

## Upcoming Events

### O-Mok-See Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

This will be our second Omoksee of the year. The back gate will open at 9:30am and the event will start at 10am. Don't forget your coggins and \$10 entry fee. I really need to know who will be participating and if you'll be coming through the back gate. Please confirm your participation asap by calling/texting 770-289-7272 or emailing me at [richvigue@ellijay.com](mailto:richvigue@ellijay.com).

*Rich*

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Get out your red, white and blue for our annual trek down Main Street Jasper on the morning of the 4th of July.

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

*Keeve*



### Montana East Trail Challenge Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

Everyone should plan to arrive at 10am. You'll have 30 minutes to tack up and sign in after which I'll conduct a short review of the course setup. Contestants will be sent off at 10 minute intervals starting at 11am. There's a \$10 entry fee and don't forget your coggins. I need a few volunteers to be observers along the course just in case someone decides to bust a Rosie Ruiz move on us. In the past, we have had members ride the course in a leisurely fashion and, if you are so inclined, please come on and I'll put you in the line-up after the fast movers. Marc will be cooking hot dogs on our grill for a nominal fee as he did at the recent BTSC Horsemanship event. If you plan on being an observer or participant, I'd like to know no later than Tuesday, June 11th. You can call/text 770-289-7272 or email me at [richvigue@ellijay.com](mailto:richvigue@ellijay.com).

*Rich*



### Kentucky Derby Party Recap Janet's Perspective

I had the pleasure of greeting each guest as they arrived at Sourwood's Honey Dip Saloon. As a result, I saw the beautiful hats that adorned our equally beautiful ladies as they arrived. Because of the caliber of their creativity, to ensure impartiality, Rich enlisted Sourwood's staff to be the Hat Contest judges. Their decision was difficult, but they did a great job in bestowing the winning honors to Georgianna Hunter...her hat was spectacular!

Full disclosure, (when I diet, emphasis on "when") my diet does not include most carbs, and hot open-faced sandwiches regardless are not my forte. But in the interest of having an authentic Kentucky Derby party, Rich and I selected the menu of Hot Browns and cheese grits at the advice of our expert Kentuckian, Joan Heiser, who also provided her recipes to the Sourwood chef. But let me tell you, that chef served up a Hot Brown that, according to Joan, rivaled any she had ever had in KY. And I (the skeptic) relished it. The cheese grits were delicious as well, not to mention the decadent Run for the Roses pie.... I haven't had such a flaky pie crust

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## *Event Recaps*

### **Kentucky Derby Party Recap Janet's Perspective (continued from page 1)**

since Bambi moved to TN. And after officially throwing my diet to the wind, I topped it off with my first ever Mint Julep and wish I had also tried the restaurant's signature cocktail concocted for the occasion, the Sourwood Kentucky Derby Bourbon Lemonade (but alas, I was the designated driver).

As usual, Rich and I thoroughly enjoyed mingling with the 35 attendees and especially enjoyed getting to know the newer members better. For sure, some attendees didn't support horse racing, some didn't support racing horses at such a young age, some averted their eyes during the race and waited for the replay of the safe run of all 19 horses, but all of the attendees came because they love horses and enjoy a party. And party we did!

For Rich and me, this party reminded us of the parties of old. And what keeps coming to mind is an adage I sang as a Brownie (too many years ago than I care to divulge): "Make new friends but keep the old; some are silver and the other gold." We both cherish our longtime members (and miss many of you) and enjoy these new members we have come to know.

We have great people in this club.

*Janet*



**Georgianna hunter – Winner of the hat contest  
at the Kentucky Derby Party**



## BTSC Horsemanship Recap

### Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

We had 14 contestants in our second try at BTSC Horsemanship. This event is a work in progress, but is really coming around. We are learning that it is volunteer intensive with the need for an arena crew to set up/tear down and a judge, scribe, caller, and announcer. To that number we're going to add someone to tally the scores as the contestants complete their pattern. Running this event gives me a new appreciation for the electric eyes we use with the Omoksees.

