

# BULLETIN

## AUGUST 2014



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

### SONORA BRANCH #136

Sonora SIRs Branch #136 will meet at the Moose Lodge, Longway Road, in Soulsbyville on

**Tuesday, August 12th**

@ 10:00 am for their Summer BBQ Extravaganza  
(lunch starts @ noon)

The Branch Executive Committee will **NOT** be meeting this month. If a meeting of the BEC is required it will be held at the picnic.

**YOU DON'T NEED TO CALL-IN IF YOU'RE NOT ATTENDING!  
IT'S A PICNIC - YOU NEED A TICKET!**



**PARKING IS LIMITED**  
See Little Sir Notes

### BIG SIR NOTES

**John Bristow - 588-8066**

Sirs, I wish to thank everyone for their prayers and best wishes. The Hip has been replaced finally and I had almost given up hope.

I have to start therapy now and learn to walk. I think I have all the tools I will need: 1-Walker 2-Walking Stick 3-Wheel chair and of course all the equipment housed at BONES THERAPY.

I will start the hard work in two weeks time and that should go fairly easily (I hope anyway).

Thanks to all those who took time to visit. It is surprising how you can stay in touch with the rest of humanity.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the picnic and of course the new environment.

Thank you all again "May the Good Lord take a liking to you but not to soon". In the words of Charles Dickens "God Bless us all everyone."

### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**Jim Johnson - 536-1595**

It is August, mid summer, HOT and BBQ season. Our Branch picnic is just around the corner and the workers are busy getting the last minute touches completed. We have an excellent BBQ cooking crew made up of Ron Long and Bill Lobdell and of course Earl Randall keeping an eye on all of us.

Maury Rollins has done a great job coordinating the ticket sales. At press time we have 135 members signed up. John Avila will be our official roving helper along with many others. Mariano Garces is in charge of the set up and tear down crew.

Bob Gelber will be seated next to the entrance selling the 50/50 drawing tickets. Make sure you drop by and see Bob and make your deposit. You will not win if you don't buy your tickets; what a deal! We will be announcing cash drawing winners throughout the day.

When you arrive at the parking lot you will be greeted by Jake Parsons and Rich Lundin. They will be directing you to your parking spot and looking for those who have more than two riders in a car.

If you carpoled with your friends, everyone in the car will receive a special drawing ticket. Only those that carpoled will be eligible for the special drawing of a \$25 gift card.

### PLEASE CAR POOL IF POSSIBLE

Jake and Rich are going to be very popular.

The kitchen crew is going to be made up of a group of hard working ladies, Ginny, Bernie, Cathie, Diane, and Rosie making the BBQ beans, salads and BBQ French bread.

The days entertainment will be provided by the magic and talented fingers of Jim Mueller. This will be a real treat.



**THANKS VOLUNTEERS!**

There are numerous people that have volunteered to help make this a big success and will be mentioned in detail in next month's newsletter and at the BBQ. Thanks in advance to all of those who have and will work to make this annual event a reality.



### 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 July 29th Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs

#### Individual Low Net—Flight A:

	Team	Net
1st Place	Danny Laureta	63
2nd Place	Bob Nath	67
3rd Place	Gene Morales & Chance Anderson	69

#### Individual Low Net—Flight B:

1st Place	Jeff Phillips	65
2nd Place	Kent Kirkland	68
3rd Place	Tony Vega	69

#### Closest to the hole #7:

1st Place	John Parrault	17'-4"
2nd Place	George Parsons	24'-6"
3rd Place	Jeff Phillips	27'-3"

#### Closest to the hole #12:

1st Place	Bob Edwards	6'-9"
2nd Place	Gene Morales	9'-0"
3rd Place	Tom Nischwitz	14'-7"

### **Next Golf Tournament Tuesday**

**August 26th 8:00 am**

Shotgun Start



### PINOCHLE

**Bob Morrison 588-0994**

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. You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you get a fun afternoon so cheaply?) You get your \$3 back plus much, much more if your



have one of the three highest scores at the end of the meeting. Moreover, you win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting. You need not attend every meeting. Typically, 15 to 20 of us meet each Monday from noon to 4 P.M. at the Moose Lodge. For more information, go to web site [www.sirtwain.org](http://www.sirtwain.org) and click on the pinochle icon.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Bob Thomas	1
Bert Maxwell	3
Bob Wright	6
Roy Creagor	6
Steve Gregory	7
Bill Challas	8
Donald Peabody	9
Rex Page	9
Augie Soares	15
Bill Dunlavy	24
John Howsden	25
Michael Dolan	25
Tom deHass	27
Bill Hansen	28
Mike Keegan	28
Neil Williams	29
Bob Silver	30
Jim Nuzum	31

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**Angelo Costanza - 588-9529**

As of August 3, 2014:

Current Active Membership	225
Inactive Members	6



**DUES ARE OVERDUE!**

Our annual membership dues were due in January of this year and we still have 15 members (7%) that have not yet paid.

[If you have not paid your dues by September 1, 2014 you may lose your membership in our SIRs Branch!](#)

Mail a check to Frank Taylor at 19419 North Court, Sonora, CA 95370 & be sure to put your badge number on the check.

**NOTICE**

**NEXT YEAR DUES MUST BE PAID BY FEBRUARY 10, 2015  
NO EXCEPTIONS**



**MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE**

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

The Branch #136 Nevada Ghost Town & Rock Hounding Trip on October 20-22 is moving along with signup forms and Brochures with detailed information being available at all three branches at the July meetings. Space on the trip is limited to 30 participants and we anticipate that the trip will sell out fast, so reserve your spot early.

