
Newcomers Club February 2021 Update

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Club President's Message



We are beginning to see the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine in the New Bern area. CCHC and Craven County Health are actively letting people know when they will be able to get their shots. Hopefully we can start turning the tide on this virus. But until we have the permission to return to indoor meetings, we will move forward with our plans of meeting outdoors.

Our next meeting will be a Zoom only meeting on February 10th meeting. The March 10th meeting, weather permitting, may be at the Gazebo; otherwise, we will use Zoom. We only will return to the Harrison Center when the State of North Carolina and City of New Bern have lifted the COVID-19 restrictions and Christ Church has opened the facility to the public.

We have added some new activities, so please check the website, our activity director, Randy Bogle, will continue to work with the activity leaders to keep us up to date on activities.

Just a reminder, as we announced at our November meeting at the Gazebo, all members that are scheduled to graduate this year will be given the option of not moving on to the alumni group. If you wish to remain, please e-mail Joan Wilson (sail_kitty@hotmail.com) by February 1st and advise her you do not wish to move onto the alumni group at this time.

We are still hoping we will be able to host our spring social event. This will follow North Carolina guidelines on maximum attendance numbers. The board will keep everyone updated.

We will be looking for new persons for the Board of Directors, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activity Director, Social Director, Membership Director and Communications Director. A description of the duties can be found at the following link:

https://www.newbernnewcomers.org/about/pdfs/newcomers_board_responsibilities_2018.pdf

If interested, please contact Dave Pfluge (dpfluge@verizon.net) or Lee Harrington (leeharring@aol.com)

Regards, Dave Pfluge,
President 2020-2021

Activities Director Update

- I want to share with all our members some of the info I received from Randy Schmitt, Leader of our Pickleball Activity, which I think is of value to all of us during the continuing COVID pandemic. *Play remains as it has existed since August - mostly outside at the West New Bern Rec Center. There is an option to play inside but to my knowledge none of our group has played indoors. Over the past three months, six people who play outside have come down with COVID-19, with most occurring over the last four weeks. All have recovered or are almost through their post-recovery quarantine period. There are 40 - 50 people who regularly play at the rec center. So this is around 10% - not that different from a random population sample. We continue to use care and distance from others. I decided this information was worth sharing so you can use your own best*

judgement whether to play inside or outside at this time. Most of our activity leaders have made the decision to delay gatherings based on the continuing threat from COVID and guidance from Gov Cooper. A few of our activity leaders are trying to work within the Gov's mandates to offer opportunities to get together where/when possible. But please understand, we want you to use your own best judgement whether to participate in any activity; we want you and your families to be SAFE and HAPPY to be in New Bern!!! Thanks to Randy for passing along this information he provided his group so I could pass it along to you. We must all continue to stay informed and be an active participant in the fight against this pandemic.

- We continue to look for activity leaders for the following activities: Bunco (Daytime), Crafters, Dining-out, and Hiking. If you are interested in leading one of these activities, please contact our Activity Director, Randy Bogle, at rbogle1968@gmail.com or via phone (619) 804-5712 (M) / (252) 631-3109 (H). Our Newcomers Club offers many activities designed not only to provide you with new friends and fun, but also to learn, LEAD and laugh! Please consider taking the lead for one of these groups! If you have a suggestion for another activity and you are willing to lead the group, please contact Randy as well.
- Finally, most activity groups maintain a list of their active participants and communicate with them via email for upcoming events. You can email the activity leader to be added to the list for any group you're interested in, or give them your contact info at the monthly general meetings. More detail regarding signups is given on each of the individual groups' web pages.

www.newbernnewcomers.org/activities/activities.htm .

The link below will take you to the home page of the Website. Scroll to the bottom of the page for our current calendar.

[ACTIVITY CALENDAR](#)

Highlights from Last Month

Sorry no photos to share this month, but for those of you who were

unable to attend our General Meeting on Zoom for January you still have an opportunity to view some of the great information shared by the Coast Guard Auxillary and our general business information too. Below is a link to watch our recorded Zoom meeting.

Topic: Newcomers Club of New Bern General Meeting for January 2021

Start Time : Jan 13, 2021 06:34 PM

Meeting Recording:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/0-jf3beMJ3k-L-4C6cogW4PogYype0zMHXtDB92oT802Xuo9slsupOC0wXHKQseP.E52fiyTAFm9Ri8Nj>

Access Passcode: 7DevZ=&6

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Resources



[Newcomers Website](#)

[Newcomers Facebook Page](#)

[Members Facebook Group](#)

General Meeting Reminder:

Date: February 10, 2021

Time: 7:00PM

Location: Zoom meeting - Meeting link will be sent to you in the Meeting Reminder Email.

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