



SONORA SIR BRANCH #136

August 2018 Bulletin

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136
next regular monthly meeting:

Sept 11th



BIG SIR NOTES

Paul Squeri - 586-4083

We enter August with probably little hope of relief from the heat. It is a period of time referred to as the “Dog Days of Summer”. It also does not seem like it is a precursor to cooler temperatures when there are traditional events in the month with names like “Hot August Nights”.

August is also picnic time, we are ready and I hope you are too. It is on Tuesday, August 14, 11:00, at Indigeny. Our move, a while back, from Rail Town to Indigeny and the addition of their shade trees has been a considerable help in mitigating the problems we had with heat. 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 Little SIR Jim Botto at 209-586-0822 and he will see that you are taken care of. Beverages (see flyer) will be served with your meal. Bring a cooler with any additional beverage you may require. Also, bring a chair and try to car pool if possible. And how about an item for the raffle? See what you can do, it really helps. We will also be raffling another super donation from the Black Oak Casino & Resort, gifts from our hosts at Indigeny and generous cash drawings.

I want to thank Paul Padavana and the Golf Club for again doing the hot work of barbecuing. Also, Rich Rinaldi and the Bowling Club for doing a repeat performance on the serving tables. And as usual, Earl Randal will be casting an ever-watchful eye over the production. Without the generosity of Earls time and equipment this event would be considerably more difficult to accomplish. Thank you Earl for always being there for us. There are so many others to thank but I just do not have the space to do so. I just want to again mention that 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!

We will be having our next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Please try to make an effort to be at the September meeting and to also attend the five minimum yearly meetings that SIRS requests of their members. Our luncheon attendance has dropped from 74% in 2016 to about 68% so far this year. We are also down 13 members. To remain viable, we need you to participate and to bring guests.

SIR Branch 136 welcomes the following new members installed at the July Luncheon.

- Ron Risner
- Lloyd Boldermann

August BEC Meeting and luncheon cancelled due to Family Day Picnic on Aug 14.

Picnic Menu

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



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.

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www.sirinc.org

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1997 - Dave Holton	1999 - Al Limon
2000 - Bob Gibbs	2002 - Jim Nuzum
2003 - Dick Nutting	2007 - Wil Reich
2008 - Roger Milligan	2009 - Don Nilan
2010 - Don Banchero	2011 - Al Smith
2013 - Phil VanSwoll	2014 - John Bristow
2015 - Jim Johnson	2016 - Dale Decker
2017 - Danny Laureta	

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 2000
Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015
Jim Johnson—Past Big SIR 2015

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Roger Swartz 533-0376

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Attendance Membership - Open

BEC Advisor - Al Limon 533-4544

Bowling - Bert Abreo 736-4804

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Car Club - Rich Rinaldi 532-8366

Fishing - Chuck Simons -532-9550

Golf - Paul Padavana 532-8051

Tom Nischwitz 694-8624

Danny Laureta 586-4083

Honorary Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944

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Asst Danny Laureta 586-4083

Kayaking—Sol Robin 651-1054

Lunch Tickets - Roger Swartz 533-0376

Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210

Luncheon Drawing - Tom Neiderer 569-9003

Tom Turner 928-4876

Media Exchange - Sol Robin 651-1054

Book Exchange - Jim Rodrigues 536-4338

Nominating Com. Chair. - Danny Laureta 586-4083

Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994

Poker - George Parsons 533-8637

Propane - Marty Martin 586-1886

R.V. Travel Group - Eddie Toews 532-3970

Senior Member Awards - Jim Johnson 536-1595

SIR Item Sales - Fred Kehr 785-4358

Sunshine - Chaplain - Steve Gregory 533-0309

Travel - Paul Halek Branch #172 352-7399

Wine Tasting - Phil Van Swoll 532-1133

SIR Mission Statement

To improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events - while making friends for life.



