



## SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



Steve Head and his new Sebring Orange Tintcoat C8 Coupe



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A Newsletter for Corvette Enthusiasts  
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**Meetings:**

SCC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. for a dinner meeting.

Meetings are held at:  
Gainey Ranch Golf Club, Ballroom C  
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Scottsdale, Arizona



*In this issue...*

*Recognition of Outgoing & New Officers, Members with New Vettes, PokerStars Virtual Poker Games, New Cruise Scheduled for October 2021, Thumbnail Book Reviews, and Much More...*

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To enhance the experience of Corvette ownership through the support system and fellowship of its members. This is achieved in an interactive social environment of monthly meetings, activities, road tours and a newsletter.

This forum invites the sharing of experiences, knowledge and fun, while creating an atmosphere that perpetuates the leadership position of America's only true sports car. All that is asked of its members is professionalism, integrity, personal ethics, and a love of the Corvette.

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## SCC BIRTHDAYS!



Joe Walters	Sept. 3
Tali Amir	Sept. 10
Ken Harder	Sept. 10
Jerry Strimbu	Sept. 10
Bob Pope	Sept. 11
Gloria Ketterl	Sept. 12
Karla Redford	Sept. 13
Connie Colla	Sept. 16
Carol Lipsky	Sept. 24
Charlene Capek	Sept. 26
Kenny Mitchell	Sept. 29



Janelle Swenson	Oct. 3
John Walsh	Oct. 9
Brian Anton	Oct. 10
Jean Mitchell	Oct. 17
Frank Tasnadi	Oct. 18
Kandy Ricotta	Oct. 22
Cindy Berger	Oct. 24
Cheryl Bloom	Oct. 25
Ron Myers	Oct. 26
Phil Berger	Oct. 30



**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT  
STEVE PATRICOLA**

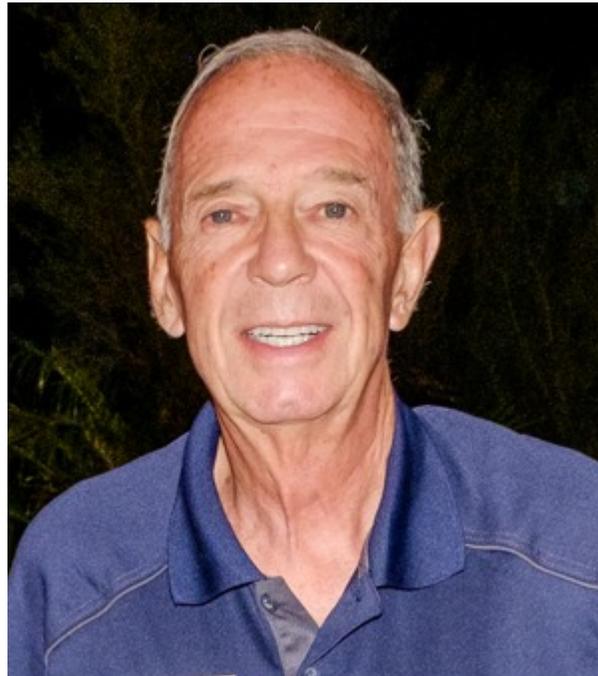


**AND A GREAT BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT  
MARK CHULEW!**





PLEASE EXTEND A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO MARK  
CHULEW, OUR OUTGOING MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR,  
AND  
A GREAT BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW  
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR  
MIKE REAGAN!



Let's all send our thanks to Steve for stepping up to the plate and serving as  
President of the Club this year!

And also let's send our thanks to Mark for his service as Membership Director, and  
our congratulations for stepping up to serve as the President of the Club!

And let's all welcome Mike as a new Board member and Membership Director, and  
thank him for volunteering to serve the Club in this important position.



## FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

*By Mark Chulew*

Plop Plop, Fizz Fizz, Oh what a year it's been. Even Alka Seltzer couldn't solve our problems. Can you say hydroxychloroquine? I remember our last in-person meeting on March 11, 2020. Walking towards the Gainey Golf Club entrance, nobody was sure what to expect. As we started the Happy Hour, it was like the Chicken Dance with all the elbow

bumping. Then everything came to a screeching halt.

