

Club News / Past and Upcoming Events

President's Corner

We have some new and exciting activities coming up in April. First on April 10th we will be heading down to Fairburn, GA to the beautiful Chattahoochee Hills Equestrian Center to witness a 4-star eventing competition. This is a non-horse event.

The address is:
9445 Browns Lake Rd
Fairburn, GA

People interested can travel at their leisure.



Also, on April 17 from 11-2 we will be conducting a Horsemanship 101 clinic at the horse park. This is also a non-horse event. The trainer, Karen Jones will be offering one on one training sessions with you and your horse if you wish after the clinic. The cost is \$75/hour details to be worked out on an individual basis.

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On April 21 we will be holding a Play Day at the horse park.

The well attended Top of the World ride will be April 25th

A very exciting April is upon us and I hope you will be attending one if not all of the scheduled events.

Bill Klenk

2021 Executive Committee

President	Bill Klenk
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Past President	Kathy Hardin
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Appointee	Open

2021 Positions

Membership	Bob Crowl
Newsletter Editor	Jim Sylvia
Email Distribution	Ronda Erway

NOTICE—DATE CHANGE

Horse Show moved to the fall...
10/16/2021

The horse show will occur on 10/16/21 instead of 4/3. 4/3 is Easter weekend and I have a conflict with that date.

Please don't be disappointed as the show will occur later in the year. I look forward to hosting the event in the fall!
Claire Eubanks

30th Anniversary!

Saturday, September 11th 30th Anniversary Party

If you do anything with the Saddle Club this year, this is the event you won't want to miss. We are going to celebrate our 30th year – a feat not many horse clubs can brag about. We have the Vintage Vixens coming back for a repeat performance; Connie of the Tavern at the 19th Hole is ready to provide a sumptuous meal; Pete is going to deliver the blessing; and Bambi is going to challenge everyone to cartwheels across the pavilion. It doesn't get any better than this – unless of course you don't drink.

We've formed a committee that is putting together the event. It includes the Dillinghams, the Sylvias, and the Vignes. Our mission is to make this event the most memorable of all our events dating back to the formation of the club 30 years ago. That's a very high bar, but we're determined to do it.

Put September 11th on your calendar and don't schedule an out of town trip or tell your kids that you can babysit that weekend. "What a Ride!" has been our slogan since Jena Finley first said it and we're not done yet. Rod Stewart sang, "We're having a Party" and we're going to show him how the Saddle Club can celebrate!

Pete/Bambi Dillingham and Jim/Lisa Sylvia and Janet and I are planning this knock down drag out incredible event. Don't miss it. Mark this date on your calendar. It'll be the best time you'll experience all year. Count on it.

Rich

Sharptop Ride Recap March 14th

Fourteen riders assembled at the Saddle Club Horse Park looking forward to a leisurely ride in the Narrowgate/Burnt Mountain Preserve. We filed out of the Horse Park around 10:30am lead by young Arabella Wunn who has become quite the equestrian. The ride followed Windy Ridge Road down into Narrowgate; over to and along Champion Creek; then up to the Bruce Prince sign in the Burnt Mountain Preserve where we stopped for a lunch break.

From there we circled around and down past the old dilapidated barn and on to the Young Life property. Once in Young Life we rode through its frontier village; watered the horses in a large creek that runs through the property; and headed up to Sharptop's summit. Just short of the summit we dismounted and 9 of the participants climbed the ascent to the summit on foot. After some vista viewing and picture taking the posse resumed the ride heading back to the Horse Park arriving at 4:30pm. This ride may have been leisurely but, in looking at the riders untacking their horses, I can tell you that we had some tired puppies there. Five plus hours in the saddle plus a short but demanding hike to the summit will do that to most people.

We had great weather and a ride to remember. Much thanks to the Young Life management for allowing us this one-time access to its property and please remember it was a one-time opportunity. Do not ride up to Sharptop on your own and jeopardize a possible future club ride back to the summit. *Rich*



Boo & Hugh (Future members), Bob Crowl, Ronda Erway, Carol & Chuck Ewing, Julie Heinsman, Lisa Sylvia, John Wilder, DJ Su-berk, Arabella Wunn, Elise Eubanks. Missing Claire Eubanks and Rich Vigue.



Ronda Erway, Julie Heinsman, Lisa Sylvia, Elise Eubanks, Arabella Wunn, Claire Eubanks



Recap of Events

Work Day Recap

On Saturday March 6th, a hardy and energetic group gathered to do spring cleaning at the Bent Tree Horse Park. As I recall it was a nice cool day with no rain, making it perfect for the hard work that was accomplished.



