



BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

SEPT 2022

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The last month and a half were fairly quiet due to the heat and humidity. Both the July and August play dates were canceled. Thanks to Kathy Hardin, the general membership had a great Beach Party on July 30th. Please read Kathy's article in this newsletter.

The Executive Committee is looking toward 2023 and are interested in nominations for officers for the coming year. If you are interested or know anyone who is interested, please contact one of the EC members.

Ronda and Randy Erway along with Bob Crowl will be working to get the arena in good shape. We have been experiencing a fight with the weeds and so far they have won! Bob is going to drag the arena and Ronda and Randy will use their equipment to spread a one-time chemical to kill the grass and weeds. What cannot be reached with the tractor (the perimeter) will be hand sprayed.

Upcoming events are as follows:

- 1). September 7th - Play date; BTSC Arena
- 2). September 24th - Prince Farm Brunch Ride
- 3). October 1st - Omoskee ([see article](#))
- 4). October 13-16 - Harmony Mountain Ride ([see article](#))
- 5). November 12th - Young Life Ride

The EC would like to see riders and social members alike at these events.

- Judie Uchitel

JASPER LIONS CLUB INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE



The Saddle Club again participated in the annual Lions Club July 4th parade in downtown Jasper. Crowds lining both sides of the street looked larger than ever and greeted us with much enthusiasm as we passed by. Rose Rhys and two friends carried our banner. Cathy Jones, Cheyenne Salters and Bob Crowl rode their decorated horses. We all had a great time and look forward to next year's parade.

- Bob Crowl



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

Treasurer Report

06/12/2022 - 08/12/2022

Previous balance:	\$ 3,679.77
Checks written:	(\$ 1,613.22)
Deposits Total:	\$ 850.00
Refunds:	\$ 0.00
Balance	\$ 2,916.55

OCTOBER Newsletter - DEADLINE -

The deadline for updated event info, articles, and photos is **SEPTEMBER 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 8/11/22

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 \$2916.55.

3. Membership Report

- Bob Crowl report that there are 94 members.

4. Agenda Items

- **Officers for Next Year** – the group questioned if there were EC members who may consider continuing in their current positions as well as BTSC members who have expressed interest in becoming involved. Planning will continue until all positions are filled.
- **BTSC Arena Awards Cover Replacement** – Kathy Hardin has been working on getting the cover repaired/replaced. Judie Uchitel will call Jim Sylvia directly to see if he would consider doing the repair.
- **Interest in Speakers** – The group discussed whether there might be member interest in having educational speakers do events again. Kathy Hardin suggested sending out a poll to the membership to gauge interest and topic suggestions.
- **Large Group Ride Concerns** – the group discussed some concerns that were expressed at the beach party regarding group rides. Some options were discussed and will be summarized and written up in an article for the newsletter by Ronda Erway.
- **Encourage Social Members to Attend Arena Events** – As a means of increasing social time, social members will be reminded that attending arena events as spectators is a great way to participate and 'visit'. Judie Uchitel will ask Claire Eubanks to make a special note in the next Omoksee article to have social members come and watch and join us for lunch.
- **Arena Treatment and Maintenance** – Judie Uchitel has been trying to treat the arena growth with chemicals alone. This is a monumental task that requires dragging to bring up dead/dying roots systems. Bob Crowl will work with Ronda and Randy Erway to get the chemicals to treat the arena. They will then coordinate using the Erway's spraying equipment to help treat the current growth and then use the BTSC drag to work the arena over the next couple of weeks.
- **Newsletter Articles** – Kathy Hardin will continue to send out a reminder to those who need to send in articles for the upcoming newsletter. Deadline for material to be sent to Christine Cobb is August 17th for a publication date of August 20th.

