



## **Newcomers Club of New Bern**

April 2017

### **WNEWCOMERS WELCOME THE NEW SEASON**

**By the time you read this, Spring will have sprung! How do we know? Baseball has started, the pollen is flying, and the Equinox has passed. It's time to trade that sweatshirt for shorts, those boots for flip-flops, and those mittens for bug spray, time, that is, to enjoy the best that New Bern has to offer.**

**Along those lines, you are invited to the April 12 General Membership meeting, 7 p.m. at the Harrison Center, 311 Middle Street in downtown New Bern. Vice-Presidents Darla and Gary Burchell have invited a representative of the U.S. Forest Service to talk about our neighboring Croatan National Forest. Come and join us; you may be inspired to take a walk in the woods one of these fine spring days.**

**Social Director Debbie Messinger asks that those whose last names begin with X, Y, Z, A, or B bring a snack to share. And Debbie will have more details on our Spring Social, set for Saturday afternoon, May 20. Be sure to mark your calendars for what will be a fun event.**

**Also at the April meeting, the Nominating Committee will announce the slate for next year's Board positions. The election will be in May, with the new officers installed at the June meeting. That's right, there will be a Membership meeting, the last of the year, on June 7. So mark your calendar for that as well.**

**In the meantime, keep your kleenex handy, get the lawnmower tuned up, and finish your planting plans. It's Spring! See you April 12th.**

**Cheryl Smith and Jere Kersnar**

**Co-Presidents**

### **New Bern Newcomers Club Officers and Directors For 2016-2017**

Each of the nine Board positions has one vote. The first eight Board positions listed are elected.

Co- Presidents: Jere Kersner  
 Cheryl Smith  
 Co- Vice Presidents: Gary & Darla Burchell  
 Secretary: Barbara Hahn  
 Treasurer: Carol McClard  
 Social Director: Debbie Messenger  
 Activity Director: Linda Moore  
 Membership Director: Debbie Martin  
 Communications Director: Bud McClard  
 Advisor: Sandie Swigart

*For information about membership in the Newcomers Club*

Club Website: [www.newbernnewcomers.org](http://www.newbernnewcomers.org)

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Facebook: [Newcomers Club of New Bern](#)



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### **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.*

*Did you know...*

*(Spring)*

Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

*(New Bern)*

The “widest river in the world”, the Amazon is 6.8 miles wide (but wider in rainy season). BUT the Neuse River is 6.9 miles wide at its mouth at the Pamlico Sound. That makes the Neuse the widest river in the United States and about tied with the Amazon for the widest in the world. Imagine that.



# Activity Groups

The Newcomers 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 the Activity Director:

**Linda Moore** Home: (252) 631-1463

e-mail: [vnlmoore11@gmail.com](mailto:vnlmoore11@gmail.com)

Participation in any Newcomer Activity Group or Event requires that the prospective participant be a member in good standing in the Newcomers Club. For those events that are co-sponsored by both the Newcomers and the Alumni Group, prospective participants must be a member in good standing in either the Newcomers or the Alumni Group to be eligible to participate.

**How do you sign up?** First priority will be given to members who sign up at the monthly meeting that immediately precedes the scheduled activity. If the activity is not fully booked at that monthly meeting, members may contact activity group leaders to sign up by phone or email after the meeting.

Following is a description of the activity groups currently available including any scheduled events/activities. There is also a calendar of events at the end of the newsletter as a quick reference.

## April Activities Calendar

## April 2017 Event Schedule

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                     | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|---|--|-----------------------------|--|--|---|--|
|   |  |                             |  |  |   | 1 ● Outdoor Adventure & Boating Group - Norfolk weekend<br><u>Trip is full, not accepting more members</u> |
| 2 ● Outdoor Adventure & Boating Group - Norfolk weekend<br><u>Trip is full not accepting more members</u> | 3 ● Scrabble Group Books –A-Million 12:30 to 3:00 pm in Coffee Shop                        | 4 ● Writers Club 12:30-3 PM | 5  | 6 ● Tennis 1:45 PM<br>W New Bern Rec Ctr<br>1225 Pine Tree Drive                       | 7 ● Singles Mingles 5PM- Dinner - 1900 S Glenburnie Rd. (Mariachi Band) | 8  |
| 9   | 10   | 11                          | 12   | 13 ● Tennis 1:45 PM<br>W New Bern Rec Ctr<br>1225 Pine Tree Drive<br>● Book Club 1-3PM | 14  | 15 ● Wine Social 6-8 PM  |
| 16  | 17 ● Scrabble Group Schlotzsky's Deli on MLK Blvd 6-8 PM<br>Optional dinner from 5:30-6 PM | 18                          | 19 ● Bunco -7 PM<br>● Singles Mingles 10AM - Coffee @ IHop Pancake House 3400 Dr. ML.K Jr. Blv | 20 ● Tennis 1:45 PM<br>W New Bern Rec Ctr<br>1225 Pine Tree Drive                      | 21  | 22   |
| 23  | 24   | 25                          | 26   | 27 ● Tennis 1:45 PM<br>W New Bern Rec Ctr<br>1225 Pine Tree Drive                      | 2   | 29 ● Day Trips - Sarah Duke Gardens in Durham  |
| 30  |  |                             |  |  |   |  |

