



# **NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY**

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# Hi Everyone!

Looks like we are going to have a busy month in July!! We have all our regular activities and also some special events for the month.

There is an **Ice Cream Social on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Wynnshire Ridge Clubhouse. Please contact Lynne Montgomery at 828-256-0090** for your reservations. It sounds like a high calorie night!!

Our General meeting in July is very exciting. We will have **Ned Jarrett**, retired NASCAR driver, speaking about his racing days. You do not want to miss this meeting. It is exciting to have a great guest like **Ned Jarrett** to talk with us! Don't miss it!

We all had a great time at the Crawdad's game in June! The weather was great, the food was great and the Crawdads lost the game! It was a close game and exciting to watch!

I hope all of you will participate in our activities each month. We all have a great time!

Have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July everyone!

**Bob Wolgemuth** 

Items of Interest-Bob Jones

Historian -Kathy Rozea

Hospitality – M. LeGrand & ME Glover

Lunch Out – Marianne Merrill

Mah Jongg – Sonja Bridgwood

Members Helping Members -B. Schwartz

Men's Activities - Vince LeGrand

Mexican Train -S. Kidd & C. Parker

Special Events - C. Sand & V. Pray

Webmaster - Gary Schwartz

# **Happy Birthday to Our Members:**

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If I've missed your birthday, please share it with me (Barb Beck).



July 2013							
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	
	1 10:00 am Busy Hands 1:00 pm Bridge	6:30 pm Mexican Train Dominoes	3 1:00 pm Bridge	Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	5 10:30 am MahJongg	6	
7	8 1:00 pm Bridge	9 6:30 pm Rummikub 6:30 pm Shooting	10 10:00 am General Meeting Ned Jarrett- speaker	11	12 10:30 am MahJongg	13	
14	15 10:00 am Busy Hands 1:00 pm Bridge	16	17 1:00 pm Bridge	18 6:00 pm Game Night	19 10:30 am MahJongg	20 7:00 pm Ice Cream Social at Wynnshire Ridge	
21	22 6:30 pm Bridge at Rozea's	23	24 10:00am Board Meeting	25 11:30 am Lunch/Canasta 12:00 pm Shooting	26 10:30 am MahJongg 2:00 pm Coffee & Conversation	27	
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#### GENERAL MEETING/WELCOME COFFEE

Two-time NASCAR champion **Ned Jarrett** will talk about his racing career on **Wednesday, July 10**, at our next general meeting at **10:00 am at the Hickory Airport**. Jarrett grew up in Newton and entered his first race at age 20 at the Hickory Motor Speedway. He won two Sportsman series championships (now the Nationwide Series) in 1957 and 1958. Jarrett won the Grand National championship (now the Sprint Cup) in 1961 and again in 1965. He retired at age 34, the only driver to retire while still champion, when Ford pulled out of NASCAR. He began a career in radio and then TV broadcasting. Jarrett was inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte in 2011 and is known by the nickname of Gentleman Ned Jarrett. Ned and son Dale Jarrett were the second father-son pair to win NASCAR championships, after Lee and Richard Perry.

Starting with our General Meeting in August, Newcomers will set aside several minutes for what we call our Open Mic segment. This will be a time to stand up and tell others at the meeting about a discovery you want to share. Maybe you have found a new restaurant, a hiking trail they must take, a shortcut to Newton, a great place to buy furniture, etc. Most of us are still getting to know this region and we can learn from each other through events like Open Mic.

#### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT**

A report highlighting activities, tied directly to the calendar on the Newcomer web site, is emailed by Adra Kryszczuk each week. The calendar is as current as the information that has been provided to Adra by committee chairs. You can see the full details of each activity by going to this link: <a href="http://www.newcomersofcv.com/calendar agenda view.html">http://www.newcomersofcv.com/calendar agenda view.html</a>. You can also print out a weekly or full monthly list of the activities for future reference.

To all committee heads: please ensure that you provide Adra with current information relative to dates, places and time of your activities. This will ensure that our members have immediate access to the most up-to-date information.

#### **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

Once a month, Newcomers meet, usually in the afternoon, to share a beverage and just chat. On Friday, July 26 at 2:00 pm, the group will meet at the Hickory Panera Bread. For more information, contact Sheri Binning. <a href="mailto:ronald.binning@gmail.com">ronald.binning@gmail.com</a>

#### **LUNCH CLUB**

Because of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, lunch club will not meet in July. Watch for information about the next lunch out on Thursday, August 1.

### **EVENING SOCIALS**

**Saturday, July 20**, 7:00 pm, Ice Cream Social at Wynnshire Ridge. Watch for information to come out soon about how to sign up to participate.

Saturday, August 24, 2013, pool party at LeGrand's home. More information to follow.

