



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

2021 passed quickly with many activities taking place at the BTSC despite Covid 19. We were able to participate in **trail rides, Omoksees, the 4th of July Parade, and our 30th Anniversary Celebration**, to name a few. Everyone was pleased to take part in the above activities and fun was had by all.

This is my first President's Corner submission and I want to hit the ground running and address the issue of participation. During the last year as vice-president, and due to access to a trailer thanks to DJ, I was able to participate in more of the activities. During this time, I realized just a few of the club members were taking on responsibility for everything. This needs to change.

In December a questionnaire was e-mailed to the whole membership in order to discover where the BTSC needed to head. We wanted to know who was a social member, who was active, and who had a trailer they could share with other members to events away from Bent Tree. We were hoping for volunteers to help with events during this next year. I only received nine of the questionnaires back. If I could not motivate the membership to answer a five question questionnaire, how do I motivate members to step up and help out?

Here is my challenge to the membership; it is time to step up and volunteer to head one activity and help out with a second. I challenge those of you who consider themselves social members to take responsibility for the purely social activities. We need people to chair and work in the following activities:

Kentucky Derby Party, 4th of July Picnic, Prince Farm Brunch Ride (food only), Fausett Farm Ride (food only) and The Holiday Party.

To the members who ride, we need volunteers to take charge of the two **Omoksees, the Prince Ride, the Young Life Ride, and Fausett Farm Ride.** We have seven play days planned and a leader is needed for each one. We actually thought about reviving the drill team. However, we need a leader and a commitment from the membership to be there for every play day. Otherwise, how about play days that are not only fun but instructional? For instance, the opportunity to learn how to ride in the Omoksees and be competitive. A play day that teaches the horses not to be afraid of the golf carts, cars, trucks, umbrellas and other scary items that are part of the everyday interaction with humans? We could do a midweek trail ride to Sharp Top or other locations nearby. This would take a big load off those members who have been doing it all for many years.

This club has been active for 30 years and so many members would like to see it continue. This cannot be done without two things:

- the current membership stepping up, and
- the need to find a way to increase our membership.

We are an aging club (I really hate to admit that). Somehow a way must be found to acquire new, younger members.

I do not pretend we (the board), have all the answers, but the board is willing to listen to suggestions and do the work, are you?

- Judie Uchitel

MARCH Newsletter - DEADLINE -

The deadline for updated event info, articles, and photos is **Feb 21st.**

email to:
christine.cobb@aol.com

Articles can be pulled directly from an e-mail. No need to format.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022

President	Judie Uchitel
Vice Pres.	Christine Cobb
Secretary	Ronda Erway
Treasurer	Julia Jorns
Bent Tree Liaison	Bob Crowl
Past President	Kathy Hardin
Appointee	Rose Rhys

2022 POSITIONS

Membership	Bob Crowl
Newsletter Editor	Christine Cobb
Email Distribution	Ronda Erway

Treasurer Report

12/20/2021 - 01/10/2022

Previous balance:	\$2,944.00
Checks written:	-1,265.00
Deposits Total:	580.00
Refunds:	0.00
Membership dues:	580.00
Balance	\$2,259.00

EVENT INFO

- Kickoff 2022 -

The year 2022 will start off with a bang at the Old Mule House in downtown Jasper on **March 12th** at 6:00 pm, so mark your calendars.



Jim Dunham, Director of Special Projects and Historian for the Booth Western Art Museum will be our guest speaker.

Taking the persona of Mark Twain, Dunham will deliver a one-man program of Twain's humorous writing and loved stories. He has entertained us at another Kickoff years ago. If you recall, he performed a display of fast and fancy gun handling that he taught to movie actors of the Old West.



The Old Mule House in Jasper will provide a buffet of their delicious food including a salad, entree, starch, vegetable and dessert. Details such as food selections and pricing have not yet been determined, so stay tuned for further information and request for reservations.

- Kathy Hardin

2021 HOLIDAY PARTY

The BTSC Christmas Party was a beautiful success!

Seventeen Kindred Spirits dressed up and came out to share the Christmas Spirit with fellow horse lovers! The Fireside Lounge was renovated and decorated just for us! BT's Chef Tulio served up enough delicious hot hors d'oeuvres for everyone plus more to take home! A great fire roared in the fireplace, wreaths were in every window and our favorite Cowboys serenaded us with holiday music. It was truly a lovely setting for our annual holiday party.

Thanks to Bill Klenk for conducting a very short meeting, then announcing the Founder's Award to Kathy Hardin, the Volunteer Award to Ronda Erway and the Spirit Award to Claire Eubanks.



BTSC Santa Look-a-Like, Bob Crowl

Thanks to so many Saddle Club Members for their help and support this year. We're looking forward to 2022 and our new slate of officers led by Judie Uchitel.

- Bill, Alecia & Leslie

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bent Tree Saddle Club - General Meeting Consolidated Meeting Minutes 12/8/21

1. Welcome

Bill Klenk welcomed everyone to the Christmas Party and gave a brief recap of all this year's activities. He also gave a big thank-you to Alicia Klenk and Leslie Elliott for all the work they did planning the event.

2. Nominating Committee

Kathy Hardin introduced the nominees for the 2022 executive committee. Membership then voted and approved the 2022 nominees.

