

## Upcoming Events

### 2010 Kickoff Meeting Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup>

This year's kickoff meeting will be held in two parts at two different venues. – The Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville followed by the Crust Restaurant in Jasper.

It's been several years since the club has been to the Booth. Just recently the museum opened a major expansion making it the largest museum of western art in the country with a total of 120,000 sq ft. Now would be a good time to revisit this jewel. Plan to arrive around 2pm to give yourself plenty of time to tour the facility. There will be a beer/wine/soft drink reception from 4-5 pm in the Café. We have obtained a group rate and the total cost including the reception is \$20 per person. For directions to the Booth go to its website at [www.BoothMuseum.org](http://www.BoothMuseum.org). Reservations are required and checks made out to BTSC should be sent to Bent Tree Saddle Club c/o Tami Tyson, 199 Moore Farms Lane Jasper, GA 30143 no later than Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup>. Depending upon the level of participation as the reservation deadline approaches we may open this up to guests.

Following the Booth visit we will have a dinner meeting at the Crust Restaurant in Jasper. Plan to arrive at 6pm. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Jim Gibby, Chairman of the Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Equine (ACCE). Jim has an extensive background in the equine industry both as a trainer and executive with several industry associations. The dinner will be a

buffet of three gourmet pizzas, baked ziti with sausage, green salad, a cookie and brownie bar, tea and coffee. The cost is \$19/person including tax and tip. There will be a cash bar available. Following the meeting entertainment will be provided by local musician/singer Matt Chastain. This is a reservation only event limited to 65 people so make your reservations early, but no later than the reservation/cancellation deadline of Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Call the Crust directly at 706-692-5879, mention "BTSC" and provide them with a credit card to hold your reservation.

Reservations at both events are non-refundable. However, if these events are cancelled due to the weather, they will be rescheduled to a later date. Should you have a conflict with the new date, cancellations will be accepted and refunds made. The combination of these two events will make for a great day with good friends enjoying culture, education, fine food and entertainment. What a kickoff to 2010!

*Rich*

### Super Bowl Party Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>

Martha Prince has graciously made her Pendley Creek Stables available for a BTSC Super Bowl party on Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Although the date is firm, the NFL has not yet announced the start time for the game (typically 6PM). An email will be sent to the club as soon as the game start time is announced.

Randy Taylor is in charge of arrangements and will provide finger sandwiches and world famous Frog Hollow Bloody Marys. This rest is up to you with typical BYOB and hors d'oeuvres. Reservations will be required. Call Randy at 770-893-9381.

*Randy*



## Membership Deadline

February 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for membership renewal. If you haven't done so yet, you need to start thinking about it. March newsletters will be emailed only to those who have renewed their membership by February 28<sup>th</sup>. More importantly, with our recent policy of having at least 50% of the club being Bent Tree property owners, non-property owners may not be able to re-join after that date. An application is at the back of this issue. Complete it and mail it to Rosemary King at the address indicated or bring it with you to the kickoff meeting, but don't forget.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I don't know if global warming is actually occurring or not, but I do know that this planet is spinning around a lot faster than it did when I was a kid. I wish the international powers that be would look into this and come up with something that'd slow this place down. Now that would be worthwhile. In this month's newsletter there's info about the kick-off meeting, the Super Bowl party, and a new BTSC Website. In a few short weeks 2009 will be a distant memory and we'll be watching the Masters on television. Come to think of it, so will Tiger Woods. Now there's a guy who'd like the last few weeks to be a distant memory.

Look over the calendar that's at the back of this issue. You should notice a few new events. In April, Russ and Whit Wright are opening their Beech Creek Farm to the club for a general meeting and, of course, some après dinner basketball. In June, there's a saddle club trip to Mount Rogers hosted by Judy Heilman. I'm not going to miss that one. The other thing you might notice is that there are no local rides on the calendar. I'm hoping these will be set up extemporaneously via the Saddle Club website. If you have any questions about the calendar, I'm sure some member of the Executive Committee would be pleased to speak with you.

George Allen, the famous football coach, was fond of saying, "The future is now." I'm with him. Let's get out this year and have some fun. Before you know it it'll be December again.

*Rich*



## Spring Trailering Trip to Firefly Acres

It is that time of the year to start thinking about your reservations for the Firefly Acres weekend.

