

NEWSLETTER

BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB



March 2025

Ride, Rest, Roam

It feels like I'm solidly in the "Rest" category. Between freezing weather, rain and respiratory viruses, it's been difficult to get much riding in. This "Rest" allows for plenty of time to plan to "Ride" and "Roam." Please check out the travel trips and make some reservations if you're interested. East Fork and Big South Fork are amazing places to ride. The Big South Fork dates are June 12-16 with more info coming soon. See this month's article on East Fork for details on a trip in October...BOOK EARLY for this one!

Closer to home, we have the arena work-day coming up on March 8th. Please come



out to help maintain the facility we are privileged to use. Then come out on March 30th for our 1st O-Mok-See of the year. We can always use helpers at this event. And of course we need to get our green on at Rocco's on March 17th to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Big shout out to Karie and Rich for organizing the Scavenger Hunt in Bent Tree. It was a blast!! The weather was great, the clues and activities were creative and fun but the best (IMHO) was the hot chocolate! YUM...it was decadent!

Better weather is coming, let's be ready to ride and roam.

Julie

It's Time To Spruce Things Up !

Horse Park Workday

**Saturday, March 8th at 10:30 AM
Bent Tree Horse Park**



Join us for our annual spring workday to clean up the horse park and get it ready for this year's events. The more hands and helpers we have the better. If you have gloves, shovels, rakes, clippers, chainsaw, etc., please bring them along. Afterwards, we'll have lunch at the Tavern at the 19th Hole. Thanks for your help!

Karie

**RSVP - Karie Kruse, kariokruse@gmail.com or
706-502-0212 by March 4th**

Get Your Green on with Friends, Old and New!

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

**Monday, March 17th, 6 PM - 8 PM
Rocco's Pub**



Come Out For Fun, Food And Drinks!

Everyone's Irish Tonight!

The Best Joke Wins a Prize.

Do you feel lucky? (See p. 26)



**RSVP - Karie Kruse, kariokruse@gmail.com or
706-502-0212 by March 12th**

Who's "All In" For A Poker Ride?



Poker Ride on the Bent Tree Trails and Lunch at the Erway Farm

Saturday, March 22nd 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Itinerary for the day

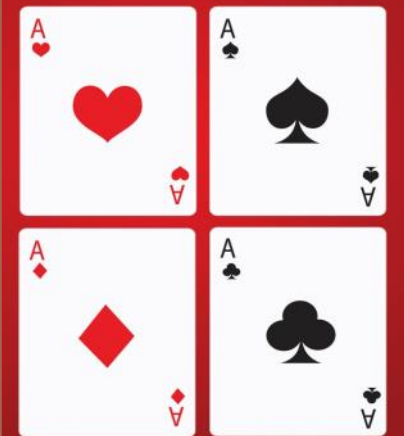
- 10:30 AM Riders and horses check-in at the Bent Tree Horse Park
- 11:00 AM Riders depart and ride the Bent Tree trails
- 12:15 PM Lunch at the Erway Farm & prize awarded for "Best Poker Hand"
- 2:00 PM Arrival at the Bent Tree Horse Park

Non-riders welcome for lunch and poker

- 12:15 PM Lunch at the Erway Farm, 282 Kelso Rd., Jasper, GA

Information About the Ride

- ◆ Rules and directions will be given at the Horse Park
- ◆ Riders choose their groups and ride at their own pace
- ◆ There are two "card stops" along the way
- ◆ Non-riders will receive their cards at lunch
- ◆ The "Best Poker Hand" receives a prize



Bring a sandwich. Coffee, hot cocoa, water, and dessert will be provided.

Two driving volunteers needed to man the "card stops" in Bent Tree. Both stops are accessible by car. No hiking is required.

Don't Miss the Fun!

RSVP - Ronda Erway, rrerway@gmail.com or 402-540-3338 by March 15th. Be sure to say if you're riding or driving.

Bent Tree Saddle Club Begins Its O-Mok-See Season!



1st O-Mok-See

**Sunday, March 30th at 11:00 AM
Bent Tree Arena**

Mark your calendars, don't delay,
Our first O-Mok-See's on March 30th day!
Bring your game face, don't be shy,
We'll laugh, we'll play, our horses will fly!
So get ready, it's almost here!
Feel the rhythm, hear the tribes,
Creating music, catching vibes,
Can't ride, come and bring some Cheer!

