

# The NEWCOMER

Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Newsletter



April 2005

April 18	Newcomers' Club Board Meeting	7:30 pm
April 22	Beer Tasting and Happy Hour	5:30-7:30 pm
May 14	Sand Day	Newcomers needed at 11:00 am
July 4	Fireworks	(Setup all day)

## *Next Newcomers' Event: Beer Tasting and 2-Hour Happy Hour*

**When:** Friday, April 22, 5:30-7:30 pm

**Where:** Home of Eva Kosztarab and Ken Kastner, 6327 Waterway Dr. (Please park on Fiddlers Green or Waterway Circle.)

**Cost:** \$8 per person for Newcomers' Club members, \$12 per person nonmembers  
(Join Newcomers for \$15/household and save big on this event!)

**Bring:** A light hors d'oeuvre to share

**RSVP:** Sam West, [toddnsam@earthlink.net](mailto:toddnsam@earthlink.net), or 703-256-8777.

The Newcomers' Club will provide beverages, and Ken will direct a beer tasting during the event.

## Chili cookoff a big draw

Eight judges ate their way through 23 chili dishes searching for a winner at the Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Chili competition on Sunday afternoon, February 27.

Matt and Suzanne Friedman of Waterway Drive were the logical hosts for the event. After all, they met at a chili cookoff a few years ago where, it is safe to say, Matt perfected his judging skills in several areas.

Over 80 neighbors and friends packed their house in search of new and exotic chili dishes. They were not disappointed. The "Best in Show" winner was Donna Black for her unique Central American Special – "Guadalajara Chili." This second-time winner soaked the chili beef overnight in aged, reserved Opalo Azul (Blue Opal) Tequila, a gift from her husband's (Curtis) Aunt Alva and Uncle Dutch who reside in Guadalajara, Mexico. In answer to the question "What is your secret ingredient?," Donna replied, "I can say each recipe of chili has a huge dose of love for the Lake Barcroft community and the wonderful people who live here." Ned Glatly won "Best in Show Runner Up" for his old school Tejas (Texas) Chili. The dangerous Amish Mafia Chili was voted "The Hottest Chili," winning Heather Thomas her certificate.

The most talked about dish was the Aztec Slow Roasted Duck Chili (Chili con Carne del Pato) that won Bryce Tugwell the honor of the "Best Nontraditional" chili.

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Donna Black (center) accepts the "Best in Show" trophy from Newcomers' Club President Lisa Levine (left) and Hospitality Chair Matt Friedman (right) for her "Guadalajara Chili." Below, Donna shares the limelight with category winners (L to R): Bryce Tugwell (Best Nontraditional Chili), Jerry Ellig (Most Creative Presentation), Heather Thomas (Hottest Chili), and Ned Glatly (Best in Show Runner Up).



## Chili cookoff (from p. 1)

Described as “exquisite” by one satisfied Barcrofter, the dish boasts “pulled duck meat,” cinnamon, chocolate, raspberries, and his freshly hand-ground chilies imported from the Santa Fe School of Cooking. Bryce, the son of Frank and Sandy, also of Waterway Drive, is an accomplished chef, who once worked as a professional chef while studying graphic arts at the Corcoran School of Art. His masterpiece took over 24 hours to prepare, beginning with boiling two ducks in wine for four hours. You can find the rest of the recipe on his website. (<http://www.fusestudios.com/footprints/project/cookbook/chile-con-carne-del-pato.asp>)

Jerry Ellig captured the “Most Creative Presentation” award for his Cincinnati Super Chili. His eye-catching display explained five different ways to serve up his dish, including ladling it over spaghetti. He was quick to point out that Cincinnati, Ohio is home to several major chili parlor chains, each with its own recipe – all variants of versions invented by Greek immigrants.

The “Also Ran” dishes were in themselves a treat, ranging from vegetarian choices through Shrimp and Black Bean and Buffalo Chili delights to a beef and red bean staple adapted from Wick Fowler’s winning recipe in the 1967 World Championship Chili Cookoff.

And last, but not least, Todd West, the community’s beer connoisseur extraordinaire, oversaw the bar which featured 27 different international flavors of beer. “Small unique breweries were represented, as were several strong ‘good European’ beers,” he said.

Newcomers’ Club President Lisa Levine thanked the old-timers for coming out to meet the newcomers and congratulated the judges -- Mike Stahl, Kelly Goldstein, Magda and Veronica Angulo, Matt and Suzanne Friedman, Sam and Todd West -- for their iron stomachs. --*Janet Kerley*



Judges Magda and Veronica Angulo assess the merits of a spicy entry.

