



BULLETIN

June 2022

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

Tuesday, June 14th

Happy Hour at 11:00am

Lunch at 12:00pm

Contact via e-mail:

George Cocores

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Or Call (209) 456-9814

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

**Deadline for reservations is
June 8, 2022**

Menu:

**Meatloaf & Gravy, Mashed
Potatoes, Green Beans, Green
Salad and Strawberry Shortcake**

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

The deadline for the next bulletin is

June 30, 2022

INTERNET CHAIRMAN

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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>.

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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And a good time was had by all! At least, that is the basis of the comments we have received following our very successful Ladies Luncheon. Thanks to all who worked on the committee – job well done! It was particularly rewarding to have our State President, Rick Kindle, in attendance. Especially so, in that he was able to present an Honorary Life Membership award to our very own and very deserving Mr Eddie Toews. Not something that happens often, folks! Along with Frank Taylor and Dale Decker, that makes 3 HLM awards for our branch, which is the maximum at our current level of membership. Something for everyone to be proud of!

As we begin experiencing nicer and warmer weather, we hope to see more and more of you attending our lunches and other events. Bring your friends and neighbors – they are always welcome!

MEMBERSHIP

REPORT

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Previous Months Membership (April)

Total Active Members 165

May Ladies Day Luncheon

Luncheon Attendance () 112

Current Month Membership

Active Membership (April) 165

Applicants Being Installed 0

Active Members Lost 0

Active Membership May 165

HAVE YOU CHANGED?

Address, Phone #, Email?

Please contact George Cocores

greekbeak1@aol.com

With your new information



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Gene Bettencourt

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I heard that the Lady's Day was a great success. I am sorry that Lesley and I missed it. Prior to the event, we had just returned from attending the Kentucky Derby. Soon after returning home, we were told that three of our traveling companions were tested positive for covid. Although our test results were negative, to keep everyone safe, we decided to not attend the Lady's Day May meeting. All our traveling companions are doing fine now but did have issues for 7 to 10 days.

The virus is still out there, so be careful, get your shots, and wear a mask when necessary. I will also be missing the June meeting due to travel plans. Because I will miss that meeting, I will hold off on handing out the travel questionnaire until the following July. This coming August, I will have been the Little Sir for a year. Therefore, we are starting to look for a replacement. Any volunteers?

P.S. I won \$14 at the Derby, but I spent \$60 on the bets. Long story short, I should not bet on the horses.

Our guest speaker this month will be:
Dr. Brett Lockman, DO is a Sports Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Specialist. His topic will be knees. Potential problems and cures.



June Birthdays

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|---------------------|-------|
| Courts, Doc | 06/04 |
| Durand, Paul | 06/07 |
| Bellefeuille, Jerry | 06/08 |
| Terry, Golden | 06/10 |
| Krawchuk, Dave | 06/14 |
| La Foy, Don | 06/16 |
| Chernoff, Nicholas | 06/17 |
| Reinhart, Paul | 06/17 |
| Princeau, Roger | 06/18 |
| Decker, Dale HLM | 06/19 |
| Peluso, Serge | 06/22 |
| Banchero, Don | 06/22 |
| Youngborg, Monty | 06/22 |
| Boatman, Bill | 06/24 |
| Boire, Ernest | 06/24 |
| Rancatore, James P. | 06/27 |
| Kangas, Herbert A. | 06/28 |



GOLF REPORT

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SIRS May Golf Report

As reported by Danny Laureta

Sir's May golf results at Teleli Golf Course

Format: Two Man Scramble

1st - John Perrault & Chace Anderson net 68

2nd - Mike Baumgartner & Danny Laureta net 70

3rd - Rod Salvi & Matt Clay net 72

#12 Close to the hole

1st - Bob Bader 4' - 5"

2nd - John Perrault 15' - 6"

3rd - Chace Anderson 17' - 7"

No golfer landed on the green for the #7 CTH

A BIG congrats to Matt Clay for

#17 par 3 over the lake Hole-In-One!

Next Sir's golf is June 21, 2022, at Teleli

Golf Course

Contact Danny Laureta if you wish to Join

dr Laureta@gmail.com

BOWLING REPORT

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The SIR's bowling league has ended, but there are tournaments each month during the summer. There are applications in sirbowling.org for the following tournaments.

Sutter Creek June 9-10, contact Ray

DiBasilio, 530-558-9727

Dublin June 21, contact Miguel Ferras, 510-

792-8301 or Jerry Sabo, 510-790-3135

Auburn July 7-8, contact Ray DiBasilio, 530-558-9727

Concord July 26-27, contact Dan Weller, 925-935-5510

Reno August 8-10, contact Ray DiBasilio, 530-558-9727

We had to postpone the SIR State

Tournament due to a lack of participation.

