



# BULLETIN

## July 2022

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

**Tuesday, July 12th**

**Happy Hour at 11:00am**

**Lunch at 12:00pm**

**Contact via e-mail:**

**Jerry Bellefeuille**

**[sirjerry4@gmail.com](mailto:sirjerry4@gmail.com)**

**Or Call (209) 588-3978**

**Leave Your Name, Badge No.**

**& Number of guests.**

**Deadline for reservations is**

**July 5, 2022**

**Menu:**

**Country Pork Ribs, Mashed**

**Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Corn**

**(substitute Peas), Green Salad and**

**Vanilla Pudding**

## **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:

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The deadline for the next bulletin is

**July 31, 2022**

## **INTERNET CHAIRMAN**

**Jerry Bellefeuille 588-3978**

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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>.

**Check in desk help wanted**

Are you looking for a fun way to help our branch? We need some part time help at the check in desk. This is a fun job where you get to meet all our members.



## **BIG SIR MESSAGE**

**Phil VanSwoll**

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At this point in time, we have just over 150 paid members in Branch 136. Considering the ravages of Covid, that isn't really too bad. However, we can't seem to get more than about 75 of you to a meeting! Why is that? Our meals are the same as they have been for a long time, we are getting good speakers, and I try to make sure things run efficiently enough that we don't go on past 2 pm. What more can we do? If there is a specific reason you aren't coming out for our lunches, please let us know. Drop a note or give a call – either to me or any other member of your BEC. We are very interested in hearing from you! Our speaker in July is an attorney, who will be talking about the reasons you should have not only a will, but also a trust. At our age, this is extremely important, and should be of interest to everyone. I hope you will plan to come out to take advantage of the availability of hearing about this vital information. You don't get the opportunity to learn about this sort of material from many other venues. Bring a friend, have a drink, and enjoy your lunch. We're looking forward to seeing you again!



## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **REPORT**

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Previous Months Membership

Total Active Members 165

#### **June Luncheon**

Luncheon Attendance (42%) 66

Excused Absences (58%) 92

#### **Current Month Membership**

Active Membership (May) 165

Applicants Being Installed +5

Active Members Lost -12

**Active Membership June 158**



## **LITTLE SIR MESSAGE**

**Gene Bettencourt**

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Covid keeps raising its ugly head. This time I got it and I was unable to attend both the June meeting and my scheduled trip to Normandy. A few days later, I tested negative and never had any more symptoms. So I am good to go for the July meeting.

Our July guest speaker will be Tamara Polley, an estate planning attorney. So be ready with your questions.

I will be passing out a travel questionnaire at the July meeting. It will contain questions concerning the type and costs of various travel packages. I am presently attempting to determine what trips could be arranged for our members, but I need your input on which ones will work for you or you and your family.

P.S. Be sure to keep your covid boosters up to date. Stay safe.



## **July Birthdays**

Hildinger, Jim	07/03
Randall, Earl	07/04
Guzman, Larry	07/05
Luz, Brad	07/11
VanSwoll, Phil	07/12
Methot, Chris	07/12
Pope, Bill	07/12
Mueller, James	07/14
Krom, Mike	07/18
Waters, Dennis	07/23
Davis, Gary	07/25
Slemmons, Paul	07/26
Biedinger, Dennis	07/30
Orteiza, Mike	07/31
Quinton, John	07/31





## FISHING CHAIRMAN

**Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550**  
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I traveled to Flaming Gorge this month to fish for Kokanee. The fishing was good and weather very pleasant. I also floated the Green River. You can see be the pictures the fishing was great. All catch and release. Bill Guenza and I found some good bass fishing at Melones. This is one Bill caught, around 3 lbs. Brad Lutz and I fished Don Pedro and only hooked 2 fish. Still good to be on the water. Beardsley is almost full from what I am told. Have not been there in a few weeks. The fishing has slowed there too. Melones is dropping fast as Don Pedro has come up some. Keep your lines tight. Chuck



## RV CLUB NEWS

**Eddie Toews (209) 5323970**  
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The RV Group will not have an article this month. We are not traveling at this time due to the cost of gasoline. hopefully we will be able to get back on the road soon. Everyone have a great summer an stay safe.



