



BULLETIN

March, 2024

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 12th

Jerry Bellefeuille

sirjerry4@gmail.com

Or Call (209) 588-3978

Leave Your Name, Badge No. & Number of guests. Deadline for reservations is: **March 7, 2024**

Menu:

Corned Beef & Cabbage, Diced Red Potatoes, Carrots, Green Salad and Cake
**Come hear our exciting Guest Speaker
CHP Officer Steve Machado**



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March 31, 2024



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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

Rick Bronner

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I was glad to be back in person at our February SIR meeting after missing our January meeting. We had a full agenda for the BEC to discuss. First up was the sad news that our Little SIR Mike Krom will be taking a temporary leave of absence to deal with some medical issues. We wish Mike the best and can't wait to see you back here. Next up was finalizing the details of our upcoming lady's day luncheon. In my January newsletter I said that our goal this year is to give back and put our members first. So, we have decided to subsidize some of the costs of the luncheon. We have decided on a menu with New York Steak or Chicken Piccata or Salmon and to also include a Shrimp cocktail all for just \$35. Tickets will go on sale starting with our March meeting. We have also negotiated with the Elks Lodge so that those of you wish to enjoy some wine with lunch can get it for just \$10 a bottle. There will also be door prize tickets for the ladies with cash prizes. And don't forget the raffle. The raffle is always lots of fun so please bring something to share. We are also close to finalizing our menu and dates for our summer picnic. After hearing back from our members last year, we are going with a real BBQ menu this year. How about BBQ chicken or Ribs or sausage with all the fixins! Stay tuned -more details to come.

Our guest speaker this month will be CHP Officer Steve Machado. Steve has been with the Sonora / Jamestown office for several years. I'm sure he will entertain us with lots of stories as well as updates with the CHP. He might even talk about the time he dealt with an abandoned house on highway 108!

Hope to see you all at our march meeting.

Rick Bronner



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Mike Krom

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[Mike is on Medical leave. We wish him well.]



RV CLUB NEWS

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The RV Club had its kickoff breakfast in February. It was well attended. Our first outing for 2024 will be to Betabel RV Park near San Jaun Batista, Ca. It will be March 18th to 23rd. We have 8 rigs going and it will be good to get out. It's been a long winter staying home.

Our next outing will be in July and we will all be going to Sugar Barge RV Park over in the Delta. Any SIR's member or guest of a SIR's member who has an RV is welcome to come out and visit with us.

At this time these are the only outings that are scheduled. Hopefully we will have more during the year.

Eddie Toews



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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February Luncheon

Luncheon Attendance (56%)	72
Excused Absences (44%)	56

Current Month Membership

Active Membership (January)	132
Applicants Being Installed	+2
Active Members Lost	-5
Active Membership February	129





PINOCHLE REPORT

No Report this month
Chairman Position now open

GOLF CLUB NEWS

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This will be my last Golf report as Raul Santana as agreed to take over the position. Thank you, Raul! WE are back at Teledi Golf Course this month. As always SIR golf is the third Tuesday of the month. Our tee time will be at 8am this month. Teledi had a slight increase in prices this year so you will be looking at \$58 to play. Those of you who want to sign up will need to contact Danny Laureta at drlaureta@gmail.com. Send your check to:

Danny Laureta-Golf Chairman
PO Box 1030
Soulsbyville Ca. 95372

Rick Bronner



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550
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On Feb. 12th my wife and I went to Don Pedro. After purchasing our annual permit we launched our boat at Fleming meadows. We motored past the no wake zone and dropped our lines. We fished the bay along Jenkins hill. We put 5 nice rainbows in the boat and released all 5. The two biggest were 17 inches.

On the Tuesday the 27th. We launched at Moccasin Point marina. We fished around the Jacksonville bridge with one rainbow. From there we fished around the 120 bridge and found some bass. Now this may sound like a fish story but it happened. We were trolling 4 rods. Bill and I both had fish on when the other 2 rods had hits and hook ups, 4 fish at the same time. Got all four in the boat. I kept one for dinner.

Two great outfits.

Let me hear your stories.
[see pic's on page 3]

Chuck Simons

BOWLING CLUB NEWS

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The results are in for the Sacramento SIR bowling tournament held on February 15th and 16th.

Division 1 Winner-Bob Carey from SIR Branch 55 with a handicap score of 817 took home \$82
Division 2 winner-Joe Day also branch 55 with an 809 and took home \$83
Division 1 doubles—Rob Dehart and Robert Dern with branch 55—Total score of 1555 and won \$ 167
Division 2 doubles-Rodney Bush and Gordan Dinsdale with branch 88 -total score 1553 and won \$175
I doubled with Gene Mendenhall from branch 77 and we took 5th and split \$67.00

There was a survey taken by SIR bowlers and here are a couple of responses;
Should we go back to adding 4-man teams to the tournaments—Most said no to leave it as is.

Should we add the SIR scores to the USBC composite average? –Most said no or no change.

Keep using SIR averages for SIR tournaments.

We should oil the lanes between events.

The next SIR bowling tournament is scheduled for March 6th and 7th at Fireside lanes in Citrus Heights. As always, the calendar and applications can be found at

<https://sirbowling.org/>



Rick Bronner

CAR CLUB NEWS

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No Report this issue

Rick Bronner



CHAPLIN'S CORNER

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SIRS lost two members recently:
James Hagel Badge #342 aged 95 and Jimmy Lee Wallace Badge #289 age 88 (see obituary). May they rest in eternal peace.
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted” Matthew 5:4



KAYAKING

Sol Robin (707) 315-1284
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The kayak group will begin our schedule for 2024 in either April or May, depending on weather. Our outings are slow paddles around Pinecrest Lake followed by a BBQ or picnic. Spouses or significant others are welcome and encouraged to join in!



