

## July 2022 LC Newsletter

Hi Everyone,



We hope this newsletter finds you all well. The following information is to keep you informed of recent changes.

### New Member Classes:

- Will resume in Sept/Oct.

### Clubroom Clean-up/Covid:

- The club was closed down for a week mid July for the annual summer deep cleaning by the Rec Center.
- The room was completely treated for any viruses.
- The current health policy for members using the club room has not changed.
- **The Rec Center does require that anyone who tests positive for Covid not return to the club for 5 days from the date of testing.**
- When a member retests and has negative results and no symptoms, the member may return.



### Inventory/Supplies:

- Throughout the summer months designated members have been inventorying, purchasing and sorting leather and hardware necessary for projects.
- Under the new inventory process, it is not feasible to supply every item required for all projects.
- Some items may need to be purchased individually.
- The club officers have been working closely with **Roger Rinehart** (our inventory guru) to put together a guide which will be available this fall.
- The purpose of the guide is to clarify how one goes about purchasing supplies in the club, on line, or at a store, such as tandy.
- Please be aware, that due to supply chain issues, some products may not be available or may be on back order.
- In the future, If you have questions, please contact Roger.

### Leather Club Demonstration:

- The Rec Center hosted some club promotional opportunities this summer.
- We provided a leatherworking demonstration in June, which brought us 2 new members.
- The 2nd demo will be Wednesday, July 27th
  - **Place:** the library



- **Number of visiting participants:** 6-10 adults
- **Number of Volunteers needed:** 5
- **Time:** 10:00 to noon
- **Purpose:** to expose the community to our club and the craft of leatherworking
- Projects will be very simple (reminiscent of Happy Camp) such as key fobs, coasters, or something completed in about an hour.

## MONITORS/News:

- Each time a member monitors they place their name in the **red bucket** at the monitor station.
- **Every 3 months** a name is drawn from the bucket and that member receives a **\$25 gift certificate** to purchase anything in the club room for their projects.
- Currently, our lucky winner has been **Jo Keller** whose name was drawn

\* **The club requires each member to monitor a minimum of 5 times per calendar year.** For the months of April, May and June Jo Keller's name was drawn. Jo is a rather new member and has already monitored several times. Throughout the summer months with so many members traveling there is an additional need for monitors.



- **We still need monitors** (as always) Please sign up and do your part. Thank you!
  - The **monitor table has become the information center**
    - One can pay for items, sign up to monitor, sign in, and discover all the pertinent information needed at the monitor's station.
    - Hand sanitizer is also located there.
    - The **monitor seat** is located at the same set of tables, but away from those entering and leaving to provide **SD** (social distancing)
    - **Members must handle** all their own paperwork, payments, etc.
  - Please follow the same protocol as in years past, but do it yourself.

**THANK YOU!**

(FYI: Acquiring enough monitors in the past has always been a problem, but so far this year, our members have really stepped up to the plate. We would sincerely like to thank each and every one of you who has or plans to fulfill his/her monitor duties this year. When everyone does his/her part it is just so much easier, so thank you so very much.)

**Tandy:**

- The Tandy store has moved to a new location.
- 1524 West Bell Road, Phoenix. Phone#: 602-993-1740.
- Store hours are Monday thru Friday 9 - 6 and Saturday 10 - 4. Closed Sunday.
- They do not offer any club discount
- They do have some special programs to give you 10% off your order: These include Veterans, First Responders, and maybe some others. Check it out.
- **Members are now responsible for their own purchasing at Tandy**, so consider adding your name to their email list to follow their occasional sales.

### Sewing Machines:

- The two sewing machines are being regularly maintained by Dick Tiede who is responsible for the Juki, and Bruce LaFleur (aka. Sam) who is responsible for the Cobra.
- Please direct maintenance/operational questions to them.

### National Leather Craft Day:

- **Monday, August 15th**, this is a good time to pull out that leather project that you've been considering finishing over the summer.

### Tool Sharpening:



- Ted has spent many hours this summer sharpening the club tools.
- When using the punches, please:
  - **Always use a wooden block, poly board, or 2 thicknesses of pouno board** under your project when punching. (When the metal comes in contact with a hard surface such as granite it dulls the tools and breaks/mars the granite.)
- **A red bucket has been placed in the toolroom** for tools that are dull or need to be sharpened...please place those tools there and not back on the rack\*
- Also, any **tools that need repair** can be placed in the red bucket.



### Volunteers:

- **If you would like to volunteer**, we could certainly use some help with:
  - **Chartered Club Committee Meetings**
    - We would like someone to monitor the monthly Chartered Club Committee Meetings held at the Lecture Hall.
    - They can also be viewed online at: [YouTube.com/suncitywestaz](https://www.youtube.com/suncitywestaz).
    - Approx. 2 hours, they are usually held the **second Tuesday** of each month **at 1:30 pm** (although dates may vary).
    - There are no meetings during the summer months.
    - The volunteer would then report back to the club officers anything of interest

## Donations:



- **Recent** donations to the club library have supplied us with many new patterns. These are being incorporated into the existing library. The shelves have been reorganized a bit to hopefully make it easier for members to find new and interesting projects.

## Thursday Afternoon Video Learning Sessions:



- These sessions will resume again in the fall
- In the meantime:
  - The Board is working through the summer planning future learning sessions.
  - If any member has ideas of projects, topics, etc. they would like presented, please contact a board member.
  - Also, if you have watched any interesting videos regarding any aspect of leather carving, please send the link to Kyle or Ted.

## Website: <http://scwleathercarversclub.weebly.com/>

- The most recent videos for and from the club classes are now on the website. The headings for these are listed in red.
- There are also numerous videos covering different interests. Just go to the 'Items of interest' tab and click on videos in the drop-down menu.
- If you consider working on leather projects over the summer or refreshing your memory before fall, these videos might be of great interest.

## Reminders:



- **Official Club Hours:**
  - Monday - Friday
  - 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
  - Saturday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- **July:** the club is closed July 11th - 16th for deep cleaning.
- Sunday:
  - CLOSED

## General Mtg. Dates - 9:00 am clubroom

- **2022**
  - October 21st
  - December 9th



## Social Events - 2022



- **Pizza Party** - November 3rd - Kuentz
- **Christmas Party** - December 8th - Palm Ridge
- **Sundome Arts & Crafts Fair** - Friday, November 11th, March 10th 9:00 t 2:00, & November 10th, 2023

### Club Sign-In:

- As most of you know,  
When entering the club, please go to the computer and sign in using your rec card. You scan the card, then your picture should come up on the screen. Click on the yellow tab under your picture.
- If you remain in the club in the afternoon or return to the club in the afternoon, please sign in again. We were told to have everyone re-sign in when the club monitor changes.
- Actually, this is a great way to highlight just how much our clubroom is in use, so thank you for doing this.

### Just a Reminder:

- Please follow the protocols in place
  - Attendance is at your own risk!
  - If you are not feeling well, stay home!
  - If you are at the club and start feeling sick, let the Rec Office know and go home. This is so they can have additional cleaning performed.
  - If you are diagnosed with COVID-19 please call the club president. Again, this is just so additional cleaning can be performed. Your name will not be publicized.
  - And please follow the safety guidelines posted in the clubroom



As always, I hope this newsletter/email finds you all well and enjoying the summer weather, although I know some of you are sweltering).



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