



SONORA SIR BRANCH #136

February 2020 Bulletin

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Next Branch Luncheon:

Feb 11th

Social Hour starts at 11AM
BEC meeting starts at 10AM in
the small bar area.



BIG SIR NOTES

Gene Zanoni - 532-1989

Luncheon Menu

**Roast Pork & Applesauce,
Mashed Potatoes, Green
Beans, Green Salad, Roll,
& Cookie**

Luncheon prices for 2020

\$15.00 for full lunch

\$7.00 for salad only.



MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE LINE

**If you are not able to attend
the regular monthly meeting,
or are bringing a Guest, please
call the Membership Message
Line at**

536 - 6311

**No Later Than Noon on the
Sunday Before the Luncheon
Meeting!**

**Leave a clear message with
your NAME, BADGE #, and
GUEST NAME; or the reason
you will not be able to attend
if applicable.**

Now that we have successfully journeyed through the month of January, we have greater clarity by which to address those issues that will help define much of our overall objectives for a major portion of 2020. Granted, not all our concerns shall be resolved in a single month as it remains a yearlong process. It is only through the collective efforts of many of our thoughtful and hardworking members that we recognize those challenges that either exists or await us, upon the thorough assessment of such issues we ultimately render expedient resolutions that are deemed appropriate and fair. Upon arriving at the conclusion of the current year, reflecting upon our achievements will help define whether we were successful in making our organization better than before. I wish to address those present concerns that affect us all: namely, the 2020 annual membership dues of \$25.00 that are currently payable. If you have not paid you dues at this time it is recommended that you remit your payment-in-full to our Treasurer, Eddie Toews (532-3970), no later than upon the conclusion of the February luncheon. Otherwise, your name will appear in the Bulletin's delinquent list. Sorry, a monthly installment plan is not an option. Moreover, we are looking in earnest for a new Bulletin Editor, a Recruitment Director and an Activities Director. Another objective is to add two additional members, only on a part time and rotating basis, to assist at our check in table. As such, these openings provide a golden opportunity for any member to fulfill their participating and/or volunteering sense of duty. The duration of your commitment can be as little as three months, or longer, depending upon your preference. All interested members are urged to contact me immediately.

Paul Padavana, our Little Sir, has made arrangement to have our initial guest speaker appear at our February luncheon and the presentation will be relevant to voting activity. I am pleased to announce that we have registered with The Union Democrat, our local newspaper, for the upcoming 39th Annual Home and Garden Show that is scheduled for April 18 & 19, 2020 at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. This event occurs on both Saturday and Sunday and runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. We must recognize this occasion as a major recruitment initiative since the event attracts thousands of people during the two-day affair; therefore, we need as many members as possible to volunteer to staff our booth. Starting with the February luncheon signup sheets will be available to our entire membership in hopes of attracting appropriate member participation. Time commitments can be for one hour or longer depending upon your personal schedule. We started 2020 with a membership total of 216 with an attrition figure of 26 (4-year average: 2016-2019) and with a goal of adding 27 new members by year end. Thus, our 2020 year-end total membership goal is 217 (2019 year-end total plus 1). January provided a positive indication with regards to strengthening our membership base: 7 guests were welcome, and Darrell Cannon #046 was added to our membership total as the consequence of an inter-branch transfer. Let us all cordially receive Darrell to facilitate his transition into our congenial organization. It is highly possible that two new members could be inducted during our February 11th luncheon. I hope to see all of you then and please remember to bring a guest

SIR STATE OFFICERS

www.sirinc.org

PRESIDENT: Sir Ed Benson

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SECRETARY: Sir Stuart Williams

TREASURER: Sir Roy Hodgkinson

REGION 2 DIRECTOR

Sir Rick Kindle - Denair, Ca

AREA 5 GOVERNOR

Sir Dale Decker, Sonora, CA

PAST BIG SIRs - BRANCH #136 SONORA

1997 - Dave Holton	1999 - Al Limon
2000 - Bob Gibbs	2002 - Jim Nuzum
2003 - Dick Nutting	2007 - Wil Reich
2008 - Roger Milligan	2009 - Don Nilan
2010 - Don Banchemo	2011 - Al Smith
2013 - Phil VanSwoll	2014 - John Bristow
2015 - Jim Johnson	2016 - Dale Decker
2017 - Danny Laureta	2018 - Paul Squeri
2019 - Jim Botto	

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 2000
Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015
Jim Johnson—Past Big SIR 2015

