



BULLETIN

April 2016

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

**Sonora SIR Branch #136
will meet at the Sonora Elks
Lodge on
Tuesday, April 12th
Starts at Noon
(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)
The Branch Executive Committee
meets at 10:00 am**



MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE HOT LINE

**If you are not able to attend
the regular monthly meeting
or are bringing a Guest
please call the Membership
Message Hot Line at**

536 - 6311

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

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



BIG SIR NOTES

Dale Decker - 533-0455

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LET'S GET THIS FIXED!

Bill Lobdell, our membership chairman, cross referenced the call-in list for the March luncheon against the attendance tally sheet and found that 12 of the 32 that called in actually attended the luncheon (meaning 12 members calling in used the wrong badge number). Since the check-in table requires positive ID when checking in then this means the 12 members that called in with the wrong badge number will NOT be excused. It is imperative that if you call the Attendance Hotline Call-in number 536-6311 that you leave your NAME & BADGE NUMBER. With this information if we find you are using the wrong badge number we will contact you and tell you what your badge number is.

\$100 Bills!

On some occasions the check-in table has been given a \$100 bill for the luncheon. This is causing major problems in trying to make 'change' as the front table only has a limited amount of cash on hand. Effective with our April luncheon the check-in table will not accept bills larger than \$20. If you can't meet this requirement you might be able to 'get change' at the bar but maybe not. So, if you need change stop by the bank on the way to the luncheon or get it from one of your friends.

Annual Dues Assessment

As of March 28th there are 15 members that have not yet paid their annual dues assessment of \$25. If you are one of these individuals and do not want to jeopardize your membership in Sons in Retirement, then payment should be made now! The BEC will be addressing membership of those that have not paid.

SIR Members Only Classified Ads!

In May a new section is being added to our monthly bulletin: SIR Members Only Classified Ads! There is a specific disclaimer in publishing this that all of you need to be aware of and adhere to: All transactions initiated between members of Sons in Retirement, Inc., are for the convenience of said members. Sons in Retirement, Inc., and any of its participating Branches do not assume any responsibility as to the content or context of the listing or to the quality of the items being offered. All ads must be for material items owned by the member and not associated with a service or a profit-oriented business venture. The SIR Branch 136 Classified Ad Editor has the

right to refuse and/or reject any ad submitted that is felt to be inappropriate or not within the requirements as stated above. Member ads will be published for one month only. New ads or ads you wish to re-run must be submitted by the last day of the month for inclusion into the following month's branch bulletin. Submit ads to our Classified Ad Editor: daledftg@sonnet.com

Membership

Last month our active membership for the year to date was down to 211 as reported in our monthly bulletin. However, by the time of our BEC meeting it was reported that we lost an additional 3 members so we were actually down to 208. Since then we have lost an additional member so we're now down to 207 as of March 28. At our April 12th luncheon we expect to install 2 new members so we're moving in the right direction. However, this means in order for us to meet the SIR State goal of +1 over yearend 2015 (i.e., 223) we still need 14 more new members. Based on 3 years of membership history we need to invite 13 guests to realize 10 new members. In order to assist in increasing SIR visibility in our area all three local SIR branches (77, 136 & 172) will be manning a 'booth' at the April 9 and 10th Home & Garden Show. Having a physical presence at this show will help tell attendees about our SIR organization and answer any questions they may have. Don't forget, members with guests at their table get to eat first after the head table! And, sponsors of new members receive a free lunch on their sponsored member installation day.



LITTLE SIR NOTES

Danny Laureta - 586-4567

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Spring is here as the daffodils in our yard in Twain Harte are in full bloom. So wonderful to see the colorful wild flowers in the fields and hills around Tuolumne.

Our guest speaker for April is Dick Chimenti, he will share his computer, software and internet knowledge and experience.

Because of members' survey comments that the raffle drawing was long, the Lady's Day Luncheon raffle drawing will be different from the past years. The items on the raffle table will have a number attached to it and in front of it a container or bag will have a matching number. Purchase the tickets and put the ticket (s) into the container/bag that the item you would like to win. For members making donating (s) to the Lady's Day raffle table, contact Jake Parsons at 209-736-0647 or bring the item (s) to the monthly luncheon or on the day of the event and give to Jake.

Next month Tuesday, May 10th is our annual Lady's Day Luncheon and **tickets are selling fast**. Stop by the ticket sales table to purchase your tickets. If you cannot make the luncheon to purchase the tickets, please call me (Danny Laureta) at 586-4567. The three menu choices for this year's Lady's Day Luncheon are: **1) Rib Eye Steak with bake potato, 2) Salmon with rice pilaf and 3) Chicken Cordon Bleu with rice pilaf**. All the meals include vegetables, salad, desert and wine on the table.

