

NEWSLETTER

BENT TREE SADDLE CLUB



December 2025

Riding Into The New Year

President's Column

Highlights and Memories From The Saddle Club

As we reflect on a vibrant and successful year at the Bent Tree Saddle Club, we are pleased to share an overview of our activities and the leadership guiding us into the new year. Our club continues to thrive through a combination of engaging events, community involvement, and dedicated leadership.

Introduction of New Horses

This year, we welcomed several new horses to our community, each bringing unique qualities and energy to our Club members and our rides. Ronda and Randy's cruise to Iceland resulted in a new Icelandic Horse for Ronda and some entertainment for our Club as Trauste took a roll in the creek with Ronda onboard. Megan brought home, Scout, a youngster sure to provide years of entertainment and fun! Julie broke from the quarter horse ranks to bring home the cutest five-year-old Mustang, Maverick. Congrats to all our members on their new horses!



Educational Initiatives

Education was and will continue to be a part of our Club's mission. Throughout the year, we hosted clinics and educational events for our Club and the greater horse community. We covered saddle fit, horse body work, nutrition and basic first aid.

Riding Events and Competitions

Our calendar was filled with fun riding events including O-Mok-Sees, fun shows, trail rides, a poker ride, a scavenger hunt, trailering trips, and a community ride. These events promote camaraderie and sportsmanship within the Club. We are proud of the participation and enthusiasm displayed throughout the year.

My personal favorite experience from all these events was watching Claire Eubanks and Jo West connect at the Ellen Stara Memorial Ride. I don't know Jo, but I know Claire well. When I saw the two of them talking and the smiles on their fac-





es, I knew something special was between them. Little did I know that about thirty years ago, Claire would ride with a friend at Jo's farm. She said sometimes Jo rode with them and at other times Jo would just check their gear and send them on their way.

Fast forward to last month, Jo shared with Claire that she put her last horse down about two years ago and really missed riding. Claire, of course, offered for her to get on Lilly or come over to the farm and ride any one of the three "good citizens" that she has. Jo declined the

offer to get on. Next thing I see is the two of them going to the mounting block with Lilly. Once Jo was on, you could tell she'd been in the saddle all her life. Then Claire took off leading Lilly and Jo down the trail. They were gone for a bit. When I saw them coming back, Claire was well ahead of Jo and Lilly... no longer leading! Smiles all around. I do hope Jo goes to Claire's for a ride. That makes the perfect circle of life.

New Leadership for the Coming Year

Looking ahead, we are delighted to introduce our officer candidates who will lead the Bent Tree Saddle Club into the next chapter. The upcoming officers include:

- President: Ronda Erway
- Secretary/Treasurer: Rich Vigue
- Bent Tree Liaison: Bob Crowl

These dedicated individuals bring a wealth of experience and a shared passion for our club. We will vote on these officers at our Year End Party on Thursday, December 18th at 61 Main.

We thank all members, volunteers, and supporters for their continued commitment and enthusiasm. Together, we look forward to another year of our shared passion for horses and riding at the Bent Tree Saddle Club.

Whew.....What a Ride!!

Julie



Party With Friends & Celebrate Our Awesome Year!

Thurs, Dec. 18th | 6 PM-9 PM
61 Main, 49 S. Main St, Jasper, GA

FOOD | FUN | MUSIC

*Join us for holiday cheer as we celebrate the
end of the year with great food, friends and fun!*

Event Details:

- ♦ Q4 General Meeting
- ♦ What a Ride—2025 Remembered
- ♦ Kudos, Honors, Surprises & Prizes
- ♦ Cash bar for wine & beer
- ♦ Live music by Alan Sanders on guitar & vocals
- ♦ Cost: \$25/member, \$25 for one guest, \$50 for each addt'l guest



Appetizers: Cheese, Cured Meats, Fruit & Crackers

Menu: Seasonal Salad, Chicken Breast or Panko Crusted Salmon,
Root Vegetable Gratin, Roasted Red Potatoes

Dessert: Chocolate Cake

RSVP to Karie Kruse Required by Saturday, Dec. 6th at:
kariokruse@gmail.com or 706-502-0212
ATTN: SELECT CHICKEN OR SALMON WITH YOUR RSVP!