## Newest Newcomers

Welcome to our new neighbors!

Liam and Susan Barron	6352 Cavalier Corr.
Douglas and Brandy Beekman	6411 Crosswoods Dr.
Mark and Dominique Cavich	6407 Crosswoods Dr.
Matthew and Melissa Fegurson	3710 Whispering Ln.
Ahmed Garma and Khadja Noury	6138 Beachway Dr.
Frank Lomax and Amy Rocklin	3407 Barger
Jose Marquina and Nolvía Salazar	3401 Greentree
Kevin and Teresa Robert	6314 Waterway Dr.

## Newcomers find Da Vinci Code at “Ides of March” dinner

About 35 Newcomers and neighbors turned out on March 15 for an “all you can eat” family spaghetti dinner at DaVinci’s Restaurant on Columbia Road. They feasted on spaghetti festooned with four different sauces: meat, marinara, alfredo, and marsala. Restaurant staff even served up a few portions of plain spaghetti for folks who weren’t feeling saucy. Thanks to Bill Wasylyk for arranging this fun evening.



Our camera lens could capture only part of the crowd that turned out for the Ides of March spaghetti dinner.

## Volunteers needed ...

To help with a number of upcoming community events that the Newcomers' Club either sponsors or traditionally supports with a crew to help out.

The club's signature project is delivery of gift baskets, loaded with both goodies and information about the community, to new neighbors. We still need volunteers to help stuff and deliver these baskets. To help, contact Christy Herz, [cfherz@cox.net](mailto:cfherz@cox.net), or 703-256-5533.

Major events include:

### Sand Day – May 14

This is a day of kids' games organized by kids. The Newcomers' Club helps out by furnishing hot dogs, "not dogs," dessert, and drinks for sale. Weenie roast coordinator: Lisa Levine, [llevine@elamail.com](mailto:llevine@elamail.com), or 703-642-0904.

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks – July 4

The Newcomers' Club traditionally turns out a contingent of volunteers to help set up – and set off! – the fireworks. Coordinator: Amon Nixon, 703-575-9404

### Labor Day Games – September 5

The Labor Day Games feature competitive events for the whole family, including swimming competitions, a fishing contest, and a variety of games for landlubbers as well. Coordinator: Joe Pisciotta, 703-914-1453.



### Newcomers' Barge Party – September 10



This year's Barge Party will celebrate the Newcomers' Club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Lake Barcroft. Partygoers enjoy cocktails and a sunset cruise around the lake, followed by dinner under the stars. Coordinator: Alison Oleson, [Alison@daisyevents.com](mailto:Alison@daisyevents.com), 703-941-1202.

### Holiday Gift Exchange – December 10

A traditional holiday party that includes the famous "gift stealing" game. A location and coordinator are still needed; if you can't volunteer yourself, volunteer your house!

To volunteer or find out more, contact Newcomers' President Lisa Levine at [llevine@elamail.com](mailto:llevine@elamail.com), or 703-642-0904.

### Next Newcomers' Board Meeting: April 18

Club President Lisa Levine will host the next Newcomers' Club board meeting at 3502 Stoneybrae Dr., 7:30 pm. All members of the Lake Barcroft community interested in helping with future Newcomers' events are welcome to attend!

### Newcomers' Board

<b>President:</b>	Lisa Levine	642-0904
<b>VP:</b>	Sam West	256-8777
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Anne Simon	750-0006
<b>Hospitality/Database</b>		
<b>Management:</b>	Matt Friedman	658-3169
<b>Membership:</b>	Christy Herz	256-5533
<b>Historian:</b>	Bill Wasylyk	671-3529
<b>Newsletter:</b>	Sandy Chiong & Jerry Ellig	941-4790

**Thanks, Larry!** Kudos to Larry Larson for his active role in developing and supporting the Newcomers Club database during the past year. Larry is stepping down from his position as database manager, and the Newcomers board wants to take this opportunity to thank Larry for sharing his technological skills with us.

### About the Newsletter...

We much prefer to distribute the newsletter by e-mail, so please let us know if you have an e-mail address. If you need to add or update your email address, please notify us at [lbnewcomers@yahoo.com](mailto:lbnewcomers@yahoo.com).

### Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Membership Form

Names of Household Members:

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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Falls Church, VA      Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a new membership?    Yes    No

New Member Move-in Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Dues for the fiscal year are \$15 per household, due on Sept. 1.

**Please send your Membership Form to Christy Herz,  
6538 Jay Miller Dr., Falls Church, VA 22041. Make  
checks payable to LB Newcomers.**