



BULLETIN

June, 2026

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 9th

Reserve your spot(s) with:

Jim Horan jimhoran2@yahoo.com

Or call (408) 499-8297

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

Deadline for reservations is:

June 4, 2026

Menu:

Meatloaf & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and Strawberry Shortcake

Guest Speaker:



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:

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Please Note: The executive board has decided to no longer mail hard copy Bulletins. Hard copies will be available at the monthly meetings.

The deadline for the next bulletin is:

June 30, 2026



BIG SIR MESSAGE

Rick Bronner (408) 318-4826

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May was Ladies Day Luncheon month. We had 80 guests who got to feast on a choice of New York Steaks, Salmon or Chicken Picatta. As usual our Caterer Dino and staff did an excellent job. I had a lot of fun calling out the winners of all our raffle prizes. All in all, it was a fun day we got to share with our wives and partners. This month we start selling tickets for our summer picnic in August. See the flyer in this issue for all the details.

We have a new webmaster now. Jim Horan has stepped up to take over after Jerry Bellefeuille has moved out of state. Jim is also taking our monthly lunch reservations as well. I've spoken with Jim and one of his goals is to create a Facebook page for us. We need to get more exposure for our branch in order to grow. I'm sure you've all got friends that might be interested in joining. Just remind them of all the benefits of membership brings: Activities, Golf, Bowling, RV, Fishing and several others and of course the awesome discount we get with JS West on Propane.

Rick Bronner



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

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Well another day and another scare. When you have cancer or you had cancer, you seem to be more aware of different signs. Of course your mind doesn't help matters as it wanders off into where ever land. So here is what happened. Originally when I was first diagnosed with cancer, it was the same time

I was working in the yard. At that time there was a lot of pollen from the different trees and vegetation that I was working on. Long story short, it wasn't the cause but I thought it so.

Anyway, now to date. Again working in the yard one afternoon, I noticed a tightness in my chest. Not really worried about it, until the next day, same tightness, maybe slightly tighter. Now I'm paying more attention to it. So I am now paying more attention. Now it is sore when I lift my arm. Sh t! I call my oncologist. The nurse says to get to the hospital and have it checked out. It could be this or that, but the this and that's were all very scary the way she sounded. Now I'm worried, so off to the doctor Pam and I go. A very long wait. The doc was very thorough and somewhat concerned, so you can imagine how I felt. Anyway, a very long wait as the radiology guy had to look over the findings. Now just think about everything that's going through your head as you are waiting. Finally, approximately seven hours later, it turns out that one of the ribs that they broke during the lung cancer surgery was somehow irritating inside of me. What a relief. Lidocaine patches and pills and I'm good to go. The pain should go away. And it is. Just thought I would share this. Have a great month.

Mike Krom



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jim Horan (408) 499-8297

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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>.

Jim Horan





CHAPLIN'S CORNER
Steven Gregory - (209) 728-5707

Rick Bacon a long time RV club member and Kathie Price, wife of Chuck Price #161, also an RV member, passed away recently. May they both RIP.

Steven Gregory Chaplain



RV CLUB NEWS
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[no report this month, but be sure to see the picnic flyer on page 6]

Eddie Toews



GOLF CLUB NEWS
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The SIRS May 2026 golf tournament was held at Teleli GC in Sonora. Once again, Teleli delivered perfect golf weather. The format was 2-man best ball. Some players shot lights out golf. Branch 136s own Jim Lucia came in second place with his partner Eddy Warzee with a net 63! They each take home a whopping \$10 bucks. Our next tournament is scheduled for June 16th at Pine Mountain Lake GC. Should be great day. Please come out and join us.

Raul Santana

SIR State Golf 2026 Season Update:

For more information and entry forms, please visit the State SIR website (www.sirgolf.org). You'll also find the full second-half schedule posted there, including:

- Team Scramble at Hiddenbrooke
- Two-day Sacramento event in September at Lincoln Hills and Turkey Creek
- State Individual Championships at Teal Bend on Thursday, October 1
- The season finale: Monterey tournament at BlackHorse and Bayonet courses at Fort Ord on November 10-11.

Don't miss these great opportunities to play excellent courses, enjoy camaraderie, and build lasting connections. We look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events.

