



BULLETIN

February 2015

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on

Tuesday, February 10th

Starts at Noon

(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)

The Branch Executive Committee meets at 10:00 am.



MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE LINE

If you are not able to attend the regular monthly meeting please call the Membership Message Line at

536 - 6311

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

and leave a clear message with your NAME & BADGE # and the reason you will not be able to attend.

BIG SIR NOTES

Jim Johnson - 536-1595

Our Branch is in excellent shape for the upcoming year. As your newly elected Big Sir I feel extremely fortunate to be surrounded by such strong leaders in our Board Member, Director and Chairman positions. To go along with this strong leadership we were able to expand the activities available to our members this year. You can now join Branch 172 for Hiking and Biking activities. We hope to get a theater and dinner group started in the near future. Dale Decker is busy working on the new Directory for 2015 as well as putting together a stable of interesting luncheon speakers, Rich Lundin is planning a travel season that will provide shorter and more affordable trips and Jim Botto has taken on the position of Editor for our monthly Bulletin along with again heading up the RV Travel Group. Don't forget Danny Laureta is again entertaining me every month with stories from the Golfing Group and Bert Abreo is heading

up our famous Sirs Bowling League that meets on Monday mornings at Black Oak. Also don't forget Bob Morrison and the "pinochle guys" every Monday afternoon. All you fishermen make sure you give Jim Nuzum a call to participate in the joint fishing activity with Branch 77. If you're interested in one of these activities give one of these guys a call and join in the fun! One last thing for this month, you need to know that I am honored to be asked to be your Big Sir for 2015 and will do my best to keep things running smoothly and make Branch 136 an enjoyable place to be and visit with your friends. Please remember, EACH ONE TO REACH ONE, invite a guest.

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Dale Decker - 533-0455

Now that I've gotten my feet wet as your Little Sir the work I've been engaged in is starting to get a little less stressful. Thanks to the support and guidance of my mentor, Jim Johnson, it's true when they say experience counts.

I've been fortunate to assemble an outstanding team for our special events this year consisting of Maury Rollins, Alan Nix, Dick Aberle, Rex Page and Jake Parsons. This team has developed a new approach to our event ticket sales which I will announce at our luncheon. I believe it will be more streamlined.

Additionally, for February we are having a very special guest speaker that will be recognizing our own WWII veterans during the luncheon. See the section in this bulletin titled 'Patriot Medallion of Honor and Remembrance' for a list of these honored members.

And, if you're wondering about future guest speakers I've scheduled; for March we will have Frank Podesta, Battalion Commander, Cal Fire, Columbia Air Attack Base and for April Jeff Jardine, Columnist for the Modesto Bee.

For our annual Ladies Day Luncheon we will be having a new menu item: Rib Eye Steaks along with our regular Salmon Filet which is a tradition with us.

I'm very excited about this new position I have been appointed to and promise to do my very best in keeping Branch #136 a great branch. If you have any suggestions to help me in this matter please don't hesitate to tell me!



GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Danny Laureta - 586-4567

Assistant Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

Handicap Tom Nischwitz - 694-8624

February golf schedule at Mountain Springs GC: Feb. 3rd Tuesday - skins format (9:30 am shotgun start)

Feb. 24 Tuesday - SIR monthly golf tournament (9:30 am shotgun start)

Note: NCGA 2015 dues is \$48.00

(Please make checks payable to SIR Golf 136)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

Membership

Active	223
Inactive	2
New Members	3
Members Lost	4
February Total	224

January Attendance

Active	222
Attendance	154
Not Attending	68
Excused = 23	34%

We need to do better at calling the Membership Message Line!

PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994

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For an afternoon of fun, 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. (Almost all of our players had not played in 20, 30, 40, or more years before they joined.) You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you have a fun afternoon so cheaply?) You win a prize if your score at the end of the meeting is one of the three highest. Moreover, you win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting. SIRs from our 3 local branches play every Monday afternoon at the Moose Lodge on Longway. Some of our players make it to all 4 Monday sessions, but others to only 3, 2, or just one session. For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon. The tables below give the results for the sessions in January. The first table lists the weekly first place winners and their scores, and the second table lists the average score of each player based on the number of sessions played.

