

BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

March 2020

Upcoming Events

Horse Park Clean Up Sunday, March 1st

Our annual Horse Park workday is scheduled for Sunday, March 1, one or two days from when you are reading this article. By now you should have received an email from me with more details. Plan to meet at the Horse Park at 1 pm and be prepared to spend a good portion of the afternoon. The back gate will open at 12:45 pm. Bring rakes, shovels, hoes, wheelbarrows, etc. to use in cleaning up the edges of the arena along the fence line and other grounds surrounding the arena. Also, bring a chain saw if you have one and clippers for working on the trail to the back gate. We will also organize our storage rooms, place screening in front of the restroom entrances and remove the broken umbrella from the judge's stand. Please let me know if you are coming. I will have water and light snacks for volunteers. I'm looking for a good turnout. Call or text 770-757-8596.

Bob

Ride Sharptop Mountain Loop Sunday, March 15th

Let's hope for a beautiful sunny day to enjoy the magnificent views from our trail on Sharptop. We will ride out from the Horse Park at 11:00 am, go out the back gate, past the church and up Windy Ridge Road to the trailhead. This is about 3 hours in the saddle and maybe a 45-minutes stop for lunch. Bring your bag lunch, and halter and rope to tie your horse. Depending on the condition of the trail we will either be riding to Martha Prince's house or to Bruce's cabin. Kieve, the Bent Tree Stable Master, will be opening the back gate for us at 10:30 am. Please be on time; Kieve can't stay at the gate long.

Please RSVP to dj.suberk@gmail.com. I would like to give Kieve a complete list of everyone who will be coming through the back gate.

DJ

Play Day Wednesday, March 25th

The first Play Day this year will be on Wednesday, March 25th, at the Horse Park. We did Play Days a few years ago and all those who attended seemed to enjoy the time spent with their horses and fellow members of the Club. We were able to experiment with different techniques and help each other with issues your horses might have. At our first session I would like to start with at least a few minutes of groundwork so if you have a rope halter and lunge line with a whip or carrot stick, please bring it with you. If your horse doesn't know how to lunge, this will be a good time for them to learn. I will try to implement some exercises that Larry Whitesell teaches in his clinics. After we mount, we will continue flexing exercises and move on from there. We will learn from this first class the things that need to be worked on so we can then advance to other exercises. Every Play Day will be different. We may do drill team exercises or obstacles one time and throw in some patterns or speed events another. You tell me what you would like to do. We always have fun!

We will begin at 10:30 and play until noon. For those who want to bring a lunch we will eat and then go on a trail ride if you are up for it. Let me know if you are coming by March 23rd and if you need entry through the back gate. Looking forward to a whooping good time! If you have any questions I can be reached at kathardin39@gmail.com or 404-218-6360.

Kathy



BTSC Fun Show Saturday, March 28

The Fun show promises to be a fun time with you and your steed. We will start the show at 11am and the back gate will open at 10:30 to let trailers in. I would suggest bringing a lunch to eat during events. The events are still being narrowed down but promise to bring smiles. Horses may be led in hand for all but one event so if you want to get a new horse experience come and PLAY! Some possible events could include egg and spoon, poker play, phone-book search, boxer race, water gun shoot out, ride a buck, musical feed sacks, water balance, and laundry hangout. We will narrow the events down to 5 for the day and you may pick which events you want to do. The cost to participate is \$10 for all or one event. Please bring a current coggins. Let me know if you plan to participate or have questions. Contact info: text/call 770-265-9425 or ceshuman51@hotmail.com. I will need a head count for the back gate.

Claire

BTSC Apparel Available **Must order by March 7th**

Items available will have embroidered BTSC Logo.

Gildan Heavy Blend Vintage 1/4-zip
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time of order is appreciated but not re-
quired.

Ronda

Trailer Trip to Firefly Acres April 10-12th

Yippee....Spring is just around the corner!! Our annual Firefly Acres Trailer Trip is scheduled for the weekend of April 10th-12th. There are currently 12 people signed up, and we have two cabins and three living quarter spots available. If any of you want to drive up Thursday to get a head start on the weekend, we will welcome you, but let me know!

The official start of our weekend will be at Noon (Central Time) on Friday the 10th. Pete and I have been working hard on our Friday afternoon Easter Game which we have Labeled "Horse of Fortune". Should be entertaining at the very least, and Pete will be offering a short local ride after the game for anyone interested. Saturday we will plan on trailering out for the day. After the Easter Bunny comes to visit Sunday Morning, a two hour local ride will be available before packing up the cowboy boots.

All meals will be provided and served at our Pavilion. The cost for all meals is \$75.00 inclusive. We will provide water, iced-tea, coffee, and Gatorade... but you will be responsible for anything else you wish to drink. Anyone with special dietary needs, let me know! We will be providing all the fixings for a packed lunch for Saturday. Nights will be full of music, visiting, and fun!

