



BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2022

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The weather was beautiful during the month of May and we were able to host some wonderful events.

Leaders are still needed for the following play day September 14th. Please contact me if you want to lead the colorful personalities of members who attend this event.

Also, a person is needed to coordinate the lunch for the Prince ride. Please contact me if you are willing to do this.

The following people have lead events so far this year: Ronda Erway (2 events), Kathy Hardin (3 events + 2 coming up), Claire Eubanks (1 event with 2 more coming up), Libby Adams (1 event and 1 coming up), JoAnn Hartin (1 event), Judie Uchitel (4 events and 1 coming up), and Rich Vigue (1 event coming up). Seven members have shouldered leading all the events. This is a big problem with our saddle club membership. Everyone wants to attend the social events and we have a handful who attend the riding events, but no one wants to lead. I'm sure the members I mentioned above would like to have some help planning and executing these events. I, along with the EC Committee, am wondering how to improve the club through better participation and leadership.

- Judie Uchitel

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

2022 POSITIONS

Membership	Bob Crowl
Newsletter Editor	Christine Cobb
Email Distribution	Ronda Erway

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Horseback Riding Trail Beside the Dam Road

A recent State inspection of Bent Tree's Lake Tamarack dam addressed, among other things, the condition of the dirt horse/walking trail next to the paved road crossing the dam. The report noted that corrective action is needed to prevent further erosion. Until corrective action (path covered using crusher run, wood chips, etc.) is taken that is satisfactory to the State, we must only ride on the pavement when crossing the dam. Bent Tree is working on a solution to this problem which will require the Board approving necessary funding. I will keep you posted as to when a corrective solution is in place and the trail is open for horseback riding. Remember, do not ride across any grass/dirt portion of the dam; ride on the pavement or use the Kentucky Derby trail in the woods. If you have any questions, please contact me.

- Bob Crowl

Treasurer Report

04/12/2022 - 05/12/2022

Previous balance:	\$ 3,885.34
Checks written:	(\$ 113.16)
Subtotal:	\$ 3,772.18
Deposits Total:	\$ 0.00
Refunds:	\$ 0.00
Balance	\$ 3,772.18

MAY Newsletter - DEADLINE -

The deadline for updated event info, articles, and photos is

June 20th

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.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bent Tree Saddle Club - Executive Committee Consolidated Meeting Minutes 5/11/22

Meeting called to order by Judie Uchitel at 6:45pm

1. **Minutes** - reviewed and approved.
2. **Treasurers Report**
 - Joyce Delay reported that the current balance is \$3,752.18.
3. **Membership Report**
 - Bob Crowl report that there are 92 members. No new members in May.
4. **Agenda Items**
 - **Insurance** - Judie Uchitel reported that the Sylvia's paid for the insurance ryder so BTSC is covered for the event at their farm: Hillside Farm Ride on June 4th.
 - **Dragging Arena** - Bob Crowl stated he will drag the arena 05/12/22, before the Pete Dillingham clinic which is 5/14 - 5/16.
5. **Upcoming Events**
 - **July 30th Beach Party** - managed by Kathy Hardin.
Mark Miller will be the entertainment. He specializes in 60s, 70s and 80s music. Kathy is working with Janet Vigue, BTSC member, and asking about food options; what foods are allowed bring in or if all food must be purchased through the Bent Tree 19th Hole Restaurant. Kathy Hardin opened discussions about a theme and activities to hold during the event. The event will start at 5:00 p.m. We are renting the pavilion starting at 4:00 in order to have time for set up. The cost for the pavilion is \$75.00 per hour. The cost for Mark Miller is \$350.00. The Executive Committee agreed to allot \$500.00 for the event. Any overages in cost will be brought up at the general meeting, which will take place before the entertainment, and voted on by the members.
 - **Other upcoming events:**
 - June 4th - Hillside Farm Ride - organized by Jim and Lisa Sylvia
 - June 8th - Play Day - organizer to be determined
 - June 18th - Work Day to paint and repair, jumps, posts and poles - organized by Judie Uchitel
 - July 4th - Jasper Fourth of July Parade and Bent Tree Parade - activities to be determined - organized by Judie Uchitel
 - July 30th - BTSC Beach Party - organized by Kathy Hardin

