



BULLETIN

May, 2024

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 11th

Reserve your spot(s) with:

Jerry Bellefeuille s
sirjerry4@gmail.com

Or Call (209) 588-3978

Leave Your Name, Badge No. & Number of guests. **Deadline** for

reservations is: **June 6, 2024**

Note: No General Meeting in May as we are doing the annual Lady's Day Luncheon—see page 3



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE

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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 Don Herzer at:

corvdon@wsccpubs.net The deadline for the next bulletin is:

May 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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It seems as though someone has scammed my Big SIR email account. Hopefully anyone who received it realized it was just that, a scam. We had also sent out an email as soon as we realized what had happened to warn everyone. Were still trying to figure out how this happened. I promise you either myself or any board member will NEVER ask for money in an email.

Ok enough of that that. I wish to thank CAL FIRE Chief Whitson for taking time out of his busy schedule to meet with us last month. The Chief spent most of his time talking about “hardening” our properties against fire danger. He also updated us on the state regulation known as PRC4291. PRC 4291 regulates the first 100ft of vegetation adjacent to a building. There are also updates coming in 2025 and 2026 that will eventually regulate the first 10ft. Anyone who wishes more information on the topic can follow this link to the State of California website;

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PRC§ionNum=4291.

I especially want to thank the several members who contributed their time at the recent Home and Garden show. There was a mix-up on our registration this year that almost caused us to lose our spot. We ended up outside this year but it turned out just fine. We had a lot of interest and handed out several of our Branch 136 brochures. So far, I know at least one new member has joined

Our upcoming May meeting is our lady's day banquet. We will be feasting with a choice of either New York Steak, Chicken Picata or Salmon dinner. There will also be special drawings for the Ladies to win cash! And please remember to bring something for the raffle.

See you there

Rick Bronner



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

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



RV CLUB NEWS

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[Editor's Note: I left the following in from the April Bulletin]

Our next outing will be from July 14th to July 19th to Sugar Barge RV park in the Delta. 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, as a lot of the parks have cabins or 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 a RV Club member for more information.

Eddie Toews

Don't Forget Mother's Day!





MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT APRIL 2024

April Luncheon

Luncheon Attendance (50%) 63
Excused Absences (50%) 62

Current Month Membership
Active Membership (March) 125
Applicants Being
Installed +1
Active Members Lost -1
Active Membership April 125



GOLF CLUB NEWS

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Once again, the weather for our second tournament at Teleli GC was perfect. Unfortunately, the same could not be said about the green's, which had been recently aerated and made putting very difficult and frustrating. We had 28 golfers participating. Kudos to our Big Sir, Rick Bronner and his playing partner Tom Coe for getting 2nd place with a net 63. Also, congrats to Tom Niederer for 2nd closest to the pin on hole #12.

The next tournament is scheduled for May 21 at Teleli GC. Also, for those interested in SIR State Tournaments, please go to www.sirgolf.org for a Schedule of Events.

Raul Santana



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550
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Only got out twice this month. The weather was the biggest reason. Had trees down on our road. Made it impossible to get my boat out. Did manage 2 nice rainbows one trip and a Kokanee and a rainbow the second. On the second trip we were in for a real treat. We found an bald eagle nest with 2 eagles sitting next to it. Looking forward to better fishing weather.

Chuck Simons



BOWLING CLUB NEWS

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The results are in from the SIR Bowling tournament held in Carson City at Gold Dust West last month. It was a tough shot especially the first day with a short oil pattern Things got better the next two days and scores went up. SIR Branch 136 took top honors in three classes. Here are our three branch 136 winners;

Singles-Division 1 -Bob Thomas with an 813 series! Bob gets \$92---

Doubles Division2—Tom Neiderer-769 and Jim Simmons 638—They share \$157

Team Winners—Your Big Sir Rick Bronner with Gene Mendenhall and John Brasesco from Branch 77 and our Guest bowler Chuck Garber with a total pin count of 2939. We get to share \$355.

Next on the agenda is the tournament at AMF Rocklin Lanes on May 21st and 22nd. For those that are interested here's a link to the application;

https://sirbowling.org/tournament_applications/2024/2024-05-21_STATE_Fields.pdf

As always, SIR bowling information can be found at <https://sirbowling.org/>

Rick Bronner



CAR CLUB NEWS

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I really wanted to attend the Car show at Knight Ferry last month. I heard it is quite a good show with a really good turnout. Unfortunately, the day before the show we had the most snow at our house sine we moved here 6 years ago. That Saturday I spent most of the day clearing downed branches and cleaning up the mess. Hopefully you will all get this newsletter in time for the Car Show at Copperopolis on Saturday May 4th. The HOT COPPER CAR SHOW is the largest in our area of the year. It is a sellout with roughly 300 cars registered. You will see everything from Classic cars, Hot Rods, Collector cars as well as modern Supercars. It is held at the Town Square at Copper Valley. I will definitely be there!

