

June 2020 Solos Newsletter

Dear Solos Members,

As the COVID-19 virus continues to disrupt our normal way of life, your Solos Board continues to monitor directives from the CDC, the State of Texas, Williamson County, the City of Georgetown, and our Community Association.

As the April 10th CA Communicator stated:

"As we move forward the community needs to understand there will be a new normal. We must anticipate a transition period before returning to our previous state of activity, if that is possible. The board is asking all clubs and groups (neighborhoods) to rethink the way members would conduct their social interaction for all activities. It is our expectation that outdoor activities will likely reopen first, followed by those that are held indoors."

As club and group leaders, we expect you all to redefine your rules and procedures to make sure they reflect ways clubs and groups can maintain a healthy and safe environment for its members.

Here are just a few considerations:

- How would you maintain clean playing surfaces?*
- How would manage close proximity to others?*
- How would you limit the sharing of, or maintaining regular cleaning of, items touched by multiple people?"*

Also, please read the Special Board Communicator of May 27, 2020.

Your Solos Board and SIG leaders are working on the requested rules and procedures (aka, transition plans) for resuming Solos activities.

NOTE: No CA Board approval of transition plans is required for off-premise activity (e.g., Bowling, Chain Gang, etc.). We would feel better if members who participate in off-premise activities did not go to this activity in car pools, but that is a personal choice and not ours to make.

So, it is doubtful that we will be able to proceed with many of our scheduled activities for June. The June activities have been cancelled except for the SIGs that will function as described below. We will keep you up to date as we know the CA's plans and policies.

The Solos Club Board wishes everyone to stay safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. Take Care!

***** **Line Dance via YouTube** *****

To help productively occupy our time, Phillip Pensabene will be conducting live stream YouTube Line Dance sessions twice a week.

This is not a Solos Club or Sun City event, as anyone can join in.

Tuesdays @ 10 am for beginner dances

Thursdays @ 11 am for improver/transitions dances

Click this link about 5 minutes before the session to join in

<https://www.youtube.com/c/LineDancewithPhillip>

To receive our weekly Line Dance newsletter

Login to Sun City website

Select 'My Memberships' in the Resident Home sidebar

Put a check mark in 'Line Dance' in the Solos Club

For more info contact: Phillip Pensabene, cueballtwo@icloud.com
or 202-412-2393

***** **Line Dance indoors** *****

In addition, Phillip Pensabene has written guidelines for the resumption of indoor line dance sessions once Stage 1 starts (Thanks, Phillip!). These guidelines have been approved by the CA. We will let you know when we are allowed back into the Activity Center for line dance. The approved guidelines are at the end of this newsletter, and will be posted on the website.

***** **Solos Golf** *****

Solos Golf tournament play continues to be on hold as of May 28.

***** **Solos Bowling** *****

Solos Bowling resumed on May 28, 2020 at Mel's Lonestar Lanes in

Georgetown. Solos Bowling (SIG) is set up differently than what you are probably used to. It is not a league. There are no teams. Each week you bowl with different people. That way you get to meet lots of Solos. And you are not committed to bowling every Thursday. You bowl when you want to, but you must sign up online before 4 PM on the Wednesday before the Thursday you wish to bowl. It is truly social bowling. We do keep track of your scores and averages so you can see how you are doing, but no one cares if you are good or not. Essentially, you are bowling against yourself and having fun socializing and meeting people.

We normally play a couple other games while bowling, but will have to skip them for now due to social distancing. Masks will be worn by Mel's staff, but face masks are optional for customers.

We only bowl 2 games each week at Mel's Lonestar Lanes in Georgetown. The cost to bowl is \$6. If you don't have your own ball, you can use a "house" ball. No bowling shoes? They can be rented for a small charge. You can be our guest twice to see if you like it. After that, you must be a Solos member and register for the Solos Bowling SIG. Remember, because it is not league bowling there is no pressure, just pure fun! Come join us!

If you're interested or have questions, please feel free to contact the SIG leader for Solos Bowling:

Gail Cotteleer

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512.863.8932 If no answer, leave a message.

******* A Message From Pam Werner on the The Chain Gang SIG *******

It looks like we are finished for now! I really believe it will be awhile before we are willing to car pool and go out to eat in a group of more than 3 or 4, so I am going to bring our group to an end. I was planning to take my turn for a rest and invite one of you to take our group over or to change it in any way you wanted to change it and still continue a lunch group. As I said, I do not think the time is right for that now, but maybe when we find ourselves on the other side of this pandemic.

A little history while I have the chance. Eight years ago, in June 2012, we started this group as the BBQ club. We did our thing for 2 years and voted this way.
First Place County Line, **Second Place** Pok-e-Jo's, & **Third Place** Stubbs BBQ.

Next in 2014, we morphed into Amigos ate our way through Mexican Restaurants and voted like this: **First Place** Lupe Tortilla, **Second Place** Hula Hut, & **Third Place** Abuela's.

In 2016 we became the Local Yokels and went to locally owned restaurants with these results: **First Place** Blue Corn Harvest, **Second Place** River City Grill in Marble Falls, & **Third Place** Millers Smokehouse in Belton.

In our most recent grouping, The Chain Gang, we went to the better Chain Restaurants and our results looked like this: **First Place** Jack Allen's Kitchen, **Second Place** Cheesecake Factory, & **Third Place** Pappasito's & PF Changs.

I am a fan of lunch, and have enjoyed your company on all these outings (over 80 of them!). I hope that in a couple of years, one of you will start a new lunch group and I will tag along!

Bon appetite!
Pam

NOTE: The Solos Board expresses its gratitude to Pam for her years of service to the club. Hopefully, once daily life returns to a new normal, a dedicated new leader will come forth to take over.

The CA Approved Solo's Line Dance SIG Transitional Guidelines

The following guidelines apply to Solo's Line Dance SIG:

All members of these SIG's must adhere to the following protocols while using the CA indoor facilities.

The SIG leader (or designee) will be present at each session. The SIG leader's (or designee) role is to assure everyone follows the rules for individual personal safety and for the safety of others.

All sessions will be for the purpose of class only. No social gatherings.

The SIG leader will use the event registration feature of the Solos Line Dance microsite to register and limit the number of the participants for each session.

- Classes will be limited to nine students and one instructor
- Dancers will be positioned to maintain current social distance protocols
- The time, location and date of classes/sessions will be scheduled thru Cindy Marsac
- Members will be advised by the SIG leaders/schedulers as to date, time and location for each session
- At no time will more than ten persons be allowed inside the dance location
- Only the leader and/or designated individual will be allowed to set up the facility before the session(s) starts and to clean/disinfect the facility when finished as needed
- Members will wait at their vehicles until 5 minutes before the session begins to avoid gathering in lobbies and in front of room entrances
- Consecutive sessions will be scheduled no closer then 30 minutes apart to allow for one group to leave, and the room to be re-set and sanitized
- Members will maintain the six foot distancing requirement at all times
- Members will bring their own chair, water, hand sanitizer, and any other personal items necessary for class
- Rigorous use of hand sanitizer will be encouraged
- The wearing of masks is optional
- Anyone feeling ill or exhibiting signs of sickness will not be permitted to dance that day

- A daily registration of all participants will be maintained by the leader. This registration will be used to contact individuals in the event of an outbreak.