Rose, Bob, Bill, Kathy, Bob C, Bobby

Tree limbs were trimmed, leaves were raked and branches picked up. The store rooms and pavilion were swept and organized while the muscle men of the group dug the sand banks away from the edge of the arena allowing Alicia to drag it all level.



She had way too much fun driving the drag around while we all were digging, sweeping and raking!



Our reward for all the hard work was lunch at the Bent Tree Tavern. It sure felt good to be out with friends and getting things done again. Looking forward to many fun events this year in our pristine Horse Park! Kathy



- Close gates
- Move poles to side and barrels to corners after use
- Spread poop when in arena and pick it up when outside arena
- Empty water tank
- Turn off fans and lights

Omoksee Recap 3/21

We had 13 horses ride in our first Omoksee event for the year. 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 team barrels as mystery events.

Riders for the day were: Rose Merrell, Joyce Delay, Ronda Erway, Lisa Sylvia, Elise Eubanks, Julie Heinsman, Rich Vigue, Rachel Stephens, myself, and a couple guests Cheyenne Salters and Carlee Dairen.

Special thanks to my helpers for the day: Leslie Elliot, Bobby Delay, Steve Shuman (my Dad), DJ Suberk, Marc Ducharme, and Bob Crowl. Many hands make light work and I appreciate all the help.

You guys rock! Until the next one...
Claire Eubanks !





Upcoming Events

PLAY DAYS

NO FOOLING - APRIL PLAY DAYS

As we roll into spring we need to clean up our horses and head to the Horse Park for some fun!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 7th and April 21st.

Last year we enjoyed working our horses with various activities and I am looking for ideas that you might like to focus on this month. Judy Heilman and I will each take one of the Wednesdays and coordinate the effort of getting you there and playing with our horses.

We are open to ideas about what you might like to focus on so please send me an email and let me know so we can plan ahead. Lunch and trail ride afterwards are optional.

Emails will be coming out with more details as we get closer to those Wednesdays. We will arrange to have the back gate open if you need entry. So mark those calendars!

Kathy Hardin
kathardin39@gmail.com



TOP of the WORLD RIDE

Top of the World Sunday, April 25th

DJ and I will be leading a ride from the Bent Tree Saddle Club Horse Park to the Dubose property on Sunday, April 25th.

This is a special ride that's done only once or twice a year. Many thanks to the Dubose family for allowing us to ride across their beautiful property.

The back gate will open at 10am and we'll leave the Horse Park at 10:30am. Pack a lunch and anticipate that we'll be back at the Horse Park around 2:30pm.

Please consider joining us and let me know if you'll need access through the back gate by calling or texting me at 770-289-7272.

Rich

Club NEWS Flash!

On a disappointing note the other day (Wed/Thurs) someone broke into our storage unit through the ceiling and stole numerous items that were used in the Omoksee events. The electronic timing eyes, the tripods they mount on, the control console, and numerous cables were taken. If anyone has any information on who would perpetrate such a despicable act please contact BT Fire and Safety, Pickens County Sheriff or a saddle club member.

Bill Klenk

SAVE The DATE! DERBY PARTY

The BTSC Derby Party will be held on Derby day, May 1. A choice of sandwiches will be available from which you may choose. More information will be provided at a later date. Judi Uchitel



CALL for CONTENT

This Newsletter is about the BTSC and it's members. What I would like to do is include interesting content from our members. So for the May issue and going forward I would like to ask our members to contribute content that they feel may be of interest to the readers. The articles don't have to be focused on horse related topics, but of course those are always welcome. If you have participated in an interested trail ride or adventure please share that with the club. Selling equipment, a horse or looking for a horse? Of course we have the right to edit any content. If pictures are included please provide them in jpeg format.

