

Upcoming Events

Fall Trailering Trip to Big South Fork October 1-4

The date is getting close for our Fall trailering trip to the Big South Fork NRA! So far, we have 9 people signed up. While the "official dates" are October 1 through 4, most are going up on Wednesday, September 30th and departing on Monday, October 5. It should be the perfect time of year to experience the beauty of the Big South Fork. It isn't too late to sign up; however, getting a cabin or room to rent might be an issue. If you still want to go, just give me a call and I will do what I can to help you find a place to stay (678-612-3217).

Judy

More Play Days Wednesdays October 7 and 21

As usual, the fun will begin at 10:00 am at the Horse Park and the back gate of Bent Tree will be opened at 9:30. Anyone needing entry into the back gate needs to text Bob Crowl in advance at 770-757-8596 to coordinate opening. Bring a lunch if you have the time to stay and eat, or we can go on a trail ride afterwards. Let me know if you are planning to come. kathardindin39@gmail.com

Kathy Hardin

Horse Show Sunday, October 18, 2020

The Horse Show is ON and we look forward to your participation! Judge Aly is coming back and Betsy Robbe is helping me organize. We will start the show at 10am and the back gate will open at 9:30 to let trailers in.

The classes for the show will include:

Halter (class for horses under 10 and over 10);

Showmanship;

Costume contest;

Walk/Trot or Walk/Gait;

Walk/Trot/Canter or Walk/Gait/Full speed Gait;

Jumping?

We will be splitting horses up for gaited vs. not and will split classes in Western & English if needed.

If you are interested in the jumping class I need to know ASAP. I will set it up if there is a desire to have this class.

The cost to participate is \$10 for one or all classes. If you plan to participate or need back gate access, let me know by October 12. In your response back to me please include horse's name, age, classes interested in, and if you have a jumping interest. Right now I only have three people who have responded they are coming after the email that went out last week. Contact info: text/call 770-265-9425 or ceshuman51@hotmail.com.

Claire Eubanks

Chickamauga Battlefield Ride Sunday, October 25

The ride at Chickamauga Battlefield is an eight mile loop trail of mostly rolling countryside, some wooded and some open fields. There are some gravel paths and a stream crossing going under the entrance bridge. Many battlefield monuments are scattered throughout the park, so it is a great ride to expose young horses to a strange landscape. We will be riding the red trail, which goes around most of the park. If anyone wishes a longer ride there are several side trails.

We will meet at the battlefield horse trailer parking area on October 25th at 10:30 am and plan to ride out by 11. Bring a lunch as we will stop about half way around and eat, being sure to social distance. Let me know by October 24th, if you are coming.

Direction to the horse trailer parking area at Chickamauga are on page 9 of this newsletter.

If there are any questions, Janis Butt, who will be leading the ride, can be reached at 423-884-2760 (home) and (cell) 865-247-9135.

Janice Butt



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Autumn is officially here with cooler days, making for the best riding conditions. Now all we need is the first frost to ward off those terrible yellow jackets that haunt us on the trails. Make certain if you or your horse gets stung that you wipe off the bites with alcohol, and if you don't have any, simply use water. The sting leaves a scent that attracts other yellow jackets as you continue your ride down the trail and pass other nests. Hopefully, we won't experience any more natural occurrences like hurricanes that cause us to cancel trail rides.

Covid did not stop us from having a wonderful time at the Derby Party or from meeting at the Horse Park to play with our horses on Play Day. It's just so good to get out and enjoy our friends and horses after the Covid lockdown and the hot and humid weather.

For those of you who may not have heard, Rich Vigue has resigned his position as Immediate Past President on the Executive Committee. We will always be thankful for the Vignes' dedication and efforts to make the Club be fun and they will be missed at our Executive Committee meetings. Rich and Janet tend to light up the room wherever they go.

Rich's resignation brought a couple openings on the Executive Committee. Leslie Elliott was elected to fill in as Immediate Past President until the end of the year. Keith Hunter volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee, hunting for 2021 officers. He will be turning every stone looking for you! Thanks to both Leslie and Keith for taking on these roles.

