



# BULLETIN

August, 2023

Website: [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org)  
SONORA BRANCH #136

Tuesday, Aug 8th

Summer Family BBQ Picnic

Contact:

Eddie Toews (209) 532-3970  
or [Icoinlady@aol.com](mailto:Icoinlady@aol.com)

Leave Your Name, Badge No.  
& Number of guests.

Deadline for reservations is  
Aug 1, 2023

Menu

Mesquite Grilled Tri-Tip or  
Caprese Chicken Breast or  
Roasted Salmon Filet



## BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

Jim Botto Editor - 559-0931

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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](mailto:giacamo42@gmail.com)

The deadline for the next bulletin is

August 31, 2023



## INTERNET CHAIRMAN

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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. 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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Well, here we are into August and the annual picnic is just around the corner. Hopefully everyone has their tickets. We will not be selling tickets at the door. Hope to see everyone there and have a good time.

We also discussed the need for some additional help on the reservations for the luncheons process. Currently we have a person that does the job each month. We also have a backup person that steps up to the job when the main person has another commitment. The situation came to light in June when the main person was on vacation and the backup was in the hospital for two weeks. What we need is to have a third person to do the job if this was to ever happen again. Let's hope not! How it will work is, you will have the software installed on your computer and be trained on how the system works. You might never be called on to do this, at least we hope not, but you will be able to step in and do this if needed. Contact Eddie Toews, BIG SIR, if you are interested in helping us. (I want to thank John Quinton for stepping up and volunteering to help with this job).

Due to our Family BBQ Picnic, we will not be having a BEC meeting this month. See you next month. Have a save and fun summer.



## RV CLUB NEWS

Eddie Toews (209) 532-3970

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The RV Club is at a standstill at this time with no outings scheduled for July or August. Our next outing will be in September to Casper RV Park in Mendocino, CA. We will be there from September 25<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>.

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 209-770-3776, or RV Club member for more information. Be safe and see you down the road.



## LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Rick Bronner

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Let's all thank our branch 136 member Richard Lundin for his fascinating talk on the status of mining past and present here in Tuolumne County. Apparently, there is still "Gold in them thar hills", to be had. Richard is even working to start a mining operation on Moccasin creek. The story is that there is lots of gold hiding in plain sight in the tailings from previous mining operations. The trick is to break the rock down to a powder form in order to extract the Gold. There are also other rare minerals locked in the rock as well. Let's wish Richard luck in this endeavor as it not only means getting rare minerals, we badly need but also greatly needed employment opportunities for our county.

I hope to see all of you this month at our annual Summer Family BBQ Picnic on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup>. We're back at Indigeny Reserve this year. We'll have catering by Perfect Day Catering out of Arnold. I'm looking forward to feasting on the tri-tip and all the fixings. There's also caprese chicken and salmon choices. Please remember to bring something for the raffle.



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Thomas, Bob	08/01
Burke, Randy	08/04
Gregory, Steven	08/07
Page, Rex	08/09
Rodgers, Travis	08/12
Cunningham, Mike	08/19
Wilhoite, Robert	08/19
McVey, Lance	08/25
Hansen, Bill	08/28
Nuzum, Jim	08/31
Boldemann, Lloyd	08/31



## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

George Cocores - (209) 456-9814

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### July Luncheon

Luncheon Attendance	(51%)	68
Excused Absences	(49%)	66

### Current Month Membership

Active Membership (June)	135
Applicants Being Installed	0
Active Members Lost	-1
Active Membership July	<u>134</u>



## **GOLF CLUB NEWS**

**Rick Bronner - (209) 533-4289**  
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Results for SIR Golf Tournament held at Teleli Golf Course on Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Dave Siudzinski for running the event.

Our Golf Chair from branch 77 Danny Laureta was unavailable since he bought a new house and is currently moving in.

### **Money Stuff -**

- Hole 1 Skin - Trini Mercado = \$3
- Hole 2-3 Skins - Steve Brown = \$6
- Hole 4 skin - Frank Rand = \$3
- Hole 5-9 skins - Gene Morales = \$15
- Hole 10-14 Skins - Dave Siudzinski = \$15
- Hole 15 Skin - Derle Davis = \$3
- Hole 16-17 skins - Dave Siudzinski = \$6
- Closest to the hole #5
- 1st Place Mike Coe 9'9" = \$10
- 2nd Place John Marrs 14'1" = \$8
- Closest to the hole #12
- 1st Place Dave Siudzinski 2'11" = \$10
- 2nd Place Frank Rands 19'11" = \$8
- Nice Accomplishments but No Money
- Most Par Breakers Davis, Derle, 8 Birdies,
- 2 Eagles Brown, Steve, 7 Birdies,
- 1 Eagle Mercado, Trini, 7 Birdies,
- 1 Eagle ands, Frank, 7 Birdies,
- 1 Eagle Santana, Raul, 7 Birdies Simmons,
- Jim, 6 Birdies, 1 Eagle Espino, Felix, 6 Birdies.

Actual Best Golfers - Congratulations!

