



BULLETIN

September, 2023

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

Tuesday, Sept. 12th

Jerry Bellefeuille 588-3978
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Leave Your Name, Badge No.
& Number of guests.
Deadline for reservations is
Sept. 6, 2023

Menu

**Chicken Cordon Blue, Rice
Pilaf, Peas, Green Salad and
Chocolate Pudding**



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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:

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**The deadline for the next bulletin is
September 30, 2023**



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>.



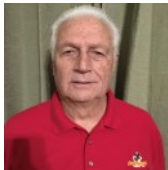
BIG SIR MESSAGE

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Well, here we are into September and the annual picnic is behind us. There was a good turn out for the picnic and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The food was good and there was plenty for everyone. See the pictures below in the bulletin. There was a lot of really good raffle prizes and I want to thank all of the people that donated them. See the pictures below in the bulletin. Also, I want to thank all the people that helped set up the tables and with handling the raffle prizes and get the out to the lucky winners. I want to thank Indignity Reserve for the nice basket that they donated to the raffle table and all the help they provided us with additional tables and chairs.

Due to the picnic, there wasn't a BEC meeting in August, so there isn't any real business to bring up at this time. September will be a real busy BEC meeting, be prepared to discuss issues that have been sent to me for discussion. See you at the BEC meeting. As you know all members are invited to come to the BEC meetings and see what happens at the board meeting. See you next month.

Have a safe and fun summer.



RV CLUB NEWS

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The RV Club has been at a standstill for the past two months. Our next outing will be in September to Casper RV Park in Mendocino, CA. We will be there from September 25th to the 30th. It will be great to get the rigs back out on the road again. The RV Club is now open to all Sirs Member in good standing that would like to join us on an outing. You don't have to have an RV, a lot of the parks have Cabins, tent camping and you can rent an RV or a hotel room close by and spend the week with us enjoying the activities. Just contact Eddie Toews, RV Chairman, at 209-770-3776, or RV Club member for more information. Be safe and see you down the road.



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

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What a wonderful picnic we had last month. The weather cooperated and Indignity Reserve provided us with a great setting. Thank you to Cassandra and her team at Indignity for setting up and providing us with the extra tables we needed. Robin Galvin and her crew from Perfect Day catering lived up to their name and served a wonderful luncheon for all of us. All the food was well received. Also, a big thank you goes out to all the volunteers that helped setup and clean up. There were numerous raffle prizes won as well. I especially wish to thank Earl Randall for his most generous donations of many bottles of wine and even some cash to be won!

Our guest speakers for September were going to be Senior Behavioral Health worker Betsey Coe and Deputy Director Brock Kolby with the Tuolumne County Behavioral Health dept. However due to a last-minute court date appearance they will need to reschedule. At this late date it's doubtful there will be guest speaker this month. And to make things more difficult I found out on the day our cell and phone service has gone down!



September Birthdays

Belochi, Steve	09/01
Costello, Jim	09/02
Barnes, Barney	09/11
Moreda, James	09/11
Holt, Steven	09/12
Lewis, Scott	09/16
Hagel, Steve	09/19
Abreo, Albert F.	09/24
Kutsch, Mel	09/27
Aberle, Dick	09/28
Johnson, Tim	09/28
Cocores, George	09/30
Bethel, Ron	09/30





BOWLING REPORT

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Attention SIR Bowlers: Due to lack of interest there will not be a SIR Bowling League at Black Oak Casino this winter.

We were all hoping Black Oak would go back to 7 days a week so we could have our SIR league on Mondays instead of Friday which many of our members didn't like. There are still the monthly SIR bowling tournaments held at various locations. Check with the SIR bowling website at <https://sirbowling.org/>. On another note this will be my last report as **Don Banchemo has agreed to step up and take over as our SIR Branch 136 Bowling Chair starting in September.**

Here are the results of our local SIR members from the Reno bowling tournament held on August 7th-9th .;

Singles-Division 1

Bob Thomas--- Branch 136 ---Series-603---Placed 56th

Mike Coe---Branch 77---Series---522---Placed 70th

Division 2

5th Place---Mel Kutsch---Branch 136---723 Series - \$51

11th Place---Gene Mendenhall---Branch 77 ---714---\$37

20th Place---Don Banchemo---Branch 136---692---Missed the money by 1 place!

32nd---Bert Abreo---Branch 136---668

48th---Gene Morales---Branch 77---646

65th---Ray Garcia---Branch 136---595

Division 3 (Women)

9th---Rose Kutsch---Branch 136G---717---32

16th---Lilian Thomas---Branch 136G---692

48th---Barbara Morales---Branch 77G---553

Doubles---Division 1

12th Ray Garcia / Mike Coe --\$25

27th ---Bob Thomas / Bruce Peterson

Division 2

22nd---Rose & Mel Kutsch

28th---Bert Abreo/ Lilian Thomas

48th---Barbara & Gene Morales

Team Results-Division 1

16th---Bob & Lilian Thomas / Bert Abreo/ Bruce Peterson

Division 2

3rd Place -John Brasesco / Gene Mendenhall / Ray Garcia / Mike Coe--\$183

14th---Rose & Mel Kutsch/ Don & Janis Banchemo

24th---Gene & Barbara Morales/ Cindy Akin / Ray DeBlasio



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550

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One word sums up fishing **SLOW**. I managed two nice Kokanee a couple of weeks ago. Bill Guenza caught one bass last week in 4 hours of fishing. One report I got the south end of Melones was giving up a few bass on spinners bats.