This year the Saddle Club has reserved April 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 11<sup>th</sup>. We are planning on keeping the same format of having everyone arrive Friday morning, getting pasture arrangements and living arrangements set, sharing lunch at the pavilion, and heading out on a two/three hour local ride. Dinner and dancing in the pavilion that night, breakfast and trailering out for an all day adventure the following day. Another night of dinner and dancing, breakfast the following morning followed by a two hour local ride and lunch before loading up and heading out.

We can accommodate 25 horses, so space is limited. As of now, we have two cabins available for rent and space for 16 horses. We also have two box stalls. The cost will be the same as last year, \$10 per horse per night, and \$60 per person for all meals.

There are also four spots for trailer hookups at \$10.00 per night. Call me for information on the remaining cabin availability, or to make your horse reservations, (678) 313-5611.

For those wanting to make reservations at the Royal Inn their phone # is (931) 738-8585. Fall Creek Falls Inn phone # (423) 881-5706.

Can't wait for another fun filled weekend with some of our favorite people!

*Bambi*

## A Saddle Club Christmas

The annual Christmas party was a great way to kick off the holiday. We started with a hardy but fun group on Friday evening that decorated the barn and trimmed the tree. We had a great group of helpers and the barn look very

festive for our party on Saturday evening.

After enjoying some appetizers and the slide show, the large crowd dug into the main meal which was a scrumptious array of side dishes and salads that complemented the turkey and ham. It's always a pleasure to sample club members' recipes. The dessert table was overflowing!! It was a fantastic meal.

It was my pleasure to award Claire Eubanks with the Founder's Service Award and Keith Hunter as volunteer of the year. The spirit award was earned by Georgianna Hunter who always has a smile on her face and is willing to help with anything. There were several events that were recognized by club members as their favorites for the year: the Garbage Can Cookout by John Heinsman, the Scavenger Hunt by Deborah Sorenson and the Moderate Trail Challenge by Rich and Janet Vigue. Thank you for all your hard work and allowing us to have so much fun!

Once the awards program was complete, we enjoyed some music and Christmas carols by our own Tom Lewis and friends. The games were dominated by our youngest club members. Hannah Byers won the rock, paper, scissors tournament. Jema Gray won the box game although Gigi and I gave her a run for her money! Then it was on to dancing. Never a dull moment at a saddle club party!

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year so much fun. It was a privilege to lead this club for the past year and to work with a wonderful group of quality people. Looking forward to another great year!

*Julie*





### Bent Tree Saddle Club Website

The club now has a new website available to members only – [www.BTSC.info](http://www.BTSC.info). The site has been designed to provide club news and information. Members can post comments, place classified ads, view saddle club pictures, check the club's calendar, and link to other sites. Several categories for posting comments have been established such as Trailering and Local Rides. We hope the membership will use these categories to arrange and coordinate group rides. Walt Hyzer has done all the work setting up this site. Now it's up to us to use it. Remember, this is for members only and therefore, there is a registration process. Once registered, you can change your profile including password. Posting comments and placing ads are very easy to do. Just give it a try. Email Walt at [whyzer@gmail.com](mailto:whyzer@gmail.com) with any problems or suggestions.

*Rich*

The screenshot shows the website interface with the following elements:

- Header:** "Bent Tree Saddle Club" in white text on a green background with a white tree silhouette.
- Navigation:** "BTSC Home", "About", "Contact Us", "Event Calendar", "Gallery", "Classified".
- Search:** A search bar with a "Search" button.
- Categories:** "Club News (3)", "Trailering (3)", "Uncategorized (2)".
- Post 1:** "December 27th, 2009 | Author: [r.igue](#)  
I'm trailering over to Bent Tree later today if anyone is interested. Rich 770-289-7272.  
Posted in [Trailering](#) | [No Comments »](#)
- Post 2:** "Fun Show on brink  
December 21st, 2009 | Author: [r.igue](#)  
Due to the weather forecast – it's gonna be cold – the Fun Show scheduled for 12/27 may be cancelled. Probably a good idea.
- Links:**
  - Bartow County Saddle Club
  - Bent Tree
  - Cherokee County Saddle Club
  - Currahee Saddle Club
  - Deep Dixie Association
  - Deep Dixie Saddle Club

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### 2010 Super Horse Events

The idea behind having a Super Horse competition is to foster more participation in our various events and to recognize different aspects of what makes a horse a good all around horse i.e., not just speed. In order to do this, we must level the playing field such that there isn't a premium or significant weighting on just one aspect of the horse.

