



BULLETIN

January 2015

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

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

Tuesday, January 13th

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

2014 has come to an end and the holiday celebrations with our friends and families are behind us. This is a good time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the future. I would like to thank everyone that jumped in and helped out to make the past year a great year here at Branch 136. I would also like to say a big Thank You to the three outgoing board members, Maury Rollins, Bob Gelber and Bert Maxwell. Job well done! It was an honor to work with the 2014 Board and I am looking forward to working with the 2015 Board over the next twelve months. We have a really strong Board again this year. In case you weren't at the Christmas Luncheon you missed a bunch of fun and a great event.

The Special Events Committee did a great job at organizing the event, the band was in tune, the dining room tables were decorated and Dino and his staff prepared another great meal. The decorated dining

room and tables looked great. We sang a couple old traditional Christmas songs, somewhat out of tune, but they sounded good. The band even slipped in the popular Christmas song, Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer.

In addition to the Special Events Committee, thank you to the following for helping out, Jack and Rosie Walls, Ron and Bernie Long, Dale and Leah Decker, Steve Gregory, and my ever supporting wife Ginny. Also, in case you missed it, Bert Abreo was presented with the first annual Branch 136, SIR of the Year Award. Congratulations Bert! I am looking forward to a fun and action packed 2015. That's it for now; see you at the January 13, Luncheon Meeting.

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Dale Decker - 533-0455

Well, here it is, 2015, and the start of another year for SIR Branch #136. As your new Little Sir I hope I can continue to serve our branch as well as Jim Johnson did at this position in 2014.

I'm currently working on a list of guest speakers so if you have anyone in particular in mind please let me know. Also, I know our members have been engaged in a lot of interesting activities and careers so this is another source for me.

On a more immediate note the propane discount SIR has with J. S. West is very special and should not be mentioned to anyone who is not a SIR member. Recently J.S. West has received complaints from some of their non SIR customers about our unique discount and those calls are causing unnecessary pressure.

These non SIR J. S. West customers that are complaining can only know about the price difference from SIR members. If we want this special program to continue, and I certainly want it to, we need have all SIR branch members to:

PLEASE STOP TALKING TO NON SIR MEMBERS ABOUT OUR PROPANE PRICING!

GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Danny Laureta - 586-4567

Assistant Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

Handicap Tom Nischwitz - 694-8624

Results of the December Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs - Format: Skins

4 Skins Jim Hagel
3 Skins Tom Newell
2 Skins Felix Espino
1 Skin Jim Simmons
1 Skin Matt Clay

1 Skin Wayne Dixon

Closest to the hole #5:

1st Chace Anderson 14'-0"

Closest to the hole #12

1st Kent Kirkland 4'-8"

2nd Dan Cassaro 10'-5"

3rd Chace Anderson 22'-6"

Notes: 1. NCGA dues in 2015 are \$48.00

2. In 2015 there will not be any Golf in January & December

Next Golf Tournaments:

Tues, Feb 3, 9:30 am Shotgun Start

Tues, Feb 24, 9:30 am Shotgun Start

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

As of December 31, 2014:

Current Active membership 219

Inactive Members 6



PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994

robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com

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. 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. You need not attend every meeting. Typically, 15 to 20 of us meet each Monday at the Moose Lodge. We have lunch together starting at noon. We start playing no later than 12:30 P.M. and finish by 4 P.M. For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon.

BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

Jim Botto - 586-0822

Assistant Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630

NOTE:

SIR Jim Botto is assuming responsibility as Bulletin Editor in Feb 2015.

Please send all bulletin input to Jim at GIACAMO@GMAIL.

The deadline for the next bulletin is

February 1, 2015

Happy
Birthday!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Keith Tucker	1
Ed Limon	2
Angelo Costanza	3
Bill Lobdell	3
Andy Vassallo	4
John Bristow	4
Mo Molinari	5
Bob Ferraro	6
Dave Ashton	9
Jim Botto	12
Wood Wymond	18
Cecil Steen	19
Otto Bullich	19
George Parsons	20
Jim Wallace	21
Ray Bailey	21
Ozzie Osborn	22
Jim Johnson	27



SUNSHINE - CHAPLAIN

Paul Bullman - 588-8614

Asst Bill Dunlavy - 532-7601

Are you planning a NEW YEARS RESOLUTION for 2015?

Here are a few suggestions from Chaplain Paul Bullman:

You have noticed through the years, as I have, that most people do not take a New Year's Resolution (NYR) very seriously.

We all need to see a NYR as an opportunity to help us succeed in our lives due to accepting a voluntary challenge and following it to fruition.

A serious Statement of Purpose is so vital to start with and then keep in our minds. When we get that established then we set up our plan. Remember "if you fail to plan, you plan to fail".

In the plan, we must memorize our Statement of Purpose and share it with those who we believe we can trust to be

faithful supporters...we will need them during the year. We usually seek approval or support when we launch into a new course in life. In this case, our spouse, children, friends, co-workers are good prospects.

A NYR will alter, improve, and definitely change our lives. We could become more patient, kind, accepting of others, and happier with life in general, than when we imagined in January 2015. With our becoming more self-disciplined, due to keeping our NYR even our wives will be impressed.

INTERNET & ROSTER

Jerry Bellefeuille - 533 - 3630
sirjerry@Sonnet.Com

Our Branch website is at <http://sonorasirs.org>. Visit anytime you would like. There you can review current and past bulletins and other branch information.

