

Club News / Past and Upcoming Events

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

HAPPY 4th of JULY

Well this month had a wonderful time at Montana East Trail Challenge hosted by our hard working hosts Rich Vigue and Janet. It really was fun and a challenge for some. Of course the 4th of July fireworks here at Bent Tree will be, I imagine, well attended. With that in mind all members are invited to the horse park at 7PM for a hot dog, chips and a drink presented by Leslie and Bruce Elliott.

The Jasper parade will be attended by the saddle club and openings are going fast.

Below are pictures from the Trail Challenge



NATIONAL TRAILS DAY RECAP - JUNE 5TH

At 10am on Saturday June 5th, four Saddle Club members departed the Bent Tree Horse Park for the Sharp Top Mountain Trails. DJ Suberk and Kathy Hardin worked the two track around the old barn while Bobby Delay and I cleared some fallen trees on the Bruce Prince Trail and the trail leading from Bruce's sign down to the barn. We met for lunch at the sign after which Bobby and I cleared the trail along Champion Creek arriving back at the Horse Park around 4pm.

For a Club of 100+ members it is discouraging to have such a limited turnout to work on trails that are literally in our backyard and on which we are the only ones who use them. Right now the club has approximately 1000 acres of county owned land that we can use for our horseback riding enjoyment. Apparently, we don't deserve it.

Rich

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Past Past President	Leslie Elliot
Appointee	Alicia Klenk
Appointee	Rose Rhys

2021 Positions

Membership	Bob Crowl
Newsletter Editor	Jim Sylvia

MONTANA EAST TRAIL CHALLENGE RECAP - 6/19

The day started off quite pleasurable with sunny skies and warm temperatures. Accuweather warned of some strong rain approaching and hitting the Talking Rock area around 2-3 pm. We decided to move ahead with the Trail Challenge.

The trailers began arriving at 9:30am. Janet and I really enjoyed seeing the 13 trailers spread out in our front paddock with everyone tacking up and getting ready for their chance at the trails and obstacles. We had 8 adult BTSC members, 4 youth BTSC members, and 4 CTHA members participate. Jim Sylvia took some excellent pictures many of which can be viewed at the Club's Facebook page.

Accuweather should consider being more accurate with its name perhaps changing it to Approxiweather. The rains came a little early around 1pm catching Cheyenne Salters and Julie Heinsman out on the course. Lisa Sylvia successfully defended her championship completing the 2 mile course in 18+minutes. Chuck Ewing came in second at 22 minutes beating Claire Eubanks by less than 40 seconds.

This event is volunteer intensive and Janet and I want to thank everyone who came to our rescue in preparing for the event and helping to run it. We couldn't have done it without them.

Rich

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Upcoming Events

JASPER 4th of JULY PARADE

This year's parade will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, at 1:00pm.

Please note the change in the date and time. We all missed this event last year because of the Covid pandemic. So, I think you all know the drill. Setup at the park behind the JUMC building.

Wear your patriotic colors and decorate your horse. Again we will be separately representing both the Bent Tree Stables and the Bent Tree Saddle Club. Beside horseback riders, we need banner and flag bearers. Please call if you are interested in participating. This is a really cool and special event.

Keeve Krasner
404-285-4848



BTSC 4TH OF JULY COOKOUT

BTSC HOT DOG COOKOUT JULY 4th, 7:00PM - Arena Pavillion, followed by Fireworks at Sundown at the beach! Come one, come all!!!

Hot Dog Charcuterie Board to accompany the dogs with every thing to "dress" your hot dog "as you wish!" FREE of charge to every Saddle Club Member!

Text with suggestions for the Charcuterie Board!

Leslie Elliot
770-355-5726

BTSC 30TH PARTY DECORATING COMMITTEE

The BTSC 30th Anniversary Party (9/11) Decorating Committee, made up of 19 wonderful members who checked on their applications that they would like to help with "Special Events!" Do you remember??? No problem, that's my job! I have your names! We will plan to meet mid July when there's only 2 months before the actual "Event Day!" Be brainstorming any ideas that might come to you that we could build upon! Think twinkle lights, burlap, lanterns, black bandanas, red hot chili peppers and sunflowers. Just a few ideas to get you thinking. I will reach out to all that indicated they could help soon and when and where we will meet very soon!

I appreciate you all already, and looking forward to a really fun time together!

BENT TREE YOUTH FESTIVAL

Youth Fest 2021!

This year's Bent Tree Youth Fest will be held on Monday thru Wednesday, July 5th 6th and 7th, at the Bent Tree Stables. Volunteers are needed each day to help with logistics and pony rides.

Please contact me if you are able to help.

Keeve Krasner
404-285-4848

SAVE THE DATE!
30th Anniversary Party
Saturday, September 11th

Please be on the lookout for an EVITE that should arrive via email,

30th Anniversary Planning Committee

August Newsletter Deadline

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

Newsletter will go out on **August 1st**

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

Articles must be a WORD .doc,
FONT Type Arial—Font Size 10

BEWARE OF THE BEES!!

