

BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

August 2023

Upcoming Events



The Bent Tree Saddle Club Presents Saturday, August 26th



Pete Dillingham

40 years horse experience, trainer, clinician. Dedicated to improving communication between horse and rider.

Currently residing in North Carolina, Pete is known to many in the North Georgia area for his horse training skills and his ability to communicate techniques to solve horse and rider issues.

An introduction to Natural Horsemanship with Pete Dillingham

“Why do we dedicate so much time, emotion and dollars to our horses? Because we are “horse lovers” and it’s hard to ignore this passionate gift. What we seek is a safe partnership with our animals.... and we want a meaningful bond with this wonderful creature. The building blocks of a quality relationship (human or animal) are; communication skills, understanding motives (psychology), establishing “values” (manners) and respect. The art of Natural Horsemanship accomplishes these goals.”

Wanted: A 2-4 year horse with little or no training to best illustrate the common sense ground techniques of Natural Horsemanship. If you have a horse that fits this description, please submit your candidate’s name, age, and background to Pete Dillingham at harmonymountainequine@gmail.com. Two weeks prior to the clinic I’ll send out a description of two of the horses for you, the auditors, to vote on. The winner will be used in this fast paced, fun and informative demonstration.

The demonstration will be followed with a Brats and Hamburgers cookout by Bambi Dillingham, prior owner of Jasper’s Carriage House. Bring your own beverages.

Where: Bent Tree Horse Park Jasper, GA

When: Demonstration 3pm, Cookout 5pm

Cost: \$10 Club Members, \$20 Non-Members (includes cookout)

Reservations required; Email Richvigue@ellijay.com or call 770-289-7272

President's Corner

The schedule for August has been rearranged a bit due to the temperatures we have been experiencing last month and August is the hottest month of the year. The workday scheduled for August 30, has now been moved to September 30. However, we have Pete Dillingham's clinic on our schedule for August 26. Please come out and support Pete and the clinic.

Also, Ronda has requested the Chickamauga Ride be rescheduled from September 16 to October 21. This is a popular ride. Those of you who still ride, please let Ronda know you will be attending. Ronda's number is 402-540-3338.

The club is planning on sponsoring an Open House for the club on October 14. This will be an important event for the BTSC as we are hoping to attract new members. We would really like to have a good attendance by our membership to support this effort.

I hope to see everyone at Pete Dillingham's Clinic.

Judie



Painting Project

I want to thank Kathy Hardin, Beyonca Padgett, and Sandy Stephenson for their help July 14 painting the jump stands and poles. Our poles and stands were showing their wear and tear. Frankly they looked pretty bad. They were in need of a good washing, sanding, and paint. We are planning several events later this year at which they will be used so now they are presentable and we have increased their life expectancy. However, we still have 5 poles, 3 small jump stands and 2 larger gates to paint. I will be at the horse park on Saturday, August 5, starting at 9:30 a.m. if anyone would like to help. I have already painted 2 weekday mornings on my own.

Judie



2024 Club Trip Options

Janet and I just got back from this year’s Cheyenne Frontier Days. CFD is an annual rodeo event held during the last full week in July. It’s known as the “Daddy of Em All!” and it is quite an event including 9 days of rodeo, nightly concerts by nationally known talent, vendors of all kinds of western items, and a free pancake breakfast served in the city plaza that is an experience you won’t forget. This was our second outing to Cheyenne Frontier Days and we plan on going again next year. For details about the event go to www.cfdrodeo.com. Janet and I are also planning on going to a guest ranch in the September 2024 timeframe. Most likely it will be back to Paradise Ranch in Buffalo, Wyoming. For details about the ranch go to www.paradiseranch.com.

We are willing to co-ordinate saddle club activities at both events. Please let us know if you **have serious interest** in attending either or both as part of a **2024 Club outing** no later than **August 13th**. You can contact us by phone or email. Please no texts. Richvigue@ellijay.com, 770-289-7272.



