

BENT TREESADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2021

Club News / Past and Upcoming Events

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dog Days of Summer

The Georgia heat wave is upon us, with that comes limited riding.

Please review the guidelines to keep you and your horse safe. I would like to remind everyone of the 30th Anniversary party for our Saddle Club coming up on September 11.

Please watch for additional news on this highly anticipated event. We couldn't have a better group of individuals working hard planning such a milestone event.

Saddle Up
Bill

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

EVITE has bent sent. Please check your inbox or spam folder! Checks need to be in soon to reserve your seats. Tickets will become available to non-members on 8/15

Please see our flyer on

BENTTREESADDLEDLCLUB.COM

**Press the 30th Bash Tab
Scroll down and download
the flyer**

30TH ANNIVERSARY DECORATING COMMITTEE

We will be celebrating the 30th Bash at The Lodge at Old Mill (formerly Dakota Cove). To make this a special event there will be a need to provide some special décor. So we will be getting the Decorating Team together soon to support this effort. There will be a planning meeting for those 19 members who checked off on their Membership Application that they would like to help with special events. We thank you!!!

Be thinking of ideas for this very special occasion and come ready to share!

Will be in touch soon,
Leslie Elliott



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	Alicia Klenk
Appointee	Rose Rhys

2021 Positions

Membership	Bob Crowl
Newsletter Editor	Jim Sylvia

BTSC 2022 BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!



As head of the nominating committee, I am currently recruiting BTSC officers for next year, 2022. You are needed to keep the Saddle Club up and running so we can continue to offer fun and exciting equestrian and social events throughout next year. Through the selfless dedicated efforts of our current Executive Committee and numerous volunteers, and despite Covid, we have been able to offer numerous fun events this year and the year is only half over with many more events to come! Let's keep the ball rolling by stepping forward and putting your hat in the ring. There are no qualifications required other than being a Club member. You don't need to have a horse or possess a college degree to run for an office.

If you are able to devote some time and effort to the Club, please contact me.

Kathy Hardin
404-218-6360



Past Events Recaps

SLIMS OBSTACLE COURSE OCT 23rd

Scheduled for October 23, is a visit to Slims Obstacle Course. We had this event on our schedule in 2020 and it was a big success. Everybody had a great time and this was a learning experience for the horses by exposing them to some items they might experience on the trail such as wooden bridges, fluttering flags, etc.

We need to have a minimum of 7 to reserve the day (I already have 9) with a maximum of 21 (we may be able to squeeze in a few more). I will have a waiting list so if you reserve and are unable to attend, please notify me so that another can attend.

The cost is \$20.00. You may purchase food at Slims' Snack Stand or bring your own lunch. This is a first come first serve event.

Please notify me, Judie Uchitel, at wolferjudie@gmail.com if you are interested in attending this event.

Slims Obstacle Course is located at 3769 Lindsey Memorial Road, Rocky Face, GA. Obviously this is a trailering event.

August Newsletter Deadline

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

Newsletter will go out on
September 1st

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

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

BTSC 4TH OF JULY COOKOUT

The cookout was well attended, 22 Club Members & 2 picnic crashers at BTSC's 4th of July's Hot Dog Charcuterie!

Costco hotdogs and 30 fixin's for this year's cookout. Kathy Hardin brought desserts, Jason & Judie, Chili & DJ's great Tomatoes.

Be sure to remember for next year!
Bruce & Leslie Elliot



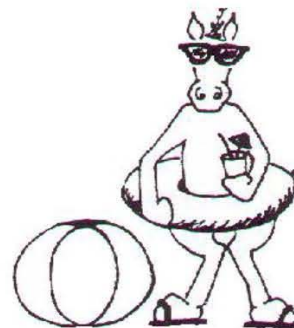
4TH OF JULY JASPER PARADE

BTSC and the Bent Tree Sables were well represented at the Jasper 4th of July Parade.





