



# BULLETIN

## April 2015

Website: [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org)

### SONORA BRANCH #136

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the  
Sonora Elks Lodge on

**Tuesday, April 14th**

Starts at Noon

(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)

The Branch Executive Committee  
meets at 10:00 am.



#### MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE LINE

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

**536 - 6311**

**No Later Than Noon on the Monday  
Before the Luncheon Meeting!**

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

#### BIG SIR NOTES

**Jim Johnson - 536-1595**

By the time you read this March Madness  
will be over for 2015. I hope your college  
team did better than mine. Now onto April  
and Easter. Easter is one of my favorite  
holidays because it is a day of visiting with  
family and of course good food. I also  
have been known to hide a few eggs for the  
Grand Kids. Next is spring cleaning, don't  
forget the windows.

We are one month away from the big  
Ladies Day Luncheon. I know Dale and  
his team have been working hard to make  
this year's event the best ever. Don't  
forget to bring your check book to April's  
Luncheon Meeting so you can buy your  
tickets. It will be a great event.

If you haven't already joined an activity  
now would be a good time to contact one  
of our Committee Chairman and start  
having a good time with some of your  
buddies. If you are a fisherman give Jim  
Nuzum a call. Or join John Avila and Bill  
Guenza and the hiking group.

If you haven't picked up your Branch 136  
Membership Directory for 2015 you are  
missing out. In addition to listing our  
current member's information it has a bunch  
of other good information and history about  
our branch.

See you at our April Luncheon Meeting and  
bring a guest!



**Remember to invite a guest to our  
Monthly Luncheons.**

**EACH ONE TO REACH ONE**

#### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**Dale Decker - 533-0455**

If you know anything about Murphy's Law  
you'll know that the minute our 2015  
membership directory was made available it  
was out of date. Seems that I was hit with  
three updates immediately. However, not all  
is lost as I'm compiling a directory insert  
that will be 'Published' on a regular basis.  
This insert will not only pick up corrections  
to the original but also add new members,  
members to be removed and any future  
change of addresses, phone numbers and e-  
mail addresses. This should go a long way  
in keeping all of us up to date between the  
directory printing cycles of every two years.

Now, if you haven't picked up your copy of  
our Sonora Branch #136 2015 Membership  
Directory please stop by the distribution  
table during our April 14th luncheon.

On another subject, the tickets for our  
annual Ladies Day Luncheon are **selling  
fast**. With Rib Eye steak as a new entree  
item along with our traditional Salmon filet  
our luncheon appears to be a big success.  
Stop by the ticket sales table for your tickets  
if you haven't already.

Our new streamlined process is working  
very well so once again here's your choices:

#### Ticket Sales Table -

Party of 6 or more: Pick up a table  
reservation form, fill it in completely with  
names of members and guests and return it  
to the Ticket Sales Table with your payment  
(check preferred). You will be issued tickets  
for distribution to your 'group'.

Party of 5 or less: purchase individual  
tickets with your member name and guest's  
name, make payment (check preferred) and  
obtain your ticket (s).

#### Table with Friends -

If you would like to sit at a table with others  
you know just go to the 'Table with Friends'  
after you receive your tickets and provide the  
information you will be asked.

In all cases actual table numbers will be  
assigned and you will be informed on the day  
of the luncheon - when you check-in.



#### GOLF CHAIRMAN

**Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee**

**Danny Laureta - 586-4567**

**Assistant Jeff Phillips - 588-2977**

**Handicap Tom Nischwitz - 694-8624**

**Results of March 3<sup>rd</sup> Golf (Skins) at**

Mountain Springs

4 skins - Jerry Neilsen, Joe Zertuche, Mike  
Clay

1 skin - Danny Laureta & Jake Parsons

**Results of March 31st Golf Tournament at  
Saddle Creek**

#### 4 Man Best Ball

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - Melvin Slife, Mike Clay, Kent  
Kirkland, Mike Ross (net 116)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**-Paul Padavana, Barry Bynum, Jeff  
Phillips, Matt Clay (net 125)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place tie** - Danny Laureta, John Gleason,  
Felix Espino, Andy Bravo (net 127)

Closest to the hole #4 John Gleason 12'-10

Closest to the hole #7 Jeff Phillips 4'-0

Closest to the hole #11 Matt Clay 2'-11

Closest to the hole #14 Danny Laureta 35'-2

**Next Golf Tournament** 9:30 am Shotgun  
start

**Tuesday, April 7** Skins format @ Mountain  
Springs

**Tuesday, April 28** Six-Six-Six format @  
Mountain Springs

# Welcome to SIRS

## INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The following member candidates are to be installed at this month's luncheon Candidate (Sponsor):

