

LH Water Volleyball

By Candy Castro

What a great time to join our club. With warmer temperatures outside now, our sport, played at KS, is refreshing and gets you out of the sun. We have five days of the week that we play our games. Monday through Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Check our website for the breakdown of the times and levels of play. The new member orientation session is quick and each member goes home with a knowledge of club information. The club fee is \$20. When the newbie is ready to hit the water, a buddy will be assigned during a Saturday morning session. We have mentors available to assist in helping new members attain the water volleyball skillset. These valuable volunteers have been our greatest asset over the last couple of years.

A fun event is coming on Sunday, June 24 from 5:30-7:30 P.M. Our club will play outdoor volleyball in the OC lap pool. This was originally scheduled for June 10. Bring suntan lotion, a cap, and sunglasses to keep you comfortable.

Recreational Level 3 members are invited to attend training for competitive play on Tuesday, June 26 at 6:00 P.M. This is a great way to figure out if competitive play is for you. Evaluations for competitive Level 4 are July 10 and July 17. Watch for emails pertaining to the details.

This month we are recognizing one of our Recreational Level 2 ladies, Rita Wilks, who joined our club in 2008. Everyone knows Rita, who usually wears a cute pink headband. All year long she arrives to the pool ready to play hard. She is such a great server and contributor to the game. She plays every opportunity during the week. One of the first club members that she met in 2008 was Buzz, who complimented her on how well she played as a newbie. That really meant a lot to Rita. She played a short time with the competitive ball and decided that it wasn't for her. The recreational ball is easier to manage and lighter to the touch. She continues to enjoy the comradery in the water, and likes to keep in touch with her friends. She thinks that water volleyball is a great way to stay fit.

Rita came to LH in 2005 from the South Bay and wanted to be near her daughter who lives in Newcastle. Her friend recommended LH and told her about all of the great activities. She has three daughters, two sons, three grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Rita is a bowler, plays bunco, takes yoga class to stay strong, and belongs to the Single's club. Rita has many friends here in LH who think very highly of her.

The website www.lhwatervolleyball.com is updated regularly with the latest events and information. We also have a white board for announcements inside the KS pool. Those interested in joining our club can reach our recreational volunteers by using our club email sclhwatervolleyball@gmail.com.

See you in the water!