



# BULLETIN

## August 2021

Website: [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org)

**SONORA BRANCH #136**

**Next Monthly Luncheon at the Elks Lodge**

**Tuesday, August 10th**

**Happy Hour at 11:00am**

**Lunch at 12:00pm**

**Reservation only!**

**Deadline for Reservations**

**August 4, 2021**

**Call (209) 588-3978**

**Leave Your Name, Badge No,**

**Full Meal \$16.00 or Salad**

**\$8.00, & Number of guests.**

**Menu: Beef Stroganoff  
With noodles, Vegetable,**

**Dinner roll & Butter,**

**Dessert**

**Branch Executive Committee**

**will meet at**

**the Elks Lodge on**

**Tuesday, August 10th**

**Starts at 10:00 am**

**Ends at 11:00 am**



### **BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!**

**Jim Botto Editor - 559-0931**

**Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630**

I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee chairmen who sent 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 If I do not receive your report by the deadline it will not be published in the current month.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](mailto:giacamo42@gmail.com)**

The deadline for the next bulletin is

**August 31, 2021**



### **BIG SIR MESSAGE**

**Gene Zanoni (209) 532-1989**

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With both the June and July monthly luncheon now under our belts, and the August luncheon now impending, we are well on our way of making great strides with respect to our recovery from the lockdown prompted by the Coronavirus. The monthly golfing activities and the outing by our RV Group have shown signs of tremendous progress. In addition, the Pinochle Club is well on its way of formulating its tournament play as well. Not to be overlooked are the bowling tournaments that have taken place outside of our area. One such upcoming huge tournament is to take place in Reno, Nevada on August 9-11, 2021, and received advanced publicity in our July and August Bulletins. I suspect that Branch 136 will resume its own local activity in the not-to-distant future as in July a couple of our member bowling enthusiasts have expressed a sincere interest in resurrecting our bowling activities.

Regardless of the type of these activities that you may be associated with, I strongly suggest that you take pictures of such events and forward them to Jim Botto, our Bulletin Editor, for inclusion in our monthly Bulletin. After all, I can think of no better way to distribute to our membership the ongoing enjoyable activities that Branch 136 is able to provide to its members as well as to those individuals that might contemplate joining our organization. Should we prove successful in this endeavor, we all become winners as a result.

As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, we have sold a total of 37 tickets for our planned Annual Family BBQ Picnic which is scheduled for September 14, 2021. The Indigeny Reserve is the familiar location with DICKY'S BARBECUE PIT performing the caterer's function for this special event. Please remember that a minimum of 100 tickets must be sold in order for this special event to become a reality. Therefore, do not forget to purchase your tickets at the upcoming August 10<sup>th</sup> monthly luncheon. The individual ticket price is a modest \$20.00 for this gala event. Beef brisket or chicken are the adult choices, with hot dogs being available for the children (free-of-charge). If feasible, when you purchase your tickets be sure to sign-up to pledge a donation for our popular raffle activity. In the past our raffles have proven extremely popular with all those in attendance and this year should prove to be no exception.

Perhaps some of you may have observed that we have moved our monthly Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meetings to the main lounge at the Elks Lodge. As such, there is now more space available to accommodate an increased attendance potential from our overall membership. All members are strongly encouraged to attend these meetings so they may acquaint themselves firsthand with the tremendous value these dedicated officers and directors exert on the month-to-month operations of Branch 136. Should you feel that you have something in common to share with this select group, maybe one day you will be even compelled to join. Ideas suggesting potential improvements in all matters are always welcome for consideration. Please remember that our main objective is to promote an enjoyable experience by making friends lasting a lifetime. The BEC meetings start at 10:00 am and run for about an hour in length. Thereby, providing sufficient time (approximately one hour) for socializing prior to the start of our luncheon meetings.

Our application for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Home and Garden Show, scheduled for October 16 & 17, 2021 at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds, has been submitted for a booth consideration. As a result, we now must provide Branch 136 member volunteers to staff the assigned booth regarding our recruitment objectives. Sign-up sheets for the two-day event shall be provided beginning with our August 10<sup>th</sup> monthly luncheon for all those members wishing to participate to make our organization stronger.



### **LITTLE SIR MESSAGE**

**Paul Squeri (209) 586-4083**

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Here comes August and I doubt that it will bring any relief from the heat. I guess there is a reason why they call it the "Dog Days of Summer" and they have events during the month like "hot summer nights". Seems like it did not start getting hotter until they stopped using freon and the hole in the atmosphere healed. Nothing like a good-sized hole in the roof to let some of the heat out?

