

# BULLETIN

## JULY 2014



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

### SONORA BRANCH #136

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on **Tuesday, July 8th @ 11:00 am** (Luncheon Meeting Starts at Noon)  
The Branch Executive Committee will meet 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**

and leave a clear message with your **NAME & BADGE #** and the reason you will not be able to attend.

#### BIG SIR NOTES

**John Bristow - 588-8066**

I am scheduled to have my left hip surgery on July 8th (rescheduled again due to an on-going infection) so I will not be attending the luncheon. However, if everything goes well I expect to 'return' after a period of rehabilitation.

#### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**Jim Johnson - 536-1595**

I hope everyone had a great and safe July 4<sup>th</sup>. We are now officially half way through the year and before you turn around, the Christmas Holidays will be here.

Our August BBQ is just around the corner. The Special Events Committee has put together a great menu and Jerry Morrow assures me there will be shade at the Moose Lodge lawn area. Tickets will be on sale at our July Luncheon Meeting so make sure you see Maurice Rollins to purchase your tickets.

Your Nominating Committee is busy putting together the Branch Officers and Directors for 2015. If you know of someone that you think would like to get more involved please give one of the

nominating committee members a call. Ron Patel, General Manager of the Black Oak Casino, will be the July Luncheon Meeting's guest speaker. This will be a great program, but don't expect any samples.

On behalf of the Branch 136 Board of Directors I want to thank all of you for your support so far this year. The second half of the year will be even bigger and better than the first half.

If you like the newly formatted Newsletter, tell Dale Decker and Jerry Bellefeuille. They work really hard every month so we can enjoy the Branch news and learn what's going on.

**See you at the BBQ in August.**

**I shoot golf in the 70's. When it gets any colder than that, I quit.**

#### 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 June 24 Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs

Two Man Best Ball	Team	Net
1st Place	Jim Hagel & John Parrault	50
2nd Place	Jeff Phillips & Matt Clay	52
3rd Place	Bob Nath & Jerry Nielsen	55
4th Place	Danny Laureta & Paul Padavana	56
5th Place	Rudy Flores & Bob Volpi	57
6th Place	Tom Nischwitz & Melvin Slife	58
7th Place	Dennis Land & Larry Walls	60
8th Place	George Parsons & Trini and	
<b>TIE</b>	Wayne Dixon & Al Mason	61

Closest to the hole #5:

1st Place	Dennis Land	16'-8"
2nd Place	Matt Clay	16'-10"
3rd Place	Bob Nath	21'-11"

Closest to the hole #12:

1st Place	Jeff Phillips	7'-9"
2nd Place	Danny Laureta	13'-2"
3rd Place	Dennis Land	13'-5"

Next Golf Tournament July 29th 8:00 am

#### Shotgun Start

**Note early summer start**



#### PINOCHLE

**Bob Morrison 588-0994**

For a fun afternoon, please join us to play pinochle. If you don't know how to play or haven't played for a long time, no problem! 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 get such cheap entertainment?) You get your \$3 back plus much, much more if you have one of the three highest scores at the end of the meeting. 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 from noon to 4 P.M. at the Moose Lodge. For more information, go to web site [www.sirtwain.org](http://www.sirtwain.org) and click on the pinochle icon.

*Happy Birthday!*

#### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Baci Frecceri	2nd
Roger Swartz	3rd
Earl Randall	4th
Bob Haiges	5
Larry Guzman	5
Don Watson	7
Frank Hurst	8
Lynn Harvey	8
John Vieira	9
Sandy Grover	11
Phil VanSwoll	12
James Mueller	14
Marvin Galyardt	15
Bob Gibbs	18
Gil Voecks	18
Mike Nolan	18
Dennis Waters	23
Mariano Garces	24
Gary Davis	25
Rick Baird	25
Ron Orth	26

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Angelo Costanza - 588-9529**

As of June 29, 2014:

Membership prior to luncheon	222
Members returned to active (+)	1
Members installed at luncheon (+)	1
Total members attending luncheon	158
Number of Excused Absent (34%)	24
Current Active Membership	224

#### MEMBER RELATIONS

#### INSTALLATION CEREMONY

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

Candidate (Sponsor):

Tom Lively #097 (Bill Lobdell #324)

## God's Promise To Celebrate Freedom

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Chaplain H M Link

SIRs Branch 149 Napa, CA

In our country, the Fourth of July is a national holiday when outdoor grills are heated up, beaches are packed, and cities and towns have parades, firework displays, picnics and patriotic celebrations.

