

Upcoming Events

BTSC Horsemanship Forum Saturday, Sept 7th

The BTSC Horsemanship Forum will be held on September 7th at 1pm in the Horse Park arena. This will give riders a chance to understand what Judges look for during a test and how to achieve better scores.

During the forum I will be talking about suppleness, gaits, riding corners, and the willingness of the horse to maintain a particular gait that is riding good round circles. I will try to answer any questions you may have. I have discovered that riding a TEST is much simpler than JUDGING!!

In the upcoming BTSC Horsemanship event currently scheduled for September 28th we are going to use Western Dressage Patterns Introductory Level Test 4 (no loping) and Basic Level Test 1 (loping).

There is a wealth of information on the Western Dressage site that is very helpful:

www.westerndressageassociation.org

Please let me or Georgianna know that you plan on participating and/or need access through the back gate. You can text me at 678-602-8252 or Georgianna at 678-449-6214.

There is no charge for this forum, but don't forget your horse's coggins if you bring a horse to the event.

Jan

BTSC Horsemanship Saturday, September 28th

Our last BTSC Horsemanship event for the year will take place at 11am on Saturday, September 28th in the Saddle Club Horse Park arena.

This event will include two tests. First up will be the Basic Level Test 1 (some loping) followed by Introductory Level Test 4 (no loping).

These Patterns were distributed in a recent email to the club. If you didn't receive it or can't find it go to:

www.westerndressageassociation.org

Please confirm your participation and back gate access to Georgiana Hunter at 678-449-6214 or via email at ghunter@etcmail.com.

We are working hard to make this a fun event for the club and want all level of riders to participate. Come have some fun on your horse while you improve your horsemanship.

Entry fee is \$10/Test. Don't forget your horse's coggins.

Georgianna



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BTSC Omoksee Saturday, September 14th

Our final Omoksee of the year is scheduled for Saturday, September 14th. The back gate will open at noon and the Omoksee will start at 1pm.

Don't forget your horse's coggins and the \$10 entry fee.

Please let me know if you plan on participating and whether you will be coming through the gate at noon. Call or text to 770-289-7272 or email at richvigue@ellijay.com

Rich

Poles

Baton Race

Tomahawk Balls

Cloverleaf

Mystery Event

Fun Horse Show Saturday, October 12th

This event is a NO SPEED EVENT and gives points towards most versatile horse! We have 9 classes planned as of right now. The classes will be Halter, Showmanship, Walk/Trot or Gait, Walk/Trot or Gait/Canter, Obstacle class, Costume contest, Jumping class, Egg & Spoon, and Musical Feed Sack Cones.

The back gate will open at 9:30 and the first class will start at 10:15. The cost is \$10 and this price includes all the classes. You can pick and choose the ones you want to do!

We will have a lunch break before the Obstacle class. We are working to have lunch available for purchase to make it easy.

Our last show like this we had 20 participants. Let's beat it this year!

Please email Besty Robbe the following info so we can begin making plans: Participant name, Horse name, Horse Breed at betsyrobbe@yahoo.com.

Questions or comments:

Claire Eubanks 770-265-9425

- or -

Besty Robbe (email above)



Lisa

East Fork Stables Camping Trip October 17th – 20th

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 3-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 below by emailing me 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/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, Claire Eubanks, Chuck/Carol Ewing.

Summer Picnic at Jo West's Recap August 3rd

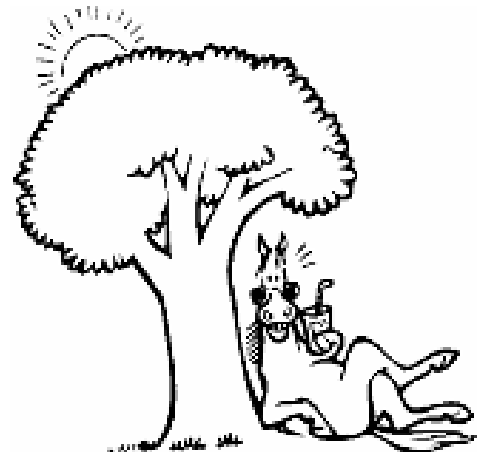
Approximately 14 BTSC members showed up at Jo's for a wonderful day at her home on Lake Lanier.