Horses will have their own pasture, or share a pasture with their horse friends. We do have two box stalls, and a dry lot for any horses not use to grass. Horse board will be \$10 a night, or \$20 if you need a box stall. As usual, our arena and round pen will be available for anyone to use throughout the weekend!

You do not have to bring a horse to have fun! There are some great hikes, golfing and waterfalls in the area. There is also a "canoe/kayak the Caney Fork" trip which should be gorgeous that weekend! Bluegrass Underground in the Caverns (bluegrassunderground.com/), a shooting range close by, or the always entertaining and tasteful tour of our local Calf Killer Brewery. Anyone interested give me a call (678) 313-5611. Pete and I always look forward to hosting this very fun and special group of people!!!!

Bambi

President's Corner

We sure kicked off the new year with a wonderful dinner, slide show and line dancing. Claire had some moves on the dance floor I didn't know she had in her! I'm looking forward to a great year ahead of us and I hope you will enjoy the enthusiasm that we experienced at our recent Kickoff party. Be sure to mark your calendars and participate in as many events as you can. We have a local ride coming up and it made me think of an article I wrote for the newsletter back in 2013 and with starting out the new year, I thought it relevant to review again. Besides that, I don't like to write so this saves me the effort.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Every once in a while we need to review proper trail etiquette when it comes to riding horses. The primary things are to be safe and courteous. Whether we are riding alone or with a group, we need to be respectful of other people's property particularly if you are riding on someone's personal property. Sometimes there are stipulations like not letting our horses close to the owner's horses or maybe staying away from a certain area of their property. Whatever their requests, we need to honor them. One instance of violation may cause loss of access for everyone. In order to control the length of this article, I will simply list things that are self-explanatory:

- Park only in designated areas
- Keep muck in trailer & dispose at home or in a designated area
- Do not tie to trees unless cross tying
- Whatever you pack in you need to pack out
- Give back to your trails by clearing debris or clipping branches along the trail when you ride
- Downhill riders should yield to uphill riders
- Stay on the trails. Do not take shortcuts or bypasses
- When in a group, nominate a leader
- Ride at the level and speed of the least experienced rider
- Ask the group and get consent before increasing speed
- Signal by raising a hand when doing a downward transition or stop
- Keep at least one horse length between horses
- Always return to trailer or barn at a walk
- Allow your horse the opportunity to drink at every water crossing
- When meeting other trail users, talk politely to them and ask them to step to the downhill side while you pass
- Share with other users the number in your group and ask them likewise
- Wait for gate openers or any dismounted riders to remount their horses before riding off
- Wait for drinking horses before riding off
- Do not run up behind or alongside other riders
- With permission, pass on the left side at a slow speed

I'm sure you could come up with many other suggestions for trail courtesy and etiquette but this is a good start.

Happy Trails!!

Kathy

Anyone know what type of kite this is?



2020 BTSC Kickoff Party Recap Saturday, February 22nd

This year's Kickoff was held at Bent Tree's Club Tamarack. We had 50 attendees who enjoyed the hors d'oeuvres and Italian feast prepared by the Tavern at the 19th Hole's Chef Tulio.

The dinner was followed by a short General Meeting conducted by this year's president, Kathy Hardin. Following the meeting, we ran a 10 minute slide show featuring BTSC members' horses. That slide show is now on the club's website for those of you who didn't make it to the event.

Entertainment and line dance instruction was provided by North Georgia Line Dance, a local couple who have been teaching line dancing in this area for quite a while. Should a line dancing urge sweep the club again I suggest we save on the money and have Claire Eubanks provide the instruction. This girl has the moves. There's no way that this was the first time she has done those dances. Imagine Claire up front leading the boot scootin' with her husband Dave doing it when the group is facing to the rear. That would be video material right there.

All in all, the kickoff party was a very fun event and a great start to 2020.

Rich

Secretary's Report

General Meeting February 22, 2020

Kathy Hardin (President) welcomed everyone back to the 2020 Kickoff Party, introduced the Executive Committee, new members and entertainment for the evening.

Trail ride on March 15th will be to Sharp Top and led by DJ Suberk and Claire Eubanks.

Ad Hoc Committees and Play Dates were explained.

Horsemanship event title will be changed to Western Dressage and led by Jan Lorenzen with 3 practice sessions and events planned.

Claire Eubanks reminded everyone that participation in any and all events provides your horse with points toward Most Versatile Horse.

The Calendar will be modified with all recent changes and be available on the BTSC website.

Apparel order options were discussed. Deadline for orders March 7th.

Ronda



Treasurer's Report

February 21st

Balance 01/14/20	\$1,805.92
Deposits:	
Membership	\$2,220.00
Expenses:	\$.00
Balance 02/21/20	\$4,025.92

Jim

2020 Membership Report

We have 96 members as of February 25, 2020. Most of these are renewals but we did gain four new members since my last report.

We welcome Rose Merrell, Joyce and Bobby Delay's granddaughter and Rita Boje, who is leasing a horse at Bent Tree Stables. Rita and her husband live in Big Canoe. We also welcome Bob Jorns and Jason Uchitel as social members. Their spouses, Julia and Judie, respectively, are already members of the Club. Many of you got to meet Rose, Rita and Bob at the Club Kickoff party just held at Club Tamarack.

