

Upcoming Events

Horse Park Workday Saturday, September 23rd

For the uninformed, let me define what workday means when it refers to an effort at the Horse Park. First of all and most important, a workday consists of 2 hours, maybe 2 and a half, but definitely not 8 or even 4 hours. Just 2 to 2.5 hours followed by a free lunch at the 19th Hole. That's it.

Judie has such a workday scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd. This is an important one in that the following week we'll hold the Dinner and Clinic in the Park event and expect quite a few guests in attendance. Then in October Judie is planning on an Open House at the Park that will hopefully attract some potential new members from the community. It seems to me that we should all want to present the Park in its best possible light. There are a bunch of things we can do to help with that such as painting the grandstand, raking the arena, straightening out the storage shed, trimming some trees back along the driveway, organizing the tables in the Pavilion, lubing and cleaning the grill, etc.

Mark the Horse Park workday on your calendar and show up at 9am. We'll have a short organizational meeting, divvy up the workload, and break for that free lunch around 11:30am. The Park will look great; you'll feel good about yourself; you can have a glass of Chardonnay with me; and life will be good. More info to follow.

Rich

Dillingham Clinic and Dinner in the Park Update Saturday, September 30th

Whenever you run an event that relies on the weather you keep a close eye on the forecast. Experience dictates that you withhold any go - nogo decision to as close

to the event as possible. That's usually the day before because of the need to buy provisions, etc. This would be fine if you, the event planner, were the only one keeping an eye on the weather, but that isn't the case. The world is full of those who are much better at offering advice than running an event itself. The Saddle Club is no exception.

Early in the week, I got calls from several members declaring what must be done because of the forecast for extreme heat on the scheduled day of the Clinic and Dinner. Word spread quickly that I needed help in making a decision of this magnitude. Glenn Burns called. Al Roker called. I was under incredible pressure. Then Bambi and I talked. I voiced my concern about Pete working with that young horse in the arena for a couple hours with temperatures hovering around a real feel of 104 degrees. She responded with typical wifely concern saying, and I quote, "What about me? I'll be standing in the sun over that grill cooking for 50 people." It was at that precise moment that I decided to reschedule the event.

It's not too late to RSVP for the Clinic and Dinner in the Park which is now scheduled for Saturday, September 30th weather permitting. Same time. Same place. Details on page 2. Just call or text me at 770-289-7272.

Rich

Open House Saturday, October 14th

The BTSC will be holding an open house on October 14. We hope the weather will cooperate on this event. We have not planned this event too deeply, but we are hoping to pull in the residents of Bent Tree to learn more about the BTSC. One of the items we would like to showcase are the horses. The plan is to have a variety of the horses at the arena to be seen and petted

(not ridden). Another is to have a variety of pictures from various events. I would like to have members wandering around the horse park to welcome visitors and tell them about the club. The rest is up in the air with final planning to take place this month. Hopefully, we will have a good showing at this event.

Judie

President's Column

Climate change has dealt us an extremely hot summer. Due to this we, once again, need to rearrange our calendar as follows: the workday at the horse park will now take place on September 23, and Pete Dillingham's clinic has been moved to September 30. I hope all of the 55+ who signed up to attend the clinic will make an effort to attend on the new date.

The BTSC thanks Bob Crowl and Rich Vigue for their efforts in getting 18 tons of sand delivered and spread in the horse park. You would be amazed at the small size of 18 tons of sand. However, it was an improvement to the ground of the arena. The arena could use twice that much sand but at least we have a start.

The BTSC would like to thank Rich Vigue for making all the arrangements and installation of 3 new fans in the horse park pavilion. Two of the old fans were broken and all three were in bad shape.

September is shaping up to be a busy month for the BTSC. Please make plans to come out to the events and support the club.

