

## BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

April 2019

### *Upcoming Events (continued next page)*

#### **Spring Trailering Trip to Firefly Acres April 5-7th**

As of right now 13 brave individuals are heading up to Firefly Acres April 4th and 5th, for a weekend full of fun! We still have our neighbors garage apt. available (\$75.00 per night), and space for Live-in Horse Trailers (\$15 per night), and Julie/Janice still have an open bed in Fishcamp for those of you thinking of joining in the FUN. There are also 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. 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 if you will be here for dinner!

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 (bring your phones), 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

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#### **BTSC Horsemanship Saturday April 13th**

Grab your horse and come out to the BTSC Horsemanship event scheduled for Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Horse Park. Think of this as a play day with your horse. The entry fee is \$10. We will be using the Western Dressage Introductory Level Test 3. Nancy Conley will be here to judge the individual participants/contestants. When completing the waiver you'll indicate whether you're participating just for fun or entering the competition. For those who are competing, this event will count toward the yearend "Most Versatile" award. Fat Boy and I are laying claim to complete failure at this event. I had a serious discussion with him and he let me know that he has no use for this event. It's going to be a battle of wills. Even if you've never tried Western Dressage or have no interest in it, come out and participate in this. We will be adapting this event to our interests/tastes as the year goes on.

The back gate will open at noon. Please let me know if you're coming through the gate. Remember to have a current Coggins with you. I can be reached at 770-289-7272 or [richvigue@ellijay.com](mailto:richvigue@ellijay.com).

*Rich*

#### **Top of the World Ride Saturday April 27th**

Mary Anne Dubose has once again given us permission to ride on her beautiful property. This year's ride will take place on Saturday, April 27th. We'll leave the Horse Park at 10am. Pack a lunch. We should arrive back at the Horse Park around 3pm.

The back gate will open at 9:30am. Please let me know if you are coming on the ride and will be going through the back gate. I can be reached at [richvigue@ellijay.com](mailto:richvigue@ellijay.com) or 770-289-7272.

*Rich*



## *Upcoming Events (continued)*

### **Spring Trailering Trip to Firefly Acres April 5-7 (continued from page 1)**

breakfast on Sunday.

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, 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. Let us know if your horse has special needs! 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/](http://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!!!!

*Bambi*

### **Kentucky Derby Party & Quarterly General Meeting Saturday, May 4th**

At the beginning of the year, we scheduled the Kentucky Derby Party & the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter General Meeting for Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> at Bent Tree's Tavern at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole. Festivities were planned to start at 5pm and include a best hat contest, a betting pool, and a post-race sit down dinner. The menu included Hot Browns, Cheese Grits, and Run for the Roses DESSERT ☺ (all three are Kentucky Derby staples). Saddle Club member and Kentucky Derby Expert, Joan Heiser provided the Tavern management with authentic Kentucky Derby recipes for these dishes.

However, we are facing an issue with the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole. When remodeling the restaurant, someone decided that there shouldn't be a television in the back room where we would be holding our party. Rather than just move the TV, it appears that they also took out the wiring to the cable plug. Whoever made that decision was a determined person. Hopefully, the powers that be will replace the wiring for the television in short order so we can proceed with our plans to hold the event there.

As of this writing, we are considering alternative venues that have separate rooms with televisions. If you have any ideas, let us know asap. An email will be sent to the club as soon as we firm everything up. In the meantime, save the date for a really fun event.

*Rich*

### **O-Mok-See Sunday May 5th**

## Pole Bending

## Tomahawk Balls

## Baton Race

## Cloverleaf

## Mystery Event

## *(Join the fun)*



## President's Corner

We're already at the end of the first quarter of 2019. Forget about climate change. This planet is spinning way too fast.

We've had two really good events so far this year with one being social and the other horse related. The recent western dressage demonstration by Nancy Conley was a huge success. We look forward to having Nancy come back to the Horse Park as the judge for our first ever BTSC Horsemanship event scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>. A few of us practiced in the arena on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Without naming names, I'd say that we have a looong way to go to being proficient in this. But that doesn't matter. The object is to have fun with our horses.

