

Sun City HH Bird Club History. MH Rosenstein 2022, 2023; revised 2022, 2023 by DR Davis

Sun City Hilton Head opened to its first occupants in 1995. Residents soon began forming clubs around shared interests.

One of the first clubs was the Bird Club begun in 1996. Importantly, the Bird Club was also one of the first Chartered Clubs which is an organization...

“sponsored by the SCHH Community Association, Inc. to foster and promote opportunities for all Community Association Members to pursue common interests in hobby, recreational, and cultural endeavors.”

These special clubs operate under the governance of the Community Association’s CC&Rs. The Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of Sun City as well as our own club By-Laws. The Bird Club (and other Chartered Clubs) are “agencies” of the CA. We get rooms (limited number) for our meetings and activities and liability coverage. And Periodically, the club has to file a number of forms reporting our finances and activities.

As stated in our By-Laws, “The purpose of the Bird Club is to provide education for members on birds. Emphasis is placed on, but not limited to, environmental education, habitat improvement, and conservation.”

Some of the highlights of our history are:

- *Among the first to lobby for the Nature Trail*
- *Beginning of the Christmas Bird Count Sun City in 2000*
- *Formation of the nest box trails beginning with the Bluebird Trail in 2002*
- *May Birding Festival 2006*
- *Hummingbird/Butterfly Garden in partnership with Avant Garden Club 2010*
 - *Since 2014, the Bird Club has withdrawn from the partnership*
- *Osprey Nest Pole 2018*
- *Outreach and educational activities for local schools*