Jim

BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB**TREASURER'S REPORT
JANUARY 31 – MARCH 31, 2021**

Beginning Balance	\$ 3964
Expenditures:	
Horsepark workday lunch	-130
Insurance	-564
Deposits:	
Membership fees	1620
Omoksee	110
Ending Balance	\$ 5000

Julia Jorns

**2021 Membership Report**

The Club welcomes two new members, Beyonca Warkentien and Mia Arispe. Both recently moved to Bent Tree. Beyonca joined the Saddle Club in December 2020 and Mia joined in January 2021. Beyonca and Mia are frequently at the Bent Tree Stables. Beyonca is a volunteer there. Mia boards her horse Lewis at the Stables. We look forward to seeing them at Club events this year. We finished 2020 with 104 members. This year through early February we have 88 members. I understand there are several more membership renewal applications in the mail. I will be distributing our 2021 membership roster later this month. The 2021 roster can also be found on the Club website. If you know someone that is interested in joining our Club please have them contact me. I am looking forward to seeing you at 2021 Saddle Club events.
Bob (bobcrowl@etcmail.com)

Introducing your Horse to Pasture

**It's that time of the year**

Considering that grasses are the most natural food sources for a horse, it surprises many people to learn that there is a proper technique for turning a horse out to graze in lush pasture, and that problems can occur if you don't do it correctly. If your animal has been eating hay or browsing on sparse pasture all winter, suddenly turning it out onto a very lush pasture can cause colic and [laminitis](#) (also called "founder," a painful inflammation of the hooves). Prolonged exposure to too much high carbohydrate grasses can cause metabolic syndrome—a cluster of clinical problems that often include obesity, along with the potentially life-threatening illnesses of diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

The key is a gradual transition. If your horse or pony is grazing in the same pasture from the time the ground thaws in early spring, it will be introduced to the new growth of grass in a slow, natural transition.

Laminitis and obesity problems can occur in horse, too. Horses put out onto lush pasture suddenly can have immediate problems, such as colic, as well as longer-term problems, like metabolic syndrome and founder. Introduce your horse gradually, starting with a half-hour and adding about 10 minutes every day until you can leave the horse in pasture for the entire day. It's a good idea to feed hay to your horse before turning it out, prevent it from gorging on lush grasses. Keep in mind that having a completely empty stomach isn't good either, as this can possibly lead to EGUS (equine gastric ulcer syndrome), which causes colitis and stomach ulcers. A horse's digestive system is made to digest small amounts of food over long periods of time. So, organize your horse's feeding routine so that it's not feast or famine.

The Bottom Line

It's tempting to turn your horse out in the spring and watch it enjoy that beautiful green grass. However, doing so may endanger its health or even foster potentially fatal diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. Err on the side of caution when introducing your horse to pasture. Go slowly and make sure that your horse or pony doesn't gorge on too much of a good thing.

This article originally appeared in the Spruce Pets on April 2019



Herd of Buffalos in Montana 2020

Secretary's Report

BTSC Executive Committee Meeting Minute Summary 3/18/2021

Insurance

Alicia Klenk reported that insurance has been worked out with a new company at a cost of \$564. This is more than the \$500 limit allowed in the by-laws for EC discretionary spending. Given that this is not an elective matter, Bob Crowl made a motion to accept and pay the fee now and take it to the full membership at the next general meeting for approval. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the EC members present.

2021 Calendar

- Discussed events coming up in the next month. The Horse Show originally scheduled for this weekend has been moved to October 16th and this weekend will be an Omoksee. There will be no event on April 3rd. This will be the 1st event to have an information table with fliers and the BTSC billboard on the arena. Julia Jorns has volunteered to man the table at this event.
- Based on COVID considerations, club interest and leadership availability, the **30th Anniversary party has been moved to September 11th**. Bob Crowl adjusted Beach Pavilion reservations as such. A Leader (or Co-leaders) is still needed. There are a number of people who have indicated on their membership forms that they would be willing to assist with social events. The group discussed approaching members who have made party suggestions to Lead the event and use the membership support as much as possible. Discussion to be continued at a later time.
- Horsemanship 101 is coming up April 17th from 11am – 2pm. The Clinician running the event has already indicated that private lessons will be available afterward at a cost of \$75 per person.
- **Event Exposure**—The group discussed further ways to increase exposure for horse events. A banner at the entry near the post office was suggested as other groups also utilize this means of advertising. Bob Crowl will follow-up with the Bent Tree General Manager to see what restrictions/requirements there are for such signage.