Please feel free to contact Jerry about any changes or additions in internet pages or the Branch #136 membership roster.

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.



RV CLUB NEWS

Jim Botto - 586-0822

Ron Long - 586-1838

The RV Club has scheduled a 2015 planning meeting to establish the RV sites for the new year. The meeting will be held at the Garden Café (next to the Aladdin Motel on Mono Way) on February 9th.

All RV Club members are encouraged to attend and vote on their favorite sites. All other SIR members are invited to hear more about our branch club. If you have any questions please call Jim or Ron at the phone number listed above.



THE 100% CLUB!

The following members achieved 100% attendance for year 2014:

Ken Bartlett
Jim Botto
Angelo Costanza
Dale Decker
Skip Hoy
Jim Johnson
Ron Long
Archie Marston
Trini Mercado
Richard Milano
James Ollmann
Rex Page
Joe Patania
Paul Reinhart
Ray Sprunner
Cecil Steen
Rodger Swartz
Frank Taylor
Rusty Waters

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

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

Candidate (Sponsor)

Chuck Simons #229 (Dale Decker)
Steven Aldridge #234 (Talf Wynne)
Chuck Price #161 (Knut Kleinen)



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

Week of 12-1-14:

High Game – Jim Simmons 269 which is
Also 76 pins over average
High Series – Dave Rossi 735
Standings – Gerogie's Boys 29.5-22.5
Misfits & The Wild Ones
29-23
Strikers 28-24

Week of 12-8-14:

High Game – Dave Rossi 247
High Series – Dave Rossi 719
Standings – Georgie’s Boys 32.5-23.5
Misfits 32-24
3 Teams @ 29-27

Week of 12-15-14:

High Game - Mike Bowers 256
High Series - Dave Rossi 696
Standings - Misfits 32-35 and 1st Half
Champions
Georgie’s Boys 33.5-26.5
Strikers 32-38

High Game to date – Jim Simmons 269
High Series to date – Dave Rossi 735

Next SIRS Tournament is January 20 at Pacific Bowl. Entry forms are available both on line and at the Black Oak Lanes.

Other SIRs tournaments: Napa Jan 26/28 at Napa Bowl (forms available at Black Oak) and Livermore Feb 10/11 at Granada Bowl (forms not available yet)



FISHING CLUB

Jim Nuzum - 533-2729
jminuzum@comcast.net

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.

Sonora SIRs
2015
Annual
Assesments
Are Due In
January
\$25

2015 Annual Assessments

It is that time of the year again. The 2015 annual assessments are due by February 10. As a convenience, Frank Taylor and Blair Abbott will be in the Lobby of the Elks Lodge before our January Luncheon Meeting to collect your assessment and give you your Sonora SIRs Branch 136 Membership Card. They are the same as last year, \$25.00.

However, if you joined SIR Branch #136 in the last half of 2014 your dues are adjusted to \$12.50. Also, if you have submitted an application for membership and are awaiting installation your 2015 dues are included in the application fee.



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.



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 Diggler, 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 'Cy' Oliver, Navy
- ELMT 2nd Class Mo Molinari, Navy
- Sgt John Morgado, Army

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:

Fishing: Jim Nuzum 533-2729

Hiking: Jerry Jensen 928-1278

Biking: Glen Mutch 588-8404



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VICE-PRESIDENT

Sir Donald Dill

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Sir Derek Southern

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Sir Karl Ryden

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Sir Jimmie A. Johnson , Fair Oaks, CA

AREA 27 GOVERNOR

Sir Jerry Morrow, Mi Wuk Village, 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/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

DIRECTORY of OFFICERS

Big SIR - Jim Johnson -536-1595

Little SIR -Dale Decker-533-0455

Secretary - Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630

Asst. Secretary - Angelo Costanza-588-9529

Treasurer - Frank Taylor - 532-4480

Asst. Treasurer - Gerald Abbott-694-0323

DIRECTORS

First Year

Rex Page 533-4501

Dick Alberle 532-4066

Ray Bailey 532-0444

Second Year

Eddie 'Ed' Toews - 532-3970

Jake Parsons - 736-0647

Mariano Garces - 586-9973

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Attendance/Membership - Angelo Costanza

588-9529

Bulletin - Jim Botto 586-0822

Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman 588-8614

Fishing - Jim Nuzum 533-2729

Area 27 Golf - Danny Laureta 586-4567

Hon. Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944

House - Jerry Erath 533-3791

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210

Lunch Tickets - Bert Abreo 736-4804

Bowling - Bert Abreo 736-4804

Public Relations - Ray Bailey 532-0444

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

Travel - Rich Lundin 586-5632

SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen 533-4760

Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994

Activities Chairman - Eddie Towes 532-3970

Branch Photographer - Steve Belochi 533-5315

Nominating Committee Chairman -

Phil VanSwoll 532-1133

Senior Member Awards - John Bristow 588-8066

Membership Growth - **OPEN**

Luncheon Drawing - **OPEN**

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).



JANUARY 13th MENU

**Sirloin Tips with
Noodles, Carrots, Green
Salad and
Chocolate Pudding**

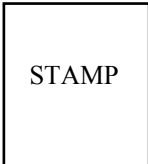
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**No Guest Speaker
Our Luncheon Meeting
Will be a Look Ahead
To 2015**

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