



Dear Newcomers

On behalf of the new Board of Directors, I would like to say Thank You for entrusting us with guiding the Island Newcomers Club into 2021.

First to answer the most pressing question: Yes, there will continue to be a Newcomers club this year and next. We are busy making initial plans for Meet & Greets and for all other activities. Plans are obviously going to be fluid as virus guidelines evolve. Right now, we are planning as best as possible for Meet & Greets, adventures and other activities to be outside to allow us room to space. We have also booked the King & Prince for the holiday party in December but of course a final decision on this event will be made as we get closer to the date.

Now for the other important question: What about this shortened year we just had? Your new board has decided to change the club's calendar year to run January thru December. This means everyone is still a member until December 31. No additional dues for this year and your year of membership (1,2 or 3) stays the same until December 31. Any new members who join now will be counted as year "0" and will become 1st year members starting in January. We will change our official period of sign up for a new year to November / December. However, we will continue to accept new members and member renewals at any time. With this new calendar year, we will plan on activities all months including summer except for Meet & Greets. Each individual committee can decide if they want to skip any months or go all 12 months.

We have also reorganized the Board to keep 2 Vice Presidents but to change one VP to be Vice President of Sports & Activities. Dennis Smith has been assigned to fill this position. The committees that will report to this position will be Adopt-a-Highway, Book Club, Bowling, Bridge, Golf, Great Decisions, Island Buddies and Mahjong. We are also adding 2 new committees: Garden Club and Biking (casual, fun biking) which will also report to the VP of Sports & Activities. All other committees will continue to report to the Board.

Of interesting note, it has come to my attention that we have a Book Club that is filled with lawless agitators!! The Book Club?? I will leave it to y'all to find details but obviously there is more excitement to this club than I would have imagined--

Lastly, we will be sending a survey out to all members concerning demographics of our membership and your comfort levels of social activities. PLEASE respond as this will help the club plan activities and help us with our sponsors.

Again, Thank You to all members for being part of and making the Island Newcomers Club so much fun! You can always contact me via email at: president@islandnewcomers.org

Sincerely,
Gary Nikoukary, President
Island Newcomers Club, Inc., 2020 – 2021
