

## BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

July 2019

### Upcoming Events

**Youth Fest**  
**Mon, Tues & Wed**  
**July 1, 2 & 3**  
**Bent Tree Stables**  
**8:45am - 11:45am**

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**Volunteers needed**  
**to**  
**lead arena rides,**  
**mount/dismount**  
**trail riders,**  
**horse handling,**  
**safety oversight,**  
**and more**

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**Consider loaning a**  
**calm, gentle arena**  
**horse?**

Please call or email me if you can help one or more days. It would really be appreciated. [k1@earthlink.net](mailto:k1@earthlink.net) or 404-285-4848.

*Keeve*

**4th July Parade**  
**Thursday**  
**July 4th**

Parade line-up/check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. behind Jasper United Methodist Church (Soccer field). Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. Come dressed for the occasion (your horses too!).

Contact Keeve for more information at [k1@earthlink.net](mailto:k1@earthlink.net)

*Keeve*



**BYOEexc.C Cookout**  
**Thursday**  
**July 4th**

We have reserved the Saddle Club Horse Park Pavilion for a 4th of July Cookout. This is a very informal come as you are, no reservation event. Just show up. Bring your own everything including plates and utensils except charcoal. I'll start the grill around 5pm and get the sound system going. At dusk we'll head over to the dam for Bent Tree's annual superb fireworks display.

*Rich*

**Summer Party**  
**Saturday, August**  
**10th**

"Inspired by 60s fashion, on stage these ladies look like the music—groovy, funky, hippie! The Vintage Vixen playlist includes covers of the biggest hits from The Mamas & the Papas, Turtles, Beatles, Rolling Stones, The Drifters, Nancy Sinatra, Dusty Springfield, The Byrds, Young Rascals, The Kinks, CCR, and more including some 70s favorites, too. It's a happy 60s hit fest of good time, sing along music!"

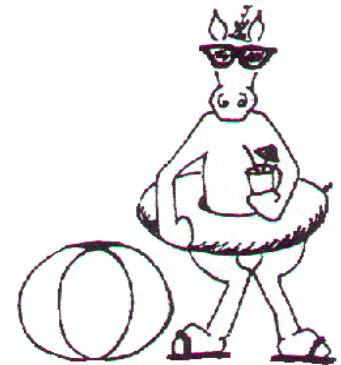
I pulled the above off of a website promoting the group that will be entertaining us at this year's Summer Party on Saturday, August 10th in Bent Tree's Beach Pavilion. Mark your calendar now and don't miss this event. Final preparations are being made, but the Party will start at 6pm with a dinner and prepaid reservations will be required. We anticipate the cost to be \$30 per person and guests will be allowed. An email will be sent announcing details in mid-month.

*Rich*

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**Summer Picnic Saturday, August 3rd**

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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.

**CTHA RSVP is a must to Bruce Kosins by July 26**

email [kosins11@yahoo.com](mailto:kosins11@yahoo.com)

**BTSC RSVP is a must to Marianne Torchia by July 26**

Phone 770-757-2282 or email [maretorch1@gmail.com](mailto:maretorch1@gmail.com)

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

**YOU SHOULD BRING:**



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

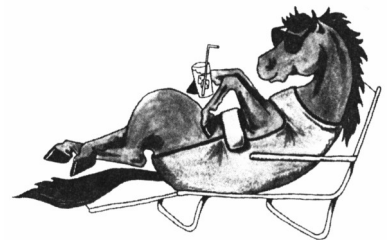
Bring plenty to feed our hungry crowd!

***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.

## President's Column

The Club has had a very good first half of the year. Our social events have been fun and with one exception the weather has cooperated with our riding events. Now that we're heading into July with the summer heat and oncoming yellow jacket season, riding events other than the Jasper Parade are not scheduled again until September. In the meantime we have several social events coming up. Starting with the informal cookout at the Horse Park Pavilion on July 4<sup>th</sup>, then the annual picnic at Jo West's home on Lake Lanier on August 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Summer Party at Bent Tree's Beach Pavilion on August 17<sup>th</sup>, we'll have ample opportunity to mingle and socialize with other club members.

Janet and I have noticed a changing of the guard is beginning to take place at our events. At each event whether social or riding there are quite a few new faces. We have several long term members who have been MIA lately due to injuries and illnesses both to them and to their horses. While it's nice to see these new faces since they represent the future of the club, we also want to see more of our veterans. Well, Janet does anyways. I'm perfectly happy having a new audience for my jokes and new people to pick on. But seriously come out to these social events. I promise a good time!

*Rich*

## BTSC Horsemanship Forum Saturday, September 7th

The BTSC Horsemanship Committee (Jan Lorenzen, Georgianna Hunter, and myself) met last week to discuss how we're going to move forward with this event.

We reviewed the input received from several members and decided that our next Horsemanship event currently scheduled for Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> will have 2 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 August newsletter.

*Rich*



## O-Mok-See Recap Sunday, June 2nd

Our second Omoksee of the year began at 10am with 7 riders. We ran 6 events and were done by 1:30pm before the real heat of the day.

