



BULLETIN

December, 2024

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, Dec. 10th

Reserve your spot(s) with:

Jerry Bellefeuille

sirjerry4@gmail.com

Or Call (209) 588-3978

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

Deadline for reservations is:

Dec. 5, 2024

Menu: Shrimp Cocktail, Prime Rib with baked Potato, - or Salmon with Rice Pilof, - or Chicken Picatta with Rice Pilof, Salad and Desert



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE

Don Herzer Editor - (209) 586-3078

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 Don Herzer at:

corvdon@wsccpubs.net

The deadline for the next bulletin is:

Dec. 31, 2024



BIG SIR MESSAGE

Rick Bronner

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Happy Holidays to everyone. As 2024 is coming to an end I want to take a moment to look back on how our year went. Back in January with full support of our BEC board we promised to make 2024 a year of giving back to our members. We started 2024 with enough money in the bank to get the go ahead. We then agreed to subsidize the cost of all three of our special events, The Mother Day Lunch, the Summer Picnic and the Holiday Banquet, knowing that we would take a loss on these events.

Surprisingly at all three of these events our raffle tickets sales exceeded all expectations keeping the losses to a minimum. So now the good news. Even after a substantial rent increase at the Elks Lodge we have decided NOT to increase membership renewal rates for 2025. We also have agreed NOT to increase our monthly luncheon fees as well. I'm sure 2025 will have its challenges but for now Branch 136 is in excellent shape thanks to all of you. As our state board is looking at several changes for the upcoming year, I will do my best to keep all of you informed as soon as I hear. I hope to see you at our upcoming Holiday banquet. I'm definitely looking forward to the prime rib!

Rick Bronner



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Mike Krom

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I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. Please be safe and watch out for the other guy.

Mike Krom



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille (209) 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>.

Jerry Bellefeuille



GOLF CLUB NEWS

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Our November tournament was held at Teledi GC. This was the last tournament of the year. The weather was cold! The format was low net and there were 2 handicap flights, (A flight, 18 index and below) and (B flight, 19 index and above).

Notable winners from branch 136: Tom Niederer with 2nd lowest net Flight B.

Golf will start up again in March 2025.

Raul Santana



RV CLUB NEWS

Eddie Toews (209) 770-3776
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The RV club will be having it's last activity of 2024 with our annual Christmas dinner at the Peppery family restaurant on December 5th. Our next activity will be a kickoff breakfast in February (TBD). I want to wish everyone a very joyful and happy Christmas and New Year.

If you are traveling, stay safe and have a wonderful trip.

See you all next year.

Eddie Toews Past RV Chairman



CHAPLIN'S CORNER

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Happy Holidays to all!

Steven Gregory Chaplain



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

George Cocores - (209) 456-9814
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT NOVEMBER 2024

November Luncheon

Luncheon Attendance (50%) 61
Excused Absences (40%) 60

Current Month Membership

Active Membership (Oct.) 121
Applicants Being Installed 0
Active Members Lost 0
Active Membership Nov. 121



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550
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Being under the weather and the weather has kept me off the water. I did read that the trout and king bite has improved at Don Pedro .

Those of you that venture out - good luck!

Chuck Simons



December Birthdays

Wallace, Stuart (Stu)	12/02
Derodeff, Brian	12/03
Caplinger, Larry (Cap)	12/04
Eaton, Herman	12/12
Herzer , Donald (Don)	12/14
Santana , Raul	12/17
Gelber, Bob	12/20
Long, Ron	12/21
Bynum, Barry	12/23
Sudduth, Ed	12/24
Vanier, Dennis	12/26
Stevenson, Robert	
(Bob)	12/26
LaFrance, Mike	12/28
Price, Chuck	12/30



KAYAKING

Sol Robin (707) 315-1284
solrobin57@gmail.com

Kayak outings are held the last Tuesday of the month, from late spring to early fall. Spouse or significant others are welcome and the paddle is followed by a picnic or BBQ. Please call Sol at 707-315-1284 for time and place or any other information.

Sol Robin

PINOCHLE REPORT

No Report this month
Chairman Position now open



BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Ray Di Basilio **Rick Bronner - (408) 318-4826**
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Striking up Friendships

FROM RAY:



As the 2024 bowling season ends, we reflect on a successful year of competition, camaraderie, and unforgettable moments. The final tournament of the year took place on November 7-8 in Modesto, bringing the season to an exciting conclusion. Tournament Manager Vern Masse and his dedicated team once again delivered a top-notch event, ensuring everything ran smoothly and competitors had a memorable experience.

