



BULLETIN

January 2018

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

January 9th

(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)
Branch Executive Committee
Meeting starts at 10:00 AM in
the main dining room.



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 Paul Squeri - 586-4083

I hope everyone's Christmas was rich in warmth and that the New Year will bring joy and promise to all.

We celebrated the New Year in the usual manor, singing Auld Lang Syne. I know things change but I did feel a bit out of it when we sung the verse "should old acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind". At my age how can I forget old acquaintance when I cannot remember who they were to forget. I am sure as heck not going to bring them to mind when I could not remember who they were to forget in the first place. I can still do a cup of kindness but that is what probably gave me the memory loss and hang over that started all this. And what ever happened to Guy Lombardo? Some 50-year-old kid chimed in that he could be playing for the Grateful Dead. Well, I guess he got it half right.

If you missed our Christmas Luncheon, you missed a very special day. We had over 200 people in attendance including our SIR President Jerry Strain and his wife. President Jerry was there to present our former Big SIR and Area Governor Jim Johnson with a well-deserved SIR Lifetime Achievement Award. Big SIR Danny Laureta worked very hard to bring this surprise to fruition. I do believe he caught Jim flat footed. Buoyant and teary, Jim responded with his usual charm and came forward to move into a very limited and special group of individuals. We also awarded two other very special awards, SIR of The Year to Jeff Phillips and Rooster booster to Rich Rinaldi. Congratulations gentlemen! Our two Luncheon raffles were outstanding. The participants donated about 40 exceptional prizes to augment the 30 prizes the Executive Board authorized. We ran out of room on the three prize tables. Not to be out done, our Treasurer Eddie Toews kicked in thirteen cash prizes totaling \$500. Coupled with your participation and generosity, we had one of our most successful raffles and an overall wonderful afternoon. I want to mention the following individuals who sacrificed part of their afternoon to make this event possible: Dick Aberle, Rex Page, John Vieira, Eddie Toews, Rich Rinaldi, Fred & Sigred Kehr, Steve Belochi, Jim & Linda Botto, Steve Gregory, Herman Eaton, Tom Turner, Gene Zaroni, Chuck Simons, Danny Laureta and my wife Annelies. The viability of an organization is measured by the quality of those that step forward.



LITTLE SIR NOTES Jim Botto - 586-0822

Happy New Year! I believe 2018 will be a banner year for SIR Branch #136. As your new Little Sir, I hope I can continue to serve our branch as well as Paul Squeri did at this position in 2017. I also want to thank Paul and Danny for an outstanding Christmas Luncheon. Their planning and organizing made this event one of our best. I only hope I will do as well.

As Little Sir I will have many responsibilities and will be asking for all members to be involved in assisting activity chairmen in their individual activities. The best and only way to make something better is for everyone to be involved. With the implementation of our new BEC Directors, I will be calling on them to participate even more in the ongoing administration of our branch. One of the many responsibilities is to schedule guest speakers for our 2018 luncheons. I am compiling a list and will be asking if you have anyone in mind. Please let me know. I am now asking for 6 volunteers to be on the Events Committee to help plan and organize our three main events; Ladies Day, Annual Family Picnic, and the Christmas Luncheon. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me by e-mail, phone, or in person.

Important Notice

Your 2018 membership dues of \$25 are now due. Payment can be made to Ed Toews at the meeting or mailed to him at [21795 El Coyote Drive, Sonora, CA 95370](mailto:edtoews@sonorasirs.org). Dues will be delinquent after the February meeting and delinquent members will be posted in the April Bulletin. Please help us to get this done.



GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee
Paul Padavana - 532-8051
Asst Danny Laureta - 586-4567

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. Looking forward to another year of planning and playing tournaments.

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 / 172 Golf Tournament** is scheduled for February 20th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Start time is 9:30 AM. The format for this tournament will be decided at a later date. **Sign-up for this tournament is by Friday, February 16th (NO LATER).** Contact Paul Padavana at paulp_57@yahoo.com or 209-532-8051.



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - 532-9550
simons4890@yahoo.com

There will be no fishing report this month. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!



