

Alumni Group of Newcomers (AGN)
Opportunities for Active People



New Bern, NC

October 2014

President's Message

I would like to thank everyone who attended our first general meeting on September 15. Our social committee did a splendid job organizing this function. The number of participants exceeded our expectations, and I hope all enjoyed themselves. Our next general meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 17 at 5:30 P.M.; again to be held at the Ministry Center on Middle Street. Hopefully, our attendance will continue to increase.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. The annual Holiday Party has been scheduled for December 4 to be held at the Flame Banquet Facility, commencing at 6 P.M. Live entertainment will be provided and a delicious meal will be served. The Newcomer's and the Alumni have agreed to subsidize a portion of the cost of the function. It brings the price to \$25.00 per person, a considerable reduction from the previous years. Additional information is in this edition of the newsletter.

A quick note - the Alumni dues must be paid by the end of September. I wouldn't like to lose any members. There is a membership form located in the newsletter. As always, any recommendations or suggestions are always welcome.

Thanks, Jim Wittmeyer
(golfwitt@gmail.com)



Newcomers/Alumni Christmas Party

December 4, 2014

The Flame Restaurant 2301 Neuse Blvd, New Bern

6-7pm Social Hour Hors d'oeuvres/Cash Bar

7pm dinner Dancing with Tom's Tunes

Three Entrée Dinner Buffet

House Salad with Ranch or Italian dressing

Boneless Beef Short Ribs with Plum Glaze and Mashed Potatoes

Lemon Chicken over Herb Penne Pasta

Grilled Salmon with Shrimp Bisque Sauce over Egg Noodle Pasta

Broccoli Casserole, Herb Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes

Roasted Squash, Zucchini, Red Peppers & Onion w/Balsamic
Vinaigrette

Dessert: Apple Crisp with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

Cost \$25 per person Make checks payable to AGN

Mail to: Mickie Wittmeyer, 225 Bandon Drive, New Bern NC 28562

Telephone: 252-288-5652

Deadline November 28

Please note there will be no walk-ins or refunds for this event. The price for nonmembers will be \$32.

~ Calendar of Events ~

Please check the appropriate activity description on the following pages for details about these events:

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| Sep 30 | Singles Mingles, 1 pm, Carolina Grill |
| Oct 2 | Tennis, 10 am |
| Oct 6 | Scrabble, 12:30, Books a Million |
| Oct. 7 | Wine Social, 6 pm, Acqua Restaurant in Beaufort |
| Oct 9 | Tennis, 10 am |
| Oct 9 | Golf, 10 am, Carolina Colors |
| Oct 9 | Singles Mingles, 1 pm, Lawson's Landing |
| Oct 11 | Boater's Group: Raft Up Broad or Duck Creek |
| Oct 16 | Tennis, 10 am |
| Oct 18 | Singles Mingles, Sat. Day Trip, Harkers Islands/Cape Lookout |
| Oct 20 | Singles Mingles, 10 am, Coffee, Les Babcock's |
| Oct 20 | Scrabble, 6:30 pm, Schlotzsky's Deli |
| Oct. 22 | Book Club, "Life After Life" |
| Oct 24 | Dining Out, Noon, Lunch at the Marrakesh in Jacksonville |
| Oct. 31 | Boater's Group: Fall Colors Small Boat Trip to Pollocksville |
| Nov 17 | AGN General Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ministry Center 311 Middle St. |
| Dec 4 | Newcomers/Alumni Holiday Party, 6:00 - 11:00 pm |

Activity Groups

The Newcomers Alumni Club offers a variety of activity groups designed not only to provide you with new friends and fun, but also opportunities to learn, lead and most importantly, laugh! You may participate in as many activities as you desire. We also offer special activities throughout the year.

If you have a suggestion for a new activity, and you are willing to lead the group, please contact one of our Activity Directors:

Betty Todd: 252-288-5502
Theoddfamily10@gmail.com

How do you sign up? To join a group, just come to the next Alumni Newcomers meeting on September 15 and sign up with one of the activity leaders, or contact an activity leader or co-chair directly.

Following is a description of the activity groups currently available including any scheduled events/activities.

Biking

AGN/Newcomers Bicycling Group

Purpose: Our goal is to enjoy the benefits of riding while making new friends. Join us for exercise and fresh air. All levels are welcome! We pace to the slowest rider – no one is left behind. The normal length will be between 10 to 20 miles in length.