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Member Relations - Phil Baylis-(510)552-7596

Publicity - OPEN

DIRECTORS

Second Year

Bill Guenza 568-7088

Steve Huff 770-0678

Marty Martin 568-1886

George Cocores 456-9814

First Year

Phil Baylis (510) 552-7596

Chris Methot (408) 218-5221

Tom Neiderer (714) 886-8574

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Attendance Membership - George Cocores 456-9814

BEC Advisor - Al Limon 533-4544

Bowling - Steve Huff 770-0678

Branch Photographer - Steve Belochi 533-5315

Bulletin - Steve Huff 770-0678

Car Club - Rich Rinaldi 532-8366

Fishing - Chuck Simons -532-9550

Golf - Paul Padavana 532-8051

Tom Nischwitz 694-8624

Danny Laureta 586-4567

Honorary Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

Asst Danny Laureta 586-4567

Kayaking/Hiking - Sol Robin 651-1054

Lunch Tickets - Roger Swartz 533-0376

Luncheon - Vacant

Luncheon Drawing - Tom Neiderer 569-9003

Nominating Com. Chair. - Jim Botto 586-0822

Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994

Poker - George Parsons 533-8637

Propane - Marty Martin 586-1886

R.V. Travel Group - Eddie Toews 532-3970

Senior Member Awards - Jim Johnson 536-1595

SIR Item Sales - Fred Kehr 785-4358

Sunshine - Chaplain - Steve Gregory 533-0309

Travel - Vacant

Wine Tasting - Phil VanSwoll 532-1133

SIR Mission Statement

To improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events - while making friends for life.



LITTLE SIR NOTES
Paul Padavana 532-8051

Can't believe January is over already, at this rate it will be Christmas before you know it. Planning for the Lady's Day Luncheon in May has started and information on that will be coming out after the February BEC meeting. Also, sign-ups to attend will begin once everything has been approved in February. A big thank you goes out to Jim Johnson, Eddie Toews, and Danny Laureta for helping and advising me through this process. I am looking forward to making the Ladies Day Luncheon another memorable day for all.

I am glad to announce that Dick Aberle, Bill Guenza, Scott Lewis, Chris Methot, and Mike Baumgartner have volunteered again to be on the Special Events Committee. Also volunteering this year is George Cocores who will be a new member on that committee. New volunteers for the Guest Speaker Committee were Rod Salvi, Danny Laureta, and Jim Botto. A big thank you goes out to all of these gentlemen. The speaker at the February luncheon will be Debbie Bautista, County Clerk and Auditor Controller, who will speak about the New Voting Model in Tuolumne County. Starting in February instead of speakers receiving an appreciation certificate they will be presented with a sandstone coaster that has the SIRs Logo and branch engraved on it.

Guest Speaker

**February's speaker will be Debbie Bautista,
Tuolumne County Clerk and Auditor Controller**

A DAY ON THE LINKS

Four men were out golfing.

"These hills are getting steeper as the years go by," one complained.

"These fairways seem to be getting longer too," said one of the others.

"The sand traps seem to be bigger than I remember them too," said the third senior.

After hearing enough from his senior buddies, the oldest and the wisest of the four of them at 87 years old, piped up and said, "Just be thankful we're still on the right side of the grass!"

****Bulletin Mailing****

**Please contact Jerry Bellefeuille if you have not received
your (mailed) bulletin by the monthly luncheon.**

February 2020 Club and Committee Reports



February Birthdays

* = 90 or older

- Phillips, King 02/06
- Rodrigues, Jim (J.R.) 02/06
- *Hoffman, Guy R. 02/06
- Young, Dick 02/07
- Meggers, Robert 02/09
- Phillips, Jeff 02/11
- Harm, Ray 02/23
- Toews, Eddie L. 02/27

CAR CLUB

CHAIRMAN: Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366
farmrich40@gmail.com



While it's supposed to be dead of winter (January) the weather has been fair enough to actually start and drive your classic cars around the block or further..... if time allows us. We have a number of SIR members that are also involved with the Mother Lode Auto Club of America and we meet once a month at a local café for breakfast, giving us reason to move our vehicles out of our garages for a short highway trip. Just enough to warm up the motor and lubricate the delicate parts....which includes the drivers! For 2020 I'm open to any suggestions for any additional ways to get our group of "car guys" together for different types of outings or shared car shows with our other two SIR branches. Safe driving....Rich!