President - Judie Uchitel
Vice-President - Christine Cobb
Secretary - Ronda Erway
Treasurer - Julia Jorns
Bent Tree Liaison - Bob Crowl

3. 2021 Awards

Bill Klenk thanked everyone for their service and announced award winners for 2021.

Founders Award - Kathy Hardin
Volunteer Award - Ronda Erway
Spirit Award - Claire Eubanks

Bill also gave a special Thank-you to Alicia Klenk, Leslie Elliott, Bob Crowl, Rose Rhys and Bobby Delay for all their extra efforts to help the Club this year.

4. Closing Statement

Bill Klenk thanked everyone again and introduced the New President, Judie Uchitel. Judie Uchitel spoke briefly about how excited she is to work with everyone to make 2022 a successful year. She also mentioned that members can expect a phone call from her to get to know everyone better.

Respectfully submitted,
- Ronda Erway

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Club finished 2021 with 106 members. Membership renewals as of January 14, 2022, stand at 29 so we have a way to go before the January 31st renewal deadline to approach the membership level we reached last year. The 2022 membership application form is included in this newsletter and on our website. Please note

that it includes a section for members to note Club activities they would like to lead or assist with this year. This information is very helpful to the executive committee as it organizes 2022 events. Contact me if you need the website password.

If you know anyone interested in joining the Club, please have them contact me. I'll be looking

for a number of membership renewals in the next 2 weeks. For questions regarding the membership application form.

Contact me at:
bobcrowl@etcmail.com or
770-757-8586

Looking forward to seeing you at upcoming Club events.

- Bob

2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Bent Tree Saddle Club – 2022 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 2022 dues are effective October 2021 through December 2022. Renewal dues apply to the calendar year. Mail application & check to: **Bent Tree Saddle Club, C/O Bob Crawl 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

Do you own a horse trailer? Yes No (please circle one)

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FEBRUARY 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 BTSC WORK DAY 9:30 a.m.
27	28	1	2	3	4	5

**BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB
WORK DAY**

February 26, has been earmarked for a clean-up/work day at the BTSC Horse Park. Please bring clippers, rakes, shovels, etc. and meet at the horse park at 9:30 a.m. to tackle the work needed to be done in order to clean-up the Horse Park and get ready for this year's activities. If you are interested, we will all go to lunch once the work is completed.

- Judie Uchitel

MARCH 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 PLAY DAY Bent Tree Horse Park	10	11	12 KICK-OFF MEETING at Old Mulehouse Jasper
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 TOP OF THE WORLD RIDE Meet at Bent Tree Horse Park
20 OMOKSEE at Bent Tree Horse Park	21	22	23	24	25	26 BT STABLES WORK DAY 9:30 a.m.
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

**BENT TREE STABLES
WORK DAY**

One of the reasons for the founding of the Bent Tree Saddle Club was to support the Bent Tree Stables. For this reason, I am requesting that all who can do so be at the Bent Tree Stables on **March 26**, at 9:30 a.m. (or April 9, which is the rain date) to help with needed work at the barn and on the trails. Once again, please bring tools, etc. I have ridden the trails frequently and can testify that they really need some work done.

- Judie Uchitel



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BTSC EVENT SCHEDULE 2022

DATE	D/W	EVENT	LOCATION	LEADER
Feb. 26,	Saturday	BTSC Workday	BT-HP	Judie Uchitel
March 9,	Wednesday	Play Day	BT-HP 10:00 a.m.	Libby Adams
March 12,	Saturday	Kick off/General Meeting	Old MuleHouse	Kathy & Judie
March 19,	Saturday	Top Of the World Ride	BT-HP	Kathy Hardin
March 20	Sunday	Omoksee	BT-HP	Clair Eubanks
March 26,	Saturday	Bent Tree Stables Work Day	BTS	Keeve Krasner
April 2,	Saturday	Fausset Farm Kick-off Ride/Picnic	Fausett Farms	Need volunteer to coordinate food
April 9,	Saturday	Bent Tree Stables rain date work day	BTS	Keeve Krasner
April 13,	Wednesday	Play Day	BT-HP 10:00 a.m.	?
May 11,	Wednesday	Play Day	BT-HP 10:00 a.m.	?
May 14,	Saturday	Pete Dillingham Clinic	BT-HP	
June 4, or June 5	Saturday Rain Date	Sylvia's ride event	Sylvia,s Farm	
June 8	Wednesday	Play Day	BT-HP 10:00 a.m.	
July 4,	Monday	4 th of July Parade & Cookout Plus Fireworks	BT-HP	
July 4, - 8,	Monday-Friday	YouthFest	BT Stables	Keeve Krasner
July 13,	Wednesday	Play Day	BT-HP 10:00 a.m.	?
Aug. 10,	Wednesday	Play Day	BT-HP10:00 a.m.	?
Sept. 7,	Wednesday	Play Day	BT-HP 10:00 a.m.	?
Sept. 17	Saturday	Omoksee	BT-HP	Clair Eubanks
Sept. 24, or 25.	Saturday or Sunday	Prince Farm Brunch Ride	Leave from BT-HP	Need volunteer to coordinate food
October 2,	Sunday	Young Life Trail Ride	Leave from BT-HP	Need volunteer to lead
October ? 3 rd week		Pete Dillingham/Harmony Mtn.		Pete Dillingham
Dec. 3m	Saturday	Holiday Party	To be announced	

Items highlighted in yellow are for horse related events not a BTSC event, but events that might conflict with our events.

Items highlighted in blue are for play dates.



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