## KAYAKING

**Sol Robin (707) 315-1284**  
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Destination Pinecrest Lake, launch time 8:15, Tuesday July 26th. There will be a BBQ after. Ladies are welcome. Please contact Sol Robin at [solhomes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:solhomes@sbcglobal.net) or 707-315-1284



## CAR CLUB CHAIRMAN

**Rick Bronner - (408) 318-4826**  
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June was quite an active month for me. I had the pleasure of helping coordinate and run the annual Hypercar Invitational <https://hypercarinvitational.com> event at the Salinas airport on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>. Working with David Ray from HOD <https://www.hookedondriving.com> and Hypercar Invitational the main runway at the airport was rented for 3 hours to host a speed event for 60 plus supercars. Included cars were a Bugatti Chiron, Koenigsegg, Lamborghini SVJ, McLaren's, Porsche, Ferraris a Viper and even a Tesla. They even revealed the brand new Zenvo TSR there. The cars did a rolling start for a one-half mile run then had another half mile to shut down. To start the event a local stunt pilot from Salinas Sean Tucker <https://www.poweraerobatics.com> flew over the cars as they roared down the runway. Sean blew smoke over the cars as he did loops and rolls. It was all quite spectacular. Here's a cool link to the days event posted on YouTube; [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FsZ\\_g6zZy4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FsZ_g6zZy4)

I also attended the annual fly in at Columbia airport in June. Planes were doing flyovers down the runway quite close to the ground. There was also a car show there that included hot rods, classic cars and even some new sports cars. They had to cancel the planned drag race between a plane and cars due to an unfortunate incident the night before. The highlight for me was getting a plane ride in a Cessna 404 twin engine plane. The plan was to cruise over Yosemite Valley but due to excessive turbulence over the mountains we instead did a valley run. From the air it was pretty obvious our local lakes are in dire straits. This year they were not able to have any Warbirds there. From what I hear the FAA has cracked down on Warbirds at these events due to past incidents. All in all, though it was a great time.



## GOLF REPORT

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### Sirs June Golf results

Format: six-six-six @ Teleli GC  
1st -tie Dennis Land & Pete Larkin net 66  
John Perrault & Chace Anderson net 66  
3rd Jeff Phillips & Danny Laureta net 69  
4th Matt Clay & Paul Padavana net 70

### Close To the Hole

Hole #5 142 yds par three  
1st - Chace Anderson 15'-7  
2nd - John Perrault 28'-10  
3rd - Matt Clay 31'-0  
Hole #12 123 yds par three  
1st - Chace Anderson 20'-1  
2nd - John Perrault 20'-2  
3rd - Rick Bronner 42'-0

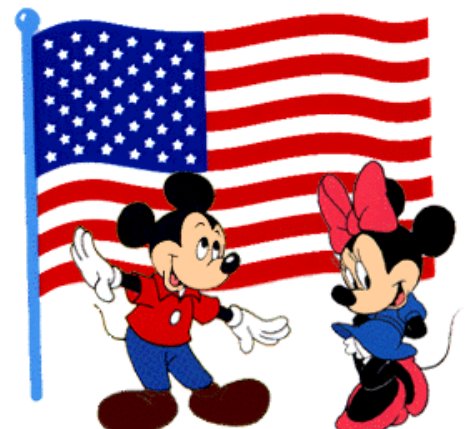
**Next Sir's golf outing: July 19, 2022**

**Contact Danny Laureta at:**

[drlaureta@gmail.com](mailto:drlaureta@gmail.com) if you wish to join.



## Happy July 4th!





## BOWLING REPORT

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**. SIRS June bowling report**  
 There were a number of bowlers that participated in the Sutter Creek tournament at Gold Country lanes. In particular Mike Wright had a very good tournament, coming in 1st in doubles and all events and 4th in singles. Other Sir's had good results also.