**RSVP - Lisa Sylvia, lisasylvia3@gmail.com
or 770-401-8333 by March 23rd**

Join Us For Some Bushwhacking Fun!

Sharp Top Mountain Ride

Sunday, April 6th, 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Bent Tree Horse Park



Itinerary

- **10:30 AM** Check in at Bent Tree Saddle Club Horse Park
- **11:00 AM** Ride out
- **Lunch on the trail at the Bruce Price sign**
- **3:00 PM** Arrival at Horse Park

Check in at the Bent Tree Saddle Club Horse Park at 10:30 AM. Ride out at 11:00 AM. Also known as Bushwhacking 101, this ride is a lot of fun. It is not like a Sunday ride on the Biltmore trails. We'll go around Sharp Top Mountain into the Burnt Mountain Preserve and have lunch at the Bruce Prince sign. From there we'll head down to Champion Creek and should arrive back at the Horse Park around 3:00 PM. I can be reached at 770-289-7272. Come and join us for a great ride!

Rich

RSVP by March 31th: What information I need to know ...

- ◇ Who will be going on this ride?
- ◇ Who needs to enter at the back gate, so that we can alert Bent Tree Security?

Pack a Lunch - Bring a sandwich, snack and drink.

Additional Info - More route details coming soon!

RSVP - Rich Vigue, richvigue@ellijay.com
or 770-289-7272 by March 31st

Demonstration & Clinic - Register EARLY!



Masterson Method®

High Point Equine Bodywork

with

Stephanie Pfitzer

www.highpointequinebodywork.com

Sunday, April 27th, 1 PM - 3:30 PM
Bent Tree Arena

The **Masterson Method®** is a unique, interactive method of equine bodywork that anyone can learn to help build trust with your horse. With **The Masterson Method®**, you learn to recognize and use the responses of the horse to find and release tension. In contrast to traditional massage, it works with the horse's nervous system and the horse actively participates in the process. It is something you do *with* the horse, rather than *to* the horse.

Stephanie Pfitzer is not only a certified practitioner, she is also an instructor. Her demo clinics will teach you 4 techniques that you can do with your horse. Her knowledge and energy are amazing, and I can't say enough good things about her!

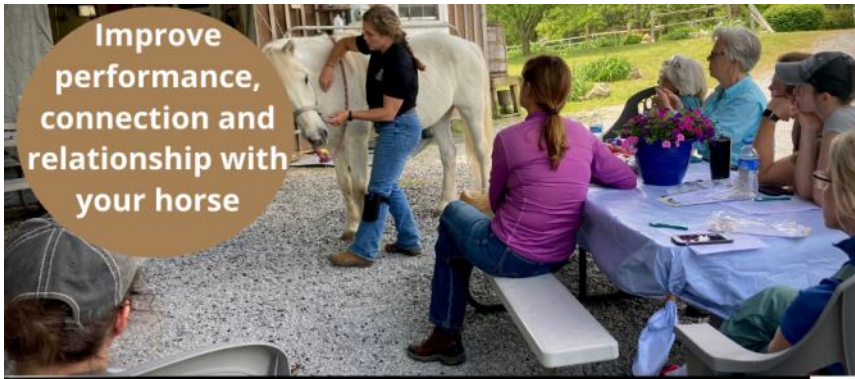
Julie

Important Information

- ◆ Maximum 8 horses with up to 2 participants per horse with owner's permission.
- ◆ Participants pay \$100 each (min. of 6 - max. of 16)
- ◆ Up to 8 auditors are welcome at \$50 each
- ◆ Clinic starts at 1:00 PM at the Bent Tree Arena and lasts about 2 1/2 hours.
- ◆ Each participant will learn and practice 4 techniques.
- ◆ BTSC members will have the first option for signing up and then it will be opened to non-members.
- ◆ **Early registration for BTSC members through Thursday, March 27th.**
- ◆ Payments will be made directly to Stephanie Pfitzer.
- ◆ See following page for more info about the clinic, registration and payment options.

If you have questions, contact - Julie Heinsman,
mymtnpeace@gmail.com or 404-550-0270

Improve performance, connection and relationship with your horse



HIGH POINT
Equine Bodywork



What: A 2-2 1/2 hour introductory interactive demonstration clinic of the Masterson Method technique benefiting your horse.