LITTLE SIR NOTES

Jim Botto - 586-0822

I believe that our July guest speaker, Cathy Peacock, must have known the majority of our members. Many of you came up to thank her for her work at Interfaith Community Services. They really help our community and as Cathy said "No better way to help your community than to volunteer"

August 14th is fast approaching. That is the date of our Annual Family Picnic at the Indigeny Reserve Picnic Area. As of July 30, we have sold 160 tickets. There are still tickets available. Remember that these tickets will have a Grand Prize offered by Black Oak Casino of (One-night stay, 2- \$40 food vouchers, 2-\$25 free play money). Don't miss out on a great time with friends.

Indigeny Reserve will supply picnic tables placed around their large shade trees. If you need a backrest, please bring your own chairs, otherwise chairs will not be needed this year.

We are still looking for raffle prizes to be donated by our members. If you want to donate a raffle prize, please contact Bill Guenza at (209) 586-7088. Red raffle prize tickets will be sold at the ticket booth. We will also be selling white 50/50 cash prize drawing tickets. (15 tickets for \$5.00). Raffle prizes will have a blue basket in front of the prize. Place your red ticket in the basket of the prize you want.

There will be 2 blue drink tickets issued to each member upon your arrival. Each ticket will be for one beer or one glass of wine. Soft drinks and water will be available at no charge.

There will be hot dogs available for the children 12 and under at no charge. Pick up the children's hot dog ticket at the ticket booth.

Social hour will begin at 11 o'clock. Lunch will be served at noon. Our prize committee will choose the tickets from the baskets and place the winning ticket on the prize during lunch. The winning tickets will be called out after lunch. The 50/50 cash drawing will also be called out after lunch.

Indigeny Reserve will have guided tours of their facility upon request. Please do this before the noon luncheon or after the drawings.

There is ample parking on the graveled area to the South of the main picnic area. We feel there will be ample shade. However, if you choose to bring an easy-up or umbrella please do so. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Botto at 209-586-0822.



I hope everyone is as fired up as I am about the picnic!



August Birthdays

* = 90 or older

Thomas, Bob	08/01
Maxwell, Oliver (Bert)*	08/03
Heath, Stephen (Steve)	08/05
Creager, Roy	08/06
Baumgartner, Mike	08/06
Wright, Bob	08/06
Gregory, Steve	08/07
Page, Rex T.	08/09
Soares, August (Augie)*	08/15
Salvi, Rodney (Rod)	08/17
Zertuche, Joe	08/20
Dolan, Michael E.	08/25
McVey, Lance	08/25
Hansen, Bill	08/28
Nuzum, Jim	08/31



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dale Decker - 533-0455
daledftg@sonnet.com

July Membership

Total Active Members	213
Luncheon Attendance (67%)	143
Excused Absences (39%)	27

Guests 5

August 2018 Membership

July Active Membership	213
Applicants Being Installed	2
Active Members Lost (Deceased)	0
Active Members Lost (Moved)	0
Active Members to Inactive	0
Active Membership Outlook	215

CAR CLUB

CHAIRMAN: Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366
farmrich40@gmail.com



“RUN WHAT-CHA-BRUNG” Car, Truck & Bike Show will be held at our Tuesday, September 11th SIR lunch meeting. Bring any year car (or truck) and any year motorcycle (2 wheel or 3 wheel) that you want to show off. Foreign cars are welcome as well as any exotic type sport cars. We will try to have all participants park their vehicles on the upper Sonora Elks parking lot. First come, first to park as there will be no designated spaces for this show. I would recommend arriving early (around 8:30 AM) to get the best & closest spaces to the Elks Lodge entrance. We are encouraging our other two SIR branch car enthusiasts to join us....either just for the show or to stay for lunch with our group. Shine up those special vehicles & display them for your fellow SIR members. Please let me know if you are not a Branch #136 member but are attending for lunch so that I can get a head count of extra members for our catering person. Cost for lunch is \$14.00....menu will be announced in the Sept. newsletter. Keep Wheeling!