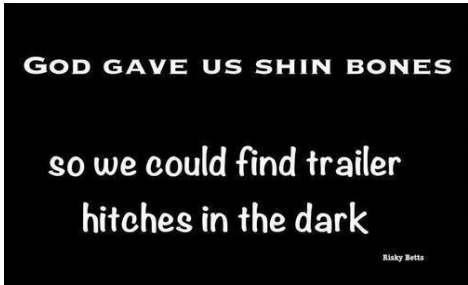
RV CLUB

CHAIRMAN: Eddie Toews 532-3970
lcoinlady@aol.com



The RV Club is on a black month, so no article this month.

Luncheon and Special Event photos submitted by Steve Belochi (except as noted)



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

George Cocores - 456-9814
greekbeek1@aol.com

BOWLING

CHAIRMAN: Steve Huff 770-0678
shuff0531@gmail.com



The second half of the Winter League is well underway. The table shows team records as of Jan 27th..

Season to-date High scores are as follows:

- High Scratch Game - Gene Deaver 255
- High Scratch Series - Dave Rossi 665
- High Hcp Game - Bert Abreo 275
- High Hcp Series - Rich Rinaldi 733
- Team High Scratch Game - Misfit's 768
- Team High Scratch Series - Dennis's Gang 2244
- Team High HDCP Game -The Wild Ones 819
- Team High HDCP Series - Hines Pickles 2429

Thru 01/27	Win	Loss
The Wild One's	13.5	2.5
Dennis's Gang	12	4
DrexWrex	10.5	5.5
HinesPickles	10	6
Team 9	8	8
SS396	7	9
Andy's Dandies	6	10
Misfits	6	10
No Excuses	6	10

January Membership

- Total Active Members 214
- Luncheon Attendance 136
- Excused Absences 32
- Guests 7

February Membership Forecast

- January Active Membership 214
- Applicants Being Installed 2
- Active Members Dropped 0
- Active Members Deceased 0
- Active Members Transferred 0
- Active Membership Outlook 216**

The only SIR bowling Tournaments in February is in Concord on the 25th. According to the SIR State Bowling website, the Livermore event is cancelled. There is a 2 day event in Concord on March 17 & 18. I'm sure several of our members will be making the annual spring pilgrimage to Carson City April 13-16, for the tournament at Gold Dust West. Applications are available on the SIR State Bowling website <http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html> or at Black Oak Lanes during league play.

SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN
Steve Gregory - 533-0309

No news this month means good news!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, online at the Branch website, or by telephoning him at 456-9814. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to **George Cocores**, along with a check for the amount stated on the application. George's address is 17595 Brentwood Ln, Twain Harte 95383.



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630
Asst- Danny Laureta—586-4567

Our Branch website is at sonorasirs.org. Here you will find our membership roster, bulletins past and present, activity schedules, BEC meeting minutes, a link to the state SIR website, a link to the SIR promotional video and more. Tell prospective members about our website and encourage them to watch the video. If your phone number or address has changed please let me know so I can update the roster on our website.



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE

Steve Huff Editor - 770-0678
Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

I want to thank the committee chairmen who send in their reports to me on or before the deadline. When you write your report please use Times New Roman 10 font and No Spacing. Please send all bulletin input to Steve Huff at: shuff0531@gmail.com

Deadline to submit reports for the March bulletin is: Weds, Feb 26

PINOCHLE

Chairman Bob Morrison - 588-0994
robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com



Please join us for the perfect indoor sport: staying warm and playing pinochle. If you don't know how to play, we will teach you. 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. (Where else can you have a fun afternoon so cheaply?) You will win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at the end of one of your free sessions. You will play with members from all three of our SIR branches. The two highest scoring players at the end of a session win cash prizes. We meet each Monday at the Senior Center, Room C, 540 Greenley Rd. We start playing at 1:00 P.M. and finish before 4:30 P.M. Some of us come earlier to have lunch between noon and 1:00 P.M. To have a lunch served by the Senior Center, you must be seated at a table in the lunch room by noon. Or you can bring your own lunch and have it in either the lunch room or Room B. For more information, please call me.

The three adjacent tables show our scores for the pinochle sessions in January. The first one lists for each player the average of the scores for the sessions he played. The second lists the first-place winner and his score for each week. The third lists the average score of each SIR branch for the year through January.