When: April 27, Sunday, 1-3:30 pm

Where: Bent Tree Saddle Club Horse Park.

Cost: \$100/participant (min. of 6, max. of 8), \$50 audit (max of 8).

Early registration for club members only through Thursday, 3/27.

Pre-registration is required, there is no day of registration.

Join Masterson Method Certified Practitioner, Stephanie Pfitzer, to learn more and to experience yourself what this incredible method of bodywork is all about!

Negative Coggins Test is required

Stephanie will teach participants how to recognize subtle visual cues that horses use to communicate where they hold tension and will guide them through hands on techniques to help the horse release tension that can affect performance and overall well-being. We will be giving a gift to the horses!

To register/secure your spot pay via VENMO: highpointequinebodywork (profile picture is Stephanie in a pink shirt with a brown and white horse) **or** **PAYPAL:** stephanie.wilkins1969@gmail.com. Please list your contact info in the comments section when paying (phone number and email address).

For more information: contact Stephanie at highpointequinebodywork@gmail.com or 205-394-2454. Registration is non-refundable due to small size of clinics.

To learn more about Stephanie visit: www.highpointequinebodywork.com

Let's Plan A Club Travel Trip in October!

EAST FORK STABLES

3598 S. York Hwy.
Jamestown, TN 38556

Phone: 931-879-1176
www.eastforkstables.com
contact@eastforkstables.com

East Fork Stables Trip
Thurs., Oct. 2nd - Mon., Oct. 6th
Jamestown, TN

IMPORTANT - Book EARLY!
The East Fork Stables is holding
cabins for us to reserve for ONLY
the first three weeks of March.
Reference the name "Bent Tree."

It's an easy drive to a fantastic location in Jamestown, TN!

This weekend is the **Mountain Trail Challenge** which uses the obstacle park that has recently been completed.

The trail challenge is put on by **CHAPS - Competitive Horse and Partnership.**

They will have in-hand classes and riding classes for youth, novice, adult and masters. The competition classes start at 1:00 on Friday and are over by 6:00

on Sunday. You can come for the trail riding and/or the competition.

Members can sign up for any of the classes or come for the trails and fun. We can plan a night at the nearby winery and brewery that now has a full bar and pizza.

You must book EARLY! Accommodations will fill up fast for an autumn weekend with an event. Please let me know if you plan to attend. You can come for all or part of it. **I'm already booked!**

Julie

East Fork has it all!

- Over 100 miles of trails
- Campsites
- Bunk Houses
- Cabins
- Stalls and Paddocks

Contact - Julie Heinsman, E-mail: mymtnpeace@gmail.com, Ph: 404-550-0270

Scavenger Hunt Recap - Saturday, Feb. 22nd

X Marks the Spot!



As I was driving up to Jasper at 7:15AM, the sun was coming up in the east and the sky was royal blue indicating a nice clear day ahead. I glanced at the dashboard and saw that the temperature was a balmy 21 degrees. I thought to myself that I had maybe another 45 minutes or so before my cell would start ex-

ploding with texts from the Scavenger Hunt entries about the freezing temperature and that it was just too cold for them. Well, that never materialized.

I stopped at Windswept Farm, picked up my horse, and arrived at the Horse Park at 9:05AM. Sign up was scheduled for 10:30AM. Yet when I pulled in Karie and Hal already had the pavilion tables loaded with supplies, and Claire was there with her rig unloading horses.



It was at that time that I knew this was going to be a very good day.



Karie, Hal, and I spent the next hour or so setting up the trails and getting ready for the sign-ups. The temperature rose to a very acceptable level for a February day, and we had three teams with a total of 11 riders. Julie, Claire, Elise, and new member, Abby, were the first team to head out followed by Ronda, Kathy, Sandy, and Cindi. Bringing up the rear were Bobby, Rose, and Bob. Each team had a list of items to find along the trails, in addition to rhyming clues and puzzles to

solve at various locations. The event had a timing aspect to it, and as luck would have it, two teams finished in exactly the same winning time of one hour and 22 minutes, with the same number of items found and the same total awarded points. An impromptu tie breaker had to be determined. Julie was drafted at the last minute to help out, and thanks to her quick thinking, Bobby, Rose, and Bob came in First Place! Second Place was awarded to Ronda, Sandy, Cindi and Kathy. Honorable mention went to Julie, Claire, Elise and Abby.