All of this is in remembrance of July 4, 1776, when the 13 American colonies declared their independence from Great Britain.

Craving political independence is one thing; daring to pursue spiritual independence is another.

Our forefathers made it possible for Americans to celebrate Spiritual freedom. The signers of our Declaration acknowledged that man not only needed political freedoms, but also needed spiritual freedoms to worship God. Note that, even then, our leaders knew that man was not complete unless there was a spiritual component to his life.

In the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence, the authors wrote "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness." They refer to God as their creator.

Peter wrote "You are free from the law, but that doesn't mean that you are free to do wrong." We are free to worship God, but not to break the law (to sin.)

We are to live like people who are free to do only God's will at all times. (1 Peter 2:16-17 The Living Bible) We are to show respect for everyone, to love people everywhere, and to fear God and honor the government.

Far from being self-reliant, we are totally and eternally dependent on the One who created and died for us. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in Him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing". (John 15:5).

The proper use of freedom is "faith working through love" to serve one another (Galatians 5:6, 13). Let's always use our liberty to build up, not to tear down. Controlled freedom then becomes a blessing.

Christ came to give us liberty by dying in our place; Now with new freedom we are bound To share His love and grace. -----  
D.DeHaan

Contact: Chaplain Marlowe Link  
707-226-9709



### DUES ARE OVERDUE!

Our annual membership dues were due in January of this year and we still have 28 members (12%) that have not yet paid. If you have not paid your dues for this year you should mail a check to Frank Taylor at 19419 North Court, Sonora, CA 95370.

Be sure to put your badge number on the check.



### MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR  
Rich Lundin - 586-5632  
wondjinaman@gmail.com

The Branch #136 Nevada Ghost Town & Rock Hounding Trip on October 20-22 is moving along with signup forms and Brochures with detailed information being available at all three branches at the July meetings. Space on the trip is limited to 30 participants and we anticipate that the trip will sell out fast, so reserve your spot early.

Planning for a Fall Branson Trip is progressing but we need input as to length, cost and what shows are preferred. Planning for a Fall Costa Rica Trip is also progressing but more information is needed as to the itinerary, cost and timing. SIRS Branch #172 is sponsoring a trip to a Giants game in August and a local, low cost Wine Tour. See Rich Lundin at the meeting for details.

### INTERNET & ROSTER 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, 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 \$35 for processing. Angelo's address is 23497 Gold Springs Drive Columbia, CA 95310.

### VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

Please note the 2014 Veterans Day Recognition Data Sheet that's included with this bulletin. We are planning a very special program in our November luncheon. If you are a veteran please complete the form so we can include you along with many others.



### GET INVOLVED!

Your Nominating Committee (Phil VanSwoll, Jerry Erath, Bill Dunlavy) is currently putting together the slate of branch officers for 2015, which we will present to the general membership in August.

Participating in the direction and management of your branch is a way to derive additional enjoyment from your membership, and, in the most part, is not terribly demanding on your time.

We know there are many of you who are content with just coming to the monthly luncheon, schmoozing with your friends, and not thinking about the branch again until the next meeting. Others understand that for the great meetings and luncheons to continue, it takes involvement in the activities of the branch, and an understanding of how things really work to keep it all going.

### Want to help guide the future of your branch?

Let one of the Nominating Committee members know, and we will be happy to consider you for nomination, and will work to help you find a position that suits your time, talents and interests.

Twisting arms to get someone to step up is no fun for any of us, so we would be most grateful to hear from any of you who are truly interested in the future of our great branch.

We extend our thanks in advance, and we look forward to hearing from you soon!



