

Upcoming Events

Summer Picnic Saturday, August 3rd

See flyer page 10 & 11

Summer Party & General Meeting Saturday, August 10th

Reservation deadline for the Summer Party is August 1st. If you're planning on going and have not mailed your check yet, you're probably too late. Please do not mail a check to me after August 1st. Call me instead to see if we are able to get your reservation to the caterer. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 770-289-7272. The flyer with all the details is located on Page 4.

The 3rd Quarter General Meeting will be held during a band break, and rest assured, it will be brief.

This is going to be one heck of a party! Janet and I are looking forward to having fun with everyone.

Rich

See flyer page 12

East Fork Stables Camping Trip October 17 – 20

The October East Fork Stables trip is off with a bang! We will be having a spaghetti Dinner in Lisa and Jim's campsite Thursday evening. Everyone will chip in on the costs and Lisa is providing everything for the dinner, including the cooking! Friday evening will be a potluck dinner, everyone please bring a side dish. This will be held in the Pavilion in the very back behind Campsite A.

Saturday night we will all go to Simply Fresh restaurant in Jamestown just a short drive away! There will be no guided rides. The trails are well marked! Everyone can divide up into your preferred group and ride at the pace they choose. It will be great Camaraderie!

If you haven't made your reservations, don't miss out, call immediately before the last of the cabins are gone! If you can't make three days, come for two. Whatever works! As we get closer to that time, I will be sending out more details to individuals who have signed up.

Please let me know if you are coming if your name is not listed below at:

LisaSylvia3@gmail.Com.

The following link will get you to East Fork Stables to make your reservations:

<https://eastforkstables.com>

The following people have made reservations or are committed to attend:

Kathy Hardin, Gigi Hunter, DJ Suberk, Janice Butt, Julie Heinsman, Janet & Rich Vigue, Randy & Rhonda Erway, Bobby & Joyce Delay, Lisa & Jim Sylvia.

Lisa

BTSC Horsemanship Forum Saturday, Sept 7

The BTSC Horsemanship Committee (Jan Lorenzen, Georgianna Hunter, and myself) has reviewed the input received from several members and decided that our next Horsemanship event currently scheduled for Saturday September 28th will have two levels of Western Dressage tests including one that will have loping as one of the gaits.

We also felt that some members (especially me) need some clarification as to what is expected when performing the test. To that end, we have scheduled a BTSC Horsemanship Forum for Saturday, September 7th. Webster defines a forum as a place, meeting, or medium where ideas and views on a particular issue can be exchanged.

Jan will lead the forum and we will discuss the planned tests for the upcoming Horsemanship event. A specific time for the forum and more details will be provided in the September newsletter.

In the meantime, do some thinking about what you would find helpful as well as how you would like to see our horsemanship events evolve.

Rich

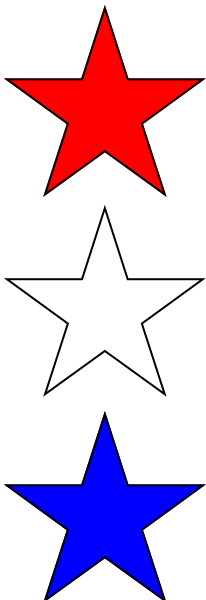


Event Recaps

July 4th Cookout and Fireworks Recap

We hoisted Old Glory up the Horse Park flagpole around 5:30pm. Approximately 25 members showed up for the casual “come as you are” gathering and cookout at the Horse Park Pavilion. Bob Crawl, Marc Ducharme and Jim Heilman showed their country pride dressed in very patriotic attire. With the flag flying and many people wearing red and blue there was no question, but that this was a Fourth of July event. At dusk most of the attendees headed to the Lake Tamarack dam to enjoy Bent Tree’s annual fireworks. Photos taken during this event are in a short video of the day’s activities that started with Jasper’s parade. If you’re reading this article on a PC or mobile device you can [Click here](#) to view the video.

Rich



Patriotic Claire Eubanks



All decked out in red, white and blue!

July 4th Cookout and Fireworks Recap (continued)



Bob Crowl



Jim Heilman

President's Corner

According to a recent medical study, depression, anxiety and other mental distress may lead to an early death. Janet and I have been running events for the saddle club off and on since its inception. We have things down pat. Select the entertainment, venue, and caterer. Determine how many members you can expect. Then set the price. Nothing to it. You'd think that we can do this without any anxiety or nervousness. That's mostly true except for the period between the announcement of the event and the reservation deadline.

