

## Club News / Past and Upcoming Events

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our events for April were hit and miss. After vigilantly watching the weather for our trip to Chattahoochee Hills Equestrian Center we ultimately had to cancel. Severe storms were forecasted on the day of the event including thunder and lightning.

On a positive note the Horsemanship 101 clinic with Karen Jones was a resounding success. We had 40 people attend the 3 hour event and had people asking questions and received positive comments and many thank you's at the end. Below are some pics of the event.



We have another great event scheduled on April 25<sup>th</sup>, The Top of the World ride lead by Rich Vigue. I encourage all members to partake in the once a year scenic trail Ride. Thanks Rich for leading.

Events in May include the Kentucky Derby Party, with prize's for the best Derby hat. The Prince Farm ride is also in May including a BBQ lunch at the beautiful Prince Farm. Thanks Kathy for leading.

For details on all of our events and pics from current events please follow our **Facebook Page:**  
**Bent Tree Saddle Club.**

Bill

### 2021 Executive Committee

President	Bill Klenk
Vice President	Judie Uchitel
Treasurer	Julia Jorns
Secretary	Ronda Erway
Bent Tree Liaison	Bob Crowl
Past President	Kathy Hardin
Past Past President	Leslie Elliot
Appointee	Open

### 2021 Positions

Membership	Bob Crowl
Newsletter Editor	Jim Sylvia
Email Distribution	Ronda Erway



### PRINCE LUNCH RIDE OR DRIVE

**MAY 15th at 10:00 am**

COME ONE COME ALL whether you are just hungry and want good company or you want to ride too. Are you hungry for BBQ to be eaten along a beautiful flowing creek at Martha Prince's farm? You don't need a horse to join in the fun. Then mark your calendars for May 15<sup>th</sup>.

For those who will be riding, it will be a mountainous ride but at least there won't be any yellow jackets!! We will gather at the Horse Park at 10:00 with a planned departure at 10:30. It will take approximately 2 hours to arrive at our destination but after lunch the return trip will be much shorter. Let me know if you will need the back gate opened.

Martha's address is  
1352 Upper Grandview Road, Jasper,  
for those of you joining for lunch and not riding. She is just off of Grandview Road past Grandview Lake.

The food will come from the Side Burner BBQ in Tate so place your orders with me now. Sorry for the late notice but they want the orders in by May 1st so that is your deadline for food. We might be able to slip in a few after that date so let me know if you want to come. Some basic beverages will be offered at our picnic spot. Select one meat and 2 sides for \$14 which includes tax and your beverage.

- Choose One Meat:
1. BBQ chopped pork
  2. BBQ chopped chicken
  3. Sliced Pork Loin

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## BTSC KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY



SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

LOCATION:  
JUDIE & JASON UCHITEL  
BENT TREE  
330 SHARP TOP MOUNTAIN TRAIL  
JASPER, GA

TIME: 5:30 P.M.  
(RACE IS SCHEDULED FOR 7:00 P.M.)  
RSVP: 404 226-0287 by April 26.

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CHOICE OF THE FOLLOWING SANDWICHES FROM THE TAVERN AT THE 19<sup>TH</sup> HOLE MAY BE ORDERED WHEN THE RESERVATION IS MADE:

TURKEY, HAM, BLT, CHICKEN SALAD, AND A BLACK BEAN BURGER.  
ALL SANDWICHES WILL HAVE LETTUCE, TOMATO, AND MAYO

**WITH THE SANDWICH YOU HAVE A CHOICE OF ONE THE FOLLOWING:**

POTATO SALAD, FRUIT CUP, or FRIED CHIPS  
TOTAL COST: \$12.70 (TAX & TIP INCLUDED).  
PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BTSC.





