



# BULLETIN

## January 2016

Website: [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org)

# SONORA BRANCH #136

**Sonora SIR Branch #136  
will meet at the Sonora Elks  
Lodge on  
Tuesday, January 12th  
Starts at Noon  
(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)  
There will be a Branch  
Executive Committee  
Meeting this month. 10 am.**



### 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**

By the time you read this 2015 will be a distant memory and we'll be into a new year with a whole new set of challenges. Our first challenge being to recover from the holidays which are always a fun but a stressful time for some of us.

For those of you that were able to enjoy our annual Christmas Luncheon I'm sure you'll agree that it was a huge success. Our new Member Relations Program Director, Paul Squeri, distributed comment cards to all the ladies in attendance. The purpose was to find out how we're really doing with the special events and what areas we could improve upon. Paul will be sharing his findings with us at our January luncheon.

Note: Paul is working on a member satisfaction survey that all of us can participate in. Stay tuned for details.

Additionally, our new Activities Program Director, Jeff Phillips, will be kicking off a 'take one' - 'leave one' activity with Books, Movie DVD's, Music CD's and puzzles for our members to take home and enjoy. If you would like to donate any of these items to our branch bring them to the January luncheon and give them to Jeff. If you want to have them returned to you at a future date just put your name on them.

I'm very optimistic about a number of other things your BEC has been working on for 2016. Our goal is to have the top SIR branch in the area so if you have any suggestions please let us know. My own personal mandate for our branch: Have Fun!



### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**Danny Laureta 586-4567**

Happy New Year to all SIR Branch 136 members & their families. I am honored to be nominated as Little Sir and as your new Little Sir, I hope I can continue to serve our branch as well as Dale Decker did in 2015.

Congratulations to Jim Johnson as our new SIR Area 27 Governor, Paul Padavana as the Golf Chairman, Knute Kleinen as RV Travel Chairman and Steve Gregory as the new Chaplain. This year we celebrate our Branch 136's **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, so we have a lot of special things to keep us busy and active in 2016. We have a very strong and active SIR Bowling, Golf, Fishing, RV Travel, Pinochle and Travel groups. This year we added a Theater/Dinner activity and the Chairman is Monty Youngborg. I encourage everyone to participate, you can find the activity Chairman (s) and their contact info listed in our monthly newsletter/bulletin. As a Branch 136 member, please visit our branch website [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org), as it has information's regarding Branch 136 bulletins, activities, schedules, and a link to the SIR State websites.



**Chuck Simons**

**Fishing Chairman (209) 770-5928.**  
[simons4890@yahoo.com](mailto:simons4890@yahoo.com)

### Happy New Year Fishermen!

I have been in contact with Bert Kronnick from the Twain Harte SIRS regarding fishing outings for 2016. We are looking at March or April for our first trip to Beardsley. Depending on the weather of course. We are hoping to include fishermen from Branch 136. If you have any interest in or ideas for fishing outings, please contact me.



### GOLF CHAIRMAN

**Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee  
Paul Padavana - 532-8051  
Asst Jeff Phillips - 588-2977  
Handicap Tom Nischwitz-694-8624**

**I did not receive a golfing report, I guess they don't play in the snow. I thought they used day-glow orange balls. I have heard that old golfers never die they just get new balls!**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mandoli, Guido	1/1
Tucker, Keith	1/1
Limon, Ed	1/2
Costanza, Angelo R.	1/3
Lobdell, Bill	1/3
Bristow, John E.	1/4
Vassallo, Andy	1/4
Molinari, Mo	1/5
Ferraro, Robert S.	1/6
Ashton, Dave	1/9
Botto, James (Jim)	1/12
Waters, Denver (Rusty)	1/17
Wymond, Red (Wood)	1/18
Bulich, Otto	1/19
Steen, Cecil C.	1/19
Parsons, George	1/20
Bailey, Raymond E.	1/21
Wallace, Jim	1/21
Osborn, (Ozzie) Irving	1/22
Johnson, Jim	1/27



## BOWLING CHAIRMAN Bert Abreo - 736-4804

The photos are of the State Perpetual Tournament Trophies. There were two Divisions which were based on team averages. One trophy is for a team from Branch 136 and the other is for a team made of members from both Branch 136 and 77. The 136 team is Dave Rossi, Billy Oliver, Mike Silva and Bert Abreo. The 136-77 trophy team is Frank Gaspardi (Br 77), Manny Brager, Jim Sehr and Jack McGinnes. The trophies are to be held by the branches until the next State Tournament which will be held in Fremont in May.

