

## **SUNSHINE COAST NEWCOMERS CLUB: EVENTS OVERVIEW**

### **INTRODUCTION**

**[Note that the Hosting outlines for Bacchus and Pot Luck have been moved to the Members Area]**

The Sunshine Coast Newcomers strives to provide events of interest to members. Events are convened by members for members. Attending an event is the best way to get to know others. Until a group has a host or convener it cannot run. Please consider becoming a host or convener.

How do you join an event? Check the website calendar for details. Most events require an RSVP. Please refer to the membership list to provide an RSVP. Some events, such as Coffee Mornings are drop in. To join an event you must be a Newcomers member.

For some special events a fee will be assessed to cover costs of the event. These fees will be payable a minimum of one week before the event and may be required earlier as noted in the calendar for a particular event. The fees collected ahead of time are to pay for items such as room rentals, food supplies, etc. and will not be refunded except in special circumstances.

Some Newcomer events (Bacchus, potlucks) have limited capacity and are offered on a first come first served basis.

Similarly some groups established by Newcomer members are so successful that they become closed to adding new members. Other members are then encouraged to convene new groups.

Events held by the Sunshine Coast Newcomers must be approved by the SCNC Planning Committee. If you have an idea for an event or new group within Newcomers please contact the Chair or Vice-Chair. The **Committee Members tab on the website** provides their names. Their contact information is found on the **Membership List** which is distributed to each paid member on a monthly basis.

The goal of social events held at public venues is to introduce Newcomers both to new friends and to facilities available along the Sunshine Coast.

Please drink responsibly when attending Newcomer Events.

### **COFFEE MORNINGS**

Coffee Mornings are at 10:00 a.m. Members meet with others on a casual drop-in basis. No sign-up required. Come out and meet some of your new neighbours. Coffee mornings typically alternate between Sechelt and Gibsons or a central point between. A Newcomers host will be there to greet you. Refer to the calendar for monthly details for dates and locations.

### **PUB NIGHTS**

Happy Hour is held at a local pub from 4 to 6 p.m. Meet with other Newcomers in a casual atmosphere. Pub Nights typically alternate between Sechelt and Gibsons or a central point between. An **RSVP is required**. Refer to the calendar for details of date, location and RSVP requirements.

## **DINNER ON THE TOWN**

Dinner on the Town is a chance to share a meal with new and newer friends. Refer to the calendar for details of date and location. An **RSVP is required**.

## **BACCHUS WINE TASTINGS**

Bacchus wine tasting evenings are a chance to meet in a Newcomer's home for a relaxed evening with friends. The hosts decide on a theme and the number of guests. This is a **wine tasting**. Please drink responsibly.

Cost is \$10 per person to cover the cost of the wine. Bring your own wine glass and a small plate of appetizers or sweets to share. One week before the event **everyone who has sent an RSVP is committed to paying \$10 unless** an alternate is available. This is so the hosts do not have to absorb extra costs due to cancellations. A waiting list will be taken in case of cancellations.

Refer to the monthly calendar for date, location and RSVP requirements.

Are you interested in hosting a Bacchus Wine Tasting? Contact the SCNC Event Coordinator to book this event. See the Sunshine Coast Newcomers website **Events How to Organize a Bacchus** for more details.

## **POTLUCK DINNER**

Potluck dinners are a chance to meet in homes of Newcomers for dinner and a relaxed evening with new friends. Bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable dish or dessert. Also bring your beverage.

Refer to the monthly calendar for date, location and RSVP requirements. The host will decide on the number of guests. A waiting list will be taken in case of cancellations.

Are you interested in hosting a Potluck Dinner? Contact the SCNC Event Coordinator to book this event. See the Sunshine Coast Newcomers' website **Events How to Organize a Potluck** for more details.

## **GAMES NIGHT**

When Games Night is on the agenda Newcomers are encouraged to bring their favourite games to share or just come out to play. Bring an appetizer or sweets to share plus your beverage.

Refer to the monthly calendar for date, location and RSVP requirements.

Are you interested in hosting a Games Night? Please contact the Newcomers Event Coordinator to discuss booking this event.

## **HIKING GROUPS**

Newcomers can take advantage of the many hiking trails around the coast. **Weekend Warriors** is our newest hiking group. Some of the paths are muddy and uneven, and some are steep for short stretches but none are very strenuous. Locations for hikes include local favourites like Smuggler Cove, Cliff Gilker Park, Soames Hill and more.

A **Gentle Walkers** group is being developed for those that prefer a less rugged walk and a slower pace.

## **SCNC GROUPS**

Members are encouraged to sign up for other SCNC groups at the monthly luncheon or to contact the Events Coordinator.

Suggestions for Other Clubs or Groups include but are not limited to:

- Book Clubs
- Card Clubs
- Discussion Groups
- Craft Circles

Are you interested in starting a new club or group? Request that the Newcomers Event Coordinator provide a sign-up sheet at the monthly luncheon for the desired club. Indicate an approximate number of people required for the group (minimum / maximum).

When the list reaches the minimum number the Event Coordinator will contact interested parties and a member volunteer to lead the group. The New Group will meet at the initial leader's home and the group will develop criteria for getting together e.g. how often to meet, where to meet, who provides refreshments, topics or projects.

Once a group or club decides that it has reached its maximum size, meeting dates for that group will no longer be posted on the SCN calendar.

For Book Clubs, books are available at libraries in Gibsons and Sechelt as well as via inter-library loans throughout BC.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

The Planning Committee is always looking for new activities of interest to members. Some will be one-time events and others may become regularly scheduled.

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