The second quarter of the year looks very promising in terms of planned events. In addition to the arena events we're heading to a fun weekend at Firefly Acres this weekend; we'll do the Top of the World Ride to the Dubose property on April 27<sup>th</sup>; and on May 4<sup>th</sup>, we'll watch the Kentucky Derby in The Tavern at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole. Whether you're into the social events or the riding events, please make a commitment to yourself to get out and join in on the fun. The Executive Committee pledged to spend the club's Treasury on good time events this year and that's what we're doing.

We have decided to put off the silent auction fund raiser planned as part of the Kentucky Derby Party until later this year since the Stables has secured a UTV for its use from the Golf Course operation. We'll re-assess what equipment is needed, but unfunded, that would benefit both the Stables and the Horse Park before having that fund raiser.

Lastly, as most of you know, the doors to the storage rooms and bathrooms are kept locked except for when we run organized events at the Horse Park. Recently, we announced via email that we were storing the dressage cones/signs in the ladies' room at the Horse Park and hiding the key to that room close by so that our members would have access to the equipment for practice. When we arrived at the Horse Park on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the door to that room had been left unlocked. Not a good situation. If this happens again, we may need to rethink this approach.

*Rich*

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## Horse Park & Road Clean Up Recap Saturday, March 16th

We had a very good turnout for our annual Horse Park maintenance and Adopt-A-Road cleanup. The crew at the Horse Park painted the entrance sign, barbecue, and bleachers; raked the perimeter of the arena; stored the jumping equipment in the hay barn; and set up the dressage arena for the following day's demonstration. Bob Crawl had previously dragged the arena using a UTV provided by Barbara Biello. The Horse Park crew included Steve and Kim Brown, Lee Burger, Bob Crawl, Bobby Delay, Susan Hannah, Georgianna Hunter, Fred McLam, Betsy Robbe, DJ Suberk and Marc Ducharme, Lisa Sylvia, and Rich Vigue. Marianne Torchia provided her Kubota.

The Grandview Adopt-A-Road crew included leader Margaret Lonsdale, Hanne Skattebol, Jena Finley, Val Jacobson, and Judy Heilman. True to form, some interesting things were discovered. They are now on display at Jena and Val's North Wind Farm. Adults only please.

Most of the crew members were able to have lunch at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole courtesy of the club. Just a small way for the club to say thanks for participating in the workday.

*Rich*

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## Western Dressage Demonstration Recap Sunday, March 17th

Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> was a perfect day for a Saddle Club Horse Park event. The weather was wonderful. Using the famous Trumpian Crowd Estimator Technique I'd say it was the largest attendance ever at the Horse Park far out-performing any other event ever held there. It was HUGE! Nancy Conley, current National Western Dressage Champion, demonstrated her western dressage free style routine with her horse, Truly Unsurpassed, and then critiqued a few of our members doing an entry level western dressage test. Kathy Hardin, Georgianna Hunter, DJ Suberk, and Julie Williams all agreed to ride in front of the National Champion while the rest of us looked on and learned a lot about this fast growing equine sport. Member and Bent Tree Stable Master, Kieve Krasner, cooked hot dogs for the attendees as a fund raiser for the stables. Stable Master and Hot Dog Chef – now that's a powerful combination. I see a lot of fundraisers in Kieve's future.

*Rich*



**Nancy Conley & Truly Unsurpassed Freestyle**

## News from Bent Tree Stables

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Western Dressage Demo and bought a hotdog. The donations received will go a long way towards buying tack and other barn supplies that are badly needed at the stables. Thanks also to everyone who donated bits, bridles, halters, blankets, pads, etc. They are all being used and are so much appreciated.

The stable operation is going well and we hope that the trail riding business will pick up with the change over to better weather.

Remember that, if you have a friend or associate who can ride a horse well enough to join the April 27th Top of the World ride, and needs a horse, please refer them to the Bent Tree Stables.

Finally, please help with my advertising campaign by printing the flyer at the end of this newsletter, and posting it at locations where you feel there might be interested customers.

Till next time, Happy Trails.

