

Sunflower Computer Club came into existence in 1988 with Tom Norton as our first President. The Resort had a computer available for residents to use and found that some protection from beginner users was required in order to keep the machine working. From that need, the Sunflower Computer Club came about with by-laws, a locked room and one machine. The next year, with Jeanne Warren as President, the club rented computers. By 1992-93, when Dianne Hill was President, there were 116 members with 45 of them new that season. During the 92-93 season the club purchased a 386 machine, 33 MHz with a 170 MB hard drive and 4 MB of RAM.

Until the last three years, the club owned their own equipment kept in a locked room, with access only to members. Membership grew to around 300 and we taught many classes in a variety of settings. We used large monitors on stands for awhile and bought new equipment as funds allowed. We instituted a qualifying procedure to make sure that new users knew the basics before being set loose in the computer room.

When the Resort was purchased by Cal-am, the club equipment was removed from the computer room, the room was renovated and 20 Hewlett Packard computers were installed along with a network and high speed internet access. The club equipment was auctioned to members and we went forward from there.

With the 2002-03 season and Bev Upshaw as President, we began a new teaching method using the "Windows Guide for You" manual written by Don Crowley. Our educational offerings have branched out to include the internet, Digital Cameras, Photo Editing, building your own computer...and more each year. Resort residents who use the Mac operating system meet as a Special Interest Group and so we are a multi platform group.

At the end of the 2004-05 season after two years with Sandy Hart as President, we had 500+ members and accumulated a few more over the summer months.

In September 2007, Cal-Am refurbished the Computer Room and we now have 26 machines running Microsoft's latest operating system, Vista. It was a tough start this season as most everyone was a little intimidated by Vista and there were few volunteers to teach. We are moving forward and more classes are available.

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