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Hello Newcomers,

This month will be a great month to be outside. Enjoy your garden, patio, pool or one of our parks.

Our club will be offering you an outdoor event for you to enjoy both wine and music. Did you know that North Carolina is home to more than 100 wineries? The industry has two focuses - native muscadine grapes and European-style vinifera grapes. Here in the Piedmont region and to our west into the mountains they commonly plant the vinifera grape varieties which include Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Syrah, Chardonnay and Viognier. We are looking forward to a trip on June 24th to the Silver Fork Winery in Morganton for a Newcomers potluck (yum) picnic and wine tasting with a backdrop of music and views. You may also want to check out the Owls Eye Winery in Shelby on Sunday June 11 for tastings, music and art on display by one of our own.

We have the sounds of music all around us. You may enjoy outdoor music in your lawn chair on Fridays in downtown Hickory for the "Under the Sails Original Music Series" featuring new young artists.

<https://www.facebook.com/sailsmusic/> or "Conover Live" featuring a different band each week on Friday nights in June and July.

www.facebook.com/conoveralive. Focus Magazine will provide you information on upcoming outdoor events and festivals.

http://www.focusnewspaper.com/places_people.php

I hope you be able to get outside this month and enjoy this beautiful place we call home.

Carol Hoover,
President, Newcomers of Catawba Valley



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Let the "New Schedule" Begin!!

Many of you have noticed that we have updated our monthly schedule. We are pleased to have large turnouts for our daytime canasta and due to this popularity we developed a new games day now offering several games. After trying this new games day with success we then mapped out the entire year and have developed this new schedule to respond to daytime games interests, provide games events each week, avoid numerous exceptions to the schedule during the year and avoid games nights and game days falling back to back on some months. We hope you will enjoy this new schedule and that it does not wreak havoc with your other obligations outside of our club. As nothing lasts forever, we will keep track of your interests and attendance, reflect on your comments and tweak our scheduled as best possible.

Thank you. Carol Hoover, President

Weekly

Every Tuesday afternoon (1:30-4) and Friday morning (10:30-1) – Mah Jongg

Every other Thursday (approximately) – Bowling (6:30-9:30) [September thru April]

Monthly

1st Monday - Daytime Bridge (1-4 p.m.)

1st Tuesday – Night Dominos (6-10 p.m.)

1st Wednesday - Daytime Bridge (1-4 p.m.)

1st Thursday – Day Games (11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)

2nd Tuesday - Daytime Bridge (1-4 p.m.)

2nd Tuesday - Night Shooting (6:30-8:00 p.m.)

2nd Wednesday - Daytime General Meeting (10 - 11:30 a.m.)

2nd Wednesday - Games Night #1 (6-10 p.m.)

2nd Thursday - Day Lunch Out (11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)

3rd Monday - Daytime Bridge (1-4 p.m.)

3rd Tuesday - Night Rummikub (6-10 p.m.)

3rd Wednesday - Daytime Bridge (1-4 p.m.)

3rd Thursday Daytime Canasta (11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)

4th Wednesday - Daytime Board Meeting (10 a.m.- noon)

4th Wednesday - Book Club (1:30-3:30) [*except November - 3rd Wednesday*]

4th Wednesday - Games Night #2 (6-10 p.m.)

4th Thursday - Daytime Shooting (noon- 2 p.m.)

4th Friday - Daytime Coffee and Conversation (2-4 p.m.)

Exception to the schedule

June: Move Games Night #2 to the 3rd Wednesday (June 21st) from the 2nd Wednesday (June 14th) to avoid back to back games days between

Wednesday night and Thursday Daytime Canasta the next day (June 15th) during that month.

Note from the President:

Events at the Hickory Airport

I am pleased to report that the Hickory airport has been very responsive to our recent requests for more tables, a screen for presentations and allowing us to add a second storage cabinet for our games supplies at no cost. We use this same location often and storing all of our games material there is super helpful so our coordinators don't have to haul them around town.

