



BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

JULY 2022

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The month of June has been a fairly quiet month and we cancelled the Play Day due to the weather. However, I understand the 2022 Trail Challenge was a big success. Thank you, Lisa and Jim, for your hard work to put on this event. Read on in this newsletter, to read all about it.

At this time, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce to the membership an addition to our newsletter. This new addition is the Membership Corner. The purpose of the Membership Corner is to allow members to share their experiences outside the saddle club. This may include trail rides (in or outside of GA), camping trips, horse shows, etc. Members may benefit from the experience of others regarding amenities and trails. This opinion should be an honest review allowing saddle club members to decide if this is a place they wish to visit.

- 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

The Horseback Riding Trail Beside the Road at Lake Tamarack Dam is CLOSED.

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 crush n' 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 Debry trail in the woods. If you have any questions, please contact me.

- Bob Crowl

Treasurer Report

05/12/2022 - 06/12/2022

Previous balance:	\$ 3,752.18
Checks written:	(\$ 152.41)
Subtotal:	\$ 3,599.77
Deposits Total:	\$ 0.00
Refunds:	\$ 0.00
Balance	\$ 3,599.77

AUGUST Newsletter - DEADLINE -

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bent Tree Saddle Club - Executive Committee Consolidated Meeting Minutes 6/23/22

Meeting called to order by Judie Uchitel at 6:40pm

1. Minutes

- Reviewed and approved.

2. Treasurers Report

- Joyce Delay reported that the current balance is \$3,599.77.

3. Membership Report

- Bob Crowl reported that there are 92 members. Two new applications were received after challenge event at Sylvia's. After review and discussion regarding sponsorship, Judie Uchitel made a motion to approve the applications; motion was seconded and approved.

4. Agenda Items

- New Arena Gate - after discussion, Kathy Hardin made a motion to post-pone new gate access until next year after re-evaluation of need. Motion was seconded and approved.
- Hornet's Nest - BT grounds crew warned Judie Uchitel about a hornet's nest in the tree near the statue containing aggressive hornets. A warning will be emailed out to club members and Bob Crowl will be contacting the ground crew to follow up on possible removal.
- Signs - 2 signs were completed by Christine Cobb's husband for the arena area to request people not climb through the fencing. After discussion, the committee decided to put one sign on the fence in front of the pavilion and another near the judges stand.
- July 4th Activities - Parade: application has been completed with parade start time changed to 1pm. So far four riders have committed to riding. Picnic: time was set for 6:30pm; membership responses have been low so far. Should there not be adequate response, event will be cancelled. Judie Uchitel will be sending out a reminder regarding parade and picnic.
- July 30th Beach Party - Kathy Hardin reported on party planning. Members may bring guests as long as reservations are made with Kathy Hardin in advance. Leslie Elliott had graciously volunteered to head up decorating for the event so anyone who has decorations to lend out or time to help should contact her. Kathy Hardin reviewed menu options and membership cost. After discussion, the committee decided to use Chef Tulio's menu from BT and charge \$25/person to cover the meal. Timetable for the event is: 4pm pavilion open for decorating, 5-6pm happy hour, 6pm general meeting followed by meal and music. Music will play from 5-8pm with a break during the general meeting. Kathy Hardin will have an article in the newsletter with reservations due approximately 2 weeks in advance of the event.
- July and August Play dates - Judie Uchitel recommended canceling the July 13th and Aug 10th play dates due to the summer heat. The committee approved and a notice will be placed in the newsletter.
- Newsletter Articles for non-BTSC member events - The committee felt there should be a "Membership Corner" in the newsletter when members wish to share personal trips, shows, etc. with the other members. Should any member be interested in posting a ride related event, their article will be placed under this header.

5. New Business

- 2023 BTSC and Executive committee suggestions - the committee had a long discussion on the future of the club and increasing membership participation. The committee decided to continue planning. A nominating committee was needed to find members who are interested in being on the executive committee as the past-president position is vacant. Any members who are interested in participating in the EC committee are encouraged to volunteer.
- Next meeting - TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted: Ronda Erway, BTSC Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

JASPER JULY 4th PARADE

Make plans now to participate in the Jasper Lions Club annual Independence Day celebration parade. It will be held Monday, July 4, starting at 1:00 pm.

