



# BULLETIN

**March 2021**

Website: [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org)

## SONORA BRANCH #136

**Sonora SIR Branch #136  
BEC will meet on Zoom  
Tuesday, March 9th  
Starts at 10:00 am  
Ends at 11:00 am**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84255214395?pwd=ZWc0SlhWY1BHckVzalhNNTNsTlhVZz09>

**Hold the Ctrl key down, put your cursor on the web site and left click your mouse button. This will take you straight to Zoom for the meeting.**

**If you are interested in the joining our BEC Zoom meeting please join us at the above web site.**



**Happy St Patrick's Day**



**BIG SIR MESSAGE**  
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As we begin the month of March, specifically as it relates to Branch 136's 2020 returning members who have yet to pay their annual membership dues, March 9, 2021 is the deadline in which to receive the generous discount of fifty-two percent off the regular fee. Rather than pay the regular twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for 2021 only, the fee has been reduced to just twelve dollars (\$12.00). In addition, please be aware the first in-person 2021 luncheon (referred to as the "Welcome Back Luncheon"), individual member cost has been reduced to just eight dollars (\$8.00) for all members in good standing. Avoid any unnecessary delay in the payment of your membership obligation since there is anticipated a long-awaited vigorous resurgence in Branch 136's activities due to the pent-up demand from its members. After all, once the Covid-19 lockdown is lifted, reuniting with fellow Sir members remains the superior option by which to re-connect with long-time friends. In addition, to the formation of new friendships relating to our new members as well.

All activity chairmen, whether old or new, please remember to send me your "Request for Re-Starting Branch 136 Activity" for BEC approval and recordation in our official minutes. Moreover, it is recommended that you make the effort to attend the specific BEC Meeting, whereby your specific "Request . . ." shall be presented for review. Thereby, should any questions or concerns develop, you will be immediately accessible to address the elements that could potentially promote a delay in the re-starting of your activity. Thus, avoiding the creation of an uncomfortable situation for you along with your group's membership.

In February we lost another pillar member of our Branch 136 family, that being Al Limon. Al was our 1999 Big SIR, and Honorary Life Member (HLM) and BEC Advisor. His badge #005 reflects his membership status that was approaching nearly three decades! I have always been fascinated by his personal email address, that being [pastbigsir@comcast.net](mailto:pastbigsir@comcast.net). Indeed, he exemplified the sincere definition of a Sir gentleman in every respect, both publicly and privately.



**LITTLE SIR MESSAGE**  
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"Hope springs eternal," March is here! Longer days, warmer temperatures, increased immunizations and hopefully further reductions in COVID-19 cases. Break out your shorts and chill the beer, that odd phenomenon at the end of the tunnel is light. We could even have a possibility of renewing old acquaintances, Sirs has given the green light to the resumption of outdoor activities. It has been so long since social mingling has been anything but nonexistent, some of us could need to be detuned before leaving our caves and mingling with the general public. After all, a weekly outing at Walmart is not the same as "afternoon tea" with the Queen, is it?

I was doing really well with this isolation thing until the weather turned cold and I was shut down from all my outside projects. Being a mature adult, I accepted the reality of the seasons and settled into a routine of administrative details, warming fires and administering covid-19 inhibitors such as the elixir from Dr. Jack Daniels. Everything was good, if I only had a new indoor project to pique my interests, it would be great. Well, my wish did come to fruition but not quite as I envisioned it. The indoor project turned out to be a "patch it up" rental vacancy in the bay area. Be careful what you wish for, you may actually get it.

**Due to the pandemic there have been no activities in February. However Dale Decker has sent the Sir State Board Meeting Minutes:**

The Board took the following reportable action: The Board resolved that all SIR sponsored outdoor activities/events may be henceforth approved by a SIR Branch provided; (a) Such activities are not prohibited by an applicable order of the California Department of Public Health, local County Health Department or Municipal Health Directives. (b) All such activities have a written and Branch BEC approved protocol for that activity recorded in the BEC Minutes. (c) All such activities are conducted in strict compliance with all applicable state and local mandated mask, hand sanitizing, distancing, and any other pertinent health related requirements.



### GOLF CHAIRMAN

Danny Laureta (209) 586-4567  
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Well, this COVID-19 pandemic really messed things up for everyone. Good news is we finally got the word from State Sir's that the Sirs' Branches can start the activities. The delay was to make sure that Sir's insurance will be in effect for the activities. I'm also waiting for Branch #136 BEC and Teleli Golf Club to approve the golf schedule. We got hit with a storm this winter that dumped a lot of snow and gusty winds with lots of damage to the area, even Teleli Golf course got four inches of snow. I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season.

I will be sending out the 2021 golf schedule via email very soon. We will be starting our season in April. Changes this year is that we will play golf on Thursdays of the month, so we won't have any conflict with the ladies golf that was playing on Tuesdays. The first Sir's golf outing is on Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup>, this is due to Teleli Golf course aerating the greens. All golf will be played at Teleli Golf Club. I will have hard copies of the schedule available to anyone who does not have access to the files or the ability to print them.



### BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Jerry Fountain (209) 532-0650  
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I just talked to Jeff Hurley at Black Oak bowling and he said the May 5th starting date would be the summer time and there is no league bowling on Mondays and Tuesdays. He said he has an opening for us on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. I told him I would let you all know to see if that was a problem or not. Please let me know your thoughts about the day and time change. He also said he is pushing, it's not final, to waive locker fees this year if you were fully paid last year at this time.



### RV CLUB NEWS

Eddie Toews (209) 5323970  
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No scheduled activities for March.



### FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550  
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The trout bite has picked up in the last few weeks. Dodgers small spinners tipped with night crawlers.



### PINOCHLE

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No scheduled activities for March.



### CAR CLUB

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No scheduled activities for March.



### KAYAKING/EASY HIKING

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No scheduled activities for March.

### INTERNET CHAIRMAN

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### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

#### Previous Month Membership

Total Active Members	202
Luncheon Attendance ( ___ %)	0
Excused Absences ( ___ %)	0

#### Current Month Membership

Active Membership	202
Applicants Being Installed	+3
Active Members Lost	-6
Active Membership Outlook	199

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Woodsley, Glenn	03/01
Brager, Manuel (Manny)	03/03
Cannon, William (Bill)	03/04
Flanagan, Kevin	03/07
Taylor, Frank HLM	03/09
Laureta, Delano (Danny)	03/12
Squeri, Paul	03/15
Knisely, Richard	03/15
Ramsay, Douglas	03/17
Vaughan, William (Bill)	03/19

Cannon, Darrell	03/22
Thomas, Stanley (Stan)	03/23
Martin, David	03/23
Sehr, James	03/24
Prigmore, Millard (Bud)	03/25
Grow, Steven (Steve)	03/27
Turner, Jim E.	03/27
Mercado, Trini	03/27
Neiderer, Thomas (Tom)	03/31



### Remembering Al Limon

The passing of Al Limon will leave a large hole in the memory banks of Branch 136. Al played a major part in our branch for many years. He was Big Sir in 1999, and the recipient of an Lifetime Membership Award. He was one of the last of the old guard men like Dusty Rhodes (Big Sir 1996), Bill Dunlavy (Big Sir 2004), Baci Frecceri (Big Sir 2012 – and once even earlier, if I'm not mistaken). Many of our current members don't recognize these names, but they were instrumental in developing the successful branch we are today.

When I joined in 2008, on my own, Al offered to be my "sponsor". He became much more than that. We played golf together for many years, both in branch tournaments and on our own. He was also my SIR mentor, encouraging me to volunteer for Director (twice) and then for Little Sir in 2013. When the newly elected Big Sir, Bob Bly, passed away before his term even started, with Al's encouragement I became Big Sir for 2013. Clearly, my history with Branch 136 would not be what it is without Al Limon's help and support.

The last few years were not kind to Al. He could no longer play golf, and he had a hard time even making SIR meetings, but if he was up to it, he was there! Al Limon was one of a kind, and his guidance and wisdom as related to SIR doings will be sorely missed.

Phil VanSwoll



### BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

Jim Botto Editor - 586-0822  
Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee chairman who send in their reports to me on or before the deadline. If I do not receive your report by the deadline it will not be published in the current month. Please send all bulletin input to Jim Botto at

[giacamo42@gmail.com](mailto:giacamo42@gmail.com)

The deadline for the next bulletin is

**March 29, 2021**



# 2021 DUES ASSESSMENT

## Please Read

Due to the COVID 19 situation in 2020 and that there were very few club activities, the BEC has voted that the 2021 dues will be discounted by 52% to \$12.00 per member.

This will be for the year 2021 only and will revert back to the \$25.00 dues per member in the 2022 assessment.

The dues must be paid by March 9, 2021. If not paid by March 9, 2021, anyone paying afterwards will have to pay the \$25.00 amount. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Please send your dues check to:

Eddie Toews

Branch 136 Treasurer

21795 El Coyote Dr.

Sonora, CA. 95370

You can contact me at 209-532-3970

Eddie Toews

Branch 136 Treasurer



## SIR STATE OFFICERS

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## PAST BIG SIR'S BRANCH 136 SONORA

1997 - Dave Holton 1999 - Al Limon

2000 - Bob Gibbs 2002 - Jim Nuzum

2003 - Dick Nutting 2004 - Bill Dunlavy

2007 - Wil Reich 2008 - Roger Milligan

2009 - Don Nilan 2010 - Don Banchemo

2011 - Al Smith 2012 - Baci Frecceri

2013 - Phil VanSwoll 2014 - John Bristow

2015 - Jim Johnson 2016 - Dale Decker

2017 - Danney Laureta 2018 - Paul Squeri

2019 - Jim Botto 2020 - Gene Zaroni

## BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 2000

Bill Dunlavy - Past Big SIR 2007

Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015

Jim Johnson - State Vice Pres.

## 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

**Big Sir:** Gene Zaroni 532-1989

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Chaplain - **Open at present**

Looking for a volunteer

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