The airport charges \$75 for the use of the room. We have the option to pay for the room by collecting funds per person from those attending events to pay for the room rental. Or we may purchase a meal from Cross Wind Café instead of paying rental costs if we have a minimum of 15 persons purchasing the meal. While we admit it's not a fine dining establishment, we have opted for the purchase of meals so that members at least get something for their payment, and enjoy each other's company while eating, and members don't have to prepare or pay to eat out before coming for games events, and then still need to pay for the room rental. We understand some members might not want to purchase the meal on any particular date so we charge for the room so that all members attending help contribute collectively to the rental of the room.

We have been working on a meal rotation so the same meals are not repeated back to back by different coordinators. We are also working with Cross Wind Café to identify meals our members enjoy and those we wish to take out of the rotation. We are currently offering the following:

Daytime Canasta - entrée, sides, drinks and desserts for \$10.

\$5 rental fee if not having the meal.

Dominos - entrée, sides, and drinks with members bringing desserts \$7.00.

\$3.00 rental fee.

Games Nights - entrée, sides, & drinks & members bringing desserts \$7.00.

\$3.00 rental fee.

Games Day - light meal of sandwiches with salad or soup, no dessert

\$5.50.

\$3.00 rental fee

The board is actively seeking other venues for our events. While it's helpful to have our games events at the Airport because we store a large quantity of equipment in our locked storage cabinets, we do not have the same constraints for other socials or our general meeting. The board is seeking information about other venues that provide food and some that will allow us to rent for a small fee, and bring our own food and drinks for pot luck socials. Watch for a special general meeting location this coming October 11 in Ashville at the Governor's Western Residence!

If you live in a community with a club house that might be available to us with your help or have other ideas about venues across our area, please let me know.

Thank you. Carol Hoover, President

Happy Birthday to Our Members

June		July	
Neil Forrest	06/02	Rose Arant	07/06
Amanda Black	06/03	Audrey Rozzelle	07/08
Thomas Panella	06/04	Bob Williams	07/09
Bob Kidd	06/05	Barbara Womack	07/11
Norma Leimbach	06/08	Kitty Clark	07/15
M. McDowell	06/08	Terry Yow	07/15
Stan Bumgarner	06/11	Bernadette Coffey	07/16
Kris Bowman	06/13	John Major	07/16
Betty Schwartz	06/13	Jane Woodward	07/18
Kenneth Pujdak	06/17	Cindy Donahue	07/21
June Chalk	06/18	Tara Smith	07/24
Lexy Danchak	06/18	Marvin Yokum	07/30
Mary Murgo	06/18		
Christine McCutcheon	06/20		
George Beckom	06/21		
Doak Walker	06/21		
Laurie Johnsen	06/22		
Gloria Berg	06/24		
Bev Forrest	06/26		
Carol Earl	06/30		

Please email Susan Reese at sereese62@gmail.com if your birthday is not listed or if you would prefer that your birthday not be listed.

General Meeting and Program

10:30 a.m. Hickory Airport

Learn more about early detection and treatment of breast cancer at our upcoming monthly meeting on **Wednesday, June 14**. Kim Sherrill of Frye Regional Medical Center says one of eight women will develop breast cancer during their lifetime. She will speak with us about developments in treatment and the importance of early detection. Our meeting starts at **10:30 a.m.** at the Hickory Regional Airport. 3101 9th Ave. Dr. NW.

I look forward to seeing you there. Carol Hoover, President.



In the Spotlight

Sponsor Spotlight

This is another in our series of articles highlighting our sponsors who support Newcomers of Catawba Valley -- a reminder to our members to check the sponsor page **first** when you need a service. You will find Sponsors listed under the 'About Us' tab on the Newcomers website.

Crosswind Café owner Teresa Rozzelle has delighted customers with superior restaurant dining and formal and informal catering since 1997. Teresa opened Crosswind Café at the Hickory Regional Airport in September 2010. She and her team serve delicious breakfasts and satisfying lunches six days a week. She also caters special events, such as fly-ins and aviation seminars, held at the airport. Through her Crosswind Café facilities, Teresa caters daily with deliveries to Charlotte, Asheville, Shelby, Boone, Hickory and all points in between.

When you click on any sponsor's ad, you will automatically be taken to that sponsor's web page. I also want to remind you that if you use one of our sponsors, *please* make sure to thank them for sponsoring the Newcomers of Catawba Valley.