Fast forward to today. Your SCC Board has decided to go Virtual to make the best of a lousy situation. For the remainder of 2020 we will have our meetings Virtually on same date and time as our canceled scheduled in-person meetings. These meetings will be held on Zoom. You can download Zoom here: [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com). I urge you to download to install the app on your computer. Spend time learning and playing with it. You'll be able to see yourself as other people do (think Alan Funt).

For those of you that do not know, I (Mark Chulew) was appointed by the Board to be interim President of the SCC until the Board elections in November. Please re-elect me!!

Mike Reagan has graciously volunteered to take over for me as Membership Director. Many thanks, Mike!!!

I would like to tell you about our New Members... But there were NONE. I want to tell you about our in-person activities... But there were NONE. I can tell you that we have had Virtual Poker Night. Suzy Poulter put together an SCC Poker Room at [www.pokerstars.net](http://www.pokerstars.net). There was a Tournament on Friday, August 28 @7:00. The winner, Mike Cassel, walked away with loads of virtual dollars. Can you say, Virtual Corvette? You can find more information about SCC Poker Night on [Page 13](#) of this newsletter.

Membership renewal is coming in October. This year dues will be processed through Eventzilla. An email will be sent out to notify you when Eventzilla is ready to accept your payment. We hope to have a 100% renewal rate!!!

During the pandemic all our activities were canceled in part due to the comfort level of our members and in part due to the state government mandates. The Board has been working to find activities that match the comfort level of our membership (and not break any laws!!). We look forward to overcoming the challenges that the pandemic has brought. Please if you have suggestions for activities (remember this is your Club), feel free to email Frank or any Board member your ideas.

Wishing you and yours good health and happiness.

Mark



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Dorinne Dobson

We're still here, just not together. Maybe someday soon? Hope everyone will try to sign on for the virtual Club meeting this Wednesday (September 9<sup>th</sup>). Five new C8's! Can you believe it? You can see three of them for yourselves in this issue, and the other two were featured in the last two newsletters.

Hopefully you will all send welcome/congratulations emails or notes to our new President, Mark Chulew, and our new Membership Director, Mike Reagan. Thanks to both of you for stepping up to fill these important spots on our Board of Directors. Also thanks to Steve Patricola for gamely shepherding us through this unusual year of pandemic madness. It can't have been easy, and we truly appreciate all you have done, Steve.

This newsletter is a little lean again, but since we haven't been doing anything much as a Club, it's still kind of nice to keep in touch to let you all know that we're still here and we still care about the Scottsdale Corvette Club!

As always, I want to say thank you to all of you who contributed photographs, articles, matters of interest to Corvette enthusiasts like us, and ideas to make this issue of our Club newsletter the best it can be!

Until the next issue, Save the Wave!

Dorinne

*Here's what Patrick Dennis says about the article he submitted for your reading enjoyment:*

*"So many new choices, so much more money to get them."*

*To read the article entitled: "Is This the 2021 Corvette Stingray R Package?" Go to:*

*<https://gmauthority.com/blog/2020/08/is-this-the-2021-corvette-stingray-r-package/>*



A great big THANK YOU to all who contributed articles, photographs and/or other items of interest or information for this issue of the Newsletter! Those who contributed to this issue are:

Mark Chulew  
Patrick Dennis  
Jim Dobson  
Fran Harder  
Steve Head  
Walter Juessen  
Ed Luse  
Suzy Poulter



The SCC Store utilizes Lands'End because of its reputation for customer service and the quality of their merchandise. The feedback from our membership has been very positive, and we plan to continue to use this site as our Club store.

**For new members only**, you'll need to create an account. You can do that by clicking on the following url:

<http://business.landsend.com/store/scottsdalecorvetteclub>

Once there, go to the top of the page and click on MY ACCOUNT, and select CREATE AN ACCOUNT. Complete the information, submit it, and that will be it - and here's the best part: You can immediately start to shop. Should you have any issues, please contact Lands'End @ 1.800.587.15417 and they are available weekdays 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. CST.



