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# CHARTERED CLUB BYLAWS

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## Sun City West Pinochle Club





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# Chartered Club Bylaws

## Article I - General

### Section A - Name of Organization

Sun City West Pinochle Club

### Section B - Purpose of Organization

The purpose of this club is to provide a facility to bring together members interested in playing pinochle on a regular and ongoing basis.

### Section C – Compliance with Recreation Centers of Sun City West, Inc.

These bylaws will fully comply with the Recreation Center of Sun City West, Inc. (Recreation Centers, the Association), Articles of Incorporation, Association Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, and Procedures (RR&Ps) for Chartered Clubs. In the event of a conflict between these bylaws and the above stated governing documents of the Recreation Centers, the Recreation Center's documents shall prevail.

### Section D – Chartered Club Operation as a Non-Profit Organization

This Chartered Club shall be operated exclusively as a non-profit organization in accordance with applicable Arizona and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Exempt Codes, and Association Bylaws.

## **Article II – Membership**

### **Section A – Membership**

Membership shall be open to individuals in good standing with the Recreation Centers. Club membership is only open to those issued a current Owner-Member Card, Associate Member Card or Tenant Activity Card (Recreation Card). Each Club Member has equal rights, responsibilities, and obligations.

### **Section B – Honorary and Lifetime Memberships**

Honorary and Lifetime Memberships are not allowed in Chartered Clubs.

### **Section C – Membership Reporting**

The Annual Membership Report (CR-15) must contain each Club Member's name and Recreation Card number as of December 31 and is to be submitted to the Recreation Manager by February 15 of the following year.

### **Section D – Membership Preconditions**

There shall be no precondition for membership other than as defined in Article II – Membership, Section A – Membership, above, nor will Club Members be required to join any local, national, state, or regionally affiliated organization.

### **Section E – Recreation Card Holder Guest/Visitor Privileges**

See the Rules, Regulations, and Procedures (RR&Ps) for the definition of a Guest/Visitor.

A Recreation Card Holder Guest/Visitor may attend a scheduled Club activity up to two (2) times annually before they are required to join the Chartered Club.

A Club Member may host an unlimited amount of different Recreation Card Holder Guest/Visitors annually.

### **Section F – Non-Recreation Card Holder Guest/Visitor Privileges**

See the Rules, Regulations, and Procedures (RR&Ps) for the definition of a Guest/Visitor.

A Non-Recreation Card Holder Guest/Visitor must be accompanied by a Club Member host at all times when in Club facilities.

A Non-Recreation Card Holder Guest/Visitor may attend a scheduled Club activity up to two (2) times annually. A Non-Recreation Card Holder Guest/Visitor is not eligible to become a Club member. Non-Recreation Card Holders may not be given more privileges than a Recreation Card Holder.

A Club Member may host an unlimited amount of different Non-Recreation Card Holder Guests/Visitors annually.



**Section G – Club Dues**

The dues for each member will be determined annually on the recommendation of the Club Board and approved by a majority vote of the Club Members attending the meeting after a quorum has been established (see Article V – Meetings, Section G – Voting and Quorum Requirements on page 12).

**Section H – Maintaining a Chartered Club**

Chartered Clubs must meet membership and membership participation requirements per the RR&Ps measured by Rec Center software and annual CR-15 Membership Report.

A Club Charter is dependent on club membership, membership participation of existing Club Charter.

**Section I – Club Monitoring**

Each club member is responsible for monitoring at club facilities per club bylaws.

## Article III – Code of Conduct

### Section A - Member conduct

Disciplinary action is necessary when members threaten the safety of themselves or others, are abusive, create turmoil, disruption, or dissension among Club members, Club, or the Association in general.

The Club Board (majority vote of 51%) must initiate and approve all disciplinary actions, with the member notified within five (5) business days of infraction. The infraction is to be documented in Club records by including a form CR-16 (Chartered Clubs Disciplinary Actions), with copies forwarded to the Recreation Manager and Chartered Clubs Committee Chairperson.

Refer to the RR&Ps for full disciplinary procedures.

### Section B – Commercial/Mass Production Prohibition – Not Applicable

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## Article IV – Officers

### Section A – Club Officers

The Club board must consist of four officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

### Section B – Club Officer Election

The Club Board shall be elected by a majority vote of those present at the Club's annual membership meeting after a quorum is established (see Article V – Meetings, Section G – Voting and Quorum Requirements on page 12). The elected officers shall serve **without** compensation. If appointed by the Club Board to fill a vacancy, the appointee must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Club's board.

