

Club News / Past and Upcoming Events

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ahh the beginnings of warm weather, beautiful foliage and riding in the forest.

Well this month we were heavily represented at the Bent Tree New Comers Ice Cream Social held at club tamarack. This year we presented 2 themes. Your humble president, Alicia Frese-Klenk and Leslie Elliott stationed on Sunday with all things English. We had the video of the horsemanship 101 clinic, shot and edited by John Ramspott, playing in the background. Also on display was Alicia's beautiful custom made dressage saddle that received many comments and compliments. We had a good number stop by our table asking questions and discussing horses in general.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER (cont.)

The Tuesday social stationed by Bob Crowl, Julia Jorns and Judie Uchitel had a western theme, turn out was a bit lighter but they still had fun educating the new residents of Bent Tree about our Saddle Club.

Coming up this month will be our ever popular Omoksee led by Claire, and a trail work day. Unfortunately the Ground work instruction has been postponed and will be rescheduled later in the year when its cooler. Saddle Up!

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



OMOKSEE PICTURES 5/29

Claire Eubanks as always put together another great OMOKSEE. The event on 5/29 was well attended and some new competitors attended. These pictures will recap the fun event. Thanks Barbara Auchter for the photos. **See Page 7 for more!**





Upcoming Events

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Saturday, June 5th

Please consider joining me on Saturday, June 5th to spruce up some of our trails around Sharptop Mountain. It'll be a ride and trim event.

One group will ride out of Bent Tree across the Young Life Road and on to the single track trail around Sharptop Mountain leading to the two track which goes past the old barn and then up the main trail to the Bruce Prince Sign. Bring clippers and clip and trim as you go. I've identified 3 spots where there are fallen trees across the trails and will pack in chainsaws to remove them.

I'm looking for another sawyer who will help with that effort. We'll all meet up for lunch at the sign. After lunch, we'll ride back via an alternative route down to the old barn trimming as we go.

Plan to leave the Bent Tree Horse Park at 10am. I'll arrange for the back gate to open at 9:30am. Pack a lunch.

Let me know if you plan to attend by emailing me at richvigue@ellijay.com or texting me at 770-289-7272. If you text me, please identify yourself.

Rich

MONTANA EAST TRAIL CHALLENGE

Saturday, June 19th

After an absence of a couple years we're going to try staging the Montana East Trail Challenge on Saturday, June 19th.

This event is not an obstacle competition although there are obstacles along the way. This is a speed event. We will set up a 2 mile course that goes across our pastures, wooded trails, and down a section of Talking Rock Creek. In addition to navigating down the Creek, obstacles include a couple stream crossings, a gate, a few minor jumps, a "Snowy River" hill, and a surprise obstacle. How you manage the obstacles (mounted or dismounted) doesn't affect your score.

Due to the inherent risks of riding through an open pasture and across various unmanicured wooded terrain while negotiating obstacles, this is an adult only event. If you have a minor child that you're comfortable with doing a timed obstacle competition, you'll need to have an adult supervisor ride along with that child.

Everyone should plan to arrive at 10am. You'll have 30 minutes to tack up and sign in after which I'll conduct a short review of the course setup. Contestants will be sent off at 10 minute intervals starting at 11am. I need a few volunteers to be observers along the course just in case someone decides to bust a Rosie Ruiz move on us.

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MONTANA EAST TRAIL CHALLENGE (cont.)

If anyone wants to ride the course in a leisurely fashion, please come on and I'll put you in the line-up after the fast movers. Just be aware this is not the Biltmore nor Hitchcock Woods, it is a trail challenge.

Let me know if you plan on participating as a rider or as an observer **no** later than Sunday, June 6th. The rider fee is \$10. Call or text me at 770-289-7272 with any questions or to sign up.

Rich

SAVE THE DATE!

**30th Anniversary Party
Saturday, September 11th**

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!

30th Anniversary Planning Committee

JULY Newsletter Deadline

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

Newsletter will go out on **JULY 1**

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

Prince Lunch Ride or Drive Recap

On May 15th twelve riders started out at the Horse Park and proceeded to ride across in front of Sharp Top Mountain and then continued up to the Bruce Prince Sign. Fortunately we had several riders who went ahead of the larger group and were able to trim back some of the fast growing tree and bush limbs that had grown in since I previewed the trail a few weeks earlier. From the Prince sign we dropped back down the mountain toward Martha's farm and came upon a large tree that had fallen down since my previous trek down the mountain. The adventurous riders were able to walk the horses down the creek a short ways and climb the bank further down where we were then able to get back to the trail and head for lunch.

Upon arriving at Martha's place we were met by 15 other hungry members who didn't want to wait for us to arrive! That's OK because there were ample meals that Marc DuCharme had picked up for us at Sideburner's in Tate. I'm just sorry that Jabo Patterson wasn't able to partake of his meal because upon arrival at the Horse Park with his horse and trailer, he had to find a vet to stitch a couple cuts on his horse which occurred during his drive up Cove Road. He experienced a near miss with another vehicle but when I checked on him the following day, he informed me that his horse was doing fine.