CAR CLUB CHAIRMAN

Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366
farmrich1@directv.net

Happy New Year 2018. There is no car club report for this month, but we are looking forward to numerous activities in the upcoming months.



January Birthdays:

Tucker, Keith	01/01
LeLievre, Bill	01/02
Grimm, Robert (Bob)	01/02
Limon, Ed	01/02
Trutner, Ernest J. (Ernie)	01/03
Hamilton, James (Jim)	01/03
Lobdell, Bill	01/03
Bristow, John E.	01/04
Vassallo, Andy	01/04
Molinari, Mo	01/05
Ferraro, Robert S.	01/06
Payne, Donald (Don)	01/08
Botto, James (Jim)	01/12
Waters, Denver (Rusty)	01/17
Steen, Cecil C.	01/19
Bulich, Otto	01/19
Parsons, George	01/20
Bailey, Raymond E.	01/21
Wallace, Jim	01/21
Johnson, Jim	01/27



RV CLUB CHAIRMAN

Eddie Toews 532-3970
Lcoinlady@aol.com

The RV group finished the 2017 year with a traditional Ham Dinner held at the Sonora Hills clubhouse hosted by Steve and Carolyn Gregory, Jim and Ginny Johnson and Knute and Maryjoan Kleinen. Thanks to their hard work, fun was had by all.

Earl Randall and Mo Molinari held their annual Interfaith fundraiser. They collected \$780.00 and at least 20 cases of canned goods. The Elks Lodge #1587 agreed to match our donations. Great success!

The year ended with two members leaving the RV group. We were then able to welcome two new members, Sol and Ruth Robin and Richard and Karen Aberle, from our waiting list.

January is a black month. Our next meeting will be in February for breakfast to discuss and schedule our year's outings. More information to follow at a later date.



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804
murabreo@comcast.net

Week of 11-27
High Game - Dave Rossi 253
High Series - Dave Rossi 719

Standings - 36-12 SS-396
28-20 Andy's Dandies
27-21 Misfits

Week of 12-4
High Game - Gene Deaver 268
High Series - Dave Rossi 668

Standings - 37-15 SS-396
30-22 Misfits
29 -23 Andy's Dandies

Week of 12-11 (End of First Half)
High Game - Talf Wynne 243
High Series - Gene Deaver 514

Standings - 37-19 SS-396
34-22 Misfits
31-25 Andy's Dandies

Week of 12-18
High Game - Gene Deaver 266
High Series - Gene Deaver 711

Standings - 4-0 Dennis' Gang
Tied at 3-1 Misfits, SS-396, Andy's Dandies

High Game to Date - Gene Deaver 268
High Series to Date - Dave Rossi 719

Upcoming tournaments include:

January 9 – Stockton (one day only)
January 23-24 Napa
February 13 & 14 - Livermore

Entry forms are available on line and at the bowl



"The United States flag does not fly because the wind moves past it... The United States flag flies from the last breath of each military member who has died protecting it."



PINOCHLE

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

Come play pinochle with us. If you don't know how to play, we will teach you. You don't have to come every time, only when you want to. Your first two meetings are free. Thereafter, you will pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you have a fun afternoon so cheaply?) As a new player, you will win a prize if your score at the end of the meeting is one of the three highest. Moreover, you will win \$10 if your score in the top 50% at a free meeting. You will play with members from all our three SIR branches. We meet for lunch at the Pine Tree Restaurant from noon to 1:00 PM each Monday, 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.

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Feb	
Jan thru Oct 2017	
Branch	Average Score
172	286
77	277
136	254



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

John Lang - 586-6129
john42256@thvr.o

November/December Members	225
Luncheon Attendance (72%)	161
Excused Absences (42%)	27
Projected January Membership	
Current Active Membership	225
Applicants Being Installed	0
Applications Received	1
Active Members Lost	0
Inactive Reactivated	0
Transferees Pending	1
Active Membership (JAN)	226



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630

Our Branch website is at sonorasirs.org. Here you will find our membership roster, bulletins past and present, activity schedules, BEC meeting minutes, a link to the state SIR website, a link to the SIR promotional video and more. Tell prospective members about our website and encourage them to watch the video. If your phone number or address has changed please let me know so I can update the roster on our website.



