



# BULLETIN

## October, 2023

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

**Tuesday, Oct. 10th**

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

Deadline for reservations is  
Sept. 6, 2023

### Menu

**Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes,  
Green Beans, Green Salad and  
Peach Cobbler**



### BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

Jim Botto Editor - (209) 559-0931  
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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

**October 31, 2023**



### INTERNET CHAIRMAN

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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>.



### BIG SIR MESSAGE

Eddie Toews  
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October has arrived and a cooling trend has come with it. The days are shorter, but we still have a lot to get done for the year.

The first thing is the nomination and approval of a new executive board for the 2024 year. The nominating committee was able to get several members to step up to the positions. An e-mail was sent out to the existing board for a vote on the nominees. The vote was unanimous for all offices.

The new board will be:

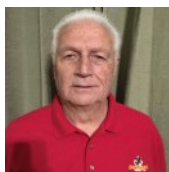
BIG SIR	Rick Bronner
Little SIR	Mike Krom
Secretary	Steve Holt
Assistant Sec.	Gene Zanoni
Treasurer	John Salmon
Asst. Treasurer	Eddie Toews

8 Directors:

Marty Martin, Stan Enos, Bill Burnes, George Cocores, Mel Kutsch, Jim Botto, Paul Squeri, Raul Santana

These new board members will be sworn in at the November meeting and take office in January.

Other thing is the Christmas Ladies Luncheon in December. Read the flier in this month's bulletin for details. Tickets will go on sale at the October and November Meetings, bring your checks and get your tickets early. Hope to see everyone there.



### RV CLUB NEWS

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No Report This Month

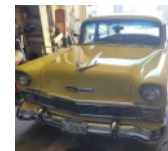
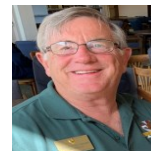


### LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Rick Bronner  
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Good news, our guest speakers for October have confirmed their re-scheduling. Our guest speakers will be Senior Behavioral Health worker Betsey Coe and Deputy Director Brock Kolby with the Tuolumne County Behavioral Health dept. There are many tasks associated with the Crisis, Assessment & Intervention Program (CAIP). The state of California has just endorsed the Care Court system to help deal with mental illness and drug abused issues. This will be a focus of the dept. as well as the following services:

- Response to mental health crisis and emergency psychiatric support services
  - Telephone and face to face support and/or Intervention
  - Help connecting with community services and resources
  - Assessment and arrangements for psychiatric hospitalization
  - On-site evaluations and services at Tuolumne County Jail as well as homeless camps.
- Looking forward to the presentation.



### CAR CLUB NEWS

Rick Bronner - (408) 318-4826  
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The 3rd annual Dan McHoul and CHIPS FOR KIDS car show was held on Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Jamestown on Main Street. There were many awesome classic cars on display. I saw several SIR members there with their beautiful cars. They were collecting new and unwrapped toys for children in need for the annual CHIPS FOR KIDS Christmas toy giveaway. I contributed two collectable Corvettes. Of course these were a bit smaller than the real ones.





## GOLF CLUB NEWS

**Rick Bronner - (209) 533-4289**  
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This was one of the tightest tournaments I've seen as there was only a difference of 7 strokes between first place and last place. Thanks to Tom Neiderer for running it during Danny's and my absence!

### **Tournament Results**

The first-place team of Bell, Clay, Bader, and \*Alexa's Blind Draw Pick\* came in with a blazing 137. They narrowly, and I do mean narrowly, beat out the second-place team of Espino, Walczak, Deaver, and Simmons, who shot a 138. 1st place is worth \$11 each, and 2nd place is worth \$5 each.

### **Closest To the Hole**

#### Hole #5

First Place \$7 - Rick Bronner at 22' 4.5" (Very precise measuring Rick! Nice!)  
Second Place \$4- Jim Simmons at 31' 11" even.

#### Hole #12

First Place \$7 - Allan Bell at 11' 7"  
Second Place \$4 - Derle Davis at 12' 4"  
As far as actual good golfing went, we had 4 golfers break 100.

Congratulations to A. Bell with a 98, M. Coe with a 93, Matt Oliver with an 89, and Matt Clay with an 88!!

As reported by Dave Siudzinski  
Again, SIR golf is the third Tuesday of the month. With winter approaching October most likely will be our last tournament of the year. If you wish to join in the fun, please contact me at [bronnerrick@gmail.com](mailto:bronnerrick@gmail.com) or call me at 408-318-4826



## MEMBERSHIPCHAIRMAN

**George Cocores - (209) 456-9814**  
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### **September Luncheon**

Luncheon Attendance (49%) 65  
Excused Absences (51%) 68

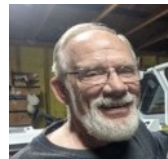
### **Current Month Membership**

Active Membership (August) 134  
Applicants Being Installed 0  
Active Members Lost -1  
Active Membership Sept. 133



## October Birthdays

Thomas, Mark	10/01
Flores, Rudy	10/02
Souza, Edmund	10/11
Kraft, Jeff	10/11
Simons, Chuck	10/11
Lundin, Rich	10/11
Feldman, Raymond	10/16
McGinnes, John	10/20
Simmons, Jim E.	10/23
Morrison, Bob	10/24
Kehr, Fred	10/26
Guenza, Bill	10/26



## FISHING CHAIRMAN

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No Report This Month

## PINOCHLE REPORT

No Report this month  
Chairman Position now open



## KAYAKING

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No Report This Month



## CHAPLIN'S CORNER

**Steven Gregory - (209) 533-0309**  
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"All I can tell you is that the Messiah is one of you!"



## BOWLING REPORT

**Rick Bronner - (209) 533-4289**  
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No Report This Month



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. Bowling, Golf and Pinochle are open and available.

**Volunteer today!**





# Christmas Luncheon

December 12, 2023



Elks Lodge  
100 Elk Dr., Sonora, CA

Raffle prize donations would 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

**\$40 per Person**

Tickets will go on sale at the  
Oct. 10th & Nov. 14th Luncheons

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**SEATING IS LIMITED**  
**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AND**  
**CANCELLATIONS IS DEC. 6, 2022**  
**ALL SALES ARE FINAL AFTER THAT DATE**



**2023 Local SIR Branches Combined Social Activities v1.0**

**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	Donald Ronalter	984-9383
	136	Eddie Toews	532-3970
	172	Tom Francis	533-3180
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Branch #</b>	<b>Activity Chair</b>	<b>Telephone (209)</b>
Biking	172	Steve Happel 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month	532-7240
Bowling	77	Mike Coe	769-3413
Car Club	136	Rick Bronner	408-318-4826
Fishing	136	Chuck Simons	532-9550
Golf	77	Danny Laureta	586-4567
	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 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month	650-867-4671
Pinochle	136	Looking for a Chairman	
RV Travel	136	Eddie Toews	532-3970
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 April 2023

# Want Some SIRs Apparel?

**Here is how to get it:**

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1997 - Dave Holton 1999 - Al Limon  
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2003 - Dick Nutting 2004 - Bill Dunlavy  
2007 - Wil Reich 2008 - Roger Milligan  
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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 - Phil VanSwoll 2022 - Eddie Toews  
2023

## BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Dale Decker - Big Sir 2016  
Eddie Toews - Treasurer 2009 - current  
**HONORARY LIFE EMERITUS**  
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

## Branch 136 Executive Committee

**Big Sir:** Eddie Toews 532-3970  
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**Sec:** Gene Zaroni 532-1989  
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**Treas:** John Salmon 206-6244  
**Asst.Tres:** Eddie Toews 532-3970

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