



## BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Another month has come and gone. March was full of activities for the BTSC. We had our Kick-Off Dinner, the Top of the World Ride, and the Omoksee. April is looking busy as well with A Fausset Farms Kick-Off Ride/Picnic, a Play Date, and the Dawson Ride.

Our Calendar for 2022 is now on the BTSC website and will no longer be published in the monthly newsletter.

I still need volunteers to host the Kentucky Derby Party, 4 Play Dates, and a volunteer to coordinate food for the Prince Farm Brunch Ride. This is so easy to do. Choose a place and choose a variety of sandwiches, sides, and drinks. Have the riders select their preference and pay you. Then pick up the food and deliver it to the Prince Farm. This can easily be ordered at the Tavern on the Green at the 19th Hole.

Someone is also needed to take charge of the 4th of July Picnic and Parade. Again, the food can be ordered at the Tavern on the Green at the 19th Hole.

Look at the 2022 Calendar and you will see the same people volunteer over and over to take charge of events. The BTSC needs some new people to step-up and give the volunteers, who have been doing it all, a break. Please volunteer.

The Bent Tree Stable has a "Work Day" planned for Saturday, March 26, with a rain date of April 9. Please volunteer to help out at the Bent Tree Stable. There is much to be done and the trails are in terrible condition.

Please RSVP with Keeve and give him some much needed help.

- Judie Uchitel

### BENT TREE STABLES WORK DAY

The saddle club has graciously scheduled a work day dedicated to projects at the Bent Tree Stables, including maintaining our Bent Tree trails. This work day is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th, with a rain date of Saturday, April 9th. Please plan on starting at 9:30am and finishing around 1:00pm. Tools that could be useful to bring with you include chain saws, shovels, rakes, etc. Work gloves are recommended.

Please RSVP if you can help us improve the stable and horse trails.

Thank you,  
Keeve Krasner, Stable Master  
Email: [btstables@etcmail.com](mailto:btstables@etcmail.com)  
Cell Phone: 404-285-4848



Board members have received several inquiries regarding the BTSC web site. The BTSC web is found at [benttreesaddleclub.com](http://benttreesaddleclub.com). The password (all caps) is **BTSCMEM**

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022

President	Judie Uchitel
Vice Pres.	Christine Cobb
Secretary	Ronda Erway
Treasurer	Joyce DeLay
Bent Tree Liaison	Bob Crowl
Past President	Kathy Hardin
Appointee	Rose Rhys
Appointnee	Bobby DeLay

#### 2022 POSITIONS

Membership	Bob Crowl
Newsletter Editor	Christine Cobb
Email Distribution	Ronda Erway

### Treasurer Report

02/22/2022 - 03/10/2022

Previous balance:	\$ 2,259.05
Checks written:	(\$ 387.76)
Subtotal:	\$ 1,871.29
Deposits Total:	\$ 2,320.00
Refunds:	\$ 0.00
Balance	\$ 4,191.29

#### MAY Newsletter

##### - DEADLINE -

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

email to:

**[christine.cobb@aol.com](mailto:christine.cobb@aol.com)**

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

**Please put BTSC at the beginning of the subject line when e-mailed.**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### Bent Tree Saddle Club - Executive Committee Consolidated Meeting Minutes 3/9/22

#### Agenda Items:

##### Upcoming Calendar Events

- **Play Day Rain Out** - after discussion, the committee agreed not to plan a rain date.
- **Kickoff Meeting/Dinner** - Kathy Hardin reported that she confirmed the entertainment with Jim Dunham. His wife also plans to attend, the committee will cover her meal as well. The raffle for the picture donated by Keeve Krasner will be a silent auction with sign up sheet, a 50/50 raffle will be run by Bob Crowl, and Lee Burger will run the raffle for the Booth Museum and the new Auto Museum tickets. People who plan on helping with set-up should be there at 5pm, doors open at 6pm, General meeting will start at 6:30pm with meal to follow immediately after the meeting.

