

Hi Everyone,



We hope this newsletter finds you all well. The following information may help to keep you informed.

### Club Renewals:



- Kim is collecting membership renewal fees
- Renewal dues for 2022 are **\$15.00**
- Each member must fill out a [NEW renewal form](#). This will help not only our club but with all the changes coming down from the Rec Center, it is required.
- **I am attaching the new form** if you would like to download it and fill it in prior to coming to the club.
- You must put **your name EXACTLY the way it is on your rec card.**
- We need you to pay by check or cash. We are not able to take credit cards.
- The new REC CENTER SYSTEM officially went online on **January 1st.**
- We have a computer set up in the club so you can scan your rec cards. (Although, at present, it doesn't always recognize you.) To take care of this, we are still requiring 'sign in' on the regular form. Also, there is a sheet of paper next to the scanner so if you're not coming up as a Leather Club member or are having any other issues with the new scanner, please put your name on the paper so Kim can send it to the person in charge of the system. This way they can correct any problems.
- The computer is located right by the microwave.
- (FYI) You are required to carry your rec card while in the club.



### Membership Mtg:



- The General Mtg is on **March 25th** in the clubroom. Please try to be there. Remember, the earlier you get there you'll get the best seats and donuts! The mtg begins at **9:00 am.**
- Please be thinking about some ways you might be able to assist the club. We have some areas/jobs that really need to be shared and will be offering them to you at the upcoming meeting.

### Video Training Sessions:

- **March: Thursdays:** we are planning hands-on projects we can do together
- We really encourage you to let Ted [tcollmar@icloud.com](mailto:tcollmar@icloud.com) know what techniques you are interested in learning.



## Classes: (all begin at 1:00 pm)

- **New Member Classes:**

- **March: (Follow up classes)**

- **Tuesday, March 1st** - learning to use the basket weave tool, making your name tags
- **Tuesday, March 8th** - stamping & belt making

- **April: (New member Classes)**

- **The last classes until Fall will be held in April**
- They will be held each Tuesday afternoon
- Classes are run consecutively, building on the skills taught in the previous class.
- The **first class** will be held **Tuesday, April 5th**
- Follow-up classes (these are only for new members, sorry. Otherwise the classes are too crowded.)
  - **Tuesday, April 12th**
  - **Tuesday, April 19th**
  - **Tuesday, April 26th**
- Approximate time: 3 hrs
- Classes build upon each other
- If you have not paid to join the class, you must do so prior to the class. (Come early & we will take care of the paperwork)
- Initial cost is \$40.00. This includes 2022 dues, plus \$25.00 for classes, materials & use of tools.
- There is a refrigerator, so please feel free to bring snacks or drinks. We provide bottled water and coffee
- Payment must be cash or check, as we can't take credit cards
  - Classes consist of:
    - A short presentation of the clubroom and how it functions
    - The 7 basic carving tools, their use & function
    - A presentation of the club website
      - How to find it
      - How to navigate it
      - What it provides
- Please confirm your attendance as we have a waiting list. Thank you!

## Classes for all Members:

- **Sewing:** 1:00pm
  - **Monday, March 14th & April 11th for the Juki**
  - **Monday, March 21st & April 18th for the Cobra**

- You must sign up in advance. Only 3 members per class may participate.

- **Braiding:**(4 strand round braid & Turk's Head knot)

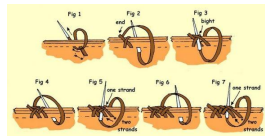
- Thursday, March 3rd
- Limited to 6 participants
- Bring a dowel about 12" long and with a diameter of at least ½" to 1" everything else will be provided
- Cost \$3 to cover materials
- Sign up sheet: located at the monitor station



This braid is used quite a lot for lanyards, keychains, dog leashes, bracelets, etc. The Turk's Head Knot is a decorative way to cover up string knots.

- **Lacing:**

- Thursday, March 10th
- Double Loop Lacing
- Limited to 10 participants
- Cost: \$5 to cover materials
- Sign up sheet: located at the monitor station



This class will also cover, how to space & punch holes as well as different types of chisels used for various types of lacing & methods.

### Tool Sharpening:

- Thursday, March 17th, 1:00 pm
  - Approximately 2 ½ hrs



- **John Farrand**, a long-time member of the club, will demonstrate as well as explain how to sharpen tools. This is a very important aspect of leather carving and an opportunity I'm sure you won't want to miss. (FYI, John sharpens all the club tools.)
- Please feel free to bring any tools that need sharpening or that you want to learn how to sharpen

(FYI: This class is tentative. As in the past, John could possibly have an unexpected commitment. If this should happen, we of course have plenty of videos on the subject to help you out. We do hope they will not be needed, as John is extremely knowledgeable.)

- **Lacing:** (Double Diamond Braid or Gaucho/Mexican Braid)

- Thursday, March 24th
- Limited to 6 participants
- Cost \$3 to cover materials

- Sign up sheet: located at the monitor station

This braid is used to hold two pieces of leather together. You can see it on the back of saddles or some of our members' tool cups.

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

- The most recent videos for and from the club classes being offered 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.

### Spring Fling:



- The Spring Fling was a huge success! There were approximately 70 guests and it appears they all had a grand time.
- Bill Anderson won the raffle 3 times and kindly turned down the last win so someone else could enjoy a win.
- Julee won the Gut Buster Grand, Bigger than Life, Famous Dave's meal for 2 gift card!! She said she may even take Kyle with her, (However, this may be your chance to see if you can change her mind.)
- And it is rumored that Patti & Mary were quite the dynamic duo in the kitchen.

We wish to thank [Mary Huber](#) for the wonderful job she did decorating and planning the Spring Fling, which as you know, was a great success. Planning a party for a large crowd is no easy task and Mary always does an outstanding job! Thank you Mary and also to all those who volunteered to help set up, take down, and serve.

### Relay For Life:



- The fundraiser our club participates annually and put on by the American Cancer Society was another huge success this year. Thanks to our members we surpassed our last year's goal of \$1,170.00 with a final total of **\$1,548.05!** Thank you so much to all you members whose generosity made this event such a success. Thank you also to Jay and Judy Sherwood for their tireless efforts planning and setting up this event.
- FYI: The Sun Cities Relay for Life Teams raised almost **\$71,000.00** this year!

### Reminders:



- **Official Club Hours:**
- Monday - Friday
- 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Saturday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Sunday:

- CLOSED

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

- **2022**
  - March 25th
  - October 21st
  - December 9th



**Social Events - 2022**

- Sundome Arts & Crafts Fair - March 11th - 9:00 t 2:00
- **Pizza Party** - April 21st - Kuentz
- **Pizza Party** - November 3rd - Kuentz
- **Christmas Party** - December 8th - Palm Ridge

**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 plan 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.)

**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 looking forward to a wonderful Spring.

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SEE THEM \*  
BUT YOU KNOW THEY'RE  
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