January 2020		
Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Art Bartee	172	320
Bob Morrison	136	298
John White	136	293
Del Rotelli	77	273
Roland Patton	172	209

3 Monday Session Players		
Jerry Kopyn	172	290
Harold Basey	77	286
Jerry Morrow	172	286
Tom Long	136	251
Bill Lewis	172	227
Sonny Tome	77	217
Paul Halek	172	211

2 Monday Session Players		
Jim Turner	136	238
Bill Burnes	136	195
John Salmon	136	190

1 Monday Session Players		
Dave Goldemberg	172	141

Weekly First Place Winners			
Week	Player	Score	Branch#
1	John White	441	136
2	Bob Morrison	403	136
3	Art Bartee	426	172
4	Art Bartee	383	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan	
Branch	Average Score
77	259
136	244
172	240

PRACTICE

A lawyer is standing in a long line at the box office.

Suddenly, he feels a pair of hands kneading his shoulders, back, and neck. The lawyer turns around.

“What the hell do you think you’re doing?”

“I’m a chiropractor, and I’m just keeping in practice while I’m waiting in line.”

“Well, I’m a lawyer, but you don’t see me screwing the guy in front of me, do you?”



Special Notices

February 2020 Club and Committee Reports (cont'd)

Luncheon prices for 2020 will be \$15.00 for the full lunch, or \$7.00 if you are having salad only. A fish option will be available for regular monthly luncheons. See menu for details.

Luncheon Ticket Drawings

Don't forget the luncheon ticket drawings. Proceeds help with making our three special events more successful (Ladies Day, Family Picnic, and Christmas). Just look for Tom Neiderer coming your way during the Social Hour and just prior to the Luncheon meeting starting.

Immediate Job Opening: 8 to 10 hrs per month, free training and software, pay on par with the highest paid BEC members. Work the hours you want with great perks .
Requirements for you: Laptop or PC, internet access, computer skills (email, word processing and spreadsheet). Desire to inform others and be part of a team. Position could be shared by multiple people.
Contact Jim Botto to learn more.

SIR Happenings

Read the SIR statewide newsletter for informative articles from other SIR branches at the following site:
<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>.

DECLARATIONS:

NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

All travel and other events/activities arranged for or sponsored by SIR, Inc. and its Branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members of SIR and their guests who desire to participate. SIR, Inc. and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or passengers or their property whatsoever, in any matters pertaining to said events/activities (Rule 345).

Checks, money orders or credit cards for Travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the Branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency (Rule 429 & 421).

GOLF Joint Br. 136 & Br. 77 Golf Committee

CHAIRMAN: Paul Padavana 532-8051

Asst: Danny Laureta 586-4567



One more month and we can hit the links (hopefully). The Skins Game is scheduled for March 3rd so you should sign-up by February 22nd. Call or email Danny Laureta. The Tournament that will be Individual Low Net Flights "A & B" is scheduled for March 17th so you should sign-up by March 7th. Call or email Paul Padavana.

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell



FISHING

CHAIRMAN: Chuck Simons - 532-9550

simons4890@yahoo.com

No fishing Report this month.

KAYAKING/EASY HIKING

CHAIRMAN: Sol Robin 651-1054

solhomes@sbcglobal.net

No Kayaking or Easy Hiking Report this month

2020 DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AS OF JANUARY 2020

DUES ARE \$25.00

DUES WILL BE DELINQUENT AFTER FEBRUARY 11, 2020

To Pay Dues, Contact Eddie Toews at the Luncheon

SIR Area 5 - Combined Group Activities for 2020

Branch 77 as of - 6/22/2019 (C)=Activity Chairman or. (L)=Branch Liaison)

