

Upcoming Events

BTSC Horse Show Saturday, October 14th

It's been a while since we've had a BTSC Horse Show. Those hot, smothering days are over; the Horse Park is looking good; and we just had a very successful event there, so now's the time to try a horse show. We are a Saddle Club. That means most of us own horses and it follows that many of us take pride in our animals. So come on over to the Horse Park on Saturday, October 14th at 1:00 pm and show us what you got. The first event is Halter. If you can walk/lead your horse you need to be in this class. If you aren't able or don't like riding your horse just sit back and watch the rest of us make fools of ourselves in the riding classes.

We have a judge qualified in both gaited and non-gaited classes ready to go and she knows that we are doing this for fun. Let's let her see that our club is alive and well. In addition to Halter we are ready to run Western Pleasure (both gaited and non-gaited) as well as an O-Mok-See type speed event. You can participate in one or all for the small sum of \$10. Let your horse know that you care about it. Bring it to the Horse Show and give it a chance to shine. Call or text me asap to let me know you'll be there at 770-289-7272.

Rich

BTSC Open House Saturday, October 14th

Information on the open House will be announced via email later this week.

Chickamauga Battlefield Ride Saturday, October 21st

On Saturday, October 21st, 2023, we will have a Trailing Event to Chickamauga Battlefield in Fort Oglethorpe, GA. We will meet in the horse parking area at 10:30am and ride out at 11am. This will be a great way to enjoy a Fall Day and reflect on the service of others in the name of freedom.

The nicely groomed 9-mile red trail around the park takes about 3 hours to ride. We will stop for lunch at one of the monuments so don't forget food and a beverage.

The park address is 3370 Lafayette Rd, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742. There is a parking lot for parking and unloading horses located on Lytle Road in the west-central section of the park.

A detailed map and directions can be located at:

<https://npplan.com/parks-by-state/georgia/at-a-glance-chickamauga-and-chattanooga-national-military-park/horseback-riding-chickamauga-battlefield/>

Please contact Ronda Erway at rrerway@gmail.com or text 402-540-3338 if you wish to attend.



O-Mok-See Saturday, October 28th

Watch for an email in the next week or so for details.

Ellen Stara Memorial Ride Sunday, November 5th

This ride will be held at Garland Mountain with a lunch provided at Staraland.

Expect further details later this month.

President's Column

The Executive Committee of BTSC was extremely happy to see the wonderful turnout for Pete Dillingham's Clinic. Bambi Dillingham cooked for the crowd and we were all able to sit down and eat together. I want to thank both Pete and Bambi for the great clinic and food. I also want to thank Rich and Janet Vigue whose hard work made this clinic possible.

At the end of December, my term as president and the terms of the Executive Committee will be up. I am putting out a call for volunteers to steer the BTSC for the next year. These positions are important and need to be filled before we have our Christmas Banquet on December 2. It is time for others to step up and take over.

The terrible heat of the summer is past so mark your calendars for the busy schedule of events coming up. Scheduled on October 14, an open house, on October 28, an Omoksee, on October 21, the Chickamauga ride will take place, and the Stara Memorial ride will be on November 5. An obstacle Course will be set up in early November so that those who wish to practice can do so. The competition is set for November 18. The final event of the year is the Christmas Party on December 2.

Judie

**Horse Park Workday Recap
Saturday, September 23rd**

It's been my experience that the announcement of an upcoming workday immediately sends members scurrying to schedule an out of town or family obligation for that day. No one wants to get in on the action so to speak. It's as though Covid were rampant at the Park. However, this particular workday rounded up 11 members who were unsuccessful in coming up with the usual excuses and were open about it. And boy what a yeoman's job they did!

On a day that had perfect weather for doing maintenance at the Horse Park much was accomplished. The bleachers and pavilion picnic tables were painted. The judges' stand was pressure washed. The arena was spot sprayed for weeds and the tree branches that were encroaching the driveway were trimmed back. The pavilion grill was repaired and, thanks to Margaret Lonsdale, a secondary grill was delivered. The shed in the hay barn and the storage closet were given a much-needed organization. And lastly, the drain for the pavilion ice container was unclogged. All this was accomplished in less than 3 hours.

Many thanks to Bob Crowl, Bobby & Joyce Delay, Kathy Hardin, Cathy Jones, Megan Mathisen, Randy & Ronda Erway, Beyonca Padgett, and Judie Uchitel for helping out. These people did an incredible amount of work to make the Horse Park something we could be proud of at the following week's Clinic and Dinner in the Park.

