



BULLETIN

May 2021

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SONORA BRANCH #136

**Sonora SIR Branch #136
BEC will meet Live at
the Elks Lodge on
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Starts at 10:00 am
Ends at 11:00 am**

**Please follow the admission
requirements and wear a facial
mask**



Don't forget Mother's Day



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

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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 If I do not receive your report by the deadline it will not be published in the current month.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

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The deadline for the next bulletin is

May 31, 2021



BIG SIR MESSAGE

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On April 5, 2021 the three respective leaders of all SIR Branches in Tuolumne County and the Area 5 Governor, Paul Squeri, met at the Sonora Elks Lodge. Also present was the Sonora Elks Lodge representative, Joel Casler, and caterer Dino Papapetrou. The purpose of the meeting was to address our common re-opening concerns as they relate to our membership and others that are involved as well. At that time the Sonora Elks Lodge had commenced to resume its normal operations common to the pre Covid-19 pandemic period.

Acknowledging to much of what is required to promote an effective re-start, an ensuing comprehensive discussion developed during the April 13, 2021 BEC Meeting. As a result, it was agreed upon by members of the BEC in attendance that June 8th would be an opportune time to initiate Branch 136's 2021 monthly luncheon. Thereby, the proposed date of the re-start was duly recorded in the minutes of the subject meeting. This specific luncheon has been appropriately dubbed our "WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON."

All members are strongly urged to review the details specified in the Welcome Back Luncheon remarks prepared by Paul Squeri. It covers much of the information that should benefit all members interested in attending the June 8th luncheon. Please feel free to discuss with him any concerns you may have regarding its content.

Due to the on-going health concerns associated with the protection of all its members resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, the SIR State Board has adopted a set of protocols that are to be obeyed by all members without exception! The numerous protocols are explicitly stated in the document entitled **BRANCH PROTOCOLS FOR MINIMIZING COVID-19 LIABILITY**. A copy of which is included in this Bulletin and it is strongly suggested that each member of Branch 136 print-out this document for thorough familiarization prior to attending the June 8th luncheon.

In addition, another extremely important

document entitled the **SIR EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19** is included in this Bulletin as well. You are expected to print-out this document and surrender the completed form upon your arrival at the Elks Lodge on June 8th. Please remember, only the individual member's originally signed document shall be accepted.

Another document in this Bulletin that merits your scrutiny is entitled **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**. It basically summarizes everything that is required from each member in order to qualify for attending the June 8th luncheon. Given to what has been addressed, this edition of our monthly Bulletin is perhaps the most important in recent memory. It has been overwhelmingly dedicated to our 2021 re-start, implying that we are attempting to successfully navigate through uncharted waters. I remain at your disposal to assist in providing clarity to any concerns that you may be harboring.

Wishing all the ladies in May a Happy & Healthy Mother's Day.



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

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IMPORTANT "WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON"

At last, it looks like it is finally here! Tentatively, on Tuesday, June 8th, at 10:00, Branch #136 will throw open the doors for our "Welcome Back Luncheon" at the Elks Lodge. A great entrée of ham or fish (your choice) for only \$8. If you are a salad only person, you eat free. What a deal, you eat for less and SIRS eats the price difference. Unfortunately, it will not be business as usual. The reality of a COVID-19 world dictates that we adhere to prescribed protocols for the safety of everyone. This event will be by reservation only. E-mail your reservations to Paul Squeri (paulsqueri@yahoo.com). If you are one of the very few without e-mail; call me (209-586-4083). Be sure to state your entrée; ham, fish or salad. Reservations and cancellations will be accepted through June 1, after that the count goes to the caterer and if you have reserved and not cancelled by June 1, you own the lunch, if you show or not. You will be required to wear masks, except when drinking or eating (I realize that drinking and eating is primarily what you are going to be

doing; just be sure to bring a mask), social distancing, proof of vaccination (vaccination card, copy, photo or photo via phone) or proof of a negative COVID-19 test 3 days (72 hours) prior to the event, a SIR Event Waiver And Release Of Liability (the waiver will be in the May and June Bulletins if you choose to print and fill it out prior to arrival. We will also have them available when you sign in) and your dues have been paid for 2021. Please do not let the above requirements put a damper on the day. We have increased our check-in capabilities considerably and are well prepared to address the situation. I hope to see you there!