This year, we'll be conducting 3 O-Mok-Sees, a Horse Show, an Obstacle Course competition, and a Moderate Trail Challenge. While each event will stand on its own, each will have points towards an overall championship. The horse that performs best with a combination of looks, speed, temperament, and training should win the year long competition.

The focus will be on the horse. Any Saddle Club member's horse is eligible. The owner need not be the rider. You can decide to have someone else ride it in any or all events.

If you want your horse to be included in the Super Horse scoring, you must "enter" your horse by contacting Claire via email [ceshuman51@hotmail.com](mailto:ceshuman51@hotmail.com) or by phone (770) 265-9425. Although all horses will be scored, only those that have "entered" their horse would be listed in the monthly updates of each newsletter.

### O-Mok-Sees

The 3 standard events will be used – Pole Bending, Tomahawk Balls, and Baton Race. Scoring system: if there are 20 horses in the competition, 20 points will be given for first place, 19 points for second place, 18 points for third place, etc.

### Horse Show

3 events will count. The focus will not be on speed. Scoring will be the same as used in the O-Mok-Sees.

### Obstacle Course

Scoring system will be the same as used in the O-Mok-Sees .

### Moderate Trail Challenge

Scoring system will be the same as used in the O-Mok-Sees .

\*\*\*Points for each event will not exceed 180 points for each division.

*Claire*

### Final Secretary Report for 2009

Well, this is it guys. I am signing off as your secretary and handing the reins over to our beloved Rosemary. I have to tell you, I will miss all this.

What a great group we have – the best.

I am really proud of everything BTSC has accomplished during this past two years that I have had the pleasure of being in the hub of activity.

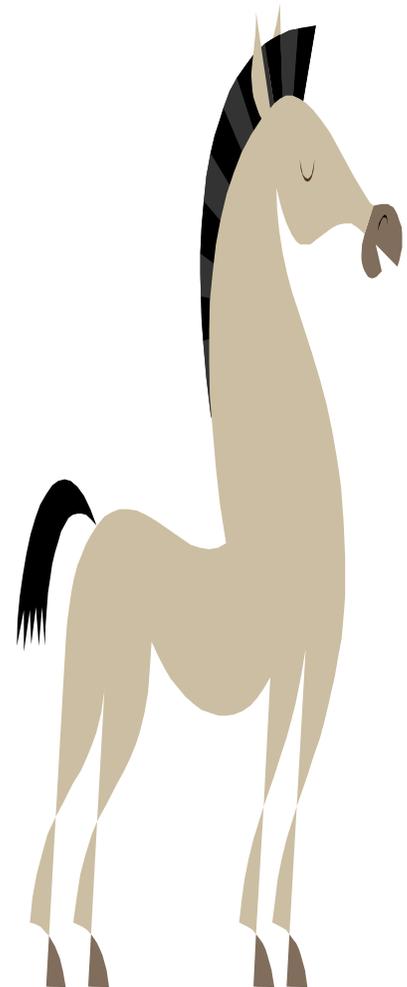
Keep it coming.

*Barbara Hutson*

### 2009 Year End Treasurer's Report

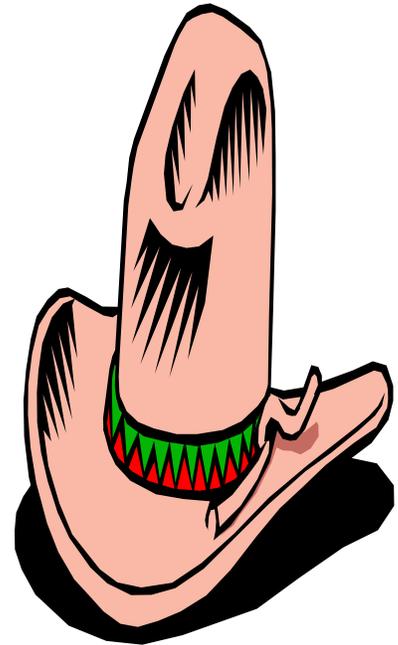
Starting Balance	\$3632.71
Expenses	\$989.67
Deposits	\$988.68
Ending Balance	\$3631.72
Scholarship Fund	\$1235.00
General Fund	\$2396.72

*Charles Cates*



**2009 Top Ten Super Horses**

Horse	Owner	TOTAL
Jet	Claire Eubanks	441
Charm	Julie Heinsman	376
Dude	Bob Crowl	356
Kahlua	Jemma Gray	337
Ranger	John Wilder	257
Mo	Hannah Byers	245
Bay-B	Rosemary King	233
Ruby	Keeve Krasher	167
Black	Libby Adams	146
Shay	Deborah Sorensen	134



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 Treasurer: Tami Tyson  
 Secretary: Rosemary King  
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 Bent Tree Liaison: Jan Lorenzen  
 Board Appointees:  
 Don House  
 Barbara Hutson

**Saddle Club Hotline  
 770-893-1489**

Check the hotline or the website if weather threatens to interfere with a scheduled event.