RV

CLUB

### NEWS

Jim Botto - 586-0822  
Ron Long - 586-1838

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Sons in Retirement #136

# Summer BBQ Extravaganza

August 12<sup>th</sup> 2014

Moose Lodge

Longeway Rd. - Soulsbyville

Social Time

@ 10am

Lunch @ Noon

Menu:

BBQ ¼ Chicken & Ribs  
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw,  
BBQ Beans, Corn on Cob,  
French Bread, Dessert &  
Bottled Water

**\$12 per Person**

No Host – Full Bar

Tickets will be on sale at the  
June & July Meetings

Jim Mueller

Music For All Occasions



cutcaster.com - 901-35773

Mariano Garces  
586-9973

Maurice Rollins  
532-9170

Bob Gelber  
532-0199

Jim Johnson  
536-1595

**Sonora SIRs  
Branch 136  
2014 Veterans Day Recognition  
Data Sheet**

**SIR**

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Badge #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Branch of Service** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year Joined** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Discharged** \_\_\_\_\_ **Highest Rank** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Awards** \_\_\_\_\_

**Served During** (Specific War or Conflicts)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Specific Notable Battles**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Any Other Information of Interest or Duties**

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**Luncheon Participants:** Please leave completed forms on the table for pickup later

**Mail or Internet:** If you received this form in the mailed bulletin or are reviewing it in the Bulletin via the internet please complete the form and bring it to the next luncheon or mail to:

**Dale Decker  
10338 Slate Rim Road  
Sonora, CA 95370**

Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> thirteen RV's drove to Rolling Hills Casino in Corning California for an "all you can eat" sea food buffet. It was wonderful and, of course, we all ate too much. The shrimp and crab were fabulous.

Saturday morning we all drove in a convoy of six or more RV's to Lassen Pines RV Park just outside of McArthur. Steve Gaither had a friend join us for a total of fourteen rigs.



Saturday night was heavy HorsD'Oeuvres and lots of our favorite beverages and later we celebrated Earl Randall's girlfriend Juanita's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday and we had a birthday cake and homemade ice cream. Dianne Avila and Ginny Johnson made the ice cream. We never miss an opportunity to celebrate something or other so we can have an excuse to **Party**.

Sunday morning we started the day off with coffee and Danish Pastries. Here we go stuffing our faces again but we need to keep up our energy for the rest of the day



After breakfast most of us piled into our cars drove to Lassen National Park. Had lunch at the little park store then drove to an area to take picture of the mountain and falls.

Sunday evening we had a hamburger feed and root beer floats. Our new members Bill & Peggy Guenza were voted in to the club unanimously and are now full members.



Monday the gang drove over to Burney Falls for the afternoon. That evening we broke out the BBQ Ribs that Earl Randall gave us and as always lots of good side dishes.



On Tuesday, after our pancake and sausage breakfast, the ladies went shopping in town and the men went fishing with Bill Guenza as our pro fishing guide. We sure were happy to have him along. Bill is a real fisherman and taught us how and where to fish. Mo Molinari caught a couple of nice trout and our guide Bill Guenza caught the rest.

That evening, all but two members went out for dinner at the Fall River Hotel in Fall River. And as a side note there was a large party of golfers also having dinner. Turns out they were SIRs branches #84 (Chico), #110 (Chico) and #149 (Napa).

And a really big surprise was that a member from the Napa branch worked with our own Little Sir Jim Johnson over 20 years ago. They had a great time catching up on years past! What a small world.

Wednesday we ended the trip with several rigs heading home and a few drove over to Redding to stay overnight at the JGW RV Park along the Sacramento river.

To sum it all up, we totally enjoyed the friendship, food, beverages, and just great fun with the Sonora SIRs RV Club (The Rovin Roosters & Chicks).

**Check out the RV Club link on our [Sonorasirs.Org](http://Sonorasirs.Org) website for more information and pictures.**



### JOKES ARE BACK!

Jokes are back starting with our SIRs July luncheon! This will be a limited trial to see if we can present non offending jokes.

Three (3) jokes will be presented at the luncheons under the following:

Bert Maxwell has been appointed Joke Master and is responsible for pre-screening all jokes to ensure that they are non-offensive in any manner.

Then, during the table calling Bert will call upon you to share your joke with the members. After the jokes are told a "vote by applause" will determine the best joke, i.e., the 'winner'.

The winner's table will then have the

privilege of showcasing a 'Dancing Rooster' for the remainder of the luncheon.