The importance of the US mail has diminished significantly over the years with the way that our payment system has evolved and the fact that almost everything has gone digital. Our mailboxes have become mostly receptacles for paper spam. Usually, I have no problem not checking my mailbox for days. That's not so when I'm waiting for reservation checks. Are we or are we not going to get the number we need to break even? I check our box everyday up to the deadline and the number of or lack thereof checks sets the mood for the rest of the day. It's nail biting. Couple that with the fact that our members view the deadline as the starting line. No need to make that reservation now. We'll wait until the deadline to even think about it. Meanwhile all this worrying, anxiety, and resulting depression caused by the lack of reservations are taking days off my life. If I should die soon, many of our members should acknowledge that they've had a hand in my demise. You know who you are. Couldn't just once the membership show some consideration and make a reservation when the announcement is made? Sadly, that has the same chance of happening as Janet winning the Baton Race. It's just not going to happen. Okay, I feel better. Now I'm off to check today's mail.

Rich

2019 Membership Report

We did not have any new members join our Club in July. Without any new members our membership level remained at 107 at the end of July, the same number we had at the end of June. 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 07/29/19

Balance 06/24/19	\$2,737.23
Deposits:	\$ 0.00
Expenses:	\$ 0.00
Balance 07/29/19	\$2,737.23

Jim

Most Versatile Horse Points

Horse	Owner	Points
Dance	Claire Eubanks	377
Lexi	Lisa Sylvia	324
Rusty	DJ Suberk	275
Dude	Bob Crowl	262
Socks	Janet Vigue	156
Precious	Roberta Sarchet	145
Hotshot	Chuck Ewing	144
Jazz	Rich Vigue	120
Sorcha	Ronda Erway	114
Peekaboo	Kathy Hardin	105
Knight	Kim Brown	101
Timber	Tami Steinbrecher	73
Ranger	John Wilder	72
Lido	Barbara Tiernan	66
Donovan	Susan Hannah	62
Starlite	Claire Eubanks	60
Charm	Julie Heinsman	56
Lily	Elise Eubanks	55
Apache	Dawn Lathem	54
Duncan	Ronda Erway	52

News from Bent Tree Stables

Youth Fest 2019 Recap

Youth Fest was a huge success this year. In three days we hosted over 200 children of parents and grandparents from the Bent Tree Community.

Many thanks to all those who helped make this possible: Rich Vigue, Noranna Sissom, Bob Crowl, Susan Hannah, Cathy Jones, Taylor Wilson, Phil Bracken, Kim Brown, Libby Adams, Kathy Hardin, Debi Glantz, Pat Smiley and all of the staff and volunteers at the Bent Tree Stables. Your service is definitely appreciated.

Till next time, Happy Trails.

Keeve



2019 Executive Committee	2019 Positions	
President: Rich Vigue Vice-President: Sharon Eikenberry Treasurer: Jim Sylvia Secretary: Cathy Jones BT Liaison: Bob Crawl Past President: Keith Hunter Past Past Pres. Kathy Hardin Appointee: Marianne Torchia	Membership: Bob Crawl Newsletter Ed.: Keeve Krasner Email Distribution: Rich Vigue Website Admin: Jim Sylvia	Visit our website at www.BentTreeSaddleClub.com
	 Join our Group Page on Facebook	

August 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Reservation due for Summer Party	2	3 Pot-Luck Picnic
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Summer Party/Mtg
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Newsletter articles due	26	27	28	29	30	31

August Birthdays: Dave Eubanks 8/2, Michelle Ward 8/4, Rosemary King 8/8, Jo West 8/12, Bruce Johnson 8/18, Susan Paul 8/28, Dana Hickman 8/31

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>
August 3 rd Saturday	Picnic	Jo West's	Marianne
August 10 Saturday	Summer Party (Gen'l Mtg)	Beach Pavilion	Rich & Janet
September 7 Saturday	BTSC Horsemanship Forum	Horse Park	Jan Lorenzen
September 14 Saturday	Omoksee	Horse Park	Rich
September 28 Saturday	BTSC Horsemanship	Horse Park	Rich & Georgianna
October 12 Saturday	Horse & Fun Show	Horse Park	Betsy & Claire
October 18-20 Fri-Sun	Trailering Trip	East Fork	Jim & Lisa
November 16 Saturday	Thanksgiving Dinner (Gen'l Mtg)	Club Tamarack	Rich & Janet
November 17 Sunday	Trailering Ride	Fausett Farm	John
December 7 Saturday	Christmas Party	Pendley Creek	Rich & Janet

September Newsletter

Deadline for updated event info, articles and photos
is **Sunday August 25th**

Newsletter will go out on September 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**.



