



# BULLETIN

## December 2016

Website: [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org)  
**SONORA BRANCH #136**  
**Sonora SIR Branch #136**  
**will meet at the Sonora Elks**  
**Lodge on**  
**Tuesday, December 13th**  
**(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)**  
**Christmas Luncheon**  
**starts at Noon**  
**Tickets Required**  
**Currently Sold Out**  
**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!**

**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**

This has been a great year for SIR Branch 136! Although we lost 31 members we will have gained 33 new members as of our January luncheon. This brings our active membership to 224 and is an increase of +2 over the State mandated goal of +1. Once again, my sincere thanks to our dedicated sponsors.

But, more importantly, these 33 new members bring a new level of vitality and enthusiasm to our organization through new ideas, increased participation in our activities and, hopefully, as volunteers that will help fill many of our executive and chair positions in the years to come.

As for me, this is my last month as your Big Sir and I will be your Nomination Committee Chairman when our new Branch Executive Committee takes over in 2017. I will continue to attend BEC meetings and offer my services to help keep our branch the #1 in the area. And I, along with other members of our nominating committee will be contacting many of our current and new members in hopes of enlisting them to consider various positions within our branch over the next three years.

I have really enjoyed being involved in SIR Branch 136 activities, events and monthly luncheons over the years and in knowing an amazing group of men sharing their experiences, their thoughts and their opinions. It is through such a great diverse group that we will continue to be successful. Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a great new year - Dale



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**



### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**Danny Laureta - 586-4567**

Sue and I hope each one of you had a great Thanksgiving and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and joyous Holiday Season. It has been an enjoyable and very satisfying busy year but my year as Little Sir for Branch 136 is drawing to a close. I hope that I've done a good job and looking forward to 2017 as your Big Sir. The Officers and Directors in 2017 will be wearing the silver badges that Dale Decker originated so that members can easily identify the Officers and Directors and I encourage everyone to voice your ideas, concerns and suggestions to them. What a great meal Dino prepared for us in November, as we honored Branch 136 Veterans and presented each new member veteran a Certificates of Appreciations that have served in the US Armed Forces. We have added three new activities for next year, they are; 1) Car Club – Rich Rinaldi 532-8366 2) Poker – George Parsons 533-8637 3) Wine Tasting – Phil VanSwoll 532-1133. Thank you to many of you for bringing guests that became members.

Starting in January 2017, our monthly luncheon meal cost will be \$14.00 an increase of one dollar. This is the first increase for the last four or five years and as all of you know most everything that we purchase has gone up.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon is just days away and I'm looking forward to our special event since for the first time the attendance will be over 200. I know that I said the cutoff was at 200 but I just could not turn anyone away. Dino (caterer) and the Elks Lodge assured me that it's not a problem to accommodate everyone. Thank you to the Special Events Committee (Roger Swartz, Jake Parsons, John Vieira and Dick Aberle) and volunteers for your tireless effort in making the Sirs' event so successful. On the day of the event please give your raffle donations to Jake Parsons (he will be stationed near the red rectangular tables. Please bring your Christmas Luncheon tickets on the day of the event and car pool if you can as parking is limited.





## GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Paul Padavana - 532-8051

Asst Kent Kirkland -

Handicap Tom Nischwitz-694-8624

The November SIRS 136 / 77 Skins Game was cancelled due to wet weather.

The next Skins Game is scheduled for March 7, 2017. As of now Danny Laureta will be running this game.

Results for the SIRS 136 / 77 Four-Man Scramble Golf Tournament held at Mountain Springs Golf Course on November 15th with a field of 24 golfers are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place (63) John Perrault, Barry Bynum,

Mike Dolan, Jim Hagel

2<sup>nd</sup> place (66) Jeff Juhl, Tom Neiderer, John

Gleason, Jerry Neilsen

3<sup>rd</sup> place (66) Chace Anderson, Kent

Kirkland, Bob Nath, Jake Parsons

4<sup>th</sup> place (67) Mike Baumgartner, Mike Clay,

Gene Morales, Felix Espino

5<sup>th</sup> place (69) Danny Laureta, Rudy Flores,

Paul Padavana, Craig Hempler

6<sup>th</sup> place (71) Pete Larkin, Tom Nischwitz,

Tom Newell, Trini Mercado

Closest to hole #7

1<sup>st</sup> place - Jim Hagel (32')

