



BULLETIN

February 2017

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136
Sonora SIR Branch #136
will meet at the Sonora Elks
Lodge on
Tuesday, February 14th
(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)
The Branch Executive
Committee meets at 10:00 am
in the main dining area.



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.**



Happy Valentines Day



BIG SIR NOTES

Danny Laureta - 586-4567

It sure was nice to see that we got lots of rain and snow especially in Twain Harte and higher elevations. But I am glad that we got some sunshine because I am soooo sore and tired from pushing the snow blower and shoveling the snow specially the snow berms that the snowplow left behind.

NOTE: When calling that you cannot attend the monthly luncheon, please DO NOT call me or any officers or directors but instead please call the MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE LINE if you are not able to attend the regular monthly meeting or are bringing a Guest, call the **Membership Message Line at 536 - 6311** No Later Than Noon on the Sunday Before the Luncheon Meeting !

Our February luncheon happens to be on February 14th and I wish everyone a Happy Valentines Day. I thought that being Big Sir that I would not be so busy, well it's a different kind of busy in keeping tract of activities and filing reports. With Dale Decker's assistance I was able to make sense of the State Sir Form 27. As Big Sir I feel extremely fortunate to be surrounded by such strong leaders in our Board Officers, Directors and Chairman positions. I want to invite our members to attend the monthly BEC meeting (10:00 am) prior to the luncheon meeting so that you can see what goes on in the BEC meeting.

Little Sir Paul Squeri is busy lining up the luncheon guest speakers and the Special Events Committee is already making plans for the Lady's Day Luncheon.

Rex Page is our RAMP Chairman and Membership Growth Program Director. He will have a supply of SIR tools (cards, brochures, etc.) available for members to obtain and pass out to their friends and neighbors. Rex is also working on Sir visibility by having a Sir's booth at local events. The Activities Program Director is Mike Nolan and he will be assisted by Roger Swartz in activities that you want and to identify any problems areas that need to be addressed. Rich Rinaldi is the Member Relations Program Director. He will survey the members to understand if the BEC is providing the type of atmosphere and activities that you want and to identify any problems areas that need to be addressed. Bill Lobdell is the Public Relations Program Director. He will send the monthly Sir's news and activities to the local newspaper. One last note; Our monthly luncheon cost is now \$14.00 due to the increase from our caterer. This is the first \$1.00 increase dating back five years.



LITTLE SIR NOTES

Paul Squeri - 586-4083

Wow, we are meeting on Valentines Day! Does that ever conjure up early grade school memories. Exchanging valentines, and for many of us, ones signed with pens dipped in an ink well. The same kind of ink well that was used on the little girl with the long, now blue highlighted, pigtails. I used to turn the phrase: "it happened so long ago it must have been in a different century." Well guess what, it was. I am sure school sociologists, with no end of additional public funding, were the ones that put such errant behavior to rest. Or could it have been the ballpoint pen? So in lieu of valentines how about buying your buddy a beer?

Plans for The Ladies' Day Luncheon are under way and the group responsible for so much of our past success, The Special Events Committee, is up and running. Returning members are Dick Aberle, John Vieira, Jake Parsons and Rex Page. They are joined by Steve Belochi (our SIR'S photographer) and Steve Heath (a new member). We have a great mix of new and old which should go a long way towards insuring a speedy and efficient sign up, to seating process. Thank you gentlemen for your time and effort. I would also like to encourage other new members to follow Steve Heath and join us in some capacity. We have openings. It is a great way to get acquainted and into the mix. We look forward to your participation. You can contact me, Danny or any officer or director. Phone numbers are posted in the bulletin.

Our guest speaker this month is Todd Simonson from Edward Jones Investments. Todd spoke with us about two years ago, March of 2014.

What better time to have Todd back with us. A short while ago economists were warning of deflation, now suddenly it is inflation. How is a person to know if the conversation is really about our wallets or an old tire with a nail? We have a new President, a new congress and a new line: or is it the same old political "b ___ s ___"! So how will Donald's tweets, tweak your wallet? Gentlemen get your questions ready.



GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee
Paul Padavana - 532-8051

Asst Kent Kirkland -

Handicap Tom Nischwitz-694-8624

Time to get the clubs out, clean all the grooves, clean the golf shoes, and get ready to hit the links. That's right, it is February and the first golf tournament of the year. There is not a Skins Game this month. The first one will start in March. There will be a tournament though on February 21st at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Tee-off time is 9:30. Don't forget that there has been a fees increase (\$36.00). Sign-up deadline for this tournament is February 17th. The format will be Two-Man Bestball and if there is someone you wish to be paired with please inform me when you sign-up, otherwise you will be assigned a partner.

There has also been a change of ownership at the restaurant. We are meeting with her to discuss the possibility of having something for golfers to drink and eat prior to tee-off time. I will e:mail everyone as soon as I have confirmation on this.

We have had quite a few new members join SIRS 136 and I would like to see some new faces join our golfing group. Please see me at the monthly meeting. I have made a sign that is on the table the reads "Golf Tournament Sign-up" so don't be bashful....come and join us. You can also contact me directly at paulp_57@yahoo.com or 209-532-8051. You still can get your 2017 NCGA card through SIRS 136. The cost for this is now \$48.00. Looking forward to a fun year of golf with you all.



February Birthdays:

Schmitz, Herman	2/1
Hoffman, Guy R.	2/6
Rodrigues, Jim	2/6
Young, Dick	2/7
Meggars, Robert	2/9
Phillips, Jeff	2/11
Harm, Ray	2/23
Ollmann, James J.	2/25
Poston, Homer R.	2/25
Toews, Eddie L.	2/27



PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994

robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com

Please join us in playing pinochle. 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 a meeting is one of the two highest. Moreover, you will win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting. 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 and click on the pinochle icon. The three tables below show the results of the scores for our pinochle sessions in January. The first one lists the average score of each player based on the number of sessions played. The second lists the weekly first place winners and their scores, and the third lists the SIR branch average scores.

January 2017		
Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Sonny Tome	77	336
Dave Goldemberg	172	327
Bert Kronnick	77	303
Roland Patton	172	301
Tom Newell	136	253
Player	Branch	Average
3 Monday Session Players		
Del Rotelli	77	350
Bob Morrison	136	313
Al De Neveu	136	313
Player	Branch	Average
2 Monday Session Players		
Mike Schmidt	172	405
Henry Beltran	172	302
Dick Robinson	172	264
John Johnson	172	245
Bill Burnes	136	165
Player	Branch	Average
1 Monday Session Players		
Art Barte	172	381
Jim Turner	136	129

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
2-Jan-17	644	Dave Goldemberg	172
9-Jan-17	410	Del Rotelli	77
16-Jan-17	364	Roland Patton	172
30-Jan-17	438	Sonny Tome	77

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan 2017	
Branch	Score
77	329
172	318
136	234



RV CLUB NEWS

Knute Kleinen - 694-8866

We will be holding our annual planning meeting on February 7th at 9:00 a.m. at My Garden Cafe on Mono Way in Sonora. If you have not paid your annual dues please bring a check or send it to Knute Kleinen 23315 Isabella Ct. Columbia, CA 95310



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

murabreo@comcast.net

For January 2, 2017

High Game - Dave Rossi 232

High Series - Dave Rossi 648

Standings - Hines Pickles & SS-396 4-0

Misfits & Bob's Boys 3-1

For January 9, 2017

not available

For January 16, 2017

High Game - Dave Rossi 243

High Series - Dave Rossi 657

Standings: - Andy's Dandies 8-4

Dennis's Gang, Hines Pickles & SS-396 7-5

For January 23, 2017 - not available

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:

Gerry Davis 130 pins over with 667

High Game to date: Dave Rossi 279

High Series to date: Mike Bowers 756

Upcoming tournaments include:

Livermore on February 14 & 15:

Entry forms available at Black Oak and on line.

Concord on March 20 & March 22:

Entry forms not yet available

Carson City on April 10, 11, 12, 13 in

Carson City:

Entry forms available at Black Oak and on line

Grass Valley on April 25 & 26:

Entry forms not yet available

Upcoming tournaments include:

Stockton on January 10 at Pacific Bowl - forms available on line.

