



BULLETIN

December 2022

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

Tuesday, Dec. 13th

Happy Hour at 11:00am

Lunch at 12:00pm

Contact via e-mail:

Eddie Towes

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Or Call (209) 532-3970

Leave Your Name, Badge No.

& Number of guests.

Deadline for reservations is

Dec. 6th, 2022

Menu:

Shrimp Cocktail

Prime Rib w/Baked Potato

-or-

Salmon with Rice Pilaf

-or-

Chicken Cordon Bleu with Rice Pilaf

Includes Vegetable, Salad & Dessert

Wine will be provided at the table

BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

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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:

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The deadline for the next bulletin is

December 31, 2022



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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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I had wanted to write a REALLY long column this month, thanking all of you who have worked so hard and so well to make sure our branch remains the quality unit it is. However, things have a way of changing when you least expect them to. I was out of town for most of Thanksgiving week, which I had anticipated, but when I got back home, I immediately came down with an acute Upper Respiratory Infection (I think that's doctor-speak for a really bad cold). I spent most of the day in the hospital and have been confined to bed since then.

At any rate, I hope I have made my appreciation known throughout the year for all the things you do. Ours is a group effort, and you all chipped in without hesitation. We didn't have the participation numbers I would have liked to have seen, and we did lose a few members during the year, but overall, for our first full year back from the pandemic days, I don't think we did too bad. I will be giving out some special awards at the Christmas Lunch to help recognize some key players – but just remember, I appreciate ALL of you. Thanks for your participation. Hopefully I will be better by the Christmas Lunch, so I will see you there!



December Birthdays

Wallace, Stu	12/02
Derodeff, Brian	12/03
Caplinger, Cap	12/04
Eaton, Herman	12/12
Burkett, Bob	12/12
Santana, Raul	12/17
Gelber, Bob	12/20
Long, Ron	12/21
Bynum, Barry	12/23
Sudduth, Ed	12/24
Vanier, Dennis	12/26
Stevenson, Bob	12/26
LaFrance, Mike	12/28
Price, Chuck	12/30
Braida, Bob	12/30



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Rick Bronner

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I'd like to thank Dr. Thomas McDonald for his very informative presentation at our November meeting. Dr. McDonald is an orthopedic surgeon and gave us all a pretty clear picture of what happens to our joints as we age. Although the Dr. is a surgeon, he doesn't believe in operating unless it's really necessary. The Doctor spoke of many preventative measures including treatments like cortisone and other medicines as well as physical therapy. I really appreciated his honesty and straight forward thinking. We should all be extremely pleased we have Dr. McDonald available to us here in Sonora.

Our next guest speaker at our January meeting will be our own city councilman Matt Hawkins. Matt was our 2022 mayor and has spent several years on the city council. Matt has a record of fiscal responsibility and as mayor worked with the Tuolumne Firesafe Council Sunshine Hill firebreak project. Will all be looking forward to Matt's presentation. I hope to see you all at this month's Christmas Banquet. Don't forget to bring something for the raffle.



CAR CLUB

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It's that time of year again. If you have a special vehicle that you don't plan on driving during the winter like I do it's time to think about preventative measures. Ideally putting your car on jack stands and adding a fuel additive like Stabil is recommended. Also, a full tank of gas is preferred since it will minimize the amount of condensation build up. A good car cover is always a smart thing even if it's garaged. Add a trickle charger and when Spring arrives you will be ready to hit the road.

**Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year**





GOLF REPORT

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SIRS November Golf Results

Great turnout and the weather was Beautiful after the frost delay.