We were joined by another 20 or so CTHA and West family members. CTHA provided a baked ham, BTSC provided drinks, and the attendees each brought side dishes.

Many of us took advantage of the jet skis and speed boat to enjoy the lake on a sunny day. An afternoon storm swiftly passed through the area sending some attendees home early, but the usual stalwarts hung in there enjoying the camaraderie of the combined group.

We really appreciate Jo making her home available to us each summer for this annual picnic.

Rich



Event Recaps

BTSC Summer Beach Party Recap Saturday, August 10th

As soon as I saw her sashaying across the parking lot into the beach pavilion I knew what was going to happen. And sure enough, the first few notes of the first song hadn't yet drifted away when Joyce Delay was on her feet swaying with the music. It was "Joyce's Night" just as it was one night many years ago at Paradise Ranch in Buffalo, WY. Déjà vu all over again! And that was just the start. What an evening.

Several days prior to the Summer Party when the reservations had been finalized, Janet and I both felt that this event could be like old times. A good mix of long time members who haven't been seen much lately and newer members comprised the 50 attendees. With Joyce's initiative and the great sounds from the Vintage Vixens, it didn't take long for the dance floor to fill up. As the night wore on, the conga line showed up twice and there seemed to be an unusual amount of dance partner swapping going on. Woohoo!

I think this event has a good chance of being the highlight of the year, but you never know. We're not done yet. Many thanks to The Tavern at the 19th Hole for catering the low country boil, it was outstanding; to the Vintage Vixens who really lit up the crowd with their music; and to Don and Nickie House who recommended them. I emailed the group's manager the next day to say thanks and confirm that I had paid them the night before. She said that the band had an absolute blast playing for us. I reminded her that what happens in the beach pavilion stays in the beach pavilion.

Rich



Val leading the line with swag!



Big smiles on everyone!

BTSC Summer Beach Party Recap (continued)



Pleasant Camaraderie

Vintage Vixens Recreated Nostalgic Dance Music

GREAT PARTY!

President's Corner

It's September. That means we are calling for 2020 officers. Much to my chagrin I haven't been able to totally deplete the club's Treasury. Although there's some time and events left, it doesn't look like I'll be successful. There will be a small balance left in the club's Treasury as we enter 2020. That's good for next year's officers. Please consider becoming active in the Executive Committee. We are always in search of new blood and ideas. One new idea is to create two committees, one to organize social events and one to organize horse events. This would relieve the President of those time consuming tasks. Please give me a call or email me if you would be willing to serve in any capacity.

Recently, I got to spend a day with Bob Crowl and Kieve Krasner chain sawing along the trail to the Burnt Mountain Preserve. At one point in time, Bob was flat on his back in the woods having been run over by an uncontrollable pack horse, Thumper, who is afraid of chain saws. Later Kieve on his horse, Skip, took off chasing a loose horse, Pistol, who was on his way back to the barn. After a few minutes, Bob on Dude decided to chase Kieve on Skip and left me afoot with the pack horse, Thumper. Apparently, Thumper didn't enjoy my company and he too insisted on going back to the barn. Using my considerable skills in horsemanship I held on to the lead rope. As a result I was dragged down the trail as though I was a sack of potatoes. When we left the barn to start the day, I thought of us as Dumas' Three Musketeers. Sadly, we ended more like Columbia Picture's Three Stooges. But the good news is that we got the job done and no one got hurt. What a ride!

We had a fun August with 2 social events. Now it's time to get back into the horse events. We have 3 scheduled for September and then 2 more in October. I'm ready. Between the BTSC Horsemanship events, the O-mok-see, the Fun Horse Show, and the East Fork Trip, there's something here for every kind of rider. Take advantage of the cooler temperatures (hopefully) and get out and ride.

On a final note, the Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 16th. Janet and I are planning a special event. You won't want to miss it. Put it down on your calendar.

Rich

General Meeting Bent Tree Saddle Club 8/10/19

President Rich Vigue called the informational meeting to order at 8:00 PM and welcomed 47 new and longtime members.

After collecting \$1470 for the summer party, the treasury balance is \$4161.47. A motion to approve party expenditures that were estimated to be nearly \$2000 was approved by voice vote.

