



BULLETIN

July 2015

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

**Sonora SIR Branch #136
will meet at the Sonora Elks
Lodge on
Tuesday, July 14th
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

It's July, Fathers Day has past and Independence Day (Fourth of July) is right around the corner. Fourth of July is one of the big ones. We are truly blessed in this Country and we have great freedom. Take the time to celebrate and give thanks for our independence and the freedom. We installed seven new members last month and could be installing four more this month, good job. Don't forget, our annual BBQ is next month. Dale and his committee have a well-organized event planned for us. This year is an old fashion family BBQ with lots of good food and entertainment for the grandkids and adults. Should be a great time. Don't forget to pickup your tickets at this months meeting, while they last. And pray for cool weather. Phil VanSwoll and his committee has also been working hard and have decided on the 2016 slate of officers and will be announcing them at our July Luncheon Meeting. I can't wait to hear who they are proposing. Due to our BBQ in August, we will be having our elections at our meeting in September.

Bowling will start back up the later part of August. If you haven't participated in our bowling league and would like to do so, contact Bert Abreo.

That's all for now, bring a guest to one of our luncheon meetings or the BBQ and get involved in one of our activities.

Don't forget, wear your Hawaiian or crazy shirt to the July Luncheon Meeting



LITTLE SIR NOTES

Dale Decker - 533-0455

Our big event in August is almost here and your special events committee will be in high gear soon after our July 14th luncheon. There is a lot to do to ensure a successful event and I want to thank our Big Sir Jim Johnson and his wife Ginny for all the assistance and guidance they have given me. Now it's time for us to deliver!

This year's event is a Summer Family BBQ Gala with a great menu, great entertainment and a great cost - \$12 per person, children

12 and under free. We'll continue the tradition of having a 50/50 cash drawing and a carpool drawing for a \$25 gift card. New this year, besides making it a truly family affair, is a special drawing for the children: \$5, \$10 and \$15 cash! And, to entertain all of us we'll have 'Donald' - the Master of Balloon Animals.

Tickets will be on sale again at our July 14th luncheon meeting. Last day to buy tickets will be July 31st (contact Dale at 533-0455). June was a busy month for me as both my wife and I celebrated birthdays, we brought a new puppy named 'Maggie' into our lives (a Brussel Griffon Maltise) that is bringing us great joy and I worked my 6th year as a volunteer at the 49th Father's Day Fly-in at the Columbia Airport.

Especially exciting for me was a 30 minute ride in a B-25 Bomber "Executive Sweet" from my wife - another item off my bucket list. I surprised her with a ride in a Stearman Bi-Plane "Snowball" - she's still talking about it, especially the loop de loops and the inverted dive!

A side note on the B-25: My sincere gratitude to those aviators that flew the B-25 during the war. It was very noisy and, once you got to your 'gun' you had to stay there for the entire flight. If you did need to move there were tunnels in the front and in the rear where in you had to crawl on your belly to get to another gun position.

A special thanks to our members Jim Botto, Eddie Toews and Bill Gulick who volunteered at the fly-in (unfortunately Bill Gulick caught a virus bug and was down and out for the count).

On a final note our guest speaker for the July meeting will be Tamara Lund D.C., Chiropractor as requested by many of our members. She is excited about giving us insight into a 'healthy mind' so I don't think she'll be covering any adjustments!

Wear your Hawaiian, Ugly or crazy shirt to the July Luncheon Meeting



ALOHA E NUI NUI



GOLF CHAIRMAN
Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf
Committee

Danny Laureta - 586-4567
Asst Jeff Phillips - 588-2977
Handicap Tom Nischwitz -
694-8624

Results of June 30 Golf Tournament at
Mountain Springs GC

Format: Individual Low Net

Flight - A

1st Place Matt Clay (net 63)
 2nd Place Chace Anderson (net 67)
 3rd Place Bob Nath (net 69)

Flight - B

1st Place Trini Mercado (net 63)
 2nd Place Barry Bunum (net 66)
 3rd Place Kent Kirkland (net 67)

Closest to the hole #7

1st Dan Cassaro 3'5"
 2nd Matt Clay 12'4"
 3rd Tom Newell 12'11"

Closest to the hole #12

1st Barry Bynum 8'1"
 2nd Bob Nath 31'11"
 2nd Jim Hagel 31'11"

Next Golf Tournament 8:00 am Shotgun start
 Tuesday, July 7th Skins @ Mountain Springs
 Tuesday, July 28th @ Mountain Springs



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Swartz, Rodger 7/3
 Randall, Earl 7/4
 Haiges, Bob 7/5
 Watson, Don 7/7
 Hurst, Frank J. 7/8
 Harvey, Lynn 7/8
 Vieira, John 7/9
 Vanswoll, Phil 7/12
 Mueller, James 7/14
 Galyardt, Marvin 7/15
 Gibbs, Bob 7/18
 Nolan, Mike 7/18
 Voecks, Gil A. 7/18
 Waters, Dennis 7/23
 Garces, Mariano 7/24
 Baird, Rick 7/25
 Davis, Gary 7/25
 Orth, Ron 7/26