Rick Bronner

PINOCHLE REPORT

No Report this month
Chairman Position now open



CHAPLIN'S CORNER
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Blessings to all Moms
Steven Gregory



KAYAKING
Sol Robin (707) 315-1284
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The kayak outing for April was moved to New Melones as the weather at Pinecrest was not conducive to a pleasant paddle. May's kayak outing will be back at Pinecrest on Tuesday, May 28th. Walmart has an extensive selection of kayaks available currently!!
(see page 5)

Ladies Day Luncheon

May 14, 2024



No Host Cocktails
@ 11:00 am

Lunch @ Noon

Menu: Choice of
New York Steak w/Baked Potato
or Chicken Picatta or Salmon with
Rice Pilaf, Salad, Vegetable
and Dessert.

Shrimp Cocktail

\$35:00 per Person

Tickets will go on sale at the
March & April Luncheons

MAXIMUM 224 TICKETS AVAILABLE
NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER
May 6, 2024

EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Rick Bronner 408-318-4826
Stan Enos Gene Zannoni
Eddie Toews George Cocores

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



Big Sir Rick Bronner (right), welcomes new member Donald Drotleff with his host Don Banchero (left)



May Birthdays:

Line, Paul	05/05
Joachim, Alan	05/06
Walter, Verne	05/07
Keeler, Les	05/08
Bronner, Frederick (Rick) *DSA	05/24
Houser, Jack	05/28
Deaver, John 'Deave'	05/30
Enos, Stanley	05/31



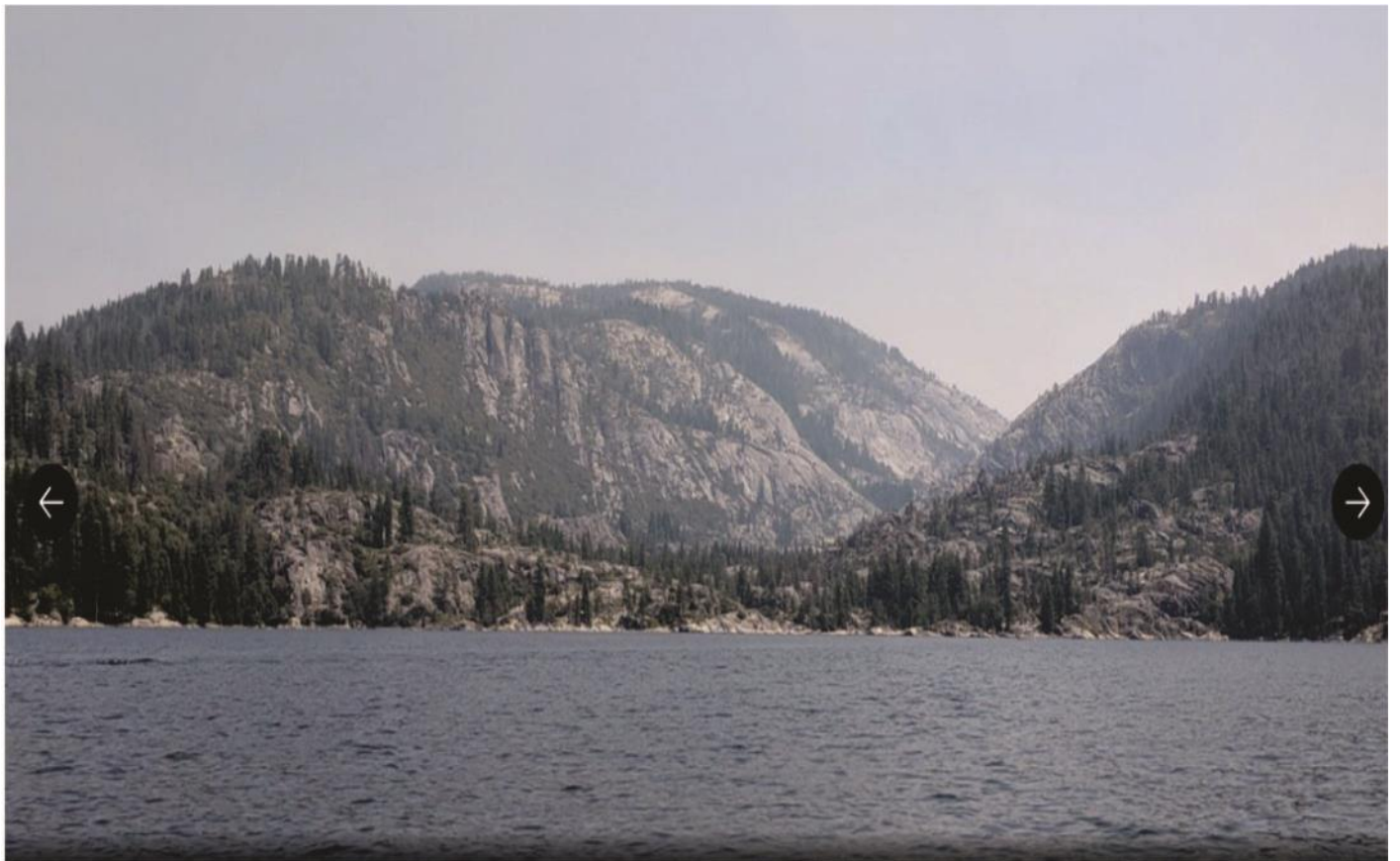
Our April Guest Speaker, Chief Gary Whitson of Cal Fire explained the justifications for the current and upcoming “Defensible Space” requirements. Details are being negotiated, but most homes are going to have trouble meeting the code to be implemented in 2026. In simple terms—no combustible material within 5ft of the house, including sheds, dog houses, and synthetic lawns.