Payment Options: PayPal Click HERE - or - Mail Your Check To:
Bent Tree Saddle Club, c/o Ronda Erway, 282 Kelso Rd., Jasper, GA 30143

Ellen Stara Memorial Ride Recap—Nov. 8th



If you ride at Garland Mountain and like to read the many signs that acknowledge those who have donated to the trail system, you recognize the Stara name.

Ellen and Bill were part of the founding of the Chattahoochee Trail Horse Association back in the early 1990s and when the Garland Mountain Horse and Hiking Trails was starting up in 2007, Ellen and Bill were at the ready.

Over the years they made many significant contributions by volunteering as well as donating to both entities.

This year's ride was the fourth time that we've recognized Ellen's importance to trail riding in the North Georgia area in what has become an annual event.

Although the early weather forecast was not good, we were able to have the event in fairly decent

weather. Only one rider got wet and she was able to laugh it off.

We had 14 riders including seven BTSC'ers and a total of 26 people at Staraland.

Rich



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Burnt Mountain Ride Recap—Nov. 23rd



One of the advantages of scheduling a ride on a Saturday is that if you need a plan B there's always the following day. That's what we did with the Burnt Mountain Ride. We could not have asked for a better day: clear blue sky, no wind, and mild temperatures.

The trails we took in the Preserve were remarkably

clear with only a few go-arounds.

In preparation for the ride, Bobby Delay joined me earlier in the week to clear one particular mess of several fallen trees. Bobby's weapon of choice is the chainsaw, and he knows how to wield it.

Sunday morning we had nine riders leave the Horse Park around 10:45 AM and

arrive back at 2:30 PM.

Winston Churchill is credited with having said that no hour of life was wasted that was spent in the saddle. Winston said a lot of things that were more important than that, however, this one is my favorite.

The four hours we spent in the saddle were memory making. And no one got wet.
Rich

Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Ronda Erway, Treasurer, November 30, 2025

Beginning Balance		\$2,164.01
Debits		
Date	Description	
	No Entries This Month	
Total Debits		\$0.00
Deposits		
Date	Description	
11/17/25	61 Main Deposit Use Fee	(250.00)
Total Deposits		(\$250.00)
Ending Balance Date		
11/30/25		\$1,914.01



Bent Tree Saddle Club Membership

The Bent Tree Saddle Club is dedicated to promoting equestrian activities and fostering a vibrant community of horse enthusiasts. We organize group trail rides, horse shows, competitive events, and educational demonstrations to improve your knowledge and skills.

Just fill out an application form and make a payment of only \$40 for an annual Club membership.

**Would You Like To Become
A Member Of The
Bent Tree Saddle Club?**

Click [HERE](#) To Join.



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BentTreeSaddleClub.com**

Membership Report

The Saddle Club now has 72 members. We welcome new member Deborah Dickinson back to the Club. Deborah lives on a horse farm in western Pickens County. I'm sure many of you know Deborah. We look forward to seeing her at future Saddle Club events.

A 2026 membership application is attached to this newsletter. 2026 dues are effective October 2025 through December 2026. 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 at 770-757-8596 if they have any questions.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our year-end event. *Bob*





BENT TREE STABLES STATUS UPDATE

In our October newsletter, I reported that Bent Tree had distributed a Request for Proposal soliciting qualified equestrian operators to lease and provide complete management, maintenance, and operational services for the Bent Tree Equestrian Center. Bent Tree did not receive any proposals by the October 30, 2025 deadline.

Since then, Bent Tree reported that it had been approached by an established stable operator with a proposal to purchase the 28 acres, known as the campground, for use as pastureland and a home, while operating the Bent Tree Stables for ten years.

The Board of Directors has authorized administration to perform due diligence on the proposal, before the Board decides if the matter should be presented to the community. Sale of the campground would require approval by the Bent Tree property owners.