It was a pleasure working with Karie on this event. She jumped in with her creativity and effort to make this a special day. So much so that I've decided to refer to her as a whirling dervish. Everything from the details of the hunt to the amazing lunch spread was top notch.

After what seems like a couple months of cold, dreary, rainy weather, it was fun to see the Horse Park abuzz with those trailers and horses surrounding the arena.

Rich

Scavenging For Nature And Hidden Objects...

Results



1st Place
Bobby, Rose and Bob



2nd Place
Ronda, Sandy,
Cindi and Kathy

Honorable Mention
Julie, Claire, Elise and Abby



... Solving Riddles and Puzzles ...



... Having Fun and Horsing Around!



From the Editor

We had a fun Scavenger Hunt last month. A BIG thank you to **Rich Vigue** for taking the lead on this event. Rich knows the trails like the back of his hand, and he found the best hiding places. I really enjoyed working with him, and our skill sets were very complementary. A bit outside my wheelhouse was thinking up the rhyming hints, riddles and puzzles and making them a bit tricky. It's really fun once you get the hang of it. My favorite moment was Bobby and Bob's hilarious video rendition of the "Giddy-Up Horsey" song. The Club will enjoy that one someday! Kudos to everyone for finding all of the objects, except for that elusive feather, and solving the clues in very fast times. Above all, everyone rode safely, had fun and rose to the challenge. That's what it's really all about!

Speaking of rhyming prose, **Lisa Sylvia's** delightful poetry is featured in Member's Corner this month, as well as her clever poem to announce our 1st O-Mok-See. "**The Man in Blue**" is beautiful and touching, and Lisa's words are passionate and heartfelt. What a surprise to have such a talented poet in our Club. Thanks for sharing, Lisa!

There's a lot going on this month, so let's have a wee bit o' fun!
Karie

Membership Report


Click [HERE](#) to Join or Renew Your Membership Online!

The Saddle Club has 67 member renewals and new members as we approach the end of February 2025. We welcome new members **Coralie Benton** and her daughter **Abby** of Jasper, GA. Some of us personally welcomed Abby this past Saturday as she was a participant in the Scavenger Hunt. The Benton's were sponsored by **Claire Eubanks**. We look forward to seeing them at future events.

I am expecting a few more renewals before the end of February. If you have not renewed your membership, please send your application to me as quickly as possible. **Members not renewed by the end of February will be taken off our E-mail distribution list.**

If you know of someone interested in joining our Club, please have them complete an application that is available on our website www.BentTreeSaddleClub.com and send it to me for processing. Or have them contact me at 770-757-8596 if they have any questions. We are planning a fun and exciting year. I am looking forward to seeing you at Club events this year.

Bob

Click [HERE](#) to pay with 

Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Ronda Erway, Treasurer, February 20, 2025

Beginning Balance		\$2,425.96
Debits		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	
1/31/25	Refund Cash	\$250.00
2/1/25	BTCI	\$568.81
	(Kick-Off payment)	
Total Debits		<u>(\$818.81)</u>
Deposits		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	
1/30/25	Memberships	\$40.00
2/3/25	Memberships	\$680.00
2/3/25	Kick-Off Payments	\$705.00
2/18/25	Membership/Kick-Off Payments	\$432.73
2/19/25	Kick-Off	\$100.00
2/20/25	Memberships	\$240.00
Total Deposits		<u>\$2,197.73</u>
Ending Balance		
2/20/2025		<u>\$3,804.88</u>

*Pending approved expenditures - Randy Taylor: Judge's stand repair for \$500.-

Bent Tree Liaison's Report

By Bob Crowl



Bent Tree Addresses The Future of The Stables

Many of you frequently inquire into what actions are being taken by Bent Tree regarding the stables since operations were closed on December 31, 2024.

The following article, which was copied from the February 21 Friday News, addresses what the Board is doing regarding this matter.

Bob

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, the 25th for its regular monthly Business Meeting. At the January meeting, the Board authorized an Ad Hoc Committee to determine the direction for the Bent Tree Stables.