NOTE date correction:

Napa on January 24 & 25

Entry forms available on line and at Black Oak Lanes



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

January Membership

Total Active Members	223
Luncheon Attendance (70%)	168
Excused Absences (34%)	19

Current February Membership

Current Active Membership	223
Applicants Being Installed	0
Active Members Lost	0
Active Membership Outlook	223



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 (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.



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630

Our Branch website is at 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 The deadline for the next bulletin is:

Tuesday February 28th.



2017 Officers & Directors

Big Sir: Danny Laureta 586-4567
 Little Sir: Paul Squeri 586-4083
 Secretary: Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630
 Ass't Sec: Dick Aberle 532-4066
 Treasurer: Ed Toews 532-3970
 Ass't Treas: Frank Taylor 532-4480
 2nd yr Director: Jeff Phillips 588-2977
 2nd yr Director: Jim Botto 586-0822
 2nd yr Director: Bill Lobdell 586-7145
 1st yr Director: Rich Rinaldi 532-8366
 1st yr Director: Mike Nolan 536-1946
 1st yr Director: Roger Swartz 533-0376

2017 Committees Chairmen:

Membership: Jeff Phillips 588-2977
 Dale Decker 533-0455 (Backup)
RAMP Chairman: Rex Page 533-4501
(R) Membership Prog. Director - Rex Page 533-4501
(A) Activities Prog. Director - Mike Nolan 536-1946
Ass't Activities PD - Roger Swartz 533-0376
(M) Member Relations Prog. Director - Rich Rinaldi 532-8366
(P) Public Relations Prog. Director - Bill Lobdell 586-7145
BEC Advisor: Al Limon 533-4944
Branch Photographer: Steve Belochi 533-5315
Bulletin: Jim Botto 586-0822
Honorary Life Membership: Al Limon 533-4944
Internet: Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630
Lunch Tickets: Open
Luncheon: Rick Bacon 765-8210
Luncheon Drawing: Bill Dunlavy 533-7601
 Bert Maxwell 588-1177
Nominating Committee Chairman: Dale Decker 533-0455
Propane: Marty Martin 586-1886 Chairman
 Al Limon 533-4944 Advisor
Senior Member Awards: Jim Johnson 536-1595
SIR Item Sales: Cecil Steen 533-4760
Sunshine / Invocation: Steve Gregory 533-0309, Bill Dunlavy 532-7601 (Backup)
Special Events Committee: Dick Aberle 532-4066
 Jake Parsons 736-0647
 John Vieira 728-8094
 Steve Heath 677-3457
 Rex Page 533-4501
 Steve Belochi 533-5315

2017 Activities

Bowling - Bert Abreo 736-4804
Car Club - Rich Rinaldi 532-8366
Fishing - Chuck Simons 532-9550
Golf - Paul Padavana 532-8051 (Golf Tournament Chairman) Danny Laureta 586-4567 (Skins Golf Chairman) Tom Nischwitz 694-8624 (Handicap Chairman)
Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994
Poker - George Parsons 533-8637
RV Travel Group - Knute Kleinen 694-8866
Wine Tasting - Phil VanSwoll 532-1133
Biking - Steve Happel 532-7240 *SIR Branch #172*
Hiking - Dennis Hebert 694-5201 *SIR Branch #172*
Travel - Paul Halek 352-7399 *SIR Branch #172*



SIR STATE OFFICERS

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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 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
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

DIRECTORY of OFFICERS

Big SIR: Danny Laureta 586-4567

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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

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Propane - Marty Martin 586-1886

Asst. Prop. - Al Limon 533-4544

R. V. Travel Group - Knute Kleinen 694-886

Senior Member Awards - Jim Johnson 536-1595

SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen 533-4760

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).

February 14th

Luncheon Menu:

Roast Pork, Apple Sauce,
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,
Green Salad, & Cookies

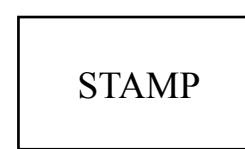
Guest Speaker

Todd Simonson, Edward Jones
(Investment Firm).



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

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