Requested Gear:

A working bicycle (brakes, gears) with adequate safety items - lights, reflectors etc.

A Helmet is mandatory.

Carry adequate water (minimum – 1 pt. / 500 mL).

Carry a spare bicycle tube and possibly an air pump for flat repairs.

Casual clothing (shorts) and top with bright colors (or Vest).

Sunglasses or prescription for bugs.

Meeting Place:

A group E-Mail will be sent out mid-week for weekend rides with various starting points with directions. Some mid-week rides of various lengths will also be scheduled.

Dave Monk

davidhmonk@gmail.com

252-514-4546 (Cell: 240-271-0428)

Dave Gerde

dgerde@netzero.net

252-288-4371 (Cell: 631-759-6412)

Boaters

Newcomers/AGN Boaters Group

Gary Todd (Alumni) 252-288-5502 home
603-380-5438 mobile

You must be a member of the Boaters Group to participate in Group activities, and you must be a member of the Newcomers Club or AGN to be a member of the Boaters Group.

If you are interested in joining the Boaters Group, or would like more information, please contact the Alumni Group activity leader Gary Todd at 252-288-5502.

October 11, Raft Up in Broad Creek or Duck Creek. Contact Gary Todd:
thetoddfamily10@gmail.com or 252-288-5502.

October 31, Fall Colors Small Boat Trip to Pollocksville. Small boaters are encouraged to invite Sail Boaters and larger Cruisers as guests. Contact Karl Lichy:
karlkorker@yahoo.com or 637-6633



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BOATER'S GROUP ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HOST/CAPT	COMMENTS
Oct 11 th	Raft Up in Broad Creek or Duck Creek	Neuse River	Gary Todd	Watch email for details
Oct 31 st	Fall Colors Small Boat Trip To Pollocksville	Trent River Cruise	Karl Lichy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small Boaters encouraged to invite Sail Boaters & Larger Cruisers as guest• Combined Trip with NBYC

Nov 5 th	Half Day Sail Cruise on Jeannie-B	Little Washington	Gary Todd	Watch Email for Trip Flyer
Nov 14-16 (Tentative)	Land Cruise to Wilmington	Wilmington	Bill McHale	Weekend Tour of EUE/Screen Gems Film Studio & sites of local shoots
Dec 10 th	Regulator Boat Tour	Edenton	Gary Todd	Lunch at Waterman's Grill
February (Date to be announced)	Fountain Boat Tour	Washington, NC	Gary (Tour) Bill (Lunch)	Lunch at Grub Bothers or Blackwater Jacks
Jan 13 th 2015	Holiday Party	Riverbend Country Club	Bill McHale	Date to be confirmed
Feb/March (TBD)	Jarret Bay Boat Works & Gregory Poole Marine Power	Near Beaufort	Bill McHale	Lunch in Beaufort or Morehead (TBD)
Feb/March (TBD)	Tour Regulator	Edenton, NC	Gary (Tour) Bill (Lunch)	Lunch at Waterman's Grill
Spring 2015	Suddenly In Command Class (Tentative)	NBYC	Gary Todd/Bill McHale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is tentatively being looked at. • This would be a four hour seminar. Looking to schedule on a Saturday • Cookout at NBYC following Class.
April 9-10 th 2015	Shakedown Cruise - (By Land or Sea)	Oriental	Bill McHale	Typically tied in with NBYC Cruise (April 10 -- 12)
May15-17 (Tentative)	Sail Boats/Cruiser Boat Trip to Belhaven or Little Washington	Pamlico River	Mark Leonard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considerations to having Trailer Boats do a day trip for boating in local waters being considered.
June (TBD)	Summer Solstice Trip to Cape Lookout (Date Tentative; on or around June 21st)	Beaufort	Karl Lichty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trailer Boat Trip putting in at Oriental or Beaufort (your choice) • Combined Trip with NBYC
July (TBA)	Summer Picnic	TBA	Bill McHale	

Note: Dates & Events Subject to Change. Watch email as for updates/changes.

Book Group

The Book Group meets the 4th Wednesday of the month in members' homes. We welcome new members. After our discussion we share some social time and refreshments.