Speaking of summer, we have a picnic coming up on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September at Indigeny Reserve. If you have been having a hard time breaking free of covid captivity, this will be a great opportunity to do so. It is outside and offers a great opportunity to renew some old friendships and start some new ones. Tickets will be on sale at the August meeting. I hope to see you there.

We will be introducing Gene Bettencourt at the August meeting. He will be taking over as Little SIR for the balance of the year. Gene and I will be working together for a while as he gains familiarity with our Branch. He comes from the Santa Cruz, CA area and has been active with his local SIR Branch.

Our speaker at the August meeting will be the new Sonora Fire Chief, Aimee New. Considering the season and the conditions, this should be a "hot" topic.



## GOLF CHAIRMAN

**Danny Laureta (209) 586-4567**  
[drlaureta@gmail.com](mailto:drlaureta@gmail.com)

### Sir's July golf tournament results

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| 3 skins - Rod Salvi on      | #12   |
| 3 skins - Gene Deaver on    | #6    |
| 2 skins - Rudy Flores on    | #8    |
| 2 skins - Trini Mercardo on | #2    |
| 2 skins - Tom Neiderer on   | #14   |
| 1 skin - Jim Walczak on     | #3    |
| 1 skin - Danny Villa on     | #9    |
| No winners on #15 thru      | #18   |
| #7 par three CTH            |       |
| 1st - Rod Salvi             | 32'-4 |
| 2nd - Mike Coe              | 40'-0 |
| #12 par three CTH           |       |
| 1st - Rod Salvi             | 29'-0 |
| 2nd - Dave Suidzinski       | 34'-1 |
| 3rd - Gene Deaver           | 39'-2 |

**I will post all golfer's score**

**Next Golf Tournament is August 17, 2021**

**Format is a Two Man team 6-6-6**



## RV CLUB NEWS

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The RV Group has no report for Aug



## FISHING CHAIRMAN

**Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550**  
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The fishing has been slow with the heat. Several bass fisherman I've talked to have done well. They are usually off the water by 10:00 to avoid the heat.

Two fellow SIR members Sol Robin and Bill Guenza and I made a trek to Pinecrest and caught limits of trout.

I am heading to Alaska on Thursday to meet my son for some halibut and salmon fishing.

Looking forward to the cooler weather. Will have report and pictures next month. Wet a line if you can and stay cool.



## CAR CLUB

**Rich Rinaldi (209) 532-8366**  
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No scheduled activities for Aug



## KAYAKING/EASY HIKING

**Sol Robin (209) 651-1054**  
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No scheduled activities for Aug



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Thomas, Bob         | 08/01 |
| Maxwell, Bert       | 08/03 |
| Burke, Randy        | 08/04 |
| Baumgartner, Boomer | 08/06 |
| Creager, Roy        | 08/06 |
| Long, Tom           | 08/06 |
| Page, Rex T.        | 08/09 |
| Soares, Augie       | 08/15 |
| Salvi, Rod          | 08/17 |
| Walczak, Jon        | 08/19 |
| Zertuche, Joe       | 08/20 |
| McVey, Lance        | 08/25 |
| Hansen, Bill        | 08/28 |
| Nuzum, Jim          | 08/31 |
| Boldemann, Lloyd    | 08/31 |



**Looking for a new Bowling Chairman, contact Gene Zanoni**  
**(209) 532-1989**

[genevzanoni@gmail.com](mailto:genevzanoni@gmail.com)



**INTERNET CHAIRMAN**  
**Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630**  
[sirjerry4@gmail.com](mailto:sirjerry4@gmail.com)

Our Branch website is at [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org). Here you can look at current as well as old bulletins, BEC meeting minutes and more. I hope to see you all at the August meeting which will be at the Elks Lodge this year as our BBQ is at Indigeny in September.



## PINOCHLE

**Bob Morrison—588-0994**  
[robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com](mailto:robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com)

We have restarted our pinochle tournaments. We meet each Monday at the Moose Lodge, 20921 Longeway Road from noon to 4:30 P.M. Noon to 1:00 P.M. is for lunch (which you need to bring you own), social hour, setup, and tournament registration. The tournament starts at 1:00 P.M.