Respectfully submitted, Ronda Erway

May Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for updated event info, articles and photos
is **April 24**

Newsletter will go out on **May 1**

Send to **Email** address: jim.sylvia3@gmail.com

Articles must be a WORD .doc,
and font must be Arial size 10

Bent Tree Saddle Club – 2021 Membership Application

(Payable to Bent Tree Saddle Club)

Name: _____ Reg (\$40) _____ (First member must be a regular membership for \$40)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Birthday(MM/DD) _____

Bent Tree Affiliation

Are you a Bent Tree property owner? (Y) (N) Do you board a horse at Bent Tree Stables? (Y) (N)

Are you a Bent Tree Lot Designee? (Y) (N) Do you rent a home in Bent Tree? (Y) (N)

2nd: _____ Reg (\$40) _____ Social/Non-Rider (\$20) _____ Under 18 Youth Rider* (\$40) _____

3rd: _____ Reg (\$40) _____ Social/Non-Rider (\$20) _____ Under 18 Youth Rider* (\$40) _____

DUES AND SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGMENT, NOTICE AND RELEASE (below) MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

New member 2021 dues are effective October 2020 through December 2021. Renewal dues apply to the calendar year. Mail application & check to: **Bent Tree Saddle Club, C/O Bob Crowl 181 Grassy Knob Ct. #20326, Jasper, GA 30143**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, NOTICE AND RELEASE

THE UNDERSIGNED does hereby, for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators acknowledge that the activities engaged in and/or participated in are covered by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated 4-12-1 through 4-12-5 and that **Bent Tree Community, Incorporated and Bent Tree Saddle Club** are **Equine Activity Sponsors** as contemplate thereunder and further acknowledge that he has received the **Warning** as required in OCGA 4-12-4 (Warning required effect of failure to comply with notice requirement). The warning is as follows.

WARNING

Under Georgia law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activity, pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 4 for the Official Code for Georgia Annotated.

I acknowledge and fully understand that Equine Activities and particularly "Trail Rides" and cross-country horseback riding over obstacles, steep and rough terrain and with unknown riders and horses can be dangerous activities. I wish to participate in these activities knowing they can be dangerous. I accept and assume all the risks of injury (including death) to my horse, my property and me. Members of the Bent Tree Saddle Club will not knowingly ride on private property without the property owner's prior consent. When I do ride on private property I do so at my own risk. Use of protective helmets is recommended. If I choose to ride without a helmet, it will be at my own risk.

Should I require medical assistance for any reason during any Equine Activity and not be in position to obtain, request or authorize such treatment at the time, I hereby authorize the Equine Activity Sponsors to obtain such medical treatment or emergency care as they may deem necessary or desirable and I agree to hold the Equine Activity Sponsors harmless with regard to any such emergency care or expenses arising therefrom.

The Equine Activity Sponsors do not condone the drinking of alcohol or taking of drugs at Equine Activities. If you are taking any drugs or medications that might affect your ability to participate in any Equine Activity or otherwise do not have the experience, knowledge, or ability to participate in any Equine Activity, please do not participate.

Club activities you are interested in leading/supporting. Please circle all that apply and include within circle the letter L (lead) or S (support) to indicate preferred role.

* Trail Rides *Social Events *Equestrian Events * Arena/Trail Workdays *Newsletter *Echo Articles
* Facebook Posts *Email Distribution

Acknowledged and agreed:

1: Signature: _____ Print Name _____ Date: _____

2: Signature: _____ Print Name _____ Date: _____

Sponsor Members' Signatures – 2 sponsors are required (only for new applicants who are not Bent Tree Affiliates)

1. _____

2. _____

*Youth Memberships are for those under the age of 18 as of the date of the application who are members of the household of a Full Member.



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April 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Fri

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				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 PLAY DAY	8	9	10 Chat-Hills 3 Day Eventing*
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Horseman- ship 101
18	19	20	21 PLAY DAY	22	23	24
25 Top of the World Ride	26	27	28	29	30	1 DERBY PARTY

* NO HORSES



BTSC 2021 Planned Calendar of Events (Page 1)

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

2021 Date	Weekday	Event	Location	Leader
April 7	Wednesday	Play Day	BT-HP	Judy Heilman
April 10*	Saturday	Chattahoochee Hills 3-Day Eventing	Noonan	Alicia Klenk
April 17	Saturday	Horsemanship 101	BT-HP	Bill Klenk
April 21	Wednesday	Play Day	BT-HP	
April 25	Sunday	Top of World Ride		Rich Vigue
May 1	Saturday	Derby Party		Judie Uchitel
May 5	Wednesday	Play Day	BT-HP	
May 8	Saturday	Local Ride – Heilman Farm	BT-HP	Judy Heilman
May 15	Saturday	Prince Farm Brunch Ride		Kathy Hardin
May 19	Wednesday	Play Day	BT-HP	
May 29	Saturday	Omoksee	BT-HP	Claire Eubanks
June 5	Saturday	Trail Work Day – Sharp Top Loop	BT-HP	Rich Vigue
June 13	Sunday	Ground Work Instruction	BT-HP	Bill Klenk/Leslie Elliott
June 19	Saturday	Trailering Ride – Trail Challenge with CTHA	Montana East Talking Rock	Rich Vigue
July 4	Sunday	4 th of July Parade/Cookout		Keeve Kasner/ Leslie & Bruce Elliott

