

## BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

July/August 2020

### Upcoming Events

#### Lake Tamarack Swim Monday, July, 6

We will swim in Bent Tree Lake with our horses on July 6<sup>th</sup>. I will arrange to have the back gate opened at 11:30 so we can gather at the arena and head to lake to be there close to noon to swim. I would suggest the following guidelines to swim horseback: horse needs to be bareback, reins should be split, rider wear water shoes and shorts, and bring a towel.

Please RSVP attendance and needed back gate attendance.

Questions: contact Claire (770) 265-9425.

*Claire*



#### Summer Camps

Here is the schedule for the upcoming Summer Camps at the Stables.

June 30 to July 3, 8:30 to 12:30

July 13 to July 17, 8:30 to 4:30

July 20 to July 24, 8:30 to 4:30

Keeve Krasner, Stable Master

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*Keeve*



Christian  
and  
Thumper  
at camp in  
early June

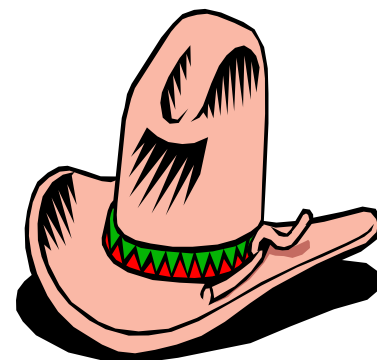
#### Future Event

The BTSC calendar located elsewhere in this newsletter contains a whole bunch of social events, including the Kentucky Derby Party, Thanksgiving Dinner, and Christmas Party. These events remain on the calendar but are subject to the coronavirus situation and health guidelines at the time. Based on what Janet and I know today, the odds for these events are not good, but we shall see.

The Vintage Vixens were originally scheduled to entertain us at the August Beach Party, which has been cancelled. At a recent Executive Committee Meeting, it was voted to reschedule the Vixens to February 20, 2021. Next year will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Club, and I can't think of a more fun group to be our celebratory entertainment.

Just imagine being the President of our club in 2021 when we celebrate 30 years of continued fun with our equine friends. You will join a short list of stewards of the club. At long last, you'll be able to declare your life a success. This clearly is something to think about. Don't hesitate. Call 770-289-7272 and put your hat in the ring to become a legend in Saddle Club history.

*Rich*



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The month of June made up for lost time, filled with various equestrian events at the Horse Park and our annual ride to the Top of the World. The Dubose family has been so gracious in sharing their beautiful acreage with us. It was wonderful to mix with other Club members again and enjoy our horses. Many thanks to Claire for hosting the arena events and Jan and Georgianna for their Western Dressage activities.

Your executive committee is making every effort to make passage through Bent Tree's back gate with trailers a little easier. At this stage, members are required to inform an event leader if they will need entry through the back gate for each individual event. When you contact them, be certain to include the tag number of your towing vehicle. When you arrive at the gate, you will be issued a card that is valid for entry only to the Horse Park on that day. Do not pull directly up to the gate until you see the official gate opener that will be either a Bent Tree Security representative, Bob Crowl or Kieve Krasner. If you arrive earlier than the designated time, pull as far to the right and wait until they arrive and grant entry in order to prevent traffic back-up.

Needless to say, Covid 19 has put a damper on all of our social activities thus far this year. I regret having to inform you that the summer picnic at Jo West's home at Lake Lanier has been cancelled. It would be difficult to social distance while riding on boats and to sanitize as needed for other lake activities. Jo has been so generous in opening her home to us each year and I know she is disappointed that she will not be able to do so this year. Thank you, Jo! We will gladly come next year.

Rich and Janet are in the process of re-scheduling the Vintage Vixens for next year when we are hoping to combine our Kickoff event with a 30 Year Anniversary celebration. That's right! BTSC will be 30 years old next year and I am proud to say that I have been a member for about 28 or 29 of those years. What a ride it has been!

*President Corner continued.*

We have a pretty busy autumn calendar, hoping that it won't be necessary to cancel any of the social events. Most equestrian activities should not be at risk. Our next newsletter will come out toward the end of August since we don't have any August events planned.

I am still in need of event leaders for a couple trail rides and a weekend trip. Please step forward. Check the calendar and pick one!

Stay healthy and safe and enjoy the rest of your summer.

*Kathy Hardin*

## Omoksee Recap Saturday, June 6

We had 13 participants for our 1<sup>st</sup> event at the arena since COVID-19. It was a great day, and it was fun to be out enjoying our horses with friends. We ran the three standard events and threw in barrel racing and straight barrels as mystery events. I felt like a kid out there playing on my very young steed, Starlite. Elise on Lily could be seen smiling largely as they completed each event.