The next meeting will be October 22, 2014. We will discuss "Life after Life" by Kate Atkinson. The meeting will be held at the home of Mary Hudson, 503 Neuse Harbour Blvd. in Neuse Harbour.

Please phone Mary at 633-4630 or email her at maryjoe44@embarqmail.com if you plan to attend.

Please join us. Everyone is welcome.

Contacts: Peggy Kuehrmann pdokrb@suddenlink.net 637-7529
Nancy Duane nhncntd@always-online.com 636-5638

Dining In

Sharing a meal together is one of the best ways to get to know folks. The dining-in group is a great opportunity to meet different newcomers each month. While visiting in homes during the winter and spring months, 8 newcomers - singles or couples- share experiences and enjoy a delicious meal to which we all contribute a dish. Once everyone who wants to participate signs up we will organize the list so that the groups rotate and are new each month.

You are host only once during the year - you decide the main dish and the others bring wine, an appetizer, salad and a dessert! And what a great way to share your favorite recipes and try new dishes!!

Kay or Dennis Melvin: Home: 252-288-6101
Email: kdmelvin@gmail.com

**** Announcement ****

Presently, Dining In is only open to Newcomers. If, and when, Alumni may also join, we will announce it in this Newsletter.

Dining Out

Dining Out is an opportunity to enjoy learning about the restaurants in New Bern and the surrounding areas. It's a chance to taste the chef's choice and enjoy the company of other alumni. Each month a new place is planned for your dining pleasure for either lunch or dinner.

October 24 (Friday), Noon

Lunch at the Marrakesh Restaurant, Jacksonville

Tucked away in a modest strip mall, the Marrakesh offers great Middle Eastern cuisine and friendly service in a very pleasant atmosphere. The Marrakesh is considered by many in Jacksonville to be the best restaurant in the city. Typical dishes are tabbouleh, baba ganoush, couscous, falafel, cucumber and yogurt salad, as well as various lamb, chicken, beef shawarmas and kebabs. If you like Middle Eastern, you can't go wrong. If you've never experienced this cuisine and you want to learn more, Marrakesh is the place to start in coastal Carolina. Please join us on October 24, Noon, at 409 Western Blvd, Jacksonville.

Please RSVP to Bill Blakefield at wblakefield@gmail.com by October 17 if you can attend.

Contact: Bill Blakefield

252-288-4133

wblakefield@gmail.com

Golf Golf

Newcomers/Alumni Golf is based on the premise that the game should be fun. Making friends is paramount; proficiency is immaterial. We welcome all skill levels. Rules are what each player wants them to be. Some players adhere to the stricter rules of the USGA, while others follow the lax GW rules -- count every stroke that you like. If you don't like it, don't count it; or finally, don't count anything and pick up your ball any time you wish!

We schedule a golf outing once a month, normally on a Wednesday or Thursday, and play 12 months of the year. We travel to courses in the New Bern area and try to keep within a one-hour drive. We also arrange carpooling for the out-of-New Bern trips. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, come join us. You will have a good time!

The next Golf Outing will be held October 9 at the at Carolina Colors Golf Course just off of Route 70 east of Taberna. We have 4 tee times starting at 10:00 am, cost is \$36.00. As this is a local course we will not meet to car pool.

Let me know if you plan to attend. Bob Freeland, 252-288-6410,
wvubob201@hotmail.com

Directions:

- Take 70 East towards Havelock.
- Turn right on Thurman (Exxon Gas station on the left and a Mallard Gas station on the right)
- Go up to the circle (round about), go around onto Waterscape
- Stay on Waterscape until you see the sign

Outdoor Adventure

Throughout the September – May season, we try to choose outdoor activities that are appealing to everyone. The adventures are not competitive in nature. The adventures have included: kayaking/canoeing, hiking, kite flying, bicycle riding, and boat rides. We either bring our lunch or stop by a nearby restaurant.

We don't have participants sign up unless it is an activity that must be more stringent in head count. Our slogan is "No sign-up, just show up at the event," and rainout is constituted by already raining or bad outlook during the time of the adventure.