Rich



Dillingham Clinic & Dinner in the Park Recap Saturday, September 30th

Many years ago, famous trumpeter/entertainer Louis Armstrong had a hit song with the line, “And I think to myself what a wonderful world.” It is a very positive song with clear understandable lyrics. I found myself humming that song while driving home from the Horse Park event.

Pete Dillingham is a superb horse trainer and an outstanding communicator. He kept the 80 plus attendees fully aware of why and what he was doing with that two year old stallion. Meanwhile Bambi Dillingham was reigning supreme over two grills preparing brats and hamburgers for the attendees. It was 19 years ago when Bambi was President of the Saddle Club that the Dillinghams came up with the idea to build a Saddle Club arena on that specific spot. Their vision has been validated many times over the years. It’s been a while since we’ve had a big event at the horse park and it was fitting that they were the ones who made this event so wonderful.

Many thanks to those who helped out with running the event. I have received several emails commenting on what a wonderful day it was. It’ll be a few days before I get ‘What a Wonderful World’ out of my head.

Rich



Bent Tree Saddle Club - September 13, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Judie Uchitel, Bob Crowl, Ronda Erway, Beyonca Padgett, Joyce DeLay, Bobby DeLay, Rich Vigue

Meeting called to order by Judie Uchitel at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes

Bob Crowl made a motion to approve the minutes from the 6/28/23 EC meeting. Ronda Erway seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Joyce DeLay reported that the current balance is \$1,325.34.

Membership Report

Bob Crowl reported that membership remains the same at 79 members for 2023. We have 1 new application for 2 new members that will be effective 10/1/2023.

Agenda Items

Workday - 9/23/23 – Spruce up the arena area (some weeds). Go through both closets and organize. Paint the bleachers. Clean up shed.

Fix light switch in shed. Start storing electric eye and wiring in storage room. Clear overhanging branch on back of driveway. Set up tables for following week event. Grill – cover is rusted shut. Rich got slightly open – needs more work. Need 2 people with truck to pick up grill being donated by Margaret and bring to arena. Decision to get rid of microwave and amplifier in storage closet. Beyonca made the motion, Bob seconded. All agreed.

Pete Dillingham clinic - 9/30/23 – Current attendance is 64 people.

Improvements to arena and pavilion – See item a) above for list.

Open House – 10/14/23 – Discussion to have a horse show for the open house. Need 2 judges, then we can move forward with planning and announcing.

Omoksee – 10/28/23 – Everything is on track for this event.

Slate of Officers for 2024 – Discussion regarding next year planning.

Meeting Adjourned - 7:33pm Respectfully Submitted by Beyonca Padgett, BTSC Secretary



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>
October 14, Sat.	BTSC Horse Show	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

Membership Report

The Saddle Club now has 81 members. We welcome new members Megan Mathisen and her daughter Catherine to the Club. Megan boards her horse Romeo at the Bent Tree Stables. She lives in Talking Rock. Megan has already participated in an event, the recent arena workday. We look forward to seeing her and Catherine at future Saddle Club events.

We are now accepting 2024 renewal applications and dues from 2023 members. A 2024 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. Or have them contact me (770-757-8596) if they have any questions.

I am looking forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Bob

Bent Tree Saddle Club Treasurer's Report

September 30, 2023
Prepared by Joyce Delay, Treasurer

Beginning Balance	(September 1, 2023)	\$1,325.34
Debits		
Date	Description	Amount
9/13/23`	Rich Vigue Phone Adapter	(\$ 10.69)
9/23/23	Judy Uchitel Paint Supplies	(\$120.29)
9/23/23	Rich Vigue Roundup/Lumber	(\$ 32.80)
9/30/23	Bobby Delay Workday Lunch	(\$165.64)
TOTAL Debits		(\$329.42)
Deposits		
9/30/23	Pete's Clinic	\$255.00
TOTAL Deposits		\$255.00
Ending Balance	(as of September 30, 2023)	\$1,250.92

<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>		

October 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Open House/ Horse Show
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Chickamauga Battlefield Ride
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 O-Mok-See
29	30	31				

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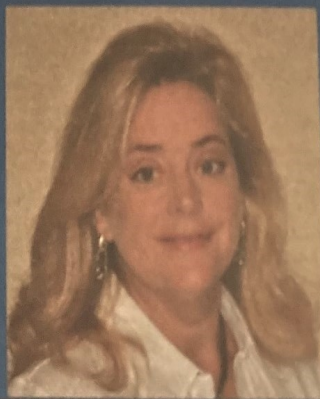
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Bent Tree Saddle Club – 2024 Membership Application
(Payable to Bent Tree Saddle Club)

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 2024 dues are effective October 2023 through December 2024. 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.