



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY
2425 North Ctr. St. #169, Hickory NC 28601
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August 2013

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Hello Everyone!

I hope your summer is going well! A little wet and humid! Welcome to NC!!!!

Just a few items to highlight for August: We have the usual activities such as Bridge, Mah Jongg, Mexican Train, Shooting, Game Night, Book Club, Rummikub, Lunch Bunch, and of course the General Meeting August 14 and Board Meeting August 28. Also, we hope you can all make it to the pool party at the Le Grand's on August 24. Wow, we do have many fun activities each month! Please go to our Newcomers calendar for times and places for all our activities.

We had a great time at our Ice Cream Social last Saturday! Thanks to Lynne Montgomery for all her hard work! It was fun and of course great for our waistlines!

Have a great August and I hope to see all of you at our General Meeting!

Bob Wolgemuth

**Game Night – D. Straley,
C. Knobloch**

**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:

August	September
2 – Suzie Matthews 4 - Maureen Jones 6 – Bob Wolgemuth 6 – Jerry Orr 6 – Dennis Chalk 10 – Josette Kippenhan 17 – Teresa Ferry 19 – Patricia Mozgala 21 – Richard Dickey 25 – Helen Woodyard 27 – Dick Skulina 28 – Joyce Sykes 28 – John Womack 29 – Donna Wilson 30 – Chuck Fahrenholz	1 – Joe Strickland 3 – Sherry Abernethy 6 – Cherie Stewart 7 – Bob Dennis 7 – Lisa Logsdon 8 – Sonja Bridgwood 8 - Beth Osbahr 11 – Elaine Stewart 11 – Judy Mosher 13 – Elizabeth Strickland 13 – Robert Hammond 14 – Adra Kryszczuk 15 – Peter Block 16 – Paige Straley 17 – Jane Duralia 17 - Hazel Benau 21 – Alan Beck 22 – Lynne Montgomery 23 – John Schafer 23 – Phillip Swann 24 – John Bates 26 – Diane Hain 29 – Debbie Joseph 29 – Ron Glover



Picture of current board members: (L-R) Back Row: Vince LeGrand, Bob Wolgemuth, Kay Norusis, Barb Beck, Bob Jones. Front Row: Adra Kryszczuk, Dianne Straley, Kathy Rozea. Missing: Lynne Montgomery, John Bates

August 2013

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 11:45 Lunch at Hickory Station	2 10:30 am MahJongg	3
4	5 10:00 am Busy Hands 1:00 pm Bridge	6 6:30 pm Mexican Train	7 1:00 pm Bridge	8	9 10:30 am MahJongg	10
11	12 1:00 pm Bridge	13 6:30 pm Rummikub 6:30 pm Shooting	14 10:00 am General Meeting Game Day	15 6:00 pm Game Night	16 10:30 am MahJongg	17
18	19 10:00 am Busy Hands 1:00 pm Bridge	20	21 1:00 pm Bridge	22 11:30 am Lunch/Canasta	23 10:30 am MahJongg	24 Social at Le Grand's
25	26 1:00 pm Bridge	27	28 10:00am Board Meeting 1:30 pm Book Club	29 12:00 pm Shooting	30 10:30 am MahJongg 2:00 pm Coffee & Conversation	31

GENERAL MEETING/WELCOME COFFEE

The speaker for our August 14th meeting is Shirley Kanode. She will speak to us regarding emergency preparedness. She is an active volunteer for Caldwell County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program. She is a certified advanced weather spotter, and has been trained in emergency first aid, violence prevention, wildfire mitigation, and emergency triage. Ms. Kanode is experienced in primitive camping and off-road Jeeping from when she lived in Arizona for 30 years. She and her husband are retired and live a rural lifestyle. Her professional experience includes being a Human Resources Director for two large organizations, consultant, personnel investigator, management development trainer and college instructor. Don't miss this meeting on **August 14 at 10:00 am** at the Hickory Airport!! The information could save your life!