Many, many thanks to Jan Lorenzen, Georgianna Hunter, Roberta Sarchet, and Janet for their efforts during the event and to Kathy and DJ in helping to set up the arena. Congratulations to Barbara Tiernan who won the event on her horse, Lido.

*Rich*



**The winners of the May 19th BTSC Horsemanship Event**  
**Not Pictured – Barbara Tiernan – Champion; 2nd place Susan Hannah**  
**3rd Place Kim Brown; 4th Place DJ Suberk**  
**5th Place Lisa Sylvia; 6th Place Kathy Hardin**



## O-Mok-See Recap

### Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

We had 8 riders for the first Omoksee of the year on a gorgeous day for the event. The event ran smoothly with no unintentional dismounts. Despite DQing in both runs of the Baton Race, Claire Eubanks won grand champion in a close overtime competition with Bob Crowl. What a comeback! I've made a Trumpian decision to present her with the club's Presidential Medal of Freedom at the annual Christmas Party.

*Rich*



**Grand and Reserve Champions of the May 5th O-Mok-See**  
**Claire Eubanks – Grand Champion**  
**Bob Crowl – Reserve Champion**

## President's Corner

So far this year we've had 2 social events, a weekend trailering trip, a workday, a trail ride, and 4 Horse Park events. Our Treasury is still in good shape, however, I'm working on it. We have 2 riding events scheduled for June and then we'll focus on a few social events during the hot summer months. The first will be an informal come as you are BYOEexc.C (Bring Your Own Everything except Charcoal) Fourth of July cookout at the Horse Park Pavilion starting at 6pm followed by the Bent Tree Fireworks display. Then the August 3rd Summer Picnic at Jo West's Lake Lanier home and lastly, the Summer Party & General Meeting featuring the Vintage Vixens at the Bent Tree Beach Pavilion. Put these events on your social calendar. Do it now before you forget. Also, check the club's calendar on the last page because some dates have changed.

Toby Keith's new song, "Don't Let the Old Man In" is a direct quote from Clint Eastwood about how he keeps going at his age – 88 years old. That song is in Eastwood's new movie, "The Mule". Let us not let the old man in. We have some great events planned. At the end of the year I want our 25th anniversary banner to be exactly how we feel the year was – What a Ride!

On a final note, with the exception of the recent BTSC Horsemanship Judge, it should be obvious to most members that I don't chase after volunteers. That doesn't mean that I don't appreciate it when people step forward to help. We've had a very successful 5 months and I want to thank all those who have contributed to it.

*Rich*

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## General Meeting Bent Tree Saddle Club May 4, 2019

Rich Vigue called the meeting to order. The meeting was held during the Kentucky Derby Party at the Sourwood Café.

Four new Saddle Club members were introduced: Ronda and Randy Erway, and Don and Denese Williams. Visitors were introduced by their hosts.

Dates for upcoming Saddle Club events were highlighted.

The Derby Party went \$45 over budget so the club members voted to cover this expense out of club funds.

Joan Heiser provided the lovely horse centerpiece for the party, complete with a blanket of roses!

Georgianna Hunter won the hat competition with a creative entry.

The members who had money on Country House were the big winners in the betting pool as he was a longshot. He finished second in the Derby but won the title when the first place finisher was disqualified.

Meeting was adjourned. A good time was had by all.

Cathy Jones  
Club Secretary

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**CONDENSED MINUTES**  
**BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**MAY 16, 2019**

The meeting was attended by all club officers and a few guests.

Rich Vigue called the meeting to order.

Bob Crowl reported that we have 106 members

Jim Sylvia reported that we currently have \$2,565 in our Treasury.

The cost of ribbons for the year is \$145 with the exception of the horse show.