You and your family
are invited to
CTHA's & BTSC's
Annual Summer
Pot-Luck Picnic
Saturday, August 14
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
at Jo West's Home on Lake Lanier



Jo has graciously hosted this event for many years and it has become an eagerly anticipated tradition!

We'll start with some wet 'n wild fun . . .

take a spin around the lake aboard a jet ski or speed boat, swim off the dock,
or just relax and enjoy the view, lake breezes and social festivities.

At about 1:00, we'll roundup for our feast to enjoy the bounty of yummy home-cooked delights
and lots of horse and club talk. Weather permitting, we'll resume activities on the lake.

RSVP is a must to Bruce Kosins by Aug. 6th

Phone 404.579.5037 or email kosins11@yahoo.com
to let us know who you are and how many will be in your party.

The clubs will provide *ham, and chicken, tea, lemonade, water* and table service.

YOU SHOULD BRING

Appetizer , salad, side dish, or dessert of your choice

Bring plenty to feed our hungry crowd!

Your own ***lawn chair and life jacket***

if you have one. Jo has some
but not enough to go around.

Swim suit and towel if you want to get wet.

A hearty appetite and lots of horse talk!



DIRECTIONS to 1122 Chestatee Point, Dawsonville, GA 30534

Traveling North on GA 400, go 1 mile past HWY 53 in Dawsonville to the first traffic light.

Turn **RIGHT** onto **HARMONY CHURCH ROAD** and go 1 mile.

Turn **RIGHT** onto **NIX BRIDGE ROAD** and follow directions from → below.

OR

Traveling South on GA 400, go to HWY 136. Turn **LEFT** onto HWY 136 and go to 3-way STOP.

Bear **RIGHT** at stop, go 1 block and turn **LEFT** onto **NIX BRIDGE ROAD**. Follow directions from → below.

→ Go .9 (nine tenths) of a mile on Nix Bridge Road. Turn **LEFT** on **CHESTATEE POINT** and go to the STOP sign.
Turn **RIGHT** at the stop sign (you will still be on Chestatee Point). Go to the very end of the road where two
BLACKTOP driveways will be directly in front of you. Jo's is the **BLACKTOP** driveway on the right with the
number 1122 painted on the blacktop. If Jo's driveway is full, park on the street.

Treasurer Report June 28th to July 26th

Beginning Balance	\$4,084.00
Checks Written:	
Stolen cable replacement	\$ 65.44
Website registration	\$ 29.95
4 th July cookout	\$ 101.64
Old Mill Lodge deposit	
30 th Anniversary party	\$1,500.00
Deposits:	
Omoksee	\$ 120.00
30 th Anniversary party	\$ 820.00
Ending Balance	\$3,327.00

Julia Jorns



2021 Membership Report

Our membership level remained at 105 as of the end of July. We did not receive any new member applications this month. 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 770-757-8596



Ever asked the question, "**How much is my horse worth?**" You're not alone! In the large and frequently changing online horse market, it's hard to know the right price for your horse - and unfortunately, there are no easy answers.

In fact, listings can range from free horses to steeds costing upwards of \$100,000 - and sometimes far more for an elite show. However,

most pleasure riders can find a good-natured, healthy trail horse for less than \$5,000.

So how do you know how much to sell your horse for or how much you'll need to spend to buy the right horse for you? Whether you're trying to buy or sell horses online, let us show you the top factors that determine horse prices:

- **Age:** The prime age for a horse is between 7 and 14 years old. Horses much older than this are typically worth less, though the price will still depend on the horse's condition and breeding. Plus, many horses are capable of doing hard work well into their 20s, so don't rule out an older horse.
- **Breeding:** Bloodlines play a large role in horse prices, especially for breeds such as Quarter Horses, Paints and most Warmbloods. If your horse is by a top stallion, he could be worth significantly more than his breed and training would otherwise indicate.
- **Training:** If you plan to show your horse or want him to be trained in a specific discipline, expect price to depend on the breadth and depth of training the horse has received. Having a well-known trainer work with a horse also increases the price.
- **Health problems and defects:** Although you'll want to be cautious when purchasing a horse with known health issues or injuries, a horse with minor problems may still be perfectly suitable for trail riding and recreational use - and may come at a significantly reduced price. It is recommended that you have the horse examined by a veterinarian before the sale is final.
- **Competition experience:** The price of your horse will increase if he has logged some time in the show ring. Expect the price to rise even more for any equine that's a proven winner.

