

BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Horse Park incurred damage to the roof of the Pavilion which was repaired by Bent Tree. I thank the work crew who came out and repaired the roof. A tree also fell just missing the horse statues, but hit the end of the arena. The same crew came out, cleared away the tree, and cut another tree down that threatened the statues.

I especially want to thank Leslie and Bruce Elliott for volunteering to repair the fence damage. We need to order four parts and the fence will be as good as new.

I also want to thank JoAnn Hartin for volunteering to take charge of the Dawson Forest Ride. She was the ONLY person who answered my call to lead one of our upcoming activities. This is what I mean by stepping up and volunteering to help with club activities and work to keep our horse park in good repair and looking beautiful.

It's the end of February and Spring is just around the corner when The Saddle Club activities will be gearing up. On February 26, we have a work day to get the horse park in shape for the summer. Along with the repairs mentioned above, the horse park needs to be cleaned up. There is a lot of debris on the ground from the wind storms. Please meet at the horse park on February 26, at 9:30 a.m. ready to work. We need you to bring your tools: saws, rakes, hoes, clippers etc., which will be needed to get the horse park back in good shape. When the work is completed, we will adjourn to the 19th Hole for Pizza and the satisfaction of a job well done.

FUNDRAISER FOR TRAILS

Juni Fisher in Concert Fundraiser for Trails. Sunday April 24, 2022

Some of our long-term members may remember Juni Fisher, Western Singer/Songwriter/Storyteller/Horse Woman, from the 2014 BTSC kickoff Party. Thanks to the Chattahoochee Trail Horse Association 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 that the concert will generate \$4,000 to be used for the trails at Garland Mountain Horse & Hike Trails, Don Carter State Park, Watson Mill Bridge State Park, and A.H. Stephens State Park.



Juni is excited about coming back to the north Georgia area and we're excited to have

her peform at the Bowen. The cost per person is \$25. Payment via PayPal can be made online at 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 have 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

MARCH 2022

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022

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

2022 POSITIONS

Membership Newsletter Editor Email Distribution Bob Crowl Christine Cobb Ronda Erway



Bobby & Joyce DeLay

Julia Jorns, BTSC Treasurer, is moving and has resigned her position effective immediately. We wish Julia and, her husband, Robert the best of luck and joy in their new home. Joyce Delay has accepted the position as Treasurer. The Executive Board thanks her for accepting the position and welcomes her to the Board.

- Judie Uchitel

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bent Tree Saddle Club – General Meeting Consolidated Meeting Minutes 02/17/22

Meeting called to order by Judie Uchitel at 7:20pm

- 1. Minutes reviewed; salmon added to entrée section of kickoff party and approved.
- 2. Treasurers Report

Judie Uchitel reported that the current balance is \$3859.

- 3. Membership Report
 - Bob Crowl report that there have been 87 membership renewal commitments. All dues' checks went to Judie Uchitel and an updated email list to Ronda Erway.
- 4. Agenda Items

Upcoming Calendar Events

- Work Day Bob Crowl and Judie Uchitel walked the area around the arena and trails.
 They made a list of things that need to be done. The arena will need to be dragged that day as well. Bob Crowl spoke with BT and they will be working on repairing the pavilion roof and stump removal.
- Kickoff Meeting/Dinner Kathy Hardin reported that there are 26 people signed up to date with the deadline on the 28th approaching quickly. The Mule House Event Director requires a head count for food 2 weeks in advance. The group discussed the raffle which will include a picture donated by Keeve Krasner, a 50/50 raffle run by Bob Crowl, and tickets donated by Lee Berger to the Booth Museum and the new Auto Museum. Each ticket will cost \$5.00. Judie Uchitel will be deciding on décor.
- 5. New Business
 - Parts to finish arena fence repair Judie Uchitel reported that Bruce and Leslie Elliott finished most of the fence repair but need a few more parts at the cost of \$90.00. Kathy Hardin mad a motion the pay for the replacement items. This was seconded and approved.
 - Ribbons for this year's events Bob Crowl and Judie Uchitel could not locate any ribbons in the BTSC storeroom. Rose Rhys texted Claire Eubanks to see if she knew their location and how many there are. Claire Eubanks responded that she has all the ribbons and estimated that there should be enough for events this season.
 - Insurance Judie Uchitel asked Kathy Hardin to assist in filling out the application for this year's insurance that is due to expire on March 17, 2022.
 - 2022 Calendar Judie Uchitel discussed the calendar for 2022 (see attached). Joann Hartin volunteered to lead a ride at Dawson Forest and moved the date to April 23rd. Young Life Ride date changed to October 29th and will be led by Rich Vigue. Judie Uchitel will lead the play day on April 13th. Ronda and Randy Erway will coordinate food for the Faucett Farms event and make is like a tailgate on April 2nd. Ronda Erway will write an article for the next newsletter regarding the event.
 - BT Website password a notice will be placed in the newsletter so members will know how to get into the website.
 - Newsletter articles Kathy Hardin reviewed who needs to write article for the newsletter. All items are due by February 20th.
 - Meeting schedule to prevent deadline problems with the newsletter, the EC meeting schedule will change to the 2nd Thursday of each month when possible.
- Next meeting March 9th (Wednesday) 6:30pm; location TBD.
 Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted: Ronda Erway, BTSC Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