It is my understanding that Bent Tree administration hopes to meet with the individual who made the proposal sometime during the week of November 24th before the Thanksgiving holiday. I do not know the individual's name, if a meeting occurred or what transpired if one did occur.

I will keep you posted on future developments.

Bob

Because I Said Yes

Good things happen when you get outside of your comfort zone. One day, a friend might ask you for a favor or need a bit of help, and then bam, your life totally changes and you find yourself in a different situation. All because you said yes.

That's what happened to me last year when Julie Heinsman asked me to join the Executive Committee. I was a new member but I'd heard good things and respected her a lot. I had a hunch she had the passion and drive to lead the Club. With blind faith, I said yes.

People say that you find your purpose in service and in giving back to others in your community. For me this year has been exactly that. It's been a whirlwind of activity, fun, creativity and learning centered around the Bent Tree Saddle Club. I have enjoyed every minute.

Above all, I've loved meeting people, making

new friends, doing some fun riding, and getting to know other members. Our group is really quite a unique bunch, and I think our diversity is what makes this organization so special.



Our events were really top notch this year thanks to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. For a small Club, we really did a lot, averaging two to three events per month. Special thanks go to Julie Heinsman who imagined, initiated and implemented the lion share of these events. She stepped up and took responsibility for 50% of our annual schedule! She deserves our praise and gratitude for devoting so much of her-

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self to the Club. Julie, you've done a phenomenal job! Now it's time to pour yourself a big glass of Julie juice on ice, put your feet up and get some well-deserved R&R. You are a SUPERSTAR!

I'd like to recognize other key contributors, as well—Lisa Sylvia, Ronda Erway, Megan Mathisen, and Rich Vigue who organized some really great rides and fun horse shows this year. We also have to thank the Club members who pitched in at these events. You made things run more smoothly, and we appreciate your help.

Above all, we thank the Executive Committee—Julie Heinsman, Karie Kruse, Ronda Erway, and Lisa Sylvia, and the entire leadership team of Megan Mathisen, Bob Crawl, Jim Sylvia and Rich Vigue. These folks have done a fantastic job. Most of their work happens behind the scenes. This is where the sausage gets made, and it

Because I Said Yes (cont.)

involves real teamwork and cooperation. Kudos to everyone, and it's been a pleasure working alongside you.

It was great fun organizing some of our events this year, too, but above all, I have loved working on the newsletters. What a pleasant, unexpected surprise! I had no idea what I was getting myself into when Rich asked everyone last year during a committee meeting, "Does anybody here know how to use Publisher?" I had dabbled with it briefly ages ago, and I timidly raised my hand. He asked me to take it over, and I said yes. (Yikes, there's that word again!)

I had carte blanche to do basically whatever I wanted, and ever since, I've had the best time creating the newsletters. Having this outlet combined and indulged my artistic and nerdy sides and got the creative juices flowing.

The newsletters wouldn't have been possible, however, without the recaps, articles, write-ups, stories and photographs submitted by our Club members. Much of the credit goes to those who contributed something. You provided a lot of great content, and in the end, every single issue was a team effort. Thank you!

This is my last newsletter, and I've appreciated your kind attention this past year. Next year will bring even more good times, fun events, memorable rides,

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and moments of friendship. We look forward to another fantastic year at the Bent Tree Saddle Club and give Ronda, Rich and Bob our heartfelt thanks and best wishes!

I hope your holidays are festive with quiet moments, rest and relaxation in between the partying and shopping. May 2026 bring peace, health and prosperity and be filled with endless possibilities because we said yes!

I look forward to seeing you at the Year End Party!

Karie



"Christmas Horses" is a drawing I made with a 24 pack of Crayolas in 2014.



Trail Riders

We are cloud chasers,
eagle trackers, stream stomping, forest folk.

We are wind talkers, meadow dancers, cliff gazers,
campfire coffee drinking sunrise greeters, leather lusters,
hat wearing, blue jean sportin' boot flashing
has it got some rawhide or some conchos to go with that?