To participate in the tournament, you must meet the following requirements of the **Branch Protocols for Minimizing COVID-19 Liability**: You must have on record with our SIR branch that you have been fully vaccinated (2 shots, if required) against the COVID-19 virus. Alternatively, at the tournament, you must show the pinochle director the original, a copy, or photo (in hardcopy or via a phone) of a COVID-19 vaccination record card that indicates that you are fully vaccinated, or you must provide him with proof of a negative COVID-19 test administered within 3 days prior to our tournament. You must have on record with our SIR branch that you have signed a **SIR Event Waiver and Release of Liability** form. Alternatively, at the tournament, the pinochle director will give you that form which you must sign. He will mail your signed form to our SIR branch.

If you would like to join us, but don't know how to play, we will teach you. You will play with members from all three of our SIR branches. You don't need to come every time but only when you want to. Your first two sessions are free, but thereafter you pay only \$3 at each session. You will win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at the end of one of your free sessions. The two highest scoring players at the end of a session win cash prizes. We hope you will join us.



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Previous Months Membership (June) |           |
| Total Active Members              | 176       |
| July Luncheon                     |           |
| Luncheon Attendance               | (38%) 68  |
| Excused Absences                  | (62%) 109 |

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Current Month Membership (July) |     |
| Active Membership June          | 176 |
| Applicants Being Installed      | +2  |
| Active Members Lost             | -1  |
| July Active Membership          | 177 |



Sonora SIR Branch #136

# Summer Family BBQ Picnic

**September 14, 2021**

*Indigeny Reserve*  
*14679 Summers Lane*  
*Sonora, CA*



#### **Directions to Indigeny (please try to carpool)**

- ◆ Drive north on Greenley Road and **TURN RIGHT** onto Lyons Bald Mountain Road
- ◆ Drive ~4 miles, **GO PAST** the Apple Valley Estates sign
- ◆ You will see and pass the sign **NARROW BRIDGE**
- ◆ Reach Apple Valley Ranches,
- ◆ **TURN RIGHT** at Apple Hill Drive
- ◆ Veer **LEFT** at Summers Lane
- ◆ Continue on Summers Lane (~1 mile) drive thru the covered bridge

Social @ 10:00 am  
Lunch @ 12:00 noon

*Featuring Dickey's  
Famous Specialties*

#### *Menu:*

Beef Brisket -or- Chicken Breast  
BBQ Beans, Potato Salad  
Caesar Salad & Cobbler

Two Free Any Beverage Tickets  
With Each Ticket Purchased.  
Subject To Beverages On Hand.

Beer, Wine, Soda  
& Bottled Water

**\$20 Per Person**

Tickets will be on sale at the  
July & August Luncheons  
Deadline: Sept 6<sup>th</sup> - Firm

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Children 12 & Under FREE  
Hot Dogs with fixings

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**S.I.R. Bowling Tournament Rules**  
**National Bowling Stadium,**  
**Reno, Nevada**  
**August 9 -11, 2021**



Certification  
# 04060

**Singles/Doubles/Team/ (All Events – Handicapped and/or Scratch)**  
**\$22 per Person per Event + \$5.00 Optional All Events (each hdcp. and/or scratch)**  
*(\$9.00 Lineage + \$2.25 Expenses + \$10.75 Prize Fund)*

**1. Eligibility:**

Active SIR Members, those with SIR membership applications pending, guest of a SIR member (man or woman 50 years or older), wives of SIR members regardless of age. All entrants must be USBC sanctioned bowlers for the current season. Persons not eligible shall forfeit all bowling and prize money.

**2. Participation:**

- a) Singles: A bowler may bowl only one time.
- b) Doubles: A bowler may bowl and cash twice. At least one bowler in the lineup must be different.  
**ONE BOWLER MUST BE A SIR MEMBER**
- c) Team: A bowler may bowl and cash two times. At least two bowlers in the lineup must be different.  
**TWO BOWLERS MUST BE SIR MEMBERS**
- d) First score bowled in each event will count for **All Events** prize.

**3. Handicap:**

100% of 230 singles; 460 doubles; 920 team

**4. Average:**

- 1) 2020-2021 USBC Standard Composite Average of 21 games or more.
- 2) If none use USBC 2019-2020 Standard Composite Average of 21 games or more.
- 3) If none, current league average of 21 games or more, must supply secretary signed current league sheet at check in.
- 4) If none of these, bowler must use a 230 average (NO HANDICAP).
- 5) **USBC Rule 319a. 1-4 will apply.** (If any current league average of 21 games or more is 10 or more pins higher than submitted, you must declare).

