



Your Fall 2021 Newsletter Contains. .

Presidents' Message

Club Activities List

Officers and Coordinators

2021-2022 Membership Application

**Welcome Back to BNC**

I am happy to greet everyone as we enter the new season. The club is entering its 42<sup>nd</sup> year. We are coping with a pandemic causing a reduction but not an elimination of club activities. We continue to exercise caution about large indoor gathering. The latest surge even affected Cape Cod.

What kind of events will we sponsor? It is and will not be the same as it was in the past. No in-person large group gatherings, yet. Some activities are meeting outdoors. We have an outdoor meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. During the pandemic, many of us have mastered the "Zoom" app on our phones, tablets, and PCs to stay in touch. It would be helpful to get feedback from our members for activities or special events. I will keep you posted.

At this time we are not collecting membership dues. We would like all of you to take a minute and renew by completing the attached 2021-2022 membership form and returning to our PO Box.

**Charlie Sroczyński - President**

## BARNSTABLE NEWCOMERS CLUB ACTIVITIES

A core part of the Barnstable Newcomers Club is ongoing activities which are organized and coordinated by volunteers from the club membership. We encourage everyone to join at least one of the activities listed below in order to enjoy the social interaction and fun that comes with participation.

If you have an interest in an activity, sign-up sheets are available on clipboards at the monthly meetings from which the Activity Coordinator will contact you, or you can contact the Coordinator directly.

The Club will happily assist any member develop and coordinate a new activity anytime if there is sufficient interest. Please feel free to discuss a proposed new activity with any officer of the Club.

**BOOK DISCUSSION** - Four book discussion groups hold monthly meetings throughout the year in members' homes. The maximum size of a group is limited in order to allow each member to participate in the discussion and by the number that can be accommodated in a member's home. If the existing groups are full, the club will start a fifth group when six members are interested.

**CANDLEPIN BOWLING (MIXED)** - The group consists of both couples and singles. This year's season begins in September and continues every Monday at 12:30 PM at the Ryan Family Amusement Center, Route 28 South Yarmouth. The season finishes in early May and closes with an awards luncheon. New team members and substitutes are welcome.

**BRIDGE (ROUND ROBIN)** - Bridge players are welcome to our Round Robin (Chicago style) bridge 6 times a year, on your schedule, at your own home. The cost is \$10 per pair. We will attempt to compile a list of those that do not have partners, and forward it to those interested. Arranging whom to partner with is up to the participants. To sign up, please contact the coordinator ASAP, or sign up at the September meeting. After that the schedule will be drawn up. Feel free to call or email with questions.

**CANASTA** - You may remember playing this card game with your grandmother, but we play American Canasta! The plan is to play once a month, probably either Wednesday or Thursday afternoon, in players' homes or possibly the Osterville Library. Players new to the game will be considered (depending on the number). Feel free to call or email the coordinators with any questions.

**DINE-IN** - This group meets in a host/hostess member's home Saturday (usually the 3rd or 4th) of each month, beginning in September. Although encouraged, it is not necessary to attend every dinner. The scheduled host/hostess will have two or three additional couples or singles and will provide the main course and beverages. The others scheduled will be contacted by the host/hostess to bring appetizers, salad or dessert. This is a great

chance to get to know others in a casual, intimate setting, and good friends are made from acquaintances. There is always good food and lively conversation.

**KAYAK** - The Cape has many great places for kayaking. Past trips have included Middle Pond in Marston Mills, Scorton Creek in Sandwich, Barnstable Harbor, and Centerville River. This club typically has kayaking adventures June through September.

**MAHJONG** - Mahjong is a game of tiles, played in groups of four that originated in China. Similar to the Western card game rummy, mahjong is a game of skill, strategy and chance.

**MOVIE DISCUSSION** - This group meets monthly from October through May. A different member selects the movie each month. The group generally sees the selected movie individually followed by a group discussion meeting at the selecting member's home. Differences of opinion are guaranteed!

**SOCIABLES** - This activity usually meets on the first Sunday of the month for brunch or lunch at a restaurant chosen by the coordinator.

**WALKERS' CLUB** - This activity includes walks categorized as easy to moderate and take place at a variety of locations on the Cape. The length of the walks varies and participants will be advised of the approximate length and place before each scheduled walk.

## **CLUB SUPPORT**

These function to support the workings of the Newcomers Club and are vital to our functioning. The Coordinators of these activities are always in need of help, so please let them know if you can assist.

**HOSPITALITY:** Coordinators Colin/ Wendy Baird (774-692-8104) and Petra Schaffer. Colin, Wendy, and Petra coordinate refreshments at our regularly scheduled meetings. They are always in need of volunteers to bring a dessert to each monthly BNC meeting. To volunteer to bring a dessert to a meeting or to help out with refreshments, please fill out the sign-up sheet available at each meeting or call.