GOLF CHAIRMAN

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What a great day for Sir's golf first outing this year.

Below are the results:

- 5 skins - Joe Zertuche
- 4 skins - Mike Wright
- 3 skins - Jim Simmons
- 1 skin - Gene Deaver
- 1 skin - Mike Baumgartner

Close to the hole #5 par three

- 1st - Jim Simmons 4 ft - 5 inc.
- 2nd - Mike Coe 8 ft - 8 inc.
- 3rd - Bob Bader 13 ft - 3 inc.

Close to the hole #12 par three

- 1st - Mike Baumgartner 6 ft - 6 inc.
- 2nd - Jeff Phillips 19 ft - 4 inc.
- 3rd - Jim Simmons 19 ft - 8 inc.



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

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I went to the Black Oak Lanes bowling meeting on April 10th. The casino summer leagues are starting on May 5th. They will last 3 months, weekly pay of \$20.00 whether or not you bowl. SIRs are not participating this summer as we only bowl in the Winter Leagues.

Hopefully, Winter Leagues will be different as we change Covid Color 'Tiers' in the county and the casino can have more lanes open to cover costs.

Until then, they have open bowling, every other lane, \$9.00 per game or \$35.00 per hour. Call for reservations to the bowling area 209-928-9437.

Bowling lockers: if you paid last year and, due to Covid, you didn't get any use of the locker, this year's locker fees will be waived. If you want to rent a locker now, it's \$75 for

the year! 2 SIR bowling tournaments will take place this month! The 1st one is the Annual State Tournament in Modesto on May 12 & 13 at McHenry Bowl. Call Vern Masse at 209-538-4275. The 2nd one is in Pacheco on May 27 & 28 at Paddock Lanes. Call Jack Evens at 510-724-8840 Happy Bowling Guys! See you in September/October for the Winter leagues!



RV CLUB NEWS

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Well, the time is finally here and the SIRS RV Club is having its first outing in over a year. We will be traveling to Plymouth, CA. on a four day, long awaited outing, on Sunday. We have 14 rigs going. We are still under COVID 19 restrictions, but will have a lot of outdoor activities and get together's. We are always looking for new members. If anyone is interested, contact the RV Chairman listed above.



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550
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No scheduled activities for April

Did get out on the water a few times in April to troll for trout. The best results were at Lake McClure. We were able to boat five nice Rainbows. We went to McClure to get in the water one more time. Of the four boat launch ramps only one is still useable due to low water. Don Pedro and Melones are in better shape water wise, but the trout fishing has been slow. Bass fishing has been good according to people I've talked to. Hoping for better results next month.



PINOCHLE

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 No scheduled activities for May



CAR CLUB

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No report this month



KAYAKING/EASY HIKING

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No scheduled activities for May



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Cluff, Blaine	05/02
Baylis, Phillip (Phil)	05/06
Ross, Michael (Mike)	05/06
Joachim, Alan	05/06
Keeler, Les	05/08
Kofoed, Reese (Keith)	05/10
Starkey, Raymond (Ray)	05/10
Shirley, William	05/11
Gleason, John H.	05/13
Bravo, Andy	05/18
Galka, Stu	05/19
Stanphill, Devealr (Dee)	05/21
Skipper, James (Randy)	05/22
Carpenter, Leonard (Len)	05/22
Bronner, Frederick (Rick)	05/24
Rinaldi, Rich	05/26
Boyd, Jeffrey M.	05/28
Houser, Jack	05/28
Deaver, John	05/30
Enos, Stanley	05/31

INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630
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No Zoom meeting this month we are going to finally meet in person. Ya!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Previous Months Membership	
Total Active Members	196
Luncheon Attendance (___%)	0
Excused Absences (___%)	0
Current Month Membership	
Active Membership March	196
Applicants Being Installed	0
Active Members Lost	-3
April Active Membership	193



