

Alumni Group of Newcomers (AGN)
Opportunities for Active People



New Bern, NC

January 2015

President's Message

I hope the Holiday Season has been a time of joy with friends and family and good health for all.

Our December Holiday party at The Flame brought out revelers in record numbers and was considered a smashing success. I would like to recognize the Social Committee from the Alumni for putting on this marvelous event. Additionally, I thank all who were present and I hope that more members will attend these gatherings.

The next general meeting will be held at the Ministry Center on Middle Street, Monday, January 19th, starting at 5:30 p.m. A guest from the New Bern Police Department will be our guest speaker, and snacks will be provided.

If any members are interested in joining a nominating committee to select candidates for next year's offices, contact any board member. Furthermore, if anyone has any aspirations to run for the positions of officers or board members, please notify me.

Thanks, JimWittmeyer (golfwitt@gmail.com)

~ Calendar of Events ~

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

- Jan. 5 Scrabble, 12:30, Books a Million
- Jan. 5 Singles Mingles, 1 pm. Lunch at Annabelle's
- Jan. 8 Tennis, 2 pm.
- Jan. 8 Golf, 10 am, Cutter Creek Golf Course, Snow Hill
- Jan. 19 AGN General Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ministry Center 311 Middle St.
- Jan. 19 Scrabble, 6:30 pm, Schlotzsky's Deli
- Jan. 21 Singles Mingles, 5 pm, Dinner at Captain Ratty's
- Jan. 22 Book Club, 1 pm, "I know Why the Caged Bird Sings"
- Jan. 22 Tennis, 2 pm.
- Jan. 23 Boaters Group Holiday Party, 5:30 pm
- Jan. 24 Outdoor Adventure, Kinston
- Jan. 31 Dining Out, Noon, City Kitchen, Beaufort
- Feb. 26 Where Friends Meet

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)



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.

Boaters Group Post-Holiday Party

Place – Taberna Country Club

Date – January 23, 2015

Time – Cocktails, 5:30-6:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30, followed by Chinese Gift Swap

Choice of one of three entrées includes salad, rolls, vegetable and beverage.

6 oz. filet Mignon - seasoned and grilled with red wine reduction.

Chicken Taberna - topped with sautéed spinach, parmesan and fried goat cheese with light cream sauce.

Flounder Cape Cod - topped with seasoned crab mix and covered with lemon cream sauce.

Cost - \$20.00 per person. Cash bar available

Bring \$10 gift wrapped for the swap if you choose to participate, always a fun time.

MUST RSVP by January 12th to the thetoddfamily10@gmail.com with the number of people attending and your choice of meal selection. Send check made out to Newcomer's Boater's group to Gary Todd, 7 Pier Pointe, New Bern NC 28562.



NEWCOMERS/AGN 2014-2015



BOATER'S GROUP ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HOST/CAPT	COMMENTS
February (Date to be announced)	Fountain Boat Tour	Washington, NC	Gary (Tour) Bill (Lunch)	Lunch at Grub Bothers or Blackwater Jacks
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	

Book Group

Alumni has formed a new book club which will have it's first meeting from 1-3 pm on January 22, 2015 at the home of Betty Todd, 7 Pier Pointe in River Bend. (RSVP [252-288-5502](tel:252-288-5502) for directions). The book is "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou.

In February we will read: "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. All alumni members are welcome to join.

Please contact Sally Rowe at sdrowe106@yahoo.com (252-514-2822) or Eileen Rowe at eileenwroe@gmail.com 252-361-2437 for more information.

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 (or breakfast).

January 31 (Saturday), Noon

Lunch at City Kitchen, Beaufort

City Kitchen has recently relocated from Morehead City to a facility overlooking the waterfront in Beaufort. Seafood is of course the specialty. The lunch menu features crabcake sandwiches, crispy fish tacos, and BBQ shrimp wrap, as well as several great salads including ceasar and roast beef. Tripadvisor has given the City Kitchen one of the top ratings for restaurants in Beaufort. 232 W Beaufort Rd.

Please RSVP to Bill Blakefield at wblakefield@gmail.com by January 27 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!

Our next golf outing is on Thursday January 8 at 10:00 am at Cutter Creek Golf Course in Snow Hill. Cost is \$35.00. We have 4 tee times.

We will meet at the front parking lot of Belk on ML King Blvd in Twin Rivers Mall at 8:30 am and leave promptly at 8:45 am.

Please email me if you plan to attend no later than January 15th. Bob Freeland, (252) 288-6410, wwubob201@hotmail.com

Directions:

- Head northeast on Clarendon Blvd/Dr ML King Jr Blvd
- Turn left to merge onto US-70 W --- 31.1 mi
- Turn right onto NC-58 N/Rte 58 N/State 58 N/State Rte 58 N/S Queen St.
- Continue to follow NC-58 N/Rte 58 N/State 58 N/State Rte 58 N --- 11.8 mi
- Turn right onto Cutter Creek Dr --- 0.4 mi
- At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit onto Club House Dr.
- Destination will be on the left

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.

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.

- *January 5, 1 pm Lunch at Annabelle's*
- *January 21, 5 pm Dinner at Captain Ratty's*

Tennis

The Tennis Group meets weekly for people who enjoy playing tennis. You don't have to be an expert, but some knowledge of the game is helpful. We meet at the New Bern Recreation Center located at 1225 Pinetree Drive, New Bern.

We will meet every Thursday at 2:00 pm

Contact Mary Pickhaver: 252-672-8550
mpick2@gmail.com

Wine Socials

Welcome back! Please sign up and send your \$4. pp wine tasting dues and to treasurer, Paul Merriman, 803 Crane Drive, New Bern NC 28560. Please make checks payable to AGN Wine Club.

If you would like to help set up an event for the wine club for 2015, those dates and places will be discussed at a wine club meeting on Nov 5th at 9:30 a.m. at Dee Dricks in Fairfield Harbour. Call Dee for directions.

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 2014-2015**

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