



BULLETIN

October 2022

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

Tuesday, Oct 11th

Happy Hour at 11:00am

Lunch at 12:00pm

Contact via e-mail:

George Cocores

greekbeak1@aol.com

Or Call (209) 456-9814

Leave Your Name, Badge No.

& Number of guests.

Deadline for reservations is

Oct. 5th, 2022

Menu:

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes,

Green Beans, Green Salad

and Peach Cobbler

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

The deadline for the next bulletin is

October 31, 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>.



BIG SIR MESSAGE

Phil VanSwoll

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Your BEC held a special meeting in September and reviewed the new state SIR guidelines on COVID protocol. The BEC voted unanimously to recommend to the membership that we follow the new guidelines, making sure that when we do, we comply with all current federal, state and county public health mandates. This means that we will no longer require proof of vaccination or a signed liability waiver (though it's my opinion such a waiver was useless anyway). We will keep all that have been collected in the past on file, though, so if the need ever arises again, we will have them available. This matter will be put to a vote of the membership for ratification at the October meeting.

Those of you who have not been attending our meetings because of the vaccination requirement no longer have any excuse. Since we are all adults, we must assume that no one will be coming to a meeting who is knowingly sick – though who even can be sure anymore? Even with all our precautions, we can still get COVID – as evidenced by what happened after our meeting last April, when at least 15 of us came down with it. If you are someone who is afraid to go anywhere or do anything that involves other people, nothing we say or do can change how you feel. It would seem, however, that most of us are ready to get back to a more “normal” way of life – whatever that is. We hope you will join us. Even though our annual summer picnic was held indoors this year and became more of a “family social” event, if you didn't attend, you missed a good time. The food was excellent, the door prizes were of great quality, and everyone seemed to really enjoy being there. I certainly didn't miss being outside in the heat, dirt, and bugs at all! Let's have a really great turnout at our meeting in October. See Little Sir's message about the speaker – sounds like it will be very interesting. Bring a friend – see you there!



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Rick Bronner

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Hats off to all the volunteers that helped put on our wonderful Family Social event on September 13th. I had the privilege of handing out the awesome raffle prizes donated by our most gracious club members. There were so many of all varieties. There were even some that were hand made by our club members and of course there was plenty of liquor to be had. The BBQ was fantastic as well. I met some new friends Paul and Patti Line. Paul is now one of my bowling buddies in the Friday SIR's league. Our October guest will be our County District 5 Supervisor Jaron Brandon. Jaron will lead an open mic Q&A session for us to discuss topics affecting Tuolumne County. Topics can range from the upcoming election with a proposed tax rate increase to our homeless situation and continuing work on our roads and infrastructure. So please bring your questions and concerns. Our guest speaker for November will be Thomas J McDonald, MD an Orthopedic Surgeon. Dr. McDonald is a board-certified, fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon. Dr. McDonald had experience as a whitewater rafting guide and as a professional ski patroller. This should make for a very interesting and informative meeting. Hope to see you all there. Please don't forget to make your lunch reservations.

I would like to thank the following list of people for stepping up and volunteering and helping at the "End of Summer Family Social" last month. Without their help the event would not have been the success that it was. The people are: Ruth Enos, Pam Krom, Nancy Lewis, Linda Toews, Bill Guenza, Fred Kehr, Chuck Simons, Gene Zanoni, Stan Enos, and Mike Krom. A special thank you to "The Country Cowboy Church" for the use of the table centerpieces, that set the decorations off. Again, Thank all of you very much for the help. **Eddie Toews Committee Chairman**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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August Months Membership

Total Active Members 157

September Family Social Event

Luncheon Attendance (49%) 74

Total Not Attending (51%) 78

Current Month Membership

Active Membership (Aug) 157

Applicants Being Installed 0

Active Members Lost -5

Active Membership Sept. 152





BOWLING REPORT

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The Sir's league has started, and we have 7, 3 person teams. We are hoping for an eighth team and would love to have more bowlers so please contact Mike Coe at (209)769-3413, coemike@sbcglobal.net if you would like to join. You can also talk to Rick Bronner at (408-318-4826). We bowl on Friday at noon at Black Oak and would love to see you there. There was a Sirs bowling tournament in Grass Valley in August, Bert Abreo and Ruth Abreo both from our branch 136 participated. Ruth had a great tournament finishing 1st in singles and second in all events. The dynamic duo placed 4th in doubles. Congratulations to them for a great job. There will be an upcoming tournament In Citrus Heights on October 18 and 19th. The application can be found at www.Sirbowling.org. In November there will be a tournament at McHenry Bowl in Modesto on November 3rd and 4th. The application is also at www.sirbowling.org.