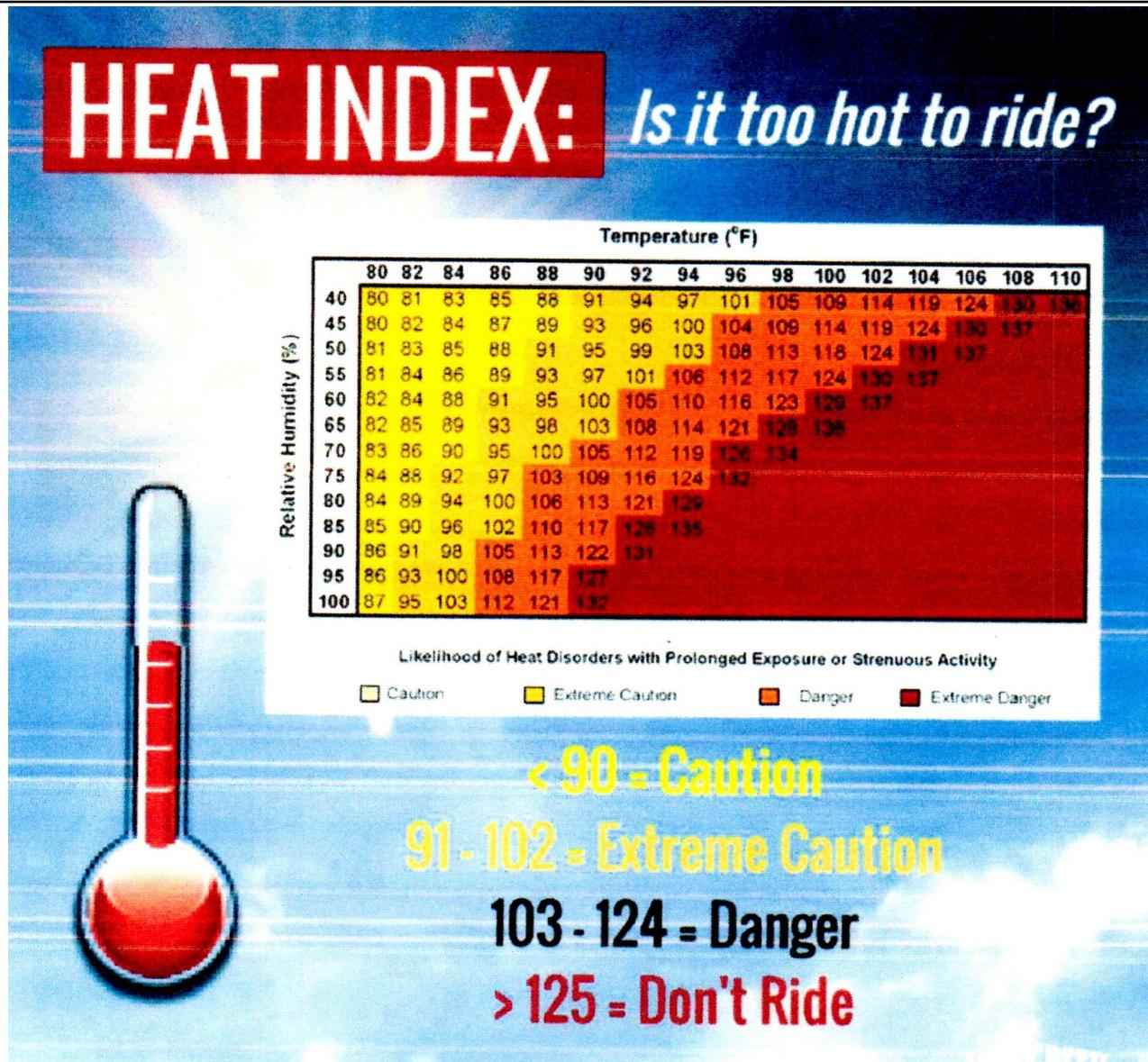
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Debbie Crowe recently posted this chart in Facebook on the Jake and Bull Mountain Trails Group page. It serves as a good reminder of proper trail etiquette.