Elise and 10-year-old Arabella on DJ's Rusty had a great time doing trail rides together in between each of these events. Thank you to everyone for allowing the children go first each time so they could go play while the adults did their thing.

It was fun to witness Joyce Delay's "first rodeo" with her granddaughter Rose right with her. Special thanks to my helpers for the day! You guys rock! Until the next one...

*Claire*

## Top of the World Ride Recap Saturday, June 13<sup>t</sup>

It was a perfect day for our annual ride to Maryanne Dubose's property. Nine riders left the Bent Tree Horse Park at 10am led by DJ Suberk. We picked up another 4 riders along the way at North Wind Farm.

After stopping for lunch along the beautiful creek that meanders through the Dubose acreage we did the gradual climb to the top of Little Bob where we took the traditional group photo. DJ and Georgiana led the ride back to the Horse Park arriving at approximately 3pm.

It was a pleasant, leisurely ride with no unintentional dismounts and was more of a movement than an organized ride. Participants took different routes at different paces and congregated at designated spots along the trail, ending up together for the group picture.

We had 5 riders with us who had never done this ride before and all really enjoyed it especially when we reached the "Top of the World". Everyone agreed that this is our best ride of the year.

*Rich*

## Editor's Note Top of the World Ride

Rich is taking no credit for leading this ride, but without him we would never gotten through the quagmire and jungle between Hickory Cove and Quail Walk Drive. Those of us who took the lead on the way home even got lost in there on the way back.

Thank you Rich for showing the way.

DJ



## Spring Omoksee



*Bob and Dude. What at team!*

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*Little macho man Rusty is ready to go with Arabella up.*

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*Elise Eubanks on 5-year-old Lili.*



*Joyce Delay and Stormy make the turn.*



*Bobby Delay in the barrel  
retrieving tennis balls.*



*Kim and Teddy*





*Of course, Ranger, age 30, and absolute legend in the saddle club, was there with John,, age ??*



*Our Rhonda.*



*New members, Alisha and Bill. So glad you are with us.*



*Rose, Bobby and Joyce's granddaughter.*



## Top of the World Ride

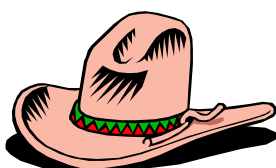


*View from the very top. Wow! That's Sharptop Mountain peeking over the ridge.*



*(L) Our leader, Rich on  
Fat Boy.  
There was no hugging*

*(R) JoAnn on Shy*







*Everyone that started with us made it to the top. Houses way in the background are in Bent Tree.*



*Terrific accomplishment for Judie Uchitel and Diva.  
Diva behaved perfectly in the large group.*

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*Gina Haines accompanied us on Thumper, from the Bent Tree Stables. Thumper was perfectly behaved and for that matter, so was Gina. However, she did ask, when we reached Jena and Val's house, if this was the top. In fact, at every pause she thought we were at the top. Now, here she is at the very top. Yeah! Thumper spent a month with Pete Dillingham and is now at the head of the class on manners.*



*Elise Eubanks and Lili finally made it to the Top of the World Ride. Last year they missed the ride because Lili had a surprise baby the night before.  
That's Claire on Starlight., full sister to the legendary Jet.*



## Spring Dressage Show



*Roberta, Rhonda, Blue and Georgiana.*



*Arabella memorized and rode the most advanced test presented at the show. It was a proud moment for the whole family. Dad, Chris, Mom Danielle and Sis Charlotte. And you better believe Grandma DJ was very proud of her.*



*Blue with Georgiana and Kathy.*

We were finally able to get started with our first Dressage Show of 2020. It was a small turn out, but we were amazing!!!! For sure everyone had been practicing. I am so excited to see the progress we have all made.

BIG THANKS to Keith Hunter who jumped in and helped in so many places, setting up the flag, setting up the arena and of course helping me and much more. Big thanks to Jan Lorenzen, Libby Adams and Lesley Elliott, who judged, scribed and calculated your test. Thanks ladies for cleaning up the arena at the end of the day. It was a big help.

Here are the results from that day.