Claire Eubanks won the Grand Champion and Lisa Sylvia won Reserve Champion.

My thanks to Steve Brown who helped with the announcing, scoring, setup, and anything else that needed to be done. It was also nice to see other members jump into the arena to help run the events. Hot Dog Man, Marc Ducharme did his usual. He must have been a street hot dog vendor in his youth.

Lastly, I've never seen so many people help out in breaking down the event – judge's stand equipment, the electric timers, the score board, etc. We got everything put away in record time. Thank you to all!

*Rich*





## Montana East Trail Challenge Recap

### Saturday, June 15th

It had been four years since Janet and I had run the Trail Challenge and we weren't sure how many riders would be interested in doing the challenge. We had 15 riders sign up and they couldn't have asked for a more perfect day. Trailers began arriving at 9:30am. Seeing all those trailers and horse activity in our front paddock is a delight to us. By 11am our volunteer observers were in place and our first rider went off. Riders then started off at approximately 10 minute intervals. The exciting yell of "Rider coming in" alerted people to the impending trailer load, sprint to the finish line, and ringing of the bell.

The fastest time was recorded by Lisa Sylvia who narrowly edged out Claire Eubanks. Chuck Ewing came in 3<sup>rd</sup> followed by DJ Suberk in 4<sup>th</sup> and Bob Crowl in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Many thanks to Kathy Hardin, Georgianna Hunter, Betsy Robbe, and Jim Sylvia for being on-course observers; to Carol Ewing for assisting Janet with the scoring, to Hot Dog Man Marc Ducharme, and to DJ Suberk whose idea it was to have a photographer at the event.

Lastly, a huge thank you to Barbara Auchter who, with short notice, did an amazing job that only a professional could do in capturing the event in photographs. Thank you, Barbara! There were no unintentional dismounts and no injuries. Just a perfect day for a ride.

Rich



**Elise Eubanks on Ranger**



**Arabella Wunn on Socks**



## Montana East Trail Challenge Recap (continued)



**Handing out  
contestant  
numbers**



**Roberta, Kathy, and Ronda warming up before the event**

## 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 July 1, 2 & 3 (in case you missed it on page 1)

Youth Fest will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Bent Tree Stables being an amenity of Bent Tree, and an amenity that we almost lost, will again be hosting the community children and grandchildren for arena rides and trail rides. Volunteers and horses are needed for these events. Please show the community that we care and appreciate having the stables and riding program available to all of us, by coming out and supporting this event. Contact me at [k1@earthlink.net](mailto:k1@earthlink.net) if you can help.

Till next time, Happy Trails.

*Keeve*



## 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Leader(s)</u>
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	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

### 2019 Membership Report

Please join me in welcoming Arabella Wunn as a member of our Saddle Club. Arabella is Marc Ducharme's granddaughter. We look forward to seeing her at future Saddle Club events. This brings our membership total to 107 members 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 06/24/19

Balance 05/28/19	\$2,619.23
Deposits:	
Trail Challenge	\$ 115.00
O-Mok-see	\$ 70.00
Expenses:	
Trail Challenge & 2018 Trophy	\$ 67.00
Balance 06/24/19	\$2,737.23

*Jim*

#### July Newsletter

**Deadline** for updated event info, articles and photos is **Sunday July 28th**

Newsletter will go out on August 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**

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

**2019 Positions**

Membership: Bob Crawl  
 Newsletter Ed.: Keeve Krasner  
 Email Distribution: Rich Vigue  
 Website Admin: Jim Sylvia

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[www.BentTreeSaddleClub.com](http://www.BentTreeSaddleClub.com)



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# July 2019

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

	1 <b>Bent</b> -----	2 <b>Tree</b> <b>Youth Fest</b>	3 <b>Stables</b> -----	4 <b>July 4th</b> <b>Parade /</b> <b>Cookout</b>	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 <b>RSVP due for</b> <b>8/3 Picnic</b>	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 Summer Picnic at Jo West's

July Birthdays: Paulette Herbert 7/6, Leslie Elliott 7/8, Tami Steinbrecher 7/8, Judy Heilman 7/10,  
 David King 7/18, Tom Davis 7/24, Catherine James 7/24, Bill Stara 7/25, Jim Gitzinger 7/29



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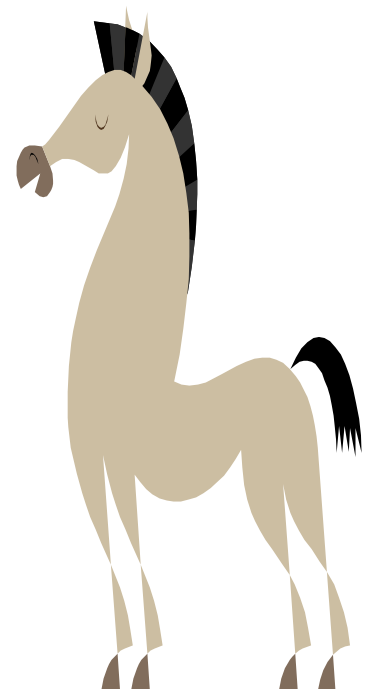
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comes a little bit  
at a time*




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