

LH Water Volleyball

By Candy Castro

Our Water Volleyball club is enjoying a nice influx of new members. Each new member receives an orientation session by Rhonda George. Newbies are introduced on a Saturday morning to the water by an assigned buddy or mentor. We pride ourselves in helping members become more confident each time they play. The mentors introduce the volleyball skillset, and provide an evaluation after the final mentoring session. The Recreational Subcommittee, led by Sandy Manildi, welcomes Brenda Fogg as our new mentor coordinator. With "Happy Harriet" Rogers ending her amazing three year mentoring leadership role, she passes the binder to Brenda who will continue helping our members. Behind the scenes is a very active subcommittee that meets regularly to handle recreational business, reports to the Steering Committee, recommends program improvements, and sponsors special nights of play. "Ladies only" night has become very popular on a few recent Tuesdays evenings.

The August events calendar

August 3, 9:00-11:00 AM Sand volleyball at William Jessup University sand court

August 7, and August 9, 6:20 PM William Jessup Ladies Volleyball teams come to LH to play water volleyball

August 12, 5:30-7:30 PM OC outdoor lap pool games.

August 28, 6:00-8:00 Training night

Competitive play ranking season is here, and new Level 4, Level 5, and Level 6 rosters will be determined. The ranking schedule is broken into four phases. Those members involved need to be on top of the deadlines and requirements, and understand the process laid out by the Steering Committee. Elaine Kalani, Competitive Coordinator, will be overseeing the process.

This month we are recognizing one of our long standing members, John Como. Playing water volleyball with John is a lot of fun. He lifts your spirits and exhibits outstanding sportsmanship. John's family left Michigan when he was an infant and moved to Southern California where he grew up. John graduated from Cal State Northridge and went on to obtain 3 teaching credentials: Elementary Education, Special Education, and Special Resource Education.

A wonderful attribute from teaching 35 years, both in Oxnard and Camino, is John's ability to tell a good story. Mid-career he moved up to Diamond Springs, near Placerville, and lived on 2 ½ acres. Even though John was still teaching in Camino and would have to commute, he relocated to Lincoln in 2001. He really liked Lincoln, a small town community. He quickly joined our club, because "it just looked like fun!" Back in 2001, our club was playing games at the OC indoor pool. John has always played competitive water volleyball. One of his passions is traveling leading John to get a new truck and trailer. He also enjoys his time-share in Tahoe. He has 1 daughter who lives with her family in Petaluma.

The website www.lhwatervolleyball.com has the latest events and information. We also have a whiteboard for announcements inside the KS pool. Those interested in joining our club can reach our volunteers by using our club email sclhwatervolleyball@gmail.com.

See you in the water!