## *Members with New Corvettes*

Walter and Michele Juessen's new Shadow Gray Metallic C8 Corvette Coupe



*Here are Walter's comments:*

*"WELL - THERE WAS A NEED FOR IT. MICHELE SAID "REALLY? 3 CORVETTES"???? BUT I LOVE THE COLOR! SO MUCH FOR THAT. BUT I GOT ONLY 70% OF THE CAR: NO OUTSIDE CARBON FIBER-FRONT AND SIDES - NO HIGH REAR SPOILER AND SOMETHING ELSE... SO WE HAVE TO DO A LOT OF "UPGRADES" LIKE EXHAUST SYSTEM, NEW TIPS AND ?????????? AND THE NEGATIVE POINT: IT IS SO QUIET THAT I FALL ASLEEP - ALMOST!*

*"THE DRIVING IS GREAT - BUT I HAVE TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER 400 MILES - TILL I CAN TELL FOR SURE!!!!*

*"AND WE ARE ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR SPRING MOUNTAIN DRIVING SCHOOL IN NOVEMBER!*

*"BTW: WHY I DO IT SO LATE? IT ALMOST FELL INTO TEMPE TOWN LAKE, AND GM PUT A 'NO RELEASE' FOR THE CAR, BECAUSE THE HOOD OPENED!!!!"*



Another view of Walter & Michele's beautiful C8!



Steve Head and his new Sebring Orange Tintcoat C8 Coupe

## Ed Luse and his new Blade Silver Metallic C8 1LT Coupe



*Here's what Ed has to say about his new toy:*

"I took delivery in July from Van Chevrolet. It is a Blade Silver Metallic 1 LT. The only option on the car is the high performance exhaust.

"It is a very different driving experience being you sit 17 inches further forward then in a C7. You do not see the hood, only the road ahead. It is very quiet on the road due to mid engine layout. Being a die- hard manual transmission guy, I am a real fan of the 8-speed dual clutch with paddle shifters in manual mode."





From Fran Harder:

"GIRLS ON FIRE!!! WE GOT TO DO A LITTLE SOCIALIZING!!!!"



## POKERSTARS (SCC PLAYING VIRTUAL POKER)

Remarks by Suzy Poulter

In our personal Home Game lobby of PokerStars, I have a listing of all the SCC members that have signed up with their handles and their real names. Here is a screen shot of the list.

Club #3606386

Club Manager: 2015 Stingray
Established: May, 2020
Members: 11
Club ID: 3606386

Club Home
Schedule
Results
Standings
Options
Manage Games
Manage Club

Member List Wall

Player	Name	Location	Member Since	Status
george146707		Scottsdale	Jul 23, 2020	Member
Desert Vette			Jun 13, 2020	Member
ukeman1960			Jun 9, 2020	Member
✓ Vertguy2001			May 20, 2020	Member
2007corvette			May 20, 2020	Member
SCC Knarf			May 20, 2020	Member
Torch Red 2000			May 20, 2020	Member
FH-CNOTE			May 19, 2020	Member
Mido0448		Cave Creek	May 18, 2020	Member
Foxboro1		San Ramon	May 17, 2020	Administrator
✓ 2015 Stingray			<b>May 14, 2020</b>	<b>Club Manager</b>

Find a player by name or city... 🔍

**Announcement Whiteboard**

2007corvette - Joe W  
 Georgexxxx?- Dave S  
 SCC Knarf - Frank T  
 FH-CNOTE - Fran H  
 Mido0448 - Mike C  
 Foxboro1 - Charles N  
 Torch Red 2000 - Bill F  
 Ukeman1960 - Dale L  
 Vertguy2001 - Mark C  
 2015 Stingray - Suzy P

At game time pick active table in Schedule tab

Chat shortcuts:  
 nh = nice hand  
 ty = thank you

Publish  
Clear

We have had three tournaments so far, after two Limit cash games that were not as popular.

The first one I started on the wrong TIME ZONE, so it was close to the end when we all logged in at 7 p.m. I won that one. Then a few minutes later, I started a new one, and we had a full length one. Mike Cassel won that one, Charles was second.

Last week, I came in second to Mike Cassel.

Here is a screen shot of the group 'leader board' with my details highlighted.

