



BULLETIN

December 2017

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

December 12th

(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)

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

Sue and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and joyous Holiday Season. It has been an enjoyable and very satisfying busy year but my year as Big Sir for Branch 136 is drawing to a close. It's an honor to be Big Sir and I want to say, 'Thank You' to the Officers, Directors, Activity Chairman, Committee Chairman and Volunteers for their support and dedications to make our branch one of the best. We received two award certificate plaques from the State Sir President Jerry Strain for the Branch 136 accomplishment and success. I will be your Nomination Committee Chairman for 2018 when our new (BEC) Branch Executive Committee takes over in January and I will continue to participate with our branch activities and attend BEC meetings and offer my services to help keep our branch the #1 in Tuolumne County. Branch 136 closed the year with 225 members and met the state mandated goal of plus one more member from last years 224 membership. 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.

Special thanks go to Little Sir, soon to be Big Sir, Paul Squeri. Good luck to both Paul, Jim and their great team in 2018. Thank you to many of the members for bringing guests that became members too. To the Members, I hope you had a good time visiting with your friends and making New friends at the monthly meetings and the many Sir activities.



LITTLE SIR NOTES

Paul Squeri - 586-4083

By the time this SIR Bulletin enters your realm, Thanksgiving 2017 will be in the rear-view mirror. I sincerely hope you had the thankful, satisfying day that it was intended to be. I am amazed that Thanksgiving has not been merchandised more by Wall Street and Madison Avenue. They could have us adorning our living rooms with plastic turkeys and decorating them with seasonally purchased feathers. And let us not forget the gifts under the turkey. In recent years Thanksgiving, quite possibly the turkey, has been a problem. After all, anything referred to as foul has to be suspect (fowl is still foul). The problematic symptoms start to appear six to twelve hours after ingestion. They manifest with compulsive, aggressive behavior, climaxing with debilitating fatigue. The affliction is not covered by insurance and the financial consequences are potentially severe. The affliction is commonly known as "Black Friday". Forget the Doctor, call a Banker for a large infusion of cash.

Moving along in the season of the fork is one of our favorite occasions, the SIRS Christmas Luncheon. We have a few tickets left, so join your friends for a shrimp cocktail, your choice of prime rib, salmon or caper chicken breast with the fixe'ens, washed down with red or white wine and a palate pleasing desert. This can be had for only \$25.00 a person. We also have Dave Rainwater of The New Christy Minstrels to entertain you while dinning. Following Dave, we will have the red ticket drawings for prizes and cash. And for the ladies only, we will also have our white ticket drawing which will now include gifts as well as our generous cash prizes. I asked our treasurer, Eddie Toews, if he could sweeten the cash pot a bit. Well sweeten it he did! Eddie went from 2 to 6 red ticket cash prizes and 3 to 7 white ticket cash prizes. Join us, I look forward to seeing you there. Please remember the need for raffle items and see if you can help us out. Also, do not forget your tickets, they not only get you in but they are used for your meal selection.

If we do not see you at the Christmas Luncheon, have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season.





GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Paul Padavana - 532-8051

Asst Danny Laureta -

Results for the SIRS 136/ 77 / 172 Skins Game held on November 7th with a field of 20 golfers are as follows:

Guido Cosette - 5 skins

Jeff Juhl - 4 skins Mike

Baumgartner - 4 skins

John Perrault - 3 skins

Felix Espino - 2skins

The next SIRS 136 / 77 / 172 Skins Game is

March 6th at Mountain Springs Golf Course

with a shotgun start at 9:30 A.M. Contact

Danny Laureta at 586-4567 or by e:mail at

drlaureta@gmail.com

Results for the SIRS 136 / 77 / 172

November 21st "Individual Low Net flights

A & B" Tournament held at Saddle Creek

Golf Course with a field of 24 golfers are as

follows:

Flight "A"

1st place - (Net 63) Mike Baumgartner

2nd place - (Net 67) Chace Anderson

3rd place - (Net 68) Jeff Juhl (Won t/br)

Flight "B"

1st place - (Net 65) Jim Simmons

2nd place - (Net 67) Gene Deaver (Won t/br)

