



# BULLETIN

## January 2017

Website: [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org)  
**SONORA BRANCH #136**  
**Sonora SIR Branch #136**  
**will meet at the Sonora Elks**  
**Lodge on**  
**Tuesday, January 10th**  
**(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.**



### BIG SIR NOTES

**Danny Laureta - 586-4567**

Happy New Year and 2017 is the year of the ROOSTER – woot woot.

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 with 224 attending, a fantastic joyous & fun event, great food and lots of fantastic raffle prizes. Branch #136 was honored to have in attendance the State Sir President Jerry Strain and his wife Marlene, Sir Regional Director Jerry Morrow and Sir Area 27 Governor Jim Johnson. Congratulations to Eddie Toews as the recipient of the 2016 Rooster Booster Award, to Rex Page as the recipient of the 2016 Sir of the Year Award or the Baci Frecceri Award, Al Limon and Jerry Erath as the recipient of the 2016 Governor's Awards.

The Special Events Committee (Dick Aberle, Jake Parsons, John Vieira & Roger Swartz) did a great job at organizing the Christmas Luncheon. In addition to the Special Events Committee, thank you to Eddie Toews, Rex Page, Rich Rinaldi, Mike Nolan, Bill Lobdell, Paul Squeri, Jerry Bellefeuille and the ladies for decorating and setting up the dining room tables; Marcia Rinaldi, Janis Banchemo, Norma Espino, Ethel Brager, Ada Hill, Glenda Ross and my wife Sue Laureta. I also want to thank all the members that donated to the raffle/gift table.

Well, here it is, 2017 and the start of another year for the Sonora SIR Branch #136. As your new Big Sir, I hope that I can continue to serve our branch as well as the past Big Sirs'. I never thought that when I was asked to join the SIR Organization that I would be asked to be the Golf Chairman, Director, Little Sir or now Big Sir. I feel that this is an Honor and I will do by best with your support to make 2017 an enjoyable year. Our membership fluctuated more than expected in 2016 but we ended up with more members than when we started. Also, I ask that you continue to support the branch with your attendance and that you inform the Attendance Chairman when you are unable to attend the monthly luncheon. This serves more than one purpose and the most important is your health and well being. I look forward to our first meeting when we welcome new members and new Officers and Directors in January 2017.

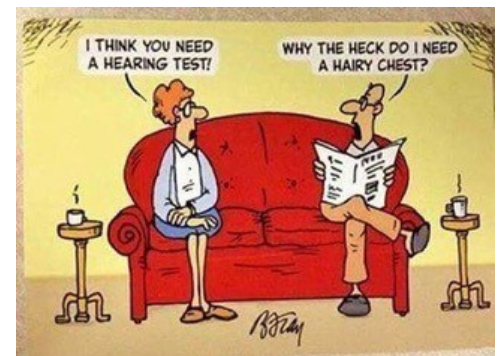


### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**Paul Squeri - 586-4083**

Happy New Year! I salute all of you that have successively navigated yet another Holiday Season. Again, we have spent these joyous weeks embracing something that greatly enhances our feelings of fullness and growth: the dinner fork. Is Weight Watchers being added to your phone's speed dial?

New Year's suggests an old saying: "everything always changes yet nothing ever changes." Is this a dumb statement or other? Hopefully it is the latter. SIR Branch 136 ended its 30<sup>th</sup> year with our annual Christmas luncheon. Thank you, Danny Laureta and so many others for making such a wonderful event possible. Over 220 of our members, family, friends and SIR dignitaries reflected on our groups early days and welcomed in the coming ones. We passed a well- worn gavel and with it our leadership. The coming year gives us new officers and a substantial change in membership composition. The total is about the same but 15% of our group has been with us a year or less. We said good -by to some old friends and hello to the future. During the coming year, we plan to continue trying to implement new activities that you have shown an interest in, tweak others if needed and occasionally bug you with a survey to see how it's going. What will not change is the tradition passed down by previous leadership: the desire to create a SIR experience that is all you want and hope for. These lofty goals are certainly attainable but not without the input and participation of you, the membership.



## Happy New Year!



## GOLF CHAIRMAN

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

Asst Kent Kirkland -

Handicap Tom Nischwitz-694-8624

**Happy New Year** from the Golf committee, no report submitted this month.



## January Birthdays:

Tucker, Keith	1/1
Grimm, Bob	1/2
Hamilton, Jim	1/3
Lobdell, Bill	1/3
Trutner, Ernie	1/3
Bristow, John E.	1/4
Vassallo, Andy	1/4
Molinari, Mo	1/5
Ferraro, Robert	1/6
Payne, Don	1/8
Botto, Jim	1/12
Waters, Rusty	1/17
Bulich, Otto	1/19
Steen, Cecil C.	1/19
Parsons, George	1/20
Bailey, Ray	1/21
Wallace, Jim	1/21
Osborn, Ozzie	1/22
Johnson, Jim	1/27



## THEATER AND DINNER COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Monty Youngborg - 588-9632

Happy New Year to all Sonora SIRs.

No report received this month.



## PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994

robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com

We need more players, so please join us. 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](http://www.sirtwain.org) and click on the pinochle icon. Below are three tables showing the results of the scores for our pinochle 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 January through December.