**Singles**  
 Bert Abreo 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Mike Wright 4<sup>th</sup> place  
 Don Banchemo 5<sup>th</sup> place  
 Janis Banchemo 6<sup>th</sup> place

**Doubles**  
 Mike Wright & Mike Coe - 1st  
 Bert Abreo & David Rossi - 11th

**All Events**  
 Mike Wright - 1st  
 Bert Abreo - 10th  
 Upcoming Tournaments.

Auburn - - July 7-8  
 Concord - July 26-27  
 Reno - Aug 8-10  
 Grass Valley - Aug 24-25

All applications are located in [sirbowling.org](http://sirbowling.org)  
 Sir's will have a league starting in September at Black Oak Lanes. Those interested in joining, please contact Mike Coe at 209-769-3413 or [coemike@sbcglobal.net](mailto:coemike@sbcglobal.net).



The photos include Mike Coe, Br 77 with Mike Wright, Br 36. Also Don and Janis Banchemo, also Br 36 and the last photo is Dave Rossi and Bert Abreo. Also bowling were Mel and Rose Kutsch. This was on June 10 and it was mentioned that Bert unofficially placed 3rd in his division in Singles



## PINOCHLE

**Bob Morrison—588-0994**  
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In June, we played one tournament of cutthroat pinochle and three tournaments 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 a *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 highest scoring players at the end of a session win cash prizes.

June 2022		
Player	Branch	Average
<b>PARTNERS PINOCHLE SCORES</b>		
Del Rotelli	77	535
Tom Long	136	519
Bob Morrison	136	464
Jim Turner	136	456
Roland Patton	172	436
John White	136	416
John Quinton	136	401

June 2022		
Player	Branch	Average
<b>CUTTHROAT PINOCHLE SCORES</b>		
Tom Long	136	422
Del Rotelli	77	389
Bob Morrison	136	244
John White	136	225
Sonny Tome	77	204
John Quinton	136	170
Bill Burnes	136	84

# End of Summer Family Social



**Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup>**

@ 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**

Attached is the announcement for the final State golf event of the year which will be held at the Blue Rock Springs golf courses in Vallejo. The event will be held on September 14th and 15th. This is a 2 day event but if a golfer wants, they can play either of the days or both. I'd ask that you take a look at the attached flyer for additional information as well as the State golf website at [www.sirgolf.org](http://www.sirgolf.org). This event is open to all SIR members, their wives or significant other, and invited guests.

Many Thanks,

Mark Stuart, 2022 SIR State Golf Committee Chair

PLAY ONE DAY OR BOTH,

DAY 1 - \$ 60, DAY 2 - \$60, BOTH DAYS - \$120

# 2022 SIR Fall Golf Classic

MEMBER & GUEST TOURNAMENT  
LADIES - NO HANDICAP REQUIRED!

Blue Rock Springs West  
Blue Rock Springs East  
Vallejo, CA

Wednesday & Thursday  
September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

"PLAY ONE OR BOTH DAYS"

8:00AM shotgun start both  
days

Entry fee includes green fee, cart, range  
balls & prize fund both days

Have a non-golfing spouse?

Check out all the nearby  
activities [Click Here!](#)

Applications at [www.sirgolf.org](http://www.sirgolf.org)

Your Hosts: Jim Gurke, John  
Harrison, Pete Morelli, Mark Stuart  
SIR members and men guests must  
have an established NCGA index.

## Men's Program

Day 1 – 4 Men's Team - 2  
Best Ball (net) Play with a  
foursome of your choice  
or we place you on a  
team

Day 2 – Men's Scramble  
Play with a foursome of  
your choice or we will  
place you on a team

Closest to pin contests on  
both days! Front & Back  
nines.

## Women's Program

Day 1 – 4 Women Team - 2  
Best Ball (net) Play with a  
foursome of your choice or  
we will place you on a team

Day 2 – Women's Scramble  
Play with a foursome of your  
choice or we will place you  
on a team

Closest to pin contests on  
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## 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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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

## Branch 136 Executive Committee

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