BRANCH PROTOCOLS FOR MINIMIZING COVID-19 LIABILITY

In view of the deletion by SIR's insurance carrier, effective May 1, 2021, of coverage for pandemic diseases and the likelihood that other carriers are also not providing such coverage, the following requirements are necessary to protect the health and safety of SIR members and minimize SIR's exposure to possible claims related to pandemic diseases:

1. The branches are required to strictly observe corporate formalities, such as annual election of officers and keeping corporate minutes in a timely and orderly manner.
2. The branches are urged to encourage all branch members to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and to help those branch members who need assistance in finding vaccination centers and getting vaccinated.
3. Beginning May 1, 2021 and until further notice to the contrary, branches shall require branch members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others ("Attendees") to be fully vaccinated (2 shots, if required) as a condition of being allowed to attend branch activities which are conducted wholly or partially indoors. In the alternative, unvaccinated Attendees can attend such activities if they provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test administered within 3 days prior to an event they want to attend.
4. To ensure compliance with the requirements of item 3, branches shall require Attendees to show the original, a copy, or photo (in hardcopy or via a phone) of their vaccination record cards or test result documentation. If the attendee does not produce the document previously mentioned, access will be denied.
5. Branches shall maintain an updated list of members who have submitted proof of vaccination and use it to check them in for branch activities involving any indoor components. Branches need not require members who are on the vaccinated list to show proof of vaccination thereafter.
6. Branches shall require all Attendees participating in SIR activities to comply with all then-current state and county requirements related to COVID-19 protection, such as wearing masks and social distancing.
7. Branches shall require all Attendees attending SIR indoor or outdoor activities, to execute the attached waiver prior to allowing a member to attend such activities. Such waiver need only be executed once by a member, and the branch shall maintain the originals of such executed waivers for inspection by State SIR representatives.



**SIR EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF
LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19**

Branch Name: Sonora

Branch Number: 136

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the general unavailability of insurance to cover liability related to that matter, the SIR branch listed above (“Branch”) is requiring members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others attending events sponsored by the Branch or by Sons in Retirement, Incorporated (“State Sir”) to agree to the following:

In attending activities sponsored by the Branch or State SIR, the undersigned agrees to comply with mask, social distancing, and other Covid-19 protocols required by applicable government bodies, the Branch, State SIR, and the applicable venue. Failure to do so will result in the attendee being asked to leave the event.

Regardless of adherence to mandated protocols, requirements, recommendations, and vaccinations, the undersigned acknowledges that there is a risk of Covid-19 exposure whenever an individual enters a public space, a building with other people, or a group of other individuals.

Knowing the foregoing risk, the undersigned assumes the risk of Covid-19 exposure and accepts sole responsibility for any exposure to Covid-19 and resulting health conditions that may occur due to attendance at a Branch or State SIR event.

The undersigned hereby releases and holds harmless the Branch, State SIR, and their respective officers, directors, and members from any and all responsibility for illness, death, or other losses arising from exposure to Covid-19 at a Branch or State SIR event.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS POSED BY COVID-19, AND SIGNS THE WAIVER AND RELEASE VOLUNTARILY.

Attendee’s Name (print): _____

Attendee’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Once you sign this document, it is valid for all future Branch and or State activities.



SONORA SIR BRANCH 136

LUNCHEON

ADMISSION

REQUIREMENTS

- RSVP
- SIR EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF
- LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19
- BRANCH PROTOCOLS FOR MINIMIZING
- COVID-19 LIABILITY
- PROOF OF VACCINATION OR TEST RESULTS
- FACIAL MASK



SIR STATE OFFICERS

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President - Stu Williams
Vice-President - Rick Kindle
Secretary - Ron Fligel
Treasure - Roy Hodgkinson
Region 2 Director - Dale Decker
Area 5 Governor - Paul Squeri

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 Zanoni

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015

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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Chaplain - **Open at present**

Looking for a volunteer

DECLARATIONS

NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

All activities arranged for or by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said 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

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