Judie



The Bent Tree Saddle Club Presents



Pete Dilling-

ham

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

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,

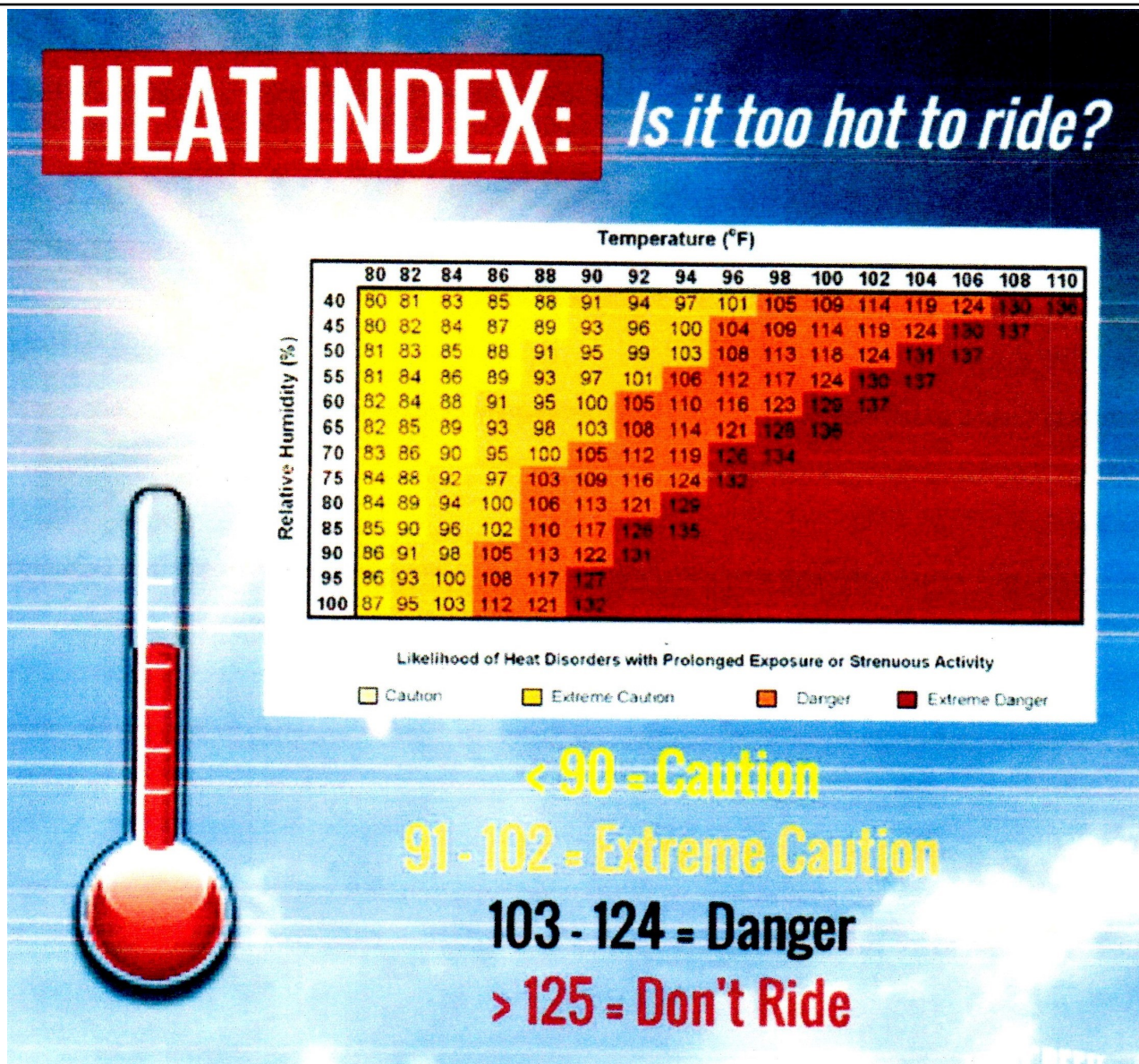
The demonstration will be followed with a Brats and Hamburgers cookout by Bambi Dillingham, prior owner of Jasper’s Carriage House. Bring your own beverages.

Where: Bent Tree Horse Park Jasper, GA
5pm

When: Demonstration 3pm, Cookout

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

Rescheduled to September 30, 2023



Membership Report

The Saddle Club 2023 membership count remains at 79 members as of the end of August. 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 4 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**

August 29, 2023
 Prepared by Judie Uchitel, President

Beginning Balance	(August 1, 2023)	\$2,549.33
Debits		
Date	Description	Amount
8/18/23	Randy Cochran (Arena Sand)	(\$750.00)
8/18/23	Randy Taylor (Pavilion Fans)	(\$473.99)
TOTAL Debits		(\$1,223.99)
Deposits		
None		
TOTAL Deposits		\$0.00
Ending Balance	(as of August 29, 2023)	\$1,325.34

<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 style="text-align: center;">  Join our Group Page on Facebook </p>		

September 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Horse Park Workday
24	25	26	27	28 RSVP Clinic and Dinner in the Park	29	30 Clinic and Dinner in the Park



Cheyenne Frontier Days July 19-28, 2024. See you there!

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>
September 23, Sat.	Workday	Horse Park	Judie Uchitel 404-226-0287
September 30, Sat.	Dillingham Clinic	Horse Park	Rich Vigue 770-289-7272
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.