

Upcoming Events

2019 Kick-off Party Saturday February 16th

This year's kick-off party is scheduled for **6pm on February 16th at 61 Main** in Jasper. There will be a short program after dinner to discuss this year's events and our support of the Bent Tree Stables program. Local musician, Bill Pound, will provide background music during the reception and entertainment after the meeting. As of this writing we are sold out and have started a waiting list. If you'd like to get on that list, please call me at 770-289-7272.

Rich

Annual Horse Park Clean Up Saturday March 9th

Our annual Horse Park Workday is scheduled for **Saturday March 9th**. We'll meet at the Horse Park at 9am. Details on our work efforts will be in the March Newsletter. Plan to spend the morning at the Park. We'll have lunch on the club at the Tavern at the 19th Hole. Please save the date. BTW, this is the same day that the annual Georgia State Park Work Day is scheduled. Like charity, cleanliness begins at home.

Rich

Spring Trailering Trip to Firefly Acres April 5-7

Yippee....Spring is just around the corner!! Our annual Firefly Acres Trailering Trip is scheduled for the weekend of **April 5-7th**. We currently have one cabin available, Fishcamp. You can go to our website to see specifics, but it has a king downstairs and two queens in a 5ft loft upstairs. One bathroom, and a private hot tub on the back deck. It is not pet friendly. Our neighbor Karen is offering her private upstairs queen bedroom/bath for \$75.00 a night. There are two cabins 1.3 miles down our road that if interested, google Cunningham Cabins at Fall Creek Falls for specifics. I believe one of them is pet friendly. Trailer hookups are available for \$15 per night. If any of you want to drive up Thursday to get a head start on the weekend, we will welcome you, but let me know!

Group fun will officially start with lunch in our Pavilion at 12:00 central time on Friday. After lunch we have a special "on property" competition planned, followed by a short local trail ride. For Saturday, Pete will head out to The Bledsoe State Forest, that offers miles of riding trails. It is located 30 minutes away, and the trails are wide and wooded for nice temperatures. Another 1 ½ to 2 hour local ride will be available after breakfast on Sunday.

All meals will be provided and served at our Pavilion. The cost for all meals is \$75.00 inclusive. We will provide water, iced-tea, coffee.

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2019 Dude Ranch Trip

I hope everyone is well and getting some riding in when it's not raining.

I have checked out a number of dude ranches and these three seem to stand out:

- Triple J wilderness ranch in Augusta Montana: triplejranch.com;
- Bar W guest ranch in Spencer, Montana close to Whitefish and Glacier: thebarw.com;
- Hunewill guest ranch in the Sierra Nevadas close to Yosemite: Hunewillranch.com.

All these ranches have great riding programs, horses, scenery and are easily accessible. Due to their locations we will be going the end of August beginning of September when the weather is good and the weeks are all adults. Please review these choices and if you are interested, either send me an email or call: joannhar-tin@earthlink.net, 404-405-8541.

If there are any other suggestions please let me know.

JoAnn



President's Corner SOTC

In a couple weeks many of us will be attending our first event of the year – the annual Kickoff Party. Janet and I have planned a fun event and are very pleased with the response we've had to date. This year's kickoff event was sold out a full week before the reservation deadline. In all my years with the club and the many events that Janet and I have hosted I cannot remember ever having the maximum rsvp's prior to the reservation deadline. Hopefully, we can repeat that with future events.

We start the year with a good Treasury thanks to both our yearend balance and the membership renewals. The kickoff Party and the annual club insurance will put a dent in that balance this coming month, but not much. We will have a solid reservoir of cash as we enter the riding season and as we organize this year's social events. Depending on membership participation it should be a very good year with some old events brought back to life and some new events being introduced for the first time. As an example we plan 3 "Dressage" events. I put that in quotes because we'll have a BTSC slant on those events. I'm still trying to come up with an appropriate name for them. As of now I'm leaning toward "Redneck Dressage" or a little more classy "BTSC Horsemanship". Suggestions for other events are welcome. Let's make this a resurgent year for the club. Make it a point to increase your participation. You won't regret it.

I thought that it would be appropriate for me to discuss the above at the Kickoff Party just as has been done in prior years, but Janet insisted that I just put it in writing.

Rich

Secretary's Report

CONDENSED MINUTES BTSC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING January 3, 2019

Rich Vigue called the meeting to order.

Bob Crawl gave the treasurer's and membership reports.

Kathy Hardin was given permission to buy insurance for 2019 if the rate is close to \$400.

BTSC website was discussed but no decision was made at this meeting.

Kick-Off Party will be February 16th at 61 Main.

Rich and Janet Vigue would like a volunteer to co-chair the Beach Party this summer.

Joann Hartin is trying to organize a trip to a Dude Ranch.

D.J. Suberk will look into a weekend trip to Bryson City.

Georgianna Hunter will oversee the Omoksee events for 2019. There was a discussion about some possible changes.

There will be several Dressage events offered this year to gauge the club's interest in this discipline.

Meeting Adjourned
Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Jones, Club Secretary

Spring Trailering Trip to Firefly Acres April 5-7

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fee, and Gatorade... but you will be responsible for anything else you wish to drink. We will be providing all the fixings for a packed lunch for Saturday. Nights will be full of music, visiting, and fun!

Horses will have their own pasture, or share a pasture with their horse friends. We do have two box stalls, and a dry lot for any horses not use to grass. Horse board will be \$10 a night, or \$20 if you need a box stall. As usual, our arena and round pen will be available for anyone to use throughout the weekend!

