



BULLETIN

April 2023

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

Tuesday, Apr. 11th

Happy Hour at 11:00am

Lunch at 12:00pm

Contact via e-mail:

Jerry Bellefeuille

sirjerry4@gmail.com

Or Call (209) 588-3978

Leave Your Name, Badge No.

& Number of guests.

Deadline for reservations is

April 5th, 2023

Menu:

**Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn
(substitute Green Beans), Green
Salad and Sherbet**



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

Jim Botto Editor - 559-0931

Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 588-3978

If you have any photos of your activity please attach them to your reports. If I do not receive your report by the deadline I will just report no activity for the month. Please send all bulletin input to Jim Botto at:

giacamo42@gmail.com

The deadline for the next bulletin is

April 30, 2023



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille 588-3978

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Our Branch website is at sonorasirs.org. Here you can look at current as well as old bulletins, BEC meeting minutes and more. Please let me know if you have a new email address so I can get timely branch information to you. I hope to see you all at the next meeting. Our state sir bulletin can be viewed at <https://wearesir.com>.



BIG SIR MESSAGE

Eddie Toews

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May is the "Ladies Day Luncheon". Tickets went on sale at the March regular meeting and will be on sale at the April meeting. See flier in the bulletin for further details. Also. We need raffle prizes donated for the raffle drawing. So, get your luncheon tickets and come and enjoy the day with friends.

We will be joining SIR's branch 172 at the Home and Garden at the Fair Grounds on Saturday April 15th and Sunday April 16th. We will have a booth and will be trying to get new members for Sirs. We do need some volunteers for both days. I will have a schedule of times at the regular meeting on April 11th. Come on out and spend a couple of hours talking to potential members.

As we all had hoped that the COVID 19 ordeal would be over by now, it still exists in a lot of ways. The SIR's state board has sent out a new protocol on how to handle a case of COVID when it is reported after a SIR event. They want it circulated to all SIR's members, so please read the below article.

From SIRINC State Board

Fellow Sirs:

Here is a recommended protocol to deal with the situation when an attendee at a Sir event reports to the event organizer that he (or his guest) has tested positive for Covid-19 after the event. All Branch members should understand this protocol and follow it if they are unfortunate enough to contact Covid-19 within a few days of attending a SIR event.

1. If someone attending any Sir event later tests positive for COVID-19, they are highly recommended to notify the Sir group running the event, and that group needs to inform every one present (including service providers) that an attendee has since tested positive for Covid. They should also advise attendees to follow guidelines from the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and appropriate local authorities.
2. Anyone who was at the event and might have been exposed should get tested for COVID-19 right away. Testing options are available at <https://www.covid.gov/tests>.
3. The Sir group running the event should inform SirInc. Vice President right away so he can determine if any further remedial action or compliance may be needed.

For Branch 136, anyone that contacts COVID-19 after attending a SIR event must notify the organizer of the event and the BIG SIR.



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Rick Bronner

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I'd like to thank Frank Smart from Vietnam Veterans of America for taking time out of his busy schedule to spend time with us at our meeting last month. Frank had some good stories to tell of his time in the service but most important he spoke of all the benefits that the VVA provides for our forgotten heroes of the Vietnam war. As many of these veterans are reaching their elder years there is a lot of needed assistance the VVA can provide. There's quite a list of services available from assisting with the VA and other medical issues to our homeless veterans. If you know anyone who is in need, here is the link to the VVA - <https://vva.org/chapter/vva-chapter-391/>. Our guest speaker for our April meeting will be Dot Popovich from State Farm Insurance. Dot has an office here in town on S. Washington street. Dot will update us on what we can do to keep our bills down but most importantly what we can do to improve safety at home as well as on the road which coincidentally lead to lower bills. State Farm is still one of the few insurance companies in our area still providing fire insurance as part of your homeowner's coverage. Dot will hopefully clarify who can qualify for this coverage.

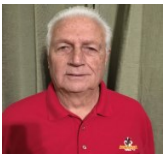
Last month we started selling tickets for our Mother's Day banquet on May 9th. Over 40 tickets were sold last month. If you haven't gotten yours yet will have the table set up again this month for ticket sales. Thank you to our volunteers that helped with ticket sales.



GOLF REPORT

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Finally, it looks like we're going to start golfing this year. Or we all thought so. After having to reschedule twice due to weather our first SIR's tournament of 2023 was scheduled for Tuesday April 4th. Due to the combination of Danny losing his PC for scoring and Teleli not allowing a shotgun start we have cancelled Golf again. Our next scheduled date is Tuesday April 18th. If you wish to join us you need to contact Danny Laureta at 209-586-4567 or email him at dlauretra@gmail.com. Hope to see you out there. Hit them straight and long!



RV CLUB NEWS

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The RV Club newsletter will be short the month. We are on an outing to Bakersfield and won't get back for the printing of the bulletin. Will update more next month. The RV Club is now open to all Sirs Member in good standing that would like to join us on an outing. You don't have to have an RV, a lot of the parks have Cabins, tent camping and you can rent an RV, or a hotel room close by and spend the week with us enjoying the activities. Just contact Eddie Toews, RV Chairman, at 209-532-3970, or RV Club member for more information.



