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and apply them to everyday life. Contact Mary Pat Morris, 512-869-8761 for more information on this and the Wise Women groups.

The **Qigong Exercise Group** will help you start of your day with enhanced energy. It meets each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8 a.m. in the Atrium.

The **Tai Chi Healing Movements Group** meets at 8 a.m. in the Jarrell/Walburg Rooms on April 5, 12 and 19 and in the Georgetown Room on April 26 to practice the gentle healing movements of Tai Chi.

Amateur Radio Society (SCARS)

Contact: Pace McDonald, SCARS president, h: 512-688-1459; c: 512-713-3222; suncityhams@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 5, 7 p.m., ACA

Radio: that's what we're all about.

Whether you're one of America's 770,000 FCC-licensed ham radio operators, a shortwave listener (SWL), AM/FM DX'er, kit-builder or just want to learn more, check us out! Join us at our:

- First Wednesday monthly club meetings (January-November)
- Second Monday 7 p.m. Monthly Radio Net on the club repeater
- Second Saturday radio direction-finding in-the-field "Fox Hunt" event
- Every Wednesday morning "tech-talk" coffee group at City Market
- "Open Shack" operating sessions

Members' Benefits: Unique 24/7 access to SCARS' new and fully equipped state-of-the-art "ham shack" with multi-mode HF/6m software-defined (SDR) transceivers and VHF/UHF rigs with D-Star, digital modes and more. New to Sun City? SCARS also maintains the 441.625 MHz. Sun City repeater (+ offset, pl tone 103.5) – open to any FCC-licensed amateur radio operator. Tune in and join in local QSO's (conversations).

Public Service: SCARS members are available to assist Sun City and the Georgetown Fire and Police Departments during emergencies and help with local and county special event communications

when additional radio resources are needed. When normal communication modes are down, ham radios still work and can contact outside resources – locally, regionally and worldwide. When all else fails, ham radio works.

Drop in! First Wednesday club meetings normally start at 6:30 p.m. with a meet and greet (eyeball QSO). The formal business meeting starts at 7 p.m., topped off by a radio/tech presentation.

Aviation

Saturday, April 8, 8:30 a.m., ACA

Contact: Sam Smith, maimasinc@aol.com, 562-676-5534

Become a member of one of Sun City's first chartered clubs. Aviation brings folks together to reminisce about days when they, their friends and their colleagues were more actively involved in the industry. All are invited to visit. Membership is not limited to pilots, but to anyone with an interest in aircraft, aviation history or the aviation community. Dues are \$12 a year. Members meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. for a social time of coffee and donut holes in the Atrium of the Activities Center.

Ballroom Dance

Contact: Pam Epstein at pjepstein49@gmail.com or 512-868-4498

Monthly Dance

"A Celebration of Spring Dance"

April 28, SCB

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Dancing to recorded music 7-10 p.m.

Members no charge, guests \$10

Beverages and snacks provided

Tea Dance

April 9, SCB

1:15-1:45 p.m. Social Time

1:45-3:45 p.m. Dance to recorded music

Refreshments served

Members \$3, Guests \$10

Social Dance

No Social Dance this month

Dances: The Ballroom Dance Club typically hosts two dances each month. Both dances feature a wide range of dances such as the foxtrot, waltz, rumba, cha-cha, East and West Coast swing, bolero, samba,

night club two step, tango and merengue. Four times a year the monthly dance features an orchestra (or band) with recorded music on the other dance evenings. Three of the dances with live music also are catered dinner dances.

Light refreshments are provided for the Tea Dance. You are encouraged to bring your own special teacup for the Tea Dance. We also host a "Social Dance" throughout the year where members can come to mingle, chat, drink wine and have refreshments while dancing in a very relaxed atmosphere.

Guests are very welcome to the dances – please come and dance with us!

The Ballroom Dance Club offers current club members a variety of dance classes at various levels – from beginning to advanced – on Monday and Tuesday evenings. For more information refer to the BDC website or contact Greg or Kathy Rhodes (co-chairs, Dance Instruction) at gkrhodes.2@suddenlink.net or 512-869-9218.

Membership is \$14 annually and covers admission to the recorded music monthly dances. Additional fees may be charged for monthly dances that feature live music.