*Kieve*





## More Recap Photos



**Truly Unsurpassed**



**Elise Eubanks & Townson Rickenbaker**



**Olivia Taggart & Truly Unsurpassed**



**Margaret & friends picked up 12 bags of trash**





*The wild horses in Dubois, Wyoming. June 2017*

### 2019 Membership Report

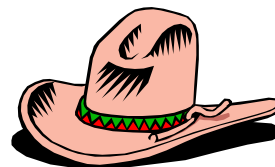
Please join me in welcoming Ronda & Randy Erway and Stephanie Watson to the Saddle Club. This brings our 2019 total membership to 104 members at the end of March. We look forward to seeing them at future Saddle Club events. If you know someone interested in joining our club invite them as a guest to one of our events. Call me at 770-757-8596 if you have any questions.

*Bob*

### Treasurer's Report 03/26/19

Balance 02/21/19	\$4,146.97
Deposits:	
	\$ 0.00
Expenses:	
Insurance	\$ 400.00
Deposit for Summer Party Entertainment	\$ 200.00
New Bent Tree Website	\$ 82.94
Horse Park Clean up	\$ 182.29
Western Dressage	\$ 350.00
Balance 03/26/19	\$2,931.74

*Jim*



### May Newsletter

**Deadline** for updated event info, articles and photos is **Friday April 26th**

Newsletter will go out on May 1st

Send to Email address: [k1@earthlink.net](mailto: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**

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 BT Liaison: Bob Crawl  
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April Birthdays: 4/20 Roberta Sarchet, 4/23 Jodie Boyd, 4/25 Debra Meffert

**BTSC 2019 Calendar of Events**

To add event or volunteer contact Rich Vigue at [richvigue@ellijay.com](mailto:richvigue@ellijay.com) or 770-289-7272

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Leader(s)</u></b>
April 5-7 Fri - Sun	Trailering	Firefly Acres	Pete & Bambi
April 13 Saturday	BTSC Horsemanship	Horse park	Rich & Georgianna
April 27 Saturday	Top of World	Horse Park	Rich
May 4 Saturday	Kentucky Derby (Gen'l Mtg)	Bent Tree Tavern	Rich & Janet
May 5 Sunday	Omoksee	Horse Park	Rich
May 11 Saturday	Trailering Ride	Fausett Farm	Claire
May 19 Sunday	BTSC Horsemanship	Horse Park	Rich & Georgianna
June 2 Sunday	Omoksee	Horse Park	Rich
June 15 Saturday	Trail Challenge	Montana East	Rich & Janet
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Jasper Parade	Jasper	Keeve
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Cookout	Horse Park	Rich & Janet
August 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Picnic	Jo West's	
August 10 Saturday	Summer Party (Gen'l Mtg)	Beach Pavilion	Rich & Janet
September 14 Saturday	Omoksee	Horse Park	Rich
September 28 Saturday	BTSC Horsemanship	Horse Park	Rich & Georgianna
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 (Gen'l Mtg)	TBD	Rich & Janet
November 17 Sunday	Trailering Ride	Fausett Farm	John
December 7 Saturday	Christmas Party	Pendley Creek	Rich & Janet

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**Looking to sell or trade for a different water tank.  
Need a stand up – fits in the corner – water tank for my horse trailer.  
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**Contact**

**Lisa Sylvia**

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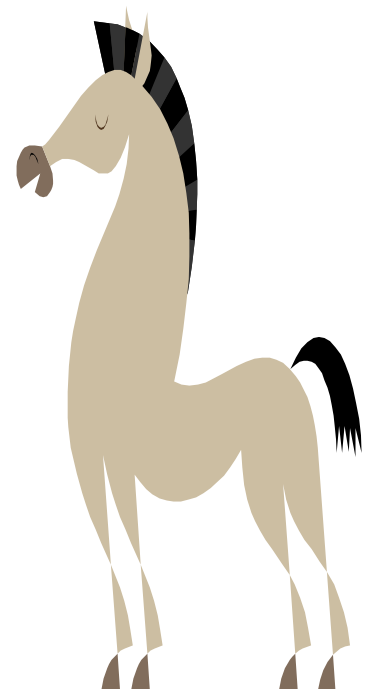
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