



BULLETIN

August 2022

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

Tuesday, Aug 9th

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 Aug 2, 2022

Menu:

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice Pilaf, Peas, Green Salad and Chocolate Pudding



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

August 31, 2022



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

Phil VanSwoll

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You may have heard that our Little Sir, Gene Bettencourt, suffered a heart problem while on a cruise and is in a hospital in Greece. He has had a pacemaker installed and will be there for several more days while they monitor his condition. I am sure you will all join me in wishing him the speediest and best of recoveries.

Along-time member of our branch, retired sheriff Dick Nutting, has sold his home (he is a close neighbor of mine) and moved to Yuma, Arizona. He has provided me with 3 SIR shirts (two green, one white, two size large and one medium) and 2 SIR caps, one blue and one white. These are free to a good home – first come, first served. Let me know if you are interested. Dick, we will miss you!

When you attend this month's luncheon, be sure to get your tickets for our summer family celebration in September. The menu looks great, the price is right, and you don't want to miss it! See you there!



August Birthdays

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Thomas, Bob | 08/01 |
| Maxwell, Bert | 08/03 |
| Bradesco, John | 08/03 |
| Burke, Randy | 08/04 |
| Baumgartner, Mike | 08/06 |
| Creager, Roy | 08/06 |
| Long, Tom | 08/06 |
| Gregory, Steven | 08/07 |
| Page, Rex T. | 08/09 |
| McVey, Lance | 08/25 |
| Hansen, Bill | 08/28 |
| Nuzum, Jim | 08/31 |
| Boldemann, Lloyd | 08/31 |



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Gene Bettencourt

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Let's all keep Gene in our thoughts and prayers and hope for a speedy recovery.



MEMBERSHIP

REPORT

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| <u>Previous Months Membership</u> | |
| Total Active Members | 158 |
| <u>July Luncheon</u> | |
| Luncheon Attendance (37%) | 59 |
| Excused Absences (43%) | 99 |

Current Month Membership

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Active Membership (June) | 158 |
| Applicants Being Installed | +0 |
| Active Members Lost | -0 |
| Active Membership July | 158 |



CAR CLUB CHAIRMAN

Rick Bronner - (408) 318-4826
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Mark your calendars.

We have two car shows this September: First is the 5th annual Twain Harte Car show, On the 3rd. "Classic & Custom Car Show & Rock Crawlers". Raffle Prizes, Live DI & Hits of the 40s, 50s, 60s

Awards Include:

Earliest Entry, Best in Show, People's Choice, Vroom Off, Hottest Paint, Best Truck, Best Custom Mod, Best Classic, Best Crawler, Best Crawler Build, Best Engine, Best Muscle, Best Interior, Best20s-70s, and more! \$20 Pre-Registration, \$30 Registration after August 1st Trailered Cars will be permitted. Special Prize for Furthest Traveled.

Then on September 10th will be a car show at Rocca Park in Jamestown in memory of Dan McHoul, all proceeds will be going to support chips for kids, entry fee is \$25.

They will also be collecting new unwrapped toys or gift cards for infants to 17 years old. For more information call Jennifer at 209-840-8418



GOLF REPORT

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RESULTS

Format: Skins

8 skins - Allan Bell
2 skins - Bob Bader
2 skins - Tom Neiderer
2 skins - Rick Bronner
2 skins - Chace Anderson
1 skin - Dave Siudzinki
1 skin - Mike Wright

#5 par three Close to the Hole

1st - Mike Wright 8'-2
2nd - Jim Simmons 9'-3

3rd - Mike Baumgartner 14'-1

#12 par three Close to the Hole

1st - Mike Baumgartner 7'-9
2nd - Dave Siudzinki 11'-3
3rd - John Perrault 13'-0

Next SIR's golf outing: August 16, 2022

Always the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Format: Orange Ball

Contact Danny Laureta to Join

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BOWLING REPORT

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. Mike Coe from branch 77 and I attended the bowling tournament in Auburn on July 9th. There were 30 bowlers present and Mike and I placed 4th in our group and we each won prize money as well as bracket money. It was a tough shot but we both had a good time. One of the highlights was the Mexican restaurant right next store. The shrimp burritos were fantastic! Grass valley will be hosting the next SIRS bowling tournament in August. For further information here's the link to the SIRS bowling website.

<http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>



RV CLUB NEWS

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Due to the cost of fuel and the economy, the RV Club has been staying home this year. our next outing will be in October. We will be heading to Casa-D-Fruta RV Park in the Hollister area. The outing will be from October 16th to 20th.

If anyone in SIRs that has an RV and would like to get out on the road and meet some great people, call Eddie Toews at 209-532-3970 or talk to him at the monthly meeting and he will get you all the details. Be safe and hopefully we can all get back out on the road soon.



KAYAKING

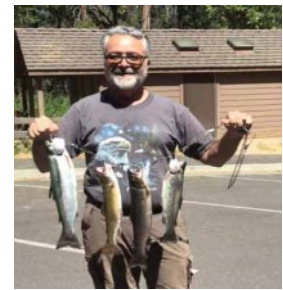
Sol Robin (707) 315-1284
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Destination Pinecrest Lake, launch time 8:15, Tuesday Aug 23rd. There will be a BBQ after. Ladies are welcome. Please contact Sol Robin at solhomes@sbcglobal.net or 707-315-1284

FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550
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As you can see Sol Robin had some good luck at Beardsley. I caught a few my self. My wife and I fished Don Pedro one day it was slow that day with one trout and one bass in the boat. Then the heat set in, it is too much for me.



