturday and then again on Sunday, with the scores from both runs being totaled to determine the winners. The course will be different each day and riders do not know what the obstacles will be until the morning of the race.

On top of all the awards, this will be a triple point event to earn those coveted points toward qualifying for the World Finals in Hamilton, Texas. Additionally, SOCA has successfully negotiated with the famed Calgary Stampede to, once again, give an automatic invite to the 2017 EXCA Nationals Pro Champion to participate in the 2018 Cowboy Up Challenge, a by invitation only event.

Come see why Extreme Cowboy Racing is the fastest growing equine sport - It is almost as exciting for the spectators as it is for competitors. Spectators are free! For more information, volunteer opportunities, entry forms, or sponsorship packages, please email southernobstaclechallenges@gmail.com or go to www.extremecowboyassociation.com or www.southernobstaclechallenges.com.

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