Contact Steve Spaziante: 252-571-3880
June Dowd: 252-571-5210
junedowd515@gmail.com



Outdoor Adventure at Hammocks Beach

SCRABBLE

The Scrabble Group meets the **first Monday** of the month from 12:30 pm at Books-A-Million Coffee Shop in the New Bern Wal-Mart Shopping Center at 3005 M.L. King Blvd.; and the **third Monday** of the month from 6:30 pm at Schlotzsky's 3335 M L King Blvd (several individuals come at 6:00 to eat dinner)

Playing Rules:

1. Two players per board (unless there is an odd number)
2. Dictionary can be used a maximum of two times per move
3. Use of "The Cheat Sheet" allowed
4. Turns limited to six minutes each

Please Bring: If you have the following items, please bring them to each meeting: A Scrabble Board, an Official Scrabble Dictionary and a 3-minute timer.

Contact: Cammie Armstrong cammiestrong@gmail.com, 757 650 5469

Singles Mingles

The Singles Mingles Group meets twice a month (or so) at various locations to socialize.

Upcoming Activities:

- October 9, 1:00 pm, Lunch @ Lawson's Landing - History Center, New Bern
- October 18, Sat. Day Trip - Harkers Island/ Cape Lookout – carpool
- Oct. 20, 10 am Coffee @ Les Babcock's - 1305 Pine Valley Dr., Greenbrier

If you are interested in hosting a get-together at your home, please contact:

Linda Guthrie 724-622-1568
lindaguthrie50@gmail.com

Sharon Champney 252-633-7824
slfchamp@yahoo.com

Important: Dates & Places are subject to change. Watch your email, as places may change, at the last minute, due to unforeseen reasons.

MEMBERSHIP FORM ---WINE TASTING GROUP FOR 2014-2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Area: Downtown___ Taberna___ Fairfield Harbour___ Greenbriar___ Other___

Are you interested in: Committee Member___ Hosting___

Suggestions/ideas for monthly events:

Comments welcomed. ANNUAL FEE TO JOIN WINE GROUP – \$4.00/PERSON

Make check to AGN Wine Club.

Return form to: Paul Merriman

803 Crane Drive

New Bern, NC 28560 Phone: 633-5409

DUES FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015

**ALUMNI GROUP OF NEWCOMERS
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/WAIVER AGREEMENT**

Please complete the application, sign the waiver, and enclose your check made payable to: AGN, and **mail to:**

Chuck Saraceno 6000 Brig Court, New Bern, NC 28560

Type of Membership:

() Family Unit \$25.00 () Single \$15.00 () Single whose partner does not participate in any club activity \$15.00

() **Yes, I would like a printed Directory \$5.00 (In addition to my membership)**

Membership: () NEW ()RENEWAL

DATE: _____ TELEPHONE NO: _____

NAME(S) _____
Please print

ADDRESS _____ ZIP: _____
Please print

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____
Please print (Your Newsletter will be emailed.)

WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the functions and activities of the Alumni Group of Newcomers:

I/We _____ do hereby agree to hold the Alumni Group of Newcomers free from all liability and claims for damages and injuries of any kind whatsoever, from any cause or causes whatsoever, which I/We incur or sustain while participating in any of the functions and activities, including Day Trips and Outdoor Adventure, sponsored by the Alumni Group of Newcomers, and I/We further agree to hold harmless the Alumni Group of Newcomers from liability, loss, cost (including without limit, attorney fees) and other obligations arising out of any such damages and injuries, however they are incurred or sustained.

Signature _____ Signature _____
We appreciate and thank you for your prompt payment of dues.

~ NOTICE ~

CLUB TAKING AND USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF MEMBERS

This is to notify you as a member of Newcomers Club of New Bern or the Alumni Group that, in the course of Newcomer and Alumni Club activities, photographs of members may be taken and used by Newcomers Club of New Bern or the Alumni Group, at their discretion without compensation to or approval by such members, for club-related purposes including but not limited to club promotion, newsletter and other website content and contests.

**New Bern Newcomers Club
Officers and Directors
For 2012-2013**

President :	Jim Wittmeyer
Vice President for Programs:	Diane Saraceno
Vice President for Activities:	Betty Todd
Secretary:	Susan Champney
Treasurer:	Pete Peterson

**Executive Board Member
For 2014-2015**

Membership/Advisor:	Sandie Swigart
Newsletter:	Bill Blakefield
Data Base/Directory:	Chuck Saraceno
Social Committee	Sandie Swigart, Betty Todd, Jeanne Anthony and Mickie Wittmeyer