In recent months, concerns have been expressed about BTSC non-property owners using the facilities at Bent Tree without paying any fees other than Saddle Club dues. As a result, Club members that had been opening the back gate for events at the Horse Park, are no longer allowed to do so. For future events, members need to alert the event leader that they will need access through the back gate with their trailers. Arrive about 5 minutes prior to the designated gate opening time to avoid back ups. A Bent Tree Public Safety official will be opening the gate. If you are not bringing a trailer, you need to go through the main gate and tell the attendant that you are going to the Horse Park. They have a current BTSC member list at all times. All members may exit through the back gate. In order not to jeopardize our welcome at

Bent Tree, be respectful and appreciate that Bent Tree allows us use of their property for our events. For non-property owners, we should only be entering Bent Tree for use of the Horse Park or Saddle Club functions unless you are a guest of a Bent Tree resident or property owner.

Please take notice of some date changes on the October and November calendar such as the Horse Show and Chickamauga Ride with the addition of an Obstacle Playtime and cancellation of the Trail Challenge.

So until we meet again, stay healthy and safe!!

Kathy Hardin

BTSC Officer Recruitment for 2021

As the political season is upon us.....

As the national political season is heating up we have our own little political challenge ahead. It is time to select a slate of candidates for the club Executive Committee in 2021. I know we all hope 2021 will be a more normal year for our club. Leslie Elliott was elected to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Rich Vigue as the past president. In Executive Committee meeting Leslie voiced she would assist in the duty of seeking a slate of offices for the club for 2021. Keith Hunter volunteered to lead the committee.

Leslie and Keith are beginning the task of soliciting possible candidates to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board Liaison. We have had some interest in some of the positions but would like to look at all options to fill these slots. As usual the first task is identifying Presidential candidates and working with those candidates to identify a full slate of officers.

We already know there are several members who have expressed an interest in certain positions and we will begin by having further discussions with them as a starting point and work from there.

Anyone wishing to be considered for any of the positions are asked to reach out to Leslie and Keith to have discussions and be considered.

Leslie email is lbeatl@tds.net
Keith email is khunter@etcm.com

Keith

Obstacle Course Outing/ Adventure Saturday, November 14

The Obstacle competition will NOT be held at our farm this year. We are instead 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. Julie, Elise, and I went to their farm back in the summer and had a wonderful time playing on the obstacles. 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.
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.
8. Their farm is located a little over an hour from Jasper.
9. We will caravan for those wanting to from the Ingles parking lot in Jasper departing at 10:30 am.

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.

Claire Eubanks

Play Day



PLAYING IN THE WIND

On Wednesday, September 16, a handful of us braved the gusty winds to join in on the first play day organized by our fearless leader, Kathy Hardin. After having to yell over the wind, we mostly followed her directions but those that didn't had a good excuse. We did a lot of drill team exercises, which encouraged this former drill team member that maybe there is hope for perhaps resurrecting that fun time! A great time was had by all, and we're looking forward to next week. Hopefully the weather will be more cooperative! By the way, the dates for the October play days are October 7 and 21. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Many thanks Kathy for having us work with our horses all the while having a fun time doing it!

Libby Adams

*It took lots of work but Kathy finally whipped us into shape.
(Below l-r) Gigi, Ronda, Roberta, Martha, Libby, DJ and Debbie
There's Judy in the photo above.*





We placed our bets with Ann and Lee.



Best hat and best face mask contest winners, Sharon and Rita.

Kentucky Derby Party Recap

Okay,... so it's September....okay,... so there's no spectators in the stands at Churchill Downs. Who cares?! Plenty of horse race enthusiasts at Bent Tree Saddle Club Park and there's still a horse race. Thanks to Dave Eubanks, Steve Brown, and Keith Hunter, the TV and remote screening of the race were shown in real time and all in attendance were cheering for their horse to win.