Manny Brager (Mike Bowers #057)  
 Krag Brotby (Dale Decker #243)  
 Jim Lee (Dale Decker #243)  
 Tony Mallard (Chuck Price #161)



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

### March Membership

Active 216  
 Inactive 2  
 New Members 0  
 Members Lost 4  
 April Total 216

### March Attendance

Active 216  
 Attendance 150  
 Not Attending 66  
 Excused = 24 37%



## PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994  
 robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com

For an afternoon of fun, please join us in 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. (Most of us had not played in 20, 30, 40, or more years and some had never played before they joined.) You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you have a fun afternoon so cheaply?) You win a prize if your score at the end of the

meeting is one of the three highest. Moreover, you win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting. SIRS from our 3 local branches play every Monday afternoon at the Moose Lodge on Longeway. Some of us make it to all 4 Monday sessions, but others to only 3, 2, or just one session. For more information, go to web site [www.sirtwain.org](http://www.sirtwain.org) and click on the pinochle icon.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Gulick, Bill	4/1
Burnes, William V. (Bill)	4/1
Bowers, Michael	4/3
Rollins, Maurice	4/3
Peterson, Bruce	4/3
Cook, Charles L.	4/4
Hubbs, Phil	4/4
Harrelson, Raymond	4/5
Costello, Thomas W.	4/6
Rossi, David	4/6
Avila, John	4/7
Nuncy Patania	4/8
Domogalla, Joe	4/14
Kassahn, Ted	4/14
Abbott, Gerald (Blair)	4/15
Gaither, Steve	4/18
Limon, Al	4/23



## SUNSHINE - CHAPLAIN

Paul Bullman - 588-8614  
 Asst Bill Dunlavy - 532-7601

Comedian Bob Hope once said, "Easter...that's the time of year when the rabbits stand up and take a bow for what the chickens have been doing all year long!" He could find humor in most every situation.

When it comes to the Bible, any distortion from its truth stands a chance of appearing strange or humorous to some readers. Easter (the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead) is one of the most miraculous events recorded in the Bible. It can be only understood by faith that a dead corpse could return to life.

See John 11: 23-25

Faith in the Resurrection offers us hope for a personal resurrection when this earthly life is over.



## RV CLUB NEWS

Jim Botto - 586-0822  
 Ron Long - 586-1838

Our first outing of the season was at the Jackson Rancheria RV Park. Eight rigs arrived on Sunday and the rest arrived on Monday totaling seventeen. The largest group in many years and still growing. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day in the usual way with a corned beef and cabbage dinner. Earl Randall our resident chef, directed all of us in the preparation of the dinner. Our guests from Marin #47 Bill & Carol Donnelly joined us and said that they had a wonderful time and want to join us again in the future. On Wednesday Mo Molinari organized a Bocce Ball Tournament and of course, he won. Our next outing is scheduled for Pismo Coast Valley RV Resort on April 20th.





Fishing with Grandpa: Wow!

**FISHING CLUB**

**Jim Nuzum - 533-2729**

**iminuzum@comcast.net**

**Let's go fishing!**

1. Where do you like to fish and for what?
2. How often and what days (SMTWTFS)?
3. What time (AM OR PM)?

Stop at noon and lunch together?

Start with breakfast together?

4. Cash entry and prizes for largest or heaviest?
5. Should non-boat owners contribute cash to boat provider?

Any questions contact Bert Kronnick (586-7726) or Jim Nuzum.



**BOWLING CHAIRMAN**

**Bert Abreo - 736-4804**

**Week of March 2, 2015**

High Game - Bob Ferraro 237

High Series - Dave Rossi 660

Team Standings: No Excuses 23-13,  
Jim's Jokers 22-14, Georgie's Boys & Drex  
Wrex 21-15

**Week of March 9, 2015**

High Game: Gene Deaver 248

High Series: Dave Rossi 669

Standings: Drex Wrex 27-17

No Excuses 26-18

Georgie's Boys 25.5-18.5

High Game to date: Jim Simmons 277

High Series to date: Dave Rossi 735

Also, Bob Ferraro bowled 76 pins over his  
average to reach the 237 game.

There are just the weeks of March 30,

April 6 and 13 left to the league schedule  
and then the league takes the summer off  
until after Labor Day in September.

Upcoming Tournaments:

**April 13-17** - Carson City, entry forms  
available on line and at Black Oak.

**May 4-5-6** - Tuolumne (Sonora), SIRS  
State Tournament limited to members only  
forms available and online.

Would be great if at least 50% of our local  
bowlers would participate. This is a team  
and doubles event with no guests - must be  
current SIRS and USBC member

**June 3 & 4** - Pinole, entry forms not yet  
available.

**June 16 & 17** - Paradise, entry forms not  
yet available.



**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 to  
you), 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 the amount  
stated on the application. Angelo's address  
is 23497 Gold Springs Drive Columbia,  
CA 95310.