RV CLUB

CHAIRMAN: Eddie Toews 532-3970
lcoinlady@aol.com



The RV Club didn't have an actual outing this month. Instead, Jim and Pam Costello opened their lovely home to the group for a Bocce Ball tournament along with a Bar-B-Q lunch and drinks. Everyone had a great time, even with the heat. We want to thank Jim and Pam for their hospitality for the fun filled day. The winners of the Bocce Ball tournament were Cheri Martin, Linda Toews, Bill Lobdell and Knute Kleinen.

Next month there will not be an outing for the RV Club due to the SIR picnic. Our next outing will be to Minden, NV. hosted by Knute and Maryjoan Kleinen and Jim and Ginny Johnson. Have a great summer.



KAYAKING

CHAIRMAN: Sol Robin 651-1054
solhomes@sbcglobal.net



August's kayak outing will be at Pinecrest Lake on the last Tuesday of the month. The group outings are co-ed so feel free to ask your wives or significant others to join us. We hope you'll paddle with us.



SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN
Steve Gregory - 533-0309
discogregory@aol.com

Our special condolences to John Gleason #126 and his family who recently lost wife Barbara after an extended illness. Ben Teal # 311 is recovering from bypass surgery done in Modesto.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, online at the Branch website, or by telephoning him at 533-0455. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to **Dale Decker**, along with a check for the amount stated on the application. Dale's address is 10338 Slate Rim Rd, Sonora, CA 95370.



INTERNET CHAIRMAN
Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630
Asst- Danny Laureta—586-4083

Our Branch website is at sonorasirs.org. Here you will find our membership roster, bulletins past and present, activity schedules, BEC meeting minutes, a link to the state SIR website, a link to the SIR promotional video and more. Tell prospective members about our website and encourage them to watch the video. If your phone number or address has changed please let me know so I can update the roster on our website.



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE
Steve Huff Editor - 770-0678
Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

I want to thank the committee chairmen who sent in their reports to me on or before the deadline. When you write your report please use Times New Roman 10 font and No Spacing. Please send all bulletin input to Steve Huff at: shuff0531@gmail.com

The deadline to submit reports for the September bulletin is: Thurs, Aug 30.

August 2018 Club and Committee Reports (cont'd)

PINOCHLE

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

The three adjacent tables show our scores for the pinochle sessions in June. The first one lists for each player the average of the scores for the sessions he played. The second lists the first place winner and his score for each week. The third lists the average score of each SIR branch for the year through July.

Please join us in playing pinochle. You don't need to know how to play because we will teach you, and you don't need to come every time but only when you want to. Your first two sessions are free. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 at each session. (Where else can you have a fun afternoon so cheaply?) You will win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at the end of a free session. You will play with members from all our three SIR branches. The two highest scoring players at the end of a session win cash prizes. We meet each Monday at the Pine Tree Restaurant next to the Best Western Plus Motel at the Hess Ave. and Mono Way intersection. We start playing at 1:00 P.M. and finish before 4:30 P.M. Some of us come earlier to have breakfast or lunch between noon and 1:00 P.M. For more information, please call me and/or go to the web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon.



July 2018		
Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Del Rotelli	77	307
Roland Patton	172	295
Sonny Tome	77	285
Bob Morrison	136	264
Henry Beltran	172	254

3 Monday Session Players		
Bill Lewis	172	314
Art Bartee	172	314
Jim Turner	136	296
John Salmon	136	249
Jerry Kopyn	172	194

2 Monday Session Players		
Bill Burnes	136	281
Dave Goldemberg	172	272

1 Monday Session Players		
Al De Neveu	136	268
Dick Robinson	172	177

Weekly First Place Winners			
Week	Player	Score	Branch#
1	Dave Goldemberg	429	172
2	Del Rotelli	531	77
3	Roland Patton	302	172
4	Henry Beltran	433	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Jul	
Branch	Average Score
172	280
136	271
77	251

BOWLING

CHAIRMAN: Bert Abreo 736-4808
murabreo@comcast.net



SIR League bowling will begin September 10, contact Bob Wright if you are interested in bowling on Monday mornings this fall and winter.