● Singles Mingles - Date TBA - Day trip/car pool to Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park Scotland Neck, N.C. 27874

## Activities:

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# Biking

**Purpose:** 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



### **Requested Gear:**

- 1) A working bicycle (brakes, gears) with adequate safety items – lights, reflectors
- 2) A Helmet is mandatory.
- 3) Carry adequate water (minimum – 1 pt. / 500 ml).
- 4) Casual clothing (shorts) and top with bright colors..
- 5) Air pumps and/or lights are an option.

### **Meeting Place:**

A group email, including directions to a starting point, is sent out for weekend rides.

### **We would love to have you join us!**

**Activity Leader**  
**Keith Jackson**

**Home**

**Cell**  
573-795-1837

**Email**  
[jacksk59@yahoo.com](mailto:jacksk59@yahoo.com)

### **Scheduled Events:**

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.)



# Boaters



## Newcomers/AGN Boaters Group

We are in the process of planning our proposed Agenda for the 2016-2017 Boating Season with many exciting events being looked into. We hope to have a good mix of boating activities, a couple of overnight land cruises as well as a number of interesting day trips to visit area attractions tied in with some visits to area restaurants. In addition to these activities we are going to try and schedule a couple educational talks dealing with boating in local waters and other boating topics of interest You must be a member of the Boater's Group to participate in Group activities and you must be a member of either the AGN or Newcomers Club to be a member of the Boaters Group.

**Due Reminder for 2017:** \$15/Couple or \$10 for singles. Please mail your check, made out to

Newcomers Boaters Group. Mail check to:

Gary Todd

7 Pierpont

New Bern NC 28562

[Boaters Calendar for the Season.](#)

The latest calendar of events is posted on the [Newcomer's website](#), [planned boater events](#).

**March 31 – April 2** Weekend trip to Norfolk, Va. Itinerary includes tours of the Mariners Museum; Nauticus Hampton Roads Navel Museum; the Battleship Wisconsin; and tour of the Naval Base. Contact June Dowd at 252 571-5210 or [junedown515@gmail.com](mailto:junedown515@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up. (Itinerary available under Outdoor Adventure activity)

# Book Group

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 member's 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.

Driving directions are emailed to all book club members.

## Activity Leaders

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# BUNCO



The goal 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! Each month we have 12 or 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 dessert. Other participants please bring an appetizer for approx 8-10 people to be shared PLUS 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **Activity Leaders**

### **E-Mail**

Jody and Steve Kornblum  
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### **Telephone**

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# Crafters

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. We are looking forward to meeting new members and having a great year.



## Activity Leaders

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Eileen Buscemi  
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# 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!

## Activity Leaders

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# Dining In

## Comments:

- Sharing a meal together is a great way to meet new members. While visiting each others homes from January through April, eight newcomers – singles or couples – share experiences and enjoy a delicious meal to which they all contribute a dish.
- Once you have signed up, we organize the list such that the groups rotate and you eat with new folks each month.
- Over the four scheduled Dining-In events, each participant will have a chance to host one dinner and then take turns bringing an appetizer, soup/salad or a dessert to the other dinners.
- The hosts of the month will communicate with the other participants in their group to determine an evening that is suitable for all. There will be a suggested theme for each month (e.g. chicken, pork, ethnic meal etc.)
- If you cannot commit to hosting, you may sign up as an alternate.
- There is no fee to join the Dining-in group, but you must be a paid up member of the Newcomers Club.

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- The dining in groups for January through April have now been sent out to all those who signed up and you should have heard from your host with dates for the January dinner. Please note that most communication from New Bern Newcomers activities is through email so it is important to check your emails regularly if you have signed up for ANY activities.

You are still welcome to sign up as a substitute, in case any of our regular participants are unavailable for any particular month. This is likely to happen so please do contact me to sign up.

If you are forced to cancel after agreeing to a date for dinner, kindly let the host or myself know as soon as possible so one of the substitutes can be invited to take your place.