5. New Business

- September 7th – Play date; BTSC Arena
- September 17th – Omoksee; BTSC Arena
- September 24th – Prince Farm Brunch Ride
- October 13-16th – Harmony Mountain Ride
- October 29th – Young Life Ride (may change to October 2nd if ok with Rich Vigue)

Next meeting – September 15th, 2022 at 6:30 BTSC Pavilion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted: Ronda Erway, BTSC Secretary

BTSC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

July 30th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Minutes

The Executive Committee Minutes were reviewed and approved

2. Treasurer’s Report

Current bank account standing is \$3,679.77

3. Membership Report

Bob Crowl reported that there are 94 members

4. Agenda Items

- The membership approved spending up to \$350.00 additional to pay for the Beach Picnic Party.
- It was reported to the membership we are trying to fill the office positions for next year and were looking for volunteers. No one volunteered
- We asked for a volunteer to coordinate the taking of the orders and delivering the food to the Prince Farm during the Prince Ride. Ann Burger stepped up to the plate and said she would do this.
- We asked for suggestions from the membership regarding what they would like to see as future events for the BTSC.

Here are a few of the suggestions:

- Trail ride groups are sometimes too large and some members are not comfortable with that
- Providing interesting speakers to speak to the membership
- New places to ride

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

- Judie Uchitel

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BTSC has 94 members.

Congratulations to Leah Cutler on her recent marriage to John Warlick. We wish them all the best.

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.



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“GROUP RIDE – OH NO!?!”

We all worry about safety when riding for ourselves and our horses. Over the past year, I have heard a number of club members express concern about riding in a group. That means poor attendance at local and trailering rides. Unfortunately, this means no social time either. The Executive Committee is trying to come up with some ways to enjoy trail rides and still be able to socialize. A few suggestions are listed below:

- Have people leave in smaller groups at 10-15 min intervals. This way people can ride with like minded riders and still socialize at lunch time.
- Have ride on your own ‘tailgates’ like last year’s Fausett Farms event where everyone rides on their own schedule (or doesn’t ride at all) and then meets for lunch at a set time and place.
- Have groups ride in opposite directions (when the trail is a circular path like Chickamauga’s Red trail) and meet in the middle for lunch.

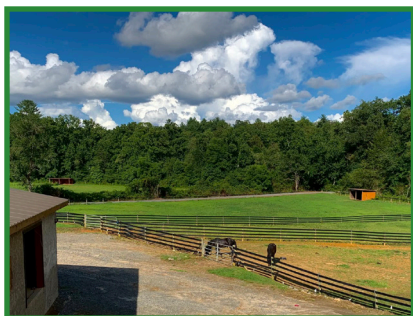
We look forward to members enjoying time together and welcome any other ideas that help up continue to ride and have fun together.

- Ronda Erway, BTSC Secretary

BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB TRAILERING TRIP TO HARMONY MOUNTAIN EQUINE

Save the dates: Our annual Trailering Trip to Pete and Bambi’s will be October 13-16th this year. Come join us for some breathtaking scenery in both the DuPont and Pisgah Forest in beautiful Western North Carolina! You can choose to come up Thursday or Friday Evening depending on how much riding and fun you want to have. One of the nights I will cook for everyone and one night we will head to a local restaurant. You will have to find lodging either VRBO, AIRBNB, or hotel in Brevard. Holiday Inn Express in Brevard is only a couple years old and the phone is (828)348-8745. If you have people to bunk with you should be able to find a local AIRBNB close to us! Our address is 442 Blantyre Church Rd Horse Shoe NC 28742. You are also welcome to work in either our Indoor or Outdoor arena’s. We have plenty of stalls for horses at the cost of \$25 per night. You won’t want to miss this very special weekend, so give me a call today and I will reserve your spot! Look forward to seeing you soon!

- Bambi (678) 313-5611



We are getting ready for the 2nd Omoksee scheduled for the year! We will start the event at 10:30am and the back gate will open at 10:00 to let trailers in.

This is a BYOE (Bring Your Own Everything) event meaning please bring your lunch to eat between events as well as a chair if desired. We would love for some of our social members to come join in the fun!