Ticket Sales Table – (Note that a table sits 8 maximum)

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 tickets.

Table with Friends -

If you would prefer 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 (**Bring your tickets**).



GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee
Paul Padavana - 532-8051
Asst Jeff Phillips - 588-2977
Handicap Tom Nischwitz-694-8624

Results from March 1st Skins game

Total of 16 players

John Perrault won 1 skin

Jim Hagel won 1 skin

Mike Clay won 3 skins

George Parsons won 1 skin

Trini Mercado won 7 skins

Rudy Flores won 5 skins

March 15th Golf Tournament at Saddle Creek Golf Course was cancelled due to course conditions and golf path only rules.

Next Skins Game is scheduled for April 5th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Contact Jeff Phillips @ jeffphillipsq@yahoo.com or 209-588-2977.

Next Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 19th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Format will be 2-Man Bestball. Contact Paul Padavana @ paulp_57@yahoo.com or 209-532-8051.



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - 770-5298

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The only fishing news is that launch ramps are open at all lakes in the area except Pinecrest. The ramp at Beardsley is also open. You should check and see if the road is open before you venture up there. Any fishing interest or reports you can reach me at simons4890@yahoo.com. Chuck Simons



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

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For Feb 22, 2016

High Game - Don Banchero 279

High Series - Dave Rossi 719

Standings - Hines Pickles 22-10

No Excuses 21-11

Andy Dandys 20-12

Don Banchero rolled his ball for 97 pins over average

For Feb 29

High Game - Gene Deaver 234

High Series - Gene Deaver 639

Standings - Hines Pickles 24-12

No Excuses 23.5-12.5

Georgie's Boys 23-13

For Mar 7

High Game - Dave Rossi 236

High Series - Dave Rossi 665

Standings - Hines Pickles & Georgie's Boys 27-13

Andy's Dandys 25-13

No Excuses 24.5-15.5

For Mar 14

High Game - Dave Rossi 258

High Series - Dave Rossi 662

Standings -- Georgie's Boys 29.5-14.5

Hines Pickles 29-15

Andy's Dandys 28-16

For Mar 21

High Game -- Dave Rossi 260

High Series -- Dave Rossi 721

Standings - Georgie's Boys 32.5-15.5

Hines Pickles 32-16

No Excuses 31.5-16.5

Most pins over average in a game to date - Trini Mercado, Sr.111 with 277

Most pins over average in a series to date - George Parsons 182 with 578

High Game to date - Dave Rossi 279

High Series to date - Dave Rossi 791

The week of April 4 is a Position Round

which means the league is quickly coming to an end for the 2015-2016 Season.

Upcoming tournaments include:

Carson City at Gold Dust West on April 11-14 -- entry forms available on line and at Black Oak.



RV CLUB NEWS

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Our first outing for the year started on Sunday March 20th at the Jackson Rancheria. Camp Hosts Bill & Cathie Lobdell, Jim & Pam Costello were waiting as the rigs arrived. They planned a fun filled four days. Cocktails were held at 5 PM. Monday the balances of members arrived. After cocktails some took the shuttle and went to the Casino for buffet dinner. Everyone got back to their RV just in time to avoid the downpour which lasted thru the night. The morning sun was a welcome sight. We also enjoyed a bar-b-que and pancake breakfast. There was birthday cake for Jack Wall's 80th and Marty and Cheri Martin joined us for a few hours as they were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary & Marty's 65th birthday. We also had good news that the operation and reports that Linda Botto had come back clear. A total of 19 RV's were in attendance. Our next outing will be April 18th thru 20th to Sacramento with a tour to the Capital.





PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994

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Keep your mind sharp by playing pinochle. We are looking for more players, so please join us. If you don't know how to play, we will train you. Show up for a meeting only when you want to. You will be playing with a great bunch of guys from all our three SIR branches. It's a great way to spend an afternoon. You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you have fun 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. We meet at the Pine Tree Restaurant from noon to 4:30 PM each Monday. We have lunch starting at noon and start playing at 1:00 PM. For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon. Below are three tables showing the results of the scores for our pinochle sessions. The first table lists the average score of each player based on the number of sessions played in March. The second lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for March. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for January through March.