**If you would like to be added to the list please contact Carol Frysiek at [CarolFrysiek@gmail.com](mailto:CarolFrysiek@gmail.com) or phone 252-675-5442**

## Activity Leaders

### E-Mail

Carol Frysiek  
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### Telephone

252-675-5442

# Dining Out

Here's 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).

The next Dining Out will be:

**March 28, 2017    Tuesday    5:30**  
**ARTURO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT**  
**1900 A S GLENBURNIE RD.**

| <b>Activity Leader</b> | <b>Home</b>  | <b>Cell</b>  | <b>Email</b>   |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Ed & Lila Gillespie    | 252-288-5567 | 201-406-1099 | <a href="mailto:lilamg@suddenlink.net">lilamg@suddenlink.net</a> |



# Games Group



## Games

The gaming group is for those who enjoy a night of cards or other gaming and fellowship. Check with the activity leader at the next meeting.

**Activity Leader**  
Keith Jackson

**Home**

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# 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! For additional information or reservations, contact:

## Scheduled Events:

**Activity Leader**    **Home**  
Tony Guadagnino

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# 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 rain-out is constituted by already raining or bad outlook during the time of the adventure.

**The trip to Norfolk is a definite and it is no longer tentative. This is a joint trip with the Outdoor Adventure and the Boaters Groups. Details including hotels and pricing, event schedules and pricing, and trip details are included in the event flyer <http://newbernnewcomers.org/news/norfolk.pdf>.**

**Activity Leader**

**June Dowd**

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# SCRABBLE

The Scrabble Club is a no pressure, social group. The use of scrabble dictionaries and "cheat sheets" is encouraged.

Our club meets the first and third Wednesday of the month. The first Monday is at 12:30 at Books- A- Million in the Walmart shopping Center in New Bern. The third-Monday is at Shlotsky's Deli,also on MLK Blvd, in front of CVS. Arrive at 5:30 pm if you want to grab a bite before playing, otherwise, game time starts at 6pm

You can sign up for the club at the Monthly Newcomers meeting each month, or just show up and we will add you to our list.

Happy Scrabbling

Sue Spivak



**Meeting Dates:** Twice monthly, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

### **Meeting Times and Locations:**

**1st Monday** 12:30-3:00 pm  
Books-A-Million Coffee Shop (next to Wal-Mart)  
3005 M.L. King Jr. Blvd., New Bern

**3rd Monday** 6:00-8:30 pm (5:30 food, 6:00 – 8:00 games)  
Schlotzsky's Deli (near Food Lion)  
3335 M.L. King Jr. Blvd., New Bern

### **Playing Rules:**

1. Dictionary can be used a maximum two time per move
2. Use of "The Cheat Sheet" allowed
3. 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

We would love to have you join us!

### **Activity Leaders**

#### **E-Mail**

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# Singles Mingles

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.

For more information or if you are interested in receiving emails or hosting a get-together at your home, please contact:

## Activity Leaders

### E-Mail

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Tami Sadler (New Comers)  
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## ~ Singles Mingles Evenings and Weekends ~

### Our activities for March:

March 10th, 2017 Friday 1 PM Lunch @ Captain Ratty's, Middle St.

March 22nd, 2017 Dinner 5 PM @ Texas Steakhouse 3231 MLK Blvd.

### Contacts:

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# Tennis



The Tennis Club offers two levels of play. Our **Recreational level** is for any level ability for those who enjoy relaxed doubles play.

For those who prefer more competitive play for doubles or singles we also have our **Challenge level**.

The Tennis Group meets weekly for people who enjoy playing tennis.

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

## Scheduled Events:

| Date           | Time    | Location                   | Level        |
|----------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Every Tuesday  | 8:30 AM | New Bern Recreation Center | Recreational |
| Every Thursday | 8:30 AM | New Bern Recreation Center | Challenge    |

Contact the Activity Leader for more information

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*If you know anyone who should have received this newsletter, but did not, please contact the webmaster.*



# 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 everyone.

Hosting a party is easy! Wine Socials are held on the third Saturday of each month. The activity chairman will:

Notify everyone who signed up at the General Meeting by email of the date

Receive the RSVPs of those that plan on attending

Brings the wine glasses to the host's home

Supplies the name tags.

The party attendees bring the food and beverages—the host supplies the house! If you would like to limit the party to a certain number of people, just notify the activity leader.

The Wine Social activity is open to all paid members of the Newcomers Club of New Bern only.

Come join us for food, drink, and friendship no knowledge of wine is required!

## Activity Leaders

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# Writers



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## Activity Leader

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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.