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
5-Jan	446	Felix Ledbetter	77
12-Jan	431	Mike Schmidt	172
19-Jan	410	Bobby Nolan	77
26-Jan	577	Del Rotelli	77



SUNSHINE - CHAPLAIN
Paul Bullman - 588-8614
Asst Bill Dunlavy - 532-7601

I maintain there are three of the most important opportunities we have confronting us as S.I.R.s: Our present conduct as S.I.R.s will be expected and appreciated by those we seek to serve by attending Weddings, The Celebration of Life, and Funerals.



INTERNET & ROSTER

Jerry Bellefeuille - 533 - 3630
sirjerry@Sonnet.Com

Our Branch website is at <http://sonorasirs.org>. Here you will find our bulletins past and present as well as other valuable information. Let me know if you can't access the bulletins and I will try to help you open them. Also notice that we have now included on the website the SIR Motherlode Group Activities chart. The names and contact information of the different groups are provided in case you want to participate in these activities. Check it out!



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

This is a reminder of our annual planning meeting for the upcoming outing calendar. We have already scheduled three outings. Jackson Rancheria RV Park on March 16th through March 19th. We will not have the clubhouse available but we can manage without it. Jim & Linda Botto will be the Wagon Masters for this outing but would like a volunteer for Asst. Wagon Master. Ron & Bernie Long and John & Dianne Avila are the Wagon Masters for our June

outing to Sugar Barge in Rio Vista. Mo & Letty Molinari have booked our October outing at the Lodi Grape Festival. The dates and further information on these outings will be discussed at our Planning Meeting at My Garden Café at 14270 Mono Way, Sonora on February 9th. Meeting to start at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and ordering breakfast, there will be separate checks for each couple. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the RV Club members for donating \$695 in cash and a pickup truck full of canned and dry goods to the Interfaith Community Services. A special thanks to Earl Randall for arranging the Elks 1587 Lodge to match our cash donation.



INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The following member candidates are to be installed at this month's luncheon:

Candidate (Sponsor)
Matt Clay #158 (Danny Laureta)



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804
Week of Jan 5, 2015

High Game - Jim Simmons 277
 High Series - Dave Rossi 700
 Team Standings: Misfits, Dennis's Gang, Strikers, The Wild Ones & No Excuses 3-1
 Week of 1-12
 High Game: Dave Rossi 247
 High Series: Mike Bowers 639
 Standings: Strikers 7-1

No Excuses 6-2
 Jim's Jokers 5-3

Week of 1-19
 High Game: Dave Rossi 255
 High Series: Dave Rossi 679
 Standings: No Excuses 9-3
 Strikers & Georgie's Boys 8-4

Upcoming Tournaments:
 Feb 10-11 - Livermore, entry forms available on line and at Black Oak
 March 16 & 18, Concord, entry forms not yet available.

Player	Branch	Average
4 Session Players		
Dave Goldemberg	172	360
Sonny Tome	77	290
Bobby Nolan	77	269
Paul Halek	172	264
Mike Schmidt	172	260
Felix Ledbetter	77	252
Bert Kronnick	77	230
3 Session Players		
Art Bartee	172	396
Bob Morrison	136	311
Henry Beltran	172	273
Ed Mintline	172	242
2 Session Players		
Del Rotelli	77	495
Roland Patton	172	460
Al De Neveu	136	352
Ron Zils	172	285
Dick Robinson	172	270
1 Session Players		
Otto Giuliani	172	314
Jerry Morrow	172	153



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Herman Schmitz 1
- Guy R. Hoffman 6
- Dick Young 7
- Robert Meggers 9
- Jeff Phillips 11
- George Fontaine 14
- Ray Harm 23
- Archie (Arch) Marston 23
- Glenn Ashmore 24
- James J. Ollmann 25
- Homer R. Poston 25
- Eddie L. Toews 27

April 14-17 - Carson City, entry forms available on line and at Black Oak
 May 4-5-6 - Tuolumne (Sonora), SIRS State Tournament limited to members only forms not yet available



FISHING CLUB

Jim Nuzum - 533-2729

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The "Fishing Club" is being re-activated

We will be joining members of Sierra Sir Branch #77 and I will be coordinating activities as liaison for Branch #136.

In the past we have had contests taking place on New Melones, on Charter boats in the S.F. Bay and in "The Delta". We also had an annual 3-day trip to the Klamath River and one trip to Smith River for Steelhead.

