

LH Water Volleyball

By Candy Castro

With springtime comes warmer days and enjoyable nights. The water at Kilaga is comfortable and our club is more popular than ever. New members are introduced to our club by our liaison volunteer Rhonda George. She is a very experienced water volleyball member and loves to meet new people and get them ready to play the sport. Rhonda's contact information is listed below. Please leave her a message so she can schedule a meeting with you. Also, you may send a message through our email: sclhwatervolleyball@gmail.com. Since our club is not a drop-in sport like other clubs, we require a brief orientation, \$20 fee, and a completed application. It's easy to join, and we arrange for a buddy to introduce you to the water. After your first day, a mentor will work with you and teach the basic volleyball skills. We take very good care of you. Don't hesitate to join our club. Our newest players are playing Saturday mornings, Tuesday evenings, or Wednesday evenings.

Training night, all levels, will be Tuesday, April 24 at 6:00 P.M. One person on our Steering Committee that everybody knows is our Training Administrator Mel Switzer. Mel's work ethic and volleyball skills are invaluable to our club. This man truly loves volleyball and has been playing since he was a teenager. With a degree in Recreation, he and his family have run, participated and refereed adult and youth volleyball leagues. He got the "taste" of water volleyball while "cruising." He looked for a retirement community that offered water volleyball. That's how our club got our gem of a trainer. Thank you, Mel, for your enthusiasm and hard work helping all of us become better at this great sport.

New to the Steering Committee this year is our Competitive Play Coordinator Elaine Kalani. Elaine oversees over 60 members who play at competitive Levels 4, 5, and 6. Twice a year she handles the ranking process, which we just wrapped up for spring. She is looking forward to a great vacation in France soon to see the French Open. Elaine has a love/hate relationship with golf, but it sounds like she's pretty good! She has 2 rescue dogs, Peaches and Katie. Katie was rescued from Hurricane Katrina. Elaine, a Level 6 player, is part of the competitive subcommittee that meets as needed handling player situations, sportsmanship, game improvements, and the reports required for the Steering Committee. Her fellow members are Duane Gomes, Gary Haight, Robert Forster, and Mel Switzer. Thank you jumping right in this year!

One of our first social events of 2018 will be the Spring Pot Luck at the Sports Pavilion on Sunday, May 6 from 5:00-8:00 P.M. More information will be posted closer to the date. We will play grass volleyball that day, so come prepared!

Please contact our new player liaison, Rhonda, at (907) 242-3161 for sign-up information. Check out our website: www.lhwatervolleyball.com for current information about our club.

See you in the water!