Format: Two Man Best Ball

1st - Mike Clay/Mike Baumgartner net 57
2nd - Jeff Juhl & Dennis Land net 61
tie 3rd - Rod Salvi & Trini Mercado net 62
- Derel Davis & Danny Laureta net 62

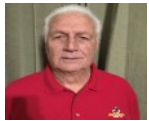
#5 Close to the Hole 142 yds par 3

1st - Dennis Land 9'-4"
2nd - John Perrault 10'-3"
3rd - Mike Baumgartner 29'-3"

#12 Close to the Hole 123 yds par 3

1st - Pete Larkin 9'-6"
2nd - Allan Bell 26'-10"
3rd - Mike Baumgartner 30'-5"

Next Sir's golf outing is not until March 2023 Thanks to Danny Laureta for all his hard work putting our monthly tournaments together and posting results.
Happy Holidays



RV CLUB NEWS

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The RV Club will be having our annual Christmas Dinner on December 7, 2022, at the Peppery in the upstairs meeting room. This will finish our activities for the 2022 season. We have several outings in the making for the 2023 year. They include a kickoff breakfast in February, an outing to Bakersfield in March, an outing to Bass Lake in May and an outing to Jackson Rancheria / Apple Hill in October. There are a few more outings in the making.

Any SIR member that would like to join us, contact Eddie Toews, RV Chairman, at 209-532-3970 and he will get you the information on the outings.

I want to wish all the RV club members and SIR members a joyous and safe Christmas and New Year. Stay safe on the road and we will see you next year.
Happy Holidays

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

November Luncheon

Luncheon Attendance (46%) 66
Excused Absences (54%) 78

Current Month Membership

Active Membership (OCT.) 148
Applicants Being Installed +0
Active Members Lost -4
Active Membership Nov. 144



PINOCHLE REPORT

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In November, we played two tournaments of cutthroat pinochle and one tournament of partners pinochle. Our average scores are shown in the adjacent tables. 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. 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.

November 2022		
CUTTHROAT PINOCHLE SCORES		
Player	Branch	Average
Bob Morrison	136	318
Delbert Rotelli	77	300
Jerry Kopyn	Guest	296
John White	136	265
Tom Long	136	248
Bill Burnes	136	238
John Quinton	136	193
Jim Turner	136	184

November 2022		
PARTNERS PINOCHLE SCORES		
Player	Branch	Average
Bob Morrison	136	522
Bill Burnes	136	439
Jerry Kopyn	Guest	417
Tom Long	136	371
Delbert Rotelli	77	344
John Quinton	136	220
Bob Burkett	136	216
Jim Turner	136	130
John White	136	99



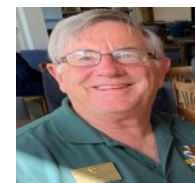
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BOWLING REPORT

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After the first 3 months of bowling, the team of "Triple 7" is leading everyone. The team consists of Paul Line, Gene Mendenhall, and Rick Bronner. The second-place team of "the Wild Ones" closed the gap when they bowled against each other 2 weeks ago. The Wild Ones team is Rich Milano, Rich Rinaldi and Danny Laureta. Third place through seventh place teams are all close in wins. High scratch game of 247 is Matt Clay, High scratch series of 658 is Rick Bronner. High handicap game of 286 is Rick Lasater and high handicap series of 812 is also Rick Lasater. Esther Turner is the only women bowling and she is holding up well against the guys. We were off for Thanksgiving break and the first week of December due to Black Oak having the senior no tap tournaments on the first Friday of every month. We could still use 3 more bowlers to get to 8 teams. Please contact me at 408-318-4826 or bronnerrick@gmail.com if you are interested in bowling. Thanks to our SIR's bowling chair Mike Coe for the bowling report.