P.S. The State Golf Committee is looking for additional volunteers to help run these events. If you're interested, please contact Ben Gikis, SIR State Golf Chairman, at



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

George Cocores - (209) 456-9814
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT
May 2026

May Ladies Day Luncheon

Great Turn Out 94 Members and Guests

Current Month Membership

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Active Membership April | 115 |
| Applicants Being Installed | 1 |
| Active Members Lost | 1 |
| Active Membership May | 115 |



CAR CLUB NEWS

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Fellow SIR member Don Herzer and I met up with fellow Corvette enthusiasts from Santa Clara Corvettes for a trip down south to Santa Maria. We stopped in Paso Robles for lunch and a visit to the Woodland Air and Car Museum. The museum has an extensive collection of vintage race cars as well as a large gathering of WW2 items such as models, plane dashboards and other various equipment. There are also several jets on display outside. In another building you can find vehicles from WW2 and the Vietnam war era. If you're ever in the Paso Robles area I highly recommend this museum.

Don and I continued on with our group of 10 Corvettes to Santa Maria where on Saturday we met up with Vapor Trails Corvette Club of Santa Matia. We joined them and spent the day racing our cars at the Santa Maria Airport Autocross course. With 58 entries of cars of all types including some highly modified ones, I'm proud to say a Corvette E-Ray took top time of the day with the fastest lap run.

Unfortunately, I was under the weather and missed the Rods to Rails Car Show at Jamestown and Cars, Cops and Coffee Show at the Cancer Center. There is the annual Hot Copper Car show this month on Saturday June 20th. Also on the same day is the annual Father's Day fly-In at Columbia airport. I'll have to choose, they're both good shows. I'll let you decide!

Rick





FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - (209) 770-5928
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Limit of Kokanee can be had at Melones, usually in a couple of hours. Good luck.

Kokanee limits were easy to come by last week. I tried to find a couple of limits with my wife and I but only managed a few strikes. The heat ran us home after only 3 hours.

Chuck Simons



June Birthdays

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Fletcher , Greg | 06/01 |
| Fonseca,,Frank | 06/03 |
| Garrett , Larry | 06/03 |
| Holcomb , Phil | 06/04 |
| Durand, Paul | 06/07 |
| Bellefeuille, Jerry *DSA | 06/08 |
| Smith , Roy | 06/12 |
| Schloffel , Barry | 06/20 |
| Peluso, Serge | 06/22 |
| Banchero, Donald (Don) | 06/22 |
| Smith , Martin | 06/22 |
| Boatman, Bill | 06/24 |
| Boire, Ernest | 06/24 |
| Rancatore, James P. | 06/27 |



KAYAKING & PINOCHLE REPORT

No Reports this month

Chairman Positions now open

Ladies Day Luncheon





BOWLING CLUB NEWS

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Striking up Friendships



FROM RAY:

The SIR-only State Bowling Tournament was held on May 12 and 13 at Country Club Lanes in Sacramento. 74 bowlers participated in singles and doubles events. The highest game was nearly perfect – a 289 rolled by Michael Horne, Branch 55 Grass Valley during the doubles event. In the singles A division Neil Pallaya, also of Branch 55, shot a nice 842-handicap series; and in the B division Jim Wylie of Branch 19 Concord took first place with a 795-handicap series. First place honors in doubles A division were Jim Lucia and Eddy Warzee who teamed up from Branches 136 and 77 to roll a 1558 series. Doubles in the B division were Michael Horne and Art King (Branch 55 Grass Valley) with a 1537 series.

The State Bowling Committee annually adds money to this tournament's prize fund. This year \$500 was added raising the total prize fund to \$3,171.00. Congratulations to all for some fantastic bowling!

Applications for upcoming tournaments are posted on our State SIR Bowling website: [SIR BOWLING](http://SIRBOWLING.com). Please note the group codes for discounted room rates in Reno; we'll be at the Silver Legacy again this year. Make plans early and **be sure to use the appropriate code** when booking your room. The code and contact information is on the application.