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

June Membership

Active 218

Inactive 4

Total 222

June Luncheon attendance 164

Excused 23



PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994

robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com

For an afternoon of fun, please join us each Monday at noon to play pinochle. If you don't know how to play 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 a 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. Our venue has changed. During July, we will meet at the Pine Tree Restaurant, except on the 2nd Monday for which it is yet to be determined as of this report. (To find out where we meet on that date, please call Bob Morrison.) For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon. Shown below are three tables giving the results of scores for our pinochle sessions. The first table lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for June. The second lists the average score of each player based on the number of sessions played in June. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for the first semester of 2015.

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
1-Jun-15	468	Roland Patton	172
8-Jun-15	472	Bob Morrison	136
15-Jun-15	414	Del Rotelli	77
22-Jun-15	470	Art Barte	172

Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Roland Patton	172	380
Henry Beltran	172	349
Del Rotelli	77	339
Bert Kronnick	77	295
Bobby Nolan	77	254
Paul Halek	172	246

Player	Branch	Average
3 Monday Session Players		
Bob Morrison	136	377
Jerry Morrow	172	357
Art Barte	172	344
Dick Robinson	172	281
Mike Schmidt	172	257
Tom Newell	136	243
Bill Burnes	136	177

Player	Branch	Average
2 Monday Session Players		
Otto Giuliani	172	307
Sonny Tome	77	306

Player	Branch	Average
1 Monday Session Players		
Ed Mintline	172	388
Felix Ledbetter	77	363
Dave Goldemberg	172	329
Vern Penn	77	186
Al De Neveu	136	160
Jerry Kopyn	172	154



SUNSHINE - CHAPLAIN

Paul Bullman - 588-8614

Asst Bill Dunlavy - 532-7601

WORRY

THERE'S A BETTER WAY

What is after our first pursuit to dealing with a difficult and threatening situation? WORRY!!

Worry is cheap and quick, but offers little satisfaction. Usually worry sneaks up on us and we are seemingly trapped with no answer easily available. Finally, we realize we need help. Where do we look?

This is where we trade fear and desperation for an answer. This is also where we can find the faithful BIBLE offers guidance if we will just look.

Matthew 6:33 is a great place to start. "Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you."

The Bible promises help and comfort when we search diligently and will obey what we find.



RV CLUB NEWS

Jim Botto - 586-0822

Ron Long - 586-1838

On Sunday June 14th we headed out to Sugar Barge RV Park on Bethel Island. We had thirteen rigs join us on this outing. Sunday evening we went to dinner at the Sugar Barge Restaurant overlooking Piper Slough, just across from Frank's Track. One of the best fishing areas in the San Joaquin Delta. Monday was an open day for fishing, shopping, sightseeing, or just relaxing in the shade. Temperatures were in the mid 90's but there was a breeze that made it bearable.



Bill Guenza and Jack Walls went fishing and walked past the "No Fishing" sign before Marty Martin noticed the sign. There was a fishing area just three births over. Bill & Jack caught several striped bass but were too small to keep. It was fun anyway.

Tuesday morning our hosts The Avila's, Long's, and Martin's served several egg dishes along with an assortment of fresh fruit, coffee and juice.



Cocktail hour at 4:00 p.m., followed by BBQ'ed hot dogs, hot links, bratwurst, BBQ beans, Potato Salad, coleslaw, and dessert.

As usual Mo Molinari put together a Bocce Ball tournament. Bill Lobdell presented the perpetual trophy to John Avila and Mo Molinari.



Wednesday we went looking for some fruit picking at local farms, however we missed the picking season by two weeks. We did the next best thing and took advantage of someone else's labor and found a fruit stand.



Wednesday evening we all went to Sweeney's Bar & Grill for cocktails and dinner.



Our next outing will be to Bodega Bay on July 20th where we have 9 rigs signed up. Our Hosts are Chuck & Kathie Price and Tony & Loma Mallard. The dinner menu will be sent out this week.



My real home has wheels!



FISHING CLUB

Bert Kronnick 586-7726

Chapter 77

Chuck Simons 532-9550

Chapter 136

Let's go fishing!

We want to thank Chuck Simons for volunteering to be the new Fishing Club Chairman for #136. Bert Kronnick of SIRs Chapter 77 is teaming to do fishing outings together with chapter 136 once a month. Your new chairman Chuck Simons to help make fishing outings with Bert Kronnick when Chuck comes home after vacation trip during July and August.