Members of the committee are:

- * Chair – Ralph Morse
- * Staff Representatives – Jim Pryor, Ashley Brownell
- * Board of Directors – Buddy Creef, Sandra Stewart
- * Community Members – Billy Brent, Mike Chambers, Christine Cobb, Michele Murray, Cindy Steedle

The Committee is encumbered with no restrictions. Its mission is to consider all possibilities. Updates from the committee will be presented to the Board of Directors and the community at each monthly business meeting. Residents are invited to make their feelings known and submit their ideas and recommendations to any of the committee members.



The Man in Blue

A horse I finally bought
It was tougher than I'd ever thought

I had brought him right home
That's when I knew I couldn't do it alone

To a local show I went, to watch others with their horses
Just to see how it all worked, maybe chart some new courses

I saw a stranger, a nice young man smiling, as he watched inside the ring
I walked over, said, "That your daughter there, in the ponytail with pink string?"

You could see the pride in his eyes as he replied, "Yes, and my name's John."
But I noticed he was also looking across the way at someone beyond

He went on to say they'd been lucky with a trainer they knew
I asked, "Would he work with any horse, or motley old crew?"

He thought, said, "I'm sure he would," then pointed in the crowd to a tall **man in blue**
He said, "Now, when it comes to horses, there's a man with a clue"

Finally, I spotted the man, he did stand tall, wore a big white hat
With a starched blue shirt, he seemed a real Cowboy at that

A few more weeks went by
Again my horse charged me and I'd cry

It was never like this when I was a child
The ponies I rode, certainly were never so wild

I watched a "natural horsemanship" video
My next attempt, what a joke, a real live rodeo

I'd lay awake in bed thinking how could I have begged my husband
This crazy dream of mine, for a beautiful house, small farm, barn and land

He did all I asked, dug every post with his own hands, hard work and sweat
Silly I now thought, just so I felt young again with a pretty horse as a back yard pet

What an idiot I was, this man did it all for me, out of pure love
I couldn't give up, decided to buck up, I just needed some kind of shove

Then I remembered a number I'd saved of some **man in blue**
I wasn't sure that'd be an answer, but that John had said 'the man had a clue'

I pulled out his card; Mike Evans was his name
Maybe I'll call, just to see, what's his game



When he answered, I said, "I have a horse, and as for tips, I could use a few"
He said, "Sure thing, Ma'am, be right over to see yer horse, after all maybe it's just you."

He showed up, said my horse sure was big, red, pretty, nice head too
Sent him in circles, at a walk, trot, canter, no problem; the horse just needs a job to do

As the weeks went by he said, "Boy, you're the one who sure needs a clue."
So I listened to all Mike told me, I tried, tried and cried, but still riding well, I couldn't do

Through all those riding lessons I discovered lots of other things about the **man in blue**
See Mike doesn't just love his horses, big Whiskey and sweet old Blue, he loves people too

Children are his specialty whereby he commands respect, manners and often a big grin
As they grow, in life they learn more than riding, in Mike they'll always have a good friend

Most women will never forget him, I know, for his acquaintance they are so glad
Truly, he's possibly the best friend, brother or Dad they never had

It must have been something in his raising that gave him the clue
For I've met his Mom and she's still telling him what to do

But I assure you, it's not in what she says to him, or in the way she says it
Just look in her eyes when he's near, you'll see the sparkle, then it will all fit

Well now, my riding with Mike, it's been five years
One thing I've learned, certainly I have less fears

My toes still stick straight out, my hands need a softer grip
But does that mean I haven't improved or can't ride worth a flip?

Maybe so, but I can tell you this, I sold that first nag
Man, he was lazy, stubborn, not worth much more than an empty feedbag,

Crazy as it seems I still miss that pretty horse now and again
He taught me lots of patience even though around him my breath often grew thin

Now I have a brand-new horse, he's older, smaller, kind and true
But I still have the same trainer, John was right; that **man in blue** really does have a clue



Lisa Sylvia
October, 2007

Member Gift Certificate Program

You can give a membership as a gift to a family member or friend. For just \$40, he or she can participate in all of our rides, obstacle courses, trail challenges, and social events for the year.

Go to the BTSC website. Print out and complete the certificate, and then give as your gift.

Send an E-mail to Bob Crowl at:
bobcrowl@etcmail.com with the recipient's name, E-mail address, and phone number.

Mail your check for \$40.- to:
Bent Tree Saddle Club, c/o Bob Crowl,
181 Grassy Knob Ct. #20326, Jasper, GA 30143

Click [HERE](#) for more information about the program.