##### New Business

- **Pavilion Roof Replacement** - Bob Crowl reported that he spoke with Tom Fowler, the BT administrator. Tom Fowler indicated that BT will take care of the repairs; 'it is on the list to be done'.
- **Dragging Arena** - Judie Uchitel clarified that Bob Crowl will drag the arena and get it done before the Omoksee event on March 20th.
- **Insurance** - Judie Uchitel and Kathy Hardin reported that there are 2 quotes for next year; Allen Financial and Markel Insurance. The Allen Financial is less expensive, clearly covers up to 6 event locations (for member only events) and has been used by BTSC predominantly in the past. Joyce Delay made a motion to use Allen Financial. The motion was seconded and approved. The quote of \$533 is greater than the \$500 limit the EC can approve, it will then be presented to the membership at the general meeting for approval.
- **Newsletter Articles** - Christine Cobb requested that all newsletter related items being sent to her have 'BTSC' in the subject line. Kathy Hardin thanked Christine for all the hard work getting the newsletter done.
- **Back Gate Procedures** - Bob Crowl confirmed that back gate procedures will be the same as last year. Public safety will need the names of those needing access and the time of entry for the event.
- **BTSC Sign Damage** - Bobby Delay looked at the damage to the sign at the arena. He will have the metalwork repaired and Kathy Hardin will organize having it repainted

*Respectfully submitted: Ronda Erway, BTSC Secretary*

### Bent Tree Saddle Club - General Meeting Consolidated Meeting Minutes 03/12/22

#### Meeting called to order by Judie Uchitel at 6:30pm

1. **Welcome** - Judie Uchitel welcomed everyone to the 2022 Kickoff Party. The entertainer, Jim Dunham and his wife Suzanne were introduced.
2. **Executive Committee Members** - introduction of current members made. Judie Uchitel announced that Julia Jorns has stepping down as treasurer due to her move to South Georgia and thanked her for her service. Joyce Delay was introduced as the new treasurer for the remainder of the season.
3. **Minutes** - reviewed. Rita Boje made a motion to approve; this was seconded and approved.
4. **Treasurers Report** - Joyce Delay reported that the current balance is \$6031.29.
5. **Agenda Items - Judie Uchitel:**
  - **Horse Park** - reported on the progress made at the annual horse park clean-up
  - **New Members**- Welcomed a number of new members
  - **Requested members volunteer** for open events on the club calendar
  - **Upcoming Events:** Reminded everyone of: Top of the World Ride and Omoksee. Those who wish to attend and do not have a gate pass need to contact Kathy Hardin and Claire Eubanks respectively.
  - **Pavilion Roof Replacement** - Bob Crowl reported that he spoke to Tom Fowler, the BT administrator. Tom Fowler indicated that BT will take care of the repairs; 'it is on the list to be done'.
  - **Insurance** - Judie Uchitel reported that this year's insurance with Allen Financial was quoted to be \$533. As this is greater than the \$500 limit the EC can approve, it requires a membership vote. Kathy Hardin made a motion to approve the cost of the insurance; this was seconded and approved by the membership.
  - **Newsletter articles** - Christine Cobb requested that all newsletter related items being sent to her have 'BTSC' in the subject line.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.**

*Respectfully submitted: Ronda Erway, BTSC Secretary*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FAUSETT FARM RIDE



On April 2nd, 2022, we will have our 1st Trailing Event to Fausett Farms Sunflower and Riding Trails. A tailgate style lunch will be served from 12-1pm.

**Due to TRAIL CHANGES** on the Lake side, the lunch gathering will be in the lower parking lot (Sunflower side).

The deadline for lunch reservations is quickly approaching. RSVP's for food must be sent to Ronda Erway ([rrerway@gmail.com](mailto:rrerway@gmail.com) or text **402-540-3338**) by Friday, March 25th, 2022 to ensure there will be enough food for all those who wish to attend.