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Barry Bynum (40')

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Tom Neiderer (62')

Closest to hole #12

1<sup>st</sup> place - Rudy Flores (7' 11")

2<sup>nd</sup> place - John Perrault (10' 3")

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Tom Nischwitz (27' 9")

The next SIRS 136 / 77 Golf Tournament is scheduled for February 21st at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Shotgun Start time is 9:30 AM. Information for this tournament will be in the February newsletter. Contact Paul Padavana at [paulp\\_57@yahoo.com](mailto:paulp_57@yahoo.com) or 209-532-8051.

If you want to get your 2017 NCGA card through SIRS 136 please contact Paul Padavana at 209-532-8051. The cost for the card is \$38.00 prior to December 7<sup>th</sup>. After that date the cost goes up to \$48.00. The 2017 Golf Schedule will be completed by the end of December. I will email the schedule to all golfers who are on the golf email list. I will also have hard copies available at the January SIRS meeting. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe and I am looking forward to playing golf with everyone in 2017.



## December Birthdays:

Caplinger, Larry	12/4
Mallard, Tony	12/10
Eaton, Herman	12/12
Myers, Frank	12/15
VanGerpen, Doc	12/15
Schoenmann, Bud	12/18
Gelber, Bob	12/20
Nilan, Don	12/20
Long, Ron	12/21
Bynum, Barry	12/23
Sudduth, Ed	12/24
Vanier, Dennis	12/26
Becker, Paul	12/27
LaFrance, Mike	12/28
Braida, Bob	12/30
Price, Chuck	12/30



## THEATER AND DINNER COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Monty Youngborg - 588-9632

Our last play for this year was, "A Christmas Story". The play was based on a motion picture in 1983 about young Ralphie Parker growing up in the Midwest who desperately wants a Red Ryder BB gun. The cast consisted of 12 actors, 8 of which were local children. It was a very lovely play and full of humor. Monty and Dana Youngborg and Herman and Donna Eaton were the only individuals attending the play from our branch. We all enjoyed the play.



## 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. You will play with SIR members from all our three branches. 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. Each week we meet for lunch at the Pine Tree Restaurant from noon to 1:00 PM. and start playing at 1:00 PM and end before 4:30 PM. Normally we meet each Monday, but in December some of our meeting days have changed. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. For our other meeting dates, please call me. 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 November. The second lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for November. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for January through November.

### 4 Monday Session Players

Sonny Tome	77	371
Dave Goldemberg	172	329
Del Rotelli	77	309
Henry Beltran	172	289
Bert Kronnick	77	281
Jerry Kopyn	172	267
Mike Schmidt	172	254

### 3 Monday Session Players

Tom Newell	136	344
Al De Neveu	136	339
Art Barte	172	307
John Johnson	172	269
Roland Patton	172	264
Bob Morrison	136	263

### 2 Monday Session Players

Bill Burnes	136	197
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### 1 Monday Session Players

Jerry Morrow	172	380
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### Weekly First Place Winners

Date	Score	Player	Branch#
7-Nov-16	413	Dave Goldemberg	172
14-Nov-16	469	Al De Neveu	136
21-Nov-16	366	Dave Goldemberg	172
28-Nov-16	402	Bob Morrison	136

### SIR vs SIR vs SIR

### Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Nov 2016

Branch	Score
136	291
172	287
77	275







## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Jeff Phillips - 588-2977**

### November Membership

Total Active Members	219
Luncheon Attendance (77%)	168
Excused Absences (37%)	19

### December Membership

November Active Membership	219
Applicants To Be Installed (Jan)	5
Active Members Lost	0
Active Member to Inactive	0
<b>Active Membership Outlook</b>	<b>224</b>



## 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 you have any updates to our roster please let me know.



## 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: [giacamo42@gmail.com](mailto:giacamo42@gmail.com) The deadline for the next bulletin is:

**Saturday December 31st.**



## 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 736-4504 (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 **Jeff Phillips** with a check for the amount stated on the application. Jeff's address is 14676 Blue Bell Rd. West Sonora, CA 95370.



