



# BULLETIN

## August 2017

Website: [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org)  
SONORA BRANCH #136

### Summer Family BBQ & Picnic

### August 8th

Indigeny Reserve  
14679 Summers Lane  
Sonora, CA 95370  
Social Time at 10:00 am  
Lunch at Noon

**No Branch Executive Committee meeting this month.**



### MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE LINE

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

Line at

**536 - 6311**

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

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

**Danny Laureta - 586-4567**

Our annual Family BBQ Picnic is next week Tuesday at Indigeny Reserve and if you still want to attend there are a few tickets available so call Paul Squeri at 209-586-4083.

A special thanks to Little Sir Paul Squeri, the Special Events Committee, the Sir Golf Group (cooking), the Sir Bowling Group (serving) and all the volunteers to make the BBQ Picnic successful event.

The State Sir Annual meeting just happened to be on the same day as our annual Family BBQ Picnic, which I'm supposed to attend but thanks to Jim Botto (2018 Little Sir elect) for taking my place and representing Branch #136.

The BEC started the process of terminating the members that have not paid their yearly membership dues for 2017. So, starting in 2018, members that have not paid their annual dues by the March luncheon will not be able to participate in any Sir activities. The Golfing Group is having fun specially with the addition of new members/golfers participating in the Skins Golf (1st Tuesday of the month) call Danny Laureta 209-586-4567 for info and Sir Tournament golf with different fun formats (3rd Tuesday of the month) call Paul Padavana 209-532-8051 for info. The RV Group is planning a trip in September in Laguna Seca/Monterey area, call Knute Kleinen 209-694-8866. The Sir Bowling League starts in September, call Bert Abreo 209-736-4804 for info and if you don't have a team, Bert will place you on a team. As for fishing, Chuck Simons says that with the high water and now with high temperature the fish are not cooperating. So, if the outdoors is not your thing, give Bob Morrison (Pinochle) and/or George Parsons (Poker) a jingle.

### SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN

**Steve Gregory - 533-0309**  
[discogregory@aol.com](mailto:discogregory@aol.com)

Special healing prayers for Larry Guzman #069 now finished with chemotherapy but soon to start radiation, Bill Dunlavy #121 who also had chemo but had a serious fall at home and is hospitalized, and our branch's strongest support for Bill Burnes #105 whose wife Marlene is dealing with spinal cancer. In Memoriam: Our deepest sympathy goes to John #137 and Barbara Bristow whose 49 year old son Chris recently left us too soon...



### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**Paul Squeri - 586-4083**

Welcome to August and what I understand to be the "dog days of summer". Hot days with little relief. This year seems to validate the old saying of "hard winter, hot summer", or words to that effect.

August is also picnic time and do we have a good one for you. Tuesday August 8th, 11:00 at Indigeny. See the flyer for more information and directions. The flyer is published on line with the bulletin. If you do not have a ticket at this late date contact me at 209-586-4083 and I will try to accommodate you. Beverages (see flyer) will be served with your meal. Bring a cooler with any additional beverage you may require, as there will be no open bar. Be sure to bring a chair and try to car pool if possible. And how about an item to raffle? See what you can do, we could sure use some help here. We will also be raffling items donated by Indigeny along with our usual cash drawings.

I want to thank Paul Padavana and the Golf Club members for doing this year's barbequing. Also, Bob Wright and the Bowling Club members for doing this year's serving. We finally gave the RV Club members some well-deserved time off. They carried the load for far longer than they should have. Thank you for a great job; just do not get too comfortable. A special thank you to RVer Ron Long who does not get the day off. Ron will be lending his valuable barbequing expertise to the Golf Club cooking team. And to Earl Randall, without whose generosity of time and equipment this event would be considerably more difficult to accomplish. One last thank you I want to extend. At the time of this writing better than 20% (over 1 out of 5) of the people attending this event are working as well as paying \$14 per person to attend. They are the ones performing the functions that make this event happen. See you all there!



