



NEWCOMERS OF THE PINEHURST AREA

New Member Handbook

Welcome to the neighborhood!

The purpose of Newcomers of the Pinehurst Area is to help new residents of the Pinehurst area become acquainted with other new residents and the surrounding areas.

Welcome to Newcomers of the Pinehurst Area! We are so glad you joined. We are confident you will meet lots of new friends and have fun at the various events and activities.

NOPA has several events that occur yearly, as well as activities that occur on a monthly basis throughout the year. The yearly events are:

- February – Bowling & Pizza Party
- April – Spring Matinee Harness Races
- May – Spring Into Summer Picnic/BBQ and Golf Tournament
- September – Annual Breakfast
- December – Holly Ball (in conjunction with Pinehurst # 6 Homeowners' Association)

Our monthly activities include Fermented Friday, Lunch Bunch, Dining Out, Book Club, and more. There are three levels of engagement with our activities:

1. Just drop in as your schedule allows, no RSVP required. The activities where you can just drop in are Coffee & Conversation and Mah Jong.
2. Dedicated groups, where you meet with the same group of people regularly. The activities where you meet with a dedicated group are Book Club, Bunco and Wine Tasting.
3. RSVP required. The activities that require an RSVP are Dining Out, Fermented Friday, Girls' Night Out, Lunch Bunch, Singles and Solos, Tailgaters, Travel Club and Grasscutters. Some of our events are extremely popular and spots fill up quickly. While we try to keep spots open for our newest members at some of our more popular activities, we highly recommend you sign up as soon as possible. Also, if you are unable to attend after you RSVP, please let the Committee Chair know so someone else may attend.

What to Expect

Shortly after you join NOPA, you'll be invited to a Meet and Greet, which are typically held every other month. Here you'll meet other new members, as well as the NOPA Board Members. The Meet and Greet provides an opportunity to learn about events, activities, and groups, and it provides an opportunity for a question and answer session. Should you still have questions after the meeting, please contact any of the Board Members, whose information can be found on our website (see below). Look for an e-mail invitation soon!

NOPA Website

Our website is www.newcomersofpinehurst.com.

There is content on the website that is only viewable by our members – such as:

- the Board Directory, which includes contact information: <https://newcomersofpinehurst.com/board-members-directory-listing/>
- the Members Directory: <https://newcomersofpinehurst.com/member-directory-listing/>
- News and Events, containing the current and past Newsletters, the “month at a glance”, the calendar of events and photo albums: <https://newcomersofpinehurst.com/news-events/>

To access this members' only content, you will need to log in with your email address or Username and password. Your login information is the email address that you provided when you completed the registration process. Alternatively, your Username is your last name and first initial, eg hendersonj.

What is my password to get into the website? If you:

- a) Registered online: Your password is the one you set when you registered.
- b) Registered by paper after Aug 2019, the Database Administrator provided your password for you. If you do not remember it, please click on Forgot Password to reset the password.
- c) Registered by paper before Aug 2019, click on Forgot Password to reset the password. If you still cannot access your account, please send an email to NOPAdatabase@gmail.com for further assistance.

Facebook

Search for "Newcomers of the Pinehurst Area" and "Like" us to be informed of updates through your Facebook account.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Each activity has a Committee Chair. To contact a specific Committee Chairs, visit:

<https://newcomersofpinehurst.com/board-members-directory-listing/>

BOOK CLUB

Like reading? Join us for book discussions and socializing. We currently have 11 different book clubs. For inquiries about joining a Newcomers book discussion group contact the Book Club Chair.

BUNCO

We have seven Bunco groups. Each group of 12 participants play once a month in rotating members' homes. There are afternoon and evening groups. No experience is necessary to play this simple social dice game.

If you are interested in joining a Bunco group and/or being added to the list of substitutes, please email the Bunco Chairperson.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

If you are looking for a starting point to explore the region, then come join us for some Coffee & Conversation. This is a great place to get together with an intriguing and friendly group of folks for a hot cup of coffee (latte, cappuccino or beverage of choice) and great conversation... limited by your own imagination!