GOLF REPORT

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September brought us a much-needed rare rainstorm. Unfortunately, it came the day before our scheduled golf tournament at the La Contenta Golf course in Valley Springs. The tournament was re-scheduled for Tuesday October 4th. I will post the results in our November issue. The next tournament will be held back at Teleli Golf Course in Sonora on Tuesday October 18th. If you haven't already signed-up please contact Danny Laureta at drlaureta@gmail.com

FISHING CHAIRMAN

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No report this month.



CAR CLUB CHAIRMAN

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September turned out to be quite a month for our car enthusiasts. First off was the annual Harte Hot rod show held in Twain Harte on

September 3rd. There's not a lot of room in downtown Twain Harte but somehow, they were able to fit around 50 cars or so there. I ran into several SIR's member there as well. Stan Enos was there with his really cool 1946 panel truck as well as Rich Ricardi with his cool convertible GTO. I also ran into Dennis Loshier the owner of the vintage UOP number 16 race car. I recanted the time I was at Laguna Seca in 1974 as a teenager and watched the UOP Shadow DN3 car driven by James Hunt no less. Later in the month I attended the 12th annual Snelling car show at Henderson Park with fellow SIR's member Gene Mendenhall from branch 77. The event was hosted by the Yosemite Corvette club and featured several Corvettes of all years as well as a wide range of Hotrods. There was a nice BBQ to be had for lunch. The event was well attended with around 100 cars on display. Looking forward I don't see much on the horizon for car shows. But I'm always interested in looking for cool cars to write about. Got something hiding in your garage? I'd love to come check it out.



PINOCHLE REPORT

Bob Morrison - (209) 588-0994
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In September, we played three tournaments of cutthroat pinochle. Our average scores are shown in the table below. 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. 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. To participate in a tournament, you must have vaccinations up-to-date against the COVID-19 virus. You must show the pinochle director the original, a copy, or photo (in hardcopy or via a phone) of your COVID-19 vaccination record card showing that you are...

September 2022		
CUTTHROAT PINOCHLE SCORES		
Player	Branch	Average
Tom Long	136	446
John White	136	255
Jim Turner	136	221
Delbert Rotelli	77	206
Bob Morrison	136	196
Bill Burnes	136	145
John Quinton	136	67



RV CLUB NEWS

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The RV Club is finally going on a long awaited outing. We will be going to Casa De Fruta from October 16th to the 20th. We have 12 rigs going and will be enjoying the time out. It is to late for anyone to join us on this outing, but if you have a rig and would like to join us next year, we have several openings and would like to have you join and visit with us. Just contact Eddie Toews, Club Chairman, at 209-532-3970 and we put you on a list and notify you when have an outing. Several outings are in the works at this time. Drive safe.



KAYAKING

Sol Robin (707) 315-1284
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Branch 136 Chuck Simons and his wife Francesca (in kayaks), Sol Robin (standing), and Branch 172 Tom Francis (taking picture along with Rip) leisurely kayaked at Pincrest Lake on 9-27-22. It was a beautiful day, with pleasant conversation, and good exercise. Next paddle, weather permitting, will be Tuesday, October 25 at Pincrest. **Please contact Sol at 707-315-1284 or solrobin57@gmail.com** for more info or to join in!

Oct. Birthdays

Flores, Rudy	10/02
Kraft, Jeff	10/11
Simons, Chuck	10/11
Lundin, Rich	10/11
Siudzinski, David	10/14
Feldman, Ray	10/16
McGinnes, John	10/20
Simmons, Jim.	10/23
Beebe, Roy	10/23
Morrison, Bob	10/24
Kehr, Fred	10/26
Guenza, Bill	10/26



Branch #136

Christmas Luncheon

December 13, 2022



Elks Lodge
100 Elk Dr., Sonora, CA

Raffle prizes will be appreciated.

No Host Cocktails
@ 10:30 am
Lunch @ Noon

Menu:

Shrimp Cocktail
Prime Rib w/Baked Potato
-or- Salmon with Rice Pilaf
-or- Chicken Cordon Bleu
with Rice Pilaf
Includes Vegetable, Salad
and Dessert
Wine will be provided at
the table

\$35 per Person

Tickets will go on sale at the
Oct. 11th & Nov. 8th Luncheons

SEATING IS LIMITED

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AND

CANCELLATIONS IS DEC. 6, 2022

ALL SALES ARE FINAL AFTER THAT DATE



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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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

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