

Upcoming Events

BTSC 2021 Slate of Officer Candidates

Many of you heard about or attended my meeting to discuss the future of the club. With the list below we have a slate of candidates for Board of Director positions for 2021.

The Candidates will be presented at the General Meeting at the Holiday Party for a vote.

The slate of candidates are:

President	Bill Klenk
Vice President	Judie Uchitel
Treasurer	Julia Jorns
Secretary	Ronda Erway
Liaison	Bob Crowl

The remaining positions are not elected.

Keith Hunter



Kathy, lining up a future president of the saddle club, Elise Eubanks.

Omoksee Saturday, November 7

We will host the last Omoksee of the year on Saturday, November 7th starting at 11am. The back gate will open at 10:15 am. I need to know if you are coming for back gate access. Please come play and enjoy your horse. For the Omoksee in June we had 13 horses participate. I hope to see at least that many or more. Please bring a lunch to enjoy during the event. I will need helpers during the day to help so that I can also ride. Please contact Claire if you are coming. text/call 770-265-9425 or ceshuman51@hotmail.com.

RSVP deadline is November 5.

Claire Eubanks

Play Days

The Play days appear to have turned into a ladies' day out filled with conversation and laughter! It has become necessary for me to blow my whistle to gain their attention. At times I am successful and we practice some basic movements with our horses like backing, side passing or simply walking in a straight line which most horses can't do. If things begin to look too intense or stressful I simply have them do some drill team routines which lighten things up and we have fun attempting to keep everyone in their designated place. I believe Judie Uchitel's horse, Diva, is most improved for learning to socialize and ride next to other horses without displaying as much anxiety. Keep up the good work, Judy.

There has been some interest in continuing our Wednesday Play Days into November if the weather holds. Let me know if you would like to continue playing or joining in if you want to share the camaraderie. kathardin39@gmail.com 404-218-6360

Kathy Hardin

Obstacle Course Outing/ Adventure Saturday, November 14

We are going to Slim's Barnyard Equine Obstacle Course for an outing and fun. This farm is owned by Kathie and Slim Owens and is located at 3769 Lindsey Memorial Rd. Rocky Face, GA 30740. They have 2 acres with about 30 obstacles set up on it. I encourage you to look them up on Facebook to see how much work has gone into preparing an obstacle course. Here are a few of the details Kathie and I have worked out:

1. No more than 15 riders for the day can participate. So far I have Kathie, Julie H., Me, and Elise. Other people have mentioned coming but haven't told me for sure.
2. We are asking for people to use empty places in trailers to limit trailer parking.
3. There is a large field that can be turned around in.
4. Cost \$20
5. Coggins required
6. No ribbons and not a competition. Just FUN!
7. Kathie has a concession stand and will grill burgers if we desire. You are welcome to bring your own food or purchase from her. Food is not included in the \$20.

Their farm is located a little over an hour from Jasper. We will caravan for those wanting to from the Ingles parking lot in Jasper departing at 10:30 am. Directions from Jasper are on Page 11 of this newsletter

Let me know if you plan to participate or have questions. This event will be a fun day for sure! Contact Claire: text/call 770-265-9425 or ceshuman51@hotmail.com.

RSVP deadline is November 12.

Claire Eubanks

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

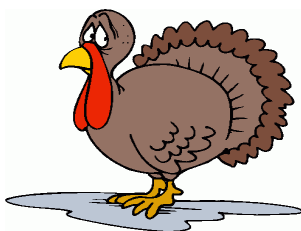
October was a great month for BTSC with weather cooperating for camping trips, Play Days, and Club rides or simply spending time with our horses and appreciating the fact that we are able to ride and enjoy them through this pandemic. November will offer more equine opportunities with an Omoksee and the chance to ride an obstacle course that Claire has arranged for us to enjoy.

With that said, let's start thinking about our Holiday Party on December 12th being held at Club Tamarack in Bent Tree. I am hopeful that members will feel more comfortable in a larger space for distancing than what Pendley Stables offered. Save the date now so you don't miss it.

Looking further into the future, we have a Kick Off party to plan, probably in February and a 30th anniversary celebration later in 2021. Let me know if you have any thoughts on location or activities for these events.