KICK-OFF DINNER



The BTSC Kick-off Dinner will be held on March 12, at the Old Mule House. There will be a cash bar beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come and catch up with other members. The General Meeting will begin at 6:30.

Several raffles will take place to raise money for the BTSC including a raffle for a beautiful horse picture donated by Keeve Krasner, 4 tickets to the Booth Museum and 4 tickets to the Savoy Auto Museum, in Cartersville, donated by Lee Berger. Another raffle, a 50-50, run by Bob Crowl will also be held. The cost of each raffle is \$5.00 per raffle ticket. Bring money!

The menu will be as follows: caesar salad, pork loin and salmon, roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables, and cheese cakes.

Our guest speaker is Jim Duham, Director of Special Projects and Historian for the Booth Western Art Museum. Taking the persona of Mark Twain, he delivers a oneman program of Twain's humorous writings and loved stories. He entertained us at a previous kick-off where he displayed fast and fancy gun handling that he taught to movie actors.

PETE DILLINGHAM - MAY 14^{th,} 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 me to sign up.

Email wolferjudie@gmail.com or call 404-226-0287.

- Judie Uchitel/Pete Dillingham



FAUSETT FARM RIDE

On April 2nd, 2022, we will have our 1st Trailering Event to Fausett Farms Sunflower and Riding Trails. A tailgate style lunch will be served from 12-1 pm in the parking area on the lake (or high) side. 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.

RSVP to Ronda Erway (rrerway@gmail.com or text 402-540-3338) by March 25th, 2022 to ensure there will be enough food for all those who wish to attend.

- Ronda & Randy Erway

- Judie Uchitel

TOP OF THE WORLD RIDE



Spring will be here soon so let's ride! For those of you who have been on the "Top of the World" ride you can back me up when I say it is one of the most beautiful and non strenuous rides that we have locally.

March 19th is when we will depart from the Horse Park at 10:30. We can pick up riders along the way if you are on the route which will head out of Bent Tree in back of the Erways' farm and then proceed down Soquili Trail into Hickory Cove. Let me know at least 2 days ahead of time if you will need access into the back gate of Bent Tree to get to the Horse Park. The gate will be opened 30 minutes prior to the ride departure. Bring a lunch and something to tie your horse with. We should be back to the Horse Park around 2:30.

- Kathy Hardin

APRIL Newsletter - DEADLINE -The deadline for updated event info, articles, and photos is March 21st.

> email to: 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.

PLAY DATE

Our first play date is Wednesday, March 9 at 10 a.m. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and the sun will be shining! Even though I have been given the task of "leading" this event, I am going to put some things in the arena for us to use, and I hope you will put on your thinking caps for what you want to do as well. I have a few games in mind but remember, this is strictly for fun! We might even have a few drill team moves to practice! I hope to see you on March 9, and please pray for sunshine!!

- Libby Adams

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 Cell Phone: 404-285-4848



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Saddle Club has 87 members as we begin 2022. This includes four new members who were included in renewal applications from existing members.

They are Skyler Denton, son of Leigh Denton; Aviana Feldt, daughter of Chris Feldt and Janna Medved; Joy Patterson, wife of Jabo Patterson; and George Payne, husband of Teresa Payne. We welcome them into the Club and look forward to seeing them at future events. Our updated 2022 membership roster is now 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. Hope to see you at the upcoming Kickoff event at the The Old Mulehouse on March 12th.

- Bob Crowl



Treasurer Report

01/11/2022 - 02/21/2022

Previous balance:	\$ 3,859.00		
Checks written:	\$	0.00	
Deposits Total:	\$ 1,600.00		
Refunds:	\$	0.00	
Balance	\$ 5,459.00		

Tami Steinbrecher 2021 WDAA WORLD SHOW

Note from Editor: Tami Steinbrecher submitted this information for the last newsletter Jan-Feb. My sincere apologies for missing the e-mail, thus not including in previous newsletter. - - Christine Cobb



Winnings from 2021 WDAA World Show



Me and American Doll (12 year old TWH) at the World Show.



