

## **Presidents's Message**

### **Welcome Back to BNC**

**I am happy to greet everyone as we enter the new season. The club is entering its 43<sup>rd</sup> year. We are continuing the "Back to Normal" started with the May Newcomers party. I'd like to thank everyone who attended and everyone that worked so hard to make this event possible. Not exclusively but especially Joanne O'Connell, Helen and Joe McWilliams, Petra Schaefer, Wendy and Colin Baird, John Dyer, and Bette Sylva. This year will be just even better!**

**Monthly meetings will once again be held. The first is September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Save the date. We have a new meeting venue, Cape Cod Academy. This is a spacious venue that we used for Mays' welcome back party. Our long-time host, Barnstable Community Adult Center, is undergoing a set of renovations.**

**Two special events are currently planned. In October we will have a Trivia night with a professional host. This should be a fun activity. Save the date October 19<sup>th</sup>. In November we are attending the play "Sound of Music" at Cotuit Center for the Arts, another fabulous venue. Save the date, Sunday November 27th. Details and a Call for Volunteers is forthcoming.**

**Finally, we are resuming membership dues. We have held the line on cost and kept the price, \$20.00pp. We believe this is a great deal especially when you consider that practically everything else has gone up in price. Dues pay for our meetings, a donation to the Cape Cod Needy Fund, a small contribution to some of our speaker's charitable groups. If we still have any money left we consider subsidizing a special event. Please take a moment to renew by completing the attached 2022-2023 membership form and return to our PO Box.**

**Charlie Sroczyński - President**

## **Club Schedule 2022-2023**

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00. We set aside an hour and a half for Monthly Meetings. There are three Fall and three Spring meetings. Email reminders, including speakers and topic, will be sent prior to each date. Each meeting consists of social time, business meeting time, and a time for our guest speaker(s). Some meetings may include a special activity.

### **Meetings and Special Events 2022**

- Sept. 21    **Monthly Social & Meeting - Cape Cod Academy, Osterville 7:00PM**  
                  **Speaker/Topic: To be determined (TBD)**
- Oct. 19    **Monthly Social & Meeting - Cape Cod Academy, Osterville 6:00PM**  
                  **Special Entertainment - Trivia with Patrick; this is trivia and more. You will have fun even if you don't know the answers**
- Nov. 16    **Monthly Social & Meeting - Cape Cod Academy, Osterville 7:00PM**  
                  **Speaker/Topic: To be determined (TBD)**
- Nov. 27    **The Sound of Music- Cotuit Center for the Arts 2:00PM**

**No monthly meetings of the BNC in December, January, or February**

### **Meetings and Special Events 2023**

- Mar 15    **Monthly Social & Meeting - Cape Cod Academy, Osterville 7:00PM**  
                  **Speaker/Topic: To be determined (TBD)**
- Apr 19    **Monthly Social & Meeting - Cape Cod Academy, Osterville 7:00PM**  
                  **Speaker/Topic: To be determined (TBD)**
- May 17    **Monthly Social & Meeting - Cape Cod Academy, Osterville 7:00PM**  
                  **Entertainment/Ice Cream Social**

### **Proposed Special Events 2023**

- April            Dine-Out Night at a local restaurant**

## May/June Membership Gala - Cape Cod Academy Osterville

### Club Activities

The core of our 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 at any time.

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.

<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	781-439-5147	kathy.r.mcintosh@gmail.com
Book Club (4)	Joanne O'Connell	413-657-9930	joanne1951@yahoo.com
Bowling (mixed)	Doug Scott	508-648-1794	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	Betsy Carlin	607-206-9347	carlinbetsy@gmail.com
Golf Club	Betsy Higgins	413-896-1492	betsy217@comcast.net
	and Wendy Baird	774-692-8104	wendyayres@aol.com
Kayaking	Joanne O'Connell	413-657-9930	joanne1951@yahoo.com
Mahjong	Kathy McIntosh	781-439-5147	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	Mary Pat Vogt	508-862-9971	mpvogt@hotmail.com

**BOOK CLUB** - 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. Target is eight some have as many as 11. If the existing groups are full, the club will start a fifth group when six members are interested.

**CANDLEPIN BOWLING (MIXED)** - BNC bowling league is ready for a new season and everyone is welcome. This is a coed affair and all talent levels are included. It is a social event and those who wish may have a snack meal or beverage nearby. 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. Pairs are partners; singles will be paired if possible. 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. The cost is \$10 per pair. Ten to twenty pairs are generally active. 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. An end of year celebration is held.

**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.

**GOLF CLUB** - This coed group meets weekly during the Summer for a low stress golf and lunch at a local course.

**KAYAKING** - This group currently has 15 members. The Cape has many great places for kayaking including ponds, harbors and salt marshes. Past trips have included Middle Pond in Marston Mills, Scorton Creek in Sandwich, Barnstable Harbor, and Centerville River. This club typically has kayaking adventures three times a month from 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.

**WALKING GROUP**- Meets monthly for moderately paced one hour/3 mile walks mainly within Barnstable. Most walks have a group of 5-10 walkers. Last years walks include the Centerville River, Osterville, Hyannisport, Craigville Meeting Complex, Hathaway Pond and Joshua Pond.

## **Club Support and Officers**

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. Officers include President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership. Along with the support positions listed below the officers perform duties expected and much much more. This group collectively plans all club meetings and events.

**HOSPITALITY:** Coordinators Colin/Wendy Baird (774-692-8104)  
Petra Schaffer(603-727-8397).

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:** 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 please contact Joanne O'Connell (413-657-9930) and Mike O'Connell (413-218-4892).

**SUNSHINE:** Coordinator Tina Lowman (508-428-2832)

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).

**Secretary:** Bette Sylva records notes at all our meetings for review and posting to the website.

**Treasurer:** Joe McWilliams keeps track of the clubs finances, deposits dues, and pays club expenses. When you have a club expense, Joe is the go-to for reimbursement

**Membership:** Helen McWilliams keeps track of all membership forms and prepares an up to date member list. No small feat! She handles all email communication to the members. She also prepares membership badges and distributes at the meetings.

**Advisory:** This group of members may be called upon to help the President solve club issues. .

## OFFICERS & SUPPORT (2021-2022)

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Phone</u></b>	<b><u>Email</u></b>
President	Charles Sroczyński	617-875-3567	csroc1003@gmail.com
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	Petra Schaefer	603-727-8397	nosenzo5@gmail.com
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	Stan Goldstein	508-428-0143	sigcoma@comcat.net

# Barnstable Newcomers Club Membership Form 2022-2023

If you live in one of the seven villages of the Town of Barnstable, you may join the Barnstable Newcomers Club as a full member. 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. Meetings are normally held the on the third Wednesday of certain months (Sept-Dec and Mar-May) at a local venue. We hold periodic special events and host a variety of activities.

Dues are \$20 per person for the current year (2022-2023). All must submit a membership form with their dues. This allows 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 is imperfect. Most communication is also 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

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2022-2023    Membership - Barnstable Newcomers Club    (Please print):

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Dues    \$20

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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.