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or 404-218-6360**

2021 Date	Weekday	Event	Location	Leader
July 5-9	Monday-Friday	BT Stables Youth Fest	BT Stables	Keeve Kasner
August 14	Saturday	Lake Lanier Picnic with CTHA	Lake Lanier	Jo West
September 8	Wednesday	Play Day	BT-HP	
September 11	Saturday	30 th Anniversary Party – Vintage Vixens	BT Beach Pavilion	
September 19	Sunday	Omoksee	BT-HP	Claire Eubanks
September 22	Wednesday	Play Day	BT-HP	
September 24-26	Friday - Sunday	Firefly Acres Weekend	Sparta, TN	Bambi & Pete Dillingham
October 7-10	Thurs-Sunday	Camping Trip		
October 16	Saturday	HORSE SHOW	BT-HP	Claire Eubanks
October 23	Saturday	Slims Obstacle Course Trip		
October 30	Saturday	Trailer Ride	Chickamauga	Janice Butt
November 6	Saturday	Local Ride		
December 4	Saturday	Christmas Party		Bill Klenk



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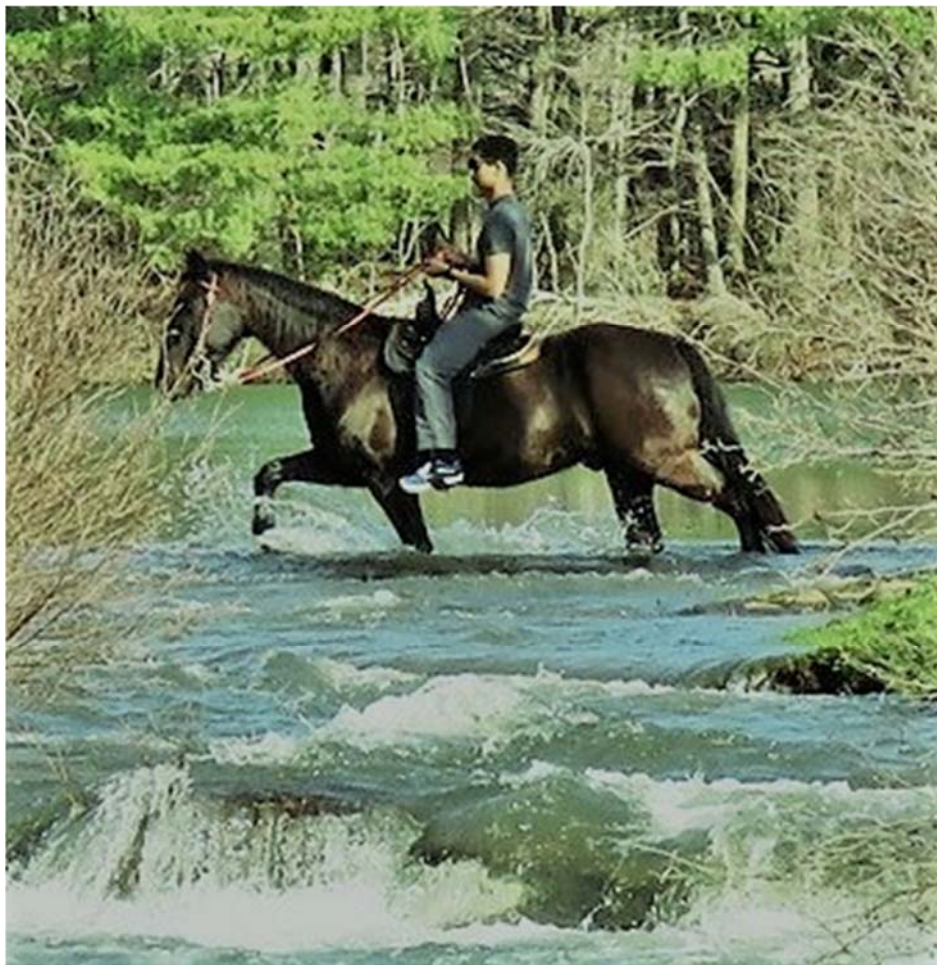


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