Billiards

Billiards Center Hours

Weekdays: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Weekends: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Contact: Phillip Pensabene, 512-868-0103 or BilliardsClub@sctexas.org

Don't become an April fool, drop by the Billiards Center and play a game of pool.

The Billiards Center is open to all Sun City residents. Monday night is Social Billiards, a great opportunity for ladies, couples and beginners to play with no competitive pressure. Drop in and have some fun.

For club members, we have an 8-ball tournament every Wednesday at noon and a 9-ball tournament at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Members are also eligible for lessons, league play and periodic special billiard parties.

Our stereo system plays background music, the television shows financial news in the mornings and sports events other times. We are a wi-fi hotspot, too!

Creative Clay & China

Studio hours: MWF 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
TuTh 1-8 p.m.; SaSu 1-4 p.m.

Studio Telephone: 512-948-7664

Contact: President: Laurie Mankin
email: sctxcreativeclay@gmail.com

**Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 11,
10 a.m. in the Studio**

Come express your creativity with us! In our five-room studio, members create long-lasting, three-dimensional objects for both practical use and visual beauty. Equipment, tools, glazes, brushes and clay are sold to members at cost and dues are just \$12 a year.

The studio is open every day of the week. Members' creations are displayed in the windows of the studio as well as on the club website.

Come visit our studio behind the Fabric & Fiber Club and learn about ceramics, hand building, wheel throwing, and china painting. Monitors will gladly guide you on a short tour and tell you about upcoming classes. Enjoy fun and companionship in this friendly atmosphere.

Ceramics: Existing forms, such as plates, bowls, vases, animals, Christmas trees and Santa Clauses can be painted and glazed to your own design.

Hand Building: For those who like to sculpture from scratch, red or white and low- or high-fire clays are available. When completed, objects are fired in one of five resident kilns that are operated by experienced members. Beginners' classes are held frequently.

Wheel Throwing: Wheel throwing is a unique skill. Six potter's wheels are available and classes are held for both beginning and more experienced members.

China Painting: Create your own designs on china. One room and one kiln are designated for painted china objects, such as dishes and cups. Those interested contact Doris DeWitte, 512-869-1971.

Notice to Members: Workshop and class information is on our website. Be sure to check there for updated information.

Current Issues

Contact: President Larry Buxbaum, 612-237-8911 or larry.b@msn.com.

Mission: The Current Issues Club provides a nonpartisan environment where a respectful exchange of ideas among members promotes discussion and a deeper understanding of current issues.

Program – Check club website for the topic

Day: Friday, April 21

Time: 9:45 a.m. Check In: 10 a.m.;

Program: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Georgetown Room, CCAC

Topics: Suggestions for topics are submitted to the board from the SIG, program evaluations and members' emails. The Board presents four choices at the program for membership vote. Topics cover international, national, state and local issues.

Research: Volunteers serve on the Research Committee and present background information on the club website and at the monthly program.

Dues: 2016 dues are \$6. Please pay on the Sun City Texas website ticket system.

Discussion SIG: Members only. April 7, Walburg room, CCAC. Members participate in less formal, small group discussion(s) about topics affecting the world, nation, Texas, Georgetown and/or Sun City Texas. Members start arriving at 9 a.m. and can stay until 11:30 a.m.

Courtesy: Participants are required to observe the adopted Courtesy Guidelines. All points of view and political party affiliations are welcome.

Guests: Guests may attend the program. If time allows, guests may participate during the last 15 minutes. Join the club to participate in the discussions, attend the SIG meetings and gain access to the club's research.

Dance & Drill

Contact: President Linda Attaway,
512-868-8789 or lattaway@verizon.net

Sun City Georgettes:

Tuesdays, Texas Drive Fitness Center
..... 3 p.m.

Wednesdays, Activities Center Atrium
9:15-10:10 a.m. Instructors

10:15-11:40 a.m. Veterans' Class
11:45 a.m.-12:40 p.m. Freshman Class

We are an active group of ladies who love to dance and perform around the Georgetown and greater Austin area. Contact June Mueller @ 512-591-7618 or muellerj203@gmail.com.

Happy Feet Cloggers:

Beginner classes: Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Intermediate and Advanced classes: Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

All classes are held in the ACA. New members may join Clogger Beginner classes again in March 2018.