Upcoming tournaments include: (Entry forms are available at the SIR bowling website)

Aug 13-15 Reno
Aug 27-28 Grass Valley



Special Notices



August Picnic

Tickets for the August 14th Family picnic at Indigency Reserve are available. Contact Jim Botto. \$14 per person. Check out the full page flyer for all the details.

Luncheon Ticket Drawings

Don't forget the luncheon ticket drawings. Proceeds help with making our three special events more successful (Ladies Day, Family Picnic, and Christmas). Just look for Tom T. and Tom N. coming your way during the Social Hour and just prior to the Luncheon meeting starting.

Media Exchange

Please participate in our Media Exchange! We have books, CDs, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles that you may borrow and enjoy. No library card or sign out sheet required. We only ask that when you are finished with them please return them. Also please consider contributing items so that other members can enjoy them, as well (No VCR Tapes or magazines please).

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 2018 Club and Committee Reports (cont'd)

GOLF Joint Br. 136 & Br. 77 Golf Committee

CHAIRMAN: Paul Padavana 532-8051

Asst: Danny Laureta 586-4567



The results for the July 3rd Skins Game held at Mountain Springs Golf Course are as follows:

Mike Ross – 6 skins Kent Kirkland – 4 skins Dan Cosetto – 4 skins
Danny Villa – 2 skins Felix Espino – 2 skins Danny Laureta – 1 skin

The results for the July 17th Four-man Team Orange Ball Tournament with 28 players held at Mountain Springs Golf Course are as follows:

1st Place – (Net 69) Chace Anderson / Jeff Juhl / Dennis Land / John Perrault
2nd Place – (Net 70) Gene Deaver / Jim Simmons / Tom Neiderer / Don Banchemo
3rd Place – (Net 73) Mike Baumgartner / Mike Ross / Rudy Flores / Kent Kirkland

Closest to Hole #5 (142 yds.)

1st Place – (12 ft. 8 in.) Dan Cosetto
2nd Place – (15 ft. 2 in.) Danny Laureta
3rd Place – (15 ft. 9.5 in.) Mike Ross

Closest to Hole #12 (123 yds.)

1st Place – (9 ft. 4 in.) Bob Nath
2nd Place – (13 ft. 11 in.) Gene Deaver
3rd Place – (15 ft. 8.5 in.) Dan Cosetto

The next SIRS 136 / 77 / 172 Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 21st at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Start time is 8:00 AM. The format for this tournament will be "CHA-CHA-CHA". This is a four-man team event so when signing up either have a formed team or your team will be luck of the draw. Sign-up for this tournament is by Saturday, August 18th (NO LATER). Contact Paul Padavana at 209-532-8051 or e:mail paulp_57@yahoo.com.

The next Skins Game will be held at Mountain Springs Golf Course on August 7th. Start time is 8:00 AM. Contact Danny Laureta at 209-586-4567 or e:mail dlaureta@gmail.com.

FISHING

CHAIRMAN: Chuck Simons - 532-9550

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My spring and summer have been filled with many activities other than fishing: graduations, BBQs, 4th of July parties and RV trips.

Late May did start with the trip of a lifetime. Francesca and I were invited to go to Flaming Gorge in southern Wyoming. The fishing was great with limits of Kokanee and Lake Trout. The Kokanees were 18-20 inches and put up a good fight. We also floated the Green River for Trout on a fly rod. There again, the fish were plentiful.

I fished Don Pedro a couple of times in June and caught some nice Trout. Frank Myers and I fished Don Pedro on July 13th from Moccasin Point to Woods Creek and boated four Rainbow Trout and one Bass. The clouds made the temperature bearable until about noon, when the sun broke through and it was....as the song says...too hot to fish, and too hot for golf. Don Pedro gave up some more nice trout on Monday July 23rd. On July 25th Bill Guenza and I took some 1 ½ pound Rainbows at Don Pedro^h. The puzzle is they were in 30 feet of water, rather than 50-60 feet where the water is cooler. We were on the water about 5:30 am and off by 11 am due to the heat. Another good day.