Personally, I always look forward to this tournament. The journey to McHenry Lanes takes me through miles of scenic back roads, winding through picturesque walnut orchards and sprawling vineyards. When I arrived at McHenry Lanes, I was reminded of what makes this venue so great — its warm atmosphere and welcoming community of bowlers.

As the season wraps up, I want to extend a big thank you to everyone who made it possible: the players, the organizers, and the supporters. Your dedication and enthusiasm are what make these events so special.

Looking ahead, we can only be excited for the next season, but for now, let's savor the memories of another successful year. Thank you for your participation, and we'll see you for the first tournament of 2025 in Napa on January 21-22!

For more information about SIR bowling, the full 2025 calendar, applications, and results, check out our website: <http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>

Ray Di Basilio

FROM RICK:

The results are in. Our local SIR members faired quite well at the recent year end final bowling tournament held at McHenry lanes in Modesto. From branch 77 Gene Mendenhall took first place in Division 1 singles with a total score of 806. A very close Second place went to our fellow SIR branch 136 member Mike Bowers with a score of 803. Unfortunately, Bob Thomas and myself didn't fair so well in singles. Gene and fellow branch 77 member Mike Coe took first place in doubles followed by Mike Bowers and Arthur Rosenberg from 136 for second place. Av very good day for our local SIR members. Hope everyone has a nice holiday season ahead. Next year's SIR bowling tournament schedule should be posted after the first of the year as always on www.sirbowling.org

Rick Bronner



CAR CLUB NEWS

Rick Bronner - (408) 318-4826
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(No Report this month)

Rick Bronner



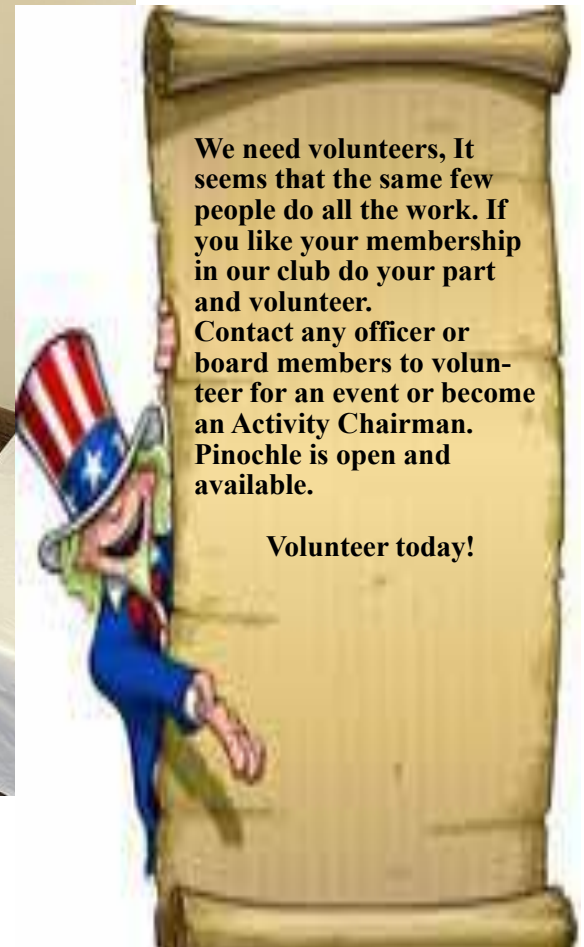
SIR Classifieds



SIR Members are now invited to place ads for **items** that they want to sell—services are not allowed. A 10% fee will be charged based upon the selling price, up to a maximum fee of \$100 per item. If you are just donating an item, there is no charge.



Big Sir Rick Bronner
Recognized veteran
Ron Atkins for his service
at the November meeting





Branch #136

Christmas Luncheon

December 10, 2024



Elks Lodge
100 Elk Dr., Sonora, CA

Raffle prizes are always greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Lunch @ Noon

Menu:

Shrimp Cocktail
Prime Rib w/ Baked Potato
-or- Salmon with Rice Pilaf
-or- Chicken Piccata
with Rice Pilaf
Includes Vegetable, Salad
and Dessert

\$35 per Person

Tickets will go on sale at the
Oct. 8th & Nov. 12th Luncheons

SEATING IS LIMITED
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AND
CANCELLATIONS IS DEC. 3, 2024
ALL SALES ARE FINAL AFTER THAT DATE

Anyone wanting wine, it will be available at the bar for \$10.00 per bottle.