For information on classes, please contact Patricia Gee at 512-240-5955 or pgee@suddenlink.net.

Clogging is an excellent form of aerobic exercise for both men and women. Students learn clogging steps in the form of choreographed routines that reinforce class instruction and builds memory skills. No experience necessary.

The Cloggers perform at various Sun City functions and other venues in the Georgetown/Austin area throughout the year. Performing is optional.

Tap Dancing:

Wednesdays - Beginners/Review: 3 p.m.

Intermediate I: 1 p.m.

Intermediate II: 2 p.m.

Thursdays – Advanced: 4 p.m.

All classes held in the ACA. Contact Marijean Schindler at 512-869-4857 or marijeanschindler@gmail.com. Tapping is super exercise and fabulous fun! No experience necessary!

2nd Chance Jazz Dance:

Thursdays, Men, 1 p.m.; Beg./Int., 2 p.m.; Adv., 3 p.m., ACA. Contact Georgia Medler, georgiedave@suddenlink.net or 512-864-2131. Second Chance Jazz Dance offers the opportunity of fitness and fun as you learn dance steps. Students will learn choreographed jazz routines.

Dominoes & Table Games

Contact: President Ann Hood, 512-680-5412 or quiltdady@hoodclan.com

Our club participated in the Club Fair in January, during which there was active interest in our range of games

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– Sunday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Workshops - 1st and 5th Mondays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mary Bee Forbes, 1-815-979-1227.

Scrapbooking: 1st Friday, Saturday and Sunday and 3rd Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Kim Stout, 409-651-7513; Eglia Flores, 512-686-1898.

Sewing/Embellishment: Meetings – 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Workday, 2nd Monday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Carol Sheler, 512-819-1578.

Sit & Stitch: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Mondays, 9 a.m. to noon. 4th Mondays 9 a.m. to noon, Activity Center, Game Room 1/2. Sue Burchill 518-421-8801. All Rug Hookers welcome.

Spinning & Weaving: Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Judy Phillips, 512-943-9192.

Garden

Wednesday, April 12, 12:30 p.m. (social), 1 p.m. (meeting) CCF/G
Contact: Jodi Leirer, igetmail@suddenlink.net

April is time to improve our balance and stay strong so we might continue working in our yards while aging. Judy “JB” Baier, a trainer at our fitness centers, will demonstrate exercises to help us. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing, as we will exercise as a group.

Tickets are now on sale for the 2017 Sun City Garden Tour, taking place April 29 and 30. Come see seven wonderfully different local yards plus the horticulture gardens for \$12. You can purchase tickets online or at the Member Services Office. This is a great opportunity to find out what grows here and what we can do in our own back yards. Net proceeds are donated to local charities. See the Events section of this month’s Sun Rays for more information.

April Yard of the Month

Congratulations to Susan Gates at 409 Salt Creek Lane (N40). A photo of her wonderful yard is in the Around Sun City section of this month’s Sun Rays.

Hiking

Email us: suncityhiker@gmail.com

Spring is in the air, and what a great time it is for hiking. Join us for any of the more than 100 day hikes planned this year, as well as overnights and multi-day trips. We offer hikes ranging from 12 miles on rocky, hilly terrain to four miles on level trails. We also have four social events that are not to be missed. More than 50 trained hike leaders make each trek an exciting, fun-filled day followed by lunch at area restaurants. Local trails include Sun City, San Gabriel River trail and the Lake Georgetown Goodwater Loops. We also hike all over the Hill Country including Colorado Bend SP, Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, Inks Lake, Ladybird Lake, Mother Neff SP, Miller Spring Nature Center and more! Check out the hiking calendar on our website; call the hike leader to determine if it is a good hike for you. Hope to see you on the trail soon!

Horseshoes & Washers

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Courts

Contact: Tom Minor, 512-863-9811

Newly arrived homeowners have been joining our club, but we need more players. Long-time residents are missing out on fun and fellowship! Many of you have played horseshoes in parks and at family picnics, so what are you waiting for to join us? Our club maintains 10 well-kept courts, so come on down!