Reason for sale: If an owner is in a hurry to sell - often due to life or family changes like moving, pregnancy or divorce - you can expect lower horse prices or more bargaining room. However, sellers who don't mind waiting for the right buyer are likely to have a firm price.

Following the tips in this horse price guide will not only keep you from making a poor decision, but will also prevent you from falling in love with the wrong horse. Ready to get started?

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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

at

www.BentTreeSaddleClub.com

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August 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Lake Lanier picnic @ Jo West's
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	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	The Lodge @ Old Mill	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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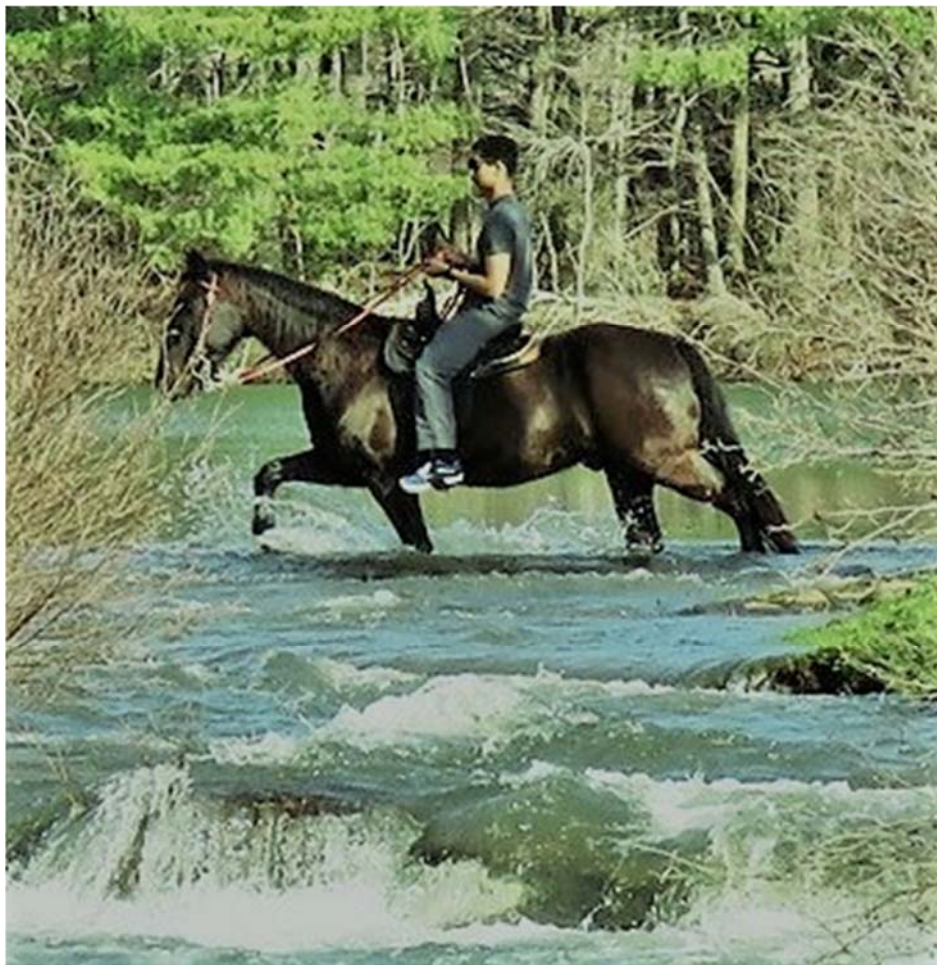


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