Many of you know the drill. We park our horse trailers in the athletic field behind the Jasper United Methodist Church, tack up, and from there we join the parade, usually at the end. The parade goes for several blocks up Main Street. I suggest you plan on arriving no later than noon. Wear patriotic colors and decorate your horse.

In addition to members representing the Bent Tree Saddle Club another group will represent the Bent Tree Stables. If you know anyone that will carry a banner for the Stables, please have them contact Keeve Krasner, Stable Master or me. Hope to see you at this special event. It is always a lot of fun. Call me if you have any questions.

- Bob Crowl

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Saddle Club now has 94 members. We welcome Lig Quigley and Debbie Liggett to our Club and look forward to seeing them at future events. They participated as guests at several events over the last couple of years including the recent trail challenge event at Hillside Farm. 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



A LAZY SUMMER DAY BEACH EVENT

The plans for **A Lazy Summer Day** event scheduled for July 30th are moving along. Last time I addressed this event we had the beach pavillion reserved and had signed on Mark Miller to entertain us with his singing and guitar playing of country and soft rock music. We can't have an event without delicious food, so Chef Tulio from the Bent Tree Tavern has agreed to provide a feast for us. To fall

in line with our "Beachy" theme, we will enjoy 2 proteins; Kahlua chicken with lime and soy served over your choice of white or stir fried rice and a pork kabob with 5-6 pieces of pork adorned with various vegetables. In addition to the proteins, there will be a leaf salad with various fruits and tomatoes with a hacienda/Teriyaki dressing and also some grilled corn on the cob. The dessert is yet to be determined. All of this for \$25 per attendee. We may be asking the membership for approval to cover some of the cost for the pavillion and music from the Club treasury. Of course it will be a BYOB and check with me if you would like to bring a guest or two.

This evening of fun will begin with a happy hour from 5:00-6:00 and a short general meeting at 6:00 with dinner following. Music will play until around 8:00. Bring a chair if it would be more comfortable for you than the picnic table bench. We will be gathering some lawn games to offer for our competitive members such as Corn Hole or badmitton. We may even have some prizes available. Bring your kayak and paddle on the lake as the sun starts to lower in the sky.

Your part in this activity is to make a reservation and "SHOW ME THE MONEY"!! We are working hard to provide this wonderful event so reward us with your presence. I need a head count by July 18th, so please email or call me to let me know the check is in the mail.

Kathy Hardin - 404-218-6360
kathardin39@gmail.com
607 Red Leaf Way, Canton, GA 30114

Interested in becoming a member of Bent Tree Saddle Club? We'd love to have you! There is an application on page 6 of this newsletter.



"Horses change lives. They give our young people confidence and self esteem. They provide peace and tranquility to troubled souls, they give us hope."

- Toni Robinson

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JULY 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 FOURTH OF JULY PARADE	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 TENTATIVE DATES: Chestatee River Kayaking Day-Trip	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 LAZY SUMMER DAY BEACH EVENT
31						

PLAY DAY

No Play Days scheduled for July or August due to summer heat.
- Judie Uchitel



Be sure to make your reservations for the **LAZY SUMMER DAY** Beach Event. 07/30 @ 5:00 pm

See page 3 for details.

7/04

Jasper July 4th Parade 1:00 pm

7/12, 13 or 14 Tentative dates:
Chestatee River Kayaking Day Trip

NO EVENTS IN AUGUST

CHESTATEE RIVER KAYAKING DAY-TRIP

Possible Dates are July 12, 13 or 14

How about a float down 6 miles of the Chestatee River on a hot summer day? Let's do it! It's a beginner-level (Class I) river; all you do is steer a little bit through a couple of riffles. Just enough to make it interesting.

We will put in at Appalachian Outfitters' launch site just outside Dahlonega and take out downstream about 3 hours later. You can either rent a kayak from them or bring your own. The outfitter has all the equipment you need. Just bring your lunch, water, a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and wear clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting wet and dirty. What not to bring on the river: wallets, keys, phones, etc. The outfitter has a safe place to leave your keys.

One-person boats rentals are \$30, two-person boats are \$50 and three-person boats are \$55. If you bring your own boat, the charge to use their facilities and car shuttle is \$10 per vehicle.

Facilities include the launch shoot, changing rooms, Don's Johns, boat take-out assistance at the end and shuttle back to outfitter where they have a little shop with great tee-shirts.

Dogs are welcome. My dog Rowdy swam this stretch of river beside, behind and sometimes in front of my kayak many times.