Horticulture/Sun City Organic Gardens

Monday, April 3, 1 p.m., CCF

Contact: President Steve Frye, Steve.Frye752@gmail.com

Nursery/Iris open every Thursday and Saturday from 9-11 a.m. We invite all SCTX residents to come by the gardens for a tour any Saturday morning (weather permitting) from 9-11 a.m.

If organic gardening interests you, look for the application on our website under Membership and Beds. Print and fill it out per the form’s instructions or contact Leslie Hart at yardie@suddenlink.net.

Club monthly meetings are on the first Monday of the month. You can always check the club’s calendar on the website

for the latest information.

Spring is always a busy time at Sun City Gardens as all our 265 garden beds change over from winter crops to vegetables that grow in warmer weather. Tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, squash, peppers, beans and potatoes are just a few of the many vegetables that are grown by our members. We can’t wait for that first taste of vine ripened tomatoes!

Bearded Iris: The Horticulture Club (HC) maintains 11 dedicated garden beds for the production of bearded iris. Cared for by iris-loving members, flowers are divided, potted and then sold throughout the year. Currently over 85 varieties are growing at the gardens with efforts aimed at increasing the reblooming iris inventory.

We will again be a part of the Sun City Garden Club Tour on April 29 and 30, so stop by and have a look at our operation.

Hunting & Fishing

Tuesday, April 4, 2 p.m., SCB

Contact: President Frank Sicola, 512-863-9808 or franksicola@verizon.net
Vice President Gary Massaglia, 512-363-8619 or garymassaglia@gmail.com

Meeting: Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 4 at 2 p.m. in the ballroom. The guest speaker will be Kaki Lanning, a club member speaking about Ladies Shooting.

Membership: Annual dues are \$12 per person; sign up and pay online through www.sctexas.org or at the Member Services Office.

Membership Director: John Pettitt, at 512-943-0618 or johnpettitt@suddenlink.net.

Fishing Director: Gary Goldfeder at 512-868-5419 or gagoldfeder@gmail.com.

Check out the club website for a list of planned fishing activities.

Hunting Director: Bernie Long at 512-943-0241 or fbctrustee@yahoo.com.

Leases and day hunts are available for dove and deer. High fence game preserve hunting and hog hunting are available year round.

Shooting Director: Phil Wright at pwright34@gmail.com or 907-947-1040.

Check out the club website for a list of

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month. All Line Dancers Club members are welcome to participate in the Pattern Dance sessions. Pattern dancing is done by couples, but is not limited to male and female partners. It utilizes many of the same steps employed in line dancing.

Mah Jongg

Wednesday and Saturday, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, 6:30 p.m. AC, GR 1/2/3

Contact: President Sharon Kyslowsky, skyslowsky@suddenlink.net

Come one, come all and join us in a game of Mah Jongg. The Sun City Texas Mah Jongg Club welcomes players of all skill levels. For those who want to learn the game, we have a great teacher, and our group consists of both social and tournament players. We have several tournaments and lunches throughout the year. Give us a try!

Men's Golf Association

email: sctxmga@gmail.com

Contact: President Jeff Morgan, jsmorgan815@gmail.com

The purpose of this association is to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship among its members while playing golf. Weekly tournaments are held each Wednesday. You do not need great golfing skills to become a member or to participate in any sponsored golfing event.

See the Golf section of the Sun Rays for monthly MGA news.

Nature

Tuesday, April 25, 2:30 p.m., SCB

Contact: Ed Wiley, president, 512-688-1071; ewiley@suddenlink.net

Bringing Nature to Your Yard and Garden

You want to attract birds and butterflies—what plants to use? What about feeders and bird baths? Nature Club member Martin Byhower will present a program on how to create a welcoming environment. Martin is a Texas Master Naturalist and is certified in Texas Native Plant Society Native Plant Landscaping Workshops.

Membership Dues for 2017 are \$12 and include the monthly program and pro-

grams and activities of all Special Interest Groups.

Special Interest Groups: See the club calendar on the website www.setxca.org>Clubs>Nature

Amphibians and Reptiles: Jim Christiansen, 512-868-3504.

Astronomy: Rick Wagoner, 512-943-0966. Meeting: April 24, 7 p.m., Cowan Creek Florence Room (CCF). Program by Blair Thompson, *Asteroids: What's Up There*.

Atmospheric Sciences: Gail Abend, gsabend@gmail.com. Program information via e-mail.