Bulletin Board



A new resource for those caring for equids age 15 years and older.

MYSENIORHORSE.COM

A Night Out At The Playhouse

If you'd like to get together for a fun evening out, let's all go see ...

Four Weddings And An Elvis

Performed by the Tater Patch Players
On March 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9

For more information:
www.taterpatchplayers.org

E-mail me if you'd like to go!

Contact: Kathy Hardin
E-mail: kathardin39@gmail.com

*“Never iron a
four-leaf clover,
because you
don’t want to
press your luck.”*

—IRISH PROVERB

Volunteers Needed

Please let us know if you can help at these upcoming events:

Horse Park Workday -

Sat., Mar. 8th, 10:30 AM

1st O-Mok-See -

Sun., Mar. 30th, 11:00 AM

- Announcer
- Scorekeeper
- Gatekeeper



Send your e-mail to:
InfoBTSaddleClub@gmail.com

In Julie’s Humble Opinion The Best Thing About The Scavenger Hunt Was This Decadent Hot Chocolate

Recipe makes 12+ large servings.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- Two 14-oz cans sweetened condensed milk
- 12 cups whole milk (divided)
- 4 cups heavy whipping cream
- 4 teaspoons vanilla extract
- One 24-oz bag Ghirardelli Premium Baking Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips
- Mini marshmallows, for serving

Instructions

1. In a large pot on the stove, heat up two cups of milk (not to boiling) and gently whisk in 1/2 cup of cocoa powder.
2. Add all the other ingredients. Gently heat up stirring constantly until everything is melted and thoroughly mixed.
3. Transfer to a slow cooker and cover (If making the night before, let it cool and store in the fridge overnight).
4. Cook for 4 hours on low or 2 hours on high stirring every hour.
5. When everything is melted and hot, switch to warm setting.
6. Ladle into cups and add marshmallows.



Adapted from www.thecountrycook.net

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- ◆ **Personalized Service:** We provide tailored services to find you the perfect property that meets your unique needs.
- ◆ **Local Expertise:** We are passionate horse owners and can advise you about the best properties in the most desirable locations.
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on the Marketplace**

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NewsletterBTSC@gmail.com**





Annual Schedule 2025 (Work in Progress)



Date	Event	Time	Place	Organizer
Sat., Mar. 8	Horse Park Workday	10:30 AM	Bent Tree Horse Park	Karie Kruse
Mon., Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day Dinner	6:00 PM	Rocco's Pub	Karie Kruse
Sat., Mar. 22	Poker Ride	10:30 AM	Bent Tree Horse Park	Ronda Erway
Sun., Mar. 30	1st O-Mok-See	11:00 AM	Bent Tree Arena	Lisa Sylvia
Sun., Apr. 6	Sharp Top Mtn Ride	10:30 AM	Sharp Top Mountain	Rich Vigue
Sun., Apr. 27	High Point Equine Bodywork, Masterson Method & Demo	1:00 PM	Bent Tree Arena	Julie Heinsman
Sat., May 3	Kentucky Derby Party	TBD	Bent Tree Tavern on the 19th Hole	Janet Vigue
May TBD	Fun Show	TBD	TBD	Julie Heinsman
Sun., May 18	Western Pleasure Show	TBD	Bent Tree Arena	Megan Mathisen, Lorraine Donohue
Sat., May 31	Trail Challenge	9:30 AM	Sylvia's Farm	Lisa & Jim Sylvia
Sat. Jun 7	Obstacle Course	TBD	Eubank's Farm	Claire Eubanks
Thur. Jun 12 - 16	Big South Fork Trip	TBD	Big South Fork National Pk Jamestown, TN	Julie Heinsman
Sat., June 21	2nd O-Mok-See	TBD	Bent Tree Arena	Lisa Sylvia
Fri., July 4	July 4th Parade	TBD	Downtown Jasper	TBD
July	Poker Party	TBD	TBD	Julie Heinsman
Aug	Garbage Can Cookout	TBD	Julie's Farm	Julie Heinsman
Sept. TBD	Chickamauga Ride	TBD	TBD	Ronda Erway
Sat., Sept. 20	Educational	TBD	Bent Tree Arena	Julie Heinsman
Sat., Sept. 27	3rd O-Mok-See	TBD	Bent Tree Arena	Lisa Sylvia
Thur. Oct. 2 - 6	East Fork Stables Trip	-	East Fork Stables Jamestown, TN	Julie Heinsman
Sun., Nov. 9	Educational	TBD	Bent Tree Arena	Julie Heinsman
Dec. TBD	Year-End Party	TBD	TBD	TBD