Placerville, CA, June 4-5 – Apex at Red Hawk
Dublin, CA, June 22-23 – Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl
Concord, CA, July 21-22 – Clayton Valley Bowl
Auburn, CA, July 9-10 – Foothill Bowl
Reno, NV, August 10-13 – National Bowling Stadium

See you on the lanes,

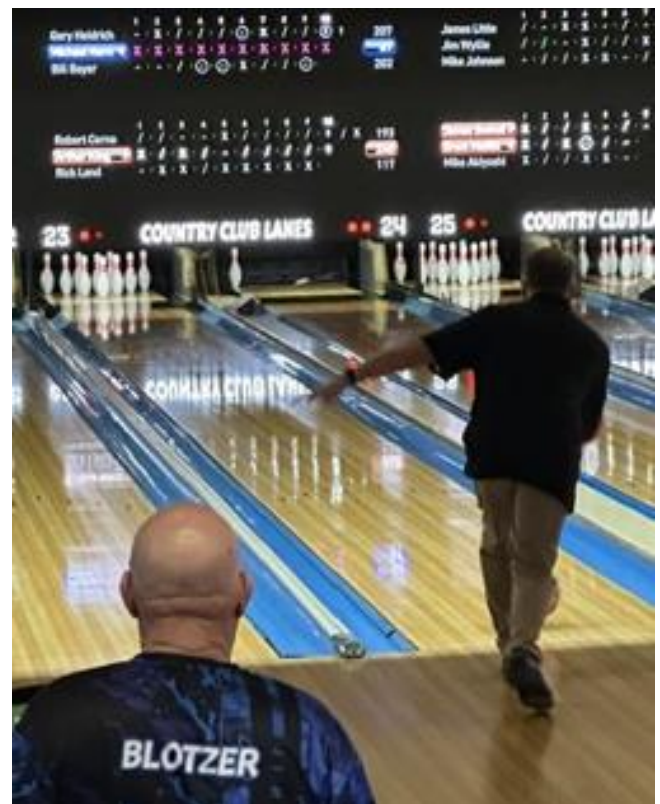
Ray Di Basilio

FROM RICK:

. Our SIR members Jim Lucia from 136 and Eddie Warzee from 77 teamed up to take 1st place in doubles at the SIR State tournament held at Sacramento Country Club Lanes May 12th and 13th. They scored an impressive team total of 1558. Eddie bowled a scratch series of 750. Their efforts paid off with a prize of \$209. June has a couple of SIR Bowling tournaments, Placerville at the Apex at Red Hawk Casino on June 4th and 5th and Earl Anthony Dublin Bowl on June 22nd and 23rd.

Our summer SIR Bowling league at Black Oak Casino continues to roll along. There are still openings if anyone wants to join in on the fun. We bowl every Monday at noon at Black Oak. It's just \$20!

Rick Bronner



Raffle Prizes at Ladies Day Luncheon



Woodland Auto Museum





SIRS BRANCH 136 ANNUAL PICNIC
Wednesday, August 12, 2026
Will be held at Indigeny Reserve

Social Hour will be at 11:00 A.M.
Lunch will be at approximately
12:00 PM

Menu

Buffet Style

BBQ RIBS and BBQ CHICKEN
And GRILLED GOURMET SAUSAGE (MILD)

Sides will include:

Ranch Style Beans. Corn on the Cob,
Country Potato Salad, Watermelon,
Desserts, Sweetened Ice Tea,
Lemonade and Infused Water.



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

RAFFLE PRIZES ARE APPRECIATED

Tickets are \$30.00 per person
And will be on sale at the June
And July regular meetings. Tickets
WILL NOT be sold at the door.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Eddie Toews 209-770-3776
George Cocores, Gene Zanoni
Mel Kutsch, Rick Bronner

MAXIMUM 200 TICKEYS AVAILABLE
NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER
AUGUST 5, 2026

SIR STATE HAPPENING NEWSLETTER

Michael Lee – SIR State Activities Director
(88mlee@gmail.com)



Here are your state activities for June 2026

INVESTING:

SIR128 is offering its monthly Zoom about investing to all branches on Wednesday, June 24th at 1:30pm. The topic will be “Should I stay in my house as I age, or should I go somewhere else?” Transition specialist Brian Schwatka will lead the discussion and he’s helped numerous homeowners decide whether staying in their home or transitioning to a retirement community is the best path for their future. **Contact Michael Levine for Zoom link:** michael.levine@sbcglobal.net

TRAVEL

Here are the upcoming trips you can join:

June 1-5, 2026 (approximate dates). Golf in Maui, Hawaii, Maui. 5 days, 4 nights at the Outrigger Kaanapali Beach Resort. Single rates available. kathig@shipsandtripstravel.com

