

BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

May 2019

Upcoming Events (continued next page)

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

The Kentucky Derby party at the Sourwood Café is all set. Party starts at 5pm and post time is around 6:40pm with dinner following. Come enjoy the saddle club camaraderie. Ladies, don't forget your hat. It's tradition. If you haven't made reservations, but want to attend, please call me at 770-289-7272 in case we've had some cancellations.

Rich

Trailer Ride Saturday, May 25 (date change from original May 11)

We've planned a BTSC ride on Saturday, May 25 to Fausett Farms Horse Trails located in Dawsonville, GA. Fausett Farms Horse Trails is located 2 miles south of Amicalola Falls on the corner of Hwy 136 W and Hwy 183.

The trails cut through 850 acres in the foothills of the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains. The property is privately owned and operated by the Fausett family. For more information see the website <http://www.fausettfarmshorsetrails.com/home.html>

O-Mok-See Sunday, May 5th and Sunday, June 2nd

We have 2 Omoksees scheduled in the next 30 or so days with the first being on Sunday, May 5th. Both Omoksees will start at 1pm with the back gate opening at noon and both will start with Pole Bending followed by the Baton Race, and the Tomahawk Ball race. Depending on how many riders we have and the amount of time it takes to complete those events we will add 1 or 2 more events to that particular Omoksee.

For those of you who are not familiar with Omoksees, they are timed events similar to what you'd expect in Gymkhanas. Go as fast as you'd like or just trot through the courses. The idea is to have fun with your horse. These Omoksees will count toward the yearend Most Versatile Award.

If you have any questions about these events, I can be reached at 770-289-7272.

Rich

BTSC Horsemanship Sunday May 19th

Our second go at BTSC Horsemanship is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th. The event will start at 1pm with the back gate opening at noon. We will use one of the standard Western Dressage Entry Level tests. I'll email that test within the next week.

We had 10 riders for the first Horsemanship event and feedback from them was all positive. I'd really like to see more riders try it. There's no speed requirement in this event. It's all about communication with your horse. What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 770-289-7272.

Rich

The address is 11336 Hwy 136 West, Dawsonville, GA 30534.

The cost using the trails is \$10 per horse/day or \$100 for an annual pass.

We will be departing the trailhead around 10:00 am and returning around 1-1:30 including lunch at the creek. Let me know if you plan on coming so I know how many to anticipate. You can contact me via email at ceshuman51@hotmail.com or via cell/text at 770-265-9425.

Claire



Upcoming Events (continued) // Event Recaps**Montana East
Trail Challenge
Saturday, June 15th**

After an absence of a few years we're going to try staging the Montana East Trail Challenge on Saturday, June 15th.

This event is not an obstacle competition although there are obstacles along the way. We will setup a 2 mile course that goes across our pastures, wooded trails, and down a quarter mile section of Talking Rock Creek. This is a timed event. Fastest time wins.

In addition to navigating down Talking Rock Creek, obstacles include a couple stream crossings, a gate, a few minor jumps, and a "Snowy River" hill. How you manage the obstacles (mounted or dismounted) doesn't affect your score.

The entry fee is \$10. This event will count toward the yearend Most Versatile Award. More details will be in the June Newsletter.

Rich

**Top of the World Ride
Recap
Saturday, April 27th**

As an experienced ride leader, I'm accustomed to having my cell phone ring early the morning of the ride with the member on the other end of the line giving me some lame excuse as to why they're not going to make the ride. It happens all the time. This Saturday it was Claire's turn to call and tell me she and Elise weren't coming. She gave me the lamest of all excuses that I've ever heard. Elise's new horse, Lily, gave birth to a new foal in the pasture during the night and they had no idea Lily was even pregnant. Well, that was an original excuse I hadn't heard before. I thought that Dave put her up to it. But, it wasn't a story. It was true! Somewhere in this newsletter there's a picture of momma and baby doing fine.

We had 9 riders on a gorgeous sunny day. We left the Horse Park on time at 10am and arrived at Jena and Val's Northwind Farm at approximately 10:30am. They were waiting for us with Dunkin donuts. A couple of our more healthy eaters passed on the donuts. It was their loss. Whenever you get a chance to have a Dunkin donut in Jasper go for it. Civilization is slowly coming to

the area. I say let's not discourage it.

Our destination, the Dubose property, is special. After stopping for lunch alongside a roaring creek we climbed to the acres and acres of cleared mountaintop land that is not seen anywhere else in the county and probably not in north Georgia. The setting is something you won't forget nor get tired of. We've been riding this property for close to 30 years and I always look forward to riding there and reminiscing about past rides we've had on the property. It is a special place.

Those on the ride were: Bob Crowl, Susan Hannah, DJ Suberk, DJ's bonus granddaughter, Arabella Wunn, Sharon Eikenberry, Al and Laina Morrell, Stephanie Watson, and Rich Vigue. We got back to the Horse Park just before 3pm. A long ride, but one that we'll cherish for a long time.