We love a saddle squeak, a nicker neigh, a mane toss,
a saucy tail flag and a snort, ears perked forward, movin' out,
clip of hoof clops in your head, feel the rein, foot in the stirrup,
oh the sway sway of a slow lope that you are sittin' just right.

Trust. Freedom. Joy.

So many moments, so many miles, so many trails, so many smiles.

Just you and some very special friends.

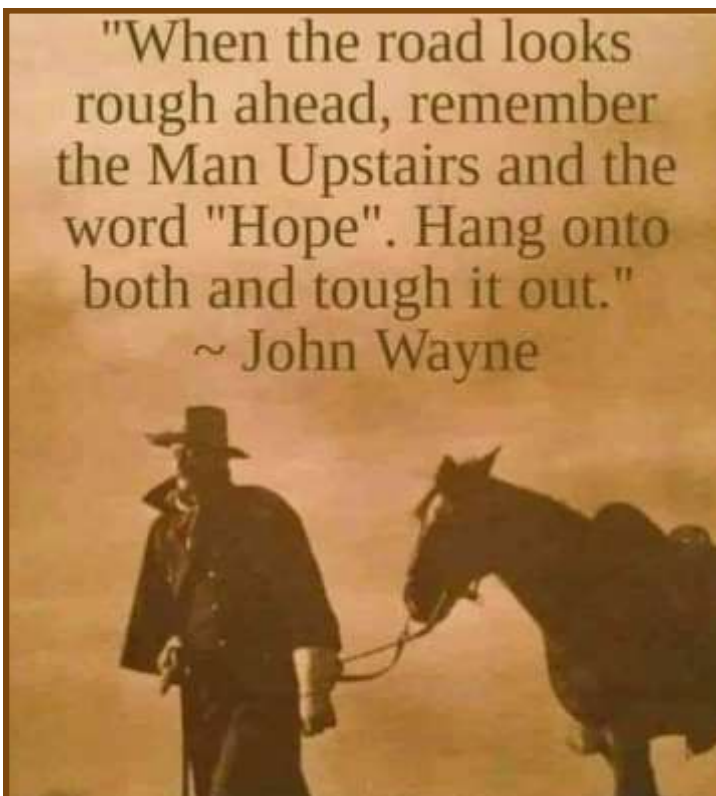
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National Day of the Horse

National Day of the Horse is celebrated annually on Dec. 13. It was officially designated by the U.S. Senate in 2004 to recognize the horse's contribution to American history, economy, and culture.

10 Ways To Celebrate

- Go on a trail ride.
- Donate to a horse rescue organization.
- Volunteer at a horse nonprofit.
- Watch a horse movie.
- Wear horse clothing or gear.
- Give your horse a good grooming.
- Put a name plate on his or her halter.
- Make homemade horse treats.
- Write a horse poem or story.
- Create a horse-themed playlist.



Did You Know?

There are 60 million horses in the world.

Horses are found on every continent except Antarctica. The U.S. has the most horses in the world. According to the 2020 report, the estimated horse population in the U.S. was 3.8 million. This is a sharp decline from the 2008 figures of 9.2 million.

After the U.S., Mexico and China are next on the list of the most horses owned. In 2018, China had 3.47 million horses.

There are over 600 horse breeds.

There are over 600 horse breeds today. According to a 2017 genetic study, all modern horses descend from two ancient breeds: the Arabian and Turkoman horses. The Arabian horse still exists today, the Turkoman horse is now extinct.

Horses produce 10 gallons of saliva a day.

The three pairs of salivary glands horses have can produce up to 10 gallons of saliva a day. This is roughly 40 times the amount humans produce. To make up this much saliva, horses consume 5-10 gallons of water a day, depending on the weather.

Saliva helps with swallowing and acts as a buffer to counter acids in the stomach. This is essential as horses can easily develop ulcers even after a short fasting period.

Courtesy of horseyhooves.com

And... Action!