## Upcoming Events

### HEILMAN LOCAL RIDE

**Saturday, May 8 at 10:30**

Spring is here and it is almost time for the ride to Heilman's farm on Saturday, May 8. We will be departing from the Bent Tree Horse Park at 10:30. Kathy will lead the ride which will take us across Grandview and onto Songbird where we will access Heilman's property. Overall, the ride will take about 1- 1 ½ hours to our lunch spot by the stream. This is a remote area with no facilities but there will be plenty of places to tie up your horses and easy access to the stream to water the horses. Bring your lunch, beverages, tie ropes, halters. Trails are mostly old road beds with moderate hills so not too strenuous for the horses. There are a couple of areas where you will be riding on/crossing gravel roads. Please let us know if you plan to come so we know how many to expect and if you need the back gate opened at 10:00. Also, don't hesitate to contact either of us with questions. Tally-Ho!

Kathy Hardin 404-218-6360 or [kathardin39@gmail.com](mailto:kathardin39@gmail.com)

Judy Heilman 678-612-3217

### OMOKSEE

**Saturday, May, 29<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

The horse park is OPEN and ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Omoksee of the year! We will start the event at 11am and the back gate will open at 10:30 to let trailers in. This is a BYOE (Bring your own everything) event meaning please bring your lunch to eat between events as well as a chair if desired.

The cost to participate is \$10. We will run 5 events including the 3 standard runs (pole bending, batons, and tomahawk balls) as well as two mystery events. Please bring a current cog-gins. Let me know if you plan to participate or have questions. I will also need at least two helpers to assist in the judges stand so that I can also ride.

Contact info: text/call 770-265-9425 or [ceshman51@hotmail.com](mailto:ceshman51@hotmail.com). A head count for the back gate is necessary prior to the event. See you in the saddle soon!

~Claire Eubanks

### May Newsletter Deadline

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

Newsletter will go out on **JUNE 1**

Send to **Email** address:  
[jim.sylvia3@gmail.com](mailto:jim.sylvia3@gmail.com)

### PRINCE LUNCH RIDE OR DRIVE (cont.)

Choose 2 Sides:  
1. Macaroni Salad  
2. Green Beans  
3. Collard Greens

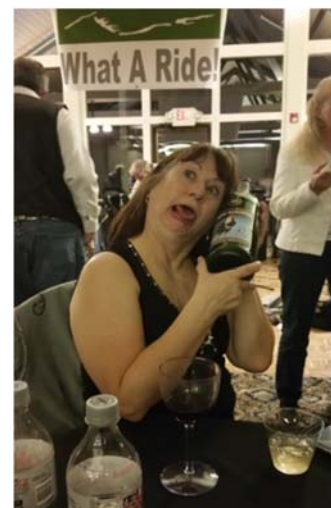
Make your choices by emailing me at [kathardin39@gmail.com](mailto:kathardin39@gmail.com) or texting to 404-218-6360 and then mail me a check payable to BTSC.  
Kathy Hardin  
607 Red Leaf Way, Canton, GA 30114

So whether you drive or ride to Martha's, you will have a good time!

### SAVE THE DATE! 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

This is going to be the event of the year. Great music, good food, cherished memories, and a new one being made that night. Put this date on your calendar. This event is one you don't want to miss!

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee





## Recap of Events

### APRIL PLAY DAYS

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, Kathy Hardin, Leslie Elliott, Debbie Meffert, DJ Suberk and I met for some riding and learning. Mainly what I learned, is that everyone there had knowledge and experience to add to the group learning. This made it more fun-everyone participated! I also learned that our Club has many really knowledgeable horse people. While we all may have different goals, different ideas, and different ways of accomplishing things, there was a lot of camaraderie. So hopefully we can get more interest, more sharing, and have more fun.

Submitted by Judy Heilman

On April 21, four brave souls ventured to the Horse Park despite the high wind warnings. Besides myself, the other crazy people were DJ Suberk, Ronda Erway and Cathy Jones. Despite the wind and a bucking incident, everyone stayed on board and practiced socializing our horses using drill team exercises. The simple task of walking the horses abreast down a straight line was daunting but after practicing, everyone was doing much better. After several other exercises we then practiced backing between two poles and once everyone learned to ask for one step at a time instead of thinking about backing through the entire length of the poles, the horses responded much better. It's important to always know where all four of your horses feet are and be able to control each step. I hope to see all of you again soon.

