

Santa Barbara Newcomers Club
Newbie Mentor Program
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The Newbie Mentor Program is managed by Paula Ross (drpaula11@gmail.com).

Goal: To encourage Newbies to become assimilated into SBNC club life, making friends, attending events, joining committees and participating in activities to get the most out of the club.

Background:

We have observed that new members who become active in SBNC right away often have the most fulfilling experiences in the club during their 2 or 3 year membership. We have noticed that if Newbies don't become active in the club during their first three months, they can become more reluctant to join club activities and sadly, aren't able to enjoy all the club has to offer. By encouraging Newbies through the Newbie Mentor Program during their first 3 months, we hope to make it possible for everyone to make friends and have a lot of fun throughout their membership.

What a Mentor can do for a Newbie

Your mentor can help you do some or all of the following:

- " Understand how the club works
- " Suggest activities that might be most enjoyable for you, given your interests
- " Understand the website and club communications
- " Understand when and how to register for activities
- " Encourage you to attend as many events as possible: it's the best way to make friends quickly so that very soon, you too will know almost everyone in the room!
- " Attend some events with you
- " Introduce you to other Newcomers
- " Suggest other Newcomers who share similar interests or might have information you're looking for
- " Understand what the different committees do, and what are some of the different roles on each committee
- " Share with you the rewards of joining a committee, and helping you find the right committee to start with

Why is this important?

By joining Newcomers, you are making an investment in the social fabric of your life in Santa Barbara. This investment, when properly nourished, will sustain you and enrich your life for as many years as you spend here. It's worth the effort! Get started!

Get Started! To request a Mentor, contact Paula Ross, drpaula11@gmail.com.