Sun City West Clubs Guide

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Sun City West has about 90 chartered clubs run under the Recreation Centers, plus 15 independent (non-chartered) groups. All descriptions below are written fresh from the facts on each club's pages.

- **Who can join:** chartered clubs are for residents with a current Rec Card; most let a member bring a guest, and many allow 2–5 trial visits before joining.
- **The four recreation centers:** RH Johnson, Kuentz, Beardsley and Palm Ridge. Most clubs meet or have their shop at one of these.
- **General questions:** Recreation Centers admin office, 19803 R.H. Johnson Blvd, 623-544-6120. The full directory is at scwclubs.com.
- **Blank cells** mean the club's pages didn't list that detail; dues and times change each season, so confirm before quoting them to a client.

Arts & Crafts

Twenty-two studio and craft clubs, most with fully equipped shops that members staff on a rotating "monitor" schedule.

Club	What it's about	Where / when	Dues & joining
Artistic Hand Lettering	Calligraphy and decorative lettering, with instructor-led workshops	Kuentz	
Basketeers	Basket weaving classes: Cherokee, pine-needle, and novelty shapes like wine and golf baskets	Kuentz	

Club	What it's about	Where / when	Dues & joining
Beaders Club	Beaded jewelry by stringing, wire wrap and stitching; technique classes and chances to sell work	Kuentz, KIVA Room; Mon 6–9 pm, Wed 10 am–4 pm	Members only
Ceramics West	Ceramics instruction and studio time for beginners through experienced	RH Johnson	
Clay Club	Pottery and clay work; welcomes everyone from first-timers to working artists	Beardsley	
Creative Stitchers	Needlepoint, cross stitch, Hardanger, silk-ribbon and Brazilian embroidery, punch needle, smocking, rug hooking	Kuentz, KIVA Room; Mon stitching 8 am–noon, classes 12:30–4	Drop in on a Monday; winter visitors welcome
Decorative Arts	Painting designs on objects with patterns and acrylics; no drawing skill needed	Kuentz	
Encore Needle & Craft	Knit, crochet, sew and quilt items that are all donated to charity (4,665 items in 2025)	Fri 8–11 am	Visitors need a Rec Card

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Glass Fusing & Enameling	Copper enameling, glass fusing and slumping	Beardsley	
Lapidary (R.H. Johnson)	Cutting and polishing stones, faceting gems, wire wrapping, making pendants, bolos and buckles; beginner and advanced classes	RH Johnson shop; 623-544-6055, johnsonlapidary@gmail.com	Members only (no guests); supplies at club prices; shop tours welcome
Leather Carvers	Leather carving, staining, airbrushing and machine sewing, with new-member classes	Kuentz; open weekdays in three shifts (8–12, 12–4, 4–8)	Monitor 4 times a year
Mac Cro Knit	Knitting, crochet, macramé and tatting; charity items for hospitals, veterans and first responders	Tue & Thu 8–11 am	Visitors need a Rec Card
Metal Club	7,000 sq ft shop: welding, lathes, milling, plasma cutting, foundry, knifemaking, powder coating	13849 W Camino del Sol; Mon–Fri 8–4; (623) 584-0150	No experience needed; tours offered
Palo Verde Patchers	Quilting guild that teaches, socializes and makes quilts for causes; nonprofit	Kuentz	Rec Card required

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Photography West	Camera club with computer lab, portrait studio, film/slide/VHS digitizing, competitions, outings and a mentee program	Lab at Beardsley (Mon–Thu 9–3 in season); Friday programs at Stardust Theatre; 623-544-6520	
Rip N Sew	Sewing room with Janome machines, sergers and an embroidery machine; classes and specialty groups	RH Johnson	
Scrapbooking, Papercrafts & More	Scrapbooks, card making, rubber stamping and origami	Beardsley	
SilverCraft West	Jewelry and metal pieces in silver, copper, brass and gold	RH Johnson; Mon–Fri 8–4, Sat 8–noon; 623-544-6141	Online application
Stained Glass Crafters	Stained, fused and slumped glass; shared tools, discounted supplies, craft fairs	Palm Ridge	
Sun West Art Club	Painting and drawing in oils, acrylics, watercolor and pencil; classes, open studio and yearly art shows	Kuentz	New-member orientation; scent-free studio