When we are joining other clubs on outings to one of our local lakes (Tulloch, Don Pedro, Melones, etc.) we will have to provide our own boats. Therefore, I need a list of people who are interested and whether or not they have a boat and, if so, how many passengers they can accommodate.

Also, your preference: stream, lake, delta, bay or ocean.

Please let me know ASAP.

2015 Dues

Frank Taylor will be collecting the 2015 Dues at the February 10 Luncheon Meeting. Please bring a check or cash in the amount of \$25 to the Dues Table and receive your 2015 Membership Card.



EACH ONE TO REACH ONE

We are asking each member to reach out and invite a guest to one of our monthly luncheons in 2015.

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 to you), 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 the amount stated on the application. Angelo's address is 23497 Gold Springs Drive Columbia, CA 95310.



PATRIOT MEDALLION OF HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE

At our February 10, 2015 Luncheon Meeting Chief Master Sergeant James N. Sullivan, Chairman of the Central Valley Chapter of the NCOA (Non Commissioned Officers Association) will present the WWII Patriot Medallion of Honor and Remembrance to our World War II Veterans. Assisting Jim will be Chief Master Sergeant Jim Kearns.

This will be a very special and moving recognition of our own WWII veterans that should not be missed. Our WWII Veterans:

- Captain Paul Becker, Marines**
- Major Ernie Cuzzocreo, Army**
- Sgt Frank Diggle, Air Force**
- AMMF Baci Frecceri, Navy**
- Lt Sandy Grover, Air Force**
- Seaman Bert Maxwell, Navy**
- Tech Sgt Lou Njirich, Air Force**
- PHM 1st Class James Rucker, Navy**
- MM 1st Class Len Ruoff, USNR-CB**
- Cpl Gil Voecks, Army**
- SFC 'Rusty' Waters, Army**
- SSgt 'Drex' Oliver, Army**
- Seaman Oliver 'Cy' Cyrus, Navy**
- ELMT 2nd Class Mo Molinari, Navy**
- Sgt John Morgado, Army**
- Seaman 1st Class Bob Silver, Navy**
- Chief Petty Officer E-7 Donald Utt, Navy**
- Fireman Angelo Colondres, Merchant Marines**
- Seaman Jerry Erath, Navy**

AN OPEN INVITATION

Our Branch #136 members have been invited to participate in Branch #172 Twain Harte's Hiking and Biking activities.

These two new activities along with Fishing are new opportunities for our members to enjoy themselves and make new friends.

If you would like to participate in any or all of these please contact the individuals listed below:



clipartof.com/5918

Fishing: Jim Nuzum 533-2729



clipartof.com/4655

Hiking: Jerry Jensen 928-1278



ClipartOf.com/1047172

Biking: Glen Mutch 588-8404

BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

Jim Botto - 586-0822
Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630
 SIR Jim Botto is assuming responsibility as Bulletin Editor in Feb 2015. Please send all bulletin input to Jim at giacamo42@gmail.com
 The deadline for the next bulletin is

March 1, 2015

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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/2012- Baci Frecceri

2013 - Phil VanSwoll

2014 - John Bristow

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE

AND CHARTER MEMBERS*

*Baci Frecceri - Past Big Sir 1986-2012

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2012

Bill Dunlavy - Past Big SIR 2004

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Bert Maxwell 588-1177

Bowling - Bert Abreo 736-4804

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Hon. Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944

House - Jerry Erath 533-3791

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

Lunch Tickets - Bert Abreo 736-4804

Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210

Luncheon Drawing - Bill Dunlavy 533-7601

Bert Maxwell 588-1177

Membership Growth - OPEN

Nominating Committee Chairman -

Phil VanSwoll 532-1133

Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994

Propane—Al Limon 533-4544

Public Relations - Ray Bailey 532-0444

R.V. Travel Group - Jim Botto 586-0822

Senior Member Awards - John Bristow 588-8066

SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen 533-4760

Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman 588-8614

Travel - Rich Lundin 586-5632

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).



FEBRUARY 10th MENU

Roast Pork, Apple Sauce

Mashed Potatoes, Green

Beans, Green Salad

Cookies

February 10th Guest Speaker:

CMS James N. Sullivan

Patriot Medallion Celebration

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