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
7-Mar-16	610	Dave Goldemberg	172
14-Mar-16	575	Bill Bryant	172
21-Mar-16	504	Dave Goldemberg	172
28-Mar-16	462	Al DeNeveu	136

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Mar 2015	
Branch	Score
172 - Twain Harte	296
136 - Sonora	277
77 - Sierra	255



April BIRTHDAYS

Gulick, Bill	4/1
Burnes, Bill	4/1
Bowers, Michael	4/3
Peterson, Bruce	4/3
Harrelson, Raymond	4/5
Costello, Thomas W.	4/6
Rossi, David	4/6
Deaver, Gene	4/7
Wright, Mike	4/7
Avila, John	4/7
Patania, Nuncy	4/8
Nix, Alan J	4/10
Pland, Dick	4/12
Kassahn, Ted	4/14
Domogalla, Joe	4/14
Abbott, Blair	4/15
Limon, Al HLM	4/23
Barth, Bill	4/28

THEATER AND DINNER COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Monty Youngborg - 588-9632

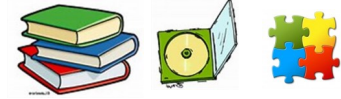
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<http://www.sierrarep.org/>

Our first play for Sir Branch 136 will be "My Fair Lady" which will be seen at the East Sonora Theater matinee on April 13th. Thirteen of our members signed up to go to the play. We did not have enough to qualify for the \$5.00 discount.

The second play for our branch will be "Hank Williams: Lost Highway" at the Fallon House Theater in Columbia on the Wednesday matinee May 4th starting at

2:00 PM. The cost per ticket has gone up from \$28.00 to \$30.00. We need to have 20 of us to sign up for this play to receive the \$4.00 group discount per ticket. To get the group discount, I must pay for the tickets 3 weeks prior to the play. I have pre-reserved 20 tickets for this play in Rows M and N. Please bring your checks to our next meeting on April 12th as I need to pay for the tickets on April 12th. I will send your discount of \$4.00 per ticket when I send the tickets to you by mail, assuming we buy 20 or more tickets. Please go to the Sierra Repertory Theater website above to obtain more information about the play. *Enjoy the play.*



NEW ACTIVITIES

Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

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Keep those books movies music and puzzles coming. Response has been great thus far so keep it coming! For May and August, the media exchange will go on temporary hiatus. Thanks for your continued enthusiasm for this new activity.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Bill Lobdell - 586-7145

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March Membership

Total Active Members	208
Luncheon Attendance (79%)	164
Excused Absences (39%)	17

April Membership

March Active Membership	208
Applicants Being Installed	2
Active Members Lost	1
Active Membership Outlook	209

INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630

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Our Branch website is at sonorasirs.org. Here you will find our bulletins past and present, activity schedules, BEC meeting minutes, a link to the state SIR website, and much more. If you have any updates to our roster please let me know.

BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

Jim Botto Editor - 586-0822

Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

Please send all bulletin input to Jim Botto at **giacamo42@gmail.com**

The deadline for the next bulletin is

April 30, 2016

March 2016

Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Sonny Tome	77	369
Art Barte	172	320
Tom Newell	136	316
Felix Ledbetter	77	265
John Johnson	172	219

Player	Branch	Average
3 Monday Session Players		
Roland Patton	427	172
Al De Neveu	297	136
Bob Morrison	290	136
Mike Schmidt	263	172
Bert Kronnick	226	77

Player	Branch	Average
2 Monday Session Players		
Dave Goldemberg	557	172
Henry Beltran	353	172
Del Rotelli	297	77
Paul Halek	271	172
Bill Burnes	218	136
Jerry Morrow	179	172

Player	Branch	Average
1 Monday Session Players		
Bill Bryant	575	172
Clark Beerman	363	172
Mike Eachus	264	172



Sons in Retirement #136

Ladies Day Luncheon

May 10th 2016



MAXIMUM 200 TICKETS AVAILABLE
NO CANCELATIONS AFTER
MAY 2, 2016

No Host Cocktails
@ 11:00 am

Lunch @ Noon

Menu:

Rib Eye Steak w/ Baked Potato

-or- Salmon with Rice Pilaf

-or- Chicken Cordon Bleu
with Rice Pilaf

Includes Vegetable, Salad
and Dessert

Wine on the table

\$23 per Person

Tickets will go on sale at the
March & April Luncheons

Music & Entertainment By

*Greg Brown's
Music Express*

EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Danny Laureta 586-4567

Dick Aberle Jim Turner

John Vieira Roger Swartz

Jake Parsons

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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 - 2015 - Jim Johnson

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE

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Bill Dunlavy - Past Big SIR 2007

Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015

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Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210

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DECLARATIONS

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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).

Tuesday April 12th

Luncheon Menu

Swiss Steak

Mashed Potatoes, Corn,

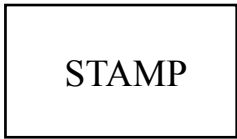
Salad, Sherbet

Guest Speaker

Dick Chimenti

A computer, software and internet expert.

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