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Weavers West Guild	Floor and table loom weaving, spinning and fiber arts; has a yarn store and library	Kuentz; studio Mon–Fri 8–4	
Woodworking	Professionally equipped wood shop for furniture, gifts and decor	Kuentz	

Cards & Games

Nine game clubs, most charging $5–$10 a year plus a $1 table fee, with someone on hand to teach newcomers.

Club	What it's about	Where / when	Dues & joining
Bunco Club	Dice game with small cash prizes; members teach first-timers	Beardsley; Wed, check in 5:45, play 6 pm	$10/yr; $1 per night ($3 guests)
Card Players of SCW	Euchre, bid euchre, 500, Pan and Sheepshead under one club		Beginners welcome
Club 52 (Poker)	Texas Hold'em: low-limit cash games and no-limit tournaments; offers a poker school	Men's Club building card room, 13785 W Meeker; Tue & Thu, doors 4 pm	$10/yr + $1/night; Rec Card; open to women and men
Cribbage Club	Weekly cribbage nights	Kuentz, Room 3; Mon, sign-up 5 pm, play 5:30–9	
Mah Jongg	American-style Mah Jongg	Beardsley	

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Men's Club	Daily poker (Hold'em, Omaha, Stud), Tuesday bridge, double-deck pinochle, tournaments and monthly luncheons	13785 W Meeker; most games Mon–Sat mornings; 623-544-6150	Men of Sun City West
Pinochle Club	Single-deck pinochle with monthly tournaments and snacks before play	Beardsley	
Saturday Night Gamesters	Saturday evening poker, Mah Jongg, "triple" and other games, plus a couple of parties a year	Beardsley; arrive 4:30, games 5 pm	$10/yr; residents and invited guests
SCW Contract Bridge	Social rubber bridge with rotating partners; lessons available	Beardsley card rooms; Tue 11:30 sign-up (no partner needed), Mon 5:30 sign-up (bring a partner)	$5/yr per section + $1/session; basic bridge knowledge

Fitness & Dance

Nine clubs for staying active, from gentle warm-water therapy to rock 'n' roll dances, most costing $5–$27 a year.

Club	What it's about	Where / when	Dues & joining
Aquacizers	Head-to-toe water workout designed by a physical therapist; good for arthritis, joint replacements and recovery	Beardsley pool; Mon, Wed, Sat 9–10 am; scwaquacizers@gmail.com	$27/yr; Rec Card

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Arthritis Club	Volunteer-led warm-water stretching plus breakfasts, lunches and outings	Beardsley pool; Mon, Wed, Sat 7:55–8:40 am	Open to anyone; bring a suit and towel
Country Western Dance	Country western dancing		
Energetic Exercisers	Low-impact routine for balance, strength and range of motion using mats and PVC poles	RH Johnson Social Hall; Mon, Wed, Fri 7:30–8:15 am	$5/yr; just drop in
Fitness Club	Instructor-led classes: Zumba, Sculpt 45, deep-water workouts and a cardio dance class	RH Johnson Social Hall and Beardsley pool; schedule varies	Rec Card; class ticket required
Line Dancers	One of the largest line-dance clubs anywhere; also swing, cha-cha, two-step and waltz; no partner needed	RH Johnson; beginner workshops start the first Wednesday of each month	
Rock n Roll Dance Club	Dances to rock music of past decades, weekly dance exercise and couples lessons	RH Johnson	
Water Fitness	Self-paced shallow-water workouts set to music, about six days a week	Beardsley and Palm Ridge indoor pools, mornings and some evenings; scwwaterfitness@gmail.com	$15/yr; 5 free trial sessions

Club	What it's about	Where / when	Dues & joining
Yoga Club	Mat and chair yoga, stretch, Pilates, foam roller, tai chi and meditation at all levels	Beardsley Arts & Crafts Center yoga studio	$10/yr + $6 per class; first class free for residents

Golf

Every course has its own men's and women's league: women's groups play Tuesdays and men's groups play Wednesdays, and most let a prospect play 2–3 times as a guest first. The Golf Council seats a representative from each club and speaks for golfers to the Rec Centers.