#1 Low Gross - R. Santana @ 85

#2 Low Gross - M. Oliver @86

Our next outing will be August 15<sup>th</sup>.

As always contact Danny Laureta to join in on the fun

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



## **BOWLING REPORT**

**Rick Bronner - (209) 533-4289**  
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Here are the results for our local SIR bowlers from branch 136 and branch 77 held at Foothill Bowling Center on July 7<sup>th</sup>. In Auburn.

### **Division 1**

Singles 5<sup>th</sup> place Rick Bronner-Branch 136

23<sup>rd</sup> Place -Mike Coe -Branch 77

Doubles-4<sup>th</sup> Place Mike Coe / John

Brasenco

6<sup>th</sup> Place-Rick Bronner/ gene

Mendenhall

All Events-2<sup>nd</sup> Place Rick Bronner

### **Division 2**

Singles 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-John Brasenco-Branch 77

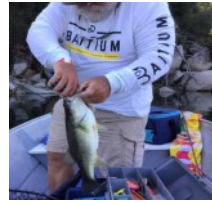
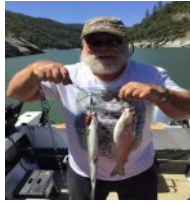
19<sup>th</sup> Place-Gene Mendenhall-Branch 77

All Events—2<sup>nd</sup> place—John Brasenco



## **FISHING CHAIRMAN**

**Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550**  
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On July 12 Bill Guenza and I ventured up 108 to Beardsley reservoir.in order to beat the heat and wind we met at 5:30 AM.? We caught some nice 17" to 19" rainbows and a brook trout. As the sun came over the granite the bigger fish gave way to smaller planters. Buy 11:00 am you could see the ripples on the water getting larger, so it was time to pack it in and head home. Most of the fish we released except for a few fish for dinner.



On July 20 my wife Francesca and the dog took HW4 up to Spicer meadows Reservoir. Like Beardsley it is about a 1/2-hour drive down to the lake off the highway. Spicer is a beautiful lake as you can see by the pictures. The fishing was good. We boated 5 fish and lost one. The boated fish were all released. I know there are more fish stories out there leis share them.



## **CAR CLUB NEWS**

**Rick Bronner - (408) 318-4826**  
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No Report this month



Little Sir Rick Bronner welcomed **Sir Travis Rodgers** as a new member to Sonora Sirs Branch 136

## **PINOCHLE REPORT**

Chairman Position now open



## **KAYAKING**

**Sol Robin (707) 315-1284**  
[solrobin57@gmail.com](mailto:solrobin57@gmail.com)

Chuck Simons and Franchesca kayaked with the Twain Harte Sirs on the 25th! We had a nice BBQ after. August 22nd is our next outing at Pinecrest. Call Sol Robin at 707-315-1284 for more details or to join in!



## **CHAPLIN'S CORNER**

**Steven Gregory - (209) 533-0309**  
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America the beautiful: I am bewildered by the magnificence of your beauty and wish to see you with a thousand eyes.

"Everyone needs beauty as well as bread  
Places to play in and places to pray in  
Where nature may heal and cheer and  
Give strength to body and soul alike"  
John Muir





Date July 28, 2023  
To SIR members & guests  
From Lee Moy, State SIR Sports  
RE Golden Gate Fields

Fellow Sirs:

Welcome to the last-ever horse race outing at Golden Gate Fields. It will take place on September 25, 2023. Your State SIR Board has approved this special event.

We have reserved standard seating at the racetrack in the Turf Club. All Sirs and their guests are welcome. More information below the picture...



Another one bites the dust...the closing of the legendary Golden Gate Fields

**SIR Day at the Races**  
September 25, 2023  
Turf Club Buffet \$76 pp  
noon

*Goodbye*

Send personal check to:

Lee Moy  
127 N. Helm Ave  
Clovis, CA 93612

State SIR Sports  
leehealthstudio@gmail.com  
(559) 709-9851

deadline 9/20/23  
\$76 per person

An outstanding way to enjoy a Ladies Day Luncheon by the Bay; our Ladies Swan Song Farewell Horse Race ever.  
"Thanks" for the fond memories.

The \$76 per person is an all-inclusive amount for parking, the racing program, seating, a 3-hour all-you-can-eat private buffet, tax, and gratuity.

Please send your check with your name and the names of your guest/s, plus your phone number and Branch number (on a separate sheet if necessary). The check needs to be made out to Lee Moy.

Forward your check to Lee Moy, 127 N. Helm Ave., Clovis.

Deadline: September 20th. Q/A: Any questions please contact me at [leehealthstudio@gmail.com](mailto:leehealthstudio@gmail.com) or text: (559) 709-9851.

Physical address: GGF, 1100 East shore Highway, Albany 94710.

Entrance to the Turf Club by noon; races begin at 1:30 pm.

**Consider wearing fancy hats and matching theme outfits.**

# 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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Dale Decker - Big Sir 2016  
Eddie Toews - Treasurer 2009 - current  
**HONORARY LIFE EMERITUS**  
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](http://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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