 <p>POLITE PASSING</p> <p>Pass other riders at the same gait they are going and ask for permission to pass. antering upon or past another group is very dangerous</p>	 <p>DON'T TAILGATE</p> <p>Keep at least one horse length back from the horse in front of you. If you can see the hind feet of the horse in front of you, you are at a safe distance.</p>
 <p>WATER CROSSINGS</p> <p>Look out for others in your group to assure ife crossing, and allow other horses to drink before pushing into them or leaving them behind.</p>	 <p>STAY TOGETHER</p> <p>Don't leave anyone behind, especially when crossing a road or other obstacle. Keep young or inexperienced horses and/or riders in the middle of the group.</p>
 <p>GREET OTHER USERS</p> <p>A friendly word goes a long way when encountering bikers and hikers, it also establishes the conversation that puts our equines at ease.</p>	 <p>CLEAN UP</p> <p>All manure and hay around your trailer and/or corral and high line area should be cleaned up upon departure.</p>



Membership Report

The Saddle Club 2023 membership count remains at 79 members as of the end of July. Our 2023 membership application is attached to this newsletter. If you know of someone interested in joining our Club, please have them complete an application and provide it to me for processing. If they have any questions, they can call me. My cell phone number is 770-757-8596. During the next 5 months we have a number of fun events on our calendar. I hope to see you at many of them.

Bob

**Bent Tree Saddle Club
 Treasurer's Report**

7/31/2023

Prepared by Joyce DeLay, Treasurer

Beginning Balance	(June 1, 2023)		\$2,825.73
Debits			
Date	Check #	Description	Amount
6/2/23	1179	Trail Challenge T-shirts	(\$462.24)
6/2/23	1180	Donation to CTHA	(\$100.00)
TOTAL Debits			(\$562.24)
Deposits			
6/2/23		Trail Challenge	\$285.84
TOTAL Deposits			\$285.84
Ending Balance	(as of July 31, 2023)		\$2,549.33

<p>2023 Executive Committee</p> <p>President: Judie Uchitel Vice-President: Ronda Erway Treasurer: Joyce Delay Secretary: Beyonca Padgett BT Liaison: Bob Crowl Past President: Bobby Delay Appointee: Sandy Stephenson</p>	<p>2023 Positions</p> <p>Membership: Bob Crowl Newsletter Ed.: Rich Vigue Email Distrib: Ronda Erway Website Admin: Jim Sylvia</p>	<p>Visit our website at www.BentTreeSaddleClub.com</p>
<p> Join our Group Page on Facebook</p>		

August 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	5 Jumps Paint Day
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Reply to 2024 Trip Options	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Clinic and Dinner in the Park
27	28	29	30	31		

BTSC 2023 Calendar of Events

Below is a proposed agenda of events and is subject to change. Please refer to it throughout the year. Each newsletter will highlight the upcoming events and give recaps (including pictures) of previous months' events.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Leader(s)</u>
August 5, Sat.	Jumps Paint Day	Horse Park	Judie Uchitel 404-226-0287
August 26, Sat.	Dillingham Clinic	Horse Park	Rich Vigue 770-289-7272
September 21, Thur.	Jake/Bull Mtn Ride	Jake/Bull Mountain	Sandy Stephenson 706-669-9021
September 30, Sat.	Workday	Horse Park	Judie Uchitel 404-226-0287
October 14, Sat.	Open House	Horse Park	Judie Uchitel 404-226-0287
October 21, Sat.	Chickamauga Ride	Chickamauga Military Park	Ronda Erway 402-540-3338
October 28, Sat.	Omoksee	Horse Park	Claire Eubanks 770-265-9425
November 5, Sun.	Stara Memorial Ride	Garland Mountain	Rich Vigue 770-289-7272
November 18, Sat.	Obstacle Competition	Horse Park	Judie Uchitel 404-226-0287
December 2, Sat.	BTSC Christmas Party	Pendley Creek	Judy Uchitel 404-226-0287

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Bent Tree Saddle Club – 2023 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 2023 dues are effective October 2022 through December 2023. Renewal dues apply to the calendar year. 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 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.