

Club News / Past and Upcoming Events

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What a Party!

The 30th anniversary party held on September 11 was a huge success. A special shout out to our "A" team that did a fabulous job conceptualizing, organizing, setting up, and running a wonderful event:

Pete and Bambi Dillingham

Leslie Elliott – Decorations were awesome

Jim and Lisa Sylvia

Rich and Janet Vigue

Nicely Done!

Some highlights for me was seeing our own Bob Crowl dancing to the music of the Vintage Vixens

Keeve Krasner demonstrating the Texas 2 Step, that guy can dance.

And Rich Vigue recounting all the memorable times had over the 30 year history.

Just a couple of pics from Saturday (More will be available once uploaded.)

In addition our annual Christmas party will be held December 8th (Wednesday) from 5-9PM at the Fireside lounge at Club Tamarak.

Hope to see you all there.

The new Bent Tree ECHO will have a nice write-up for the Saddle Club as we show the ever invasive Stilt plant is loved by horses.

Saddle Up

Bill

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SLIM'S OBSTACLE COURSE 10/23

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 10) 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.

Judy

November Newsletter Deadline

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

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

Articles must be a WORD .doc,
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Trailing Trip - Harmony Mountain Equine

Howdy howdy everyone!

It was so great to see so many of our old pals at the 30th reunion! The problem was being able to catch up with everyone in such a short time span. (not to mention getting our exercise in on the dance floor!)

Good reason to head up to our new farm October 28-31st! As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are located 20 minutes in either direction from Pisgah and Dupont Forests. We are planning on trailing to Dupont Forest on Friday Morning, where you can do anywhere from a two to six hour loop.

On Saturday we will head over to Mills River to ride in the Pisgah Forest. We will have to leave early in the AM as we are told that the parking lots fill up quickly in the Fall. The terrain will be rocky in areas, and there are ups and downs, but nothing too major.

We have 12 Stalls and one or two paddocks. The cost will be \$25.00 per night per horse. I have five confirmed horses as of this minute. I talked to a few people who were thinking of coming, but please confirm with me if you are coming for sure.

As for human accommodations, there are a ton of Airbnb's and VRBO's in the area. There are also hotels:

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Trailing Trip - Harmony Mountain Equine

- Holiday Inn Express (newest) (828) 348-8745
- Comfort Inn & Suites (closest) (828) 862-8900
- Hampton Inn Brevard (newly remodeled) (828) 883-4800

We have two trailer hookups. I will cook dinner for everyone Thursday night as people are arriving, and one other night.... and I will try to get us a reservation with either a private room or on the deck outside (weather permitting) the other night.

The cost of my dinner will be \$20 per person. I believe all of these hotels offer continental breakfast, and due to our early departure... I won't be cooking breakfast or fixing lunches.

For those that want to come and don't ride....there is unlimited hiking, 250 waterfalls in our county alone, beautiful golf courses, and some seriously great breweries!

We look forward to hanging out with everyone around a campfire soon! Give me a call with any questions or if you want to come.

Thanks Bambi (678)313-5611



Chickamauga Battlefield Ride 10/09

Final notice for the Chickamauga Battlefield Ride on Saturday, October 9th. The weather is improving with less rain so it should be a perfect fall day to take in the historic markers. I would rate the trails as very easy with virtually no rocks or steep up and down. There may be a few muddy spots here and there from recent rains, but the horses won't mind. If you are planning to come and join in the ride, please contact me so I can take a head count before hitting the trail. Janice Butt at 423-884-2760 (home) or 865-247-9135 (cell) no later than October 6th.

Directions

Travel to I-75 N toward Chattanooga. Stay on I-75

- Take the GA-2/Battlefield Parkway exit, EXIT 350, toward Ft Oglethorpe. Go 0.25 miles.
- Keep left to take the ramp toward Ft Oglethorpe/COVENANT COLL.
- Then 0.02 miles
- Turn left onto Battlefield Pkwy/GA-2. Then 6.47 miles
- Turn left onto Lafayette Rd. Continue one mile into the park and go past the visitor center. You will come to Dyer Road on the right, which has a log cabin on the corner. Turn right and follow Dyer until it comes to a T. Go across the intersection and into the gravel horse parking area.