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for the Web Team

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Catawba Valley Newcomers Quarterly Charity - April through June

The Humane Society of Burke County – Friends for Animals

Over the last 18 years, the Friends for Animals has saved approximately twenty one thousand animals from euthanasia. They urge anyone looking for an addition to their family to please check out your local animal shelter. Also, please remember to spay and neuter your pets. There simply are not enough homes for them all! Items needed include:

Blankets	Towels	Dish detergent (with bleach alt.)
Washable pet bedding	All sizes pet dishes (stainless pref.)	Rubber/vinyl gloves
Pet carriers	Pet crates	Gauze rolls
Cat litter	Litter boxes / pans	Bandage tape
Pet shampoo	Cotton balls/ Q-tips	Leashes
Rubbing alcohol / witch hazel	Vaseline	Bleach
Hydrogen peroxide	Betadine	Band aids
Triple antibiotic ointment	Pet foods	Gauze pads
Pet treats	Small animal bedding (wood shavings)	Aluminum cans (empty)
Small animal food (rabbit, gerbil, bird)	Toilet paper	Collars
Hand soap (in pump)	Paper towels	Hand creams
Lysol spray		Laundry detergent

Upcoming Events



WINE TASTING - SILVER FORK WINERY

5000 Patton Road, Morganton, NC

COST: **\$7.00** per person, for tasting... (1 oz. pours)

DATE: June 24, 2017 TIME: 12:30 p.m., Potluck lunch, wine tasting to follow

We are collecting in advance for this event!

The wines are a "dry Bordeaux style." See information below. There is a 5% discount on six bottles, and a 10% discount on 10 bottles or more.

Chardonnay

Chardonnay Reserve

Rosé

Chambourcin

Four Dog Red (Red Blend)

Cabernet Franc

Nonsense (Red Blend)

Make your check payable to: **Silver Fork Winery**, and mail it to:

Susan Reese (Event Hostess), 934 3rd Street NW, Hickory, NC 28601

There are several picnic tables with benches under umbrellas for us. They can handle 20-30 people comfortably. So the event will be first come, first serve. We should encourage carpooling, as parking is limited.

There is entertainment that day, starting at: 2PM - **Melody Cox, Folk Singer/Song Writer**

"From learning her first guitar chords at the age of 12 and writing her first song at the age of 13, Melody has never looked back. Her bluesy, soulful voice and smooth style is captivating from original tracks to covers, from such artists as Bonnie Raitt, Fleetwood Mac, Johnny Cash, Gordon Lightfoot and Patsy Cline." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYarcHd5q4E>

For more information contact, **Susan Reese**, sereese62@gmail.com

Lunch Out



Newcomers Lunch Out has moved to the second Thursday of the month, so this month we'll be going out on **Thursday, June 8th at 11:30 a.m.** to Café Rule. You can check out their vast and varied menu at <http://caferule.com/menu/>. Please R.S.V.P. to bethanycw@charter.net by noon on Monday, June 5th so that I can tell the restaurant how many people will be attending. Hope you will join us and enjoy great food, company and conversations. See you soon.

Chuck Bethany

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Dominoes



The games are held at the Hickory Airport, on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Crosswind Cafe caters dinner, for \$7 per person. Deadline for making reservations is 6:00 p.m. on Sunday night! Once you make your reservation, you will be obligated to pay for your meal--whether you attend or not!

The next Dominoes will be on **June 6th**. We will be playing "Chicken Foot." There will be a learning table for those of you who want to learn, or brush up on your skills. Please R.S.V.P. to Shari Kidd at kidd915sl@gmail.com.

⚡NEWS FLASH⚡ New racks for dominoes!



If you are a dominoes player, you will appreciate the new hand-made wooden racks the club now owns. We have 22 racks that club member Paige Straley made from knot-free poplar. They will go into use at our game Tuesday, June 6. Many hands make light work, as the saying goes and lots of people were involved in their creation:

Paige Straley, sawing
Dianne Straley, sanding
Bev Forrest, labeling
Scott and Brenda Ireland, sealing
Patsy Lang, sealing.

And the club paid for the wood. Here's to many fun games of ChickenFoot and Mexican Train!