New Business

- Storage of jump gates and poles. Judie Uchitel raised the topic of covering these items after they are painted and repaired (Paint Day June 18th). First suggestion was to cover with a tarp. Second suggestion from Bob Crowl was to place the items in the rafters of the hay barn. The question was brought up by Kathy Hardin as to how to lift the items into the rafters, as they are quite heavy. No solution at this meeting. The committee agreed to discuss the storage again at the next meeting.
- Replacement of the cover of the award plaques at the BTSC arena. Kathy Hardin commented that it is currently hard to read the awards due to weathering of plastic covering. Judie Uchitel volunteered Jason Uchitel to obtain new plastic (plexiglass) to replace existing cover. Kathy Hardin suggested replacing the wooden frame. No decision on who will take on that task.
- Restoration of BTSC Arena sign. Joyce DeLay stated Bobby DeLay spent \$115.00 for restoration work. The committee unanimously agreed to reimburse Bobby for the \$115.00.
- New gate at arena for access from the pavilion. Judie Uchitel commented that in the past, during Youth Week, Horse Camp, many youngsters have climbed through the fencing causing it bent and stretched. Kathy Hardin suggested a 'bypass gate' to use as a walk thru which could be placed in front of the grill or the pavilion, no decision was made. Discussion ensued as to how to build the gate. Judie Uchitel suggested, that in the mean time, post signs along the fence - NO CLIMB THRU - USE GATE TO THE LEFT. Kathy Hardi stated it was also a problem to allow horses to be tied to the arena fencing. Judie Uchitel and Bob Crowl will discuss this topic further with Keeve. Both will be added to the calendar and a notice placed in the next newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Christine Cobb, BTSC Vice President

SHARP TOP MOUNTAIN RIDE



It was a beautiful spring day on the mountain when Judie Uchitel and I went on the Sharp Top Ride on April 30th. We were lonely, as no one else joined us to enjoy the splendor. We appreciated the serenity and took advantage of taking the extra time to trim the fast growing plants that always tend to invade our on the trails. We rode up to the Bruce Prince sign where we rested and ate our lunches. These trails are the only ones left to ride because over the years, access to private property has diminished. We need your help to keep them open so let me know if you want to ride there and I will be your personal guide if you bring your clippers.

- Kathy Hardin

Judie Uchitel on Tokyo

Kathy Hardin's Horse, Poppy



MAY 11TH PLAY DAY

Judi Uchitel, Christine Cobb, Kathy Hardin and myself showed up at the arena promptly at 10:00 and saddled up our horses, three mares and one gelding. Kathy on her mare, Poppy, rode into the arena with a plastic protector hanging from her saddle containing patterns and terms. She announced that we were going to become a drill team today. *I'm thinking, piece of cake!* I rode with the Dream Weavers many years ago and we performed at rodeos all across the South. I just forget sometimes how many years ago it was.

Kathy started showing us these cool moves and put us all in a line. We were supposed to keep our shoulders right with the person on both sides of us. *Easier said than done.* Our horses were putting their ears back, not crazy about being that close to each other. Kathy began giving us all kinds of instructions. "Halt," walk on," "steer," "separately and then together." "bend into circles to your left and right," "No Judie, your other right." "Sandy, you are the lead horse..... (*panic is setting in, lead?, lead where?*) "straight lines!" "Judi speed up," "faster," "Christine, catch up, hurry!" Then, "You all look awful!"

I had forgotten that I had reached the age where I can't remember why I've walked into a room, let alone more than one instruction at a time. Poor Judie, she was always on the end that had to speed up and Christine had to stay between me and Judie. My horse did not like the statue of the horses out front and spooked at that end of the arena. I was supposed to square up with the flag pole and Crystal was getting the hang out of there!

Drill teams are supposed to be just that, a team. By the end of the day, Kathy was actually saying "Nice job!" We had a blast and we thought we looked pretty great too. We felt like a team any way and had fun playing with our horses. Thanks, Kathy, for a great day spent our favorite way. with friends and our horses. We are available to perform any time..... *after 100 more practice sessions.*

- Sandy Stephenson

UPCOMING PLAY DAY - JUNE 8TH

We had so much fun at the last Play Day so we will do it again on Wednesday, June 8th. Let me know if there is anything in particular you would like to do, otherwise I will come up with some ideas on my own. Play Day is meant to be fun, trying new things and being with friends. If you haven't ever attended a Play Day and want to know more about it, just give me a call.

We will start at 10:00 but you have to let me know if you will need the back gate open which will be at 9:30. So if you are planning to participate, drop me a line at kathardin39@gmail.com. Don't forget to pack a lunch!

- Kathy Hardin

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JUNE 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4 HILLSIDE FARM TRAIL CHALLENGE 10:30
5	6	7	8 PLAY DAY	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 PAINT & REPAIR WORK DAY 10:30
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

6/04 Hillside Farm Trail Challenge
641 Hamrick Road, Talking Rock, GA
10:30 a.m. BRING COGGINS.

6/08 Play Day. BTSC Horse Park.
10:00 a.m.

6/18 Paint work day at the BTSC Horse Park to repair jump posts and poles. Meet at BTSC Horse Park at 10:30 a.m.

7/04 Fourth of July Parade

7/30 "A Lazy Summer Day" Beach Event



JULY 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4 FOURTH OF JULY PARADE	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 LAZY SUMMER DAY BEACH EVENT
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Saddle Club membership remains at 92 members. 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



When riding a horse, we borrow freedom.

