



BULLETIN

APRIL 2021

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

**Sonora SIR Branch #136
BEC will meet on Zoom
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Starts at 10:00 am
Ends at 11:00 am**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84098930562?pwd=bDRrWTV5TmpHUklnNdDFoL2JnREloUT09>

Hold the Ctrl key down, put your cursor on the web site and left click your mouse button. This will take you straight to Zoom for the meeting.

If you are interested in the joining our BEC Zoom meeting please join us at the above web site.



Happy Easter



BIG SIR MESSAGE

Gene Zanoni (209) 532-1989

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With the arrival of the spring season, we are greeted with longer days and warmer weather. In addition, to the flowers currently in bloom that radiate a kaleidoscope of colors and emit fragrances for all to appreciate. Besides, there is evidence the Covid-19 restrictions are gradually becoming somewhat relaxed as evident by the expansion of many local businesses that gleefully greet their patrons and vice versa. Increased vaccinations, along with maintaining other proper social responsibilities, have contributed greatly in this regard. As such, there is increasing promise for the re-opening of our SIR Branch's #136 activities as well.

For instance, at last month's March BEC Meeting, Golf Chairman Danny Laureta properly presented the documentation necessary to receive approval for the commencement of the resumption of our golfing activity. It is not too surprising that golf stormed out of the Covid-19 activity lockdown before the other activities: it is far-and-away the SIR activity leader from the standpoint of membership participation and its venue is the outdoors where relatively low contact occurs.

It is logical to assume that additional re-opening activities will soon follow in the footsteps of golf. Thereby, it is in your best interest to remain alert as to the forthcoming actions that will influence our grand re-opening. It is vital that each activity chairman deliver to me their paperwork for BEC review, approval and recordation in our monthly meeting minutes prior to their re-start. Otherwise, their activity shall not receive proper recognition as an SIR sanctioned event and all such liability solely rests upon those individuals involved.

During our March BEC Meeting a motion was introduced to retire the badge #005 assigned to the late-Al Limon. He was an HLM and a volunteer in many of our Branch's #136 activities during the nearly three decades in which he was a distinguished member. The motion gained the support of the entire BEC and as a result his badge number will never be shared with another member ever again.

In case you failed to remit your 2021 membership dues obligation by the March 9th deadline, the current annual fee has now been restored to the customary twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the result was staggering.



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

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One year and counting. The light at the end of the tunnel grows brighter but I sure have to squint to make it happen. Slowly we are inching forward; outdoor activities are starting to gradually return and indoor activities are attempting to follow but with capacity restraints. Slow is never a desired approach when we seek a return to the normalcy and freedom we once possessed and quite probably took for granted. After such a long duration of imposed social restrictions, the perception of the end game can inhibit prudent and responsible behavior, causing us to sprint the final few yards up this long, difficult hill and over the crest into the future. Be careful, the summit could be a precipitous cliff. It is said that with age comes the wisdom and the ability to forgo the sprint and look before we leap into tomorrow, it could be a far cry from our expectations. With age, is it really a perceived wisdom to forgo the sprint or is it just the sad reality that we are not able to sprint anymore? As of this writing new cases of Covid-19 have risen significantly above last week's figure. Hopefully this will not be indicative of future trends. Stay healthy, we are hopefully coming down the "home stretch". We miss everybody and hope to see you as soon as possible!



GOLF CHAIRMAN

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Not sure if the Sirs' golf group will play in April. Teleli GC just last week hired a new golf pro, so I'm still waiting for Teleli GC to approve the golf schedule & pricing.



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

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I have received nothing back from Black Oak Lanes. I haven't found anyone that has any interest in bowling during the summer leagues. We'll wait until the winter league starts. We can still do open bowling starting in April but it'll cost you, approx. \$15 for 3 games. There is a tournament in Pollock Pines on Thursday April 29 and Friday April 30 at Knotty Pines Lanes. Contact Ray DiBasilio at 503-558-9727.



RV CLUB NEWS

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Great news, the RV Group is able to schedule our first outing in over a year. The 1st week of May we will be spending 4 nights at the 49R RV park in Plymouth, CA. There will be food, drinks, games, and gathering to visit. Something we all have been missing for quite a while. We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks. See everyone that signed up in May



FISHING CHAIRMAN

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No scheduled activities for April



PINOCHLE

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No scheduled activities for April.



CAR CLUB

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Hoping to see some movement regards the car club activities but at this time there will be no new info as we are still restricted by Covid-19.



KAYAKING/EASY HIKING

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No scheduled activities for April.



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Previous Months Membership
Total Active Members 199
Luncheon Attendance (___%) 0
Excused Absences (___%) 0

Current Month Membership
Active Membership February 199
Applicants Being Installed 0
Active Members Lost -3
Feb Active Membership 196



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Zanoni, Gene	04/01
Burnes, William V. (Bill)	04/01
Bowers, Michael	04/03
Harrelson, Raymond	04/05
Cosetto, Dan (Guido)	04/06
Espino, Felix	04/06
Rossi, David	04/06
Wright, Michael (Mike)	04/07
Deaver, Eugene (Gene)	04/07
Avila, John	04/07
Basham, Darell	04/09
Abbott, Gerald (Blair)	04/15
Elam, Stanley (Stan)	04/30



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

Jim Botto Editor - 586-0822
Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630
I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee chairman who send in their reports to me on or before the deadline. If I do not receive your report by the deadline it will not be published in the current month. Please send all bulletin input to Jim Botto at giacamo42@gmail.com

The deadline for the next bulletin is

April 30, 2021



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2011 - Al Smith 2012 - Baci Frecceri
2013 - Phil VanSwoll 2014 - John Bristow
2015 - Jim Johnson 2016 - Dale Decker
2017 - Danney Laureta 2018 - Paul Squeri
2019 - Jim Botto 2020 - Gene Zanoni

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, by telephoning him at 456-9814 and ask for an application form that will be mailed to you, or by downloading the form from our branch website.

www.sonorasirs.org. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to George Cocores with a check for the amount stated on the application. George's address is 17595 Brentwood Ln. Twain Harte, CA 95383

Branch 136 Executive Committee

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Chaplain - **Open at present**

Looking for a volunteer

DECLARATIONS

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