Games Day

Join us for a light lunch and games on **Thursday, June 1st at 11:30 a.m.** at the Hickory Airport for Canasta, Rummikub, Dominoes, Euchre, Pinochle, Mah Jongg or other games suggested by members. Cost will be **\$5.50** for a light lunch. No desserts are offered or required however members may choose to bring a dessert to share if they desire. If a member cancels after the deadline they are still expected to pay for the meal that had been ordered. **Please R.S.V.P. to Lori Gervasio ljgerv@yahoo.com**

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Games Nights

Wednesdays, June 21st and June 28th, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Hickory Regional Airport, 3101 9th Avenue Drive Northwest, Hickory, NC 28601

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at one or both of the game nights this month, so come eat dinner and play the game of your choice. We offer Rummikub, Canasta, Mah jongg, Dominoes, and new this year Pinochle and Euchre. Get your group together or just come on out and try a new game. Please note on your R.S.V.P. the game you wish to play. Play includes a catered dinner, cost is **\$7**. We must pay the caterer for each meal ordered, so if you make reservations and do not cancel before the indicated deadline you still must pay the charge! R.S.V.P. to Brian Hoover for June 21 (brianhoover@charter.net) and to Martha Conrad for June 28 (marthaconrad@charter.net). Shari is taking a well-deserved month off!

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Rummikub

Rummikub will be held on **Tuesday, June 20th**, at the home of Dianne Straley at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please check the website or contact Michele LeGrand at exermom@gmail.com.

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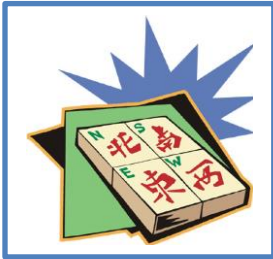
Daytime Canasta



Daytime Canasta is the **third Thursday** of each month, **June 15th**. Lunch and canasta begin at **11:30 a.m.** Lunch, dessert, beverages and an afternoon of fun-filled Canasta is \$10. If you don't want to have lunch, you can play cards and enjoy dessert and beverages for only \$5. Don't know how to play? There is always a learning table offered for those who want to learn or simply brush up on their skills. All Newcomer members, men and women, are welcome. We like to start playing the game right at noon, so please be considerate of others and get to the airport on time. If an emergency arises, please **call Chris Beckom on her cell A.S.A.P. at 254-285-1611**. To join in the fun, contact **Chris at beckomgc@outlook.com**.

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Mah Jongg



Our Mah Jongg group has added more games to our already busy schedule. In addition to the twice weekly (Tuesdays and Fridays) games at Pinecrest Retirement Center, we also are playing at both Games Nights and the new Game Day. Here is our schedule if you want to watch a game to see if you would like lessons:

Tuesdays (1:30 p.m.) and Fridays (10:30 a.m.) Pinecrest;
First Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Hickory airport;
Third and Fourth Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Hickory airport.

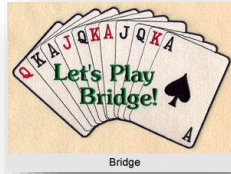
Add all that up, and you can play 11 or more games of Mah Jongg each month. For lessons or to watch a game, contact Dianne Straley at dfwhit@gmail.com

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Coffee and Conversation



We will be going to **Buffalo Cove Mercantile and Café**, *immediately following the General Meeting on June 14th*. We can car pool. Hopefully, the rhododendrons will be putting on a big show! Let Sheri Binning know if you can come or just show up, ronald.binning@gmail.com.



Bridge Schedule June

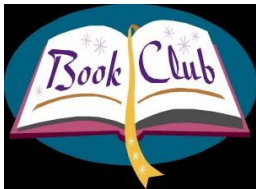
Monday, June 5th
Wednesday, June 7th
Monday, June 12th
Monday, June 19th
Wednesday, June 21st

Barb Beck
Gloria Berg
Kathy Bethany
Gloria Berg
Gloria Berg

New members: please contact Gloria Berg (glomcberg@hotmail.com) for details about bridge or how to be put on the substitute list.

