

# **SUN CITY WEST METAL CLUB**

## **General Membership Update – October 5, 2020**

**TO: SCW Metal Club Members**

The Metal Club Board met on October 3, 2020 and issued the following updates. This membership update will serve in place of our October General Membership Meeting which was canceled by the Rec Center.

1. The Club is open to Members Only from Monday – Friday, 8am – 4pm. We received questions from members regarding the weekend shop closure. The Rec Center has closed all Chartered Club facilities on weekends to limit Covid-19 exposure. As future changes develop, we will keep you posted. Thank you for your cooperation with these changing situations.
2. The club is not accepting work orders, repairs, art sales off the walls, or shop tours for guests or visitors to limit contact with the public until further notice.
3. The Treasurer's Report will be posted on the club bulletin board. Questions can be directed to James Chitwood.
4. The General Membership voting by email for the proposed Welding Machine purchases has been approved: **282 YES** votes; **1 NO** vote. Thank you to all who voted and shared your comments during this process.
5. Based upon this approval, one of the new welding machines has been purchased and delivered. It is a combination MIG/TIG/Stick Welder with a computer panel to make transitions between welding modes very easy. Plans are moving forward for the trade-in of the old welding machines as part of the purchase of the new Lincoln Welder. Questions can be directed to Lee Schwartz.
6. The Blaze and Laguna plasma cutting machines are operating very well; members are using both SheetCam and VCarve to cut their patterns. Members returning to the club after the summer break must see the following members to re-certify on these machines; Blaze – see Ken Weaver; Laguna – see Joe Faraone.
7. A committee has been formed to review and update the Blaze/Laguna cutting policy, sign-up process, etc. Rod Flack, Don Mellum, Ron Curcio and others will be working on this policy review. Feedback can be directed to this group.
8. Facility Update: Maricopa County surveyors were at the Metal Club recently to plot lot lines, etc., for the planned building changes. We will share further info as it becomes available.

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9. Membership dues renewals for 2021 will begin on November 1<sup>st</sup>. More info will be shared in the next few weeks.
10. The Board has **waived the 24-visit locker renewal requirement for this year only** due to the Covid-19 shop closures.
11. We have received feedback from Class Instructors that many are reluctant to begin teaching classes at this time. Classes are on hold until further notice.
12. Our inventory of mailboxes has been depleted. A small team is cutting mailbox parts over the next several weeks. Questions can be directed to Tom Griesel or Alan Green.
13. All inquiries about mailboxes for purchase, installations, lock sets, metal inserts, etc., should be directed via email to 'mailboxes@scwmetalclub.com' for further assistance. We are no longer using Mailbox forms at the Monitor Desk.
14. Board Election: Nominations are now being accepted for Board positions for 2021. The next Board term begins on January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 (15-months) on a special exception basis this year. Interested members may sign the Nomination Sheet posted on the club bulletin board or submit their nomination via email to 'info@scwmetalclub.com'.  
**Nominations close on Friday, November 6, 2020 at 4pm.** Questions can be directed to Rod Flack.
15. As a reminder, the November & December General Membership Meetings have been canceled due to Rec Center restrictions on the use of these facilities where we normally hold our meetings.
16. The Metal Club Holiday Craft Fair held in the club parking lot in December has been canceled; the Holiday Luncheon has also been canceled. The Rec Center's Fall Craft Fair has also been canceled.

We realize this is a lot of information to share with you without meeting together in person. Board members are always available to answer your questions and concerns as we work through these challenging times.

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Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.  
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Submitted by Wendi Boos, Secretary  
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