### Section C – Club Officer Verification

Newly elected or appointed officers, shall, within fourteen (14) days of taking office, attest that they have read and understand the Rules, Regulations, and Procedures (RR&Ps) for Chartered Clubs by signing the CR-5 (New Club Officers and Rules, Regulations, and Procedures for Chartered Clubs Affirmation Report) and forward it to the office of the Recreation Manager.

### Section D – Responsibility to Submit Annual CR-15 Report

The Treasurer shall submit the Annual Membership Report (CR-15) for the year just ended to the Recreation Manager by February 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

### Section E – Officer Duties/Responsibilities, Term Lengths, Term Limits, and Duties

See Appendix B – on page 18 for Officer Duties and Responsibilities descriptions.

**Terms of Office:** Terms of office for each officer will be one (1) year from January 1 through December 31 of each year. Officers may be re-elected to succeed themselves.

### Section F – Filling a Board Vacancy

In the event that a Club Board vacancy occurs in an elective office during the term thereof, the Club Board shall appoint a club member for the office.

### Section G – Removal of Directors and Officers

Contact the Recreation Manager for information on this topic.

### Section H – Officer Succession

It is the responsibility of the Club President to educate the incoming president on Club bylaws including the Rules, Regulations, and Procedures information (which can be found online at [www.scwclubs.com](http://www.scwclubs.com)) onto their successor.

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## Article V – Meetings

### Section A – Club General Membership Meeting Frequency and Openness

There will be a minimum of three (3) general membership meetings conducted each calendar year. One of these meetings should be designated as the election meeting. All General Membership Meetings are to be open meetings.

### Section B – Club Business Currency and Board Meeting Openness

The Club's Board will meet as needed to ensure Club business is kept current and that Board Meetings are open.

### Section C - Provisions for Calling and Recording Meetings

Minutes will be taken by the Secretary to document all business sessions and approved by the Club President.

Meeting Minutes should be available to Club membership prior to the subsequent General Membership Meeting.

Minutes, as well as pertinent administrative records, will be retained for a period of three (3) years.

### Section D – Required Club Officers Meetings

Club officers (or their designated attendee) are required to attend Officers Meetings called by the Recreation Center. The purpose of these meetings is to update policies, clarify procedures, and discuss mutual concerns.

### Section E – Club Meeting Purpose

Membership meetings should not have as their primary purpose a social event.

### Section F – Special Meetings

For a grievance or reasonable cause, Club membership must present a petition signed by at least ten (10) percent of the Club members to require the Board to call a Special Membership Meeting. The Club Board must acknowledge receipt of the petition within two (2) business days of receipt of the petition and schedule the special meeting and notify Club members of the date, topic, and venue of the special meeting within three (3) business days of receipt of the petition. The special meeting must be held within ten (10) days of receipt of the petition.

The Club Board may call a special Membership Meeting. The Club Board must schedule the meeting and notify Club members of the date, topic, and venue within two (2) business days after announcing the special meeting. The special meeting must be held within ten (10) days of the meeting announcement.

An officer of the Board may call for a special meeting of the Board.

## Section G – Voting and Quorum Requirements

1. Club Board Meetings – A quorum is a simple majority of the Board.
2. Membership Meetings – Quorum Definitions

A quorum is the minimum attendance at a Club membership meeting necessary to conduct elections, approve bylaws, approve budget, or conduct Club business.

The required majority must be of those present at the meeting specifically called for such purpose.

A simple majority is required for all issues except bylaws.

To approve bylaws, a two-thirds (2/3) majority is required. A quorum shall be ten percent (10%) of the Club membership. However, a quorum for approving bylaws cannot be less than twenty (20) members. A Club could have an excess of one hundred (100) members at a meeting, but the top requirement is one hundred (100).

Voting may be done in person (voice vote or show of hands), by paper ballot, or any generally accepted other technologically assisted solutions and retained in Club records. There will be no proxy votes.

Reference Robert's Rules of Order for assistance in parliamentary provisions. Note that stated bylaws take precedence over Robert's Rules of Order (i.e., anything not stated in bylaws shall be referred to Robert's Rules of Order for parliamentary procedures).

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## Article VI – Financial

### Section A – Financial Record Retention

Financial Records shall be retained for a period of seven (7) years prior to current year.

### Section B – Spending Limits

The Club Board may authorize the Treasurer to disburse funds in support of Club activities in amounts not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Expenditures greater than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) must be approved by a vote of the general membership. Other expenditures of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or less can be paid by petty cash. The President and the Treasurer have the authority to sign checks for the club.

### Section C – Club Member Compensation

No member shall receive compensation or financial award from Club funds for contributions or service to the Club. The only exception is when a member has an independent contractor agreement reviewed by the Recreation Manager.

### Section D – Financial Record Audits

Financial records must be audited annually by individuals other than those elected to the Club Board. The results of the Report of Audit will be presented to the general membership and duly recorded in the applicable minutes of such meetings. A copy will be provided to the office of the Recreation Manager.