We look forward to seeing the new members at future Club events.

Bob

April Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for updated event info, articles and photos is **March 27**

Newsletter will go out on April 1st

Send to Email address: dj.suberk@gmail.com

Articles must be a WORD .doc, and font must be Times New Roman, size 10

Photos must be in **jpeg format**.

WMA Entertainer of the Year

Juni Fisher

March 29, 2020



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Although not a Saddle Club event, the Executive Committee has agreed to be a sponsor of the Juni Fisher concert in support of Angels on Horseback. Many of you should recall when we had Juni perform at our 2014 Kickoff Party. She delivered an outstanding performance and we are excited to have her back in Jasper later this month.

2020 Executive Committee

President: Kathy Hardin
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 BT Liaison: Bob Crowl
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 Past Past Pres. Keith Hunter
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Membership: Bob Crowl
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March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Horse Park Cleanup	2	3	4	5	6	7 BTSC Apparel Orders Due
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Ride the Sharptop Mtn. loop	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Play Day RSVPs Due	24	25 Play Day/ Trail Ride	26	27	28 Fun Show
29 Juni Fisher Concert	30	31				

BTSC 2020 Calendar of Events

To add event or volunteer contact Kathy Hardin @kathardin39@gmail.com or 404-218-6360

Date	Event	Location	Leader(s)
March 1, Sunday	Horse Park Cleanup	Horse Park	Bob Crowl
March 15, Sunday	Local Ride	Sharp Top Loop	DJ & Claire
March 20-22	Road to the Horse	Louisville, KY	Not Club sanctioned
March 25, Wednesday	Play Day/Trail Ride	Horse Park	Kathy Hardin
March 28, Saturday	Fun Show	Horse Park	Claire Eubanks
April 4, Saturday	Omoksee	Horse Park	Rich Vigue
April 10-12	Trailerling	FireFly Acres	Pete & Bambi Dillingham
April 22, Wednesday	Play Day/Trail Ride	Horse Park	Kathy Hardin
April 26, Sunday	Local Ride	Top of Word	Rich Vigue
April 29, Wednesday	W. Dressage Practice	Horse Park	Jan Lorenzen
May 2, Saturday	Derby Party	TBD	Rich & Janet Vigue
May 6, Wednesday	Play Day/Trail Ride	Horse Park	Kathy Hardin
May 9, Saturday	W. Dressage: Compete	Horse Park	Jan Lorenzen
May 16, Saturday	Brunch Ride	Prince Home	Kathy Hardin
May 23, Saturday	W. Dressage Practice	Horse Park	Jan Lorenzen
May 30, Saturday	Omoksee	Horse Park	Rich Vigue
June 7, Sunday	W. Dressage: Compete	Horse Park	Jan Lorenzen
June 13, Saturday	Trail Challenge	Montana East	Rich & Janet Vigue
June 27, Saturday	Obstacle Competition	Eubank's Farm	Claire Eubanks
July 4, Saturday	Parade	Downtown Jasper	
	Cookout	Horse Park	Rich & Janet Vigue
July 6, Monday	Lake Swim	Lake Tamarack, BT	Claire Eubanks
August 8, Saturday	Summer Party	BT Beach Pavilion	Rich & Janet Vigue
August 15, Saturday	Picnic	Lake Lanier-Jo West	Jo West
August 26, Wednesday	W. Dressage Practice	Horse Park	Jan Lorenzen
September 12, Saturday	W. Dressage: Compete	Horse Park	Jan Lorenzen
September 16, Wednesday	Play Day/Trail Ride	Horse Park	Kathy Hardin
September 19, Saturday	Local Ride	Prince Cabin	
September 26-27	Equitana	Louisville	Not Club sanctioned
September 30 Wednesday	Play Day/Trail Ride	Horse Park	Kathy Hardin
October 1-4	Trailerling Trip	TBD	Lisa & Jim Sylvia
October 14, Wednesday	Play Day/Trail Ride	Horse Park	Kathy Hardin
October 17, Saturday	Horse Show	Horse Park	Claire Eubanks
October 28, Wednesday	Play Day/Trail Ride	Horse Park	Kathy Hardin
November 1, Sunday	Trailerling Ride	Chickamauga	
November 7, Saturday	Omoksee	Horse Park	Rich Vigue
November 14, Saturday	Thanksgiving Dinner	TBD	Rich & Janet Vigue
December 12, Saturday	Christmas Party	Pendley Stables	Kathy Hardin



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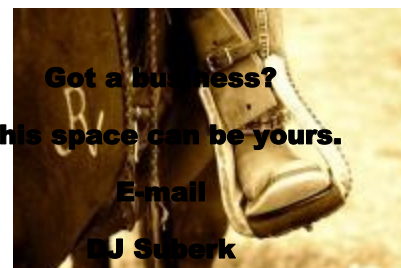


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