I am happy to announce that we have a slate of officer candidates for you to review in Keith Hunter's article. I want to thank current members who have agreed to stay on board for another year and welcome the ones who are joining the Executive Committee for the first time. We really appreciate the time and effort they are willing to put into it. Be certain to thank them when you see them next time. You will be asked to vote them in at the Holiday Party in December.

Kathy Hardin



Big South Fork Trailering Trip Recap

A group of 7 ladies (Barbara Auchter, DJ Suberk, Leslie Elliott, JoAnn Hartin, Jodie Boyd, Julie Heinsman, Judy Heilman) headed to the Big South Fork National Recreation Area to ride earlier in October. Due to limited availability of cabins for this prime time of year to ride in this area, we were a bit dispersed, but it all worked out and a good time was had by all. Weather was great, and we gathered for S'Mores and conversation around the campfire.

I think JoAnn and DJ probably logged in the longest ride after they got lost and then got lost again! The "cabin folk," as those staying in the cabin at Laurel Fork were called, checked out trails that the locals recommended and enjoyed relaxing in the hot tub at their cabin after a long day's ride. All in all, a good trip, safe trip. There are some great pictures that were taken on the trip posted on FaceBook. Some are on the BTSC Facebook page and some on individual participant pages. If you missed going on this trip but would like to check out BSFNRA and have questions or need help finding a place to stay, just let me know and I will be glad to help!

Judy Heilman



JoAnn Hartin on Shy. In the back ground are the owner of the Big South Fork Lodge and Stable, Vanessa, with her staff member Shirley. Excellent place to stay. We, DJ and JoAnn, had a great time with them.



Jody at the overlook.



*Big South Fork.
Now that's an overlook!
Watch your step.*

Prince Cabin Ride Recap

This year's Prince Cabin Ride did not disappoint! We could not have asked for a more beautiful day weather wise. We had a great group of 12 horses and riders who enthusiastically left the Horse Park around 10 a.m. with sunny but breezy conditions. Our fearless and seasoned leader/trail guide, Kathy Hardin, gave us great pre-ride talk and instructions including riding through any possible bee encounter as a group.

The other riders in the group included DJ Suberk, Judie Uchitel, Julie Heinsman, Bill and Alicia Klenk, Laina Morrell, Ronda Erway, Claire and Elise Eubanks, DJ Suberk and Cathy Jones. I am delighted to report that all horses and riders arrived back to the Horse Park safely, about 8 miles and 4 hours later, with a little less "pep in their step" than they had on the way out in the morning.

I believe that my horse, Lucy, (who is in great need of weight watchers after a long and lazy summer) was wishing that she had chosen the "shorter loop" that Judy and her horse decided on early in the ride. Diva just was not up for the group ride this year so they headed back early. The rest of us plodded forward at a steady pace. Well, that is EXCEPT for the Klenk's two gaited "energizer bunnies"! They had a pace of their own. Part way up the trail Kathy announced, "this is where we might encounter the bees" and sure enough we did! We followed Kathy's previous instructions and the group split. Part moving on ahead at a somewhat rapid pace and the other part turning around to go back the other direction. DJ's horse seemed to be the only one who received stings, but he was very brave about it. After the bee encounter, we all regrouped and caught our breath. See photo of our 2021 presidential candidate, Bill Klenk, possibly reflecting on what he is about to embark on as potential leader of this crazy group...or possibly just catching his breath! We need to be very nice to him and assume he is just catching his breath in this photo!

We had a nice lunch break and rest time at the Prince Cabin and then headed back down the mountain with less drama and only a few quick stops for tack adjustments and bathroom pit stops in the woods. A few other notes from the ride are that Elise's pony might want to be a jumper and Elise might become a trick rider as she already has mastered riding on her pony's neck without falling! Good job, Elise! A strategic position in the ride is riding **behind** DJ and her pruners. Thank you for clearing the way DJ. Kathy is a great horse holder if you need to go to the bathroom during a ride and Ronda is well prepared for about anything with all of the goodies in her saddle bag! What is a trail ride without a few good stories?!

For those of you that might be hesitant to join us on one of these rides...DON'T BE! I was hesitant about going on this ride, but what a great group of thoughtful, experienced and helpful riders I have had the privilege of riding with (again). If you aren't quite sure, just know that there is always someone who will be happy to stick with you and your horse, if you need some extra support or help or just to go at a different pace. Do not miss these great group rides. We are so fortunate to be able to do them as a club.