Many thanks to Martha and her family for hosting this wonderful event! And thanks to Jason at Sideburner BBQ for putting together the individual meals that were enjoyed by all.

Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and socialization after more than a year of Covid. I'm hoping this is an indication of many more heavily attended events coming up this year. - Kathy



Martha's family; Jenna, Chris, Henry and Mai



Mary Pauley, Leslie And Bruce Elliott , Julie Williams



Recap of Events

Prince Lunch Ride (cont.)



Bob Crowl, Susan Hannah. Judy Heilman and Ronda Erway in deep discussion

Heilman Local Ride

The Heilman ride was greatly enjoyed by Judie Uchitel, DJ Suberk and myself who rode from the Horse Park, across the Heilman property off Songbird, continuing behind their house to join in with Wilderness Road and down through their lovely farm to the babbling creek where we met Judy Heilman for lunch. The weather couldn't have been more perfect and the mountains provided great scenery as we returned back to Bent Tree. Many thanks to Judy and Jim for allowing access to their beautiful property and sharing the peace and tranquility.

Kathy Hardin



Julie, DJ and Kathy

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Heilman Local Ride (cont.)



Julie, DJ and Judy

TALK IT UP!

Bent Tree hosted a Newcomer's Ice Cream Social. Bent Tree Saddle Club members love talking about their favorite subject describing how everyone can become Saddle Club Members and join in on the fun! There was a steady stream of Newcomers who seem to share an interest in horses!

Looking forward to meeting new people!

Leslie Elliott

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

April 25 Thru May 21, 2021

Beginning Balance	\$ 5080
Checks Written:	
Banners	\$ 107
Derby Party décor	157
Stolen Equipment	832
Prince Ride Expense	50
Prince Ride Meals	451
	\$- 1597
Deposits:	
Prince Ride meals	\$+ 421
Ending Balance	\$ 3904

Julia Jorns

**2021 Membership Report**

We welcome DJ, Jamie, and Jaden Drawdy as new members to our Club. They recently moved to Bent Tree. Some of you have already met Jaden who has been doing volunteer work at the Stables. She will be participating in the May 29 O-Mok-See riding Simba. Say hello to her and her parents if you are there. We look forward to seeing them at other Club events this year. We now have 103 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)

Charit Creek Lodge



Charit Creek Lodge is a rustic wilderness lodge located in a valley in the heart of Big South Fork. The lodge offers a unique way to experience the beauty and serenity of the park. It is accessible by hiking, biking or horseback only. Choose the shortest path of 1.1 miles or spend the day exploring the trails of Big South Fork ([Trail Maps](#)).

The lodge's buildings are National Historic Register-eligible and are among some of the oldest buildings being utilized in the National Park System. The lodge is a wonderful place to escape the modern world. While reasonably accessible, it is both peacefully isolated and remote. There are three types of accommodations available, full service, limited service and horse stabling.

The lodge is completely off the grid! Each cabin is equipped with lanterns and a wood burning stove. Comfortable beds and linens are provided. Modern restroom and shower facilities are available for all overnight guests. All cabins are private (not shared with other groups)!

Cell Service - Is extremely weak in the valley at the lodge and cannot be relied upon. You will potentially have service at higher elevations such as the Charit Creek Lodge Parking Lot and the Twin Arches.

Bathrooms & Showers - Are separate free standing structures. They are not connected to your cabin. These are modernized facilities with hot showers and flush toilets.

Family style dinner consists of a meat entree, side, vegetables, home made bread, dessert and coffee, tea or lemonade and water. Vegetarian options are available with advance notice. Our guests rave about the menu, the main ingredient is LOVE!



For breakfast you can expect eggs, sausage or bacon, pancakes or biscuits, juice and coffee.

For more information please visit <https://www.ccl-bsf.com/>

Jim Sylvia



Kolob Reservoir Utah

Secretary's Report

BTSC Executive Committee Meeting Minute Summary 4/29/2021

Recap of recent events:

- Local Ride to Heilman Farm – nice day but poor attendance; only 3 riders.
- Prince Farm Brunch Ride – was a resounding success; 12 riders with 15 non-riders joining the group for lunch. Beautiful day and good food.
- BT Newcomers Ice Cream Social – Leslie reported that the Sun session was very busy and there was a lot of interest. All the newsletters that were brought by Judy Uchitel were taken by interested parties. Bob Crowl reported that although the Tuesday session was not as busy, there was still considerable interest.

Upcoming Calendar Events

- Omoksee May 29th – Ronda will contact Claire and let her know that all the equipment has been replaced and will be brought to the event by Rich or her. Peaches from the BT office will assist with placing banners before the event.
- Trail Work Day June 5th – Rich recommended working on the Sharp Top Loop. He will be sending out reminders in the near future.
- Ground work instruction – Leslie Elliot will now be out of town so the event will be cancelled; plan to reschedule for fall. This will give time for planning and organization.
- 30th Anniversary Party – will be held at Beach Pavillion; number of attendees will be limited to what the venue can hold. Bob reported that things are looking good so far. Bob Crowl and Bill Klenk would like to the group to consider inviting BT General Manager, Bob Fowler and BT Board Member Edie Stephens (is the Stables Committee Board Liaison) and their spouses, as they have been very supportive of the club.
- Review calendar events that have no designee
- Camping Trip – still unassigned
- Slims Obstacles – Judie Uchitel said she would organize.
- Local Ride – Kathy Hardin said she would organize and enlist DJ Suberk's assistance.
- 4th of July – Kevve Kasner waiting for event sign-ups to get more information out.

