

# *Sandwich Newcomers & Neighbors*

**JANUARY 2020**

## *CO-Presidents' Message.*

Sunday past was an amazing football day. The lowly Dolphins out of Miami beat the mighty Patriots. But you might have missed that Brain Friedman's equally unheralded Jets from New York beat the highly respected Buffalo Bills. Go Brian!!

PLEASE NOTE: Membership has been good, increasing with about 10 new members over the last year or so and now with approximately 91 paid members. However, we will be losing a number of members over the next several months (moving away and the like). So, after discussion with the Board, we would like to ask our present members if they know of any folks they think might be a good fit with our group, and, if that's a "yes", then let's invite them in.

This month, Prentice Adler gives us a another terrific submission for our Memories section. Thank you, Prentice.

*Kit and Mike Sullivan*

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## **WINTER IN SANDWICH, CAPE COD**



**ON THE BAY IN TOWN NECK**



**THE DAN'L WEBSTER INN**

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 2020

### Tuesday JANUARY 14: LINE DANCING:

We'll meet at Cape Cod Brewery on Tuesday, January 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm to give it your best. The \$20 admission includes a beer or a glass of wine, and two hours of fun and exercise!



You can register in advance on their website (or pay at the door). Just drop Jean Dorcus an email at [jeandorcus2@gmail.com](mailto:jeandorcus2@gmail.com) so we'll know how many to expect and maybe arrange a carpool. This is offered on the second Tuesday of each month. Upcoming dates include Feb. 11 and Mar 10.



## BOOK CLUB

**Tuesday, January 14** at 1:00 pm the Book Group will meet at Lorraine Jablecki's home to discuss The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict.

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## Thursday, January 16, 7:00-10:00 pm: **GAME NIGHT!**

Home of Jeannie and Darryl Dodson-Edgars, 4 Volunteer Rd, East Sandwich

Join us for a spin-off of the wine social. We're adding GAMES! Bring a little something to share and your favorite beverage, and we'll break out into three game areas for Canadian Crakinole (similar to Carom, if you know that one), Cribbage (4 track), and Hand and Foot (similar to Canasta and Hearts). All games can seat four at a time and we'll rotate with snacks and chatting in between games. Rules will be provided and can be forwarded to anyone who wants them in advance.



Canadian Crakinole Gameboard



4 Track Cribbage



Hand and Foot

Please contact  
[jeandorcus2@gmail.com](mailto:jeandorcus2@gmail.com) or call  
her at 617-835-5527 to sign-up by  
January 10.



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, WINE SOCIAL, 7 P.M., AT DEBI AND ED COLLUPY'S HOME**



Debi and Ed Collupy will be hosting the January wine social on Saturday, January 25, at 7 p.m. at their home at 15 Scorton Marsh Road in East Sandwich. Please let Debi know if you will be attending and if you will be bringing either an appetizer or a dessert. You can reach Debi at [dcollupy@aol.com](mailto:dcollupy@aol.com) or at 919-656-5342.



Hope to see you there.

Anne Sayer, Wine Social Coordinator

## LAST MONTH'S EVENTS

### PRE-CAPE COD SYMPHONY HOLIDAY CONCERT GATHERING AT THE COLLUPY'S





*Line Dancing at the Cape Cod Brewery*



SNN CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY AT SANDWICH HOLLOWES









## GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING AT THE LUCK'S HOME

The smell of Ginger and spices filled the air in Marie's kitchen as we decorated gingerbread houses and sipped gingerbread martinis! The whimsical creations were a delightful sight, adding to the holiday spirit.



## NOTES

From Jean Dorcus: Have you missed an opportunity to host a gathering at your home? Or just love to have a crowd of very amiable friends?

\* We're interested in holding a game night (Bunco anyone?) in January. If you'd like to host, suggest a game or want details, please contact [jeandorcus2@gmail.com](mailto:jeandorcus2@gmail.com)

\* Gary and Marie Luck have offered to hold a Super Bowl Pre-Game Party on Sunday, February 2, 2020.

\* We are in need of a location for a Kentucky Derby Party - Saturday, May 2, 2020

The format for the host is same as Wine Socials. Members will provide food.

Email [jeandorcus2@gmail.com](mailto:jeandorcus2@gmail.com) for questions and details.

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### A NOTE FROM THE MEN OF POKER

SNN Men's Poker Group is still seeking new players

Games are evenings on Tuesdays, 7 pm to 11 pm

\$.25 - \$.50 bet limit, 3 raises per card

Texas Hold'em; Five Card and Seven Card Stud; high only or high low split, Omaha high - Low Split

No wild cards...

Friendly, Fun Game... members rotate hosting at homes

Contact: Henry Jablecki at 508 833-1077; or Jim Doherty at [gumperjg1@comcast.net](mailto:gumperjg1@comcast.net); or Wade Sayer at 774 413-5242






# THE SNN CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

# January

# 2020

## Sandwich Newcomers and Neighbors

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7 1-Book Club at Lorraine's House 7- Men's Poker at Pete's House	8 8-Men's Breakfast	9	10	11
12	13	14 6:30 Line Dancing at CCBeer Co	15	16 7-Game Night at Dodson-Edgars House	17	18
19	20 MLK Day	21 7- Men's Poker at Paul's House	22 8-Men's Breakfast	23	24	25 Wine Social at Collupy's 
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# MEMORIES