Laina Morrell



New members, Bill Klenck and Laina Morrell, joined in the adventure.



Elise Eubanks, looking pretty confident with her 5-year-old mare, Lili.



Ronda did great with her new horse, Scooby.



Lunch was a casual affair. Actually, this was a bit upscale for us. We had a table.

Left to right is Alicia Klenck, Claire, Elise, DJ, Bill Klenck and Julie.



Heading towards home. Now what is that familiar landmark?

Chickamauga Battlefield Ride Recap

The trail ride at Chickamauga Battlefield on October 25 was a great success. The weather was cloudy and didn't seem to bother the horses who were sporting their winter coats. There were seven riders who rode together and two others who decided to do the loop by themselves. Several riders had never done this ride before and there were many comments about how enjoyable the ride was and a few even said they would like to come back unmounted and explore the visitor center and the movie about the battle.

The Park Service had redone the blazes to make sure no one ended up on the wrong trails, so the loop was easy to follow. The terrain was gently rolling and the footing was a mixture of some pea gravel, and some natural footing, with a few areas of rocks and mud thrown in. Nothing challenging. All of the horses quickly got used to the monuments scattered throughout the Park, and the hikers were so courteous as to step aside for the riders.

We stopped about half way through the ride to have lunch and socialize while our mounts got a well deserved rest. Then we continued through the muddiest part of the trip and remarks were made later about how the mud wasn't as bad as some remembered. At least no horse lost a shoe.

Janice Butt



Ronda and Scooby. He knows to chill at the lunch stop.



*Susan and Bob.
On their right is Susan's friend Kris*



(L-R) Janice and Gigi

Meet Bandit Suberk



Bandit is a 10-month-old Australian Cattle Dog, also know as a Red Heeler.

Heelers are herding dogs.



Bandit is interested in learning about horses. Please welcome him to the Bent Tree Saddle Club .



The wild horses in Dubois, Wyoming. June 2017

2020 Membership Report

The Club membership remained at 103 members through October. Go to the Club website to access our current Club roster.

It will soon be time to renew your membership for 2021. I will be placing our 2021 membership application in the December newsletter. If you know someone that is interested in joining our Club please have them contact me.

Remember that new applications received and approved between October 1 and our regular renewal cycle will include a 2021 membership at no extra fee.

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Bob Crowl



Treasurer's Report 10/26/20

Balance 09/22/20	\$ 2,711.24
No Activity	
Balance 10/26/20	\$ 2,711.24

Jim Sylvia

December Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for updated event info, articles and photos
is **November 26**

Newsletter will go out on **December 1**

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**.

2020 Executive Committee President: Kathy Hardin Vice-President: Marianne Torchia Treasurer: Jim Sylvia Secretary: Ronda Erway BT Liaison: Bob Crowl Past President: Leslie Elliott Past Past Pres. Keith Hunter Appointees: Bill Stara Leslie Elliott	2020 Positions Membership: Bob Crowl Newsletter Ed.: DJ Suberk Email Distribution: Ronda Erway Website Admin: Jim Sylvia	Visit our website at www.BentTreeSaddleClub.com
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November 2020

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1	2	3	4	5 RSVP deadline for Omoksee	6	7 Omoksee
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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)
November 7, Saturday	Omoksee	Horse Park	Claire Eubanks
November 14, Saturday	Obstacle Course	Rocky Face, GA	Claire Eubanks
December 12, Saturday	Holiday Party	Club Tamarack	Kathy Hardin

To get to Sim's Barnyard Equine Obstacle Course from Jasper:

Take the 136 route towards Resaca. GPS will tell you to turn onto Lower Mill Creek (DON'T TURN THERE), continue to Villanow and turn right there....201. There is a Mapco there. Go about 3 miles and turn right on Lowery Rd for 1 mile. Then turn left on Utility Rd and you will turn a quick right on Lindsey Memorial. Address is 3769 Lindsey Memorial Rd. Rocky Face, GA 30740. Part of the drive is National Forest land and there is limited cell service.

Kathie Owens' cell number is 706-463-2545.



Sure missed you guys this summer.



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