The pre-race festivities included a short presentation by Kathy Hardin of BTSC business and activities plus announcing the winners of the Kentucky Derby Hat Contest and the COVID Mask contest. Sharon Eikenberry won the hat contest – hands down!! Yours truly, Rita Boje, won the mask contest with my Icelandic Horse Neck/Mask Buff. If there were an "Accessory Contest", Kathy Hardin would have won with her horseshoe sunglasses. There were close to 20 members and spouses in attendance and the fabulous sandwiches and wraps were delicious. I don't remember who brought the dessert for all to share,... but it was yummy too! Thank you.

I have to admit it was really odd watching the broadcast of the race with empty spectator stands and infield, but it was exciting none the less. The bets were tallied up and as it turned out DJ won all the money for her bet on Authentic. My \$5 bet on South Bend to win, was lost – they told me had I bet on him to LOSE,... I would have split the winnings. Hmmm, last time I bet on a horse because of its name. Anyway, as a new member, I had a lot of fun meeting new horsey friends and enjoying the comradery of horse-loving people.

Rita Boje



Kathy, this is outrageous!

At the Derby



Kim and Steve Brown



Leslie Elliott and Ronda Erway



Bob and Sharon Eikenberry



Randy and Ronda Erway

FAREWELL TO ROBERTA SARCHET

Roberta is having to turn the page to a new chapter in her book of life. For health reasons, Roberta will be moving to assisted living to be closer to her daughter. She has always been an active member of the Bent Tree Saddle Club and participated in numerous Bent Tree activities. She has been a regular with the bridge group and water aerobics. Roberta had her precious horse, Precious, boarded at the stables for many years and with Bob Crowl's help, is moving her to a stables in Rome to be near her new residence.

Over the years, Roberta has been a steadfast volunteer at the Bent Tree Stables. She was always there to help with Youth Week and the Halloween Shindig. As we in the club well know, there have been some times when the management at the stable did not work out. During one of those transitions, a few volunteers, including Roberta, took care of all of those horses for weeks. She served on the BTSC EC for two years each as liaison and as secretary.

Years ago, Roberta was a U.S. Pony Club District Commissioner, which takes hours and hours of time, so she did plenty to bring along the next generation of riders. Once retired from teaching English, her dream was to have a horse again. JoAnne Hartin had rescued Precious, got her health stabilized and passed her on to Roberta. They have had a grand time together. One of those dividends captured at retirement. Roberta positively beams with enjoyment when she rides Precious. Roberta will be living at The Spires in Rome, Georgia and Precious will be nearby.

It's sad to see Roberta go, but we can wish her the best as she makes these major life changes. I don't have a new address for her yet but will post it when she gets settled in her new place. In the meantime, if you would like to send her messages of encouragement, her email is: robertasarchet@juno.com Cell Phone: 770-289-2952

Kathy



Precious and Roberta did it all: Trail rides, omok-sees, horse shows, dressage competitions, play days, and drill team. We will miss them.



The wild horses in Dubois, Wyoming. June 2017

Secretary's Report – General Membership Meeting September 5

Kathy Hardin welcomed all to the Derby Party and thanked all those who set up the TV screen and Derby transmission, handled betting and brought party supplies.

Kathy discussed rumblings that have been going on in the BT Community regarding BTSC non-property owners using BT facilities. The Executive Committee (EC) is listening, waiting and watching closely to see if action will be required. The EC will be coming up with a plan if it is necessary. In the meantime, the back-gate procedure for members coming in with trailers was reiterated: Public Safety is notified of those coming in for an event and they then open the gate at a specified time. BT horseback riding etiquette was reviewed.

Executive Committee Meeting - September 15

Rich Vigue has resigned his position as Immediate Past President. Leslie Elliott was voted in by the Executive Committee (EC) to fill the Immediate Past President position for the remainder of 2020. Ronda Erway and Keith Hunter will take over Rich's duties of email notifications and Nominating Committee Chair respectively.

Calendar date changes were discussed. The Horse Show is now on October 18th, the Chickamauga ride is moving to October 25th and the Trail Challenge is now going to be a Trail Obstacle Course tentatively on October 11th. See newsletter articles and calendar for planning changes and final dates.