God promised men that good and  
obedient wives would be found in  
all corners of the world....



then he made the world round  
and laughed and laughed...

LIFE AS I SEE IT - PART II  
BY S. WELLS TO A...



**Viruses**



**Thursday, August 27, 2015, 12:45pm**

SEATS COST: \$125 1st Base & \$105

Upper level Per Person

CONTACT: Paul Halek (209-352-7399

or (sierra.red@sbcglobal.net)

Bus departs approximately 8:30am

(refreshments & snacks)

Bus leaves AT&T Park approximately 30  
minutes after end of game (refreshments)

Keep your cell phones charged and handy in  
case you are late returning to the Bus Area –  
my number is (209) 352-7399, call me to  
advise your whereabouts.

The final date for us to receive checks is  
Friday, April 3, 2015.

**BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!**

**Jim Botto - 586-0822**

**Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630**  
SIR Jim Botto has assumed respon-  
sibility as Bulletin Editor. Please  
send all bulletin input to Jim at  
giacamo42@gmail.com

The deadline for the next bulletin is

**April 30, 2015**



Sons in Retirement #136

# Ladies Day Luncheon May 12<sup>th</sup> 2015



MAXIMUM 192 TICKETS AVAILABLE  
NO CANCELATIONS AFTER  
MAY 3, 2015

No Host Cocktails  
@ 11am  
Lunch @ Noon

### Menu:

Rib Eye Steak with Baked  
Potato -or-  
Salmon with Rice Pilaf  
Includes Vegetable, Salad  
and Dessert.

Wine on the table

**\$23 per Person**

Tickets will go on sale at the March  
& April Meetings

**Rich Rinaldi Band**  
50's, 60's & Big Band Music

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EVENTS COMMITTEE:

**Dale Decker 533-0455**

Maurice Rollins      Dick Aberle

Alan Nix              Rex Page

Jake Parsons

**SIR STATE OFFICERS**

www.sirinc.org

**PRESIDENT:** Sir Bobbie Hairston  
**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Sir Donald Dill  
**SECRETARY:** Sir Derek Southern  
**TREASURER:** Sir Karl Ryden  
**REGION 2 DIRECTOR**

Russ Salazar , Polloch Pines, Ca  
**AREA 27 GOVERNOR**

Sir Jerry Morrow, Mi Wuk Village, CA

**PAST BIG SIRs - 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 Banchemo  
2011 - Al Smith/2013 - Phil VanSwoll  
2014 - John Bristow

**BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2012  
Bill Dunlavy - Past Big SIR 2004

**DIRECTORY of OFFICERS**

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**DIRECTORS**

**First Year**

Rex Page 533-4501  
Dick Aberle 532-4066  
Ray Bailey 532-0444

**Second Year**

Danny Laureta 586-4567  
Jake Parsons - 736-0647  
Mariano Garces - 586-9973

**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN**

Area 27 Golf - Danny Laureta 586-4567  
Att./Mem. - Angelo Costanza 588-9529  
BEC Advisor—Al Limon 533-4544  
Bowling - Bert Abreo 736-4804  
Branch Photographer - Steve Belochi 533-5315  
Bulletin - Jim Botto 586-0822  
Caterer - Dean Papapetrou  
Fishing - Jim Nuzum 533-2729  
Hon. Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944  
House - Jerry Erath 533-3791  
Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630  
Lunch Tickets - Bert Abreo 736-4804  
Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210  
Luncheon Drawing - Bill Dunlavy 533-7601  
Bert Maxwell 588-1177  
Membership Growth - OPEN  
Nominating Committee Chairman - Phil VanSwoll 532-1133  
Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994  
Propane—Al Limon 533-4544  
Public Relations - Ray Bailey 532-0444  
R.V. Travel Group - Jim Botto 586-0822  
Senior Member Awards - John Bristow 588-8066  
SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen 533-4760  
Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman 588-8614  
Travel - Rich Lundin 586-5632

**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 14th MENU**

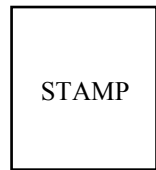
**Swiss Steak**  
**Mashed Potatoes & Corn**  
**Green Salad**  
**Sherbet**



**April 14th Guest Speaker:**

Our guest speaker for April is Jeff Jardine, Columnist for the Modesto Bee newspaper. A graduate of Sonora High School, Class of 1975. Jeff is well known in the entire area and writes very enlightening articles.

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