You do not have to bring a horse to have fun! There are some great hikes, golfing and waterfalls in the area. There is also a "canoe/kayak the Caney Fork" trip which should be gorgeous that weekend! Bluegrass Underground in the Caverns (bluegrassunderground.com/), or the always entertaining and tasteful tour of our local Calf Killer Brewery. Anyone interested give me a call (678) 313-5611. Pete and I always look forward to hosting this very fun and special group of people!!!!

Thanks Bambi

2019 Membership Renewals were due by January 31, 2019.

If you're not
receiving this
newsletter. . .

*we'll miss you,
(maybe)*

BTSC Adopt A Road Efforts Recognized by Keep Pickens Beautiful

On Tuesday January 22nd, Keep Pickens Beautiful presented the Bent Tree Saddle club with its annual award for best road cleanup. Last year BTSC picked up 45 bags of trash on Grandview Road. Many thanks to Margaret Lonsdale who led this effort. She couldn't attend the awards dinner at the Last Catch Restaurant in Jasper so Keith and Georgianna kindly represented the club.

Margaret is a treasure seeker. She was born with this compulsion. It's in her blood. This obsession has led her to sign up again this year as the road crew leader for our Adopt A Road efforts along Grandview Road. Go get'em Margaret! There are some treasures along that stretch of road and Margaret is hell bent on finding them. Let's give her some real support this year.

Rich



Adopt-a-Road Chairman Bart Connelly (left) presents the Elaine Thomason Award to the Bent Tree Saddle Club for their work on Grandview Road. Accepting the award are Keith and Georgianna Hunter.



The wild horses in Dubois, Wyoming. June 2017

2019 Membership Report

Membership renewals are occurring at a faster pace than last year but a number of members have still not renewed. As of January 29 we have 75 members signed up for 2019. This includes several new members that joined the end of last year. To reach last year's membership level of 114 by the end of January we need a number of renewals to arrive in the next several days. I understand a number of renewal applications are in the mail which is encouraging. Remember that membership renewals are due by January 31, 2019, in order to remain an active member of the club and receive future club newsletters. If you have any questions or need a membership form emailed to you, please call me at 770-757-8596. I'll be looking for those renewals.

Bob

Treasurer's Report

<u>Balance 01/01/19</u>	\$2,348.38
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Expenses:

Christmas Party, KPB, Kickoff	\$ 727.35
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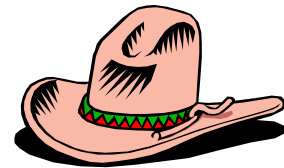
Party Deposit

Deposits:

2019 Member Dues	\$1,220.00
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<u>Balance 01/28/19</u>	\$2,841.03
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Jim



March Newsletter

Deadline for updated event info, articles and photos is **Sunday February 24th.**

Newsletter will go out on March 1st

Send to Email address: k1@earthlink.net

Articles must be a WORD .doc,
and font must be Times new Roman, size 10

Photos must be in **jpeg format.**

2019 Executive Committee	2019 Positions	
President: Rich Vigue Vice-President: Sharon Eikenberry Treasurer: Jim Sylvia Secretary: Cathy Jones BT Liaison: Bob Crowl Past President: Keith Hunter Past Past Pres. Kathy Hardin Appointee: Marianne Torchia	Membership: Bob Crowl Newsletter Ed.: Keeve Krasner Email Distribution: Rich Vigue	Visit our website at www.BTSC.info
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February 2019

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February Birthdays: Mark Krasner 2/15, Bob Eikenberry 2/17, Joyce Delay 2/20,
Elaine Holliday-Haley 2/23, Bob Crowl 2/25

BTSC 2019 Calendar of Events

To add event or volunteer contact Rich Vigue at richvigue@ellijay.com or 770-289-7272

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Leader(s)</u>
February 16 Saturday	Kickoff Party	61 Main	Rich & Janet
March 9 Saturday	Horse Park Cleanup	Horse Park	Rich
March 23 Saturday	Saddle Club Dressage	Horse Park	Rich
April 5-7 Fri - Sun	Trailering	Firefly Acres	Pete & Bambi
April 13 Saturday	Omoksee	Horse park	Rich
April 27 Saturday	TOW Ride/Dinner	Horse Park	Rich
May 4 Saturday	Kentucky Derby	Bent Tree Tavern	Rich & Janet
May 11 Saturday	Trailering Ride	Fausett Farm	Claire
May 19 Sunday	BTSC Horsemanship	Horse Park	Rich
June 2 Sunday	Omoksee	Horse Park	Rich
June 15 Saturday	Trail Challenge	Montana East	Rich & Janet
July 4 th Thursday	Jasper Parade	Jasper	Keeve
July 4 th Thursday	Cookout	Horse Park	Rich & Janet
August 3 rd Saturday	Picnic	Jo West's	Jo
August 10 Saturday	Summer Party	Beach Pavilion	Rich & Janet
September 14 Saturday	Omoksee	Horse Park	Rich
September 28 Saturday	BTSC Horsemanship	Horse Park	Rich
October 11-13 Saturday	Trailering Trip	East Fork	Jim & Lisa
October 19 Saturday	Horse & Fun Show	Horse Park	Betsy & Claire
November 9 Saturday	Thanksgiving Dinner	TBD	Rich & Janet
November 17 Sunday	Trailering Ride	Fausett Farm	John
December 7 Saturday	Christmas Party	Pendley Creek	Rich & Janet



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