



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Q: How many members does Seacoast Newcomers Club have?**

A: The Seacoast Newcomers Club has over 250 members. While we are a large organization, members enjoy many activities in smaller groups through our Special Interest Groups (SIG).

**Q: Where are you located?**

A: Our members live on the New Hampshire Seacoast, southern coast of Maine or the northeast coast of Massachusetts, which we collectively call the Seacoast area. We don't have a home base, office, or even a PO box! Our meetings are mostly in member homes; but we may meet in restaurants or function rooms.

**Q: Who can join?**

A: Seacoast Newcomers Club welcomes all women who wish to expand their social and educational horizons whether they are new to the area or new to a different phase in life.

**Q: Do I need to be new to the area to join?**

A: No. We currently have a mix of members- some are new to the area, while others have lived in the Seacoast area for a few to several years.

**Q: What are the membership fees?**

A: Dues are \$30 for our club year of July 1 through June 30. For new members joining between January and June, dues are \$15. Membership dues give members access to the full content of our website, access to our smart phone APP and access to all our Special Interest Groups. Five dollars of every member's dues are donated to the club-designated charity.

**Q: Is there a membership term limit in the SNC?**

A: No, there is no limit. We know other Newcomers' groups limit membership terms; but we do not. We have members who have been part of our group for more than 15 years.

**Q: Do you have any paid roles?**

A: No, we are a member-run organization. Members volunteer to serve as board members and/or to lead our Special Interest Groups (SIG), etc.

**Q: Does the Club support any charitable organizations?**

A: Each year the Seacoast Newcomers Club selects a local, non-profit organization to support with a five-dollar contribution from each member's

dues. We also conduct fundraisers and wish list contributions throughout the year. This is a wonderful tradition of giving back to our communities that was established as part of our bylaws.

**Q: Tell me more about the Special Interest Groups.**

A: Our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are member-run groups that host a variety of activities and events, which may occur during the day, evenings or on weekends.

Here’s is a list of our current SIGs, which is grouped by category.

| <b>Category</b>  | <b>Special Interest Group (SIG)</b> |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Baking & Cooking | Cooking with an International Flair |
| Baking & Cooking | Culinary Capers                     |
| Beer & Wine      | Brew Pub Club*                      |
| Beer & Wine      | Wine Tasting*                       |
| Cards & Games    | American Mah Jongg                  |
| Cards & Games    | Bunco Monday Evening                |
| Cards & Games    | Canasta                             |
| Cards & Games    | Cribbage                            |
| Cards & Games    | Low Key Bridge                      |
| Cards & Games    | Stud Club*                          |
| Crafts           | Fabrics and Fibers                  |
| Dining Out       | Breakfast Buddies                   |
| Dining Out       | Let’s Do Lunch                      |
| Discussion Group | Book Club – A World of Stories      |
| Discussion Group | Travelogue*                         |
| Discussion Group | Women Talking                       |
| Fitness & Sports | Aerobic Walking                     |
| Fitness & Sports | Cross Country Skiing                |
| Fitness & Sports | Downhill Skiing                     |
| Fitness & Sports | Kayaking                            |
| Fitness & Sports | Walking Exeter                      |

*\*includes spouses and partners.*

A great feature of our SIGs is that members can join as many as they desire. By joining a SIG, members will be invited to the SIG events. They simply need to RSVP if they wish to attend. This flexibility allows members to manage their own level of participation in SNC.

**Q: Can members start new Special Interest Groups (SIGs)?**

A: Absolutely! That is how **all** SIGs happen. The "club" does not initiate or organize a SIG- all SIGs exist because of members' interest, participation, and enthusiasm.

**Q: Do you have activities that includes spouses and partners?**

A: Yes, some of our Special Interest Groups includes spouses and partners, which is a great way for them to meet new people and make new friends.

**Q: When was Seacoast Newcomers Club formed?**

A: The Seacoast Newcomers Club, a women's social group, was founded in 1970 as the Welcome Wagon Newcomers Club. In 1983, the club became the Seacoast Newcomers Club. In 2004, we received our 501(c)(7) designation.