For Nov 30  
High Game - Billy Oliver 248  
High Series - Dave Rossi 640  
Standings - No Excuses 32.5-153.5  
Misfits 32.-16  
Andy's Dandys 27-21

For Dec 7  
High Game - Dave Rossi 224  
High Series - Gene Deaver 612  
Standings - No Excuses 36.5-15.5  
Misfits 34-18  
The Wild Ones 30.5-21.5

For Dec 14  
High Game - Dave Rossi & Gerry Davis 236  
High Series - Dave Rossi 677

Standings - No Excuses 38.5-17.5  
Misfits 37-19  
The Wild Ones 31.5-24.5

For Dec 21  
High Game - Dave Rossi 267  
High Series - Dave Rossi 720  
Standings - No Excuses 41.-5-18.5  
Misfits 38-22  
Dennis's Gang 34-22  
Most pins over average in a game to date - Trini Mercado, Sr.111 with 277  
Most pins over average in a series to date - George Parsons 182 with 578  
High Game to date - Dave Rossi 279  
High Series to date - Dave Rossi 791

Upcoming tournaments include:  
Stockton at Pacific Lanes on January 19 one day only - entry forms available on line and at Black Oak  
Napa at Napa Bowl on January 26 & 27 - entry forms available on line and at Black Oak  
Livermore at Granada Bowl on February 9 & 10 Stockton No-Tap at Pacific Lanes on February 23 - entry forms available on line and at Black Oak



## RV CLUB NEWS

**Knute Kleinen - 694-8866**

**John Avila - 586-1992**

The end of 2015 has come and is going by. As your new RV Club Chairman, Maryjoan and I would like to say Happy New year and look forward to the 2016 season of travel and fellowship with all of you. Please mark your calendars for the following: Annual dues are due starting January 1<sup>st</sup> and will be considered past due by February 8<sup>th</sup>. Our first planning meeting will be held at "My Garden Café" on Hwy 108 just East of Hess Rd on Feb 8th. The meeting will start at 9:00 am. At this meeting I will ask each couple who have indicated they would host a trip to

make a presentation of their plans for the outing. As your outgoing RV Chairman I want to thank all the club members for your support and I know that you will extend the same support to Knute Kleinen and John Avila. Happy New Year.



## PINOCHLE

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

For an afternoon of fun, please join us. If you don't know how to play pinocle or haven't played for a long time, we will tutor you in our rules. (Most of us had not played in decades, and some had never played before they joined.) You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you have fun 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. Some of our players make it to all of the sessions, but others to only 3, 2, or just one session. We meet at the Pine Tree Restaurant from noon to 4:30 PM each Monday. We have lunch starting at noon and start playing at 1:00 PM. For more information, go to web site [www.sirtwain.org](http://www.sirtwain.org) and click on the pinocle icon.

### December 2015

Player	Branch	Average
<b>4 Monday Session Players</b>		
Al De Neveu	136	347
Art Bartee	172	337
Roland Patton	172	269
Henry Beltran	172	219

Player	Branch	Average
<b>3 Monday Session Players</b>		
Felix Ledbetter	77	330
Del Rotelli	77	314
Bert Kronnick	77	309
Mike Schmidt	172	283
Bob Morrison	136	268
Dick Robinson	172	249

Player	Branch	Average
<b>2 Monday Session Players</b>		
Tom Newell	136	399
Jerry Kopyn	172	361
Mike Eachus	172	326

Player	Branch	Average
<b>1 Monday Session Players</b>		
Sonny Tome	77	278
Bill Burnes	136	123
Paul Halek	172	95

The three tables shown give the results of the scores for our pinocle sessions. The first table lists the average score of each player based on the number of sessions played in December. The second lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for December. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for 2015 year-to-date.

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch #
7-Dec-15	460	Dick Robinson	172
14-Dec-15	520	Tom Newell	136
21-Dec-15	390	Art Bartee	172
28-Dec-15	477	Del Rotelli	77

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Dec 2015	
Branch	Score
172	293
77	280
136	265



**INTERNET CHAIRMAN**  
**Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630**

You can find this and all our bulletins on line at [www.sonorasirs.org](http://www.sonorasirs.org)

**2016 Directory of Officers**

- Big Sir: Dale Decker 533-0455
- Little Sir: Danny Laureta 586-4657
- Treasure: Eddie Toews 532-3970
- Asst. Treas: Frank Taylor 532-3630
- Secretary: Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630
- Asst. Sec: Angelo Costanza 588-9529