Rich



President's Corner

My mother was fond of saying, "Plus ca change plus c'est la meme chose". This year we have brought and will be bringing back some old events i.e., the upcoming Kentucky Derby Party, the Montana East Trail Challenge, the Summer Party, and the Thanksgiving Dinner. As the above old French saying goes, I'm sure we have some members who are thinking that we're doing the same old stuff. On the other hand, we have a large number of members who are relatively new to the club and haven't experienced these events. Just look at last month's Firefly Acres attendees. A group picture is on the club's website. Half the attendees have been members only a couple years or less. It's true that our membership is ageing, but it's also true that we have a lot of new members. The need for "New blood" is often heard in the business world. Well, we are getting a lot of new blood into our club and that is real good news, especially because these new members match the qualities of our long time members: good, fun loving people. If you're a long time member of the club, you really need to come out to our events and meet these people before you end up feeling as though you don't know anyone. We all share in the love of the horse and we do have fun events. Make it a point to participate. You won't regret it.

Rich

BTSC Horsemanship Recap Saturday, April 13th

We had 10 riders for our inaugural BTSC Horsemanship event. On the judges' stand were Nancy Conley, Jan Lorenzen, and Ann Burger. Randy Conley called the test patterns with backup by Tami Steinbrecher and Keith Hunter did the announcing. Keith and Kathy Hardin assisted with the setup of the dressage arena. Winners were: 1st Tami Steinbrecher, 2nd DJ Suberk, 3rd Roberta Sarchet, 4th Janet Vigue, 5th Claire Eubanks. It was a pleasant day weather wise and everyone seemed to enjoy a new event at the Horse Park. Thanks to those who rode and to those who helped run the event.

Rich



Scoring are Randy and Nancy Conley



Winners pictured are left to right: Claire Eubanks, DJ Suberk, Tami Steinbrecher, Roberta Sarchet and Janet Vigue

Most Versatile Horse Points

Horse	Owner	Points
Timber	Tami Steinbrecher	73
Rusty	DJ Suberk	60
Precious	Roberta Sarchet	60
Dance	Claire Eubanks	58
Socks	Janet Vigue	58
Charm	Julie Heinsman	56
Lily	Elise Eubanks	55
Peekaboo	Kathy Hardin	55
Duncan	Ronda Erway	52
Jazz	Rich Vigue	49



Top of World ride at North Wind Farm

News from Bent Tree Stables

Please let it be known to parents and grandparents of children ages 6 to 15 that the Bent Tree Stables will be hosting again 4 horse summer camps. Kids will learn about horse care, safety, grooming, tacking and riding horses. Those kids without any experience will learn to ride and those who already know how to ride will learn to be a better rider.

Dates for the 4 summer camps are:

June 3 - 7

June 17 - 21

July 8 - 12

July 22 - 26

Camp time is 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Also, remember that, if you have a friend or associate who can ride a horse well enough to join the May 25th Fausett Farms 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.

Keeve



More Photos



Elise with her new foal



Bella



The wild horses in Dubois, Wyoming. June 2017

2019 Membership Report

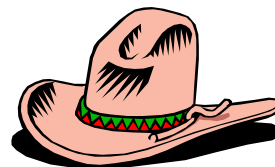
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Bob

Treasurer's Report 04/28/19

Balance 03/26/19	\$2,931.74
Deposits:	\$ 140.00
Expenses:	
Nancy Conley – Judge	\$ 45.00
Deposit for Sourwood – Derby Party	\$ 500.00
Balance 04/28/19	\$2,526.74

Jim



June Newsletter

Deadline for updated event info, articles and photos is **Sunday May 26th**

Newsletter will go out on June 1st

Send to Email address: kl@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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May Birthdays: Sandra Williams 5/1, D.J. Suberk 5/1, , Rich Vigue 5/2, Claire Eubanks 5/8,
 Julie Williams 5/25, Marianne Torchia 5/28

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>
May 4 Saturday	Kentucky Derby (Gen'l Mtg)	Sourwood Cafe	Rich & Janet
May 5 Sunday	Omoksee	Horse Park	Rich
May 19 Sunday	BTSC Horsemanship	Horse Park	Rich & Georgianna
May 25 Saturday	Trailerling Ride	Fausett Farm	Claire
June 2 Sunday	Omoksee	Horse Park	Rich
June 15 Saturday	Trail Challenge	Montana East	Rich & Janet
July 4 th Thursday	Jasper Parade	Jasper	Keeve
July 4 th Thursday	Cookout	Horse Park	Rich & Janet
August 3 rd 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	Trailerling 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	Trailerling Ride	Fausett Farm	John
December 7 Saturday	Christmas Party	Pendley Creek	Rich & Janet



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Camps**

June 3 - 7
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July 22 - 26

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