## RV CLUB NEWS

**Knute Kleinen - 694-8866**

**John Avila - 586-1992**

There was no outing in November so nothing to report. December 4 - 7 is our next outing and we will be in Sacramento at the Cal Expo RV Park for their annual "Global Winter Wonderland". The Light show will be held on Sunday Evening.



## For October 31, 2016

High Game - Dave Rossi 261  
High Series - Gene Deaver 684  
Standings - Team #9 20115-1.5  
Dennis's Gang & Bob's Boys 19-13  
Manny Brager bowled 79 pins over average with 246  
Dave Rossi bowled 79 pins over average with 261

## For November 7, 2016

High Game - Mike Bowers 246  
High Series - Mike Bowers 628  
Standings - Team #9 23.5-12.5  
Dennis's Gang, Bob's Boys & Drex Wrex 20-16

## For November 14, 2016

High Game - Mike Bowers 277  
High Series - Mike Bowers 756  
Standings -- Andy's Dandies 23.5-16.5  
Dennis's Gang, Bob's Boys & Drex Wrex 22-18

Most pins over average in a game to date - Tom Turner 88 pins over with 242  
Most pins over average in a series to date - Mike Bowers 100 pins over with 691  
High Game to date - Mike Bowers 277  
High Series to date - Mike Bowers 756  
The league will apparently bowl 29 weeks, ending date not clear.

### Upcoming tournaments include:

Stockton on January 10 at Pacific Bowl - forms available on line NOTE date correction. All Entry forms are available on line and at Black Oak Lanes.

Dave Rossi was presented with a watch for his 300 game at the Reno SIRS Tournament this past August.

Crabby Road

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**REGION 2 DIRECTOR**

Jerry Morrow, Twain Hart, Ca

**AREA 27 GOVERNOR**

Sir Jim Johnson, Sonora, 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
- 2015 - Jim Johnson

**BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE**

**MEMBERS**

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

**DIRECTORY of OFFICERS**

- Big SIR: Dale Decker 533-0455  
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**RAMP** Committee - Chairman Big Sir

**Recruitment** - Rex Page 533-4501

**Activities** - Jeff Phillips 588-2977

**Member Relations** - Paul Squeri 586-4083

**Publicity** - Ray Bailey 532-0444

**DIRECTORS**

**First Year**

- Paul Squeri 586-4084
- Jeff Phillips 588-2977
- Monty Youngborg 588-9632
- Bill Lobdell 586-7145

**Second Year**

- Rex Page 533-4501
- Dick Aberle 532-4066
- Jim Botto 586-0822

**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN**

- Attendance Membership - Jeff Phillips 588-2977
- 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 - Bert Kronnick-586-7726  
Chuck Simons -532-9550
- Golf - Paul Padavana 532-8051  
Tom Nischwitz 694-8624

- Honorary Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944
- House - Open
- Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630
- Lunch Tickets - Roger Swartz 533-0376
- Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210
- Luncheon Drawing - Bill Dunlavy 533-7601  
Bert Maxwell 588-1177
- Nominating Committee Chairman -  
Phil VanSwoll 532-1133
- Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994
- Propane - Marty Martin 586-1886
- Asst. Prop. - Al Limon 533-4544
- R.V. Travel Group - Knute Kleinen 694-8866  
Asst. John Avila 586-1992
- Senior Member Awards - Jim Johnson 536-1595
- SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen 533-4760
- Sunshine - Chaplain - Steve Gregory 533-0309
- Theater - Monty Youngborg 588-9637
- Travel - Paul Halek Branch #172 352-7399

**DECLARATIONS**

**NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION**

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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).

**December 13th**

**Christmas Luncheon**

**Rib Eye Steak w/ Baked Potato or Rice Pilaf or Salmon with Rice Pilaf or Chicken Cordon Bleu with Rice Pilaf**  
**Includes Vegetable, Salad, and Dessert**  
**Wine will be served on the tables.**

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