Text or e-mail DJ if you want to join in the fun. We will pick the date that suits the most people who express an interest. We will do this on a weekday to avoid a traffic jam on the river.

- DJ Suberk
404-317-0950
dj.suberk@gmail.com

HILLSIDE FARM in conjunction with BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB 2022 TRAIL CHALLENGE - Recap -

I can't speak for everyone, but the **2022 Trail Challenge** was the event of the year for us! The timing and weather could not have been better. We had 14 riders and 15 horses! A shout out to two very special honorary riders. While they couldn't officially compete due to being under 18, they rode escorted, and they did very well. **Rose** and **Elise** rocked the course on their trusted steeds and made us all proud!

We couldn't have done it without our volunteers and spotters. Volunteers are instrumental - thanks **Betsy, Carol, Bob, Don, Joyce and Janet**..... But Don helped the most (inside joke)!

Chuck Ewing was the first rider off and set the course pace with 15.50 minutes on the 2.7-mile course. **Hot-Shot**; a Rocky Mtn./Saddlebred cross, so aptly named years ago, was on fire! When Chuck rang the finishing bell and we all saw the time a few eyebrows shot up with smiles! Julie was sitting just behind us, and I heard her say (not ask), "what was that time???" None of us realized that he truly had set the day's pace and it wouldn't be beat! While Chuck had the best time, there were five obstacles in the arena and Bob Crowl had a sheet for each contestant marking penalties when required. Chuck only had one penalty that changed his time by 1 minute.

Julie proved that a recent change in bits, wise words not often suggested by Pete Dillingham, catapulted her and **Deuce** into the "contender" level. What she did not know until the end, was by how much. She finished the course at 16.50, only one minute after Chuck, but with no penalties. After much deliberation and discussion about trailer loading techniques, nuances, etc., it was decided a tie and we had two **First Place Winners for the day!** Short of a run-off, it seemed our only option.

That made **Denese Williams and Shadow Second Place** with zero penalties and a time of 17.44! I should just mention that Denese rode 99% of the course one handed as her ball cap wouldn't stay on and she held it in her other hand - I guess she didn't want it to get dirty.

Third Place was **Claire on Dance**. Claire rode two horses and Claire always shows us what it means to put the horse first. She needs no explanation to this group of her horsemanship skills and ability. She rode her young horse Starlite and her older, slightly arthritic quarter-Arab Dance!

Fourth Place was **Kathy Hardin on Peek-A-Boo**, her gaited fast-paced steed - a fine job.

Fifth place was **Claire on Starlite**, a fine quarter horse.

Ribbons are for 1st - 5th place, but **Romelle was 6th Bobby 7th**, all riders closely followed in times.

We all gathered around the breezeway at the barn for hot dogs & burgers grilled up by none other than Jim Sylvia and all the yummy sides everyone brought to share! It was good to talk and laugh about the day's event! Until next time... Happy Trails to you all!

- Lisa Sylvia



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

DuPont Forrest, North Carolina



From June 12th to June 17th, Joyce and Bobby DeLay, Kathy Harding and I traveled to DuPont Forrest near Hendersonville, NC. We stayed at Shoal Creek Cottage which is owned by Shoal Creek Farms. The cottage had 2 bedrooms,

bath, kitchen, living room, and Wi-Fi along with a great front porch to sit on. The front porch had a great view of the valley, in which the cottage was located. We could watch the horses who were pastured across the street along with a view of the outdoor arena. We were provided with 2 pastures for our 4 horses and both had a small creek running through it.

The main purpose of our trip was to ride in DuPont Forrest. The trail head was a short ride from the cottage.

If you choose, you can trailer to other parking lots with trail heads. The trails are well kept and mostly sand, dirt and rocky road. There were a few rocky places with no steep inclines. We were lucky enough to meet Pete Dillingham, who does not live far away, and rode with him one day while we were there. He knows the trails very well. The waterfalls were beautiful and we visited them all. You do share the trails with hikers and bicyclists. The bicyclists were extremely polite and considerate of the horses. The horses survived the heat very well as we rode out very early in the morning and were back by noon or a little after. If you want a great horse trip, this is a good one to make.

- Judie Uchitel



From L to R:
Judie Uchitel, Bobby DeLay, Joyce DeLay, Kathy Hardin



From L to R:
Pete Dillingham, Joyce DeLay, Bobby DeLay, 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)

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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