**5. Verification:**

If averages (per this Tournament Rule 4) are on the USBC League Average site (Bowl.com), no further verification is required. Averages and USBC membership will be checked prior to start of tournament.

**6. Divisions:**

There will be three divisions: Divisions 1 and 2 will be divided by average after mail-in close of entries. Division 3 will be a Women's Division in SINGLES and ALL-EVENTS. No divisions in scratch All-Events.

**7. Prize Fund:**

Will be returned 100% on a ratio of at least 1 prize for each 4 entries.

**8. Deadlines and Entry Requirements:**

Reserve entries must be received by **August 4, 2021.**

Tournament Director may accept entries at the Bowling Center until start of each event (subject to space available).

**9. Sanctioned Tournament and Applicable Rules:**

This Tournament shall be conducted under USBC Rules, except for changes noted on this form.

Any substitutes shall bowl full game.

Rules 314, 319a.5, **will not** apply.

**10. STATE SIR COVID REQUIREMENTS:**

- a) If not already on file, all entrants and guests entering the building must show proof of COVID 19 vaccination or a negative COVID 19 test administered within 72 hours prior to the tournament.**
- b) All attendees shall sign a waiver releasing SIR, Inc., its branches and officers, of any liability related to any COVID 19 related illness.**
- c) All attendees shall comply with any state and local requirements related to COVID 19 protection, such as wearing masks and social distancing.**

Lane assignments will be posted prior to squad time.

It will be the duty of bowlers to be on their assigned lanes, ready to bowl, at squad time.

**Sands Regency reservations 866-386-7829 group code SIRS821**

The rates below would be valid Sunday thru Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 thru August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

Standard Room in Regency Tower \$32 -with all fees and taxes \$56.35

Dynasty Tower-\$42-with all fees and taxes-with all fees and taxes \$67.70

City/ Mountain View in Dynasty Tower \$47-with all fees and taxes \$73.38



**S.I.R. Bowling Tournament Registration**  
**National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nevada**  
**August 9 -11, 2021**

**#1** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M  F  Branch# \_\_\_\_\_ Guest   
 USBC# \_\_\_\_\_ USBC Composite Average \_\_\_\_\_ All Events: Hdcp  Scratch

**#2** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M  F  Branch# \_\_\_\_\_ Guest   
 USBC# \_\_\_\_\_ USBC Composite Average \_\_\_\_\_ All Events: Hdcp  Scratch

**#3** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M  F  Branch# \_\_\_\_\_ Guest   
 USBC# \_\_\_\_\_ USBC Composite Average \_\_\_\_\_ All Events: Hdcp  Scratch

**#4** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M  F  Branch# \_\_\_\_\_ Guest   
 USBC# \_\_\_\_\_ USBC Composite Average \_\_\_\_\_ All Events: Hdcp  Scratch

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**DAY AND ORDER OF PARTICIPATION:** (Enter bowlers' number from above for lineup and check day selection.)

| SINGLES       |   |                          |                          |                          | DOUBLES       |   |                          |                          |                          | TEAM          |   |                          |                          |                          |
|---------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|               |   | 10:00 am                 |                          | 9:30 am                  |               |   | 12:30 pm                 |                          | 9:30 am                  |               |   | 3:00 pm                  |                          | 9:30 am                  |
| Bowler Lineup | # | Mon                      | Tue                      | Wed                      | Bowler Lineup | # | Mon                      | Tue                      | Wed                      | Bowler Lineup | # | Mon                      | Tue                      | Wed                      |
| 1st           |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1st           |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1st           |   |                          |                          |                          |
| 2nd           |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2nd           |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2nd           |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3rd           |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3rd           |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3rd           |   |                          |                          |                          |
| 4th           |   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4th           |   |                          |                          |                          | 4th           |   |                          |                          |                          |

(Three events @\$22 each plus one optional All Events @\$5 = \$71 per bowler)

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SIR BRANCH 113 BOWLING TOURNAMENT**  
**MAIL ENTRY TO: SIR Ray DiBasilio, 5741 Gold Hill Road, Placerville, Ca. 95667**  
**530-558-9727 rdibasilio@gmail.com**

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1997 - Dave Holton 1999 - Al Limon  
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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

**Big Sir:** Gene Zanoni 532-1989  
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Looking for a volunteer

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## DATED MATERIAL

Sons In Retirement, Inc  
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