



# BULLETIN

**May 2022**

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

**Tuesday, May 10th**

**Happy Hour at 11:00am**

**Lunch at 12:00pm**

**Contact via e-mail:**

**George Cocores**

**[greekbeak1@aol.com](mailto:greekbeak1@aol.com)**

**Or Call (209) 456-9814**

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

**Deadline for reservations is  
May 3, 2022**

## Lady's Luncheon

**Shrimp Cocktail, Wine Served at  
Table, Rib Eye Steak w/Baked  
Potato or Salmon with Rice Pilaf  
Includes Vegetable, Salad  
and Dessert**

**No BEC Meeting**

**Luncheon Committee please arrive  
by 9:00 am for Set-up**

## **BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!**

**Jim Botto Editor - 559-0931**

**Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 588-3978**

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

The deadline for the next bulletin is

**May 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**

**(209) 532-1133**

**[pvanswoll@outlook.com](mailto:pvanswoll@outlook.com)**

Now that we have all recovered from our Covid experience, we are looking forward to an outstanding Ladies Luncheon – and hope that we don't have another occurrence of what happened last month. For those of you who didn't receive the special note sent out on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, a number of our members (including me) caught the Covid virus at our meeting last month. Most were feeling fine in just a couple of days, but a few others (again including me) have lingering symptoms. So despite our best precautions, including verifying everyone has been vaccinated, we weren't able to escape it. We aren't aware of any serious complications, and it appears we are very fortunate in that things didn't get any worse.

Our monthly meetings continue to gain participants, with last month seeing more than 90 members attending. That is really great, and we hope that we will see even more of you as we get into the summer months. You must have one good neighbor or friend who would enjoy getting away to a nice lunch once a month – why not invite them to attend a meeting? We'd really enjoy meeting them!



## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Previous Months Membership (March)

Total Active Members 164

### **April Luncheon**

Luncheon Attendance (51%) 84

Excused Absences (49%) 81

### **Current Month Membership**

Active Membership (March) 164

Applicants Being Installed +1

Active Members Lost -0

**Active Membership April 165**



## **RV CLUB NEWS**

**Eddie Toews (209) 5323970**

**[lcoinlady@aol.com](mailto:lcoinlady@aol.com)**

**No report for May**



## **LITTLE SIR MESSAGE**

**Gene Bettencourt**

**(209) 533-1676**

**[genebettencourt@comcast.net](mailto:genebettencourt@comcast.net)**

Lady's Day is almost here, and many people were involved in making it happen. We will be asking them to stand to be recognized on Lady's Day. These events can only happen and be successful if members come forth and volunteer to help. We have a core group that works on these events (Christmas, Picnic, Lady's Day, etc.), but we can always use more help. If enough people get involved, the time needed by each volunteer to make the event happen is greatly reduced.

There will not be any travel information issued at the May meeting. But at the June meeting, along with the travel information from the State organization, I will be passing out a questionnaire that will ask various travel questions. One example question will list several possible bus day trips and ask you to check off the ones that you would prefer. It will also have spaces where you can suggest one that is not listed. These trips could be for branch members only, branch members and their spouses or significant other, or a joint trip with members of the other local branches. Remember, we need to fill the bus in order to make it cost effective. There will also be questions concerning local sites, such as a tour of the Ironstone Winery that members would like to attend as a group. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Lady's Day Event!



## **May Birthdays**

Baylis, Phil	05/06/47
Ross, Mike	05/06/55
Joachim, Alan	05/06/47
Keeler, Les	05/08/47
Kofoed, Keith	05/10/39
Galka, Stu	05/19/33
Stanphill, Dee	05/21/33
Carpenter, Len	05/22/33
Bronner, Rick	05/24/55
Rinaldi, Rich	05/26/42
Houser, Jack	05/28/30
Deaver, John	05/30/37
Enos, Stanley	05/31/53



## GOLF REPORT

**Rick Bronner - (408) 318-4826**

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

Looking for a Golf Chairman if you are interested please contact Phil VanSwoll (209) 532-1133 [pvanswoll@outlook.com](mailto:pvanswoll@outlook.com)

On Tuesday it's been raining all morning at La Contenta GC in Valley Springs We go to our designated tee box at 10:30 am and the rain stops. So, it turned out to be a beautiful golf day and the sun came out.

Format was Two Men Best Ball  
1st (net 57) John Perrault & Cage Anderson (\$15.00 ea.)  
2nd (net 60) Allan Bell & Bob Bader (\$10.00 ea.)

3rd tie (net 61) Dennis Land & Pete Larkin (\$5.00 ea.)

3rd tie (net 61) Matt Clay & Danny Laureta (\$5.00 ea.)