Sol Robin



PINOCHLE REPORT

Bob Morrison - (209) 588-0994
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In July, we played two tournaments of cutthroat pinochle and one tournament of partners 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 12:45 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. The tournaments start at 1:00 P.M. To play with us, you must be fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus and have signed an *SIR Event Waiver and Release of Liability* form. 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

| July 2022 | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Player | Branch | Average |
| CUTTHROAT PINOCHLE SCORES | | |
| Bob Morrison | 136 | 260 |
| Del Rotelli | 77 | 218 |
| John White | 136 | 211 |
| Jim Turner | 136 | 208 |
| John Quinton | 136 | 201 |
| Bill Burnes | 136 | 190 |
| Roland Patton | 172 | 124 |
| Tom Long | 136 | 121 |
| July 2022 | | |
| Player | Branch | Average |
| PARTNERS PINOCHLE SCORES | | |
| Tom Long | 136 | 345 |
| Bill Burnes | 136 | 338 |
| Bob Morrison | 136 | 235 |
| John White | 136 | 210 |
| Dave Goldem-berg | 172 | 178 |
| Roland Patton | 172 | 96 |
| John Quinton | 136 | 44 |
| Delbert Rotelli | 77 | -51 |

In the small town of Colfax, CA, 36 family members traveled from across the country to meet in celebration of Jim and Linda Botto's 60th anniversary/80th birthdays.

It had been exactly 20 years since the last reunion that occurred in Pinecrest, CA, but the family was only three generations at that time. With the youngest great-grandchild at 7 months old and the oldest at 15 years, the 13 cousins joined together with 23 adults to enjoy a few days under the same 9000+ square foot roof.

Much of the time spent together was mealtime, but the family also enjoyed the beauty of the local Rollins Lake, a drive to enjoy Lake Tahoe, and local Colfax attractions. Some highlights were demonstrations of fabulous karaoke numbers performed by some trained and untrained voices, ruckus game nights going far into the night, a painting class offered by one of the daughters, and to keep the great grands' entertained, an inflatable waterslide, foosball, billiards, air hockey, and ping pong challenges that happened when they were not watching their favorites in the big screen theater room that sported recliner seating.

Kicking the final evening off with a 4-generation photo shoot in celebration of Jim and Linda's 60th anniversary, the entire family wore reunion t-shirts designed by a grandson that stated, "All because two people fell in love."



After a special dinner meal, a slide show depicting their 60 years with their family was shown to a playlist of favorite, memory-invoking tunes. Family Feud became the next bit of fun to unite the group in which the girls became the winners with Linda at the helm.

The airlines made a fortune on this reunion, families traveled from New Hampshire, New York, Virginia, Alabama, Utah, New Mexico, and Southern California all arriving on the same day. Our three daughters and our son did all the planning of the travel, food, and entertainment. A reunion that took twenty years in the making.

Written By: Cathy Botto Larsen

End of Summer Family Social



Tuesday September 13th

@ the Sonora Elks Lodge
100 Elk Drive

Cost per person \$25.00

Social Hour 11:00 am -12:00 pm Lunch Served at 12pm Raffle to follow

**Come mix and mingle with
friends and family !!**

**Raffle tickets on sale at event
15 tickets \$5 !!**

Fantastic Raffle prizes !

Menu

- ❖ Half BBQ Chicken or TriTip
- ❖ Potato & Macaroni Salads
- ❖ Baked Beans
- ❖ Rolls & Butter
- ❖ Dessert
- ❖ Iced Tea

Tickets go on sale: July & August Meetings

SIR Covid-19 Protocols Remain In Affect for All !!



Sonora Branch #136



Want Some SIRs Apparel?

If you have a computer and are on the internet, no problem! Just go to the SIRs Branch 136 website and look at the catalog, choose what you want, including the embroidery, print a simplified order form for each item you want, fill out the form and give it to me, Fred Kehr, your Merchandise Chairman, at the next meeting, along with your check, and I'll consolidate orders to avoid chipping and handling charges. Upon arrival of the package, I'll bring the items to the next meeting for distribution.

You can also go to <https://sir.ourproshop.com>, peruse the items there. Should your order be large enough to avoid handling and shipping charges, you should be able to handle the order yourself, using a credit card. Of course, if you are willing to pay the handling and shipping charges, you should always be able to handle your order yourself. You might also consolidate your order with a friend's and avoid shipping and handling charges that way.

If you don't have access to a computer, etc., a couple of catalogs will be available at our meetings on the table between the bar and dining areas at the Elks' Lodge. Browse through the catalog, and if you find something you like, take an order sheet and fill it out, placing the completed form on the designated clipboard. Don't hesitate asking me about details. Once the order form is completed, I will contact you and the payment (preferably a check) from you. I'll consolidate orders until I have a volume sufficient to avoid the handling and shipping fees, unless, of course, you are willing to pay them. In that case, your order will be processed separately. If I don't get a couple of orders together within a couple of months, I'll contact you to determine if you are willing to wait longer, and we'll go from there.





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2021

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

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

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

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