



# Newcomers of New Bern Newsletter

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## **Greetings everyone!**

As fall approaches, the Newcomers Club year gets into full swing. Our next General Meeting is on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at 7 PM at the Harrison Center, 317 Middle Street in New Bern. As we mentioned at our last meeting, if you are able please do not park near the front door, leaving those spaces available for those who have difficulty parking farther away; thanks for your cooperation.

Co-Vice Presidents Gary and Darla Burchell have arranged for the Southern Gentlemen Barbershop Chorus to be our "speakers" at the October meeting. They have been our guests several times in the past, and are always a big hit, so be sure not to miss them.

Membership Director Debbie Martin reminds us that it's time for us "continuing" members to renew our memberships for 2016-17. The dues are \$30 for a couple, \$25 for an individual. You can bring a check to the October meeting, or mail it to her at 122 Gooding Drive, Havelock, NC 28532.

Finally, Social Director Debbie Messinger asks that those whose last names begin with D, E, F, or G bring a snack or dessert to share at the October 12 meeting.

See you on the 12th!

*Jere Kersnar & Cheryl Smith*  
*Co-Presidents*

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## *A Special Note of Sympathy*

*The sympathy of the Newcomers Club is extended to the family & friends of Wes Burch who passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, September 17. His wife, Bonnie, can be reached at 817-528-2036 or at 252-631-2554.*

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→ *Important dates to remember* ←

General Meetings:

October 12, 2016

*Special Guest: The Southern Gentlemen Barbershop Chorus*

*(Names D, E, F, and G bring snacks)*

November 9, 2016

*Chief Bobby Boyd, New Bern Fire and Rescue*

(No General Meeting in December)

January 11, 2017

February 8, 2017

March 8, 2017

April 12, 2017

May 10, 2017

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REMEMBER THE DATE

CHRISTMAS PARTY **DECEMBER 6, 2016,**  
AT THE **FLAME RESTAURANT** 6 TO 11PM

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## Activities

Activity Leaders are present at all meetings and their contact information is listed on the Newcomers web site.

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### Bicycling



The Newcomers/Alumni Bicycling Group is for those individuals who like to get exercise while enjoying the scenery around New Bern. We feature 'no drop' rides--which means we don't leave anyone behind! We have been working to design options that allow more serious bikers to enjoy a longer distance at a faster pace, but also provide a choice for more leisurely riders to go at a more comfortable pace. We take breaks as needed. Routes will vary, allowing participants the chance to see different neighborhoods and the surrounding countryside

The activity leaders check the weather and weigh other factors as to when an event can be scheduled. Due to these factors, events are scheduled with short time frames ( within 1 to 2 weeks.) So have your helmet ready!

If interested please contact the activity leader to be added to our group e-Mail list.



### Boaters

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.

The Boaters group has a separate membership fee which helps cover the cost of some of the outings. If you are interested in joining the Boaters Group, or would like more information, please contact one of the activity leader(s). Please note: you do not have to own a boat to be a member.

## Book Club



The Book Club meets monthly at a member's home for conversation about a book, usually fiction, selected by member suggestions. The group leaders spark discussion with a few comments and questions and the host provides light refreshments.

We are a group of avid readers who meet most often on the fourth Thursday of the month from 1-3pm in different members houses to discuss a wide genre of books. The book list is compiled every six months from suggestions taken from and voted on by the members of the club. The books range from mysteries, to beach reads to classics and more. We are a group of very diverse people bringing to the table different morals, values, backgrounds, thus making for a truly lively discussion. Over light snacks, we learn about the authors and yes, discuss the books for 1 1/2 hours approximately. If you are interested in joining, or have any questions, contact the activity leader(s).

## Bunco

[Dates set for the next Bunco events: October 19 and November 16, 2016](#)



The goal of Bunco is to have fun and meet new people. Bunco is a simple, no skill, dice game. You sit at a table of four with a partner across from you; then the partners rotate as the game continues. So this game is a great way to meet people in a small group. If you can toss three dice and recognize the numbers on the dice, then you can play this game! Seeking 8 to 16 participants. Each time you participate, the cost is \$5.00 per person with all money paid out as prizes at the end of that evening (please bring correct change). Host will provide coffee, tea, and dessert. Please bring an appetizer for approx 8-10 people to be shared PLUS any additional beverage of your choice that you would like to personally drink that evening.

Participants will be notified by e-mail of the location prior to the event. Activity is held the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Advance sign-up is required and is offered at the monthly New Bern Newcomer meeting. If space is still available after the meeting sign-up, then an email is sent to members who have expressed interest in Bunco.

To sign up for the next scheduled Bunco gathering OR to indicate interest in future Bunco events, contact the activity leader(s).