The first fishing outing with chapter 77 will be at Pinecrest Lake on July 17th. You can start fishing any time between 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. We will all fish till 12 noon. Call Bert Kronnick at (209) 586-7726 and let him know that you are coming, also if you want to be in the \$5.00 contest for the longest fish. Both chapters will then have lunch together at the "Steam Donkey Restaurant" with the opportunity to meet each other.

Bert Kronnick has booked a 3 night fishing outing at Kennedy Meadows with cabin #10 (August 26th to August 29th). The cabin has 8 beds. 4 beds have already been booked by fisherman in chapter 77, 4 beds are still available. If we book the other 4 beds the total cost will only be \$61.46 per fisherman. Bert says the first 4 fisherman that call him from either SIRs chapter will get the beds. If we get less than 8 fisherman the price will go up some, depending on the number of beds we get.

Bert requires a \$50.00 deposit to hold each bed reservation. Bert Kronnick will be coming to our chapter 136 lunch meeting on Tuesday July 14th to answer any questions. Bert also says you can call him at any time (209) 585-7726. If he is not home leave a message and he will call you back. ASAP.



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.



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

The next tournaments are in Paradise, Pollock Pines and Sonora which will be Sunday, July 26, Monday, July 27, Tuesday, July 28 and also open to any SIRS member and guest. This tournament will be a Team, Doubles/Singles and All Events. Entry forms for any of these tournaments are available on line at www.sirinc.org/bowling or at Black Oak Lanes.

It is possible that the winter league may start before Labor Day. Please let Bert know how you feel about this. The reasoning behind this is so that league would finish before the Carson City Tournament.



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630

I have now put a link to SIR Happenings on our Branch website, sonorasirs.org.

The latest edition of SIR Happenings has been posted on the SIR website:
<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>



Nominating Committee Recommendations For 2016

- Big Sir: Dale Decker
- Little Sir: Danny Laureta
- Secretary: Jerry Bellefeuille
- Ass't Sec: Angelo Costanza
- Treasurer: Ed Toews
- Ass't Treas: Frank Taylor
- 2nd yr Director: Rex Page
- 2nd yr Director: Dick Aberle
- 2nd yr Director: Ray Bailey
- 1st yr Director: Maurice Rollins
- 1st yr Director: Monty Youngborg
- 1st yr Director: John Vierra



Happy 94th Birthday Len Ruoff



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

Jim Botto - 586-0822

Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630

SIR Jim Botto has assumed responsibility as Bulletin Editor. Please send all bulletin input to Jim at giacamo42@gmail.com
The deadline for the next bulletin is

July 31, 2015





Sons in Retirement #136

Summer Family BBQ Gala

**Children 12 & Under
Free Hot Dogs or Ribs
& Fixins**

August 11th 2015

**Moose Lodge
Longeway Road
Soulsbyville**



**Social Time
@ 10am
Lunch @ Noon**

Menu:

St. Louis Style BBQ Ribs
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw,
BBQ Beans, French bread,
Dessert & Bottled Water

\$12 per Person

No Host - Full Bar

**Tickets will be on sale at the June
& July Meetings**

Jim Mueller

For Your Music Enjoyment

**50/50 Cash Drawing Plus
3 or More in Carpool - Each Receives
a Ticket for a \$25 Gift Card
Drawing**

EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Dale Decker 533-0455

Maurice Rollins

Dick Aberle

Alan Nix

Rex Page

Jake Parsons

SIR STATE OFFICERS

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Russ Salazar , Polloch Pines, 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/2013 - Phil VanSwoll
2014 - John Bristow

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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DIRECTORS

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Rex Page 533-4501
Dick Aberle 532-4066
Ray Bailey 532-0444

Second Year

Danny Laureta 586-4567
Jake Parsons - 736-0647
Mariano Garces - 586-9973

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Area 27 Golf - Danny Laureta 586-4567
Att./Mem. - Angelo Costanza 588-9529
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
Hon. Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944
House - Jerry Erath 533-3791
Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630
Lunch Tickets - Bert Abreo 736-4804
Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210
Luncheon Drawing - Bill Dunlavy 533-7601
Bert Maxwell 588-1177
Membership Growth - OPEN
Nominating Committee Chairman - Phil VanSwoll 532-1133
Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994
Propane—Al Limon 533-4544
Public Relations - Ray Bailey 532-0444
R.V. Travel Group - Jim Botto 586-0822
SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen 533-4760
Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman 588-8614

DECLARATIONS

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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).

JULY 14th MENU

Chicken Fried Steak
White Cream Gravy,
Mashed Potato's, Corn, Green Salad,
Vanilla Pudding

Our guest speaker will be **Tamara Lund D.C.**, Chiropractor as requested by many of our members. She is excited about giving us insight into a 'healthy mind' so I don't think she'll be covering any adjustments!



Remember to invite a guest to our Monthly Luncheons.

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