#### **CANASTA**

June started the beginning of everyone playing the same version of canasta. Over the next few months, Carol Parker, Betty Schwartz, or Carole Reising will be available on Canasta Thursday to assist in the transition. We are hoping to get some new canasta players as well. There will be a table set up for play that will allow "table talk" for learning purposes. Anyone who is currently learning canasta, wants to learn canasta, or would like some help in transitioning between the "OLD" and "NEW" versions is invited to join us at this table. This month's lunch and canasta will be on Thursday, July 25th at 11:30 at the Hickory Airport. For more information or questions, please contact Carole Reising at <a href="mailto:creising@embarqmail.com">creising@embarqmail.com</a>

#### **NEWCOMERS DAYTIME BOOK CLUB**

The next book club meeting will be <u>August 28 at 1:30 pm</u> at the Women's Resource Center. The book selection is *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid: A Memoir* by Bill Bryson which is a story of his life growing up in the 50's in middle America and is a delightful summer read. As one of the best and funniest writers alive, he is perfectly positioned to mine his memories of a totally all-American childhood for 24-carat memoir gold. Bryson re-creates the life of his family and his native city in the 1950s in all its transcendent normality-a life at once completely familiar to us all and as far away and unreachable as another galaxy. It was, he reminds us, a happy time, when automobiles and televisions and appliances (not to mention nuclear weapons) grew larger and more numerous with each passing year, and DDT, cigarettes, and the fallout from atmospheric testing were considered harmless or even good for you. He brings us into the life of his loving but eccentric family, including affectionate portraits of his father, a gifted sportswriter for the local paper and dedicated practitioner of isometric exercises, and of his mother, whose job as the home furnishing editor for the same paper left her little time for practicing the domestic arts at home.

#### **MAHJONGG**

Daytime MahJongg is on Friday mornings @ 10:30 at Bistro 127. Please contact Sonja Bridgwood for more information or if interested in learning how to play. This is a fun, fast-paced game.

#### **BRIDGE**

Bridge this month will be held on Monday, July 1, July 8, and July 15, and on Wednesday, July 3 and July 17. Evening bridge will be held at the Rozea's on Monday, July 22 at 6:30 pm. New members: please contact Gloria Berg (<a href="mailto:gloriderg@hotmail.com">gloriderg@hotmail.com</a>) for information about bridge.

# MEN'S ACTIVITIES (though not limited to men)

Attendance at Newcomers shooting sessions has declined significantly. One of the major reasons appears to be the ammunition shortage that is being experienced throughout the country. It is hard to find almost all of the popular calibers of ammo. And, if you do find it, it is very expensive and limited quantities are available. So, people are passing up the shooting sessions to keep from using up all their ammo. However, we will continue with our two sessions a month.

The Newcomers Bowling League completed its 3rd season this Spring. We are on hiatus until late September/early October. Any Newcomers who are thinking about joining in the Fall can contact me during the Summer to let me know of their interest. Vince LeGrand legravin@gmail.com

# **GAME NIGHT**

The next Game Night will be **July 18** at the Hickory Airport at **6:00 pm**. Come join us, bring a friend, have dinner and play a game of your choice. Since we have to commit to a number for dinner, all no shows will be responsible for paying for their reserved meal. An email will be sent out each month with the cost and menu for dinner. For information, contact Dianne Straley or Cathy Knobloch.

# **MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES**

Mexican Train Dominoes will be held on **July 2, 6:30 pm**, at Shari Kidd's house. This is a fun game for ALL  $\sim$  male & female, beginner or experienced player, young and old. Please bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage as well as \$2.00 for the kitty. For information, please contact Carol Parker at <a href="mailto:carpark41@yahoo.com">carpark41@yahoo.com</a>.

#### **RUMMIKUB**

This month's Rummikub will be held on **Tuesday**, **July 9** at the home of Sue Reese at 6:30 pm. Please contact Michele LeGrand for more information. exermom@gmail.com

# **BUSY HANDS**

This handwork group will meet the first and third Mondays of each month at Habitat for Humanity. Bring any handwork, including knitting, crocheting, tatting, embroidery, scrapbooking, beading, etc. Any kind of handwork you can carry with you! Coffee will be provided and everyone is welcome. Contact Collette Wronek at <a href="mailto:sewalot38@hotmail.com">sewalot38@hotmail.com</a> or 704-530-1767.

#### **ITEMS OF INTEREST & TIDBITS OF INFO**

Items of Interest will be on hiatus until sometime in August when Bob Jones will resume his weekly column.

### **MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS**

The focus of this support group within Newcomers is to coordinate assistance for members and their immediate families who need help due to illness, surgery, hospitalization, death, or other problems. The committee contacts any recommended member to get approval before offering member support and to identify the type of assistance needed. Once specific assistance is identified and approved by the family, the committee sends out requests to the membership.

Types of assistance include hospital and home visits; help with errands and grocery shopping; transportation for shopping and doctor visits; providing books and/or reading to someone; preparing meals; sending cards, etc. Monetary donations are excluded. Newcomer members may contact any committee person. The committee currently includes Betty Schwartz (chairperson), Carol Parker, De Martin and Sonja Bridgwood.

### "WANTED" - Advertisers for our Website

If you know of any business or service company that would like to link up with our website as a sponsor, please notify Bob Jones. The ads run for twelve months after signup which can be at any time during the year. Thank you.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to our newest member, Sharon Hughes, sister of Maureen Jones.



Picture of the Crawdads group. What a lovely night for a Crawdads Game! Good food, good friends, and good organizers. Thanks Karen Catel and Kathy & Joe Durand!!