I would like to put some guys together and fish Pinecrest after Labor Day, before they start dropping the water level. The 5th of September is the Wednesday after Labor Day. We could meet at 8:00 am and fish until noon or so, or later if we want. Anyone interested call me at 209-770-5928 or email me at simons4890@yahoo.com. I will need to know if anyone is willing to share a seat in their boat. I know this is before the Sept luncheon, so contact me or talk to me at the Picnic.

Combined Group Activity Chairmen 2018

Group	Branch 136-Sonora Paul Squeri-Big SIR 586-4083	Branch 77-Sierra George Kellerman-Big SIR 533-9083	Branch 172-Twain Harte Charles Luke-Big SIR 533-3683
Biking	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Steve Happel 532-7240
Bowling	Bob Wright 536-9007	Larry Lund 586-2276	See Branch 136 & 77
Golf	Paul Padavava 532-8051	Kent Kirkland 532-3435	Doug Peters 532-3739
1 st Tuesday	Danny Laureta 586-4567	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Tournaments	Paul Padavana 532-8051	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Handicap	Tom Nischwitz 694-8624	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Advison	Danny Laureta 586-4567	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Hiking	See Branch 77	Mike Clay 588-1345	See Branch 77
Fishing	Chuck Simons 532-9550	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Horseshoes	See Branch 77	Bob Nath 532-2229	See Branch 77
Pinocle	Bob Morrison 588-0995	Bert Kronnick 586-7726	See Branch 136
RV Travel	Ed Toews 532-3970	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Tech/Computer			
Travel			
Theatre	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Bill Bamford 586-7279
Wine Tasting (45)	Phil VanSwoll 532-1133	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Antique Cars (30)			
Woodworking (29)			
Poker (26)	George Parsons 533-8637	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Bocce Ball (26)	Jerry Stefan 925-570-5512	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Fine Dining (22)			
Gardening (20)			
Dancing (16)			
Car Club (16)	Rich Rinaldi 532-8366	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Pot Luck Dinner (15)			
Book Exchange	Jim Rodrigues 536-4338		
Media Exchange	Sol Robin 651-1054		
Kayak	Sol Robin 651-1054	See Branch 136 & 172	Dave Kenney (davehikes98@sbcglobal.net)

Activity (xx) = number of respondents indicating interest in having this new activity in Branch #136

Note: With 3 local SIR Branches in the area it is more efficient to share activity chairmen & contacts. If you see an activity you would like to consider joining please call the person identified for that activity. The member can assist you in where to meet, at what time and answer any questions you may have.

If you see an activity without a contact name and would like to volunteer to be the contact person in Branch #136 (no duties or reporting required) please contact Paul Squeri, phone 586-4083 or e-mail (paulsqueri@yahoo.com)

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Sons in Retirement #136

Summer Family BBQ Picnic

August 14th, 2018

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

Children 12 & Under FREE
Hot Dogs with fixings

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Jim Botto	586-0822
Dick Aberle	Scott Lewis
John Vieira	Bill Guenza
Rex Page	Gene Zanon

Contact Jim Botto for tickets

August 2018 Sonora SIR Branch 136 Activity Calendar

Contact Committee Chairman for activity details

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Pinochle- Pine Tree	7 Golf -Mtn Springs	8	9	10	11
12	13 Pinochle Pine Tree Bowling- Reno	14 Family Day Picnic Bowling- Reno	15 Bowling- Reno	16	17	18 Golf signup deadline
19	20 Pinochle- Pine Tree Bowling-Pollock Pines	21 Golf-Mtn Springs	22	23	24	25
26	27 Pinochle- Pine Tree Bowling-Grass Vly	28 Bowling-Grass Vly	29	30	31	

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