



Kennebunk - Kennebunkport - Arundel NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

September 2018

Welcome Newcomers and Neighbors to a new year of activities as we start our season at the meeting on 9/13/18 which is the **SECOND** Thursday, rather than the first due to a scheduling problem with the Community House. All other meetings will be the traditional first Thursday.

At this meeting, I would like to have a vote on the proposed by-law language change that we discussed last year which would allow a member who leaves the three towns to remain a member as long as dues continue to be paid. I believe that this change which probably impacts very few people is a good one and would allow people to maintain a support group of friends even if they transition out of our area for some reason. The language and the discussion from last year are included in the newsletter for your reference.

The speaker for September will be Cynthia Walker and Steve Spofford from the Brickstore Museum. They will be doing an interactive talk with us about the turbulent 60's, specifically, 1968. This talk coincides with a current exhibit at the museum and should be quite interesting.

Lastly, we are starting the year without a Vice-President which is a problem for the future of the club. Despite have very dedicated and experienced board members, the organization still needs some overall coordination which the president and vice president provide. I would like to urge especially newer members to consider volunteering for this position.

Thanks and see you in September!

Doug Butler
President

Your Elected Officers for 2017-18

President: Doug Butler
Vice President:
Treasurer: Doug Fraser
Secretary: Chris Deliee

Have you moved, changed your e-mail or gotten a new cell phone number?

Please notify Bob Mills

NOTE

If you know of a club member who is sick or hospitalized, please let Donna Lombardi know so she can send a card. Contact information for Donna.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLUB BY-LAWS

You'll recall we went through a By-Laws revision last year. One of the key issues was the definition of "member". The revision made it clear that to become a member you had to reside for at least part of the year in Kennebunk, Arundel or Kennebunkport. One could also interpret the definition to mean that if you subsequently move outside of one of the three towns, you can no longer be a member.

We totally agree with the concept that membership is contingent (at least initially) on being a resident of one of the three towns the Club was created to serve. But once you have lived in one of the towns for a while and formed friendships and become a part of those communities, we don't see a downside to allowing such a member to stay on as a member if they move out of the towns. There can be many reasons why someone has to move - death of a spouse, financial reasons, needing to move from a single family home to a smaller residence such as an apartment (which there are fewer of in our three towns than in some other towns in the area). Moving can be stressful enough without having to be cut off from friends and familiar social activities. And while they can still come to monthly meetings, which are open to all, as newly-made non-members they would not be able to receive the Newsletter or other notices of events or come to our various activities (such as Knitting, Bridge, etc.) except as a guest of a member. The Club would still benefit by continuing to receive dues from such a non-resident member. And we don't think that any of our monthly meetings or other activities are so over-subscribed that a few more members couldn't be accommodated.

Newcomers prides itself on trying to be a welcoming and inclusive organization. We don't see any negative impact on the Club by letting members continue as members if they move out of town. We don't think this will apply to very many people, but it will help the few who do move and would like to continue to participate in the Club.

Below is a proposed revision to the Membership section of the By-Laws. We've included a limitation that in order to take advantage of the non-resident member status, you have to have been a member of Newcomers for at least one year. There is also a good argument to be made not to have any time measurement at all (it's not likely that people are going to move to Kennebunk just to become members of Newcomers and then skip out!).

EXISTING MEMBERSHIP SECTION:

ARTICLE IX. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership is open to any person who is a resident of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, or Arundel. A resident is defined as a person who lives in one of these towns for at least part of the year.
- B. There is no time limitation on membership, as long as the member meets the residency requirement and pays annual dues.
- C. The Board has the authority to change the time policies stated in Section B at its discretion, with the approval of the membership.
- D. Non-members may attend Club monthly meetings and other events, provided however they may be expected to pay an additional guest fee to attend any event that charges a fee.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

ADD A NEW SECTION C:

“C. If a person has been a member as defined in Section A for at least one year and thereafter moves out of the towns, that person may remain a member so long as he or she pays annual dues. This provision may be applied retroactively.”

RE-NUMBER FOLLOWING SECTIONS AS D AND E.