Planning for a Fall Branson Trip is progressing but we need input as to length, cost and what shows are preferred. Planning for a Fall Costa Rica Trip is also progressing but more information is needed as to the itinerary, cost and timing. SIRS Branch #172 is sponsoring a trip to a Giants game in August and a local, low cost Wine Tour. Call Rich Lundin for more details.

**INTERNET & ROSTER**

**sirjerry@Sonnet.Com**

Our Branch website is at <http://sonorasirs.org>. Visit anytime you would like. There you can review current and past bulletins and other branch information.

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

**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.



**VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION**

**Please note that we are still collecting 2014 Veterans Day Recognition Data Sheets as we are planning a very special program at our November luncheon.**

**If you are a veteran and have not completed the data form please contact Dale Decker @ 533-0455 for a copy.**



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

Our next outing will be September 4<sup>th</sup> thru September 8<sup>th</sup> in Laguna Seca, CA "This outing starts on Thursday due to the Italian Festival that weekend."

**BULLETIN INPUT**

**Dale Decker - 533-0455**

**Assistant Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630**  
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

**August 31, 2014**



**BOWLING CHAIRMAN**

**Bert Abreo - 736-4804**

The SIRs Bowling League starts the Monday after Labor Day, September 8, 2014 @ the Black Oak Casino Resort. Contact Bert if you would like more information.



**WATER SHORTAGE—PLEASE CONSERVE**

New Melones Reservoir is currently at an elevation of 881.67 feet. This is down by 206.33 feet! This level is only 25.8% of capacity! The Tuttle Town boat launch is closed, however, Glory Hole will not close this year but there is not much water left for boating or other activities!

Please conserve water - we are being asked to reduce our usage by 25%.



### SUNSHINE - CHAPLIN

Paul Bullman - 588-8614

#### 'A SOFT ANSWER TURNS AWAY WRATH'

Bible - Proverbs 15:1

A friend of mine, Erick, phoned one afternoon and asked if I would help him move four clothes washers and dryers.

We met at the appointed time and place. Before he knocked, the young woman of the house busted through the screen door, yelling at a high pitched voice. This continued for 3 to 4 minutes. He and I had no idea of the issue that motivated such behavior.

Erich, my friend, said nothing. Finally her voice became lower and slower and eventually stopped. Then after about a 30 second pause she said, "O just go ahead and move the appliances" and hurried back into her house. Still no explanation. Erick still said nothing.

Time passed and neither of us ever received an apology or explanation from the young woman.

After 23 years, I saw Erick and asked him about the incident that had left me with so many questions. He said he could not remember it.

His not reacting that day had left him with soft silence instead of anger in any form.

**Again ...the Bible was correct..."A soft answer does turn away wrath".**



Be sure to check out the new RV Club link on our Sonorasirs.Org website

#### A RETIREE'S LAST TRIP TO WAL-MART

Yesterday I was at my local Wal-Mart buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Rocky, the Wonder Dog. I was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had, an elephant?

So because I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a Perfect Diet and that the way that it works is, to load your pants pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me.

I told her no, I stopped to pee on a Fire Hydrant and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

#### Wal-Mart won't let me shop there anymore.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.



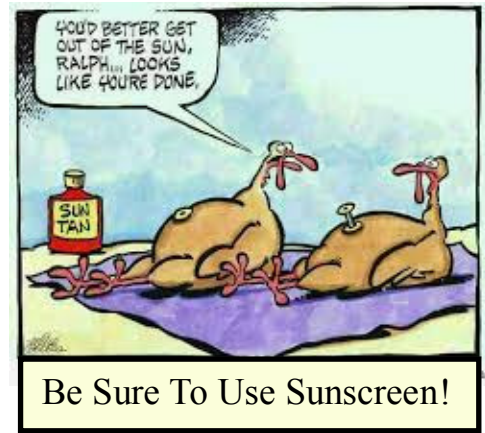
#### WATCH OUT FOR THOSE ANTS AT THE PICNIC!

#### BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR!

An RV'ing couple, both born the same year and month, were celebrating their 60th birthdays. During the celebration, a fairy appeared and said that because they had been so loving she would grant them each one wish.

Very excited, the wife said that since she had already visited most of North America in her RV she would like to visit Europe. The fairy waved her magic wand; airline tickets instantly appeared in her hand.

Then it was the husband's turn. He paused for a moment, then said with a sly look, "Well, I'd like to have a woman 30 years younger than me." The fairy waved her wand, and presto, he was 90.



#### 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**



8/4/2014 - Bruce Peterson #062 receives a "SIRs 808 Series" watch from State SIRs Bowling Chairman Del Locke for an 800 series he bowled in the 2013 SIRs Reno Bowling Tournament.

What makes the achievement especially significant is that this is only the second 800 series watch ever awarded by SIRs.

#### Congratulations Bruce!

**SIR STATE OFFICERS**

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**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.

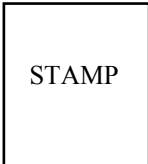
(Rule 429 & 421).



**AUGUST PICNIC MENU**

**BBQ 1/4 Chicken & Ribs  
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, BBQ  
Beans, Corn On The Cob,  
French Bread, Dessert &  
Bottled Water  
&  
A No Host - Full Bar!**

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