# Class Outline Breath-Based Yoga Sun City West Yoga Club

#### **Class Introduction**

- This challenging class is for very mobile students and is structured as a breath-based flow class.
- Each movement flows into the next with a 30-second hold (about 5-8 breaths). The movement and the breath starts and stops at the same time.
- Movements are modified as each student needs it to honor where their body and range of movement is in the moment.

#### Targeted Level

- $\hfill \square$  All Levels
- Novice
- Beginner
- Beginner / Intermediate
  Intermediate / Advanced
- ☑ Intermediate☑ Advanced
- Other (describe):

## **Student Prerequisites**

- You must be able to comfortably get up from, and down to, the floor unassisted.
- Wear comfortable clothing that allows you to stretch and bend.
- Equipment:
  - A yoga mat (not a Pilates mat).
  - Optionally, 1 or 2 blocks (4"x6"x9" recommended); a yoga blanket; a yoga strap. You may find these props help your practice progress and may be acquired over time.
  - Other yoga accessories or props (e.g., knee pads, yoga socks, bolster, etc.) as you desire.

## Topics Covered in this Class

- The purpose of a Breath-Based yoga class
- Importance of using the diaphragm
- Importance of specific muscles

## Classroom Methodology

Yoga is practiced in bare feet or special yoga socks; shoes are not allowed. The instructor will guide the class through a series of poses with transitional poses in between. Resting poses will be incorporated in these flows. Options and modifications for each pose will be presented when they are available for those looking for less, or more, challenge.

The instructor will use a hands-on approach, lightly touching a participant to help achieve the proper pose alignment for maximum benefit and to prevent injury. Modifications to poses will be suggested by the instructor to accommodate those with injuries or other physical limitations.

Upon the completion of each class participants should feel stretched, stronger, more flexible, and more confident than when they entered the studio.