Upcoming events were highlighted and discussed:

May 19th	BTSC Horsemanship
May 25th	Fausett Farm Trail Ride
June 2nd	Omoskee
June 15th	Trail Ride challenge hosted by Rich and Janet Vigue
July 4th	Jasper parade and cookout at the horse park
August 3rd	Picnic hosted by Jo West. CTHA will co-sponsor this event
August 10th	Summer Party at BT Pavilion (general meeting)

The projected expense sheet is below. Keith Hunter made a motion that we spend up to \$500 additional Saddle Club money to sponsor the Summer Party to help hold the cost per person down to a manageable amount. The motion was seconded and approved.

Pavilion	\$300
Band (Vintage Vixens)	\$1,000
Non-food expenses	\$1,300
BTSC Funding	\$500

We discussed having a silent auction during the Thanksgiving Dinner in November that would help offset this additional cost.

Rich would like to see more participation from long-term Saddle Club members. He would also like to make a donation from the club to a non-profit organization toward the end of the year. He welcomes suggestions.

The committee discussed the difficulty of bringing non-Bent Tree residents' horse trailers into the back gate for events. We will explore possible solutions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Jones

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## Most Versatile Horse Points

Horse	Owner	Points
Dance	Claire Eubanks	152
Rusty	Dj Suberk	140
Socks	Janet Vigue	138
Precious	Roberta Sarchet	109
Dude	Bob Crowl	109
Peekaboo	Kathy Hardin	105
Jazz	Rich Vigue	99
Lexi	Lisa Sylvia	90
Timber	Tami Steinbrecher	73
Lido	Barbara Tiernan	66
Knight	Kim Brown	65
Donovan	Susan Hannah	62
Starlite	Claire Eubanks	60
Charm	Julie Heinsman	56
Lily	Elise Eubanks	55
Duncan	Ronda Erway	52

## News from Bent Tree Stables

### Youth Fest 2019 July 1,2 & 3

Youth Fest will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 1st, 2nd and 3rd. 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 [kl@earthlink.net](mailto:kl@earthlink.net) if you can help.

Till next time, Happy Trails.

*Keeve*





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

### 2019 Membership Report

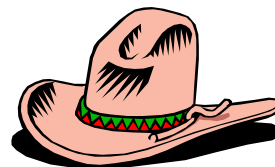
Please join me in welcoming Trish Mote and Judie Uchitel to the Saddle Club. This brings our 2019 total membership to 106 members at the end of May. We look forward to seeing them at future Saddle Club events. If you know someone interested in joining our club invite them as a guest to one of our events. Call me at 770-757-8596 if you have any questions.

*Bob*

### Treasurer's Report 05/28/19

Balance 04/28/19	\$2,526.74
Deposits:	
BTSC Horsemanship	\$ 200.00
O-Mok-See	\$ 80.00
Expenses:	
Show Ribbons	\$ 145.96
Kentucky Derby Expenses	\$ 41.55
Balance 05/28/19	\$2,619.23

*Jim*



### July Newsletter

**Deadline** for updated event info, articles and photos is **Sunday June 23rd**

Newsletter will go out on July 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 Crowl  
 Past President: Keith Hunter

**2019 Positions**

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 Email Distribution: Rich Vigue  
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June Birthdays: Barbara Tiernan 6/3, Barbara Hutson 6/11, Laina Morrell 6/19, Ed Bookland 6/20,  
Barbara Auchter 6/21, Pam Spang 6/22, Evelyn Steiner 6/25, Laura Wilder 6/29

## 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>
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	Marianne
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 12 Saturday	Horse & Fun Show	Horse Park	Betsy & Claire
October 18-20 Fri-Sun	Trailer Trip	East Fork	Jim & Lisa
November 16 Saturday	Thanksgiving Dinner (Gen'l Mtg)	Club Tamarack	Rich & Janet
November 17 Sunday	Trailer Ride	Fausett Farm	John
December 7 Saturday	Christmas Party	Pendley Creek	Rich & Janet

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