Lunch will include: a choice of sandwiches, chips, bottled water and a cookie for \$5.00 (payable that day to BTSC).

This will be a ride-on-your-own event, so come ride as you wish before and/or after lunch or just come join the group for social time during lunch. Don't forget to bring a chair!

There is a \$10 trail fee for those members who ride and do not have an annual pass. This is payable in the parking lot when you arrive.

- Ronda & Randy Erway

## PETE DILLINGHAM - MAY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Our renowned trainer, Pete Dillingham, has agreed to give a 2-day clinic at the BTSC Horse Park May14-15. He is also willing to arrange for private lessons for \$75 an hour on the following Monday, May 16th.

**Bringing You and Your Horse Together** is a potpourri of arena games and exercises (ground tying, respect my space, and circling game.) This 2-day clinic is aimed at developing manners (in and out of the saddle) and a loving communication between you and your horse. "Equal size, a rose between two thorns and the rope climb" are just a few of the entertaining challenges that develop more balanced riders, polite steeds, and most of all...a close relationship with your horse. This fast-paced, fun and informative event can be the "springboard" to Natural Horsemanship concepts/techniques and many wonderful memories. Our workshop is limited to 3-4 participants. There is 6-7 hours of instruction and we'll have a bring your own lunch break, and no one will have to be rocked to sleep at night.

This clinic is available to you at a cost of \$250 for the 2-day clinic. A \$125.00 deposit is required to hold your place for the clinic. If you wish to participate in this seminar, please send a check to me made payable to Pete Dillingham. Four participants, but not more than four, are required to confirm this clinic so first come first serve. Spectators are welcome. Contact Judie Uchitel to register.

Email [wolferjudie@gmail.com](mailto:wolferjudie@gmail.com) or call **404-226-0287**.

- Judie Uchitel/Pete Dillingham

## FUNDRAISER FOR TRAILS - Juni Fisher in Concert



### Mark Your Calendars - Sunday April 24, 2022

Some of our long-term members may remember Juni Fisher, Western Singer/Songwriter/Storyteller Horse Woman, from the 2014 BTSC kick-off Party. Thanks to the Chattahoochee Trail Horse Assoc. Juni will be at Dawsonville's Bowen Center for the Arts on Sunday, April 24th at 1 pm. Proceeds from

the concert will benefit public horse trails in North Georgia. CTHA is hopeful the concert will generate \$4,000 to be used for the trails at

- Garland Mtn. Horse & Hike Trails
- Don Carter State Park
- Watson Mill Bridge State Park
- A.H. Stephens State Park

Juni is excited about returning to the north Georgia area and we're excited to have her perform at the Bowen. The cost per person is \$25. Payment via PayPal can be made online at [www.BowenArts.org/Events](http://www.BowenArts.org/Events) or write a check to: CTHA, c/o Bowen Center for the Arts, P.O. Box 849, Dawsonville, GA 30534. Those of you who've been to the Bowen know that seating is limited, so make your reservation now. Support our horse trails while enjoying some great entertainment.

- Rich Vigue

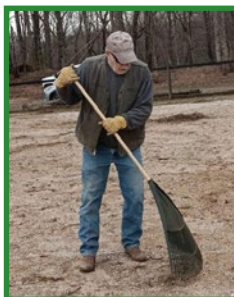
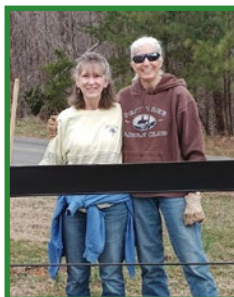
## BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB WORK DAY



The BTSC Work Day was held March 26. Members who met at the arena were Christine and Ty Cobb, Bob Crowl, Joyce and Bobby Delay, Kathy Hardin, Cathy Jones, and Jason and Judie Uchitel.

