



Upcoming Events

Road Apple Open at the Bent Tree Golf Course Saturday, August 7th

I have heard it said that “in August it is too hot to ride and the bees are rampant.” So, get down off those horses and pick up your golf clubs. Join your fellow saddle club members and spouses at the saddle club’s golf outing at 3:00 p.m. on August 7th. A shotgun start, scramble format, trophies for the best and worse team and prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive make this a fun event. Will there be repeat champions or will a new team take the honors? Form your teams or sign up to be added to a team. Cost is green fees plus \$10. All money raised will go toward equestrian trail preservation in Bent Tree. Dinner and general meeting will follow at the 19th Hole at 6:00 p.m. Make your golf reservations by calling or e-mailing Charles Cates at 706-268-6461 or charlescates@tds.net. Dinner reservations should be made by calling the 19th Hole at 770-893-2621. See you on the course!

Charles

Movie Night Saturday, August 14th

Movie Night is scheduled for August 14th. Due to the severe heat that we have been experiencing, this event has been moved to Club Tamarack – thank you Rich! Please check your e-mail for further information on the movie, the time, etc.

David & Rosemary

Fall Horse Show Update Saturday, September 4th

Plans for the horse show on September 4th are progressing. Of course, let’s hope this heat wave is gone by then. I personally have had enough of this!!

Here is the order of the classes to help you all plan better:

1. First Mountain City Pony Club will begin showing at 9:00 a.m.
2. Break
3. Drill Team
4. Halter Class.
5. Break
6. Hunter Under Saddle (English class)
7. Jumping Class

We then will break for lunch, which will be provided to us by Angles on Horseback. The cost will be reasonable and will benefit a good cause. We are planning on lunch being served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drinks will be provided by the Pony Club as a means for them to contribute funds to their club.

8. Gaited Horse
10. Western Pleasure
11. Break
12. Trail Class
13. Last but not least will be the speed events for all you speed demons. Poles and Barrels guys.

We will have the back gait opened at 8:00 a.m. for you early birds. Someone will be manning the gate, so, if you need to exit during our breaks and at lunch, you may do so at these times. The Shutterbugs will be available to take pictures of you and your horse during the day. They will have forms for you to fill out so your pictures can be mailed to you. This too will benefit their club and the cost is minimal. I know you will enjoy seeing your pictures.

This will be an all-day event, and registration can be made through ME via e-mail at jllorenzen@tds.net. Remember that Elaine Kaiser will be available for lessons if you need help preparing for the show. Her number is 706-253-2693.

We hope this will be fun for all. See you in September, and remember, practice, practice, practice ... when it is cooler, which can’t come soon enough!!

Jan



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Having read this month's Secretary's Report during the proofing process, I feel compelled to let you all know there are some good things happening.

The Heinsmans had almost 40 people at their place on July 17th to play poker. Now that's a full house. Maybe we should be having six or so of those a year in lieu of the O-Mok-Sees. We could have an annual championship with the winner receiving an all expense paid trip to Las Vegas. I'll bring this up at the next Executive Committee meeting. Actually, maybe we should schedule a few O-Mok-See/Texas Hold 'em/Cookouts at the horse park. Now those could be real fund raisers.

Mark your calendars for the 20th anniversary party scheduled for March 12, 2011. This will be the party to top all parties. I'm not talking orgy here. I'm talking about having fun through reminiscing about the last 20 years. We hope to have some early members (including some who are not members now) provide insight into the club's progress over the years. There's a lot to remember, and I'm sure there'll be lots of stories about member antics - some intentional and some not.

The Executive Committee voted to make the Bent Tree trails this year's beneficiary of the upcoming golf event. Proceeds will be used to pay for an assessment and improvement recommendations by a licensed trails specialist. We need to raise a bunch of money to make this happen. Please sign up for the tournament. Come out and enjoy the fun while making a contribution to improving the Bent Tree riding experience.