In Loving Memory



Paul Reinhart's Obituary 1929 - 2022

Paul Reinhart passed away on October 14, 2022. At his home in Twain Harte. Paul was born in Des Moines, IA to Melbourne and Martha Reinhardt, fourth of seven children. He worked on the family farm after high school until his enlistment in the Air Force, where he served in Korea in the motor pool as a mechanic which led to his lifelong career. He returned to the farm after his honorable discharge in 1954 until an Air Force friend suggested he headed out to Oakland, CA. He worked as a mechanic for a local Union 76 gas station and became interested and involved in amateur auto racing. When asked how he got interested, he said, "I had a car". He became involved in SCCA West Coast circuit, racing his 1957 Corvette up and down the coast which led to his B-production championship in 1961 and 1962. This led to the purchase of a 1963 Corvette Z06, sixth off the production line which he raced for a portion of the 1963 season before moving on to a genie race car. Without a sponsor and with a family to support him, he hung up his keys in 1965. Fast forward to the early 1980s, he found his 1963 Z06 in the newspaper and restored it and began racing it in vintage auto racing at Laguna Seca and Sonoma Raceway, and he raced as if he had never left the track. Eventually, he sold the Z06 again, restored a 1957 Corvette, and raced that until 2013 when he retired for good. They could still be found at the races, visiting friends and fans to the delight of them all. Paul was predeceased by his wife, Wanda, and later by his partner Roberta Brunton. He leaves behind his son Mark Benson (Nancy Jakiela), his grandson Cody Benson (Emily Smeriglo) a granddaughter, Tami Linhart, and her children and grandchildren, and his brother-in-law Charles Armstrong (Mindy). The family is thankful for Debbie Brunton, his neighbor and a friend who watched out for him through the years, drove him to the doctors' visits, and cared for him in these last six months. All requested. There will be no services, and he will be interred in the Reinhart family cemetery in Alleman, Iowa. donations can be made in his memory to interfaith community social services care of Cathy Peacock director P.O. box 5070 Sonora, CA. 95370.



Roy Beebe Obituary 1934 - 2022

Roy Beebe, retired commander of the California Highway Patrol office in Jamestown, passed away after a lengthy battle with COPD. He had been assigned to various areas, including Redwood City, San Jose, Oakland, Central Los Angeles, Contra Costa, South Sacramento, and to Sonora, which he retired from in 1993, serving 30 years in the California Highway Patrol.

Roy was born in San Francisco to Robert and Mildred Beebe. He was raised in San Francisco, and after high school he joined the United States Navy, where he served in Central Pacific. He served on two destroyers, the USS Carpenter, DD 825. And the USS Nicholas DD449 and was a Korean War veteran. Spending time in Korea waters operating with the 7th Fleet in 1953 through 1957. Both destroyers were based in Pearl Harbor and would spend half the time there and the rest of the time in the Western Pacific. He visited various ports of call in Japan, Okinawa, Philippine Islands, Hong Kong, Midway Island, Formosa, Taiwan, and Hawaii. After serving four years in the Navy, he went to San Francisco City College, graduated in 1961. While still in college, he joined the San Francisco Police Department in 1960. He stayed with the SFPD until 1964, when he joined the California Highway Patrol. He also continued his education, receiving a bachelor's degree from San Jose State University in 1973. Received a master's degree from Golden Gate University in 1981 while working out for the CHP. He was signed to Redwood City twice, Oakland twice, Contra Costa twice San Jose, Central Los Angeles, South Sacramento and retired as a commander in the office in Sonora. After retirement, he drove through all 50 States and traveled through Europe twice and Asia twice. Besides his time in Asia with US Navy, he did dedicate his life to public service with four years in the Navy, four years in San Francisco Police Department, & 30 years to California Highway Patrol. A total of 38 years.

He was a member of "The tin can sailors association", USS Carpenter Association and the USS Nicholas Association. He was a member of SIR's branch 136 in Sonora. He was also a charter member of the Mount Corps. Which he organized. He was a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America, motherload chapter. He had a love of old cars, owning a 1940 Chevy Coupe Street Rod in 1955 Bel Air, 2 door hardtop and 1964 Chevy Chevelle Super Sport. Roy loved to travel and went to many old cars shows throughout the United States. He stopped at many wineries to sample other California wines and tell tales. His highlight of travels was by visiting the White House in Washington DC, George Washington's House and Mount Vernon, and the Civil War battlefields. He is survived by brother Robert Beebe, and his wife, Carmen, along with his children, son Marty Beebe and his partner Christina Ausk, daughter Vikki, son Jay, and his wife Kathy and his granddaughter, Angela Todd, and her husband Kenny. His great granddaughter Mia Todd and his grandson Anthony Beebe.





