



BULLETIN

July, 2024

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, July 9th

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:

July 4, 2024

Menu: Country Pork Ribs, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Corn (substitute Peas), Green Salad and Vanilla Pudding

Guest Speaker: TBD—last minute cancellation.



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:

July 31, 2024



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>.



BIG SIR MESSAGE

Rick Bronner
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Our Local Chamber of Commerce President Katie Dunn took time from her busy schedule to meet with us at our June meeting. Katie is in charge of putting together the 2nd Saturday Art nights in downtown Sonora as well as many other events like the Christmas Town event. Katie was kind enough to hand out copies of the Sonora Chamber magazine for everyone to take home. Katie also talked about the work in restoring the old Sonora Opera Hall. There is quite a history with the building going all the way back to the 1800's. The work is done now and the building is ready to host events. The Chamber does an enormous amount of work promoting local businesses as well as tourism.

At our BEC meeting Eddie Toews updated us on the status of our past BIG SIR and State President Dale Decker. Dale has been fighting health issues and has recently been in the hospital getting surgery. All the BEC members signed a card to give to Dale now that he is home recuperating. Our resident Chaplain Steve Gregory will deliver it to Dale. Hopefully Steve will have an update for us at our upcoming July meeting. We all wish Dale well and hope to see him soon back at our monthly meetings. Dale has stepped down as our SIR State president and Lee lamp has assumed the role. I'm looking forward to working with Lee and see where he will be guiding our great organization into the future.

On another sad note our member Marty Martin announced he will be leaving us and moving out of the area. Marty has been very instrumental in our SIR branch for the last 10 years. Marty has been involved with the RV group and has handled the propane account for us as well. We all wish Marty well and he will certainly be missed. At our June BEC meeting Steve Holt has agreed to take over as our Propane rep so there should be no changes going forward.

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We are also having to deal with a rent increase from the Elks Lodge. After some negotiating, I was able to get it down to \$470 a month from their proposed \$505. This is still a \$170 monthly increase. I will be working with the BEC to see how to best handle the increase. For now, our plan is to keep our meals at \$20 until we all agree on a solution. I can tell you that Branch 77 which also meets at the Elks has increased their meals to \$25 to cover the increase. Let's see if we can come up with a better solution. Keep tuned in.

Rick Bronner



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Mike Krom

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[Mike is on Medical leave. We wish him well.]



RV CLUB NEWS

Eddie Toews (209) 770-3776

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The RV club will be heading out on an outing in a couple of weeks. We are headed for Sugar Barge RV Park at Bethal Island on the Delta. We will be there for 4 nights. One of the members will be bringing his boat so the guys that want to go fishing will be able to. We will be having games, plenty of food and drinks and a lot of socializing. It's been a while, so we have a lot to catch up on. It will be a great trip.

We will also be voting on a new RV Chairman and board for the next two years.

Eddie Toews

Past RV Chairman





MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

George Cocores - (209) 456-9814
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June Luncheon

Luncheon Attendance (53%) 65
Excused Absences (47%) 57

Current Month Membership

Active Membership (May) 125
Applicants Being Installed +1
Active Members Lost -4
Active Membership June 122



GOLF CLUB NEWS

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The June tournament was held at La Contenta GC in Valley Springs. Luckily the wind held off the smoke from the Aero fire in Copperopolis, which made the conditions very pleasant. Branch 136 big winners in the skins format were, Jim Simmons (5 skins), Gene Deavers (4 skins) and Tom Niederer (2 skins).

The next tournament is scheduled for July 16 at Teleli GC.

Raul Santana



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550
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Fishing has been slow with the hot weather. I don't believe fish and game has planted any fish except Pinecrest. George Cocores sent this picture of three limits from Pinecrest. Nice to hear other fish stories.

Let me hear of any other fish stories.
[See picture page 5]

Chuck Simons



BOWLING CLUB NEWS

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Our SIR Bowling league June tournament was held at the new Apex Bowling center at Red Hawk Casino in Placerville. Our branch 136 member Bob Thomas did quite well. In singles Bob finished 2nd in scratch and 6th in handicap. Bob teamed up with his wife Lilian and they took a 4th overall. Also, Mike Coe from Branch 77 took 8th in handicap. It looks like the next SIR tournament for us will be the one in August in Reno at the National Bowling Stadium. Hopefully my foot will be good to go by then. As always, all SIR bowling information can be found at the SIR website: <https://sirbowling.org/>

Rick Bronner



CAR CLUB NEWS

Rick Bronner - (408) 318-4826
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[No report this month]

Rick Bronner

PINOCHLE REPORT

No Report this month
Chairman Position now open



CHAPLIN'S CORNER

Steven Gregory - (209) 728-5707
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No activity this month and Happy Birthday America!

Steven Gregory



KAYAKING

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

The kayak outing this month (June) was outstanding. Beautiful weather and scenery! The next outing will be Tuesday August 27th at Pinecrest. There will not be a formal outing in July as pretty much everybody will be out of town.

[see picture on page 4]





SIRs BRANCH 136 ANNUAL PICNIC

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Will be held at Indigeny Reserve

Social hour will be at 11:00 A.M.

Lunch will be at approximately
12:00 P.M.

Menu

Choice of:

BBQ RIBS or BBQ CHICHEN
or GRILLED GOURMET SAUSAGE
or VEGETABLE SKEWER

Sides will include:

Ranch Style Beans, Mac & Cheese,
Sweet Potato Salad, Honey Cornbread,
Desserts, Sweetened Ice Tea,
Lemonade and Infused Water.

Branch will provide Beer and Wine
while it lasts. Each person will
receive two drink tickets when they
check in at the gate.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person
and will be on sale at the June
and July regular meetings. Tickets
Will NOT be sold at the door.

RAFFLE PRIZES APPRECIATED

Raffle Changes

Anyone that donates a raffle prize to the
picnic will be given a free raffle card
with 10 tickets to use for the raffle prizes.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Eddie Toews 209-770-3776

Stan Enos George Cocores

Gene Zannoni Mel Kutsch

Rick Bronner

MAXIMUM 224 TICKETS AVAILABLE

NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER

AUGUST 15, 2024





July Birthdays:

Swartz, Rodger	07/03
Hildinger, James (Jim)	07/03
Randall, Earl	07/04
Luz , Bradford (Brad)	07/11
Vanswoll, Phil	07/12
Pope, William (Bill)	07/12
Mueller, James	07/14
Preston , Steve	07/16
Krom , Micheal (Mike)	07/18
Waters, Dennis L.	07/23
Davis, Gary	07/25
Slemmons, Paul	07/26
Marrs, John	07/27





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.

FREE—FREE--FREE

Pioneer PRO 141 FD 60" HD Flat Panel
Originally \$ 7000---This was the best of the best at the time
Wall Mount Only (Bracket Included) Monitor -
No speakers
Contact-Rick Bronner-408-318-4826—Here's a link to the brochure;
<https://www.pioneerelectronics.com/ephox/StaticFiles/PUSA/Files/PRO-141FD.pdf>

FOR SALE

4 ACE 19x8 Alloy Wheels
Originally \$400 each. Asking \$400 for all 4
Rick Bronner 408-318-4826 bronnerrick@gmail.com



Fishing Pincrest:

George Cocomes captured these happy fishermen (non SIR members)





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 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 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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Secretary - Rich Carlston
Treasurer - Carl Mason
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

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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

Jan. 24, 2024

Branch 136 Executive Committee

Big Sir: Rick Bronner (408) 318-4826

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