- Helen Thomson

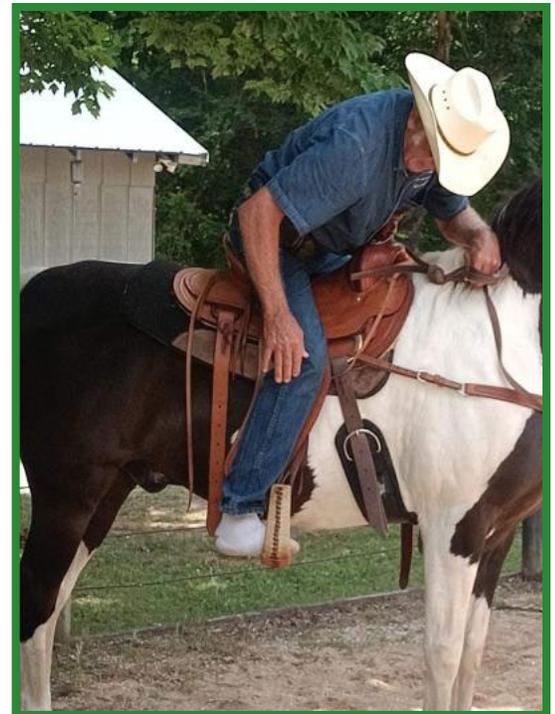
PETE DILLINGHAM CLINIC

Pete Dillingham held his clinic May 14, and 15. There were 4 participants, Sandy Stephenson, Cindi McLeod, Kathy Hardin, and Judie Uchitel. There were members present who decided to audit the event.

Pete gave us a wonderful clinic with great tidbits of information regarding a number of topics about horses, horse/human relationships, and how to improve this relationship.

These are a few of the items we learned. We were taught how to get your horse to respect your space and not crowd you while being lead and the circle game to help place your horse where you want him/her without much effort. Also, we learned to ground tie our horse which is such a great benefit and to give them a signal (when saddled) they are allowed to eat and trains them not to eat until you give the signal. We learned how to catch a horse that did not want to be caught. As most of you are aware, they can run faster than we can. The last afternoon, the group was taught precision riding which was a fun thing to do and looked awesome. Thank you, Pete, for a great clinic!

- Judie Uchitel



HILLSIDE FARM TRAIL CHALLENGE UPDATE

Hi all!

The Trail Challenge is still on schedule for Saturday, June 4th. (Rain date, June 5th). Plan to arrive at 10:30 am.

The address is:

641 Hamrick Road
Talking Rock, GA 30175

The list I have for Riders and Volunteers is to the right.

If you are planning to ride and have not let me know, let me know ASAP! This same notice went out separately via email and hopefully by now we've received notice from all contestants. PLEASE SEND YOUR COGGINS TO ME ASAP!

- Lisa Sylvia

RIDERS	
1. Rich Vigue	
2. Sandy Stephenson – Coggins Renewal coming	
3. Claire Eubanks	
4. Kathy Hardin – Coggins Received	
5. Chuck Ewing	
6. Julie Heinsman	
7. Denese Glover	
8. Bobby Delay	
9. Georgianna Hunter	
10. Ronda Erway	
Elise escorted by Claire	
Rose Escorted by Bobby	
VOLUNTEERS	
Jim Sylvia / Lisa Sylvia	
Carol Ewing - Timers	
Betsy Robe - Timers	
Keith Hunter	
Bob Crowl	
Joyce Delay – In the Woods	
Don Williams	

A LAZY SUMMER DAY - BEACH EVENT



A special day is being planned for club members and guests at the Bent Tree Beach Pavillion July 30th. It will be an early evening event

you won't want to miss, with Mark Miller singing country and soft rock from years gone by and playing his guitar. Mark has performed all around north Georgia and I personally was entertained by him at a friend's anniversary party and also at the Big Door Winery in White, GA.

Plans are still in the works regarding what food will be served and various beachy activities that you might want to participate in. It is intended to be very laid back and casual as if you were in Florida at the beach. Maybe we'll have you compete in a cornhole contest and award the champion. As we continue to finalize these plans, we need to know how many members will come and join in the fun.

Please text or drop me an email immediately and don't forget to jot it on your calendar. I'm excited to plan this event for you but more importantly, you need to be excited about meeting up with friends and joining in the fun.

- Kathy Hardin
kathardin39@gmail.com
404-218-6360

YOUTH FEST - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Bent Tree Community is holding its annual **Youth Fest** for the children of Bent Tree parents and grandparents. This event has always been a way for the Bent Tree Saddle Club to show its appreciation to the community for all it has done to promote equestrian activity here, (i.e. the Bent Tree Stables and the Bent Tree Saddle Club). So, please come and volunteer your time to help make this a big success. We need arena guides, arena horses (child safe horses), trail guides and logistical support (check-in, line control, helmets on, helmets off, mounting, dismounting, etc.). Please pick one or more days to help.



The stable activities will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 5th, 6th and 7th from 8:30am to 12:30pm each day. Please email or text me with your availability.

- Keeve Krasner
info@stables.bent-tree.com / 404-285-4848



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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)

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.



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