



Fall 2023 Newsletter

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Presidents's Message

Welcome Back to BNC

The club is entering its 44th year. I can't wait to get started. We have a full fun packed agenda with events, activities and guest speakers at our monthly meetings. I'd like to shout out a big thank you to activity and event coordinators, officers of the club, volunteers, and, of course all you members. Before the Summer we had an Ice Cream Social in May and a yearend party in June. I'd like to thank everyone who attended and everyone that worked so hard to make our meetings, and club events possible. Not exclusively but especially Joanne O'Connell, Joe and Helen McWilliams, Petra Schaefer and Carl Nosenzo, Priscilla and John Laliberty, Keith and Cathy Harris, John Dyer, John and Betsy Carlin, Dianne Long, Debbie Stone, Ros Sukhia, Frank McIntosh, and Bette Sylva. This year will be just even better!

I would like to recognize our activity coordinators. They spend a lot of time and effort enhancing your BNC experience. They are a value you cannot get anywhere else. Activity coordinators include Doug Scott, Joanne O'Connell, Marilyn Quinn, Helen McWilliams, Kathy McIntosh, Ann Reaves, Deb Krau, Joe McWilliams, Betsy Carlin, Betsy Higgins, Petra Schaefer, Jean Paynter, Colin Howells, Linda Horn, Tom Broderick, and myself.

In the Fall three monthly meetings will be held and begin at 6 PM.

- September 27 at United Methodist Church
- October 18 at Cape Cod Academy
- November 15 at United Methodist Church

Our guest speaker for the first meeting will be representatives from "Save Dowses Beach". They will describe what they are attempting to do and will answer any and all questions you may have.

October 18th we will sponsor a return of "Pizza and Trivia with Patrick Night" at Cape Cod Academy.

Our guest speaker for the November meeting will be representatives from Commonwealth Wind They will describe what they are attempting to do and will answer any and all questions you may have.

We will attend the play, *Matilda*, at Cotuit Center for the Arts on Sunday November 26th followed by appetizers and cash bar at the nearby restaurant Vilagio. Time is short and we need to purchase tickets by October 17th. We will send you a detailed flyer next week. Our Spring 2024 agenda is forthcoming in March.

Finally, membership dues for the 2023-2024 club year must be sent in to our PO Box or brought to our first meeting Wednesday September 27th at OMC. 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, and a small contribution to some of our guest speaker's. If we still have any money left we consider subsidizing special events. Please take a moment to renew by completing the attached 2023-2024 membership form and return to our PO Box.

Charlie Sroczyński - President

One more thing: www.barnstablnewcomers.com

Our website is kept up-to-date by Frank McIntosh. Try it out!

Club Schedule 2023-2024

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 2023

**Sept. 27 Monthly Social & Meeting - Osterville Methodist Church 6:00PM
Speaker/Topic: Save Dowses Beach**

**Oct. 18 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. BNC will supply
dinner (pizza) and soft drinks.**

**Nov. 15 Monthly Social & Meeting - Osterville Methodist Church 6:00PM
Speaker/Topic: Commonwealth Wind**

**Nov. 26 Special Outing
Cotuit Center for the Arts- "Matilda"
Appetizers at Villagio in Cotuit**

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

Meetings and Special Events 2024

Mar 21 Monthly Social & Meeting - Osterville Methodist Church 6:00PM

Apr 18 Monthly Social & Meeting - Osterville Methodist Church 6:00PM

May 16 Ice Cream Social - Osterville Methodist Church 6:00PM

**June 22 Membership Gala - Cape Cod Academy Osterville 6:00PM
BNC supplies dinner, refreshments, and entertainment.**

**In lieu of Summer meetings, weather permitting, we gather informally at
Dowses Beach Wednesdays at 5 PM under the red umbrella**

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>Email</u>
Bicycling	Linda Horn	lindahornnot@gmail.com
Book Club (1)	Ann Reeves	aereeves28@hotmail.com
Book Club (2)	Deb Krau	capedeb20@comcast.net
Book Club (3)	Kathy McIntosh	kathy.r.mcintosh@gmail.com
Book Club (4)	Joanne O'Connell	joanne1951@yahoo.com
Bridge	Helen/Joe McWilliams	helen.b.mcwilliams@verizon.net
Canasta	Helen Mc Williams	helen.b.mcwilliams@verizon.net
Candlepin Bowling	Doug Scott	ddscott10@comcast.net
Dine-In	Betsy Carlin	carlinbetsy@gmail.com
Golf Club	Betsy Higgins	betsy217@comcast.net
Kayaking	Joanne O'Connell	joanne1951@yahoo.com
Mahjong	Kathy McIntosh	kathy.r.mcintosh@gmail.com
Model Train	Tom Broderick	newcapetwo@comcast.net
Movie Discussion	Petra Schaefer	nosenzo5@gmail.com
Pickleball	Charles Sroczyński	csroc1003@gmail.com
Sociables	Jean Paynter	gryhndqrl1@aol.com
Table Tennis	Colin Howells	dayglyn.ch@gmail.com
Walker Club	Marilyn Quinn	mare11@comcast.net

BICYCLING -Bike Rides along various Cape Cod routes.

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.

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. We 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. A schedule for the year is drawn up in September and 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.

CANDLEPIN BOWLING - 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

DINE-IN - This group meets in a host/hostess member's home Saturday (usually the 3rd or 4th) of each month, beginning in September. The scheduled host/hostess will have two or three additional couples or singles and will decide who provides the main course, apps, salad, desert and beverages. 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 on Tuesday 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.

MODEL TRAINS - Meet to discuss and show off your trains to other enthusiasts

MOVIE DISCUSSION - This group meets monthly from September through May on the 3rd Monday of the month. Typically we view and discuss contemporary movies. Members make suggestions and the group votes on these choices for the upcoming month. We currently meet at the Everleigh in Hyannis. They have a very comfortable theater and we watch the films there and then follow with a lively discussion. Members bring drinks and snacks to share. Differences of opinion are guaranteed!

PICKLEBALL - This activity meets Wednesdays at noon at the town courts in Marstons Mills.

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

TABLE TENNIS - This activity meets Mondays at the Barnstable Youth Center.

WALKING GROUP- Meets weekly for moderately paced one hour/3 mile walks mainly within Barnstable. Most walks have a group of 5-10 walkers. Last year's walks include the Centerville River, Osterville, Hyannisport, Craigville Beach, 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 : Petra Schaffer

Priscilla Laliberty

Petra and Priscilla 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 and Mike O'Connell

SUNSHINE: Coordinator Tina Lowman

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

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.

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

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

Greeter: Cathy Harris welcomes members and guests as they enter meetings, supplies name tags, supplies copies of Newsletters to potential members.

Communicator: Debbie Stone receives new member/changes of information. Keeps an up-to-date list of members and sends out club correspondence.

OFFICERS & SUPPORT (2021-2022)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>
President	Charles Sroczynski	csroc1003@gmail.com
Secretary	Bette Silva	silvabel@comcast.net
Treasurer	Ros Sukhia	sukhiasp@comcast.net
Greeter	Cathy Harris	robbinsjarvis@gmail.com
Communicator	Debbie Stone	stone3878@gmail.com
Sunshine	Tina Lowman	capeblue@comcast.net
Hospitality	Petra Schaefer	nosenzo5@gmail.com
	Priscilla Laliberty	laliberty2@verizon.net
Publicity	Joanne/Mike Oconnell	joanne1951@yahoo.com
Website	Frank McIntosh	frank.mcintosh@gmail.com

Barnstable Newcomers Club Membership Form 2023-2024

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 (2023-2024). 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.

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

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2023-2024 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.