This is very disturbing since this tournament has been successfully held every year for at least the last fifteen years (except 2020 due to COVID-19). The SIR Bowling Committee is requesting your help in determining how to proceed with this tournament.

SIR Dan Weller, SIR Bowling Chairman

There was a link for a survey to see what changes should be made. Personally, I felt part of the problem is getting to many locations on weekdays early in the morning is quite difficult for many members. I suggested holding the tournaments on weekends. I know this would make the difference for me.

FISHING CHAIRMAN

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Fishing has picked up the month of May.

Beardsley has been producing 15 to 20 catch and released fish with a few kept for the smoker. The water level fluctuates a lot which can make launching a boat tricky. Lake Don Pedro to has been productive for bass and rainbows. The Kokanee bite has yet to begin. Pinecrest was slow last week. Sol Robin invited myself, Bill Guenza, Scott Lewis, and Jim Rodrigues on his pontoon boat to Pinecrest and we only managed 3

fish. Any good fish stories send them on.



Chuck Simons Wife caught this fish!

CAR CLUB CHAIRMAN

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May was a great month for car shows. I was fortunate to attend two shows last month. First was the Hot Copper car show in Copperopolis organized by the Lake Tulloch Lions Club. This year was the largest turnout yet. I meet up with fellow SIRS member Dale Decker who took many pictures of some really cool cars. This year was a big Chevy turnout. Carl Gilliam took both best of show and Participants Choice award for his gorgeous 1956 Chevy Bel-Air. Our SIRS branch 136 member Stan Enos was there with his custom van that features some beautiful artwork painted on the side. Sirs branch 77-member Rich Rinaldi was there with his rare Pontiac GTO convertible. Not only were there classic hot rods but also McLarens, Porsche and several of the new C8 Corvettes were on display.

Next up was the Rods to Rails car show in Jamestown. This time I meet up with both Dale Decker and Gene Mendenhall as we checked out another huge turnout with around 180 cars parked up and down on Main Street. Many awards were given to entrants as well as raffle prizes were won. A 50" flat panel TV was the grand prize raffle award. Unfortunately, both of these shows are Classic car shows and it's for cars from the seventies and older, so my two Corvettes are too new to enter. The good news is this coming September 10th there will "The Dan McHoul Memorial" car Show again on main street in Jamestown. This event is open to all years. This event benefits the CHIPS for Kids program. You can contact Jennifer at 209-840-8418 or Donna at 209-743-7247 if you're interested it attending.



KAYAKING

Sol Robin (707) 315-1284

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2 Sirs members and one guest attended the Kayak event for May. We are looking forward to a tremendous June event as generally activity increases for the summer. Please contact Sol Robin at 707-315-1284 or solhomes@sbcglobal.net to get more info or attend.

RV CLUB NEWS

Eddie Toews (209) 5323970

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The RV club just returned from a fun filled outing to Plymouth, CA. The theme for the outing was "Back to the 50's". Several of the ladies wore poodle skirts with lettered t-shirts and the men in rolled up Levi's and white t-shirts with a pack of cigarettes rolled into a sleeve. The music was from the 50's and the movie "Grease" was shown on a screen. We also did a cot hole tournament and other games. Several people went to the pool and enjoyed the warm weather. We also had two special guests at the outing for one day. That were: Ginny Johnson and Rosie Walls.

Our next outing will be to Casa de Fruta, in Hollister, CA. In October.

Anyone in SIR's that has an RV and would like to visit and enjoy an outing with us, contact "Eddie Toews at 209-770-3776 or lcoinlady@aol.com" for details.

PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994

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In May, we played one tournament of cutthroat pinochle and two 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.

| May 2022 | | |
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| Player | Branch | Average |
| Cutthroat Pinochle Scores | | |
| Tom Long | 136 | 257 |
| Bill Burnes | 136 | 225 |
| Sonny Tome | 77 | 214 |
| Bob Morrison | 136 | 149 |
| John White | 136 | 144 |
| Del Rotelli | 77 | 116 |

| May 2022 | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Player | Branch | Average |
| Partners Pinochle Scores | | |
| Roland Patton | 172 | 370 |
| Tom Long | 136 | 345 |
| Bob Morrison | 136 | 342 |
| John White | 136 | 317 |
| Del Rotelli | 77 | 145 |



RV Trip to Plymouth, California





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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