It's that time of year again and I don't mean Christmas! Judie Uchitel and I were having a wonderful ride a couple days ago with Judie on her new horse, Tokyo, and me on Peek-a-boo. We stopped for lunch by a little creek, tied our horses, and proceeded to walk through the grass to an attractive spot by an old "bent tree" when all of a sudden Judie was yelling BEES and I ran back to untie the horses and move them further away. In the meantime, the bees were chasing us and of course, doing what they do—STING. Unfortunately, I was stung 5 times and Judie got hit, I don't know how many times. She said she was allergic and I said "me too". Fortunately I had some Benedryl with me which we took right away. We managed to ride up to Windswept Farm, calling DJ along the way. DJ took Judie home and then her husband took her to emergency. Jamie & Terri Troup came to the rescue so Jamie could ride Tokyo home with me to Pendley Stables and I proceeded to trailer home.

Fortunately, there was a happy ending to this story. Judie and I had large welts with lots of swelling and itching but with lots of Benedryl and other meds we survived. The horses each had a couple stings but not too bad. There is a moral to this story. Be prepared!

- Move out of range of fire immediately. If there is a group riding together, yell BEES immediately and riders in front trot out quickly and those behind, make a 180 and trot away from the bees. Do not canter as that excites the horses too much.
- Take Benedryl on every ride starting this time of year and until the first freeze. Take an EpiPen if you are really allergic.

**BEWARE OF THE BEES!!
(Cont.)**

- Yellow jackets will follow you so ride out until you don't experience them anymore. Be sure to wash the stings with alcohol pads or water if you don't have any. When the bees sting, they leave an odor which will attract other bees as you ride down the trail.
- If you experience difficulty breathing or start to get a rash around your body's hot spots, get emergency help.

I hope this is a helpful reminder of how to deal with bees when riding.

Happy Trails!

Kathy



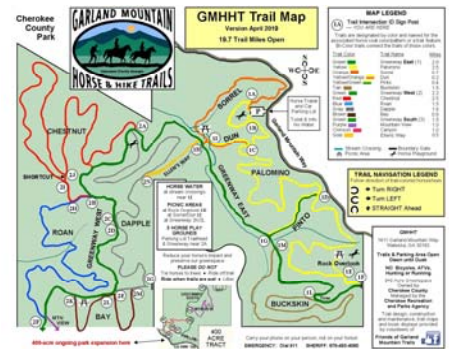
Judy and Tokyo

Warning—See these—RUN!



HORSE RIDING OPTIONS

The Garland Mountain Horse and Hiking Trails is a Cherokee County green space park that offers quality trails for equestrian and hiking activities. The original park space was 540 acres of forested hilly terrain. In 2014 an additional 400 acres were added to the park. Currently 19.7 miles of trail are open for horseback riding and hiking, and we expect to have about 26 miles of loop trails when development is finished.



Volunteer Friends of Garland Mountain Trails (FGMT) design, develop, and maintain these trails, working in close cooperation with the Cherokee Recreation and Parks Agency. The trailhead provides gravel parking for 20-40 horse trailer rigs (20 normal, up to 40 if directed parking). Toilet, covered pavilion, kiosk and trail signage amenities are provided. Users are encouraged to post trail conditions and share your experience on these trails.

Another option is Fausett Farms, located along Highway 183 in the heart of Dawson County. The trails travel over 30 miles through the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains on 8 different trails. The property is privately owned and operated by the Fausett family. Sections of this property have been in the Fausett family since 1858. There is a small fee to ride or you can purchase a yearly pass.

We are very lucky to have great riding locations like Garland Mountain and Fausett Farms.



Pics from Montana East Challenge



Lisa Sylvia



Claire Eubanks



Chuck Ewing



The "Time Keepers"
Carol, Betsy, Janet

**BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT**

May 21 thru June 27, 2021

Beginning Balance \$ 3904

Checks Written:
NoneDeposits:
Membership fees + 180

Ending Balance \$ 4084

Julia Jorns

**2021 Membership Report**

We welcome Bobbie Hermann and her granddaughter Rachel Stephens to our Club. Rachel's new horse, Rumor, is boarded at the Bent Tree Stables. Both do volunteer work at the Stables. Many of you have seen Rachel competing in O-Mok-Sees. They live in Big Canoe. We look forward to seeing them at other Club events this year.

We now have 105 members. An updated 2021 roster is available on the Club's website. If you know anyone interested in becoming a Club member please have them contact me. I am looking forward to seeing you at upcoming Saddle Club events.

Bob

Fly Control

As much as a horse loves to have his face scratched to get at the itchy spots that can't be reached, he hates to be bothered by the tickle of insects buzzing about his head and crawling on his face. Luckily, there are some practical and preventive remedies. In this article we'll talk about some tactics that you can use to keep flies and mosquitoes at bay.

Chemical and Pharmacological Means of Fly and Mosquito Control

Attempts at insect control include insecticide repellents applied over a horse's body or in stabling areas. Insects might continue to bother a horse because of their attraction to movement, body warmth or carbon dioxide exhalations. But, repellents help keep down the attacks by noxious biting flies and mosquitoes. Insects are repelled by these products, but not necessarily killed.



