



## Upcoming Events

### Chickamauga Battlefield Ride Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday, September 7th, 2024, 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.

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](mailto:rrerway@gmail.com) or text 402-540-3338 if you wish to attend.

*Ronda*



### Jake Mountain Ride Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

The trail work at Jake has been completed. Let's go take a look at it on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. This ride was originally scheduled for the following Saturday. Plan to arrive at the Jake parking lot by 10:30am with a ride out by 11am. We'll return to the parking lot around 2pm so pack a lunch. Please let me know if you're planning on participating. I can be reached at 770-289-7272.

*Rich*

### OMokSee Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

First Class starts at 11am.

Arrive early to warm up and practice  
Cost: \$10.00/rider

**Bring or email or text Current Coggins if you have not already sent this year's to [LisaSylvia3@Gmail.Com](mailto:LisaSylvia3@Gmail.Com) or 770-401-8333**

Get ready for our next Omoksee. At this event we have a few volunteers to cook burgers and dogs and chips. Tommy Mathisen and Randy Erway will be grilling. The cost will be around \$3 to \$5 dollars – whatever it is to cover the cost of the food. **You still need to bring your own drinks!**

We will run 5 events including the 3 standard runs (pole bending, batons, and tomahawk balls). Depending on time we will run one or two mystery events.

The last several Omoksee's have been easy due to so many volunteers helping set up,

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**President's Column**

I hope everyone has had a nice summer in spite of the heat and humidity. Janet and I escaped the humidity on our month long trip to Wyoming. The heat not so much. We enjoyed Fort Collins, Colorado; Jubilee Days in Laramie; Cheyenne's Frontier Days; a road trip through Wyoming; and the Beartooth Parkway from Red Lodge, Montana to Yellowstone National Park. Wyoming is a very, very beautiful state and its vast scenery never gets old.

Speaking of scenery, the club has seen quite a bit with our many guest ranch excursions. On page 4 of this newsletter are six pictures taken by various members when out west with the club. These pictures are numbered from 1 – 6. They were taken at three different ranches. The first member to accurately tell me at what ranch each picture was taken will win a free BTSC cap.

If we don't have a winner by Labor Day, we'll permit collaboration with a second member. The second member will also receive a cap. So if you haven't been to any ranches with us find a member who has and seek collaboration. As they say, it's no skin off of their back.

**Some Rules:**  
The winner must be a member of the club. (I know that some of you are forwarding the newsletter to non-members. Shame on you.)

In the event that a collaborator is a member of the same family only one cap will be awarded.

If the winner already has a cap, he/she will be awarded a cap and we are not giving any money back for a previous purchase.

*Rich*



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switch between events, tear-down & very importantly running the judges stand by keeping track of riders, marking times, and announcing winners/ribbons, etc., so we're counting on you this next event to keep up the excellent work!

We look forward to seeing everyone again.

Contact via text or email as we need a headcount to know how many will be in attendance for riders and lunch.

**See ya there!**

*Lisa*

**Garbage Can Cookout Recap  
Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

All I can say is WOW!!! We had perfect weather, great food and the absolute best crowd. I can't remember the last time I've heard so much laughter or for so long. Lots of social groups spread out and each engaged in great conversations heavily sprinkled with laughter. The food was pretty good too! And I can't thank everyone enough for helping with set up and clean up. Not sure who did all that but there wasn't much to do the following morning and that was so much appreciated....I was kinda tired! The evening started a bit warm but pleasant in the shade and ended a bit cool but nice by the fire. Who'd have thought it would be cool enough for a fire. The can goes into storage until next year.

*Julie*

**Charles Conn Ewing**

I just couldn't do this newsletter without mentioning Chuck Ewing. Below is a picture that was taken in 2019 of Chuck on his horse, Hot Shot. (I've heard that horse was on loan from Carol.)

I first met Chuck about the time when Jim & Lisa bought Hillside Farm. We immediately hit it off. It was impossible not to like this guy. He was able to meld a definite joie de vivre lifestyle with a deep Christian faith in God. Not many people can do that, but he sure did. Chuck participated in the 2019 edition of the Montana East Trail Challenge on Hot Shot, who is a bit Saddlebred and a lot Rocky Mountain. He won it with time to spare. I just know that rascal bent some rules when on the wooded trails but, I never questioned it. Finally, a man won the event. I was all in.

He was always fun to be with even through all those years battling cancer. Clearly, his faith sustained him. We will really miss him. We extend our deepest sympathy to Carol.

*Rich*



### Garland Mountain/Cookout Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

We are changing the trail ride from Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> to the Sunday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

Just a little blurb about the upcoming Trail ride at Garland. We were trying to come up with a way to have a cookout after the ride for everyone to mingle and hang out with our horses and friends. Due to the lack of water and other amenities at Garland, we've decided it would be easiest if everyone brought a covered dish / appetizer to share dish and your own drink of choice.

We'll try to park in the dirt lot off to the right when you first enter the parking lot and form a circle with our trailers so we can all hang out in the middle area afterward.  
More details to follow – Just make sure you put this on your calendar.

