

COVID-19 Status

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Welcome to Santa Barbara! Over the past year, we have all had to make adjustments. For several months, the Newcomers Club hosted only Zoom events, but starting in November 2020, our outdoor athletic activities (cycling, hiking, walking, golf) resumed. During the spring of 2021, we began offering some outdoor social events. **Over the next few months, we expect that our activities will gradually return to our pre-pandemic level as a majority of our members become vaccinated and as the level of infection in Santa Barbara decreases.**

Because our members did not enjoy the full range of activities for which we are known, the board of directors decided to extend all memberships. For those who joined prior to March 2020, 18 months was added to the term of their memberships. For those who joined after March 15, 2020, their two-year membership period will begin Sept. 15, 2021. In the meantime, all Newcomers may participate in club activities being hosted; the added time is a bonus to your membership.

Our monthly board meeting and our new member orientation are held the third Monday of each month and both are on the Zoom platform. Please see our calendar of events for information and to register to attend these.

We encourage all our members to get active on committees. This organization is run entirely by volunteers, and activities are developed and managed by committee members. Some of our committees have been dark for the past year and are looking for enthusiastic Newcomers to re-start them. Others are active and offer a means of meeting Newcomers who have similar interest to you. And, we are always open to starting up new committees that serve the interests of our members. **Please contact the Activity Vice Presidents or President if you would like to be introduced to a committee or would like to start a new one.**

And again, welcome to this very wonderful Santa Barbara! We look forward to meeting you!