

BULLETIN

April, 2014



Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on **Tuesday, April 8th @ 11:00 AM (Luncheon Meeting will start at Noon).**

The Branch Executive Committee will meet at 10am.

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE LINE

If you are not going to be able to attend the regular monthly meeting please call the Membership Message Line at

536 - 6311

and leave a clear message with your NAME & BADGE # and the reason you will not be able to attend.

BIG SIR NOTES

John Bristow - 588-8066



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Big Sir John Bristow is somewhat indisposed at the moment but is doing well and is anxious to get back!

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Jim Johnson - 536-1595

As many of you know, BIG SIR John Bristow had open heart surgery in Modesto on March 19th and everything went well. However, after a couple of days they had to go back in and implant a pacemaker. Then, after a few more days in ICU and eating green Jell-O he was able to go home. John is doing well, except that he still needs to have his hip replaced and hopes to return to SIRs soon. I am sure he would appreciate a card (19913 Sally Court, Sonora, CA 95730).

The luncheon speaker this month will be Justin Kroeze. Justin is the Manager of the Moccasin Creek Fish Hatchery here in Tuolumne County. He will be giving us a narrative tour of the fish hatchery and introduce us to an upcoming public event (Trout Fest, Saturday, April 12th, 9:00am to 1:00 pm, 15300 Highway 49 and 120 in Moccasin) at the hatchery. This should be an informative presentation.

Tuesday, May 13th is our annual Ladies Day Luncheon. Tickets are \$20 each again this year and will be on sale at our April luncheon meeting. The menu will be a choice of steak with mushroom sauce and baked potato or cordon bleu with rice. We will be having a drawing for a table full of prizes. The music entertainment will be provided by Rich Rinaldi. This should be a great event, so buy your sweetheart a ticket and take her out to lunch on May 13th.

Also, you will see a new section in this months newsletter. It is the Help Wanted Section. Please look it over and volunteer for one of the open positions in your Branch 136.

A big thanks to Dale and Jerry for doing a great job producing and distributing our monthly bulletin.



GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee
Danny Laureta - 586-4567

Results of March 25th SIR Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs
4 Man Best Ball (Stableford Modified Scoring)

1st Place with 54 pts:

Team Gene Morales - Don Banchemo - Jim Simmons

2nd Place with 51 pts:

Team Chase Anderson - Dennis Land - Dick Nutting

3rd Place with 39 pts:

Team Danny Laureta - Kent Kirkland - John Parrault

Closest to the hole # 7:

1st Place	Dick Nutting	26'-7"
2nd Place	Keith Tucker	38'-2"
3rd Place	Wayne Dixon	51'-0"

Closest to the hole # 12:

1st Place	John Parrault	1'-11"
2nd Place	Trini Mercado	14'-9"
3rd Place	Chace Anderson	19'-5"

Next Golf Tournament:

Tuesday, April 29, 9:30 am Tee Time



April Fools' Day Origin Remains a Mystery

The most popular theory about the origin of April Fool's Day involves the French calendar reform of the sixteenth century.

The theory goes like this: In 1564 France reformed its calendar, moving the start of the year from the end of March to January 1. Those who failed to keep up with the change, who stubbornly clung to the old calendar system and continued to celebrate the New Year during the week that fell between March 25th and April 1st, had jokes played on them. Pranksters would surreptitiously stick paper fish to their backs. The victims of this prank were thus called Poisson d'Avril, or April Fish -- which, to this day, remains the French term for April Fools -- and so the tradition was born.

LEAD ME
NOT INTO
TEMPTATION
EXCEPT
PINOCHLE

PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison 588-0994

Come join us for an afternoon of fun playing pinochle. If you don't know how to play or haven't played for a long time, we will tutor you in our rules. You play free for your first two meetings.

Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting.

Moreover, you win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting. The three highest scoring players at each meeting win prizes. You need not attend every meeting.

We meet each Monday from noon to 4 P.M. at the Moose Lodge. For more information, go to web site

www.sirtwain.org

and click on the pinochle icon.

BULLETIN INPUT

Dale Decker - 533-0455

Please send any articles or other items of general interest that you would like to see included in one of our Branch #136 bulletins to Dale.

The deadline for the next bulletin is

MAY 2, 2014



SUNSHINE - CHAPLIN
Paul Bullman - 588-8614

Hollywood has become aware of the Bible story of "NOAH" (Read Genesis 5:29 thru 9:29). What message is there for us to hear about a flood in a time of a drought? We will hear on April 8 at the SIRs Luncheon!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Bill Burnes	1st
Bill Gulick	1
Bruce Peterson	3
Maurice Rollins	3
Michael Bowers	3
Charles Cook	4
Phil Hubbs	4
Raymond Harrelson	5
David Rossi	6
Gene Deaver	7
John Avila	7
Mike Wright	7
Thomas Costello	8
Dick Pland	12
Steve Gaither	13
Joe Domogalia	14
Ted Kassahn	14
Blair Abbott	15
Al Limon	23
Bill Barth	28



RV CLUB NEWS
Jim Botto -586-0822
Ron Long -586-1838

The RV Group held their first outing of 2014 at the Jackson Rancheria RV Park on March 16th through March 18th. Those attending were, John & Diane Avila, Rick & Betty Bacon, Jim & Linda Botto, Guy & Nancy Hoffman, Jim & Ginny Johnson, Bill & Cathie Lobdell, Ron & Bernie Long, Mo & Letty Molinari, Earl Randall, Ben & Jude Teal, Don & Donna Utt, and their first outing with our club Otto & Cathy Bulich. Otto & Cathy will become

members of the RV club at our next outing at the Gold Strike RV Park scheduled for April 14th through April 16th.



