

# **Sun City Cycling Club 2022 Newsletter Volume 8 September 12, 2022**

**Annual Membership dues are due October 1, 2022.  
Bad News/Good News**

**Bad news is the SCCC Board voted to raise the dues to \$30 beginning October 1, 2022.**

**Good news is the SCCC Board Voted to discount the dues by \$10 when you complete one of the following free online safety courses before you renew. This supports a major part of our club Mission “ ...to provide and promote safe bicycling events and activities for the Sun City, AZ residents and neighbors, provide opportunities to enjoy the comradery of group bicycling activities while teaching safe bicycling skills and techniques....”**

**The board also voted that taking the online safety class is a requirement for new members.**

## **Approved Online Safety Classes**

The following information is where you can find the online safety class requirements. Take either Cycling Savvy or League of American Bicyclists Smart Cycling, but not both; however, taking both would be good.

Both organizations require you to register and set up a free account.

Any problems or do not have access to computer please contact me:

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A. League of American Bicyclists Smart Cycling link to online course: (five components)

1. <https://learn.bikeleague.org/smart-cycling-3>
2. Required: Basic
3. Recommended:
  - a. Intermediate
  - b. Advanced
  - c. Tips for Older Adults
  - d. Exam

B. Cycling Savvy Link to online courses:

1. <https://cyclingsavvy.org/online-bicycle-education/>
2. Required: Essentials Short Course and Club Rider Essentials
3. Recommended: (cost involved): CyclingSavvy Basics
- 4.

**The membership renewal forms will be emailed to you in the next few days with the link and instructions for taking the safety classes.**

## Other Items of Interest:

1. **Nomination Committee Chairman:** Phil Davis has accepted the position. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact him to see if any positions are still available.  
The committee duties are to nominate candidates for offices up for election in December 2022. Officers up for election this year are the Chairman, Treasurer, and the At Large Board Member. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please let Phil know.
2. **Calendar Events:** Upcoming Sun City Cycling Events to be added to calendar.
  - A. **First Thursday Rides** start again in October. (Note, usually the regular Thursday ride also runs as a Show & Go event from Sundial.)
    - i. **October 6, 2022- John Patrou - Ride the Greenbelt**
    - ii. **November 3, 2022-Kent Coburn- Cave Creek Breakfast Stop Ride**
    - iii. **December 1, 2022-Warren Smock- Details to Follow (DTF)**
    - iv. **January 5, 2022 DTF**
    - v. **February 2, 2022 DTF**
  - B. **Special Events:** (Subject to Change, watch the website calendar and Facebook.)
    - vi. November 11 & 12, 2022. Tucson Swap Meet Overnighter, DTF
    - vii. November 25, 2022. Opt Outside Black Friday Century, DTF.
    - viii. December 1, 2022. Annual Meeting and election, DTF.
    - ix. November 25, 2022. Opt. Outside Black Friday Century, DTF.
    - x. December 9, 2022. Annual SCCC Members Christmas Party and Pitch-in, DTF.
    - xi. December 16, 2022. Tour de Sun City Christmas Lights, DTF
3. **12 Hour Challenge Lost and Found.** Very nice Bell lantern was left. If it is yours, please contact me. [Warsmockren@hotmail.com](mailto:Warsmockren@hotmail.com)
4. **Web site note.** Make sure you refresh each page, for me that is F5. At least on my computer if I don't, I do not get the latest updates.
5. **Other Events.** Upcoming non-Sun City Cycling Events you might be interested in and maybe get a group to go.

- A. September 21, 2022. Tour de Acoma. A very nice event in NM. Check it out.
- B. October 1, 2022. The Sky Island Tour  
<https://skyislandtour.com/> This scenic one-day bicycle tour is in Cochise County, Arizona. The Sky Islands are known in the Southwest as mountain ranges surrounded by radically different lowland environments. All Sky Island Tour rides are a loop, beginning and ending at the **Mall at Sierra Vista**, 2600 El Mercado Loop, Sierra Vista, AZ. I have not done this tour so cannot offer an opinion. I have ridden in the area and it is nice bicycling.
- C. October 1, 2022. Pedal the Petrified. Another great event; note they have a limit on number of riders, so check it out quickly. Sandy and I have done this event and would recommend it. <https://www.npc.edu/pedal4scholarships>
- D. October 2, 2022. Cycle Avondale, many of us have done this ride. I have arranged for a registration discount code: SCCC2022. I've added the \$10.00 discount code to start now and continue until Sunday, 9/25/2022 at 11:59 PM. The registration website is [www.AvondaleAZ.gov/Rec](http://www.AvondaleAZ.gov/Rec) On the left you can search cycle and Cycle Avondale will come up. Once you create an account, you won't have to make one every year, just log in and sign up for this year again.  
<https://www.avondaleaz.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation/events/cycidele-avondale#ad-image-1> One final note, in past years I have found the registration process is not the smoothest, but you'll figure it out and make it work.
- E. October 15 & 16, 2022. The Gila Monster Loop Challenge or sometimes referred to the Trail of the Mountain Spirits  
[https://www.bikegaba.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=4002&club\\_id=307669&item\\_id=1752981](https://www.bikegaba.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=307669&item_id=1752981) GABA does an excellent job of supporting and conducting the event. I have done a three-day version and it is one nice ride. The two-day version should be even better. Would be good to get a group together to do this. Check it out.
- F. October 22, 2022 Annual Mayors' Binational Bicycle Ride, google it. Good ride.
- G. November 5, 2022. Tour de Fields Somerton, AZ.  
[www.tourdefields.com](http://www.tourdefields.com)
- H. November 5, 2022. Bike the Coast. A very nice event that Sandy and I have done in the past.  
<https://www.bikethecoastsd.com/>
- I. November 13, 2022. GABA Fall Swap Meet, Tucson.  
<https://www.bikegaba.org/content.aspx?>

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(Note. Watch for future updates, SCCC may be doing some rides down there on the Friday and/or Saturday before the SWAP meet.)

- J. November 13, 2022. Miles That Matter | Cycle, benefitting Phoenix Children's, will start and finish at Phoenix Raceway, including (3) route distance options and a post event festival. Our registration website with all the details is <https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.givetopch.org%2Fcycle&data=05%7C01%7C%7C723c0967c5524966f9b308da8bc02c43%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637975954741694640%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WDtj%2Bfg65qkUFN8jFRkjNo9KnfBO4ex5WfKB80KBD%2Bc%3D&reserved=0>
- K. November 19, 2022. El Tour de Tucson, the biggest single day bicycling event in AZ and one of the biggest in the country. <https://eltourdetucson.org/>

I'm sure there are other events coming up, but these are the ones I know about now.

That's all folks.

Note: Pandemic:

Covid cases is still in AZ. Many restrictions have been removed in AZ but please continue to exercise proper safety procedures and protocols as we move forward. Seems the proper thing to remember is to respect everyone's right to be safe.

1. Not everyone we ride with may be vaccinated so proper attention to safety precautions is advised. Respect fellow riders and the public as you encounter them.
2. You have all worked hard to establish a good reputation for SCCC within the community. Let us maintain that and follow all business requirements as we encounter them on our rides. Mainly carry a mask and use it when the business has it posted.
3. A business has the right to require a mask and social distancing, just as you have the right to require or not require individuals to wear one in your home, etc. If you do not want to respect their rights, then don't use that business.