Birding: Ed Rozenburg, birded78@suddenlink.net, 512-869-7303. Martin Byhower, avotropic@sbcglobal.net. Meeting April 4, 2:30 p.m., AC MR 3/4. Topic and speaker TBA. Walks: April 6, Berry Creek; meet at LHPP at 7:30 a.m.; April 19, meet at LHPP 7:30 a.m. to carpool to Berry Springs Park.

Butterflies: Ed Rozenburg, birded78@suddenlink.net, 512-869-7303. No meeting. Walk on April 25. Details via email.

Native Plants: Art Gibson, 512-943-0173. Watch for emails.

Geology Group (formerly Rockhounds): Watch for emails.

FREE REPTILE REMOVAL: See page 5.

Oldies But Goodies Dance

Saturday, April 29, 7 p.m., SCB

Contact: Buck Linscott, 512-863-9856 or blinscott@suddenlink.net.

Do you remember listening and dancing to the music of the '50s, '60s and '70s? Well, that's what the Oldies but Goodies (OBG) Dance Club is all about: dancing and listening to the music of the Rock 'n' Roll era. If you enjoy and remember classic rock 'n' roll, Motown, golden oldies, sock hops, American Bandstand, Soul Train or cruising the boulevard listening to Wolfman Jack commanding the airwaves then you might want to be a part of the OBG Dance Club.

The OBG is where the "young at heart" dance to the music of the golden oldies. The club is open to all residents. The classic hits of the past will be featured in five dances scheduled throughout the year and performed by the very best

of area rock 'n' roll bands in the Social Center Ballroom. OBG dances for 2017 are scheduled on the following dates: April 29, July 15, Sept. 23 and Nov. 11.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dances start at 7 p.m. BYOB and snacks. Ice and water will be provided. Dues are \$10 per person and entitle the member to attend all OBG dances at no additional charge. Non-members and guests are welcome to attend any event at \$10 per person payable at the door. Period dress is recommended but not required.

Pet

Contact: Tom Olsen, 512-639-2085 or suncitypetclub@yahoo.com

Spring dog training classes start Saturday, April 8 and will run for seven weeks, ending in mid-May. We offer Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced level training classes. All classes are held here in Sun City. For more information or a class application, contact the Pet Club.

We have a very active Pet Partner Therapy Dog program. Our trained Therapy Dog teams visit local hospitals, adult living facilities, grammar schools, churches, etc. to offer comfort and companionship to many people in need. Contact the Pet Club for more information about this program.

SNAKE AVERSION PROGRAM

On Saturday, April 15 we will be offering our annual Snake Aversion program here in Sun City. This program helps teach your inquisitive dog to stay away from poisonous snakes. Advance registration is needed to attend this event. Contact the club for more information.

Training Tip: Do you know your dog's stress signals? It's one of the most important things you need to discover about your dog. Your dog has to use body language and actions to communicate to you what they are feeling. The Pet Club can help you discover what your dog is saying to you.

RV

Tuesday April 18, 11 a.m. SCB

Contact: Jim Crumbliss, 512-966-8521, rvclubpresident@gmail.com

The next meeting of the club will be a potluck meal on Tuesday, April 18 at 11 a.m. in the America/Texas/French Rooms in the Social Center Ballroom. The program will be a speaker from Alliance Collision Repair.

Trips planned for 2017 include the Philadelphia area in May and to Fredericksburg in December. More information about these trips and our 2017 meeting schedule is on our website.

The RV club brings together those residents of our active lifestyle community who also enjoy the RV lifestyle. The result is a great combination for friendship, travel and adventure. We currently number nearly 100 rigs of virtually every style and configuration. Having a rig is not required for membership. Some of our trips are at locations that also have cabins or motels nearby. Our members organize group RV trips to a wide variety of destinations throughout the year; they are listed on our website. We meet once a month except June, July and August when many of our members are away traveling. Interested residents can find membership and other information on the club website or from our contact above.

Self-Defense

Contact Fred Warman at fcwarman2006@gmail.com with questions.

The Self Defense (SD) Club's primary goal is to help our members develop:

- 1) A greater awareness of risks and related avoidance/escape techniques and
- 2) Effective defensive techniques when an encounter can't be avoided.