**Grilling:**  
It's all fun and games until somebody burns their wiener





## GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee  
**Paul Padavana - 532-8051**  
**Asst Kent Kirkland -**  
**Handicap Tom Nischwitz-694-8624**

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 Skins Game** is August 1st at Mountain Springs Golf Course with a shotgun start at 8:00 A.M. Contact Danny Laureta at 586-4567 or by e: mail at [drlaureta@gmail.com](mailto:drlaureta@gmail.com)  
 Results for the SIRS 136/ 77 Skins Game held on July 4th with a field of 15 golfers are as follows:

Andy Bravo - 10 skins Paul Padavana - 3 skins Mike Clay - 3 skins Tom Neiderer - 2 skins. Results for the SIRS 136 / 77 July 18th **"Four Man Team Two Bestball"** Tournament held at Mountain Springs Golf Course with a field of 22 golfers are as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> place** - (Net 113) Chace Anderson, John Perrault, Pete Larkin, Jeff Juh

**2<sup>nd</sup> place** - (Net 116) Danny Laureta, Matt Clay, Gene Morales, Felix Espino

**3<sup>rd</sup> place** - (Net 118) Paul Padavana, Mike Ross, Mike Baumgartner, Rudy Flores

**Closest to hole #7 (145 yards)**

**1<sup>st</sup> place** - Mike Ross 2'5"

**2<sup>nd</sup> place** - Mike Baumgartner 7'1.5"

**3<sup>rd</sup> place** - Steve Hagel 19'7"

**Closest to hole #12 (123 yards)**

**1<sup>st</sup> place** - Craig Hempler 4'7.5"

**2<sup>nd</sup> place** - John Perrault 14'3"

**3<sup>rd</sup> place** - Jim Simmons 19'5"

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 Golf Tournament** is scheduled for August 15th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Start time is 8:00 AM. The format for this tournament will be **Four Man Scramble with A, B, C, & D players assigned to each foursome**. Here is an opportunity to play with other golfers you have never played a round of golf with as a team.

**Sign-up for this tournament is by Friday, August 11th (NO LATER).** Contact Paul Padavana at [paulp\\_57@yahoo.com](mailto:paulp_57@yahoo.com) or 209-532-8051.



## August Birthdays:

Thomas, Bob	8/1
Maxwell, Bert	8/3
Heath, Steve	8/5
Baumgartner, Mike	8/6
Creager, Roy	8/6
Wright, Bob	8/6
Gregory, Steve	8/7
Page, Rex T.	8/9
Soares, Augie	8/15
Zertuche, Joe	8/20
Dunlavy, Bill HLM	8/24
Dolan, Michael E.	8/25
Hansen, Bill	8/28
Williams, Neil	8/29
Nuzum, Jim	8/31



## RV CLUB CHAIRMAN

**Knute Kleinen - 694-8866**

[kleinen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kleinen@sbcglobal.net)

This month the RV group is looking forward to the picnic with the Sir's group and our September outing will be held in Laguna Seca hosted by the Longs and the Molinari's



## PINOCHLE

**Bob Morrison—588-0994**

[robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com](mailto:robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com)

We need more players, so please join us. If you don't know how to play, we will train you. Come only when you want to. Your first two meetings are free. Thereafter, you will pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you have a fun afternoon so cheaply?) You will win a prize if your score at the end of the meeting is one of the three highest. Moreover, you will win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting. You will play with members from all our three SIR branches. We meet for lunch at the Pine Tree Restaurant from noon to 1:00 PM each Monday. We start playing at 1:00 PM and end before 4:30 PM. For more information, go to web site [www.sirtwain.org](http://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

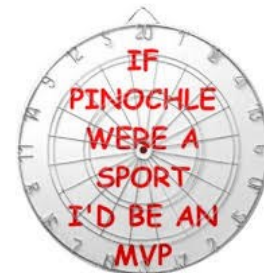
average score of each player based on the number of sessions played in July. The second lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for July. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for January through

July 2017		
Player	Branch	Average
<b>4 Monday Session Players</b>		
Bert Kronnick	77	304
Sonny Tome	77	265
Tom Newell	136	244
Dave Goldemberg	172	231
Henry Beltran	172	229
Roland Patton	172	203
Player	Branch	Average
<b>3 Monday Session Players</b>		
Bob Morrison	136	274
Al De Neveu	136	252
Mike Schmidt	172	196
Player	Branch	Average
<b>2 Monday Session Players</b>		
Art Barte	172	325
Bill Lewis	172	242
Player	Branch	Average
<b>1 Monday Session Player</b>		
Dick Robinson	172	250
Jerry Kopyn	172	217

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
3-Jul-17	416	Del Rotelli	77
10-Jul-17	422	Bert Kronnick	77
17-Jul-17	386	Sonny Tome	77
24-Jul-17	439	Del Rotelli	77

July.