March Birthdays

Cannon, William (Bill)	03/04
Squeri, Paul	03/15
Knisely, Richard	03/15
Crandell, James (Jim)	03/19
Thomas, Stanley (Stan)	03/23
Martin, David (Marty)	03/23
Turner, Jim E.	03/27
Mercado, Trini	03/27
Finigian, Steve	03/30
Neiderer, Thomas (Tom)	03/31

Ladies Day Luncheon

May 14, 2024



No Host Cocktails
@ 11:00 am

Lunch @ Noon

Menu: Choice of
New York Steak w/Baked Potato
or Chicken Picatta or Salmon with
Rice Pilaf, Salad, Vegetable
and Dessert.

Shrimp Cocktail

\$35:00 per Person

Tickets will go on sale at the
March & April Luncheons

MAXIMUM 224 TICKETS AVAILABLE
NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER
May 6, 2024

EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Rick Bronner 408-318-4826
Stan Enos Gene Zannoni
Eddie Toews George Cocores

**Anyone wanting wine, it will be
available at the bar for \$10.00 per
bottle.**



We need volunteers, It seems that the same few people do all the work. If you like your membership in our club do your part and volunteer. Contact any officer or board members to volunteer for an event or become an Activity Chairman. Pinochle is open and available.

Volunteer today!



See Chuck Simmon's Fishing Report



In Remembrance:

Jimmy Lee Wallace

1936 - 2024



Jimmy Lee Wallace passed away on Jan. 24, 2024, at 88 years of age.

Born in Astoria, Oregon, on Jan. 21, 1936, his family settled in Joplin, Missouri, when he was 2 years old. He married Carol Kay Short in 1955 after joining the U.S. Navy, where he served his country for eight years. He relocated

to San Jose, California, in 1962 to begin his 31-year-long career with the Railroad — first with Southern Pacific then Union Pacific and Amtrak. He retired as a train conductor in 1993, and in 1998 he and Carol Kay moved to Sonora, California, where he resided until his passing.

Jimmy loved hiking, square dancing and bluegrass music. He was an avid photographer who never attended an event without his huge Nikon camera around his neck. He took the best candid shots that created many lasting memories for friends and family to enjoy for a lifetime.

He was a proud member of the Sons in Retirement fraternal organization (SIR). A world traveler, who had 10 cruises under his belt, he went on, many adventures with his lifelong companion and soulmate, Carol Kay. He

enjoyed exploring new places and was the only intrepid member of his SIR travel group to scale the Great Wall of China at age 55!

Predeceased by his parents, as well as half-brother, Ronald Other Wallace in 2015, Jimmy is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years, Carol Kay Wallace; his four children, Jamie, Stuart, Diana and Gary; and his sister, Carol Slack.

He was a grandfather of seven and a great-grandfather of 12. Jimmy Lee was a devout Christian and a kind soul who was much loved, and he will be missed forever. I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And who-soever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. —John 11:25-26

Jimmy Lee Wallace will be interred at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella, California, later this year.

This tribute appeared in the Feb. 20th Union Democrat





2024 Local SIR Branches Combined Social Activities:

All SIR members are welcome to join in any other branch activity.

Many items are for couples so please contact the Event Chair.

Please start and chair a new activity-if it's not listed.

Area Big Sir Roster	77 136 172	Donald Ronalter Rick Bronner Tom Francis	(209) 984-9383 (408) 318-4826 (209) 533-3180
<u>Activity</u>	<u>Branch #</u>	<u>Activity Chair</u>	<u>Telephone (209)</u>
Biking	172	Steve Happel 2nd Tuesday of the month	532-7240
Bowling	77	Mike Coe	769-3413
Car Club	136	Rick Bronner	(408) 318-4826
Fishing	136	Chuck Simmons	532-9550
Golf	77	Danny Laureta	586-4567
	136	Raul Santana	(925) 451-7351
	172	Richard Broddie	586-3151
Hiking	77	Mike Clay moderate hike every Friday	588-1345
Horseshoes	172	Rich Brandau Last Thursday of the month	352-4320
Kayak	136	Sol Robin	(707) 315-1284
	172	Dave Kenney 4th Tuesday of the month	(650) 867-4671
Pinochle	136	Looking for a Chairman	
RV Travel	136	Eddie Toews	770-3776
Tech/Computer	172	Dick Chimenti	677-7070
		Rich Nedbal	247-6497
Theatre	172	Dave Tibbets	532-2453
Travel	143	Bill Stires (modesto)	988-5445
	172	Charles Luke	533-3683

As of March 2024

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Here is how to get it:

Get on your computer and go to <https://sir.ourproshop.com> and peruse the items available and order online. Notice that shipping and handling charges are avoided above a certain order amount. If your order is large enough to avoid these charges or you are willing to pay them, process your order. If you know of a friend who also wants SIRs merchandise, consolidate your order with him.

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2020 & 2021 - Gene Zanoni
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BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Dale Decker - Big Sir 2016
Eddie Toews - Treasurer 2009 - current
Gene Zanoni - Big Sir 2020 & 2021

HONORARY LIFE EMERITUS

Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015
We are all so sorry for his passing on
Jan. 24, 2024

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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