The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for a club. At the top, it displays 'Club #3606386' and a profile picture of a blue car. Below this, it lists 'Club Manager: 2015 Stingray', 'Established: May, 2020', 'Members: 11', and 'Club ID: 3606386'. A navigation bar includes 'Club Home', 'Schedule', 'Results', 'Standings' (highlighted), 'Options', 'Manage Games', and 'Manage Club'. The main content area is split into two panels. The left panel, titled 'Club Standings', shows a table for 'Season1 (2020)' with columns for Rank, Player, Games, Points, Average, and KO. The right panel, titled 'Season Statistics (Play Money)', shows statistics for '2015 Stingray', including 'Member since: May, 2020', 'Total Points: 3 (1 PPG)', 'Games Played: 3, 1 win(s)', 'Finishes: Best Place: 1 of 5, Worst Place: 3 of 4', 'In The Money: 1 out of 3 (33%)' with [Gold] x 1, [Silver] x 1, and [Bronze] x 1, and 'Knockouts: 0'. A note at the bottom states: '\* Points are only awarded in tournaments with four or more players.'

Rank	Player	Games	Points	Average	KO
1	Mido0448	3	5	1.67	
2	2015 Stingray	3	3	1	
3	george146707	2			
3	Foxboro1	3			
3	ukeman1960	2			
3	Torch Red 2000	1			
4	2007corvette				
4	Desert Vette				
4	FH-CNOTE				
4	SCC Knarf				
4	Vertguy2001				

Even though we only had 5 players, it was fun.

Honestly, I didn't pay attention to the number of chips I won! It doesn't alert you, it just ends the tournament. I guess I could look it up somewhere, but I only have the account to play with my SCC friends, so I haven't gone back to look.

I have already scheduled the one for September 18. Starting on September 4 at 7 p.m., we can register for it. I would advise you to pre-register, and then hop into the game whenever you get around to it. Some of your chips will be blinded off, but it's better than not being able to play like what happened last week.

Suzy

# Scottsdale Corvette Club ~ October 9, 2021 7-night cruise

Revel in the beauty of Canada & New England on the *new* Sky Princess



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## SCC Cruise for a Cause –

For every 8 cabins booked into our group, Suzy will donate to our charity Ronald McDonald House the average value of one person’s cruise fare in our group.

Prices start at \$999 per person, not including \$230 per person taxes.

Realistically, our group is booking Deluxe Balconies averaging \$4600 per couple and Mini-Suites averaging \$5500 per couple, for cruise, port taxes and insurance

AND includes free beverage package, free WiFi and Free Tips. Airfare will be extra and determined at a later time.

This cruise group is open to ANYONE YOU WANT TO INVITE – Friends, Family, Neighbors, whomever to maximize our charitable donation.

**To Book, contact Suzy Poulter - [Suzy@SuzyCruisy.com](mailto:Suzy@SuzyCruisy.com) or call/text 925-200-8166 - Email or Text Preferred**

**Have your Princess Captain’s Circle number handy if you have one/know it.**

The deposit due at booking will be \$200 per cabin, refundable until July 2021, when the balance will be due.

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Ed. Note: Maybe I'm dreamin' - but someday we may be back to these activities:



**SCC MEN!  
SAVE THE DATE!  
THIRD WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH!  
POKER NIGHT!  
WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!**



Don't forget to wear your Club name tags!  
With so many new members,  
it helps us all get better acquainted!



**SCC WOMEN!  
SAVE THE DATE!  
THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH  
MONTH THE VETTE VIXENS MEET FOR  
COCKTAILS AND DINNER -  
DRIVE YOUR VETTE OR NOT  
WATCH YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
INFORMATION ON THE NEXT DINNER!  
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

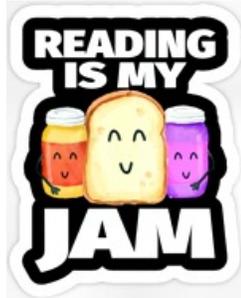


**DON'T FORGET THE MEMBERS'  
DRAWING AT THE MONTHLY DINNER  
MEETINGS!**

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.  
THE PRIZE MONEY STARTS OUT AT  
\$25.00 AND INCREASES BY \$25.00  
EACH MONTH.**