Insect repellents applied around the face help keep flies away from the eyes and thin skin of the face. Avoid using sprays on the head as chemicals could accidentally get into a horse's eyes and cause chemical burns. Roll-on insect repellents are safer to use as long as they don't come in contact with the eyes. Spot-on insecticides with permethrin applied to the poll, tail, and behind each hock and knee seem to protect for a couple of weeks.

Daily feed-through insecticides pass through the horse's GI tract and out with the feces to kill developing fly maggots on the ground. They only work in the manure and not in other insect breeding areas. In addition, if feed-through insecticides are used, the kill-off of larvae leaves the parasitoid wasps with little to feed on.

Fly traps—strips and containers with bait—are useful to kill houseflies, but they won't necessarily attract biting stable flies. Ultraviolet bug zappers are fairly effective at killing mosquitoes and some fly species (stable and houseflies), but be careful not to place them close to combustible materials like hay or straw.

Misting or fog sprayers in the barn using pyrethrin chemicals help to drop the number of biting stable flies and mosquitoes pretty quickly. It is also possible to apply residual insecticides to barn walls, ceilings and rafters. Try to use different chemicals throughout the insect season to minimize development of resistance by house flies, horn flies and stable flies.

The Bottom Line

There is not a sole insect control strategy that cures all the pest problems on a horse property. It will take a compilation of strategies to keep your horses bothered as little as possible during insect season. Environmental management is essential to reduce insect population numbers.

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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July 2021

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
* NO HORSES						



BTSC 2021 Planned Calendar of Events

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

2021 Date	Weekday	Event	Location	Leader
August 14	Saturday	Lake Lanier Picnic with CTHA	Lake Lanier	Jo West
September 11	Saturday	30 th Anniversary Party – Vintage Vixens	BT Beach Pavilion	Vigue's/Sylvia's/ Dillinghams
September 19	Sunday	Omoksee	BT-HP	Claire Eubanks
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		Judie Uchitel
October 30	Saturday	Trailer Ride	Chickamauga	Janice Butt
November 6	Saturday	Local Ride		Kathy Hardin
December 4	Saturday	Christmas Party	Club Tamarack	Bill Klenk



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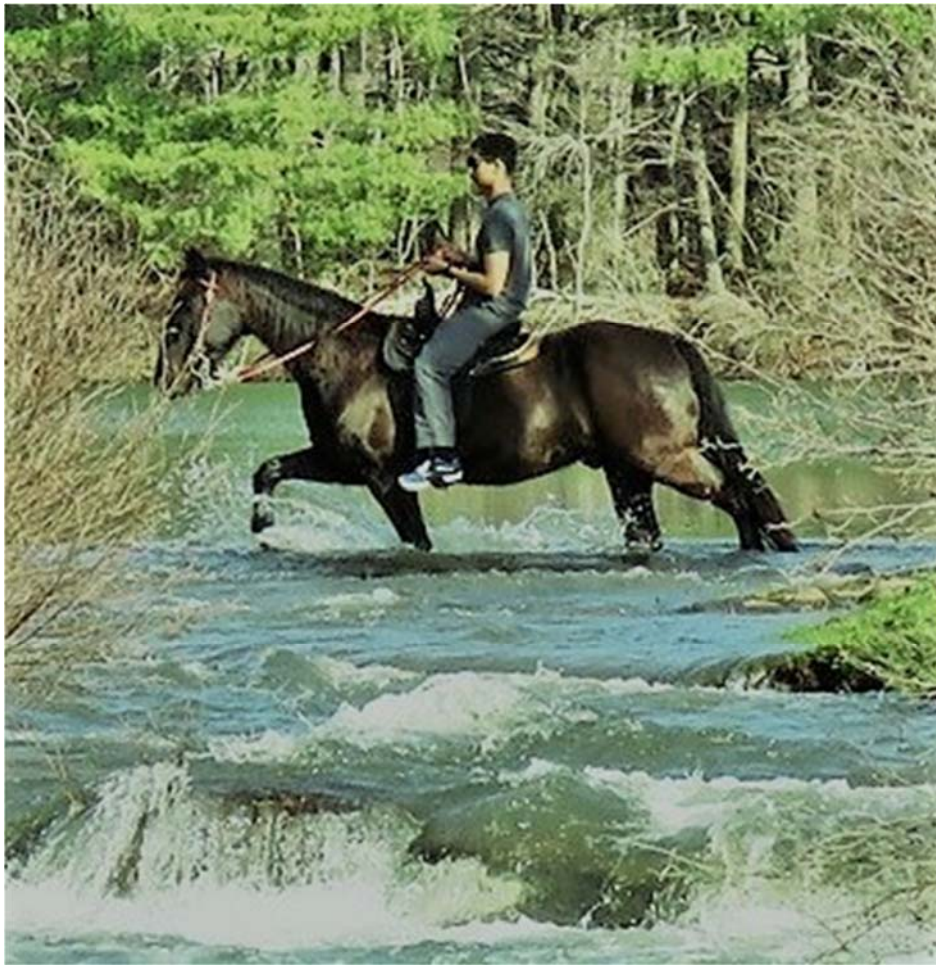


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