## SOAPBOX DERBY

I remember back in the day when toothpaste tubes were made of lead, people could smoke wherever they wanted, and water didn't come in plastic bottles. Growing up in upstate New York, far from heavy urban influence, life was very simple. Entertainment was do it yourself. There were never enough kids around to have a proper baseball game or any event that required more than a couple of people. Where I lived there was only one kid my age that lived within five miles from me. Jeff and I would hang out walking through cow pastures, hay fields and wading across creeks. Our best entertainment was chopping down trees and riding them down to the ground. One of us would climb the tree and the other would chop it down. We took turns. No one cared about the downed trees because it was on land that couldn't grow anything and cows couldn't safely graze. In the late winter of 1963, I found out about an event that was going to happen 25 miles away during the summer, the Soapbox Derby. I had a few summers experience building different wooden vehicles out of 20 year old baby carriages using the wheels, axels and anything else recyclable out of these worn out wrecks. My older brother and I would take apart the previous year's model, straighten the nails, and put together a new vehicle using new scrap wood and newfound wheels. We didn't know anything about buying nails or wood. The closest hardware store was 5 miles away and most of the farmers we knew only used old lumber for new projects. Farmers were the only people in the area that worked with their hands. We never hear the term "contractor". Everyone I knew did their own work or would help each other with projects. I remember before I was 10 years old helping dig for my neighbor's septic system. Different times. The Soapbox Derby sounded different. My mother took me to a meeting where I met other kids my age interested in the derby. They told us the rules and what to expect. We were told to find a sponsor to buy the wheels, axles and steering wheel for our project. What a concept; new stuff. The rules were; everyone uses the same wheels, axles, and steering wheel, we had to build the rest with only some assistance from our parents (fathers of course).

As I remember, the limit in expense for the rest of the stuff (wood) was \$25. There were even specs on the break style and size of the break shoe. The age limit was 15 years old. The last requirement was to show up on a certain Saturday in July with our completed projects with the sponsors name painted on the side. My father took me to the next town to the lumber yard after I told him that I needed lumber that I couldn't find by scrounging. We left the lumber yard with two sheets of plywood some 2x4's, a hinge for the break, and a box of screws. The design was up to me. There were less than 40 kids in the race so my odds at winning were slim. Therefore, the design was towards longevity rather than speed. After all, once the race was over, I had a cart for the rest of the summer. The only help I got from my father in the actual building was the placement and drilling of the one and only hole through the front axel. We owned one power tool at the time, a jig saw, that I used to make all of the cuts for the floor of the cart and the side



panels. I used house paint for the body and masked off the letters "WEST END SHELL" , my sponsor. Race day. We loaded up the cart into the station wagon. How thoughtful of the officials to make the axels short enough to enable transport in the everyday, pre-SUV, station wagon. It was a sunny Saturday in July and the officials had set up a racecourse on a very nicely sloped residential street. There were to be three carts per heat. When it was my turn, I sat in the cart without any nervousness. After all, at the end of the day I owned a semi-beautiful cart that I would be able to use the rest of the summer. I won the first heat , and then the second. Now I was interested in the competition. I was competing against other carts that were made so well and looked so nice it was obvious the owner's fathers were a lot more than consultants on the projects. I lost the third heat. I still felt good anyways. That evening there was a dinner for all who participated, and I made some good acquaintances . This was a time before Facebook and cell phones. The only way to keep in touch were letters, paper photos, and long distance calls. I wonder what those other guys are doing now.

Prentice Adler

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## Activities

**The Women's Daytime Book Club** meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00AM. New members are welcome. Coordinator is Patty Williams , ([mpatty3@comcast.net](mailto:mpatty3@comcast.net))

**Men's Poker Group** meets first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 PM . Coordinators are Paul Pronovost ([paulernest@comcast.net](mailto:paulernest@comcast.net)) and Henry Jablecki ([hljablecki@comcast.net](mailto:hljablecki@comcast.net))



**Girl's Night Out:** Ladies go to early movie, and then supper at local restaurant. Contact Anne Sayer, ([asayer3@gmail.com](mailto:asayer3@gmail.com))

**Special Events** (maybe with lunch or dinner): Contact Marie Luck with any of your ideas. ([mallucky@hotmail.com](mailto:mallucky@hotmail.com))



**Kayak Caucus:** Sliding Quietly through the Cape's bays, ponds, marshes and rivers. All levels of Kayaking welcome. Please email Coordinator Ed Houlihan at ([ebhouli@gmail.com](mailto:ebhouli@gmail.com)) to confirm you want to be included on the Kayak Caucus list. Please include your email address and the phone number where you can be reached on the day of the scheduled kayak trips.

**Biking:** Riding the pathways and the rail trails of the Cape, lunch at a local favorite. Patty Williams, Coordinator, ([mparty3@comcast.net](mailto:mparty3@comcast.net))

**Fishing:** Surf casting for blues and stripers in the bay or the canal. Welcome to beginners or experienced anglers. Seeking a new Coordinator.

**Guy's Get Together:** Guys meet for coffee-breakfast and discussion of issues, large and small. 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month at the Marshland Too . Coordinator: Wade Sayer, ([wsayer@aol.com](mailto:wsayer@aol.com)) or 774-413-5242 Next up: TBA by Wade. Stay tuned.

**Walking/Hiking Group:** Discover new walking trails in the streets and backroads of Sandwich. All levels of walkers welcome! So far, we have explored Shawme Pond, Boyden Farm Conservation, the Game Farm, Green Briar Nature Center, and

downtown Sandwich. Members who show up are encouraged to plan the next excursion. Currently we are walking at 9:30 am on Fridays, weather permitting. Emails to all members with planned routes are sent out weekly. Step away from that boring treadmill and enjoy the fun of socializing while exercising!

Coordinator Candice Murphy, contact Candice at [murphyrc6@comcast.net](mailto:murphyrc6@comcast.net)



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