GOLF CLUB NEWS

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Thanks to all of you for playing in the red ball tournament. Out of the five teams 2 came back with their ball, the other 3 balls are sleeping with the fishes...

1st Place (\$13 each) - Of the 2 teams with balls - The team of Walczak, Espino, Bronner, and *6Alexa* - who randomly selected a favorable blind draw for their missing teammate, shot a 321. This means they beat the other "balls" team of Coe, Salvi, Siudzinski, and Neidererer by 8 strokes.

2nd Place (\$6 each) - Shooting a blistering 295, the team of Juhl, Land, Perrault, **Baumgartner came in 1st in the "No Balls" group.**

No-Ball-Having Honorable Mentions - Rands, Davis, Brown, Oliver with 316. Bell, Bader, Wright (Welcome back, Mike!), Zertuche with 337.

CTH 7th

1. (\$10) John Perrault @ 10' 10"

2. (\$6) Mike Baumgartner @ 11' 3"

CTH 12th

1. (\$10) John Perrault @ 14' 5"

2. (\$6) Matt Oliver @ 29' 10"

Remember our SIR Golf tournaments are always the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

We typically play at **Teleli Golf Course**. Fees are \$55. If you wish to join in the fun please contact **Danny Laureta** at:

drlaureta@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIPCHAIRMAN

George Cocores - (209) 456-9814

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August Picnic	
Picnic Attendance	78
Current Month Membership	
Active Membership (July)	134
Applicants Being Installed	0
Active Members Lost	0
Active Membership August	134



CAR CLUB NEWS

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No Report this month

PINOCHLE REPORT

No Report this month

Chairman Position now open



KAYAKING

Sol Robin (707) 315-1284

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Chuck Simons and Franchesca kayaked with the Twain Harte Sirs on the 25th! We had a nice BBQ after. September 26th is our next outing at Pinecrest. Call Sol Robin at 707-315-1284 for more details or to join in!



CHAPLIN'S CORNER

Steven Gregory - (209) 533-0309

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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!



Annual Family Picnic August 2023





Date July 28, 2023
To SIR members & guests
From Lee Moy, State SIR Sports
RE Golden Gate Fields

Fellow Sirs:

Welcome to the last-ever horse race outing at Golden Gate Fields. It will take place on September 25, 2023. Your State SIR Board has approved this special event.

We have reserved standard seating at the racetrack in the Turf Club. All Sirs and their guests are welcome. More information below the picture...



Another one bites the dust...the closing of the legendary Golden Gate Fields

SIR Day at the Races
September 25, 2023
Turf Club Buffet \$76 pp
noon

Goodbye

Send personal check to:

Lee Moy
127 N. Helm Ave
Clovis, CA 93612

State SIR Sports
leehealthstudio@gmail.com
(559) 709-9851

deadline 9/20/23
\$76 per person

An outstanding way to enjoy a Ladies Day Luncheon by the Bay; our Ladies Swan Song Farewell Horse Race ever.
"Thanks" for the fond memories.

The \$76 per person is an all-inclusive amount for parking, the racing program, seating, a 3-hour all-you-can-eat private buffet, tax, and gratuity.

Please send your check with your name and the names of your guest/s, plus your phone number and Branch number (on a separate sheet if necessary). The check needs to be made out to Lee Moy.

Forward your check to Lee Moy, 127 N. Helm Ave., Clovis.

Deadline: September 20th. Q/A: Any questions please contact me at leehealthstudio@gmail.com or text: (559) 709-9851.

Physical address: GGF, 1100 East shore Highway, Albany 94710.

Entrance to the Turf Club by noon; races begin at 1:30 pm.

Consider wearing fancy hats and matching theme outfits.



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(where the boys are)
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Time to Get Busy



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invitations

(personal)
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Golfers, Bowlers
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(electronic)
Internet
Social media
Websites

Wine Tastings

Wear SIR apparel

Next door
Facebook
www.WeAreSIR.com

Consider trying these recruiting ideas

Lee Moy

As your State SIR Growth & Membership Chairman also, I have included a “summary” recipe card. Please consider the possibilities of ways to increase your branch membership and community city outreach. Once again, “thanks” for all your support.

Sincerely,

Lee Moy
State SIR Growth & Membership Chairman



Announcing the 2023 SIR State Golf Individual Championship - Open Event



The SIR State Golf Committee wishes to announce the 2023 SIR State Individual Golf Championships that will be held on Thursday October 5th at "The Reserve" golf course near Stockton. This golf event is open to all SIR golfers but limited to the first 112 golfers to sign up, after that a waiting list will be established. You must have a NCGA or USGA sanctioned index with any recognized golf club. For more details on this event click on the link below or visit the SIR State Golf website at www.sirgolf.org. Registration for this event will open on Saturday August 19th. The registration form can be found on the golf website listed above. This event will use the same format as in prior years. There will be seven flights established by handicap index. Each flight will compete (Medal Play) to determine the winner of their flight who will then be awarded a commemorative jacket as 2023 Champion of their flight. There will also be a tournament prize fund with prizes awarded for the best net rounds of the day. Entry fee for this tournament is \$80 which includes golf, cart, range balls and prize fund.

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HONORARY LIFE EMERITUS
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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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