# BTSC January 2010 Fridge Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Booth Museum reservations due to Tami	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Crust reservations due for Kick Off	21	22	23 Kick Off at Booth 2PM at Crust 6PM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

### 2010 Bent Tree Saddle Club Calendar

To suggest or lead an event, please contact Rich Vigue 706 253 5822 or Rosemary King 706 337 4414

January	23	Kickoff at the Booth/Crust	Rich Vigue
February	7	Super Bowl Party	Randy Taylor
	13	Workday at Garland Mountain	Rich Vigue
	21	Bruce Prince Memorial Ride	Bob Crowl/Martha Prince
	28	All Day Ride	Rich Vigue/Don & Nickie House
March	6	Horse Park Workday	David & Rosemary King
	13	GA State Parks Workday	Rich Vigue
	20	O-Mok-See #1	Jena/Val
April	3	All Day Ride	Rich Vigue
	9-11	Firefly Acres	Pete & Bambi Dillingham
	17	Scavenger Hunt	Deborah Sorenson
	18	Gen'l Mtg – Beech Creek Farm	Russ & Whit Wright
	25	Dawson Forest Ride	Claire Eubanks
May	1	Kentucky Derby Party	Lee & Ann Burger
	15	General Meeting – Horse Park	Rich Vigue
	22	O-Mok-See #2	Jena/Val
	29	Fun Show/Memorial Day Picnic	Claire Eubanks/Julie Heinsman
June	5	Workday at Jake/Bull	Rich Vigue
	12	Shootout	Keith Hunter
	19	General Meeting – Horse Park	Rich Vigue
	21-27	Mount Rogers, VA Trip	Judy Heilman
	27-7/3	Youth Fest	Keeve Krasner/Bob Crowl
July	7/4	BYOE Picnic & Fireworks at Horse Park & Bent Tree	
	17	Poker Night	John & Gail Heinsman
August	7	Movie Night	David & Rosemary King
	<b>14</b>	<b>Golf Tournament/General Mtg Need Leader</b>	
September	4	Horse Show/Labor Day Picnic	Jan Lorenzen/Tami Tyson
	25	Obstacle Course	David & Rosemary King
October	9	GarbageCan Cookout /Gen. Mtg	Julie Heinsman
	23	O-Mok-See #3	Jena/Val
	<b>27-31</b>	<b>Fall Trip</b>	<b>Need Leader</b>
November	13	Moderate Trail Challenge	Rich Vigue
	20	Thanksgiving Dinner/ Meeting	Bob & Peggy Crowl
December	4	Top of the World Ride	Jena/Val
	10	Trim a Tree	Janet Vigue
	11	Christmas Party	Janet Vigue

BTSC Executive Committee Meetings:

1/10, 2/19, 11/12 at Bent Tree Cottage

3/26, 4/16, 6/04, 8/06, 9/10, 10/08 at Horse Park

**Bent Tree Saddle Club – 2010 Membership Application**

Name: *Membership Type (Dues):* (Payable to Bent Tree Saddle Club)

1<sup>st</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg (\$30)\_\_\_\_ (first member must be a regular membership for \$30)

**Are you a Bent Tree property owner? (Y) (N) Do you board a horse at Bent Tree Stables: (Y) (N)**

2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg (\$30)\_\_\_\_ Social/Non-Rider (\$15)\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg (\$30)\_\_\_\_ Social/Non-Rider (\$15)\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ The information in the Club’s records is correct. (No changes from last year.)

\_\_\_ Please make the following changes or additions to the Club’s records: (Please print clearly.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES AND SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGMENT, NOTICE AND RELEASE (below) MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.** New member 2009 Dues are effective October 2009 through December 2010. Renewal Dues apply to the calendar year. Mail application and check to: **Bent Tree Saddle Club, c/o Rosemary King, 1000 Matthews Road, 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 contemplated 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.

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**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.**

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**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 Property owners)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_