### TOP OF THE WORLD RIDE RECAP

#### Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

What a beautiful day for this annual ride to the Dubose property. As usual for this ride, some riders started from the Saddle Club Horse Park, some from the Stables, and some met us along the way. In total, we had 17 riders including 4 who rented horses from the Bent Tree Stables.

For me, this was a ride reminiscent of years gone by. First, Margaret Lonsdale and John Wilder were on the ride. Many years ago, they were part of the group that did four hour rides every Saturday and Sunday from the Bent Tree Stables with many of those to this property. I must say that, on this ride, when we climbed out of the woods onto "Little Bob" our fast group was no match for those of yesteryear.

Secondly, lots of chatting and friendly repartee between the riders made for a very enjoyable afternoon astride our favorite animals and brought back memories of many escapades when we were much younger.

Many thanks to Maryanne Dubose for allowing us to ride on her property again this year. The view from the top of Little Bob looking out at Bent Tree and Big Canoe is unparalleled anywhere else in Pickens county. That's why we call it Top of the World.

**What a ride!**

*Rich*

#### Girl Talk



#### Boy Talk



#### Top of the World Group Picture

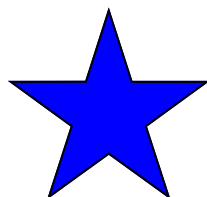


**BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB**

TREASURER'S REPORT  
MARCH 26 – APRIL 25, 2021

Beginning Balance	\$	5000
No checks written		
Membership Fees	+	80
Ending Balance	\$	5080

Julia Jorns

**2021 Membership Report**

The Club gained five new members since my last report. We welcome Marty, Shawn, and Cheyenne Salters. The Salters live in Waleska. Cheyenne participated in our most recent O-Mok-See as a guest. Some of you got to meet her and her parents who attended the event. We also welcome Boo and Hugh Hassell. They live in Bent Tree. Members who went on the recent all day ride had the opportunity to meet them. They rode Bent Tree Stables' horses. We look forward to seeing the five new members at Club events this year. We now have 100 members. 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 look forward to seeing you at 2021 Saddle Club events.

Bob (bobcrowl@etcmail.com)

## Rock Creek Pack Station Trips

For those interested in taking a horse trip of a life time. Lisa and I did the 10 day Yosemite Trip in 2015. It was a trip of a lifetime. We traveled the John Muir-Pacific Crest Trail covering 100 miles. There is no better way to see the Sierra Nevadas. Our trip started in Rock Creek (Bishop CA) and ended at Tuolumne Meadows. They offer pack trips of various lengths, locations, moving camps or base camp options.



See more at [www.rockcreekpackstation.com/trailrides.shtml](http://www.rockcreekpackstation.com/trailrides.shtml) or [www.facebook.com/RockCreekPackStation](https://www.facebook.com/RockCreekPackStation)

**History:** Since 1947, Rock Creek Pack Station has been offering wilderness and outdoor vacations in the Eastern Sierra, under the ownership of the London family. Craig and wife Carmen live in Bishop year round. Craig received a B.S. in Animal Physiology from UC Davis in 1976 and graduated from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine in 1980. The London family is dedicated to serving the public, taking care of the land, making sure the horses and mules of the operation have happy and meaningful lives, and that the crew has a good time and is fairly compensated for their hard work and dedication.

**The Crew:** Each year young men and women bring youth and enthusiasm to a crew of senior packers and cooks. Most of the crew come from ranch backgrounds and once they start packing at Rock Creek have a hard time ever leaving. Every member of the Rock Creek crew carries on the traditions of the talented men and women that shared so much with the Londons and present crew since the 1940's. New employees learn the trails, traditions and develop skills to serve another generation of guests. Former guests and employees seek out the best young people and encourage them to work at Rock Creek. Only the most able, hard working and those with exceptional people skills succeed as staff at Rock Creek Pack Station.