3rd place - (Net 67) Tom Neiderer (Lost t/br)

Closest to hole #7 (114 yards)

1st place - Mike Ross (21')

2nd place - Gene Morales (22'1")

3rd place - Dennis Land (28'9")

Closest to hole #14 (148 yards)

1st place - Mike Baumgartner (9'10")

2nd place - Rod Salvi (17'3")

3rd place - Chace Anderson (30'9")

The next SIRS 136 / 77 / 172 Golf

Tournament is scheduled for February 20th

at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Start time

is 9:30 AM. The format for this tournament

will be decided at a later date. Sign-up for

this tournament is by Friday, February

16th (NO LATER). Contact Paul Padavana

at paulp_57@yahoo.com or 209-532-8051.

If you are renewing your NCGA card through

the SIRS Golf Club the dues of \$41.00 must

be paid by December 31st. After January 1,

2018 the dues are \$51.00. Make all checks

out to SIRS Golf 136.



December Birthdays:

Derodeff, Brian	12/03
Caplinger, Cap	12/04
Mallard, Tony	12/10
Eaton, Herman	12/12
Myers, Frank	12/15
VanGerpen, Doc	12/15
Schoenmann, Bud	12/18
Nilan, Don	12/20
Gelber, Bob	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



RV CLUB CHAIRMAN

Knute Kleinen - 694-8866

kleinena@sbcglobal.net

We ended our RV year with a great outing to Pismo Beach for 5-days. We had 17 rigs make the trip to Pismo Beach. It was hosted by Eddie & Linda Toews and Scott & Nancy Lewis. They made sure everyone was kept busy and well fed. The weather was great for an old fashion Halloween party, costumes and all. The best costume went to Bettie Boop, she was a convincing witch and totally unrecognizable. The scariest costume was won by Jim and Pam Costello. They were skeletons with blood running out of their heads and truly were scary. The funniest costume was won by none other than our Little Sir Paul Squeri. See the adjoining picture and you be the judge. A good time was had by all. A great job by the hosts. Even though the RV Outing year is over the RV Group will be meeting the first part of December for their annual Christmas party. The 2018 RV Chairman, Eddie Toews, has already started planning the outing calendar for next year. Have a great and safe holiday season.



CAR CLUB CHAIRMAN

Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366

farmrich40@gmail.com

No report from car club this month. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

murabreo@comcast.net

Standings after week 7 10/24/17

High Game - Mike Ross 227

High Series - Talf Wynne 586

Standings -

Tied at 19-9 Hines Pickles

Andy's Dandies

Tied at 17-11 The Wild Ones

SS-396

Week of 10-30

High Game - Gene Deaver 235

High Series - Dave Rossi 591

Standings - Hines Pickles 22-21

SS-396 21-11

Andy's Dandies 20-12

Week of 11-6-17

High Game - Billy Oliver 246

High Series - Billy Oliver 625

Standings - SS-396 24-12

Tied 22-14 Andy's Dandies

Hines Pickles

Week of 11-13-17

High Game - Gene Deaver 227

High Series - Gene Deaver 577

Standings - SS-39 28-12

Andy's Dandies 26-14

Hines Pickles 22-18

Week of 11-20-17

High Game - Gene Deaver 257

High Series - Gene Deaver 663

Standings - SS-396 32-12

Andy's Dandies 28-16

Hines Pickles 26-18

High Game to Date - Talf Wynne 259

High Series to Date - Talf Wynne 686

Upcoming tournaments include:

January 9 - Stockton - ONE day only

January 23-24 - Napa

February 13 & 14 - Livermore

Entry forms are not yet available.



PINOCHLE

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

Come play pinochle with us. If you don't know how to play, we will teach you. You don't have to come every time, 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?) As a new player, 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, start playing at 1:00 PM, and end before 4:30 PM. For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon.



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - 532-9550
simons4890@yahoo.com

There will be no fishing report this month. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jeff Phillips - 588-2977
jeffphillipsq@yahoo.com

November 2017 Membership	225
Luncheon Attendance: (72%)	161
Excused Absences: (42%)	27
Projected December 2017 Membership	
Current Active Membership	225
Applicants Being Installed	0
Active Members Lost	0
Inactive Reactivated	0
Transferees	0
Active Membership Outlook	225



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630

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.