Members are taught easy-to-learn effective self-protection techniques:

- Club instructors are Sun City residents with extensive self-defense training.
- Techniques are tailored to accommodate the physical limitations of each individual.
- Training is non-combative with no significant physical contact.

- A portion of each class is devoted to practice with one or more partners.

- Membership dues are \$10 (\$5 July - December).

- Special training is offered to residents who are required to use a cane.

Classes are available at no charge to residents who face the challenges of Parkinson's Disease.

The next six-week training session will be held May 3 - June 7. Tickets/dues can be purchased via the CA ticketing system. Classes are held at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center on Wednesdays from 10 - 11 a.m. AND 11 a.m. - noon. Training fees are \$15 per six-week session (meet once per week). You must be a paid member of the Self Defense Club to attend classes. Please refer to the club's website for more details on training content and class schedules. **Join the club and bring a friend as a practice partner!**

Singers

Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 6:40-8:30 p.m., SCB

Contact: Erica Bushner, president, 512-943-0086, bushners@gmail.com

Music is in the air as the Sun City Singers continue to rehearse for the group's upcoming spring concert, *A Night on Broadway*, set for April 12 and 13 in the Social Center Ballroom at 7 p.m. Director Georgia Parmelee has put together a lively show featuring some of the best loved songs from the Broadway stage. If you are interested in singing with us, we have two more concerts for 2017. The next one will be our tribute to Old Glory and all things American just in time for Independence Day on July 3 in the ballroom at 11 a.m. Rehearsals for that concert will begin April 25, after our spring shows. After that concert, we will take a summer break and return for our Christmas concert planning in September. The Christmas concerts are set for December 6 and 7. We rehearse from 6:40-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the ballroom or a designated alternative site when there are scheduling conflicts at the CA. We are a dedicated bunch of singers so rehearsal attendance is important. Membership dues are \$10 and payable online at www.sctexas.org. For more information, visit the chartered club page

on the Sun City website or call President Erica Bushner at the above number or email address.

Mountain Dulcimer Players

Our benefit concert for The Caring Place raised a record \$3,300. Thank you to all who contributed.

We continue to share our music and fun at local nursing homes. It is a joy to play for these people, and adds meaning to our lives.

Practice is every Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to noon and every Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. in Rooms 3 and 4 of the Activities Center. You are welcome to visit. Please contact Jeanne Lubey for more information at 512-864-3459 or by email at jlubey@msn.com.

Social Bridge

Contact: Jeanne Walker, jeannewalker@suddenlink.net or 512-869-4958

We play four games per week in the Activities Center on Texas Drive. Bridge begins at noon; players should arrive at 11:45 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Room 1. Bridge takes place on Thursday in Room 3 and begins at 5:30 p.m.; players should arrive at 5:15 p.m.

Play News

- 2/27/17 Donna Moore and Lois McGehee bid and made 7D
3/1/17 Don Howard and Bob Wilson bid and made 7NT

Softball

(Senior Coed Slow Pitch)

Contact: Membership Director Tom Davis, 512-843-9465 or trdavis101@gmail.com

"You don't quit playing softball because you get old; you get old because you quit playing softball!"

We invite you to beautiful Del Webb Field to watch and/or play one of the few spectator sports in Sun City Texas! Come and have some fun! Our grandstand covers make watching games more comfortable and enjoyable. Early in the spring season, our sun porch is quite popular.

Our spring season began March 9 and will end in late May. Games are played on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. There are also regular practices and pick-up

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friendly group and are excited that more people are finding out how much fun we have. We hope the Beginner I and II clinics have been helpful. The feedback has been good. Remember, any CA member can play during community hours with a group of friends or family.

Balls and tables are in the closet of the Salado Room and paddles are in the basket. Please sign in and out of the log book in the Salado Room or the log book in the upstairs fitness room. This is critical in confirming the need for the hours we currently have on the schedule. Thanks for your help with this process! Also, please put all tables away if you are the last players in the room.

Don't forget the two tables in the Pavilion at Cowan Creek (if the Pavilion is not in use). Ask the Cowan monitor for the key, paddles and balls.

