



Newcomers Club of New Bern

September 2017

A message from the President:

GREETINGS, I hope that your summer has gone well. Now that the cooler weather is on its way, it is time to begin the 30th year of the Newcomers Club. The Newcomers Club is a not-for-profit social organization started in 1987 to provide a venue for new residents of the New Bern community to make friends and get comfortably integrated into their new surroundings. It also provides an opportunity to be introduced to local dining, shopping, recreation, cultural events, and history.

Our first monthly meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the Harrison Center, at 311 Middle Street. Our regular monthly meeting is a great time to catch up with everyone and to meet new members. We had a strong turnout at our August social for "new-Newcomers" (i.e., those who moved into the area this summer) and we look forward to signing them up and to renewing our ongoing memberships. Co-Membership Chairs Pat Battista and Cheryl Osbourne will be accepting dues at the September 13 meeting. Annual dues are \$30 per couple, and \$25 for an individual, for the 2017-2018 year. You can't beat that deal, considering all the Club offers you! As you know, activities are the heart of our Club. They provide a fun way to learn about the community and its various attractions, while meeting new friends and neighbors. Our Activity Leaders will give brief descriptions of their events at the September 13 meeting, and will be taking signups at that time. In order to participate in the various activities of the club you must be a paid member of the club.

Co-Vice Presidents Jay and Jodi DeLoach have arranged for some interesting presentations at our meetings for this year. September's speaker will be Thomas F. Mark, Chairman of the Craven County Commissioners.

Consistent with past practice, we are asking everyone whose last names begin with the letters J, K, L and M to bring a snack to share at the meeting. We look forward to seeing you on the 13th!

Linda Moore, President

**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.

- President:** Linda Moore
- Co- Vice Presidents:** Jay & Jodi DeLoach
- Secretary:** Barbara Hahn
- Treasurer:** Bonnie Burch
- Social Director:** Dan Cashman &
Mary Duquette
- Activity Director:** Paula Saihati
- Membership Director:** Cheryl Osborne &
Pat Battista
- Communications Director:** Bud McClard
- Advisor:** Sandie Swigart

*For information about membership in the
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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.

Note: Terms of the listed officers will expire when new officers are installed. A revised listing of officers and contacts will be published soon after the new officers are installed. The same applies to the listed activity leaders.

September 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Labor Day	5 TENNIS – time varies, 1225 Pine Tree Cir. Writers Grp 1-3 pm	6	7Tennis – Time Varies Creekside Park	8	9
10	11	12 Tennis Time Varies 1225 Pine Tree Cir	13	14 Tennis Time Varies Creek-side Prk BOOK CLUB 1-3 pm	15	16
17	18 Scrabble Schlotzsky's Deli 6-8pm, MLK Blvd	19 Tennis Time Varies 1225 Pine Tree Cir	20	21 Tennis Time Varies Creekside Park	22	23
24	25	26 Tennis Time Varies 1225 Pine Tree Cir Dining OUT Ice House Cafe	27 Day Trip New Bern Trolley 3:30 \$16	28 Tennis Time Varies, Creek-side Park CRAFTERS 1:00 pm	29 Outdoor Activities Beaufort, NC, 10, 11:30, 1:30 (\$8)	30

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.

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.

Activities:



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



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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	Home	Cell	Email
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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:

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[Boaters Calendar for the Season.](#)

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

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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.

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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 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.

Activity Leaders

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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.



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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 or phone 252-675-5442

Activity Leaders

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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).

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Gamers 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

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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:

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George Sheptock

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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>.

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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 thirdMonday is at Shlot-sky'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 1st and 3rd 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

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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

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~ Singles Mingles Evenings and Weekends ~

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

Activity Leader

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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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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.