Oct. 23 - Nov. 8, 2026. 16 Night Hawaiian Island Cruise aboard Ruby Princess round trip from San Francisco from \$3,750 to \$6,055 pp. Ports: Hilo, Kahului, Maui, Honolulu, Oahu, Nawiliwili, Kauai & Ensenada. John@storageauctionexperts.com

Nov. 27-Dec. 8, 2026. Six-night Danube River Cruise including Christmas Markets in Vienna, Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau, Wachau Valley, Gluhwein Party. \$5896-\$7497 pp. bill.britton@comcast.net (925) 200-1062

May 2027: Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Slovenia with an optional pre-trip to Albania. This is an OAT trip, we can have our own group with as few as 12, You need not be a SIR to sign up you can also be a guest. We need to fill it by Aug. 14, 2026. Milt Smith miltsmith549@gmail.com

BOWLING TOURNAMENTS:

Placerville: June 4-5 at Apex Lanes , Red Hawk Casino, hosted by BR 113.

Dublin: June 22-23 at Earl Anthony’s Dublin Bowl, hosted by BR 59.

Auburn: July 9-10 at Foothill Bowl, hosted by BR 113.

These events are open to all SIRS, spouse, partner, relative, and invited guests. Bowlers must have a USBC card and verified average.

For more information, contact Jim Erickson at 925-580-4146 or jim@jterickson.com.

FISHING:

June 2nd, Delta, Black Bass Trip
June 9th, SF Bay, Halibut & Striper Trip
June 9th, Oakley-Antioch Pier, Striper Trip
June 11th, Emeryville, Halibut & Striper Trip
June 16th, Don Pedro Reservoir, Trout & Kokanee
Fri June 18-19, Bullards Bar, Trout & Kokanee Trip
June 22, SF Bay or Delta, Striper & Halibut trip
June 23, Delta, Black Bass Trip

For more information about fishing contact:
Brion Beetz brion.beetz@gmail.com



GOLF:

June 24-25 Blue Rock Springs (East and West))
August 5-6 Hiddenbrooke--State Team Scramble Championship
Sept. 15-16 (I think--MIKE please confirm) Lincoln Hills and Turkey Creek
Oct.1 State Individual Championship at Teal Bend
Nov. 10-11 Monterey BlackHorse and Bayonet
Contact Ben Gikis GIKISBEN@yahoo.com

If you have an activity that would be beneficial to publicize to all members of SIR throughout the state, please contact Michael Lee at 88mlee@gmail.com.



SIR – Social Activities for Men

The Mission of SIR is to enrich the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making friends for life

All SIR members are welcome to join in any branch activity.
Ladies are welcome to join in all Branch 172 activities.
Please start and chair a new activity if it's not listed.

2025 Combined Group Activity Chairmen

| Activity | Branch | Chairmen | Telephone 209 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--|---------------|
| Big Sir | 77-Sierra | Donald Ronalter | 984-9383 |
| | 136-Sonora | Rick Bronner | 408 318-4826 |
| | 172-Twain Harte | Glenn Arlands | 415 385 3509 |
| Biking | 172 | Steve Happel 2 nd Tues of the month | 768-4250 |
| Bowling | 77 | Mike Coe | 769-3413 |
| | 136 | Rick Bronner | 408 318-4826 |
| Car Club | 136 | Rick Bronner | 408 318-4826 |
| Fishing | 136 | Chuck Simons | 532-9550 |
| Golf | 77 | Danny Laureta | 925 997-2482 |
| | 136 | Raul Santana | 925 451-7351 |
| Hiking | 77 | Mike Clay (moderate hike) Every Friday | 588-1345 |
| Horseshoes | 172 | Rich Brandau | 352 4320 |
| Kayak | 172 | Steve Happel (4 th Tuesday of the month) | 768-4250 |
| Pinochle | 172 | Bill Lewis | 604-6304 |
| RV Travel | 136 | Eddie Toews | 532-3970 |
| Tech/ Computer | 172 | Dick Chimenti | 677-7070 |
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| Travel | 143 | Bill Stires (Modesto) | 988-5445 |
| | 146 | Glenn Breslin (Walnut Creek) | 925 788-6520 |
| | 172 | Charles Luke | 533-3683 |

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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.

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 on-line. 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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1997 - Dave Holton 1999 - Al Limon
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2019 - Jim Botto
2020 & 2021 - Gene Zanoni
2022 - Phil VanSwoll 2023 - Eddie Toews
2024 - Rick Bronner
2025 - Rick Bronner

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

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