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Book Club



Our next meeting is: July 26th, the book: *With Love from the Inside*, is a novel by [Angel Pisel](#) an author who is from Hickory, and this is her first novel. It's about a woman on death row for the murder of her infant son. She and her daughter get back in touch with each other as the woman's death becomes more eminent. So it's a story about the mother/daughter relationship, family secrets and what it's like for women on death row. It's fiction, but Angela did a lot of research about when writing the book. Angela will be attending our book club to discuss the book! It will be very insightful to hear her process about writing the book and getting it published. Please join us for this very special book club meeting! Discussion will be led by Beth Osbahr at the **Women's Resource Center** at **1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26th**. We invite anyone to come and discuss the book with us. For information please contact Sue Asp twoasps@gmail.com, or Betty Schwartz bettyesch69@gmail.com.

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Items of Interest

Information **must be submitted no later than noon on Wednesday of each week**. As always, I want to hear from you if you run across any interesting things. If you aren't familiar with "Items of Interest", go to our web site for guidelines for submission rules. The web site is: newcomersofcv.com. Click on "[About Us](#)", & then on "[Items of Interest](#)". Please feel free to browse our website, and see what we have to offer! If you select our "Sponsors" page, you will see those businesses that offer us support. You can then access their web sites by clicking on their individual icons. If you respond to any of these business ads, **PLEASE** mention that you saw their ad on our website. This is how we get sponsors to continue to support us for the future. Thanks, Bob Jones itsmerbj@charter.net



Bowling

Newcomers Bowling has finished for the season. It will resume in the Fall (**late September /early October**). Any member of Newcomers who would like to give bowling a try is welcome to join us. For additional information about Newcomers Bowling, contact **Vince LeGrand**, legravin@gmail.com or **828-466-8218**.

We bowl at Pin Station in Newton on Business 321 (also known as Northwest Boulevard) directly across from the Catawba County Government Complex. For more information their website is: www.pinstationbowling.com. We bowl 3 games each session and the cost is \$8.00.

We start bowling at 6:30 p.m. on every other Thursday. (There are some breaks around the holidays). They open the lanes for practice at 6:20 p.m. If you don't have your own bowling shoes and ball, rental shoes are available for a fee and balls are available for free.

We don't have teams...every bowler is his/her own team. The focus is on camaraderie and getting some exercise, not competition. We have bowlers of all skill levels.

Target Shooting



There is a group of Newcomers who head out to the gun range twice a month for target shooting. And, in keeping with Newcomers tradition, we generally go for a bite to eat after we shoot. If you are a shooter or are interested in learning to shoot, we would love to have you join us. We shoot at the **Springs Road Gun Club** on Springs Road in Hickory. Their website is www.springsroadgunclub.com. They offer gun rentals and a wide variety of training classes.

We currently shoot at **6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday... June 13th** of each month and at **noon on the fourth Thursday... June 22nd** of each month. Contact **Vince LeGrand** for information on shooting legravin@gmail.com or **828-466-8218**.

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Members Helping Members

The focus of this support group within Newcomers is to coordinate assistance for members and their immediate families who might need help due to illness, surgery, hospitalization, death, etc. Types of assistance could 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. The committee currently includes Betty Schwartz. For more information, contact Betty at bettysch69@gmail.com.



Ride Sharing

Ride Sharing Newcomers of Catawba Valley encourages members who may be unable to attend any of our functions due to lack of ride or nighttime driving issues to notify the event coordinator or any other club member for assistance. There are members throughout the area and we are always happy to be sure everyone is able to attend our activities. It's a great way to meet members who live nearby!

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Single members attending events alone



Single members are always welcome at **any** Newcomer event! As a matter of fact, the club has more than 40 members who are single. Want someone accompany you to an event? Please contact the event coordinator or a board member; we'll connect you with others who'll be going. Please let us know how we can help you enjoy the events of your club.

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Sharing what you know

Would **YOU** like to teach a workshop? So many club members have wonderful skills to share.

Maybe you could lead a class/walk in bird identification. Maybe you could get us started on researching our family history with a genealogy workshop. Maybe we can come to your kitchen and learn how to make sushi. You have lots of skills. Let's share them.

Contact Dianne Straley, dfwhit@gmail.com, if you have an idea for sharing your talents.