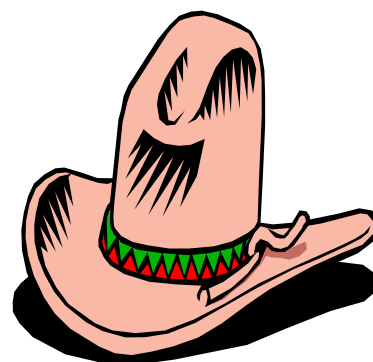
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Ronda

2020 Membership Report

The Club membership remained at 103 members through September as we did not gain any additional members since my last report. Go to the Club website to access our current Club roster. If you know someone that is interested in joining our Club please have them contact me.

Bob



Treasurer's Report 09/22/20

Balance 08/24/20	\$ 2,941.66
Deposits:	
Donation – Hunter Gun Clinic	\$ 25.00
Kentucky Derby Prize Donation	\$ 62.00
Expenses:	
Materials for future restroom screens	\$ 40.00
Kentucky Derby Food – 19 th Hole	\$ 262.46
Kentucky Derby Misc. Expenses	\$ 14.96
Balance 09/22/20	\$ 2,711.24

Jim

November Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for updated event info, articles and photos
is **October 25**

Newsletter will go out on **October 28**

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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October 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4 Ride	5	6	7 Play Day	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Horse Show	19	20	21 Play Day	22	23	24
25 Chickamauga Battlefield Ride	26	27	28	29	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)
October 1-4 weekend	Trailering Trip	Big South Fork	Judy Heilman
October 7, Wednesday	Play Day/trail ride	Horse Park	Kathy Hardin
October 18, Saturday	Horse Show	Horse Park	Claire Eubanks
October 21, Wednesday	Play Day/trail ride	Horse Park	Kathy Hardin
October 25, Sunday	Chickamauga ride	Battlefield	Janice Butt
November 7, Saturday	Omoksee	Horse Park	???????
November 14, Saturday	Obstacle Course	Rocky Face, GA	Claire Eubanks
December 12, Saturday	Holiday Party	Pendley Stables	Kathy Hardin

To get to Chickamauga Battlefield horse trailer parking area from Jasper:

- Take 515 North out of Jasper.
- Turn left onto Highway GA-136. Continue to follow GA-136. Stay on 136 all the way to I-75. There will be a couple turns so make certain to follow the 136 signs.
- Merge onto I-75 N toward Chattanooga. Stay on I-75 for 29.50 miles.
- Take the GA-2/Battlefield Parkway exit, EXIT 350, toward Ft Oglethorpe. Go 0.25 miles.
- Keep left to take the ramp toward Ft Oglethorpe/COVENANT COLL.
- Then 0.02 miles
- Turn left onto Battlefield Pkwy/GA-2.
- Then 6.47 miles
- Turn left onto Lafayette Rd.

Continue one mile into the park and go past the visitor center. You will come to Dyer Road on the right, which has a log cabin on the corner. Turn right and follow Dyer until it comes to a T. Go across the intersection and into the gravel horse parking area. We will meet there at 10:30 and ride out at 11.



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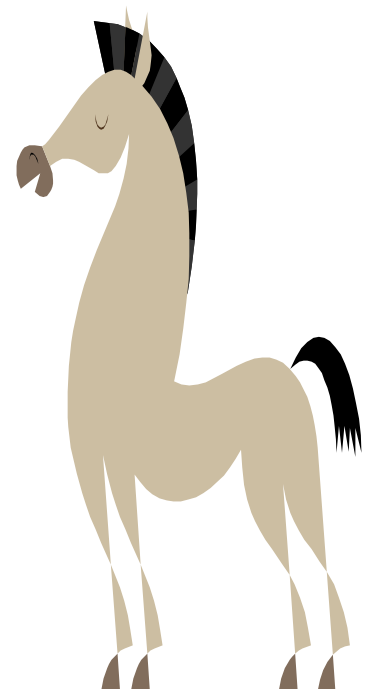
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