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30th Anniversary Celebration Super Spreader

Saturday September 11th

Those of us on the planning committee for the 30th Celebration were very concerned of the impact that the COVID Pandemic might have on the event. We didn't discuss it much, but as the old saying goes, it was the elephant in the room. At one time prior to the event we had 92 paid attendees. However, as the event drew near, some people had second thoughts and we received a few late cancellations. In addition, we received a few calls about Covid and some people wanted to know if we were going to do a mask mandate. I kept thinking that the dike was going to burst. As it turned out that didn't occur and we had approximately 80 courageous, devil may care attendees come to the event and they were not disappointed.

Several people showed up wearing masks - Joe Biden would have been proud. However, as the evening wore on and the Vintage Vixens were blasting away, many of the mask wearers succumbed to what Mayor London Breed would call "feeling the spirit" and the masks started coming off. By the end of the evening the usual suspects were playing a rousing game of Thumper and there wasn't a mask in sight.

In the days following the event, we received several email and text messages congratulating the Planning Committee on an outstanding event. As a switch on that, Chuck Ewing, who was present at the party, called me to ask if it was a good event. Unfortunately, I couldn't remember and had to pass the call off to Janet.

30th Anniversary Celebration Super Spreader

I do have to say that this is the first event I've been involved in where I was more nervous after the event than before the event. I could visualize the Pickens Progress headline, "The Bent Tree Saddle Club hosts Super Spreader". However, to the best of our knowledge no one contracted Covid due to the event. The 30th Anniversary Celebration was indeed a super spreader.. What it did spread around was friendship and a lot of fun. Both are mainstays of this club and the reason we could celebrate the 30th year milestone. What a ride!

Rich

Thank you to our sponsors whose contributions have made this event so special:

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And to Faucett Farms Horse Trails for their generous donation of the sunflowers that have added so much beauty to our décor.

Please consider patronizing these supporters of our club.

Fun. Yes, the Bent Tree Saddle Club is celebrating 30 years mainly because of that little three letter word. The club has thrived over the years because of the quality of its members and the friendships that have been formed, but most of all because together we have had fun and lots of it. The original four hour rides, the trailering trips, nine ranch trips out west, riding in Costa Rica and Ireland, the Mountain Man competitions, O-Mok-Sees, Horse Shows, all those parties, and the entertainment - Cowboy Envy, Kip Callahan, Juni Fisher, Banks and Shane, tonight's Vintage Vixens and others. Lasting memories and good fun.

What a Ride!

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HORSE FUN SHOW 10/16

The Horse Show is ON and we look forward to your participation! This event is a NO SPEED EVENT. Judge Aly is coming back to judge the 1st few events. We will start the show at 10am and the back gate will open at 9:30 to let trailers in.

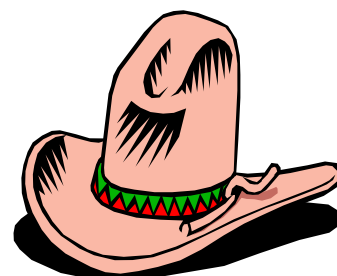
The classes for the show will include: Halter (class for horses under 10 and over 10); Showmanship; Walk/Trot or Walk/Gait; Walk/Trot/Canter or Walk/Gait/Full speed Gait; and 3 Fun events that could include any of the following: Golf Ball and Spoon Balance, Steady Eddy (balancing water in a cup), Musical Feed Sack Cones, and Bare-back Dollar.

We will be splitting horses up for gaited vs. not and will split classes in Western & English if needed.

Please come and play for the day. When I hosted an event like this in the past we have had 20+ horses participate.

The cost to participate is \$10 for one or all classes. Let me know if you plan to participate or need back gate access. In your response back to me, please include horse's name and age.

My contact info: text/call 770-265-9425 or ceshuman51@hotmail.com.
~ Claire Eubanks



**Treasurer Report
August 26th to September 24th**

	\$5,181
Checks Written	
Various	176
Band	800
Meals	<u>2182</u>
	<u>(\$3,158)</u>
30th Ann fees	\$630
Prior period omission	<u>(\$135)</u>
	\$2,518
Julia Jorns	



2021 Membership Report

The Club's membership level remained at 105 as of the end of September. If you know anyone interested in becoming a Club member, please have them contact me at 770-757-8596. Remember that new membership applications received after October 1 and approved if not a Bent resident provide the applicants Club membership through 2022. I am looking forward to seeing you at upcoming Saddle Club events.
Bob



Secretary's Report

Bent Tree Saddle Club – General Meeting Minutes 9/11/2021

Welcome

[Bill Klenk welcomed everyone to the 30th Anniversary Party](#) and gave a big thank-you to all who worked so hard to plan such a wonderful event. A special thanks to party organizers: Rich and Janet Vigue, Jim and Lisa Sylvia, Pete and Bambi Dillingham and Leslie Elliott.