**PUBLICITY:** Co-Coordinators Joanne and Mike O'Connell coordinate publicity for the Newcomers events. They also work with Club members who belong to various organizations in the community to increase awareness of the BNC, and what it has to offer our residents. If you need publicity assistance, or would like to help, contact Joanne O'Connell (413-657-9930) and Mike O'Connell (413-218-4892).

**SUNSHINE:** Coordinators Wendy Baird 774-692-8104

If you know of a Club member who is ill, had an accident or passed away, please let us know and we will send an appropriate card. We also make a donation from the Club to a charity indicated by a deceased member's family. BNC Members may make a donation to this fund.

**WEBSITE:** Webmaster Frank McIntosh (781-801-2196)

The Barnstable Newcomers Club maintains a website updated monthly. Activity Coordinators should contact Frank McIntosh to have new information added to their activity. Our website address is: [www.barnstablnewcomers.com](http://www.barnstablnewcomers.com).

### OFFICERS & SUPPORT (2021-2022)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
President	Charles Sroczyński	617-875-3567	csroc1003@gmail.com
Secretary	Bette Silva	508-771-9654	silvabel@comcast.net
Treasurer	Sue Powers	508-428-7654	snap9@comcast.net
Membership	Helen Mc Williams	508-420-8333	helen.b.mcwilliams@verizon.net
Sunshine	Colin/Wendy Baird	774-692-8104	wendyayres@aol.com
Hospitality	Colin/Wendy Baird	774-692-8104	wendyayres@aol.com
	Petra Schaefer	603-727-8397	nosenzo5@gmail.com
Publicity	Joanne/Mike Oconnell	413-657-9930	joanne1951@yahoo.com
Website	Frank McIntosh	781-801-2196	frank.mcintosh@gmail.com
Advisory	Joe McWilliams	508-420-8333	mcwilliamsjoe@gmail.com
	Bette Silva	508-771-9654	silvabel@comcast.net
	Mike O'Connell	413-218-4892	oconnell49@yahoo.com
	Stan Goldstein	508-428-0143	sigcoma@comcat.net

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Coordinator(s)</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Book Club (1)	Bette Silva	508-771-9654	silvabel@comcast.net
Book Club (2)	Deb Krau	508-778-1756	capecod20@comcast.net
Book Club (3)	Kathy McIntosh	508-420-1584	kathy.r.mcintosh@gmail.com
Book Club (4)	Joanne O'Connell	413-657-9930	joanne1951@yahoo.com
Bowling (mixed)	Doug Scott	508-428-2287	ddscott10@comcast.net
Bridge	Helen/Joe McWilliams	508-420-8333	helen.b.mcwilliams@verizon.net
Canasta	Helen Mc Williams	508-420-8333	helen.b.mcwilliams@verizon.net
Dine-In	open		
Kayaking	Joanne O'Connell	413-657-9930	joanne1951@yahoo.com
Mahjong	Kathy McIntosh	508-420-1584	kathy.r.mcintosh@gmail.com
Movie Discussion	Petra Schaefer	603-727-8397	nosenzo5@gmail.com
Sociables	Jean Paynter	508-778-8143	gryhndgrl1@aol.com
Walker Club	open	203-512-9376	

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Dine Out	Elizabeth Jorgensen	elizabeth.jorgensen13@gmail.com
Pot Luck/Crazy Whist	Stephen/Helen Briggs 774-277-5314	biff888@comcast.net

**Barnstable Newcomers Club 2021-2022 Membership Form**

If you live in one of the seven villages of the Town of Barnstable, you may join the Barnstable Newcomers Club. Meetings are normally held the on the third Wednesday of certain months (Sept-Dec and Mar-May) at the Barnstable Adult Community Center on Rt. 28, Hyannis. We hold periodic special events and Club Activities. If you live outside the Town of Barnstable, you may be sponsored as an Associate Member and participate in the Club events and Activities. Only active members may participate in club activities.

Please note that until the pandemic is under control, in-person meetings will be limited. Activities are likewise affected and may require masks or remote gatherings.

**Dues are \$20 per person, however we have decided not to collect any dues for the current year (2021-2022). We would still like all members both new and old to submit a membership form this year. This will permit us to update our membership and contact information. We use email as the default way to contact and communicate with BNC members. Without up-to-date information the communication chain will be imperfect. Most communication will also be posted on our website. Our website address is:**

[www.barnstablnewcomers.com](http://www.barnstablnewcomers.com).

Fill in the form below, and send it to:  
Barnstable Newcomers Club (or BNC)  
PO Box 754  
Centerville, MA 02632

------(cut here)-----

**2021-2022    Membership - Barnstable Newcomers Club    (Please print):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Dues    \$20 - waived

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Dues    \$20 - waived

Sunshine Club donation\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Donations are not tax deductible**

Street/Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you do not use email \_\_\_\_\_

NB: We will send yearly membership reminder but not all communication can be mailed.