

The NEWCOMER

Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Newsletter



May-June 2005

June 13
June 18
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Newcomers Club Meeting
Dam Tour
Fireworks
Community BBQ and Beach Party
Labor Day Games

7:30 pm
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Setup all day
Starts in the afternoon
Volunteers Needed!

Nine Bottles of Beer on the Wall, Nine Bottles of Beer ...

A great time was had by all on April 22 at a beer tasting and happy hour sponsored by the LB Newcomers' Club and graciously hosted by Eva Kosztarab and Ken Kastner on Waterway Drive.

Even though it rained, we had a beautiful venue for tasting nine beers and nibbling on wonderful homemade appetizers and sweets brought by all the guests. The crowd of 35 sampled beers from all over the world and then rated them. The top three were Samuel Smith's Winter Ale, Fuller's ES (Extra Special Bitter) and Blue Moon Pale Ale. (See the full list below.) This event was a huge success, so be on the lookout for other happy hours or cocktail parties sponsored by the Newcomers' Club. If you are interested in hosting one of these events, please contact Samira West at toddnsam@earthlink.net, or show up at any of the Newcomers' Club's monthly meetings for additional information on any of the Newcomers' Club events. – *Samira West*

Beer Tasting Votes

48 - Samuel Smiths Winter Ale
36 - Fullers ESB (Extra Special Bitter)
32 - Blue Moon Pale Ale
31 - Spanish Peaks Black Dog Ale
30 - Toppers Hope Pocket Ale
30 - Whitbread Pale Ale
29 - John Courage Amber Ale
27 - Sierra Nevada Pale Ale
8 - Flying Dog Pale Ale

Newcomers' Club Meeting June 13

The next Newcomers' Club meeting is on Monday, June 13 at the home of Andrew Cambern, 6364 Lakeview Dr. (703-333-3003) All members of the Lake Barcroft community are welcome to come and help plan activities and events for the year!



Above: Todd West (left) and Ken Kastner (right) prepare to announce winners at the Newcomers' beer tasting and happy hour.

Left: Ken Kastner and Eva Kosztarab graciously served as hosts for the evening's festivities.

(Photos by Andrew Cambern.)

Lake Barcroft Dam Tour

Did you know the Lake Barcroft dam is nearly 60 feet thick at its base (that's about as thick as it is high) and is nearing its 100th birthday? Have you ever been curious about how our dam operates? Would you or your children like to see the inner workings up close? Then join the Newcomers' Club on Saturday June 18 anytime between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm for a grand tour of the Lake Barcroft dam. The Watershed Improvement District staff will conduct an "open house" while answering your questions and sharing lots of interesting details. Refreshments will be served. You can tour at your own pace, but plan on spending an hour or so to see all that is offered. Rain date will be Sunday, June 19 from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm. Please RSVP by calling 703-333-3003 or e-mail andrewcambern@mris.com. – *Andrew Cambern*



Amanda Infeld starts the sack race for the 8-12 year old category. (Photo by Andrew Cambern.)

Sand Day Features Newcomers' Brats

If you're puzzled by juxtaposition of this headline and photo, then you obviously missed Sand Day! The Newcomers' Club served up ten pounds of bratwursts (aka "brats") and more than 100 hot dogs as Lake Barcroft residents celebrated the annual spring beach event featuring games organized by kids for kids. The day's fun included a sack race (photo above), a sand castle contest, and a gold-digging contest. Before grilling, the brats were boiled in beer and onions, following former Newcomers' President Paul Imse's special Wisconsin recipe. Special thanks to our neighbors who handled the setup, selling, serving, and cooking under the direction of Lisa Levine: Andrew Cambern, Sandy Chiong, Jerry Ellig, Matt Friedman, Suzanne Friedman, Janet Kerley, Alison Oleson, Therese St. Hilliare, and Anne Simon.

Newest Newcomers

Welcome to our new neighbors!

Veronica and Magda Angulo	3406 Greentree Dr.
Joe and Amy Cunniffe	6123 Beachway Dr.
Alan and Frieda Dahl	3420 Mansfield Rd.
Dann and Ada Determan	3500 Pinetree Terr.
Duke and Susan Heinz	3511 Duff Dr.
Jeremy Panacheril and Marleen De Moor	6239 Lakeview Dr.

In memory of John Coldren ...

Most Newcomers know that John Coldren, husband of LBA Board Member and former Newcomers' Treasurer Carolyn Coldren, passed away earlier this year. John's friends on Greentree Drive have made a lovely garden with a plaque in his memory on Greentree Circle. His family has asked that contributions in his memory be sent to the Penn State Blue Band at Services Rd., University Park, PA 16802.

Volunteers Needed ...

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

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

Major events include:

July 4th Fireworks – July 4

The Newcomers' Club traditionally turns out a contingent of volunteers to help set up – and set off! – the fireworks. If you enjoy digging in the dirt and lighting things that blow up, this one's for you! Coordinator: Amon Nixson, 703-575-9404

Community BBQ and Family Beach Party: August 6 (Rain Date: August 7)

Mark your calendars and plan to join Lake Barcroft residents for a traditional beach party and BBQ at Beach 5, to include live bluegrass music and kids' activities. The entire family is welcome. Watch LakeLink and this newsletter for more details. You can be one of the first people to know the starting time if you serve on the planning committee! Contact Trish Gomersall, 703-941-3322.

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. About 40 people are needed to help set up, referee, and judge. Coordinator: Joe Pisciotta, 703-914-1453.



Newcomers' Barge Party – September 10



This year's Barge Party will celebrate the Newcomers' Club's 40th 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, 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, or 703-642-0904.

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Lake Barcroft Newcomers' Club Membership Form

Names of Household Members:

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.**