My husband Wallace exhibiting The Wicked Wolf in Intro level test at World show.



Me exhibiting The Wicked Wolf (11 year old TWH) in upper level test at World Show.

Please continue to submit your photos from trail rides and horse shows. We would like to showcase them in upcoming newsletters.

SENIOR HORSE CARE

Senior horses, in their mid-teens and older, can continue to live healthy, productive lives if given the special care they need. Per Barb Crabbe, DVM, Horse&Rider magazine's consulting veterinarian she recommends the following for senior horses:

• Keep him moving - As with humans, exercise benefits an aging horse in multiple ways, including keeping muscles strong and joints operative. Full-time turnout is ideal. Stay aware of your own senior horse's changing capabilities and energy levels as you continue to ride him.

• Mind those teeth - Tooth problems can contribute to malnutrition, weight loss, and colic. Periodontal disease is also a hazard as horses age. Schedule once- or twicea-year checks by an equine dentist or veterinarian, and watch for trouble signs: difficulty chewing, dropping food, a bad smell from the mouth.

• Feed with care - The simplest way to achieve good nutrition for your older horse is by providing feed specifically formulated for senior horses. Feed, such as grain or pellets, in addition to forage (grass or hay). If the horse has severe dental problems, use the product and moisten with water as necessary.

• Get him vet-checked - Your vet can watch for conditions and diseases common to older horses including digestive difficulties, Cushing's disease, insulin resistance, melanomas, and kidney or liver problems. Schedule vet visits once or twice a year.

• Watch for vulnerabilities - Older horses have decreased reserves and increased susceptibility to serious infections and colic caused by dehydration or impaction. They're also more attractive to biting insects, and may be more sensitive to temperature extremes. Watch for signs of illness, and act promptly; provide adequate pest protection; and make sure your oldster has accessible shelter.

• Groom him - A daily grooming promotes circulation, helps head off skin problems, and enables you to catch the start of small troubles before they become problematic. Especially during the winter, run your hand over your senior horse's barrel regularly to check for ribbiness that might not show under a long haircoat.

- contributed by Christine Cobb taken from Horse & Rider Magazine

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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	Judie Uchitel			
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	Ronda Erway has coordinated the food. cvx			
April 9,	Saturday	Bent Tree Stables rain date	BTS	Keeve Krasner			
April 13,	Wednesday		BT-HP 10:00 a.m.	Judie Uchitel *****			
April 23,	Saturday	Dawson Ride	Meet at Dawson 10:30	JoAnn Hartin *****			
<mark>April 24,</mark>	Sunday	Juni Fisher Concert for Trails Center for the Arts, Dawsonville/Bowden Center	Starts at 1:00 p.m.	Rich Vigue <u>*****</u>			
May 7,	Saturday	Kentucky Derby Party		****			
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				
<mark>June 8</mark>	Wednesday	Play Day	BT-HP 10:00 a.m.				
July 4,	Monday	4 th of July Parade & Cookout Plus Fireworks	BT-HP				
<mark>July 4, - 8,</mark>	<mark>Monday-</mark> 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. 14,	Saturday	Omoksee	BT-HP	Clair Eubanks			
Sept. 24, or Sept. 17	Saturday or Sunday	Prince Farm Brunch Ride	Leave from BT-HP	Need volunteer to coordinate food			
October ? 3 rd week		Pete Dillingham/Harmony Mtn.		Pete Dillingham			
October 29	Saturday	Young Life Ride		Rich Vigue *****			
Dec. 3m	Saturday	Holiday Party	Pendley Stables	Judie Uchitel ****			

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.

<u>*****</u> These items have been changed or added to the schedule

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MARCH 2022						
Sun	Mon March 2022 Caler	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 PLAY DAY Bent Tree Horse Park	10	11	KICK-OFF 12 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

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	21	22	23 DAWSON RIDE
24 JUNI FISHER CONCERT FOR TRAILS	25	26	27	28	29	30





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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:_____ State: Zip: City: 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) Reg (\$40) Social/Non-Rider (\$20) Under 18 Youth Rider* (\$40) 3rd: 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 vear. 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

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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	_ Print Name		_			
Sponsor Members' Signatures – 2 sponsors are required (only for new applicants who are not Bent Tree Affiliates)								

*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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