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Trail Rides

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Group Events

**Summer
Camps**

June 3 - 7
June 17 - 21
July 8 - 12
July 22 - 26

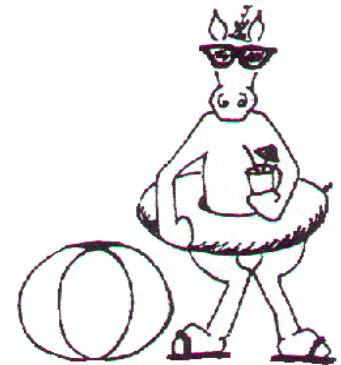
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Wed – Sun
same day reservations

Mon – Tues
24 hour advance resv.

Summer Picnic Saturday, August 3rd



You and your family
are invited to

CTHA's & BTSC's

Annual Summer

Pot-Luck Picnic

Saturday, August 3rd

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Jo West's Home on Lake Lanier in Dawsonville

Jo has graciously hosted this event for many years and it has become an eagerly anticipated tradition! This is the second year we are bringing Chattahoochee Trail Horse Association and Bent Tree Saddle Club members together for a combined day on the lake. We'll start with some wet 'n wild fun . . . take a spin around the lake aboard a jet ski or speed boat, swim off the dock, or just relax and enjoy the view, lake breezes and social festivities. At about 1:00, we'll roundup for our feast to enjoy the bounty of yummy home-cooked delights and lots of horse and club talk. Weather permitting, we'll resume activities on the lake.

BTSC RSVP is a must to Marianne Torchia by July 28

Phone **770-757-2282** or email maretorch1@gmail.com

The clubs will provide *BBQ & chicken tenders, tea, lemonade, water* and table service.

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YOU SHOULD BRING:

An appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert of your choice

Bring plenty to feed our hungry crowd!

Your own lawn chair and life jacket

if you have one. Jo has some
but not enough to go around.

Swim suit and towel if you want to get wet.

A hearty appetite and lots of horse talk!



DIRECTIONS to 1122 Chestatee Point, Dawsonville, GA 30534

Traveling North on GA 400, go 1 mile past HWY 53 in Dawsonville to the first traffic light.

Turn **RIGHT** onto **HARMONY CHURCH ROAD** and go 1 mile.

Turn **RIGHT** onto **NIX BRIDGE ROAD** and follow directions from ➔ below.

OR

Traveling South on GA 400, go to HWY 136. Turn **LEFT** onto HWY 136 and go to 3-way **STOP**.

Bear **RIGHT** at stop, go 1 block and turn **LEFT** onto **NIX BRIDGE ROAD**. Follow directions from ➔ below.

➔ Go .9 (nine tenths) of a mile on Nix Bridge Road. Turn **LEFT** on **CHESTATEE POINT** and go to the **STOP** sign. Turn **RIGHT** at the stop sign (you will still be on Chestatee Point). Go to the very end of the road where two **BLACKTOP** driveways will be directly in front of you. Jo's is the **BLACKTOP** driveway on the right with the number 1122 painted on the blacktop. If Jo's driveway is full, park on the street.



BTSC Summer Party

Saturday, August 10th 6:00 PM—10:00 PM

Bent Tree Beach Pavilion

(Club Tamarack in the event of inclement weather)

Entertainment



The Vintage Vixens

These gals are going to rock the place! 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s you name it. They play it. Get ready for a good time! Feedback from several Rocco's performances has been outstanding.

Food

Shrimp & Smoked Sausage Low Country Boil & Dessert catered by the Tavern at the 19th Hole

Cost

\$30/person inclusive. BYO Beverages (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic)

Prepaid Reservations Must be Received by Thursday, August 1st

Remit your check to BTSC, c/o Vigue, 1150 Old Talking Rock Highway, Talking Rock, GA 30175. Guests welcome. Hurry! Confirm your reservation by mailing your check right away! (Refundable up until August 1.)