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. 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.



SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN

Steve Gregory - 533-0309
discogregory@aol.com

In Memorium
 Frank Taylor needs our support at the loss of his wife Arlene.

Sunshine
 Wishing all brothers and their families a Happy New Year filled with peace, joy and good health... .



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

Steve Huff Editor - 770-0678
Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee chairmen who sent in their reports to me on or before the deadline. When you write your report please use Times New Roman 10 font and No Spacing. Please send all bulletin input to Steve Huff at: shuff0531@gmail.com

The deadline for the next bulletin is:
Wednesday January 31st

December-2017		
Player	Branch	Average
3 Monday Session Players		
Bill Lewis	172	412
Dave Goldemberg	172	362
Roland Patton	172	279
3 Monday Session Players		
Sonny Tome	77	420
Art Bartee	172	319
Al De Neveu	136	311
Jerry Kopyn	172	284
Henry Beltran	172	277
Bob Morrison	136	237
Bill Burnes	136	235
Jim Turner	136	210
Del Rotelli	77	189
Bert Kronnick	77	177
1 Monday Session Players		
Loein Smith	77	215

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Player	Score	Branch#
4-Dec	Bill Lewis	442	172
11-Dec	Bill Lewis	405	172
18-Dec	Sony Tome	441	77

2018 DUES

ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AS
OF JANUARY 2018
DUES ARE \$25.00

DUES WILL BE DELINQUENT
AFTER FEBRUARY 13, 2018

IF DUES ARE NOT PAID BY THE MARCH 13TH MEETING
THE DELINQUENT MEMBERS NAME WILL BE POSTED
IN THE APRIL BULLETIN.

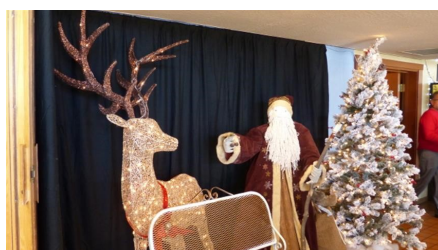
Pay dues to Eddie Toews at The Back Table or Mail your Dues
To: Eddie Toews
21795 El Coyote Dr.
Sonora, Ca. 95370

Thank You, Eddie Toews, Treasurer

2017 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - BRANCH 136



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SIR STATE OFFICERS

www.sirinc.org

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 2017 - Danny Laureta

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: Paul Squeri 586-4083
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- 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

Steve Heath 677-3457

Larry Matteson (408)691-9393

Serge Peluso 588-9444

Gene Zaroni 586-4799

Second Year

Rich Rinaldi 532-8366

Mike Nolan 536-1946

Roger Swartz 533-0376

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

- Attendance Membership - John Lang 586-6129
- BEC Advisor - Al Limon 533-4544
- Bowling - Bert Abreo 736-4804
- Branch Photographer - Steve Belochi 533-5315
- Bulletin - Steve Huff 770-0678
- Car Club - Rich Rinaldi 532-8366
- Fishing - Chuck Simons - 532-9550
- Golf - Paul Padavana 532-8051
Tom Nischwitz 694-8624
Danny Laureta 586-4083
- Honorary Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944
- Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630
- Lunch Tickets - Roger Swartz 533-0376
- Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210
- Luncheon Drawing - Tom Neiderer 569-9003
Tom Turner 928-4876
- Media Exchange - Sol Robin 651-1054
- Book Exchange - Jim Rodrigues 536-4338
- Nominating Com. Chair. - Dale Decker 533-0455
- Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994
- Poker - George Parsons 533-8637
- Propane - Marty Martin 586-1886
- R.V. Travel Group - Eddie Toews 532-3970
- Senior Member Awards - Jim Johnson 536-1595
- SIR Item Sales - Fred Kehr 785-4358
- 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).

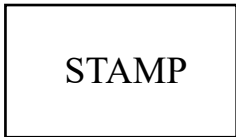
January 9th Menu

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

Guest Speaker

No speaker scheduled for the January meeting.

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