**BE SURE TO BE THERE!  
YOU MIGHT WIN!**





## THUMBNAIL BOOK REVIEWS

By Dorinne Dobson

***Lost Light* by Michael Connelly.** This book, #9 in the Harry Bosch series, did not disappoint. Harry has retired from the LA Police Department and decides to pursue on his own time a cold case that he particularly remembers from his time on the force. Along with a couple of murders, the crime involves the theft of two million dollars that was being used as a prop in a movie set. Of course, Harry Bosch manages to turn up some interesting facts about the case that cause the local police and the FBI who were also involved in the case originally to come down on him hard. True to form, Harry doggedly pursues the case and eventually begins to uncover the identity of the perpetrator of the theft. The story takes some intense twists and turns; once things started to unravel, I couldn't put the book down, and so I took out an hour or so of time this morning to finish it. Michael Connelly spins a great tale - and this one, like every one of his books, turns into an irresistible cliff hanger!

***Snobs* by Julian Fellowes.** A novel by the creator of *Downton Abbey*, this is a story of the English aristocracy and those who aspire to belong and be recognized in this glamorous world. Thus the title: *Snobs*. Edith Lavery is such a woman. She is attractive and catches the attention of Charles, the Earl of Broughton, who falls in love with her and asks her to marry him. When the aristocratic life seems less exciting than she had expected, Edith's attention strays to an attractive actor who seems to lead a much more vibrant life. The cover describes this book as "a novel of modern manners." It's not a compelling read, but it's an interesting take on an English lifestyle that is dying out.

***The Trust: A Novel* by Ronald H. Balson.** This book was a "sleeper" as I had never heard or read anything about it. But it turned out to be an engrossing story that takes place in Northern Ireland. Liam Taggart, a private investigator, former CIA agent, now residing in Chicago and married with a baby son, is called home to his native land on the death of his uncle who raised him from early childhood. Once he arrives back with his family, Liam learns that his uncle was murdered, and there are possible links to the Taggart family's role in the IRA during the Trouble, the bloody sectarian war in Northern Island pitting the Protestants against the Catholics, starting in 1969. Even though the Trouble is long over with, there are still ill feelings among some of the religious factions in Northern Ireland. I found this to be an engaging story and would recommend it to other readers.

***The Cutting Edge* by Jeffrey Deaver.** This adventure starring Lincoln Rhyme, the noted paraplegic criminologist, and his wife/cohort/investigator, Amelia Sachs, is also an introduction to the arts of diamond cutting and effectively planting explosives along a virtually unknown volcanic fault line through New York City to emulate volcanic explosions in an attempt to stop

the construction of a geothermal facility. With his usual twists and turns, the author takes Rhyme, Sachs and their coterie of aides and consultants through an assortment of crimes involving diamond rings, engaged couples, and devastating explosions thought to be induced by earthquakes from the digging for the geothermal facility. You will still be guessing the real identity of the villain as you near the end of this book.

***Guilt* by John Lescroart.** Another book by prolific novelist, John Lescroart, this one is the second in the series starring Abe Glitsky, San Francisco police detective. This is a compelling legal thriller. A hot shot lawyer is accused of murdering his wife, and Glitsky takes the reader through many twists and turns as we try to figure out if the guy really did the dastardly deed as alleged, plus a few more gruesome crimes over the years that seem to involve him. I was hooked right up to the end.

***The Room on Rue Amelie* by Kristin Harmel.** This lovely story by the author the *The Nightingale*, tells us about the French resistance during World War II in Paris and the involvement of a young American woman residing in Paris, an RAF pilot seeking shelter and transport via the resistance movement to Spain in order to return to England, and a young Jewish teenager. Ruby is an American girl who marries a Frenchman and moves with him to Paris in 1939, envisioning a romantic life in the most beautiful city in the world. Before long the Nazis have moved into France and are marching down the streets in Paris, and life is forever changed for Ruby and her husband and their friends and neighbors. When Ruby discovers that her husband, who has disappeared, was involved in the resistance movement to help Allied troops stranded in France escape, she offers to replace her husband so that the rescue circuit will not be broken. There's a lot of drama, a little romance, and some sad and tearful moments throughout this book, but it was a wonderful worthwhile reading experience for me.



*From Patrick Dennis:*

***Take a Sprint Through Chevrolet Performance History: Video***

<https://gmauthority.com/blog/2020/08/take-a-sprint-through-chevrolet-performance-history-video/>

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