



BULLETIN

September 2022

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

Tuesday, Sept 13th

Happy Hour at 11:00am

Lunch at 12:00pm

Contact via e-mail:

Jerry Bellefeuille

sirjerry4@gmail.com

Or Call (209) 588-3978

Leave Your Name, Badge No.

& Number of guests.

Deadline for reservations is

Sept. 5th, 2022

Menu:

Half BBQ Chicken or Tri Tip

Potato & Macaroni Salads

Baked Beans, Rolls & Butter,

Dessert, Ice Tea



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

September 30, 2022



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille 588-3978

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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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Summer heat is here. I don't know about you, but I don't plan on being too active outside until it cools down a bit. Time to take care of some honey-do's inside, I guess. It appears that many of you are doing some traveling – stay safe and stay well.

Our family social is set for Sept 13, and while the turnout isn't great, it should be a nice event. If you didn't get your tickets, I think you will be missing a really good time.

If we don't see you this month, we hope you will make an effort to join us in October. Bring a friend!



MEMBERSHIP

REPORT

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

July Months Membership

Total Active Members 158

August Luncheon

Luncheon Attendance (39%) 61

Excused Absences (61%) 96

Current Month Membership

Active Membership (July) 158

Applicants Being Installed +1

Active Members Lost -2

Active Membership August 157

Happy Birthday!

Sept. Birthdays

Belochi, Steve 09/01

Costello, Jim 09/02

Barnes, Barney 09/11

Holt, Steven 09/12

Lewis, Scott 09/16

Hagel, Steve 09/19

Faifua, James 09/21

Abreo, Albert F. 09/24

Kutsch, Mel 09/27

Turner, Tom 09/27

Aberle, Dick 09/28

Cocores, George 09/30



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Rick Bronner

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Hello fellow SIR members. I'd like to introduce myself as your new Little SIR. I've been active with SIRS for a little over three years now and have been your Car chair as well as been updating monthly reports on Bowling and Golf events. I'm really excited to have the opportunity to do my part for SIR's. My main focus will be to bring some exciting new guests to our monthly meetings. I'd like to announce 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. Each month I will announce our guest speakers but I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with any suggestions or ideas you may have for guest speakers. Let's make our monthly meetings fun, informative and meaningful

GOLF REPORT



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SIRS August Golf results

Format: Orange Ball - Two Man Best Ball

1st - Matt Clay net 60

2nd tie - Rudy Flores / Mike Baumgartner net 61

2nd tie - Mike Wright net 61

3rd - Danny Laureta / Jimmy Gedo net 62

Only five of the 12 Teams finished with the Orange Ball

Teams that lost the Orange Ball were DQ

5 par three 142 yds

1st - Mike Coe 17'-7

2nd - Felix Espino 26'-11

3rd - Rudy Flores 27'*7

12 par three 123 yds

1st - Mike Baumgartner 3'-6

2nd - Jeff Juhl 14'-5

3rd - Danny Laureta 15'-8

Next Golf Outing: Sept. 20, 2022

Contact Danny Laureta to join

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BOWLING REPORT

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The winter leagues are in the process of forming. We will be having a SIR'S league again this fall. As it was last year, we will be bowling on Friday afternoons, except for the 1st Friday of the Month, due to Black Oaks Senior No Tap tournament. For those bowlers from last year, we will have the same format and again spouses can bowl. Please let me know if you are going to participate. My cell number is 209-769-3413 and email address Coemike@sbcglobal.net.

We had members and their wives participate in the SIRS Reno tournament. A number of bowlers did very well at the tournament.

Bob Thomas, 5th in singles Division 1
 Trini Mercado Sr. 12th in singles Division 2
 Lillian Thomas tied for 4th in Women Division 3

Ray Garcia & Mike Coe 3rd place in Doubles Div. 1

Gene Mendenhall & Mike Coe 4th place in Doubles Div. 1

Trini Mercado Sr. & Bert Abreo 7th place in Doubles Div. 2

Lillian Thomas & Bob Thomas 10th place in Doubles Div. 2

Lillian Thomas, Bob Thomas, Bruce Peterson & Ed Bruzzone 3rd place Team Div. 1

Trini Mercado Sr., Bert Abreo, Ray Garcia, & Mike Coe 2nd place Team Div. 2

Mike Coe All events Handicap 8th place

Lillian Thomas All events Handicap Women 7th place

Bob Thomas All events Scratch Division 6th place

There is 1 tournament in September: Carson City Sept. 12-14, at the Gold Dust West Casino.



FISHING CHAIRMAN

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Only fished local once the whole month. The heat was not my favorite conditions. Trolled 4 hours at Don Pedro with not one strike. One report I got said if you can find the shad the bass fishing can be good.

Went to Alaska and did very well. Caught salmon sea bass and halibut. Freezer is well stocked. We even had some sun and warm temperatures. Far less than the 100 plus here at home. Keep your line tight.



PINOCHLE REPORT

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In August, we played three tournaments of cutthroat pinochle. Our average scores are shown in the adjacent table. 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.

August 2022		
Player	Branch	Average
CUTTHROAT PINOCHLE SCORES		
Bob Morrison	136	322
Tom Long	136	301
John White	136	300
Linda Benton	Guest	291
Delbert Rotelli	77	272
Bill Burnes	136	227
Janice MacDonald	Guest	205
Jim Turner	136	203
John Quinton	136	166
Roland Patton	172	106



KAYAKING

Sol Robin (707) 315-1284
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Destination Pincrest Lake, Friday Sept 27th. There will be a BBQ after. Ladies are welcome. Please contact Sol Robin at solrobin57@gmail.com or 707-315-1284



RV CLUB NEWS

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No activity this month .





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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