Tennis Association

Contact: Gene Gonin, 512-240-5096, gpgonin@yahoo.com

Tennis at Sun City Texas is for all playing schedules and all skill levels, whether you're just restarting tennis or an active USTA player. Join in and let's play some tennis!

To reserve a court with your friends, come to the ball draw at 5 p.m. two days in advance of your desired play date, or just show up and play on any available court. For even more fun, join us and take part in some of our many other activities.

Try Open Tennis, which features doubles with no partners, no levels and a friendly coordinator to get you started. Play Monday and Wednesday evenings at times posted on the court schedule on the bulletin board between courts 2 and 3. Just show up and have fun!

Join the Sun City Texas Tennis Association (SCTTA) and participate in our leagues (Women's, Men's and Mixed Doubles), tournaments (two weekend tournaments each year) tennis socials and various other activities.

Joining is simple. Visit www.sctexas.org and buy a membership or bring your check to the Member Services Office located in the Social Center at 2 Texas Drive.

Need more information? Call Dave Young, president, 512-864-2778, davemarge.young@gmail.com, who'll be happy to guide you through the process of engaging in tennis in Sun City.

Visual Arts

Tuesday, April 18, 11:30 a.m. CCF/G

Studio phone: 512-948-7661

Open Studio is Monday and Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Contact: Membership Chair Nancy McElwee at 512-639-3832

President Jo Bryan at jobryanartist@gmail.com

The Annual Membership Luncheon replaces the VAC meeting this month. New 2017 members will be honored with a luncheon provided by the general membership. All members are encouraged to come, get acquainted and enjoy the company of fellow artist. Sign up at the VAC studio.

Membership to the VAC is \$12 and may be paid on the Sun City Texas website under "Buy Tickets/Memberships" or at the Member Services Office. Registration and tickets for art classes and VAC events are also available on the website or at the Member Services Office. Prices for classes vary by instructor and length of class. Visit the VAC webpage on sctexas.org for additional information.

New classes for April include: *Beginning Oil Painting* with Lynn Dickey; *Landscape to Abstract* with Phillip Wade; *Drawing* with Lucy Oxberry; *Life Drawing* with Sally Doran; *Pastels* with Nancy Taylor; *Dogs in Watercolor* with Sherry Daeer; *Acrylic Abstracts* and *Watercolor Florals* with Nancy Brown.

Special Interest Groups (SIG's) meet on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as follows: Oriental Brush – April 1; the Painter's Group – April 8; the Collage Group – April 15, and the Alcohol Ink Group – April 22. The Professional Painters will meet on April 12 at 6 p.m. SIGs are free to members.

Paintings by VAC members are available for purchase. You may see them displayed throughout Sun City at the Activities Center, Cowan Creek, and the VAC studio. Work by featured artists is on display in the Social Center.

Women's Golf Association 9-Hole

Contact: Paula Elmers, pelmers1010@gmail.com

The WGA 9-Holers tee off on Tuesdays, alternating weekly play among all three Sun City golf courses. In addition, golfers are encouraged to attend our monthly general meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

See the Golf section of the Sun Rays for monthly WGA 9-Holers news.

Women's Golf Association 18-Hole

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Play days are every Tuesday, alternating between all three Sun City golf courses. Monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of every other month. Please check the Sun Rays' Golf section or visit our website for dates, locations and monthly WGA 18-Holers news. We welcome any new or returning ladies interested in 18 holes of fun, competitive golf! New members must contact membership representative Janice Marlow at marlow825@msn.com or 505-948-1005. We're looking forward to a successful year, so please come join us.

Women Helping Others

Monday, April 24, 1 p.m., SCB

Contact: Pam Gardner, 512-590-2435 or grandam@flash.net

WHO welcomes all residents. We are a cohesive group with a passion for caring, sharing and serving the extended community. Our mission is to support existing charitable organizations with time, donations and assistance while fostering camaraderie, fellowship and inclusion. We meet the fourth Monday of the month. The agenda includes a salad luncheon and a presentation from a nonprofit or public service organization, followed by our business meeting. The members bring either a salad or dessert to share, and make an optional \$10 donation at each meeting. Annual dues are \$10 and may be paid online or at the monthly meeting. Guests and prospective members are always welcome to join us. Please let us know you will be attending so that we can welcome you with a name tag and a place to sit. Our speaker