Membership report

Bob Crowl reported that membership is now 105, 44% of which are BT property owners, designees or board at the BT stables. He also reminded everyone that 2022 membership applications will be coming soon.

Minutes

Approved

Treasurers Report

Julia Jornes reported that the club has \$2800.28.

New Business – none at this time.

Closing Statement

Rich Vigue recognized party sponsors: Hinton Milling, Foothills Forge Farrier Services and Faucett Farms. He also gave a moving commentary on people and events that were so memorable over the years before finishing with a toast.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted: Ronda Erway, BTSC Secretary

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
October 9	Saturday	Trailing Ride	Chickamauga	Janice Butt
October 16	Saturday	HORSE SHOW	BT-HP	Claire Eubanks
October 23	Saturday	Slims Obstacle Course Trip		Judie Uchitel
October 28-31	Friday—Sunday	Harmony Mountain Equine	Horse Shoe NC	Pete & Bambi
November 6	Saturday	Local Ride		Kathy Hardin
November 14	Sunday	Omoksee reschedule	BT-HP	Claire Eubanks
December 8	Wednesday	Christmas Party	Club Tamarack	Bill Klenk

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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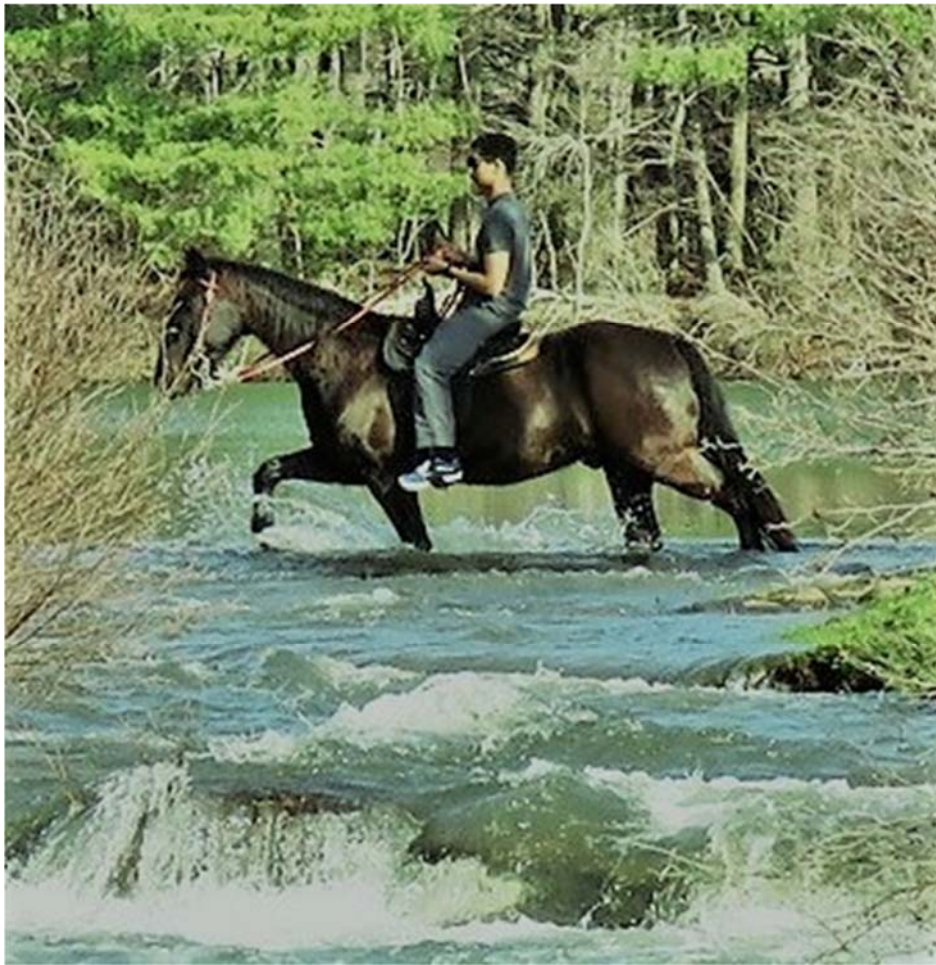
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