We will have a **Game Day** immediately following the General Meeting. Please bring any game you want to play. We expect to have tables for Canasta, Mexican Train, Rummikub and a new card game some of us have enjoyed - Show Me the Money. We will order lunch off the menu at Crosswinds Cafe. For information, contact Dianne Straley at dfwhit@gmail.com

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

My thanks to everyone for keeping me up-to-date on the items to be added to our club activities calendar on the web site. I consider my job a work in progress, so please bear with me. The web calendar is always as current as the information provided. You can see the full details of each activity by clicking on the title. You can also print a weekly or full monthly list of the activities for future reference. To all committee heads: please continue to provide me with current information relative to dates, places and time of your activities. This ensures that our members have immediate access to the most current information. Thank you so much! I welcome your comments and suggestions for improvement. Adra Kryszczuk - adraellen@yahoo.com

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Once a month, Newcomers meet, usually in the afternoon, to share a beverage and just chat. On **Friday, August 30**, the group will meet at **2:00 pm** at the Taylorsville Beach Marina. Rumor has it that they have great root beer floats!! All are welcome to come to this casual gathering. For more information, contact Sheri Binning. ronald.binning@gmail.com

LUNCH CLUB

Lunch out for August will be at the new **Hickory Station** on Thursday the 1st at 11:45 am. For more information, please contact Marianne Merrill. merrill_marianne@yahoo.com

EVENING SOCIALS

Save the date for a pool party at the LeGrand's home on **Saturday, August 24**. More information to follow.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Newcomers of Catawba Valley are planning a festive day of harvest celebration in the wine country of northern North Carolina. On **Tuesday, September 17, 2013** you and your friends are invited to join together in the rolling hills of Dobson, NC for a harvest time Wine Tour, Tasting and Luncheon.

Promptly at 11:30 AM, our hosts at the **Shelton Winery** will provide us with a private tour and wine tasting including a sampling of their 5 most popular wines. A complementary wine glass is included. After the tour and tasting, we will adjourn to the Harvest Grill where Chef Paul will create 3 delicious luncheon entrees. The Chef is famous for utilizing locally grown produce in his mouth watering creations. Lunch will commence at 12:30 PM and includes a non-alcoholic beverage.

The event includes a special group discount for the private tour and tasting & requires a minimum of 20 people. The cost for this day of harvest celebration is **\$26.00 per person**. This includes tax and gratuity and requires a non-refundable, pre-payment of \$26.00 by **August 15, 2013**.

Your remittance will secure your reservation and should be sent to:

Candy Sand

167 Scenic Ridge Drive

Hickory, NC 28601

(checks made out to Candy Sand)

The Shelton Vineyards and Harvest Grill are located at 286 Cabernet Lane, Dobson, NC. Take I-77 North to Exit 93 (Dobson) then follow the signs to the vineyard. Travel times from the Hickory area is approximately 60 minutes, so plan accordingly for an 11:15 AM arrival time. As always, carpooling with your friends is encouraged.

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, August 22** at 11:30 at the Hickory Airport. For more information or questions, please contact Carole Reising at creising@embarqmail.com

NEWCOMERS DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be **August 28 at 1:30 pm** 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.

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 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 portraits of his father, a gifted sportswriter for the local paper, and his mother, whose job as the home furnishing editor for the same paper left her little time for practicing the domestic arts at home. Contact Betty Schwartz for more information bettysch69@gmail.com

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, August 5, August 12, and August 19, and on Wednesday, August 7 and August 21. Evening bridge will be held on Monday, August 26 at 6:30 pm. New members: please contact Gloria Berg (glomcberg@hotmail.com) 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 **August 15** 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 Tuesday, **August 6, 6:30 pm**, at Shari Kidd's house. All are welcome for this evening of fun. 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 carpark41@yahoo.com. For those planning ahead, Mexican Train will not be held in September.

RUMMIKUB

This month's Rummikub will be held on **Tuesday, August 13** at the home of Michele Le Grand at 6:30 pm. Please contact Michele for more information at 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 sewalot38@hotmail.com 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.

COMPLIMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

The Newcomer's Board loves to receive compliments about the great things that are being done, but we know members might have an occasional question or a complaint about something. Please either come to a board meeting to discuss your issue or put down your comments in writing (with your name) so the board can quickly deal with the issue. This helps promote good communication for everyone and then we can get back to having fun!!

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 sign-up which can be at any time during the year. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Pam & Lee Wagoner, Phyllis & Michael Kane, and Virginia Charlton who joined Newcomers in July.



NASCAR great Ned Jarrett at the July 10 general meeting