The Coffee Group meets every Thursday. Please refer to the Newsletter, or the Newcomers Calendar on the NOPA website for the location and time. At the designated site, please look for a centerpiece in the middle of the table with a pinecone in a coffee cup.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Coffee & Conversation Chairperson(s).

DINING OUT

Join fellow Newcomers, for a fun evening of food and beverage, as we dine at a different local restaurant each month. It is a great way to meet fellow members in a relaxed atmosphere. We usually meet the third Thursday, but please check the monthly newsletter for upcoming events and dates. We hope to see you soon!

FERMENTED FRIDAY

Join us on the first Friday of every month (*unless otherwise specified in the Newsletter*) from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. hosted each month at the home of one of our Newcomers. When you come, bring a drink of choice (Red wine option based on host rules) and an appetizer for twelve, to share.

This is a very popular event, so if you RSVP that you are attending and your plans change, please contact one of the Fermented Friday Committee Chairs so someone else may attend.

See the Newsletter each month for sign up information or contact the Fermented Friday Chairperson(s).

GIRLS' NIGHT (DAY) OUT

Selected activities and events will be scheduled on a monthly basis throughout the year. See the Newsletter for details.

GRASSCUTTERS (18 HOLE GOLF)

Tee it up with a varied and friendly group of men and women who enjoy the game of golf. "Grasscutters" offers weekly opportunities to play various local and nearby golf courses at reasonable rates.

Anyone interested in playing should contact ncgrasscutters@gmail.com. Golf outings are also posted on the Event Calendar on the Newcomers website.

LUNCH BUNCH

Join fellow Newcomers for lunch at a designated venue monthly, generally on the third Wednesday of every month. Details will appear in the Newsletter. We hope to see you there!

MAH JONGG

Currently we meet each Monday in the Boyd Library located at the Sandhills Community College from 12:30-4:00 p.m. except holidays when the college is closed. We are a friendly group and welcome all levels of play. If you are interested in learning the game, or just want to play, come join us any Monday.

SINGLES & SOLOS

A group designed to have fun and meet new people. Designed for all who are interested. You need not be 'single' to join us; we just ask that you do not sit with your spouse, and instead mingle with the other members. A variety of events are scheduled, but suggestions are always welcome.

If you would like to join us for our designated activities or if you have questions, please contact the Chairperson(s).

TAILGATERS

This group organizes events and activities around various sports. Social gatherings have celebrated the NFL Playoffs, Breakfast at the Pinehurst Track Restaurant and tour of the stables, the NCAA Men's Final Four Basketball, Kentucky Derby, Belmont Stakes, Durham Bulls baseball and a host of other activities. The purpose is to foster social interaction on the way to making new friends.

Contact the Tailgaters Chairperson(s) to be included in the Tailgaters mailing list and/or check the Newsletter for upcoming events.

TRAVEL CLUB

Travel Club emphasis is on exploring the many events, activities and interesting destinations around the area. We organize mostly day trips; however, we have had a few some overnight adventures across the beautiful state of North Carolina. Check the monthly Newsletter for details of our next outing. Please note that there are RSVP and cut-off dates. Seating may be limited so if you wish to attend one of these events, be sure to reserve your spot early.

For more information, contact the Travel Chairperson(s).

WINE TASTING

Are you interested in joining a wine tasting group? We put together groups of approximately 15 people who meet monthly to enjoy wines and each other's company. No wine expertise is required. Hosting duties are shared by members of the group. Each host opens their home and selects the wines. Members bring an appetizer and contribute to the cost of the wines (generally \$10 per person).

If you are a serious oenophile, we also offer a "high end" wine tasting group. This group is for people who are very knowledgeable about wines and want to share their experience with other wine aficionados.

If you are interested in either group, please contact the Wine Chairperson(s). Cheers!

The organization will refrain from using its meetings, activities, newsletter, website or other communications material to support, sponsor or in any other way advertise religious, political, business or special interest groups. This will include home-based businesses.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Village of Pinehurst	http://www.vopnc.org
The Pilot	http://www.thepilot.com
Moore Choices	https://www.moorechoices.net/
The Sway	https://itsthesway.com/
The Pines Times	http://www.thepinestimes.com
Our State Magazine	https://www.ourstate.com/
Only In Your State	https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/states/north-carolina/