Branch Big Sir	Donald Ronalter 984-9383	Jim Botto 586-0822	Brian Raley 795-2876	Dick Chimenti 677-7070
Branch Activity Director	George Kellerman 533-9083	Bill Lobdell 586-1754		
Available Activities:	Branch 77-Sierra	Branch 136-Sonora	Branch 152-Arnold	Branch 172-Twain Harte
Biking	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	(L)Steve Happel 532-7240
Bocce Ball	See Branch 136	Jerry Stefan 925-570-5512	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Bowling	(L)Larry Lund 586-2276	(C)Steve Huff 770-0678	See Branch 136 & 77	See Branch 136 & 77
Car Club	See Branch 136	(C)Rich Rinaldi 532-8366	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Fishing	See Branch 136	(C)Chuck Simons 532-9550	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Golf	(L)Kent Kirkland 532-3435	(C)Paul Padavana 532-8051	See Branch 136	(C)Doug Peters 532-3739
Golf 1st Tuesday	See Branch 136	Danny Laureta 586-4567	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Golf Advisor	See Branch 136	Danny Laureta 586-4567	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Golf Handicap	See Branch 136	Tom Nischwitz 694-8624	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Golf Tournaments	See Branch 136	Paul Padavana 532-8051	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Hiking	(C)Mike Clay 588-1345	See Branch 77	See Branch 77	(C)Pete Hadell 586-3187
Horseshoes	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	(L)Cas Munoz 536-4044
Kayak	See Branch 136 & 172	(C)Sol Robin 651-1054	See Branch 136 & 172	(C)Dave Kenney davehikes98@sbcglobal.net
Pinochle	See Branch 136	(C)Bob Morrison 588-0995	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Poker	See Branch 136	(C)George Parsons 533-8637	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
RV Travel	See Branch 136	(C)Ed Toews 532-3970	See Branch 136 & 172	Jerry Morrow 586-2979
Theatre	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	(C)Sprague Edwards 586-2818
Wine Tasting	See Branch 136	(C)Phil VanSwoll 532-1133	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Woodworking			Dick Watson 795-6031	

Note: To get details on any activity please contact your 1)Branch Liaison, 2)Branch Activity Director, or the 3)Activity Chairman

Last update: 1/1/2020

2020 DUES

ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AS OF
JANUARY 2020

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AFTER FEBRUARY 11, 2020

If not paid by February 24, 2020
Your name will appear in the
March Bulletin

Pay dues to Eddie Toews, Treasurer.

Thank You, Eddie Toews, Treasurer.

2020 LUNCHEON MENU

SONORA SIR—BRANCH 136

All Tuesday luncheons include Green Salad, Roll & Butter, and Coffee

Price is \$15.00 for full luncheon or \$7.00 for Salad Only (except as noted*)

January 14

Sirloin Tips, Noodles, Carrots, Chocolate Pudding

February 11

Roast Pork & Applesauce, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cookies

March 10

Corned Beef & Cabbage, Diced Red Potatoes, Carrots, Cake

April 14

Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sherbet

May 12*

Lady's Day Luncheon – Special Menu and price

June 9

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Shortcake

July 14

Country Pork Ribs, Mashed potatoes, Brown Gravy, Corn, Vanilla Pudding

August 11*

Family Day Picnic – Menu, location, and price to be announced

September 8

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice Pilaf, Peas, Chocolate Pudding

October 13

Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Peach Cobbler

November 10

Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Buttered Corn, Candied Yams, Pumpkin Pie

December 8*

Christmas Luncheon – Special Menu and price

**A fish option is available for each month's luncheon, only if
Dean's Catering is notified prior to the luncheon.**

If you want the fish option you must notify Gene Zanoni (Big Sir)
@ (209)532-1989 at least 2 days before the luncheon.



Post this page on your refrigerator for year-round easy reference

February 2020 Sonora SIR Branch 136 Activity Calendar

Contact Committee Chairman for activity details

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Super Bowl	3 Pinochle-Senior Ctr Bowling - Black Oak	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Pinochle Senior Ctr Bowling - Black Oak	11 BEC Meeting 10am Branch Luncheon Roast Pork	12	13	14 	15
16	17 Pinochle-Senior Ctr Bowling - Black Oak President's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Pinochle-Senior Ctr Bowling - Black Oak	25 Bowling-Concord	26 Bulletin Reports Due	27	28	29

Merchandise Sale

Our SALE is continuing this month. If you did not pick up your bargain in January, you are not left out in the cold!

Your Board of Directors has decided to sell our Polo Shirts and Sweatshirts on hand at half price to move the inventory. Baseball Caps will be \$12 each.

We have Polo Shirts ranging from medium to 2XL in various colors in stock. Sweatshirts are available in medium and large in select colors.

Stop by the merchandise table to pick up your bargain piece!

Announcement

We will be changing the way we are selling merchandise. Rather than having inventory on hand, we will periodically, every three (3) months, or so, query the membership for orders and place them collectively to avoid the expensive single order option.

In addition, we will have the Merchandise Order Form in the newsletter and you can either bring the Form to the meeting and give it to me, or you can contact me as shown on the Form. You will have to pay for the order before it is placed with the vendor.

If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact me either in person at the meeting or by telephone or e-mail.

Your SIR Item Sales Director, Fred Kehr