Ronda on Duncan  
Intro level 1 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Intro level 2. 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Basic level 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Arabella on Rusty  
Basic level 1. 1<sup>st</sup> place

Roberta on Precious  
Intro level 1. 4<sup>th</sup> place

Kathy on Peek  
Intro level 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Intro level 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Georgianna on Extra Blue Angle  
Intro level 1 placed 1<sup>st</sup>  
Intro level 2 placed 1<sup>st</sup>  
Intro level 3 placed 1<sup>st</sup>

The next show will be in September see you then. Keep practicing.  
*Georgianna*



## Fun Show



*From the left, Carol and Chuck Ewing, John Wilder, Lisa Sylvia, Bob Crowl, Roberta Sarchet and Arabella Wunn.*



*Bob, John, Lisa, Elise and Claire Eubanks, Arabella and Rose.*

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*Family team work at the Fun Show. Big sister Arabella and Dad help five-year-old Charlotte Wunn in the water gun and clothes line races.*







*Annie and Rachel sort it out. Annie belongs to Mark Krasner. Rachel works at the stables for the summer. Her grandparents live here in Bent Tree.*



*Rose, Bobby and Joyce Delay's granddaughter starts her run.*



*Roberta and Precious*



*Libby Adams' new horse, Arrow, being ridden by his former owner, Julie Marvel.*

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

### Secretary's Report – Executive Committee Meeting June 25, 2020

Arena water tank platform will be improved and Barn Supply Room has been cleaned and reorganized.

Calendar modifications and future events will be based on horse park availability, distancing restrictions and venue restrictions with members safety of utmost importance. The Summer Picnic and Picnic at Jo Wests will be canceled. All other events on the calendar from the last update will remain until more information is available on gathering restrictions.

Vintage Vixens will be rescheduled to perform at the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Kick off Party on February 20, 2021.

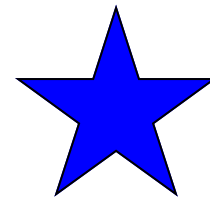
Back Gate Procedures for non-residents have been updated. See President's corner for details.

*Ronda*

### 2020 Membership Report

We now have 101 members. Libby Adams, a former member, rejoined the Club in June and became our 100<sup>th</sup> member this year. Libby and her husband Dan reside in Bent Tree. Libby boards her new horse Arrow at Pendley Creek Stables. Libby purchased Arrow, a paint quarter horse, from Julia Marvel, our 101<sup>st</sup> member this year. Julia just graduated from Kennesaw State University and lives in Marietta. She worked as the head counselor at the Bent Tree Stables' horse camps held in June and has helped Keeve in other capacities. Please join me in welcoming both Libby and Julia to our Club. I am looking forward to seeing them at future events. Go to our website for the latest 2020 membership directory. If know anyone interested in joining our Club have them contact me.

*Bob*



### Treasurer's Report 06/29/20

Balance 05/25/20	\$ 2,754.84
Deposits:	
Membership	\$ 80.00
Western Dressage	\$ 50.00
Omoksee	\$ 130.00
Fun-Day	\$ 150.00
Expenses:	
Arena Expense	\$ 22.91
Fun-Day Expense	\$ 43.07
Balance 06/29/20	\$3,101.86

*Jim*

### September Newsletter Deadline

**Deadline** for updated event info, articles and photos  
is **August 20**

Newsletter will go out on **August 24**

Send to Email address: [dj.suberk@gmail.com](mailto: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**.



2020 Executive Committee	2020 Positions	
President: Kathy Hardin Vice-President: Marianne Torchia Treasurer: Jim Sylvia Secretary: Ronda Erway BT Liaison: Bob Crowl Past President: Rich Vigue Past Past Pres. Keith Hunter Appointees: Bill Stara Leslie Elliott	Membership: Bob Crowl Newsletter Ed.: DJ Suberk Email Distribution: Rich Vigue Website Admin: Jim Sylvia	Visit our website at <a href="http://www.BentTreeSaddleClub.com">www.BentTreeSaddleClub.com</a>
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# July 2020

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

			1	2	3	4
5	6 Lake Swim	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Saturday, September 5 — Derby Party





### 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)
July 6, Monday	Lake Tamarack Swim	Bent Tree	Claire
September 5, Saturday	Derby Party	Club Tamarack	Rich and Janet
September 10, Thursday	Western Dressage Practice	Horse Park	Jan/Gigi
September 12, Saturday	Western Dressage Show	Horse Park	Jan/Gigi
September 16, Wednesday	Play Day/trail ride	Horse Park	Kathy Hardin
September 19, Saturday	Local Ride	Prince Cabin	(Leader??)
September 30, Wednesday	Play Day/trail ride	Horse Park	Kathy Hardin
October 1-4 weekend	Trailering Trip	TBD	(Leader??)
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	Trailering Ride	Chickamauga	(Leader??)
November 7, Saturday	Omoksee	Horse Park	Rich Vigue
November 14, Saturday	Thanksgiving Dinner	Club Tamarack	Rich & Janet Vigue
November 21, Saturday	Montana East Trail Challenge	Talking Rock	Rich & Janet
December 12, Saturday	Christmas Party	Pendley Stables	Kathy Hardin







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