*Lisa*

### Obstacle Course Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

This year's Obstacle Course will have a Halloween theme. I have a committee of 3, Kathy Hardin, Sandy Stephenson, and myself, working on the course. This year's course will be an improvement and more challenging than last year. There will be some great new and some return obstacles.

The course will not be open to practice until the 26<sup>th</sup> which will level the field as it is impossible for some members to practice during the week. However, practice time will be October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 11:00 a.m. We will break for lunch between 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at which time the fun begins.

During the last 2 years, the club has undergone the expense of building 2 new items which are permanently in place at the horse park. A new Teeter Totter (built last year) and a new Bridge (which will be in place for the Obstacle Course). Also, the Obstacle Course is a bit more expensive to run. I am borrowing items where I can, and purchasing items that cannot be borrowed. Therefore, the board has agreed to charging \$5.00 for the practice session and \$15.00 to participate in the Obstacle Course competition.

Pack a lunch and plan to be at the Saddle Club Horse Park on Saturday, October 26, 2024, for some great fun and a chance to challenge your horse. Those members who do not plan to compete, please come to the horse park and root for the riders.

*Judie*

### What a Ride! Stables Fundraiser Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

As part of part of our agreement with BTCI the club has agreed to do an annual fundraiser for the Bent Tree Stables. Our intent is to raise funds to be used to make improvements to the horse facilities such as new loafing sheds, new water troughs, new fencing where needed, etc. These funds are not intended to be part of BTCI's budgeting process, but rather additional funding whereby the Saddle Club has direct control over how it is spent. We have scheduled that fundraiser for Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at Club Tamarack and we have formed a joint effort with the Bent Tree Stables Committee that is already hard at work organizing this event. Our plan is to have dinner and entertainment much as we have done in the past and include a couple fun things that'll raise additional money. We need two things for this fundraiser to be successful; an impressive turnout and some more volunteers to help make this event a success.

We hope not only for a large turnout from club members, but also participation from the Bent Tree community and we will advertise the event to the community. Also, each member can help by inviting friends to attend the event. Write this date down and plan to attend. I promise it'll be the social event of the year and you won't want to miss out on the fun. Also, in view of the fact that this is a way for the club to help improve the lives of the Bent Tree horses, please consider working with the Event Committee in making this a very special evening.

Let's show the Bent Tree Community that this club is alive and well and committed to the success of the Bent Tree Equestrian Facilities. Our continued use of the Horse Park and trails depends on it. Please call me at 770-289-7272 with an offer to volunteer. At the very least write the date down on your calendar. Specific details will be in the October Newsletter.

*Rich*





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**2024 BTSC Schedule 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.

Saturday, Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Chickamauga Ride	Chick. Battlefield	Ronda Erway
Thursday, Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jake Mountain Ride	Jake Mountain	Rich Vigue
Saturday, Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Omoksee	Horse Park	Claire Eubanks
Sunday, Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Garland Mtn/Cookout	Garland Mountain	Sylvias & Delays
Wednesday, Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jake Mountain Ride	Jake Mountain	Rich Vigue
Saturday, Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Obstacle Course	Horse Park	Judie Uchitel
Sunday, Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ellen Stara Mem. Ride	Garland Mountain	Rich Vigue
Saturday, Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	What a Ride! Fundraiser	Club Tamarack	BTSC/BTCI Stables Committee
Saturday, Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party	Pendley Creek	Rich & Janet Vigue

**BTSC Paraphernalia**

The club has a couple items ready for distribution to club members. As part of the agreement struck with BTCI we have ordered club identification tags to be placed on members' tack when riding in Bent Tree. Also, recently we ordered new saddle club hats and gave them out to the participants of the Hillside Farm Trail Challenge. Both orders had minimum quantities. As a result, we have an excess amount. The Executive Committee has decided to give the tags free to members who need them and to sell the remaining hats for \$20 each. These items will be available at the September 28<sup>th</sup> OMokSee on a first come first served basis. Come and get 'em!



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

August 26, 2024

Prepared by Ronda Erway, Treasurer

Beginning Balance		\$1,786.59
Debits		
Date	Description	
6/30/24	Tee Shirts Plus (BTSC Hats)	(\$ 175.00)
Total Debits		(\$ 175.00)
Deposits		
Date	Description	
Total Deposits		\$ 0.00
Ending Balance 8/26/2024		\$1,611.59

Pending Expenditures: Judges' Stand \$500; Bridge Redo \$250; Tags \$199.99



<p><b>2024 Executive Committee</b></p> <p>President: Rich Vigue          Vice-President: Lisa Sylvia          Treasurer: Ronda Erway          Secretary: Beyonca Padgett          BT Liaison: Bob Crowl          Past President: Judie Uchitel          Past, Past Pres. Megan Mathisen</p>	<p><b>2024 Positions</b></p> <p>Membership: Bob Crowl          Newsletter Ed.: Rich Vigue          Email Distrib: Ronda Erway          Website Admin: Jim Sylvia</p>	<p>Visit our website          at  <a href="http://www.BentTreeSaddleClub.com">www.BentTreeSaddleClub.com</a></p>
<p> <a href="#">Join our Group Page on Facebook</a></p>		

# September 2024

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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