Club	Course & format	Play day / time	Dues & joining
Deer Valley Men's	Deer Valley; weekly sweeps, monthly tournaments (scrambles, Yellow Ball) with lunch after	Wed; shotgun starts in season	Men with Rec Card; register through AGA (2027 window Oct 1–Dec 15)
Deer Valley Women's	Deer Valley; about 200 members; competitive or social membership	Tue	Handicap needed for competition
Desert Trails Men's	Desert Trails, an 18-hole executive course; yearly club championship	Wed	
Desert Trails Women's	Desert Trails; 18- and 9-hole groups, handicaps from single digits to 35; three luncheons a year	Tue	
Echo Mesa Men's	Echo Mesa executive course; tournaments and prizes	Wed	

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Echo Mesa Women's	Echo Mesa (par 60, lakes and wildlife); flighted tournaments, four luncheons a year	Tue	All skill levels
Grandview Men's	Grandview; about 260 members; club championship and President's Cup	Wed; morning and afternoon shotguns	$35/yr + $45 AGA; 3 guest rounds
Grandview Women's	Grandview; team play and league results	Tue	
Lady Putters	18-hole putting contest on the big practice green	Grandview; Wed, check in 8:15, start 9 am	$20/yr + $25 one-time + $4 per week; no experience needed
Men's 9ers	Competitive nine-hole golf	Stardust	
Men's Putting Club	Weekly putting competitions in flights by skill, about an hour, quarterly luncheons	Grandview practice green	5 free guest plays
Pebblebrook Men's	Pebblebrook regulation course; low gross/low net and monthly events	Wed	Residents
Pebblebrook Women's 18-Hole	Pebblebrook, one of SCW's first courses; new players get paired with a member	Tue	Try 3 Tuesdays as a guest
Pebblebrook Women's Niners	Nine holes, low-key, all skill levels; spring and fall fun tournaments	Pebblebrook; Tue, AM or PM	$20/yr + $10 badge + small weekly fees
Stardust Ladies	Stardust; 9- or 18-hole options, year-round	Tue mornings	

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Stardust Men's	Stardust executive course (par 60, opened 1979); no handicap required	Wed, year-round	3 guest visits; snowbirds welcome
Trail Ridge Men's	Trail Ridge championship course (Billy Casper design, water on 10 holes)	Wed	Join through AZgolf.com
Trail Ridge Women's	Trail Ridge; new partners each week, interclub play for low handicaps	Tue	Try 3 times first; snowbirds welcome

Hobbies & Interests

Ten clubs built around a shared interest, several with their own buildings, gardens or radio station.

Club	What it's about	Where / when	Dues & joining
Agriculture Club	Members rent vegetable garden plots and trade growing tips	17800 N 137th Dr; SCWagricultureclub@gmail.com	Ask the plot manager about open plots
Automotive Restoration	Hands-on shop for restoring vehicles; members teach each other	RH Johnson area	Rec Card; novices welcome