AMEND SECTION D (formerly C) TO STATE THAT THE BOARD HAS THE AUTHORITY TO CHANGE THE TIME POLICIES IN SECTIONS B OR C, SO IT WOULD READ:

“D. The Board has the authority to change the time policies stated in Sections B or C at its discretion, with the approval of the membership

Club Calendar

TBA	TBA	Dine Around
September 4	TBA	Poker Knights
September 5	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
September 9	6:30 PM	Partners Bridge
September 10	6:30 PM	Scrabble Group
September 12	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
September 12	7:00 PM	Trivia Group
September 12	9:30 AM	Breakfast Group
September 12	10:00 AM	Walking/Outdoor Group
September 13	6:30 PM	Monthly Meeting
September 13	4:00 PM	Beachside Bookenders
September 18	12:00 PM	Men’s Lunch Bunch
September 19	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
September 26	1:00 PM	Bridge Group
September 28	5:00 PM	TGFun

**Some of these events require reservations
Details are on the following pages**

Monthly Activities

Beachside Bookenders	The Beachside Bookenders, the Club's book group, meets all through the year. For September, we are reading <i>Little Fires Everywhere</i> by Celeste Ng. The meeting will be held September 13. There are openings for any member wishing to join us on the second Thursday of the month, at 4; for more information please contact Susan Gilbey
Breakfast Group	September 12, 9:30 Musette, 2 Pier Road, Cape Porpoise Please respond to Kathy Johnson by Saturday, September 8th if you would like to attend.
Bridge Group	September 5, 12, 19, 26 Group meets for lunch every Wednesday at 1 PM to play bridge from 2 PM to 4 PM in the back room at Duffy's Irish Bar on rte 1 in Kennebunk. We provide friendly games of bridge for women and men seeking to improve their game by playing regularly. Pat Briggs is the coordinator.
Dine Around	"Dine Around" is having dinners in each other's homes in the company of people we may not know very well yet. For each dine around there are hosts and guests. The host cooks the main dish (ham, chicken, burgers, spaghetti, etc), and calls the guests to discuss which side dish, appetizer, beverage or dessert to bring. This is NOT confined to couples. Singles can either host or be a guest. Several dinners will take place in several homes on the same evening. You can sign up as either a host or a guest. Hosts must specify how many guests they would like – as few as 3 or up to 6 or more. Sign up at the monthly meeting or contact Lucille Gentsch if you would like to participate.
Knitting/Crochet/ Craft Group	Knit / Crochet / Craft Group. Anyone wanting to join us for hand crafts such as sewing, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, we would love to have you. A fun group of ladies get together at each other's homes. We will be skipping September but the October get together will be as follows: Wednesday, October 3, 1:30pm Host: Diane Conley, An e-mail reminder to those on list will be sent out 3-4 days prior to meeting with directions to the hostess' home. RSVP to host directly after e-mail. If anyone would like to join our group, please contact Jeanne Butler and she will be happy to add you to our list.

Men's Lunch Bunch	Group meets every 3 rd Tuesday of the month at 12 PM at Duffy's Irish Tavern in downtown Kennebunk. No reservations required. Please contact George Acker, our interlocutor.
Movie Group	Group meets from October to April on the 3 rd Sunday of the month for a movie and dinner. Contact Bill Schubert.
Partners Bridge	We welcome all levels of players and usually meet the first weekend of the month on a Saturday evening at 6:30. Our members rotate hosting at their home. It's a fun evening with great card playing, good conversation and enjoying each other's company. For more information, contact Maxine Thibodeau.
Poker Knights	Group meets the 1 st Tuesday of the month. Contact Herb Cohen.
Scrabble	Monday September 10 at 6:30 Location TBD Cindy Shaughnessy.
TGFun	Friday, September 28 - 5:00 – Breakwater Inn Please join us for our first TGFun of the year at the Breakwater Inn on Ocean Ave. We will be on the deck if the weather permits, however there are views of the river from both inside and out. For those who are new – TGFun is a casual get together, usually held on the fourth Friday of each month. No reservation needed, just drop by for drinks and conversation with your fellow Newcomers. Some stay for dinner afterwards. For more information contact Bill and Pat Dugan or Jeff Gaulin.
Trivia	September 12 Trivia meets at Litchfield's on the 2 nd Wednesday of each month. Plan to arrive by 7 PM to arrange teams, get a table, and place your food and drink orders. Trivia starts at 7:30 PM. Please let Lynn Fraser know if you plan to attend.
Walking/Outdoor Group	For our first outdoor group, we're going local. Our hike will be September 12 th at 10 o'clock. Meet at the Colony Beach parking lot across from the Colony Hotel. This will be good for all ability levels. Lunch will be determined on that day. Hope to see as many people as possible. FMI: contact John and Wendy Zarrella.

Walking Tour of Mackworth Island



~ **SPECIAL INTEREST/VOLUNTEERS** ~

The Novels of Jane Austen: Sense and Sensibility, and Emma

An eight-week fall course at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Southern Maine in Portland--The Novels of Jane Austen: Sense and Sensibility, and Emma.

Classes meet once a week every Thursday for two hours, beginning September 20th at 12:45.

Those interested can register at <https://usm.maine.edu/olli>.

For further information, contact Jim Prevet.