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Secretary's Report (continued)

New business

- Newsletter deadline is June 26th. Kathy Hardin requested that there be a designee assigned to send out the appropriate reminders. With Bill Klenk's approval, Kathy Hardin volunteered.
- Discussed non-member guest's participation in events. Policy & Procedure say that non-members can participate by not receive ribbons. Waivers also have to be on file with the Club or with the Stables for insurance purposes. Follow up to come.
- Horse Park Bathrooms have been found unlocked. Bob Crowl found out the BT Public Safety had been unlocking them during the day per BT residents request for when they walk the area during the day. BT Public **Safety also** cleans them and has made repairs to the electrical panel.
- Summer EC meetings were discussed. Given that there are very few events in June or July, these meetings have been cancelled. The next meeting will then be August 19th.
- Bill has a professionally done video of the Horsemanship 101 event. This video will be playing on a laptop during the ice cream social and is available to members who would like to see it by request.
- Social Media needs to be maximized to increase club visibility. When members see BTSC events on Facebook, please comment or do more than give a thumbs up as it weights the posting more heavily and will then last longer in the active posts.

Respectfully submitted, Ronda Erway

More OMOKSEE Pictures



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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Visit our website

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June 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3	4	5 Trail Work Day – Sharp Top Loop
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Trailer Ride – Trail Challenge with CTHA
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 4 th of July Parade/ Cookout		* 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
June 5	Saturday	Trail Work Day – Sharp Top Loop	BT-HP	Rich Vigue
June 19	Saturday	Trailer 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
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 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		Bill Klenk



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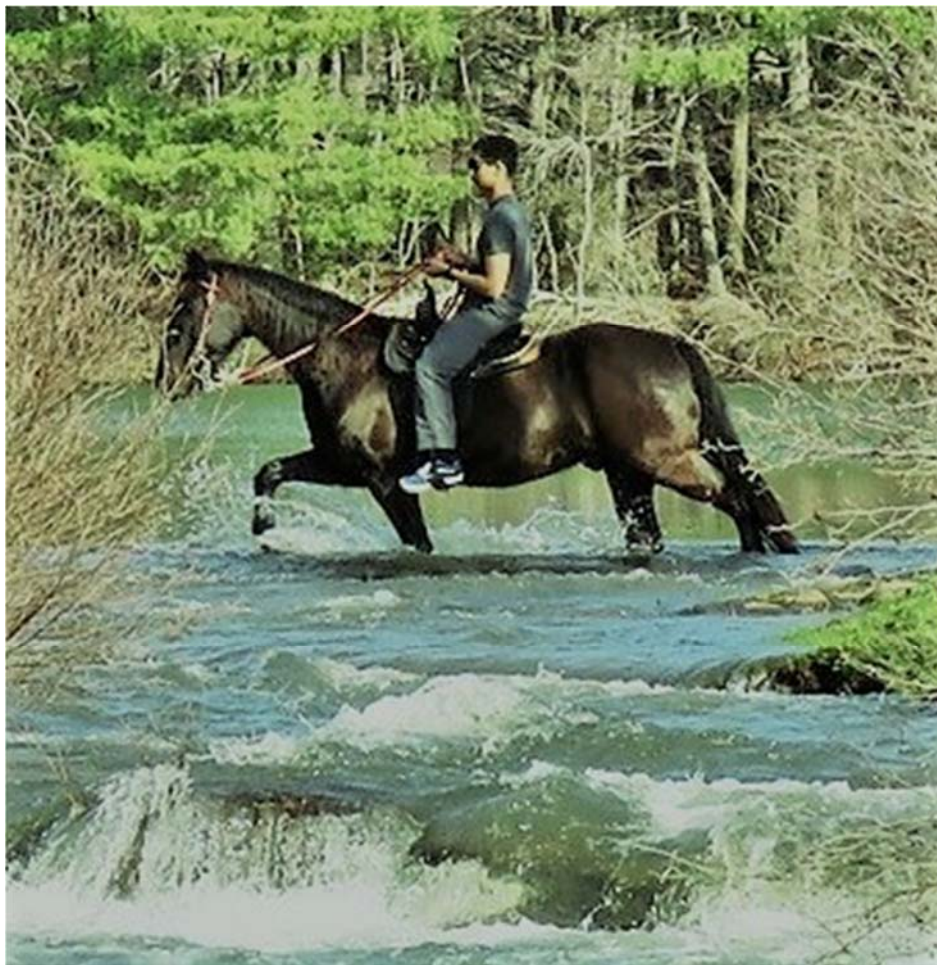


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