

LH Water Volleyball Club  
By Candy Castro

Our club is starting off 2019 with a strong Steering Committee ready to work. New to the Steering Committee are Eric Crisp, Competitive Play Coordinator; Rosemary Elston, Communications Coordinator; Russ Palchak, Training Administrator; Kim Bovee, Social Activities Coordinator; and Ross Underwood, Webmaster. Candy Castro has switched over to Recreational Play Coordinator. The first meeting will be Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 PM in the media room at the OC. All water volleyball members are always invited to these monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month.

This month we are having evaluations/tryouts for the newly created Recreational Level 3C, with a competitive focus using the lightweight red ball, and Level 4, the first of three competitive levels playing with the firmer red-white-blue ball. Both tryouts require signups that end on January 7. Level 3 members need to stay on top of the emails and documents that explain dates and skills required. Questions can be directed to the club email.

We are very happy to feature our eldest member, Gene LaFauce, who is over 90 years' young. Gene has played with our club since the club formation (around 16 years) and is an amazing player. Yes, he gets to move up closer to the net to serve, but that is the only provision made for him. He's just remarkable with his unbelievably quick response time to the ball, pass receiving, and the pass to a nearby player. He makes plenty of hits as well. His strength and endurance is incredible. He wants to play as often as he can, which is 2-3 times a week. Gene's wife Bobbie played around 3 years in prior years.

Gene and Bobbie have been married over 18 years. They came to Lincoln Hills needing to "broaden their horizons." Between the both of them, they have 5 sons, 1 daughter, 15 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. Both of them lived some part of their childhood on farms out of state, but came to California for high school. Gene spent 4 years in the Army during WWII and was in the "500<sup>th</sup>" and stationed throughout the South Pacific. He attended San Francisco City College, became a photographer and owned a portrait studio. Bobbie was in food service.

A favorite vacation spot is Grand Canyon, where in 2006, they spent 8 days rafting. This cute couple has such a wonderful and positive outlook in life. They each had a great first marriage, and feel it is a miracle to have a second great marriage as well. Their basic philosophy is this- "Concentrate on what you have rather than what you don't have." Gene says the secret to a great marriage is that you should always put the other one first. Finally, he says live by the "golden rule."

To join our club please email [sclhwatervolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:sclhwatervolleyball@gmail.com). You will receive a call back to set up an orientation meeting with one of our volunteers. Our club website is [www.lhwatervolleyball.com](http://www.lhwatervolleyball.com).

See you in the water.