The cost to participate is \$10. We will run 5 events including the 3 standard runs (pole bending, batons, and tomahawk balls) as well as two mystery events.

Please bring a current Coggins.



I will need riders to assist in the running of the event. We will need help in the judges stand, set up of the event, help in between events, and take down. If you plan to ride, you will be asked to help.

Contact info:
Text/call 770-265-9425 or
ceshuman51@hotmail.com.

A head count for the back gate is necessary prior to the event.

See you in the saddle soon!

- Claire Eubanks

“A LAZY SUMMER DAY” - Recap -

The evening of July 30th, started out with rain blowing sideways into the Beach Pavilion at Bent Tree as Mark Miller, our entertainer, was trying to set up. Well, that didn't work so well as he started to unplug everything and pull the equipment to the center of the pavilion so he didn't get electrocuted. Puddles had formed so Mark carried his covered guitar over his shoulder for at least half an hour to avoid damage. The Corn Throw games were carried undercover and hopefully will be used at another event. The beach towels that were hung for decoration were blowing in the wind and got very wet. We decided it was a good time to hold our general club meeting which you can read about in the minutes in this issue of the newsletter.

Despite having to keep the food from becoming soup, everyone had smiles on their faces as they chatted and drank with friends. The food, provided by the Tavern at Bent Tree, was delicious and enjoyed by all. Dessert was a wonderful cake that was in dedication to Joyce and Bobby DeLay who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They brought champagne to share with everyone and Bobby also shared one of his jokes that set the mood for the evening. We wondered why they would want to celebrate such an event with us until we learned that they were going to Hawaii for a second honeymoon at a later date. Congratulations to both of them!

After the rain ceased and the food was all eaten, Mark Miller played his guitar and sang for us. He had just finished a recording of his music and he provided some of his CDs for our raffle. A couple BTSC caps were also given away. Some of our folks couldn't sit still during the music and started dancing. Keeve Krasner was giving dance lessons to Julie Heinsman, twirling her around the floor while John and Laura Wilder were sneaking in a dance in the parking lot. Yes, we saw you!

Despite the rain, everyone had a marvelous time! Thank you to all who helped make this party a time to remember.

- Kathy Hardin



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SEPTEMBER 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7 PLAY DAY	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 PRINCE FARM BRUNCH RIDE
25	26	27	28	29	30	

PLAY DAY - SEPT 7th

Cooler days will hopefully be approaching as we look forward to continuing the Play Days.

Rather than having a set agenda for the September 7th Play Day, the thought is to have everyone come and share their ideas of what they would like to do or accomplish. It can be fun games or working on things like dressage movements and obstacles.

The fun will begin at 10:00 so plan accordingly. I will have the back gate opened at 9:30. If you need access, please let me know. I would also like to know the number of people who will be attending so please contact me.

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

OCTOBER 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 OMOKSEE
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 HARMONY MOUNTAIN RIDE OCT 13 - 16TH	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

- 9/07** Play Day
BTSC Horse Park - 10:00 a.m.
- 9/24** Prince Farm Bruch Ride - depart from BTSC Horse Park - 10:00 a.m.
- 10/01** Omoksee
BTSC Horse Park - 10:30 a.m.
- 10/13-16** Harmony Mountain Ride
- 11/12** Young Life Trail Ride

PRINCE LUNCH RIDE

The September 24th Lunch Ride will depart the Horse Park at 10:00. We do not have a trail leader designated yet for this ride so details will be forthcoming in emails as we get closer to the date. Would you like to lead the ride? Ann Burger will be handling the lunch details and will send emails about it. So for right now, simply mark your calendar. It's a great fall ride over to Martha Prince's home on the other side of Sharp Top Mountain next to a creek. Anyone not riding can drive to Martha's and join in for lunch when the riders arrive. It is a great annual tradition!

Contact me if you know the trail over to Martha's place and are willing to lead the ride.

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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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