If you would like to present a joke at one of our luncheons please contact:

**Bert Maxwell (588-1177 or [Omax@Sonnet.Com](mailto:Omax@Sonnet.Com)) for his approval.**

### BULLETIN INPUT

**Dale Decker - 533-0455**

**Assistant Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630**  
Please send any articles or other items of general interest that you would like to see included in one of our Branch #136 bulletins to Dale.

The deadline for the next bulletin is

**August 3, 2014**

### BOWLING CHAIRMAN

**Bert Abreo - 736-4804**

Although our local SIRs bowling league is in summer hiatus, SIRs tournaments are not. Sonora SIRs Branch 136 is hosting the Armando Puccinelli Tournament which is scheduled for August 4 and 5 at Black Oak Lanes. Entry forms are available at the lanes as well as on line at the [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org) website. Other tournaments scheduled at the moment and for which entry forms are out include Yuba City on July 14 and 15. I hope to see quite a few of our league members and others at our tournament.

SIRs  
Branch 136

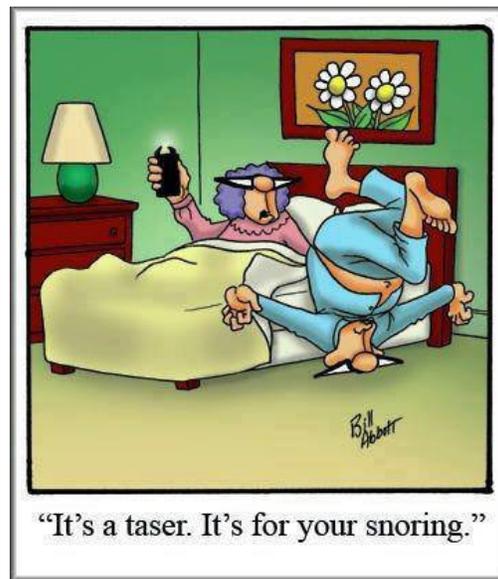
**Summer**  
**BBQ**

**August 12, 2014**

\$12 each

Tickets will be on sale at  
the June & July meetings

### LAUGHING OUT LOUD IS OKAY



**SIR STATE OFFICERS**

www.sirinc.org

**PRESIDENT**

Sir Maynard Rodland Pres. Sacramento, CA

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

Sir Bobbie Hairston Vice Pres. Napa, CA

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Sir Michael Berry Windsor, CA

**REGION 3 DIRECTOR**

Sir Jimmie A. Johnson, Fair Oaks, CA

**AREA 27 GOVERNOR**

Sir Jerry Morrow, Mi Wuk Village, CA

**PAST BIG SIRs - BRANCH #136 SONORA**

1996 - Dusty Rhodes/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 Banchero/2011 - Al Smith

2012 - Baci Frecceri/2013 - Phil VanSwoll

**BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE**

**AND CHARTER MEMBERS**

Baci Frecceri - Past Big Sir 1986-2012

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2012

Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2012

**DIRECTORY of OFFICERS**

Big SIR - John Bristow-588-8066

Little SIR - Jim Johnson-536-1595

Secretary - Dale Decker - 533-0455

Asst. Secretary - Jerry Bellefeuille-533-3630

Treasurer - Frank Taylor - 532-4480

Asst. Treasurer - Gerald Abbott-694-0323

**DIRECTORS**

**First Year**

Angelo Costanza 588-9529

Jake Parsons 736-0647

Mariano Garces 586-9973

**Second Year**

Bert Maxwell - 588-1177

Bob Gelber - 532-0199

Maurice Rollins - 532-9170

**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN**

Attendance/Membership - Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

Bulletin - Dale Decker - 533-0455

Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman - 588-8614

Fishing - **OPEN**

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 - **OPEN**

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

**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).



**JULY 8th MENU**

**Chicken Fried Steak  
Mashed Potatoes, Green  
Beans, Green Salad &  
Ice Cream**

**Guest Speaker**

**Ron Patel**

**General Manager**

**Black Oak Casino Resort**

**Sons In Retirement, Inc**

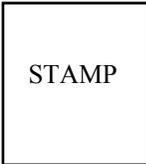
**Sonora Branch #136**

**22295 Paseo De Los Portales**

**Sonora, CA 95370**



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