#13 Par three - Closet to The Hole

1st - Pete Larkin 10' - 7

2nd - David Simons 22' - 7

3rd - Gene Bettencourt 50' - 3

No Closet to The Hole on Hole #2 due to cannot find sheet & no measuring tape



## BOWLING REPORT

**Rick Bronner - (408) 318-4826**

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The SIRs bowling league ended with "The 3 Friends" beating out "The Wild Ones" for the league championship. They had been very consistent throughout the year and always came up big when they needed it. The team consisted of Tom Turner, Ester Turner, and Mike Wright. Congratulations to them on a great year. We will be off for the summer and start up again next September. We are looking for bowlers from all three branches to participate to build the league back up. Contact Rick Bronner or Mike Coe if you are interested.

There are SIRs bowling tournaments going on each month at various bowling alleys. Several bowlers from Sonora bowled in Carson City recently. The results are not out yet but there were some good games bowled by local bowlers.

The Annual State Tournament will be in Concord this year on May 25-26.

Sutter Creek is hosting a tournament on June 9-10.

All the information and entry forms can be found at [SIRBOWLING.org](http://SIRBOWLING.org).



## PINOCHLE

**Bob Morrison—588-0994**

[robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com](mailto:robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com)

The adjacent table shows our scores for the pinochle tournaments in April. The table lists for each player the average of his scores for playing cutthroat pinochle and the average of his scores for playing partners pinochle.

Please join us to play pinochle. We meet each Monday at the Moose Lodge, 20921 Longeway Road from 12:45 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. From 12:45 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. is for tournament registration. The tournaments start at 1:00 P.M.

To participate in a tournament, you must meet the following requirements:

You must have on record with our SIR branch that you have been fully vaccinated (2 shots, if required) against the COVID-19 virus. Alternatively, at the tournament, you must show the pinochle director the original, a copy, or photo (in hardcopy or via a phone) of a COVID-19 vaccination record card that indicates that you have been fully vaccinated.

You must have on record with our SIR branch that you have signed a **SIR Event Waiver and Release of Liability** form. Alternatively, at the tournament, the pinochle director will give you the form which you must sign. He will mail your signed form to our SIR branch.

If you would like to join us, but don't know how to play, we will teach you. You will play with members from all three of our SIR branches. You don't need to come every time but only when you want to. Your first two tournaments are free, but thereafter you pay only \$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.

April 2022		
Player	Branch	Average
<b>CUTTHROAT PINOCHLE SCORES</b>		
Del Rotelli	77	227
Bob Morrison	136	77
Tom Long	136	-98

April 2022		
Player	Branch	Average
<b>PARTNER PINOCHLE SCORES</b>		
Tom Long	136	566
Bob Morrison	136	559
Del Rotelli	77	553
John White	136	396



## CAR CLUB CHAIRMAN

**Rick Bronner - (408) 318-4826**

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

The SIRS Branch 136 Car Club is taking a trip to Yosemite This coming Thursday May 12th. If you are interested in joining the caravan, we will be meeting at the Elks Lodge Thursday morning at 9am. The Falls should be pretty spectacular after the recent snowfall we got. Hope to see you there.



## FISHING CHAIRMAN

**Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550**

[simons4890@yahoo.com](mailto:simons4890@yahoo.com)

Trout and Kokanee fishing is still slow. The inflow is higher than the outflow at Melones and Don Pedro. Hopefully this will mean the boat ramps will be in the water longer.

On Tuesday I fished Beardsley Lake with two old fishing buddies. The lake was giving up limits of trout. Including rainbows, Browns and Brook.



Went back Thursday with fellow SIR member Bill Guenza. The lake was just as generous. Kept some for the kitchen and released the rest. Bill caught some bass at Melones on Wednesday.

Any other reports let me know.



## KAYAKING

**Sol Robin (707) 315-1284**

[solhomes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:solhomes@sbcglobal.net)

The Kayak Groups first outing is scheduled for Tuesday May 24th at Pincrest Lake. There will be a BBQ lunch following the paddle. These outings are low impact and slow going, with lots of opportunities to sight see at this beautiful lake! Please contact Sol at 707-315-1284 or [solhomes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:solhomes@sbcglobal.net) for more info or to join the group!



## 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 clip board. Don't hesitate asking me about details. Once the order form is completed, I will contact you and get 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.



# Ladies Day

# Luncheon

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022



**No Host Cocktails**

**@ 11:00 am**

**Lunch @ Noon**

**Menu:**

Shrimp Cocktail

Rib Eye Steak w/ Baked Potato

-or- Salmon with Rice Pilaf

Includes Vegetable, Salad

and Dessert

**\$30.00 per Person**

Tickets will go on sale at the  
March & April Luncheons

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MAXIMUM 200 TICKETS

AVAILABLE

NO CANCELATIONS AFTER

May 3, 2022

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**EVENTS COMMITTEE:**

Gene Bettencourt (209) 533-1676

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Dick Aberle Bill Guenza

Jim Botto George Cocores



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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 - Gene Zaroni - 2020 &  
2021

## BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015  
Dale Decker - Big Sir 2016

## 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:** Phil VanSwoll 532-1133  
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Looking for a volunteer

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