December 2016		
Player	Branch	Average
<b>4 Monday Session Players</b>		
Roland Patton	172	299
Sonny Tome	77	260
Henry Beltran	172	181
Player	Branch	Average
<b>3 Monday Session Players</b>		
Tom Newell	136	388
Bert Kronnick	77	347
Bob Morrison	136	288
Mike Schmidt	172	258
John Johnson	172	128
Player	Branch	Average
<b>2 Monday Session Players</b>		
Del Rotelli	77	347
Bill Burnes	136	246
Dave Goldemberg	172	237
Al De Neveu	136	228
Player	Branch	Average
<b>1 Monday Session Players</b>		
Jerry Morrow	172	501
Art Bartee	172	228
Jerry Kopyn	172	133
Dick Robinson	172	74

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
5-Dec-16	404	Bert Kronnick	77
12-Dec-16	573	Tom Newell	136
19-Dec-16	397	Tom Newell	136
26-Dec-16	385	Dave Goldemberg	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Dec 2016	
Branch	Score
136	290
172	282
77	278



## RV CLUB NEWS

Knute Kleinen - 694-8866

Well its time to get the RV ready for the cold weather. The Christmas outing was held at Sacramento Expo camp grounds, which we visited earlier in the year. It has a great club house and the people who run the park go out of their way to welcome us. We arrived on Sunday as the main reason was the Cal-Expo light show. We had 15 rigs attending. The evening was cold but clear and the light show was something to see. After, many of us went for ice cream at the famous Leatherby's. On Monday everyone met for a light breakfast and talked about things to do during the day. Some went to the California Car Museum, which has a great display of cars old and new. The feature of the month was a display of motorcycles. There was also Electric Cars from the early 1900's and one's of today. I think there was something for all age groups. Some of the ladies went to see the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Church (beautiful) in downtown, and others just did "maybe" some shopping. Thanks to Jim & Ginny Johnson, host and Knute & Maryjoan Kleinen co-hosts along with all the helpers who turned the club house in to a mini Christmas. Food and money were collected for the Inter-Faith Community Services. Thank you everyone. The men cooked breakfast as always, and with the prediction of heavy rain and snow in the mountains many felt it might be a good idea to pack up early and get home before the storm, unload and coverall the things needed for the RV. And maybe start a fire for the evening. Overall we have had a great year. We have however had some health issues in our group and we pray that each and everyone is back in good health and ready to go for next year.





## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Jeff Phillips - 588-2977**

### December Membership

Total Active Members	220
Luncheon Attendance (77%)	168
Excused Absences (9%)	19

### Current January Membership

Current Active Membership	220
Applicants Being Installed	6
Active Members Lost	0
Active Membership Outlook	226

15% of the membership does not seem to care about our repeated requests to call in if not attending.



## BOWLING CHAIRMAN

**Bert Abreo - 736-4804**

**[murabreo@comcast.net](mailto:murabreo@comcast.net)**

### **For November 21 2016**

High Game: Mike Bowers 232  
High Series: Gene Deaver 633  
Standings: Andy's Dandys 25.5-18.5  
Misfits: 24.5-19.5  
Dennis's Gang & Bob's Boys: 23-21

### **For November 28, 2016**

High Game: Dave Rossi 231  
High Series: Dave Rossi 621  
Standings : Andy's Dandys 29.5-18.5  
Georgie's Boys & Team #7 26-22  
Misfits: 24.5-23.5  
Mike Ross bowled 76 pins over average for a 212 game

### **For December 5, 2016**

High Game: Jim VanGerpen 215  
High Series: Jim Simmons 581  
Standings: Andy's Dandies 32.5-19.5  
Team #7: 30-22  
Georgie's Boys: 29-23

### **For December 12, 2016 - not available**

### **For December 19, 2016**

High Game: Dave Rossi 279  
High Series: Dave Rossi 685  
Standings: SS-396 (formerly Team #7) 37-23  
Andy's Dandys: 34.5-25.5  
Misfits: 32.5-27.5  
Dave Rossi bowled 87 pins over average with a 279

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:

Mike Bowers 100 pins over with 691

High Game to date: Dave Rossi 279

High Series to date: Mike Bowers 756

The league will resume bowling on Jan. 9, 2017

### **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



### **INTERNET CHAIRMAN**

**Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630**

Our Branch website is at [sonorasirs.org](http://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](mailto:giacamo42@gmail.com) The deadline for the next bulletin is:

**Tuesday January 31st.**

### **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: Monty Youngborg 588-9632  
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

**Theater/Dinner -** Monty Youngborg 588-9632

**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*



### **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.





Transfer of the gavel, Dale Decker and new Big Sir Danny Laureta.



Danny presents Dale & Leah Decker with a recognition plaque. Danny told Dale keep his "d\_m" gavel.



Regional Director Jim Morrow presents Area Governor Jim Johnson with recognition plaque of a job well done.



Dale presents Eddie Toews "The Rooster Booster" Award in recognition for bringing the most new members for 2016.



Dale presents Rex Page with the Baci Frecceri SIR of the Year award for his outstanding contribution to Sonora SIRs 136.



Al Lemon receives The Area Governor's Award for Outstanding Service.



Our New 2017 Big SIR Danny Laureta.



SIR State 2017 President Jerry Strain and his wife joined our Christmas Luncheon and congratulated SIRS 136 for an outstanding year.



Everyone had a wonderful Christmas Luncheon.



**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**

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**DECLARATIONS**

**NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION**

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**January 10th**

**Luncheon Menu:**

Sirloin Tips w/ Noodles & Carrots,  
Green Salad, & Chocolate Pudding



God Bless and protect our troops that can't be with their families on these holidays and thanks them for allowing us to be free and safe.

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