John Wayne's Movie Crew



Courtesy of John Wayne Magazine: The Ultimate Collector's Edition

A Heavenly Ride



*I love to ride in morning breeze
On paths surrounding forest trees
To share the scent of pine fresh air
Where fine mist lingers in my hair.*

*My steed is white with soft gray nose
We gallop on through drifting snows
As snow flakes settle soft and light
To make our Christmas spirit bright.*

*We stop to rest near mountain crest
And view an eagle's flight to nest
High above a lofty pine
To dwell in nature quite divine.*

*I lift my eyes up to the skies
While bathed in colors of sunrise
And give my thanks this Christmas day
For all His blessings as I pray.*

*By Connie Marcum Wong, 2019
Courtesy of poetrysoup.com*

Recipe Roundup

Christmas Horse Cookies

Ingredients

- 1 lb. bag organic ground flaxseed
- 1/2 cup applesauce
- 2 tbsp. cinnamon
- 2 cups hot water
- Peppermints (optional)

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Combine flaxseed and cinnamon together in a bowl.
3. Add applesauce to the mixture.
4. Add and mix in HOT water.
5. Make a spoonful of the mixture and place onto a greased cookie sheet.
6. Optional: add peppermint toppings if your horse can eat them.
7. Bake for 25 minutes. Let cool.



Courtesy of Rutgers University— esc.rutgers.edu

Some Horses Go To Extremes

World's Tallest Horse



Sampson (later renamed **Mammoth**) was a Shire horse gelding born in 1846.

Sampson was bred by Thomas Cleaver at Toddington Mills, Bedfordshire, England.

According to Guinness World Records, he was the tallest horse ever recorded measuring 7 ft 2.5 inches or 21.2½ hands high. His peak weight was estimated at 3,360 lbs, making him the heaviest horse ever recorded.

World's Smallest Horse

Thumbelina was a dwarf miniature horse mare born in 2001.

Thumbelina was born in St. Louis, Missouri. Her owners, Paul and Kay Goessling, cared for her on their farm in Ladue until her death in 2018.

According to Guinness World Records, she was the smallest horse ever recorded measuring 17 inches or 4.1 hands high. She weighed 57 lbs.



Courtesy of horseyhooves.com

**The Bent Tree Saddle Club
Wishes You And Your Family
A Merry Christmas And
A Healthy, Happy And Prosperous
New Year 2026!**





December 2025

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>RSVP Year End Party</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13  <i>Nat'l Day of the Horse</i>
14	15	16	17	18  <i>Year End Party</i>	19	20
21  <i>Winter Solstice</i>	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31	1  <i>Happy New Year!</i>		