March 2025

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9	10	11	12 RSVP St. Pat's Dinner	13	14	15 RSVP Poker Ride
16	17 St. Pat's Dinner @ Rocco's 	18	19	20 Spring Equinox	21	22 Poker Ride
23 RSVP O-Mok-See	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 O-Mok-See	31 RSVP Sharp Top Mtn Ride					

See you at our next event!

More Events of Interest

When	What	Who / Where
Mar. 1	Annual Junior Novice Meet	Shaker Hounds Foxhunting 3898 Neese-Commerce Road Hull, GA, www.shakeraghounds.com
Mar. 7 - 9	Working Equitation Clinic with Betsy Fajen of Natural Horse Solutions	Brandreth Farms, Talking Rock, GA www.brandrethfarms.com
Mar. 13 - 15	Chris Cox Horsemanship Clinic	Brandreth Farms, Talking Rock, GA www.brandrethfarms.com
Mar. 20 - 22	Equinety Perry Cup	Good Times Barrel Racing Assoc. Georgia National Fairgrounds Perry, GA, www.gtbra.com
Mar. 20 - 22	Shaker Hounds Hunt Week	Shaker Hounds Foxhunting 3898 Neese-Commerce Road Hull, GA, www.shakeraghounds.com
Mar. 21-23	Elite Show Jumping	Georgia Hunter Jumper Assoc. Wills Park Equestrian Center, Alpharetta, GA, www.ghja.org
Mar. 22	Introductory and Barrels/Poles Special Event, Speed Event, and Level 1 Show Series	Georgia Quarter Horse Assoc. Conyers, GA, www.gqha.com
Mar. 28 - 30	Classical Stock Seat School of Arizona, Clinic with Ron McLoughlin	Brandreth Farms, Talking Rock, GA www.brandrethfarms.com
Mar. 29	2nd Annual Garland Mountain Trail Obstacle Challenge	Friends of Garland Mountain Trails Find info on their Facebook page
Apr. 2 - 5	Pro-Am Benefit Classic Horse Show	United Professional Horseman's Assoc. Georgia National Fairgrounds Perry, GA, www.proamhorseshow.com
Apr. 18 - 20	Magnolia Spring Classic Arabian Horse Show	Magnolia Arabian Horse Assoc. Georgia National Fairgrounds Perry, GA, www.magnoliaaha.com/

**“A horse, a horse,
my kingdom for a horse!”**

— William Shakespeare
From the Play “Richard III” Act 5, scene 4, line 13



St. Patrick's Dinner Contest



Best Joke or Limerick Wins a Prize!



A wonderful bird is the pelican,
Whose bill can hold more than his belly can.
He takes in his beak enough food for a week,
But damned if I know how the hell he can. *



*Let's have a few laughs! Bring your favorite joke, and may the best jest win! Karie

Send a funny photo, joke or cartoon to: NewsletterBTSC@gmail.com

2025 Executive Committee

President:	Julie Heinsman
Vice President:	Karie Kruse
Treasurer:	Ronda Erway
Secretary:	Lisa Sylvia
Bent Tree Liaison:	Bob Crowl
Past President:	Rich Vigue
Past Past President:	Jim Sylvia
Appointee	Megan Mathisen

2025 Positions

Membership:	Bob Crowl
E-mail Distribution:	Lisa Sylvia
Website Support:	Jim Sylvia
Newsletter Editor:	Karie Kruse

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Bent Tree Saddle Club – 2025 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 (not required, for informational purposes only)

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 2025 dues are effective October 2024 through December 2025. 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

* Trail Rides *Social Events *Equestrian Events * Arena/Trail Workdays *Newsletter *Echo Articles

Do you own a horse? Yes No (please circle one) Do you own a horse trailer? Yes No (please circle one)

Acknowledged and agreed:

1: Signature: _____ Print Name _____ Date: _____

2: Signature: _____ Print Name _____ Date: _____

How did you hear about us

*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.