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550
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No Report this month

Well guys I still have not been on the water. I can tell you what Western Outdoor News says. Trout fishing has been good at Melones. Bass fishing has been slow due to the cold water. Don Pedro is slow with lots of clutter in the water. All lakes are dangerous for high-speed travel Due to all the floating debris. If you go good luck and be careful.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Zanoni, Gene | 04/01 |
| Burnes, Bill | 04/01 |
| Bowers, Michael | 04/03 |
| Harrelson, Ray | 04/05 |
| Rossi, David | 04/06 |
| Wright, Mike | 04/07 |
| Deaver, Gene | 04/07 |
| Avila, John | 04/07 |
| Basham, Darell | 04/09 |
| Abbott, Blair | 04/15 |
| Bender, Tom | 04/21 |
| Tuganov, Sasha | 04/23 |

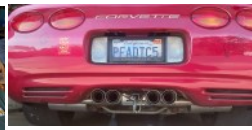


PINOCHLE REPORT

Bob Morrison - (209) 588-0994
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In March, we played two tournaments of cutthroat pinochle. Our average scores are shown in the adjacent table. Please join us to play pinochle. We meet each Monday at the Senior Center, 540 Greenley Rd. from 12:00 P.M. to 3:45 P.M. The tournament starts at 12:15 P.M. If you don't know how to play pinochle, we will teach you. You will play with members from all three of our SIR branches. You don't need to come every time. Your first two tournaments are free, but thereafter you will pay \$4 at each session. You will win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at the end of one of your free tournaments. The two highest scoring players at the end of a session win cash prizes.

| March 2023 | | |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| CUTTHROAT PINOCHLE SCORES | | |
| Player | Branch | Average |
| Delbert Rotelli | 77 | 298 |
| Tom Long | 77 | 291 |
| Bill Burnes | 136 | 221 |
| John White | 77 | 208 |
| Jerry Morrow | 172 | 201 |
| Bill Lewis | 172 | 195 |
| Bob Morrison | 136 | 148 |
| Sonny Tome | 77 | 109 |
| Jim Turner | 136 | 90 |



CAR CLUB NEWS

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No Report this Month



MEMBERSHIP

March Luncheon

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Luncheon Attendance (52%) | 71 |
| Excused Absences (48%) | 66 |
| Current Month Membership | |
| Active Membership (February) | 143 |
| Applicants Being Installed | 0 |
| Active Members Lost | -8 |
| Active Membership Mar. | 135 |



CHAPLIN'S CORNER

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St Patrick must have blessed our members as well as I am happy to have no report this month.



KAYAKING

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It's Spring....well on the calendar anyway. In order to kayak in April we'd have to clear snow off the boat ramp so it appears we'll have our first trip the last Tuesday in May. Now's the time to shop for new gear!! I'd be happy to consult if you have any questions, I'm just a phone call away.



BOWLING REPORT

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The SIRs League has 3 weeks left in the season. The team of XXX, won the first half and will be bowling against the second half winner. Right now, the Meat Heads lead the second half by 2 games. The last week of bowling will be on April 14, 2023, with the position round the following week and the finals the week after.

There are a few SIRs tournaments coming up in the next couple of weeks.

Carson City tournament, Gold Dust West Casino, April 17 thru April 20th.

Citrus Heights tournament, Fireside Lanes, May 16-17th.

Sutter Creek tournament, Gold Country Lanes, June 8-9th.

All applications are in sirbowling.org.

For further information or if you wish to join the SIR's bowling league contact myself or Mike Coe at 209-769-3413 or email Mike at coemike@sbcglobal.net.





Sons in Retirement #136

Ladies Day Luncheon

May 9th 2023



No Host Cocktails
@ 11:00 am

Lunch @ Noon

Menu:

Shrimp Cocktail

Prime Rib w/Baked Potato
or- Salmon with Rice Pilaf
-or- Chicken Cordon Bleu
with Rice Pilaf

Includes Vegetable, Salad
and Desert

Wine Served at Table

\$35 per Person

Tickets will go on sale at the
March & April Luncheons

MAXIMUM 200 TICKETS AVAILABLE

NO CANCELATIONS AFTER

May 1, 2023

EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Rick Bronner (209) 533-1676
Stan Enos (209) 533-2928
Gene Zaroni (209) 770-1235

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED

Want Some SIRs Apparel?

- (A) Get on your computer and go to <https://sir.ourproshop.com> and peruse the items available and order online. Notice that shipping and handling charges are avoided above a certain order amount. If your order is large enough to avoid these charges or you are willing to pay them, process your order. If you know of a friend who also wants SIRs merchandise, consolidate your order with him. You can also go on Branch 136's website, go to the "SIR Apparel" link to get an order form to fill out. Bring the order form, along with your check for the order amount, and give it to Fred Kehr at the next monthly meeting. Fred Kehr will consolidate orders to avoid shipping and handling charges.
- (B) If you don't have access to a computer, a couple of catalogs will be available at our meetings on a table between the bar and dining area at the Elk's Lodge. Browse through the catalog, and if you find something you want, take an order sheet and fill it out, placing the completed form on the designated clip board. Don't hesitate to ask Fred Kehr in person or on 209-840-0719 about details. Once the order form is completed, Fred Kehr will hold on to the orders until sufficient volume to avoid shipping and handling charges have been accumulated. At that time, Fred Kehr will ask you to pay for your order before ordering the merchandise. Of course, if you are willing to pay these charges, your order will be handled separately, once you have paid for it. If Fred Kehr doesn't get enough orders together in a month or two, he will contact you to determine the next course of action, i.e., hold on to it or return your check.





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2021 - Phil VanSwoll 2022

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015
Dale Decker - Big Sir 2016
Eddie Toews - Treasurer 2009 - current

Branch 136 Executive Committee

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 Cocreos with a check for the amount stated on the application. George's address is 17595 Brentwood Ln. Twain Harte, CA 95383

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