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru July 2017	
Branch	Score
77	292
172	274
136	255





## CAR CLUB CHAIRMAN

**Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366**

**farmrich1@directv.net**

My appreciation to the SIR's classic car & truck owners that participated in our July 11<sup>th</sup> car show held at the Sonora Elks parking lot. We were represented with a dozen vehicles including a few 1988 era Chevy Corvette's that muscled their way in just for the fun of it. Again, we had a lot of SIR's members milling around the cars discussing "the way things were then & now". For those of you interested in catching more vintage car views, "Magic of the Night" in downtown Sonora on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> the local AACA & Model A's club's cars will be on display. Locally the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of each month through Oct. you will find the "Junction Car Show" from 5pm till 9pm off Mono Way & Tuolumne Rd. (in the parking lot close to Starbucks Coffee). Some of the SIR's #136 guys will be there come visit!



## BOWLING CHAIRMAN

**Bert Abreo - 736-4804**

**murabreo@comcast.net**

August 14-16 - Reno, NV  
 August 28-30 - Sonora, Team, Doubles and Singles this is a Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday event the entry forms are available here and on-line.



## FISHING CHAIRMAN

**Chuck Simons - 532-9550**

**simons4890@yahoo.com**

I just returned Wednesday from a three-week road trip with friends and to visit family. Three friends and I fished three different rivers in Montana for two days and landed only three fish.

We left Montana for Spokane, Washington to visit my son and family. We fished Long Lake, which is part of the dammed-up Spokane River. The results were much different. We boated Pike, Yellow Perch, Walleye, Small Mouth Bass and Rainbow Trout.

I talked to several trout fishing buddies and found the fishing here had not changed much. The Kokanee have not schooled up this year.

Went to Spicer Meadow Reservoir up Highway 4 and boated only one fish. Another fisherman at the boat ramp said the fishing at Spicer the week before was great.

So, keep wetting the lines, you never know.



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Jeff Phillips - 588-2977**

**jeffphillipsq@yahoo.com**

July 2017 Membership	223
Luncheon Attendance: (72%)	160
Excused Absences: (44%)	28
<b>Projected September Membership</b>	
Current Active Membership	223
<b>Applicants Being Installed in Sept.</b>	2
Active Members Lost	0
Inactive Reactivated	0
Active Membership Outlook	225



## INTERNET CHAIRMAN

**Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630**

Our Branch website is at [sonorasirs.org](http://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 your phone number or address has changed please let me know so I can update the roster on our website.



## 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 588-2977. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to **Jeff Phillips** with a check for the amount stated on the application. Jeff's address is 14676 Blue Bell Rd. West Sonora, CA 95370.



## BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

**Jim Botto Editor - 586-0822**

**Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630**

I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee chairmen who send in their reports to me on or before the deadline. When you write your report please use Times Roman 10 font and No Spacing. Please send all bulletin input to Jim Botto at: [gicamo42@gmail.com](mailto:gicamo42@gmail.com). The deadline for the next bulletin is:

**Thursday August 31st**





Sons in Retirement #136

# Summer Family BBQ Picnic

**August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

*Indigeny Reserve*  
*14679 Summers Lane*  
*Sonora, CA*



## Directions to Indigeny *(please try to carpool)*

- ◆ Drive north on Greenley Road and **TURN RIGHT** onto Lyons Bald Mountain Road
- ◆ Drive ~4 miles, **GO PAST** the Apple Valley Estates sign
- ◆ You will see and pass the sign **NARROW BRIDGE**
- ◆ Reach Apple Valley Ranches,
- ◆ **TURN RIGHT at Apple Hill Drive**
- ◆ Veer **LEFT at Summers Lane**
- ◆ Continue on Summers Lane (~1 mile) drive thru the covered bridge

**Social Time**  
**@ 11:00 am**  
**Lunch @ Noon**

## *Menu:*

St. Louis Style BBQ Ribs  
-or- BBQ Chicken  
with Potato Salad,  
Corn on a Cob,  
Bread, Dessert,  
Beer, wine, Soda &  
Bottled Water

**\$14 per Person**

Tickets will be on sale at the  
June & July Luncheons

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Children 12 & Under FREE  
Hot Dogs with fixings

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## EVENTS COMMITTEE

Paul Squeri	586-4083
Dick Aberle	Jake Parsons
John Vieira	Steve Heath
Rex Page	Steve Belochi

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- 2014 - John Bristow
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- 2016 - Dale Decker

**BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

- Al Limon - Past Big SIR 2000
- Bill Dunlavy - Past Big SIR 2007
- Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015

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- Lunch Tickets - Roger Swartz 533-0376
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- Luncheon Drawing - Tom Neiderer 569-9003  
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- SIR Item Sales - Fred Kehr 785-4358
- Sunshine - Chaplain - Steve Gregory 533-0309
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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).

**August 8th Menu**

St. Louis Style BBQ Ribs or BBQ Chicken  
Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob, Bread,  
Dessert, Beer, Wine, Soda, & Bottled Water



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