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.



SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN

Steve Gregory - 533-0309
discogregory@aol.com

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Wishing all our members and their families good health, joy and prosperity...and a very Merry Christmas.



2018 SIR BRANCH 136 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

2018 Branch Executive Candidates Officers

Big Sir: Paul Squeri
Little Sir: Jim Botto
Secretary: Jerry Bellefeuille
Asst Secretary: Dick Aberle
Treasurer: Eddie Toews
Asst Treasurer: Frank Taylor
1st Year Directors:

Steve Heath
Larry Matteson
Serge Peluso
Gene Zanoni

2nd Year Directors:
Rich Rinaldi
Mike Nolan
Roger Swartz



"The United States flag does not fly because the wind moves past it... The United States flag flies from the last breath of each military member who has died protecting it."



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

Steve Huff Editor - 770-0678

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 New Roman 10 font and No Spacing. Please send all bulletin input to Steve Huff at: shuff0531@gmail.com

The deadline for the next bulletin is:

Sunday December 31st



Sons in Retirement #136

Christmas Luncheon

December 12, 2017



No Host Cocktails
@ 11:00 am
Lunch @ Noon

Menu:

Prime Rib with Baked Potato
or Salmon with Rice Pilaf
or Chicken in Caper Cream
Sauce with Rice Pilaf
Includes Vegetable, Salad
and Dessert
Wine on the table

\$25 per Person

Tickets will go on sale at the
Oct. & Nov. Luncheons

MAXIMUM 224 TICKETS AVAILABLE
NO CANCELLATION REFUND
AFTER Nov. 24, 2017

EVENTS COMMITTEE

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

2018 DUES

ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AS
OF JANUARY 2018

DUES ARE \$25.00

DUES WILL BE DELINQUENT
AFTER FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Pay dues to Eddie Toews or Frank Taylor.

Thank You, Eddie Toews, Treasurer

SIR STATE OFFICERS

www.sirinc.org

PRESIDENT: Sir Jerry Strain

VICE-PRESIDENT: Sir Derek Southern

SECRETARY: Sir Ronald C. Flagel

TREASURER: Sir Karl Ryden

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 2007 - Wil Reich
2008- Roger Milligan 2009 - Don Nilan
2011 - Al Smith 2010 - Don Banchemo
2013 - Phil VanSwoll 2014 - John Bristow
2015 - Jim Johnson 2016 - Dale Decker

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

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

DIRECTORY of OFFICERS

Big SIR: Danny Laureta 586-4567

drlaureta@gmail.com

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paulsqueri@yahoo.com

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Asst. Treas: Frank Taylor 532-4480

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RAMP - Chairman Rex Page 533-4501

Recruitment - Rex Page 533-4501

Activities - Mike Nolan 536-1946

Asst. Roger Swartz 533-0376

Member Relations - Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366

Publicity - Bill Lobdell 586-7145

DIRECTORS

First Year

Rich Rinaldi 532-8366

Mike Nolan 536-1946

Roger Swartz 533-0376

Second Year

Jeff Phillips 588-2977

Jim Botto 586-0822

Bill Lobdell 586-7145

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

Steve Huff 770-0678

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

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

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. - Dale Decker 533-0455

Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994

Poker - George Parsons 533-8637

Propane - Marty Martin 586-1886

R.V. Travel Group - Knute Kleinen 694-8866

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

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).

December 12th Menu

Prime Rib with Baked Potato or Salmon with Rice Pilaf or Chicken in Caper Cream Sauce with Rice Pilaf Includes Vegetables, Salad and Dessert Wine served on table

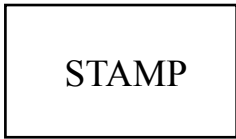
Guest Entertainer

Dave Rainwater of The New Christy Minstrels



God Bless and protect our troops that can't be with their families on this Christmas Season and thank them for allowing us to enjoy our freedom and safety.

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