No Host Cocktails @ 10:00 am



2025 Sonora SIR #136 Annual Dues Notice

November 1, 2025

Dear Fellow SIR Member,

Below is your Annual Sonora SIR Dues Notice for 2025.

The dues for 2025 will stay the same at \$30.00

The amount of dues covers the cost of the State SIR assessment and normal operating costs of the branch. **Annual Dues are due by January 1st and considered delinquent after that date.** Dues not paid by February 28th, 2025 may result in your loss of membership (extenuating circumstances will be considered).

I encourage you to Send in Your Dues now.

Send checks to:

SIR #136 at John Salmon, 10844 Countryside Ct., Sonora, CA 95370

We appreciate your timely remittance so that your Board can budget and plan for our in-person activities in the new year.

Thank You for being a loyal SIR member.

John Salmon, Treasurer

PRINT and DETACH with your Remittance

Sonora SIR #136

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$30.00, made out to Sonora SIR #136. For my 2025 Annual Dues.

Name: _____

Check No: _____ **Checks made payable to Sonora SIR #136**

Send to: SIR #136 at John Salmon, 10844 Countryside Ct., Sonora, CA 95370



2024 Local SIR Branches Combined Social Activities:
 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	77 136 172	Donald Ronalter Rick Bronner Mark Knapp	(209) 984-9383 (408) 318-4826 (209) 613-7767
<u>Activity</u>	<u>Branch #</u>	<u>Activity Chair</u>	<u>Telephone (209)</u>
Biking	172	Steve Happel 2nd Tuesday of the month	532-7240
Bowling	77	Mike Coe	769-3413
Car Club	136	Rick Bronner	(408) 318-4826
Fishing	136	Chuck Simmons	532-9550
Golf	77	Danny Laureta	586-4567
	136	Raul Santana	(925) 451-7351
	172	Richard Broddie	586-3151
Hiking	77	Mike Clay	588-1345
		moderate hike every Friday	
Horseshoes	172	Rich Brandau	352-4320
		Last Thursday of the month	
Kayak	136	Sol Robin	(707) 315-1284
	172	Dave Kenney 4th Tuesday of the month	(650) 867-4671
Pinochle	136	Looking for a Chairman	
RV Travel	136	Eddie Toews	770-3776
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 March 2024

Want Some SIRs Apparel?

Here is how to get it:

Get on your computer and go to <https://sir.ourproshop.com> and peruse the items available and order online. Notice that shipping and handling charges are avoided above a certain order amount. If your order is large enough to avoid these charges or you are willing to pay them, process your order. If you know of a friend who also wants SIRs merchandise, consolidate your order with him.

If you don't have a computer, find a friend who does and have him help you.





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To all our members, if you frequent any of these businesses, please remember to thank them for their gracious support to our Branch.

SIR STATE OFFICERS

www.sirinc.org

President - Rich Carlston
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2nd Vice President - Rich Carlston
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Area 5 Representative - Dale Decker
(Acting)

PAST BIG SIR'S BRANCH 136 SONORA

1997 - Dave Holton 1999 - Al Limon
2000 - Bob Gibbs 2002 - Jim Nuzum
2003 - Dick Nutting 2004 - Bill Dunlavy
2007 - Wil Reich 2008 - Roger Milligan
2009 - Don Nilan 2010 - Don Banchero
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
2020 & 2021 - Gene Zanoni
2022 - Phil VanSwoll 2023 - Eddie Toews

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Dale Decker - Big Sir 2016
Eddie Toews - Treasurer 2009 - current
Gene Zanoni - Big Sir 2020 & 2021

HONORARY LIFE EMERITUS

Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015
We are all so sorry for his passing on

DATED MATERIAL

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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 Cocreos with a check for the amount stated on the application. George's address is 17595 Brentwood Ln. Twain Harte, CA 95383

Jan. 24, 2024

Branch 136 Executive Committee

Big Sir: Rick Bronner (408) 318-4826

Little Sir: Mike Krom (209) 586-1533

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