## Four Way Chess



Four way chess is for those who wish to learn about and play a variation of standard chess called 4 Way Chess that is played with 4 players at once. Prior knowledge of standard chess is helpful, but not required.

Looking forward to meeting new members and having a great year.

## Crafters



Our first crafting event will be on Thursday, October 20th, 2016 from 6-9 pm. It will be held at Accidental Artist at 219-A Craven Street downtown New Bern. 252.634-3411. Pick out a ceramic piece and then paint it. Lots of fun. Drinks and snacks can be brought to share. See you then. Thanks, Eileen and Nancy

We meet every 3rd Tuesday 10-12 Noon. We will ask for volunteers to host the activity each month. We will send out an email prior to each activity with the location and any other required information. The above schedule is different due to holidays and special activities so we are sorry for any confusion. The cost for the activity will be determined by the craft chosen. Any questions please contact us.

## Day Trips



Do you enjoy visiting new, interesting places? If so, "Day Tripping" is just the thing for you! The Newcomers Club organizes monthly group trips to various events and tours of interesting locations within driving distance of New Bern. Some trips last most of the day and others only a few hours. Some have a fee; others are free! Go on all the trips or select just the ones suited especially for you! Day trips are a great way to meet and get to know fellow newcomers!

Past tours have included military bases, a winery, the Aurora phosphate mine, Hatteras Yachts, and the

Moen plant. We have had great fun cruising on the Crystal Coast Lady at Beaufort and painting pottery at the Accidental Artist in downtown New Bern.

We have moved the September Day Trip into October. We are now set to go to Airlie Gardens on Thursday, October 6th and then onto the Bridgetender for lunch. Plans are to leave New Bern at 8:30 AM and arrive in Wilmington by 10:30. We are looking forward to a great day in Wilmington at Airlie Gardens

## Dining In



**Dining-In** is scheduled from January - April each year. Dining-In dinners are limited to 4 couples or 8 participants who meet in the hosting participant's home. Everyone shares in the preparation by providing a designation course for the dinner. It is a great way to meet other Newcomers and enjoy a delicious meal.

There are several sets of 4 couples in the Dining-In activity. Each Dining-In session mixes which 4 couples are gathering at the host's house. Each month you are sitting down at the table with a different group of couples in the activity. Each couple gets the opportunity to host one dinner. Once again, hosting is spread evenly over the participants. This way you get to meet several Newcomers over the Dining-In season. It is a lot of fun and you should give it a try.

## 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 newcomers. Each month a new place is planned for your dining pleasure for either lunch or dinner. Sign up at a membership meeting or contact the activity leader(s).

## Golf



Newcomers 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 an 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. Contact the activity leader(s).



## Outdoor Adventures

Next Adventure: [Saturday, November 12, 10:00 AM](#)

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[Elliot Coues Nature Trail at Fort Macon Beach](#)

Throughout the September to 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 rain--out is constituted by already raining or bad outlook during the time of the Adventure.

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## Scrabble

Everybody knows Scrabble. We meet at Books-a-Million (near Walmart) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Contact the Scrabble leader for the meeting time and to let them know you will be attending.

## Singles Mingles



Next meeting: 1 PM October 11 at Morgan's

The Singles Mingles Group combines Newcomers and Alumni members and meets twice a month at various locations to socialize. All single Newcomers Club members are welcome to join. This is a singles-only group and is not intended as a dating service.

## Tennis



The Tennis Group meets weekly for people who enjoy playing tennis. We have room for novice and experienced players.

For more information and the latest schedule, contact the activity leader.



## Wine Socials

The Wine Social Group is for EVERYONE, not just wine drinkers! Each couple/single who signs up is asked to bring a bottle of wine or whatever they would like to drink, and an hors d'oeuvre to share with about 35 people. Wine Socials are held on the third Saturday of each month. Once you have signed up you will be notified by email of upcoming wine socials. Any month you can attend, please email an RSVP to the activity leader(s) so the hosts can know how many people are coming.

Please also consider hosting a Wine Social--it's so easy! The Activity Chairman notifies everyone of each month's location, receives the RSVPs, brings the wine glasses to your house, and supplies the name tags. The party attendees bring the food and beverages--you just supply the house!

The Wine Social is open to all members of the Newcomers Club of New Bern and a guest.

## Writers Club



If you enjoy writing this is the group for you! Whether you are a novice writer, a published writer, or even if you have never written but just have a desire to explore a hidden talent or jump back in after a long sabbatical, we are happy to have you. We will be sharing knowledge and ideas, encouraging each other and offering support and feedback. Meetings are held the first or second Tuesday of the month. Date for the following month is scheduled at the meeting.