The inside and outside areas of the arena were cleared of debris from the earlier wind storm. The lower, round parts of the fencing were tightened as needed. Replacement fencing was installed at the entrance to the Horse Park. The trail was cleared from the Horse Park down to the back gate. And a cross-bar was installed on a hitching post damaged from a fallen tree. Upon completion of the work, we all met for lunch at The Tavern on the Green at the 19th Hole.

- Judie Uchitel



## TOP OF THE WORLD RIDE



From L to R: Rita Boje, Debra Meffert, JoAnn Hartin, Ronda Erway

On Saturday, May 19, a small group of riders rode over to Mary Ann Dubose, traversing across several roads and through various pieces of private property. The sun was shining, allowing us to enjoy an early spring day. We had our traditional lunch on the creek and headed up to the Top of the World where we enjoyed the panoramic views of Bent Tree and Big Canoe. It was good to get out and ride with a wonderful group of ladies and their delightful horses. Many thanks to the Dubose for sharing their piece of heaven with us.

- Kathy Hardin

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Saddle Club has 91 members. We welcome new member Sandy Stephenson into the Club and look forward to seeing her at future events. Sandy lives in Ellijay. Our updated 2022 membership roster is on the Club website. Please let me know if any corrections are needed regarding your contact information contained in the roster. If you know of someone interested in joining our Club, please have them complete an application and provide it to me for processing. Or have them contact me at 770-757-8596 if they have any questions.

- Bob Crowl

**Interested in becoming a member of Bent Tree Saddle Club? We'd love to have you! There is an application on page 7 of this newsletter.**

## KICK-OFF DINNER 2022

The Kick-Off Dinner was held on Saturday, March 12th with forty three attendees. We all enjoyed a delicious meal and a little libation. Before dinner, we enjoyed a social half hour and then proceeded to our 1st General Meeting of the year.

Our entertainment for the evening was Mr. Jim Dunham, Director of Special Projects and Historian for the Booth Western Art Museum. Mr. Dunham entertained our group in his persona of Mark Twain. He shared with us some of Mark Twain's humorous quips (for which he was well known).

A Silent Auction for a beautiful framed print of Kentucky Derby Winner, Whirlaway, took place during the dinner. This picture was won by Jim Sylvia. Also, several raffles took place and were won by members as follows: Jason Uchitel, 4 tickets to the Booth Western Art Museum, Martha Prince, 4 tickets to the Savoy Auto Museum, and Jim Heilman won the 50/50 raffle.

- Kathy Hardin



## OMOKSEE - March 20, 2022

We had 12 horses ride in our first Omoksee event for the year. It was a great day and it was fun to be out enjoying our horses with friends on the first day of spring. We ran the three standard events and threw in barrel racing and straight barrels as mystery events. Riders for the day were: Rose Rhys, Joyce Delay, Ronda Erway, Lisa Sylvia, Elise Eubanks, Julie Heinsman, Cheyenne Salters, Carlee Warren, Arabella Wunn, Keeve Krasner, Bob Crowl, and myself. Special thanks to ALL my helpers for the day! Many hands make light work and I appreciate all the help. You guys rock! Until the next one...

- Claire Eubanks



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

APRIL 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 FAUSETT FARM RIDE
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 PLAY DAY	21	22	23 DAWSON RIDE
24 JUNI FISHER CONCERT FOR TRAILS	25	26	27	28	29	30

**PLAY DATE**

The next Play Date is April 20th. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and the sun will be shining! Judie Uchitel will be leading this event.

- Judie Uchitel



MAY 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 KY DERBY PARTY
8	9	10	11 PLAY DAY	12	13	14 PETE DILLINGHAM CLINIC
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

**SILLY DOG PHOTO**

APRIL 2022

If you have a silly horse photo, please send it in.

**Roxie**  
owned by Kathy Hardin



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# 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)

2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg (\$40) \_\_\_\_\_ Social/Non-Rider (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Under 18 Youth Rider\* (\$40) \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ 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.



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