Club	What it's about	Where / when	Dues & joining
Broadcast Club (KSCW)	Runs the community radio station and internet stream, covering local events and groups	Building on Meeker Blvd near the library	501(c)(3)
Computers West	Tech classes, help desk and repair, plus groups for Windows, Apple, Linux, AI, genealogy, flight sim and cord-cutting	Palm Ridge, 13800 W Deer Valley Dr; Mon–Fri 8–4; (623) 214-1546	New-member orientation
Desert Garden Club	Greenhouse, labeled botanical garden and public plant sales; gave $35,000 to local charities in 2025	Beardsley courtyard; sales 1st Sat 8–noon and Thu 9–12 (Oct–May)	
Investment Club	Speakers and member talks on investing, taxes, insurance and estate documents; includes a coins & stamps group	RH Johnson and Palm Ridge	2 visits before joining
Model Railroad	N, HO and G-scale layouts; public welcome during open hours	RH Johnson clubhouse; G-scale at Beardsley Tue/Thu/Sat 9–noon in October; (623) 544-6148	$30 first year, $20 after; Rec Card

Club	What it's about	Where / when	Dues & joining
Rockhounds West	Rock and mineral collecting, geology and field trips around Arizona	RH Johnson	Membership form online
RV Club	RV caravans, rallies and trips since 1981, with a newsletter; linked to the Sun Cities RV Compound	RH Johnson	
Zymurgy	Home brewing and fermenting: beer, wine, mead, cider, with food pairings	RH Johnson	

Performing Arts

Five clubs that put on shows, most of them at the Stardust Theatre next to Kuentz.

Club	What it's about	Where / when	Dues & joining
DanceSensations	Dance classes (tap, jazz, hula, musical theatre, poms) plus Pilates and tai chi; spring and fall variety shows	Palm Ridge dance studio; classes Mon–Fri, most pause in summer; president@scwdancesensations.com	All levels; class punch cards

Club	What it's about	Where / when	Dues & joining
Karaoke Club	Nightclub-style karaoke with themed parties (Halloween "Scaryoke," holidays); chartered in 2000	RH Johnson Social Hall; Thu, social 5 pm, singing 5:30	Bring your own drinks
Music Club	Music appreciation and connecting with other music lovers	Kuentz	
Theatre West	Community theatre in its 43rd year: plays, musicals, auditions, and acting and directing classes	Stardust Theatre, 14401 W RH Johnson Blvd	Join or volunteer online. Fall shows: *Wild Women of Winedale* (opens Oct 21) and *Miracle on 34th St* (Nov 27–29)
Westernaires Chorus	Mixed chorus of about 90 voices, founded 1980 and one of SCW's oldest clubs	Rehearses at Kuentz; performs at Stardust Theatre	

Social

Seven clubs that are mostly about meeting people, a good fit for newcomers still finding their crowd.

Club	What it's about	Where / when	Dues & joining
Canine Companions	Dog owners' club that helped build SCW's two dog parks; monthly socials, park cleanups, a holiday pet parade and "Canine College" training classes	RH Johnson; monthly	Membership form online
LGBT Club	Social club for LGBT residents and allies, with privacy in mind	RH Johnson; scwlgbtclub@gmail.com	
SCW Boomers	Social club for baby boomers	Kuentz	Club website wasn't loading
Singles Club	Social group, not a dating club: parties, dinners, bowling, bocce, mini golf and pool parties	Beardsley, Sagebrush Room; 2nd Wed, 1 pm; SCWSG2025@gmail.com	$15/yr; Rec Card
Spanish Club (Club Español)	Spanish classes Oct–Apr, conversation groups, book group, fiestas and trips (Panama, March 2027); since 1980	Beardsley; SCWSpanishClub@gmail.com	Renew by Jan 15 each year; class sign-up opens Sept 15

Club	What it's about	Where / when	Dues & joining
Sunshine Animal Club	Education programs on animal welfare and issues	RH Johnson	
Women's Social Club	Cards, games, luncheons and social events for women	Kuentz	

Sports

Eleven sports clubs, from a 600-member bocce club to a softball program fielding 24–30 teams.