Lastly, believe it or not, it is already time to start thinking about our officers for next year. Our club is in very good shape right now, both financially and from a membership standpoint. If you're interested in participating on next year's Executive Committee, please let one of the current officers know. Although not a vampire, I believe fresh blood is what keeps this club rocking along.

Rich

Youth Week Recap

The Youth Week trail and arena riding events hosted at the Bent Tree Stables on June 29th, 30th and July 1st could not have been better organized and managed. It was a smashing success. Almost 200 riders enjoyed a safe trail or arena ride, and those doing arena rides also participated in a crafts project — painting and decorating horseshoes — while waiting their turn to ride. One young rider designed a horseshoe for me with my name on it. It is proudly displayed in my office. Many compliments were received from parents and grandparents about how much they appreciated the efforts put forth to provide their children a unique horseback riding experience.

Vickie Crowe, Stable Master, and her barn crew, including Mike, Megan, Maria, Rachael, Jemma and Jonathan did an outstanding job getting the horses ready early in the morning, serving as trail guides, leading arena rides and washing the horses after they worked hard. Carol Vincent's craft table was a huge success and much appreciated by those young riders who decorated horseshoes to have a memento to take home. Activities Committee volunteers did a commendable job promoting the event and registering riders.

Finally, many Bent Tree Saddle Club volunteers made noteworthy contributions to this very successful event. Club members manned the registration table, served as trail guide and led arena rides. Several club members' horses — Ranger, Black, Cherokee Rose and Dude — provided arena rides. My sincere thanks to members Libby Adams, Kathy Hardin, John Wilder, Georgianna Hunter, Julie Heinsman, Barbara Biello, Keeve Krasner, Baylee Stanley and Peggy Crawl for volunteering their time to make this event so successful. Sorry if I missed anyone. The community really appreciates the effort the saddle club puts into this event.

Bob

Secretary's Report

What a month! Not only is the heat horrendous for both people and horses, but also there are just too many bad, sad things going on in the BTSC family. First, let me happily relay the message that Pete Dillingham came through his surgery just fine. He is on strict orders from the doctor that there is NO horseplay for two and a half to three weeks period. Good luck Bambi! Debbie Dickinson, a fellow Westside club member, had knee surgery on Wednesday to repair a damaged meniscus. She was scheduled for a horse show this Sunday, so she is not a happy camper. I thought I might see her in physical therapy, but she found out she doesn't have to do that. Hum???? And Roger Schultz had an accident at home and had surgery to repair broken bones in his ankle. This is a time for healing for too many members. Oh well, I continue to go with the hope that I will soon be back in the saddle with all of the other riders out there.

And for our equine buddies, I have to begin with the loss of Citation, age 35, Ann Burger's companion of 30 years. Marianne Torchia lost her beloved Buck, the horse she rode in most of the O-Mok-Sees. He left her suddenly due to a severe case of colic. Our hearts continue to be with you both. Hannah's faithful companion, Mo, also had a case of colic but has recovered and seems to be fine now. Linda Magness' My Foxy Lady had an accident and severely cut both of her front legs. We hope she continues to improve. Jena Finley's retired horse, Dunbar, is also not doing well, and they still have not been able to determine what is making him sick. And last, but not least, my dear, dear Bay-B foundered last week. We caught it just in time to put him up and treat him, hopefully avoiding permanent damage. If anybody has any happy, positive news to share, please feel free to send me that too!

So, I would like to end this article on a good note...Kathy Hardin is celebrating yet another birthday! Happy Birthday Kathy! You'll always be older than me!!!

☺

Rosemary

**P, P, P, Poker Face,
P, P, Poker Face Recap**

Although that is a Lady Gaga song, the BTSC poker face belongs to Eric Byers. It does seem a little suspect that he dealt himself a full house, putting out the host (John) and taking most of Julie's chips in the second hand of the night. That set him up pretty well for the rest of the evening!!

We had nearly 40 people attend the event with about 25 players. The action was fast and furious as Barbara was taking chips from Byron and George put out Kelly and Margy ... so much for family ties!! Some of the saddle club's "well-known" poker players didn't even make it to the final table ... Joyce, Bobby and Keith. Maybe it was beginner's luck for those who did!!