### Section E - Club Advertising

Any commercial advertising or flyers of Club activity must follow RR&Ps and Association policies.

### Section F - Contracts

Any contracts for instructors must meet RR&Ps Guidelines. Each contract must be renewed annually and a copy of each sent to the office of the Recreation Manager for review. (Refer to RR&Ps).

### Section G - Treasurer's Duties and Responsibilities

See **Error! Reference source not found.** role description in the Appendix B – on page 18.

## **Article VII – Committees**

### **Section A – Non-Permanent Committees and Chairpersons**

Committees and/or chairpersons may be elected or appointed by the Club board. Club Bylaws must state the election or appointment process to be used (see Article IV – Officers on page 10).

### **Section B – Permanent (Standing) Committees**

Permanent (standing) committees, at a minimum, will include a Safety and Audit Committee. Additional committees must be brought to a vote of the membership and so stated in Club Bylaws.

### **Section C – Ad Hoc Committees**

The Club President may appoint ad hoc committees with the approval of the Board.

### **Section D - Duties of the Safety Committee**

The duties of the safety Chairperson/Committee are to ensure that the rooms or areas dedicated to activities are clear of hazards. Any area of concern will be brought to the attention of the Facility Supervisor.

All incidents and/or accidents occurring in the Association's facilities (and those requiring medical attention) will be reported to the Association's facility supervisor within 24 hours using Rec Form CR-20, "Accident/Incident/Injury Report." Club monitors will be responsible for documenting pertinent details of an incident in the Club's Logs. Club officers will be responsible for submitting Form CR-20 to the facility supervisor who will forward it to the General Managers' office.

### **Section E – Audit Committee/Chairperson Duties and Responsibilities**

The Audit Chairperson/Committee (person(s) other than those elected to the Club Board) shall audit Club financial records on an annual basis. The results of the financials will be presented to the membership and recorded in applicable minutes of such meetings.

### **Section F - Other Committees and Their Duties**

Social Committee will help build social events for Club members, consisting of no more than two (2) events per calendar year where the Club is not charged for the use of room or space. The Club is not otherwise limited to the number of social events it may hold in a calendar year.

## **Article VIII – Amendments**

### **Section A – Amending These Bylaws**

This Club requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of membership at a meeting specifically called to amend the bylaws.

### **Section B – Amendment Review Requirements**

The Recreation Manager shall review the proposed amendments prior to the submittal to the Club membership.

### **Section C – Proposed Amendment Publication**

Proposed amendments shall be publicized to the membership at least one (1) month prior to the vote. All amendments must be voted upon and approved by a quorum of the membership (see Article V – Meetings, Section G – Voting and Quorum Requirements on page 12).

### **Section D – Revised Bylaws Review Requirement**

A complete revised set of the Club’s bylaws will be submitted to the Recreation Manager for final review. The amended bylaws require the approval of General Manager prior to implementation. The results and dates of the membership vote shall be duly noted on the submitted document.



## Article IX – Dissolution

### Section A – Clubs with an IRS Tax Status Other than 501(c)(3)

Upon the winding up and dissolution of this Club, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the Club, the remaining assets shall be turned over to the Recreation Centers. SCW Pinochle Club has an IRS Tax Status of 501(c)(7)

## Appendix A – Club Officer Role Descriptions

**President:** The President will preside over all meetings of the organization for various activities of the organization, make other appointments as required and may designate responsibility for various activities of the organization as may occur.

**Vice President:** The Vice-President will assume the direction of the Club in absence of the President. The Vice-President will assist the President in all functions of the Club and shall preform all duties assigned by the President.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall have the duty of keeping records of club meetings and shall be the custodian of all records while in office. All records will be retained for three (3) years.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining a petty cash fund and records on a calendar basis. Records will be retained for seven (7) years. Treasurer is responsible for turning in the CR-7 and CR-15. Both are due February 15<sup>th</sup>. Executive Board shall submit nominees for office to the membership for their approval annually in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

## **Appendix B –Bylaws Amendments**

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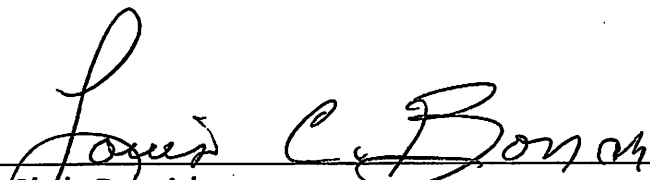
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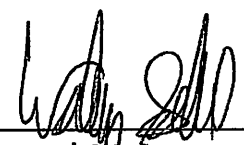
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Club President

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