**The Pack Mules and Horses and Mules:** Approximately 130 horses and mules are the backbone of the operation. Pack mules carry the provisions for trail riders, hikers and those wishing to have their gear packed to a wilderness campsite. Mules typically carry 150-240 pounds of equipment, food and dunnage and work from June through September. During the off season, live-stock graze fields in the Owens Valley. Horses and mules come to the pack station as four to five year old green broke. After a couple of years of training they spend up to another twenty to twenty-five years working in the Sierra.

Jim Sylvia



## 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)

2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg (\$40) \_\_\_\_\_ Social/Non-Rider (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Under 18 Youth Rider\* (\$40) \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ 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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Password=**BTSCMEM**

# May 2021

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

						<b>1</b> DERBY PARTY
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> PLAY DAY	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Local Ride Heilman Farm
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Prince Farm Ride
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> PLAY DAY	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> OMOKSEE
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	* 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
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	Trailer Ride – Trail Challenge with CTHA	Montana East Talking Rock	Rich Vigue
July 4	Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade/Cookout		Keeve Kasner/ Leslie & Bruce Elliott

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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 <sup>th</sup> 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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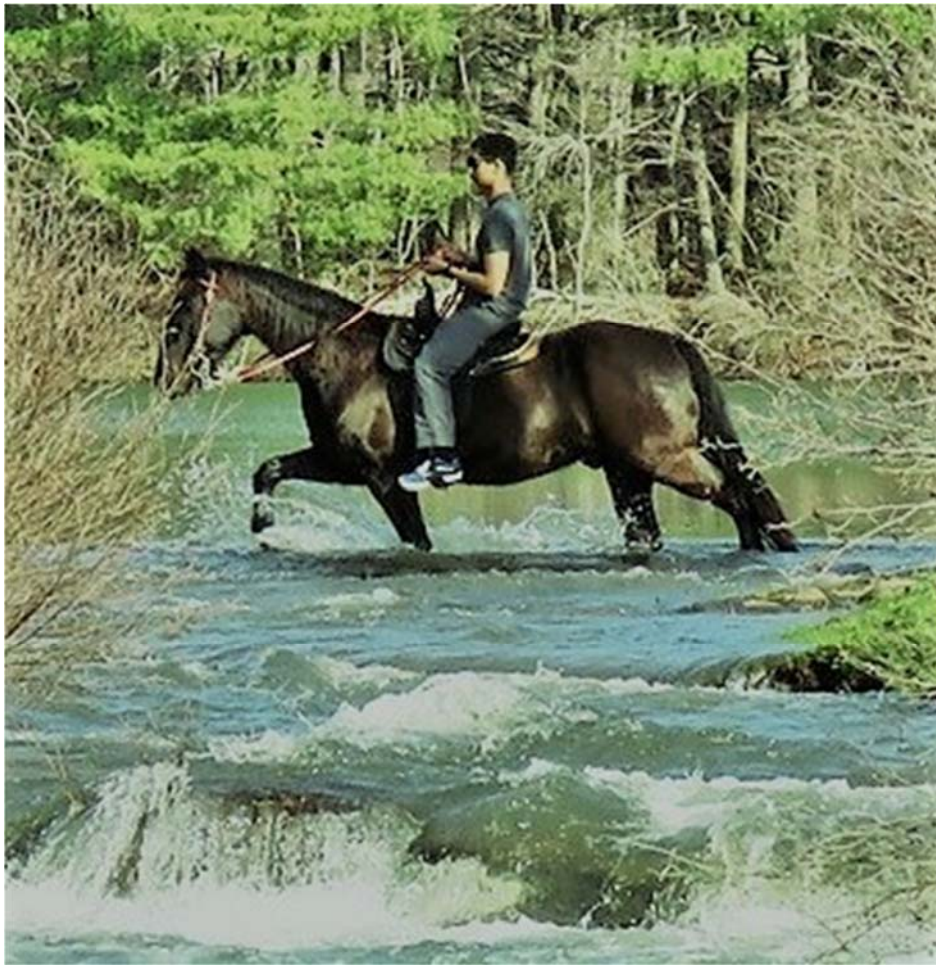


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