Mo Molinari organized a Bocce Ball tournament and we all had a great time but of course Mo and his partner Jude Teal won the whole thing. There could have been some bribery going on but it really didn't matter as it was good fun.

On Tuesday evening some of the group went into Jackson for an Italian dinner at a long time local favorite restaurant: Theresa's Place. The food was served family style and was great!



WE'RE GROWING!

We will have a new member Steve Gaither, joining us for his first outing at Gold Strike giving us a total of 15 rigs and we are looking forward to three more members joining us soon. Bill Guenza just joined SIRS in March and is considering joining the RV club. There were two new members introduced at the last SIRs board meeting, Steve Hegel, and Michael LaFrance, and they indicated on their membership application they were interested in RV Travel. We are always looking for new members to join in the fun, and camaraderie.



ATTENDANCE REPORT

Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

As of March 11, 2014:

Membership prior to luncheon	217
Members lost (resigned)	0
Members installed at luncheon	3
Total members attending luncheon	161
Number of Excused Absent (55%)	33

As of March 28, 2014:

Members returned from Inactive	1
Current Active Membership	221

MEMBER RELATIONS
NEW MEMBER CANDIDATES

The following individuals have applied for membership in Sirs Branch #136 Applicant (Sponsor):

Lee Warford (Blair Abbott #063)

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The following member candidates are to be installed at this month's luncheon

Candidate (Sponsor):

Steve Hagel #194 (Jim Hagel #342)

Don Watson #173 (Bill Lobdell #324)

Tom Jamieson #118 (Tom deHass 103)

Mike LaFrance #124 (John Deaver #053)

HELP WANTED

Bulletin Assistant:

Microsoft Word & Publisher, Assist with Bulletin Preparation and Distribution

Membership Assistant:

Microsoft Word & Excel, Assist with Membership & Attendance Records and Reports

Website Administrator Assistant:

Website Design and/or Maintenance

Luncheon Tickets (2 Back Ups Needed):

Work at Luncheon Check-in Table to Collect Monies, issue lunch tickets and Record Member Attendance

Fishing Chairman:

Organize Fishing Interest Group, Plan Fishing Trips, Report Activities to BEC and branch membership.

Public Relations:

Increase Local Awareness of SIRs Branch #136, Submit Articles to Union Democrat, be a Central Contact Person for our Branch and other SIRs Branches.

CONTACT: JIM JOHNSON 536-1595



DUES ARE DUE!

Our annual membership dues were due in January of this year and since it's now April more emphasis is needed to reach full membership compliance. If you have already paid Frank Taylor \$25 for this year thank you for your support. If not, you should mail a check to Frank Taylor at 19419 North Court, Sonora, CA 95370 or you can pay at the check-in table at our monthly luncheon. Either way please ensure to put your badge number on the check.



Sons in Retirement #136

**Ladies Day
Luncheon
May 13th 2014**



**No Host Cocktails
@ 11am**

Lunch @ Noon

Menu:

**New York Steak
& Baked Potato**

or

**Cordon Bleu
& Rice**

**Salad and Dessert
Wine on the table**

\$20 per Person

**Tickets on sale at the April
Meeting**

**Rich Rinaldi Band
Music For All Occasions**

**Mariano Garces
586-9973**

**Bob Gelber
532-0199**

**Maurice Rollins
532-9170**

**Jim Johnson
536-1595**

WATER SHORTAGE - PLEASE CONSERVE



- refrain from washing sidewalks, walkways and driveways.
- refrain from watering lawns and only use bubblers/buckets for watering trees and plants.
- refrain from washing cars at home (use car washes that use recycled water).

TUD is looking into launching Phase III Water Conservation Measures which would require customers to limit water use at the risk of a \$500 fine.



BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT!

We're looking for up to 20 members to play in a Branch #136 Bocce Ball Tournament - Saturday, May 3, 2014 (start time of 12.30 pm) @ Ray Andreini's house in Columbia (Springfield Estates).

Players - bring finger food and drinks.
Sign up now by calling Dale Decker (533-0455) or sending an e-mail to Daledftg@Sonnet.Com.



MOTHER LODE

TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR
Rich Lundin - 586-5632
wondjinaman@gmail.com

Results of the Travel Interest Survey from last month:

Branson, Missouri, 5-7 Day All Inclusive (Nov) \$ TBA 15 votes (1st Place)

Costa Rica, 7-9 Day All Inclusive (Nov) \$ TBA 13 votes (2nd Place)

Sonoma Travel is working on pricing for these trips. Input from previous travelers would be greatly appreciated.