He admitted that he will have to remove the RR tie planters alongside his house.

There are approximately 50,000 structures in Tuolumne County, and his team inspects about 10,000 per year.



Kayak selection at Walmart - Grab one and join the group at Pinecrest on May 28th





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>



Rockler Cast Iron Router Table with ProMax Fence, Rock-Steady Stand, Dust Bucket Kit and Pro Lift.
Rockler Item #BMX63592
New \$1,250.

Sale price \$600.00 which includes the wall mounted router cabinet with 50 assorted 1/4" bits. **Offered by Jim Botto (209) 559-0931**



Ryobi 10" top Bench Drill Press
New \$175.00
Sale price with adjustable stand \$100.00
Offered by Jim Botto (209) 559-0931



Delta BS100 Shopmaster 9-inch Top Band Saw.
New \$265.90
Sale price with accessories
\$150.00
Offered by Jim Botto (209) 559-0931



PORTER-CABLE 4-in x 18-in Belt 5-Amp Benchtop Sander
New \$249.00
Sale Price \$175.00 Includes Replacement Sanding Belts
Offered by Jim Botto (209) 559-0931



Delta Planer Model 22-560 New \$509.99
The Metal Table New \$75.00
Sale Price \$350.00
Offered by Jim Botto (209) 559-0931



Delta 10" 15-amp Chop Saw New \$179.99.
Sale Price \$80.00
Offered by Jim Botto (209) 559-0931



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

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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.



SIR Branch Travel Chair Trips and News

Milt Smith State Travel Chair miltsmith549@gmail.com 925-285-2897c March 2024

Princess 11 Nigh Inside Passage Cruise from San Francisco Rt Alaska May 26 June 6, 2024. Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway AK and Victoria, Canada. Cabins start \$2590 pp to \$3322 pp double occupancy. Contact John Cardoza Branch 143. 209-483-7722 or johncardoza@hotmail.com

Prague to Budapest River Trip November Dates: 11/6/24 thru 11/20/24
Serenade A: \$3995 / Serenade B: \$3895 /Sonata C: \$3795 Sonata D: \$3695/Cantata E: \$3595 /Cantata F: \$3495/Prelude G: \$3395/Prelude H: \$3195/Air from SFO: \$1100. Ports and cities: Prague, Linz, Krems, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest. Pre-trip US departure date: 11/1/24. Post-trip to Budapest return date: 11/23/24
Dresden and Berlin: \$995pp PRE-TRIPM -Warsaw and Krakow: \$1095 PRE-TRIP. Budapest: \$745 POST-TRIP. Contact Milt Smith 925-258-2897 ASAP for more info. miltsmith549@gmail.com or book directly Group Code G4-23630 call 1-800-221-2610

Panama Canal Cruise San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale. Jan. 20 Feb. 5, 2025 17 days. Cost from \$4,185 -\$6,295 depending on cabin choice. Ports of Call: Puerto Vallarta Mexico, Puerto Quetzal Guatemala, Puntarenas Costa Rica, Fuerte Amador Panama, Full Transit through the historic locks, and Cartagena Columbia. Includes transfers from Modesto to Port of San Francisco and airfare from Ft. Lauderdale to Sacramento. **For more information contact John Cordoza 209-483-7722 johncordoza@hotmail.com Branch 143**



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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 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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