Annual Schedule of Events 2025



Date	Event	Time	Place	Organizer
Sat., Feb. 1	Kick-Off Party	6:00 PM	Tavern at the 19th Hole, Bent Tree	Julie Heinsman
Sat., Feb. 22	Scavenger Hunt	10:30 AM	Bent Tree Saddle Club Horse Park	Karie Kruse
Sat., Mar. 8	Horse Park Workday	10:30 AM	Bent Tree Saddle Club Horse Park & Arena	Karie Kruse
Mon., Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day Dinner	6:00 PM	Rocco's Pub, Jasper, GA	Karie Kruse
Sat., Mar. 22	Poker Ride	10:30 AM	Bent Tree Saddle Club Horse Park & Erway Farm	Ronda Erway
Sat., Apr. 5	O-Mok-See	11:00 AM	Bent Tree Saddle Club Arena	Lisa Sylvia
Sun., Apr. 13	Burnt Mount Preserve Ride	10:00 AM	Bent Tree Saddle Club Horse Park	Rich Vigue
Sun., Apr. 27	High Point Equine Bodywork, Masterson Method & Demo	1:00 PM	Bent Tree Saddle Club Arena	Julie Heinsman
Sat., May 3	Kentucky Derby Party	5:00 PM	Rocco's Pub, Jasper, GA	Rich Vigue
Sat., May 10	Saddle Fitting Clinic, Cookout, General Meeting	11:00 AM	Bent Tree Saddle Club Horse Park	Julie Heinsman
Sun., May 18	Western Pleasure Event	Cancelled	Bent Tree Saddle Club Arena	Megan Mathisen
Sat., May 31	Hillside Farm Trail Challenge	11:00 AM	Sylvia's Farm	Lisa & Jim Sylvia
Sat. Jun 7	Obstacle Trail Challenge	Cancelled	Eubanks' Farm	Claire Eubanks
Thur. Jun 12 - 16	Big South Fork Trip	-	Big South Fork National Pk Jamestown, TN	Julie Heinsman
Fri., July 4	Independence Day Parade	11:00 AM	Main St., Jasper, GA	Julie Heinsman
Sat., July 19	Texas Hold 'Em Tournament	Cancelled	Rocco's Pub	Julie Heinsman
Sat., Aug. 23rd	Garbage Can Cookout	6:30 PM	Julie's Mountain Peace Ranch	Julie Heinsman
Sat., Sept. 13	Garland Mountain Ride	10:30 AM	Garland Mountain Horse Trails	Julie Heinsman
Wed., Sept. 17	Equine Education Event First Aid and Nutrition	7:00 PM	Hinton Community House Jasper, GA	Julie Heinsman
Sat., Sept. 27	O-Mok-See	11:00 AM	Bent Tree Saddle Club Arena	Lisa Sylvia
Thur., Oct. 2 - 6	East Fork Stables Trip	-	East Fork Stables, Jamestown, TN	Julie Heinsman
Sat., Oct. 18	Chickamauga Battlefield Ride	11:00 AM	Chickamauga Battlefield, Fort Oglethorpe, GA	Ronda Erway
Sat., Oct. 25	Bent Tree Fun Show	1:00 PM	Bent Tree Saddle Club Arena	Julie Heinsman & Megan Mathisen
Sat., Nov. 8	2025 Ellen Stara Memorial Ride	10:00 AM	Garland Mountain, Waleska, GA	Rich Vigue
Sun., Nov. 23	Burnt Mountain Preserve Ride	10:30 AM	Bent Tree Saddle Club Horse Park	Rich Vigue
Thur., Dec. 18	Year End Party	6:00 PM	61 Main, 49 S. Main St., Jasper, GA	Karie Kruse

Bent Tree Saddle Club

2025 Executive Committee

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2025 Positions

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Club Membership Benefits

- Access to our 100' x 200' arena, private riding trails, Lake Tamarack, picnic area & covered pavilion, bathrooms, and stone grill at the BTSC Horse Park in the Bent Tree Community
- Organized rides, horse shows, obstacle courses, trail challenges, and travel trips that take place at the BTSC Horse park, local farms, GA State forests, and beyond
- Educational events with local experts and professionals to learn about equine healthcare and horse management
- Friendship, socializing, and networking opportunities with horse owners and riders from the Jasper area

For QUESTIONS or to JOIN, contact Bob Crowl at:
bobcrowl@etcmail.com or 770-757-8596

Bent Tree Saddle Club – 2026 Membership Application

(Payable to Bent Tree Saddle Club)

Name: _____ Reg (\$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) _____ Under 18 Youth Rider* (\$40) _____

3rd: _____ Reg (\$40) _____ Under 18 Youth Rider* (\$40) _____

DUES AND SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGMENT, NOTICE AND RELEASE (below) MUST ACCOMPANY THIS

APPLICATION. New member 2026 dues are effective October 2025 through December 2026. 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.

Acknowledgment of Risks: Members must recognize that horseback riding is inherently dangerous and involves risks of injury or death.

Release of Liability: Members agree not to hold the club or its board responsible for any injuries or damages incurred during activities.

Indemnification: Members agree to indemnify the club against any claims arising from their participation in club activities.

Compliance with Rules: Members must agree to follow all club rules and instructions provided by the board or instructors.

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.

Club activities you are interested in leading/supporting. Please circle all that apply

* Trail Rides *Social Events *Equestrian Events * Arena/Trail Workdays *

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.