Club	What it's about	Where / when	Dues & joining
BASCW (Bowling)	Bowling leagues focused on fellowship and friendly competition	RH Johnson bowling center	
Bocce	About 600 members; competitive leagues most days and casual Open Bocce; accessible, low-impact sport	RH Johnson courts; season Oct–Apr; Open Bocce Mon & Wed 5 pm	Free beginner clinic Nov 7, 2026
Cyclists	Weekday group rides of about an hour at casual or faster paces, plus trips, socials and charity rides	Rides leave from Echo Mesa golf parking lot	Rec Card, bike, helmet, annual dues
Horseshoe & Cornhole	Coed horseshoe pitching and cornhole with a relaxed vibe	Beardsley	Newcomers invited to try a session

Club	What it's about	Where / when	Dues & joining
Lawn Bowling (RH Johnson)	Lawn bowls on four natural-grass greens with daily draws	RH Johnson	Free lessons and equipment for first-timers
Mini-Golfers	Weekly mini-golf rounds on challenging courses ("no windmills")	Thu: RH Johnson course 9 am (Oct–May), Beardsley 8 am (Jun–Sep)	$10/yr; come as a guest first
Pickleball	Pickleball for every skill level with varied play options	Palm Ridge and RH Johnson courts	Application on the club site
Racquetball / Whisperball / Badminton	Court sports plus socials and the spring "Swing Into Spring" tournament	RH Johnson	$15/yr
Softball	Slow-pitch leagues (recreational, 70+, women's, coed); games streamed on YouTube	Liberty Field next to Kuentz	$150 first year, $50 after (uniform included); newcomers evaluated by the "Green Team"
Sportsman's Club	Umbrella outdoor club: hiking, fishing, birding, shooting, horseback riding, skiing, motorcycles (Big Wheels/Easy Riders), masters swimming, travel	Various	Rec Card; sign up online or on paper
Tennis	Tennis, table tennis, platform tennis and red-ball tennis; drop-in round robins, tournaments, lessons and dances	RH Johnson and Kuentz courts	Residents

Non-chartered clubs

Fifteen independent groups that aren't run by the Recreation Centers, so a Rec Card isn't the gatekeeper.

Club	What it's about	Meets
Connections	Women's club for making friends and supporting local causes	
Friends of the R.H. Johnson Library	Volunteer support group for the community library, which opened in 1979	
Kiva West Duplicate Bridge Association	Duplicate bridge; will find a partner for newcomers	
Nebraska Club	Social club for anyone with a Nebraska connection	
Northwest Valley Democrats	Political club with monthly meetings and a club breakfast	Monthly
Rotary Club of Surprise & Sun City West	Rotary service club	
Sun Cities Saddle Club	Trail-riding social club, active for 45+ years	
Sun City West Republicans Club	Political club with regular meetings and events	
Sun City West Sunrise Lions Club	Community service club, active for 40+ years	1st & 3rd Thu, 8:30 am, PORA Building, 13815 Camino del Sol
Sun City West Witches Ride	Fundraiser: a fall parade of decorated bikes and golf carts, then a picnic in the park	Annual, fall
Valley of the Sun Ski Club	Affordable trips to western ski resorts	

Club	What it's about	Meets
Washington State Club	For former Washingtonians in SCW, Sun City, Sun City Grand and Corte Bella	
West Valley Astronomy Club	Stargazing and astrophotography for all levels	
Wisconsin Club	Social club for Wisconsin natives	
Women's Social Golf	Casual golf for fun on the executive courses, 9 or 18 holes, all abilities	Mon and/or Thu

Sources and gaps

Compiled October 12, 2026 from the SCW Clubs directory, each club's directory page, each club's own website, and the non-chartered clubs page.

- Some club websites couldn't be read: Westernaires, Music, Women's Social, Automotive Restoration, Rock n Roll, Country Western, Woodworking, Decorative Arts, Glass Fusing, Clay, Ceramics, Hand Lettering, Basketeers, Scrapbooking and Boomers. Their rows use only the directory listing.
- Where the directory page and a club's own site disagreed on a location, the club site was used.