2023 Sonora SIR #136 Annual Dues Notice

November 1, 2022

Dear Fellow SIR member,

Below is your Annual Sonora SIR Dues Notice for 2023:

Even though the cost of everything has gone up these days, your SIR dues are the same as the last several years and your Board of Directors continues to strive to make SIR affordable and enjoyable to all of our members.

The Annual Dues for 2023 are **\$25.00**. This amount covers the cost of the State SIR assessment and normal operating costs of the branch. **Annual Dues are due by January 1st and considered delinquent after that date.** Dues not paid by February 28th, 2023 may result in your loss of membership (extenuating circumstances will be considered).

I encourage you to Send in Your Dues Now.

Send checks to:

SIR #136 at Eddie Toews, 21795 El Coyote DR. Sonora, CA. 95370

We appreciate your early remittance so that your Board can budget and plan for our in-person activities in the new year.

Thank You for being a loyal SIR member.

Eddie Toews

Treasurer

PRINT and DETACH with your Remittance



Sonora SIR #136

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$25.00, made out to Sonora SIR #136. For my 2023 Annual Dues.

Name: _____

Check No: _____ **Checks made payable to Sonora SIR # 136**

Send to: SIR #136 at Eddie Toews, 21795 El Coyote DR. Sonora, CA. 95370

Attention

Great News

Covid Restriction lifted

As of October 11, 2022, the state BEC and Branch 136 BEC and members attending the regular meeting have unanimously voted to drop all COVID 19 restrictions and go back to normal attending of any SIR activities.

The waiver forms that were filled out over the past two years will be kept on file so we do not have to fill them out again if Covid comes back. Let's all hope it stays away.

We want to thank everyone who worked and helped us get through what our state BEC and insurance company required. I also want to thank everyone for their patience in helping us get through this very bad situation.

We hope to see you at the next SIR meeting on November 8, 2022. Watch for the e-mail from Jerry Bellefeuille to make your reservation.

Your SIR Branch 136 BEC.

Propane News Letter to All Sonora SIRs Members

Fall is here, and it's time to fire up the furnace. Everything is going up, gasoline, diesel, and propane. I can help you with one of those, PROPANE!! If you have home delivery from a propane provider that's not JS West Propane you need to change. As a SIR member I can enroll you in our Co-op with JS West. The average cost can be as much as \$1.00 a gallon cheaper than a regular routed JS West customer. The only cost to change is \$15.95 for the delivery of a JS West tank and the annual tank lease is \$75.00 for a 250 gallons tank. (Larger tanks will be more dependent on size). When your tank is delivered, they will move the competitor's tank to the side and set a JS West tank. They will pressure test your system for leaks and relight your pilot lights. So, if you want to save some serious money on your propane bill you need to call me. One of our members told me they saved \$1000 last year. Think of it, get a delivery of 150 gallons that's \$150 less than being in the JS West SIR Co-op. So, give me a call if you have any questions.

Marty Martin Propane chairman

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Branch #136

Christmas Luncheon

December 13, 2022



Elks Lodge
100 Elk Dr., Sonora, CA

Raffle prizes will be appreciated.

No Host Cocktails
@ 10:30 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 Dessert
Wine will be provided at
the table

\$35 per Person

Tickets will go on sale at the
Oct. 11th & Nov. 8th Luncheons

SEATING IS LIMITED

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AND

CANCELLATIONS IS DEC. 6, 2022

ALL SALES ARE FINAL AFTER THAT DATE



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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2015 - Jim Johnson 2016 - Dale Decker
2017 - Danney Laureta 2018 - Paul Squeri
2019 - Jim Botto - Gene Zaroni - 2020 &
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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