**2016 Directory of Directors**

**2nd Year**

- Rex Page 533-4501
- Dick Aberle 786-4804
- Jim Botto 586-0822

**1st Year**

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

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

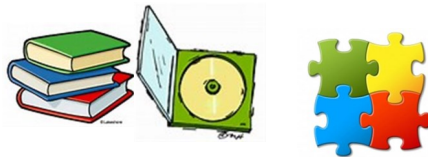
**Bill Lobdell - 586-7145**

- Active Members 223
- Attendance (77%) 171
- Excused absences (40%) 21
- Current Membership:**
- Current Active Members 223
- Lost members 1
- New Installs 0
- Total Active Members 222



**2016 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT**

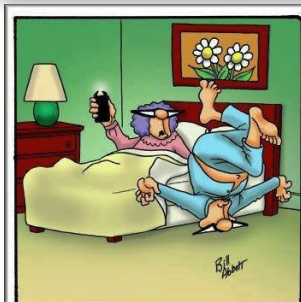
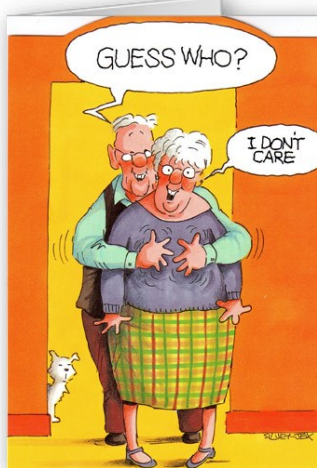
It is that time of the year again. The 2016 Annual Assessments are due by February 9th. As a convenience, Eddie Toews and Frank Taylor will be in the lobby of the Elks Lodge before the January Luncheon Meeting to collect your assessment and give you your Sonora SIRs Branch 136 Membership Card. They are the same as last year, \$25.00.



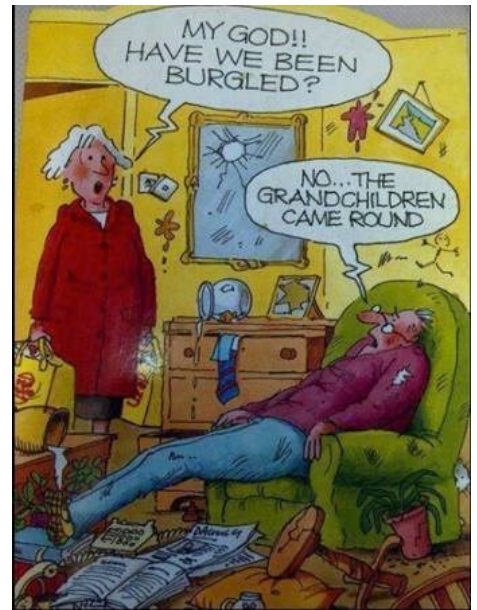
**JEFF PHILLIPS**  
**Is our New Activities Program Director**

A new SIRs 136 Book/DVD/CD exchange activity will be launching at the January 12th 2016 meeting. With over 35 book titles, 35 + CD's and several puzzles for your wintertime reading, viewing, and playing enjoyment. Please plan to bring your extra books and media to the luncheon. The policy is:

**"TAKE ONE LEAVE ONE"**



"It's a taser. It's for your snoring."



**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.

**BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!**

**Jim Botto - 586-0822**

**Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630**

I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee chairman who send in their reports to me on or before the deadline. If I do not receive your report by the deadline it will not be published in the current month. Please send all bulletin input to Jim Botto at

**giacamo42@gmail.com**

The deadline for the next bulletin is

**January 31, 2015**







**This is our treasurer's wife. Hummmm!**



A lot of smiling faces enjoyed our annual Christmas Luncheon. Our outgoing Area Governor Jerry Morrow swore in our New Area Governor, Jim Johnson but Ginny Johnson got the Roses. Mo Molinari will turn 90 on January 5th. Happy Birthday Mo!!!



**SIR STATE OFFICERS**

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**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

**BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE**

**MEMBERS**

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 2000

Bill Dunlavy - Past Big SIR 2007

Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN**

Activities: Jeff Phillips 588-2977

Att./Mem. - Bill Lobdell 586-7145

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

Jeff Phillips 588-2977

Hon. Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944

House - Jerry Erath 533-3791

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 & Jim Nuzum 533-2729

Membership Growth - OPEN

Nominating Committee Chairman -

Phil VanSwoll 532-1133

Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994

Propane—Al Limon 533-4544

Asst. Prop. Marty Martin 586-1886

Public Relations - Ray Bailey 532-0444

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

Asst. John Avila 586-1992

SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen 533-4760

Sunshine - Chaplain - Steve Gregory 533-0309

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).

**January 12th**

**Luncheon Menu**

Sirloin Tips

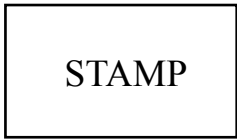
Noodles

Carrots

Green Salad

Chocolate Pudding

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