Announcements: The Club strongly supports Kieve Krasner, stablemaster, and his emphasis on trail rides. The Club's relationship with the BTCI General Manager is good and one example of that is that the golf course maintenance crew will be spraying the Horse Park arena to control weed growth. The Executive Committee will be meeting in August to discuss 2020 Officer candidates, construction of a lean-to shed to house the horse jumps at the Horse Park, and to discuss possible non-profit recipients of a 2019 yearend donation by the Club.

After reviewing upcoming horse events and announcing the November 16th Thanksgiving dinner, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Vigue
Substitute Secretary

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

Summer is finally over and we are looking forward to cooler Fall temperatures. Between Youth Fest, Summer Camps and vacationers the stables did around 150 trail ride hours in July. August was not quite as busy since school has started up again.

We love it when people associated with the saddle club come and ride with us. In preparation for their upcoming dude ranch trip to Paradise Ranch, we were absolutely blessed to host four of my favorite people on a recent trail ride: Donna McDonald, Jen Finley, Val Jacobson and Hanne Skattebol. We had a great time. Please see photo included in this newsletter.

Fall is a great time to trail ride. Please share with your friends that we are open for business.

Till next time, Happy Trails.

Keeve





Bob Crowl, Keeve Krasner and Rich Vigue (who is taking the picture) successfully cut and cleared trails on the Sharp Top Loop

2019 Membership Report

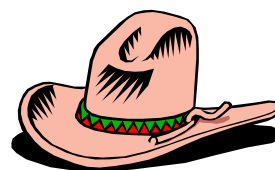
We did not have any new members join our Club in August. Without any new members our membership level remained at 107 at the end of August. We did receive one membership application that was considered by our executive committee at it's August 29 meeting for acceptance effective October 1. If you know 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 08/25/19

Balance 07/29/19	\$2,737.23
Deposits:	
Summer Bash Deposits	\$1,440.00
Expenses:	
Vintage Vixens	\$ 800.00
Summer Bash Catering	\$ 845.35
Summer Bash Pavilion Rental	\$ 152.00
Beverages for Jo West Event	\$ 27.19
Website Expense	\$ 15.76
Balance 08/25/19	\$2,336.93

Jim



October Newsletter

Deadline for updated event info, articles and photos is **Wednesday September 25th**

Newsletter will go out on October 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 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
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September 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Horsemanship Forum
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 O-Mok-See
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Newsletter articles due	26	27	28 BTSC Horsemanship
29	30					

September Birthdays: Janet Vigue 9/3, Trish Mote 9/3, Betsy Robbe 9/5, John Wilder 9/6, John Brandreth 9/7, Janice Butt 9/7 Joann Hartin 9/11, Sharon Eikenberry 9/28, Debra Miller 9/28

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>
September 7 Saturday	BTSC Horsemanship Forum	Horse Park	Jan
September 14 Saturday	Omoksee	Horse Park	Rich
September 28 Saturday	BTSC Horsemanship	Horse Park	Rich & Georgianna
October 12 Saturday	Fun Horse Show	Horse Park	Betsy & Claire
October 18-20 Fri-Sun	Trailering Trip	East Fork	Jim & Lisa
November 16 Saturday	Thanksgiving Dinner & General Meeting	Club Tamarack	Rich & Janet
November 17 Sunday	Trailering Ride	Fausett Farm	John
December 7 Saturday	Christmas Party	Pendley Creek	Rich & Janet



Val Jacobson, Donna McDonald, Hanne Skattebol, and Jena Finley enjoying a trail ride with the Bent Tree Stables.



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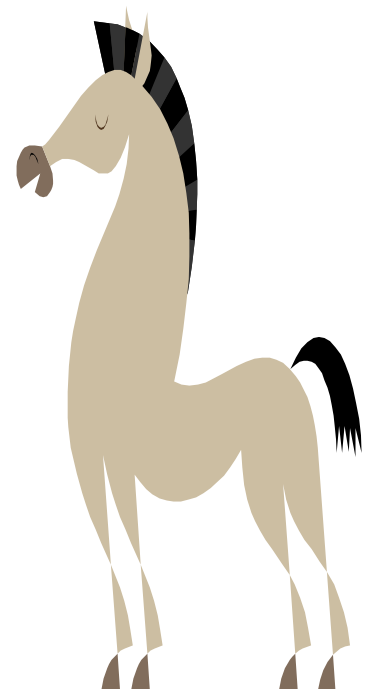
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