It was our pleasure to host this event and hope everyone, except Eric, had a good time.

John and Gail Heinsman

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$5,109.50
Checks Written	
Georgianna Hunter Reimbursement	\$ 257.00
Laura Adams Scholarship recip	\$ 600.00
Theresa Fike Scholarship recip	\$ 600.00
Deposits	
Omoksee	\$ 110.00
Gen mtg	\$ 30.00
Gen mtg	\$ 370.00
Fun show	\$ 130.00
Scholarship fund	\$1,088.00
Ending Balance	
July 26, 2010	\$3,204.50

Tami



Look at that poker face on Allen, but Julie's not buyin' it. Bobby's not sure, and Bubba doesn't care.



Judy's dealing! Watch those hands very carefully, Byron.

Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference Recap

Equestrian trails advocates from across the southeastern United States gathered for three days of brainstorming on ways to preserve and extend riding trail systems in our communities. Hosted in Norcross, Georgia, by the Chattahoochee Trail Horse Association, this year's conference included three all-day workshops followed by two days of presentations by experts in fields such as public lands management, farm land preservation, trails advocacy, easement law, federal funding for trails, trail design and construction, and trail safety awareness.

The all-day workshop on trail design and construction, taught by Mike Riter of Danielsville, Georgia, provided a treasure trove of information on a subject very near and dear to my heart, i.e. how to prevent trails from becoming drainage ditches. Riter explained the basics of how to design trails "for sustainability." A well designed trail requires little maintenance. He also outlined some of the newer techniques for repairing old, poorly design trails that have been damaged by erosion. On the eve of our club's 20th anniversary, those of you who ride the Bent Tree trails know that we need this kind of expertise if our trails are to be useable for another 20 years. We simply cannot leave them in ruin.

For me, this one workshop was worth the \$200 price of admission for the entire three-day conference. But there were two more days of great information sharing and networking with trails junkies from 10 states!

Another important find at the conference was an organization called Equestrian Land Conservation Resource (ELCR). Based at the National Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky, ELCR provides publications, seminars and direct assistance to individuals and groups interested in conserving land and access to land for horse-related activities. They have the expertise on setting up trail easements. Good people to know if you want your grandchildren to be able to trail ride.

Bent Tree Saddle Club members Jodie Boyd, Ellen Stara, Steve de Lyra, Rich Vigue, Marianne Torchia, Janice Butt and I attended. Copies of all of the presenters' remarks are now available online at www.southeastenequestriantrails.com. Next year's conference will be in Auburn, Alabama.

DJ



A trail is not a drainage ditch.



So where did all the muck and silt in this trail come from? See previous page.



Used to be a great place for a gallop. Too eroded and slippery now.

Byron Hutson
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 website if weather
 threatens to interfere
 with a scheduled event.

BTSC August 2010 Fridge Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Golf Tournament and Dinner
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Movie Night
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				Horse Show

2010 Bent Tree Saddle Club Calendar

Note several changes to September and October.

August		
7	Golf Tournament	Charles Cates
14	Movie Night	David & Rosemary King
September		
4	Horse Show & Labor Day Picnic	Jan Lorenzen/Tami Tyson
18	Garbage Can Cookout & Gen. Mtg	Julie Heinsman
25	O-Mok-See #3	Jena/Val
October		
23	Obstacle Course	David & Rosemary King
27-31	Fall Trip	Julie Heinsman
November		
13	Moderate Trail Challenge	Rich Vigue
20	Thanksgiving Dinner & Meeting	Bob & Peggy Crawl
December		
4	Top of the World Ride	Jena/Val
10	Trim a Tree	Janet Vigue
11	Christmas Party	Janet Vigue

BTSC Executive Committee Meetings:
9/11 and 10/08 at Horse Park; 11/12 at Bent Tree Cottage

DATE TO SAVE: March 12, 2011, Bent Tree Saddle Club's 20th Anniversary Celebration
Bent Tree Club Tamarack



Just chillin'