Nevada 2-3 Day overnight trips (stay at Topaz Lake or Virginia City) visit Ghost Towns, Mining Sites and Rock Hounding Sites, (May) \$ TBA 8 votes (3rd Place)

Linkline is working on pricing this trip. Must be willing and capable of walking in a ghost Town or Mining Site environment.

INTERNET& ROSTER

sirjerry@Sonnet.Com

Our Branch website is at <http://sponsors.org>. Visit anytime you would like. There you can review current and past bulletins and other branch information. Also, the latest edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

President Rodland's first front page article reviews his plans for this year. Check the Travel Page for some exciting trips.

Please feel free to contact Jerry about any changes or additions in internet pages or the Branch #136 membership roster.



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

High Game/Series to Date:

Game: Tom Newell - 269

Series: Dave Rossi - 742

High Games/Series by Week:

Feb 23: Game - Dave Rossi - 259

Series - Dave Rossi - 723

Mar 3: Game - Billy Oliver - 234

Game - Dave Rossi - 700

Mar 10: Game - Dave Rossi - 266

Series - Dave Rossi - 651

Mar 17: Game - Dave Rossi - 267

Series - Dave Rossi - 667

Mar 24: Game - Jim Simmons - 258

Series - Jim Simmons - 623

Standings as of Mar 24, 2014:

Dennis's Gang 34-14

Misfits 29-21

Strikers 27-21



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 588-9529 and an application form will be mailed, or by downloading the form from our branch website. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to Angelo Costanza with a check for \$35 for processing. Angelo's address is 23497 Gold Springs Drive Columbia, CA 95310.

Activity Groups

Everyone is encouraged to find an activity group to join or to start one. While we have several; bowling, golf, travel, Pinochle, RV Club, and Fishing - there is room for more!

Activities such as Bridge, Book Club, Evening Out, Gardening, Gourmet Dinner, Inklings (writing) Day Trippers (local area) and Theater Goers are just a few to be considered.

Participating in an activity group goes a long way in developing relationships among other members and strengthens our organization while enriching our personal lives.

Please let the appropriate Activity Chairman know if you are interested in joining an existing group or one of the officers or directors if you would like to start a new one.

NEED A RIDE?

Some of our members have difficulty in arranging transportation to our monthly luncheons and other special events.

Let's help them out!

There is a real job for a "Need A Ride Coordinator" that would act as a focal point for collecting the names of members willing to transport members and connecting them with members in need of a ride.

If you're interested in organizing a Need a Ride activity for members please contact Dale Decker # 533-0455.

LAUGHING OUT LOUD IS OKAY



"TELL ME SOMETHING - DO I COME HERE OFTEN?"

SIR STATE OFFICERS

www.sirinc.org

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Sir Bobbie Hairston Vice Pres. Napa, CA

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Sir Jimmie A. Johnson, Fair Oaks, CA

AREA 27 GOVERNOR

Sir Jerry Morrow, Mi Wuk Village, CA

PAST BIG SIRs - BRANCH #136 SONORA

1996 - Dusty Rhodes/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

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE

AND CHARTER MEMBERS

Baci Frecceri - Past Big Sir 1986-2012

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2012

Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2012

DIRECTORY of OFFICERS

Big SIR - John Bristow-588-8066

Little SIR -Jim Johnson-536-1595

Secretary - Dale Decker - 533-0455

Asst. Secretary - Jerry Bellefeuille-533-3630

Treasurer - Frank Taylor - 532-4480

Asst. Treasurer - Gerald Abbott-694-0323

DIRECTORS

First Year

Angelo Costanza 588-9529

Jake Parsons 736-0647

Mariano Garces 586-9973

Second Year

Bert Maxwell - 588-1177

Bob Gelber - 532-0199

Maurice Rollins - 532-9170

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Attendance/Membership - Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

Bulletin - Dale Decker - 533-0455

Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman - 588-8614

Fishing - Open

Area 27 Golf - Danny Laureta 586-4567

Hon. Life Membership - Al Limon - 533-4944

House - Jerry Erath - 533-3791

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630

Luncheon - Rick Bacon-765-8210

Lunch Tickets - Bert Abreo - 736-4804

Bowling - Bert Abreo - 736-4804

Public Relations - Open

R.V. Travel Group - Jim Botto - 586-0822

Travel - Rich Lundin - 586-5632

SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen - 533-4760

Pinochle - Bob Morrison - 588-0994

DECLARATIONS

NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

All activities arranged for or by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in

any matters pertaining to said activities.

(Rule 345)

Checks, money orders or credit cards for Travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the Branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency.

(Rule 429 & 421).



APRIL 8th MENU

**Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes,
Corn, Salad, Cake
LUNCHEON DIRECTOR
Rick Bacon - 765-8210**

APRIL GUEST SPEAKER

JUSTIN KROEZE

**Manager
of the
Moccasin Creek
Fish Hatchery**

Sons In Retirement, Inc

Sonora Branch #136

22295 Paseo De Los Portales



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