



# BULLETIN

**July 2016**

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

## SONORA BRANCH #136

**Sonora SIR Branch #136  
will meet at the Sonora Elks  
Lodge on  
Tuesday, July 12th  
Starts at Noon  
(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!  
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**

We are getting close to our second special event of the year: our annual SIR family picnic on August 9th, this year being held at the Indigeny Reserve. While the venue will be somewhat different from previous years our Little Sir, Danny Laureta, and his special events committee, has been working very hard to make it successful. Please consider purchasing tickets (only \$12 per person, children 12 and under free). The lush 160 acre preserve and apple orchard are set in the breathtaking hills of Sonora and should be a real treat for all of us.

A Special Note for Sponsors of Guests: All guests that have submitted an application for membership are welcome to attend the annual SIR family picnic in August. Please be sure your guests are aware of this.

In June our active membership for the year was 211. For July it will be reported to the BEC that we've had 1 member resign (Ernie Cuzzocero) and 1 passed away (Bill Challas). However, we will be installing 3 new members at our luncheon so our active membership should be 212 less there be any last minute changes. Please note that I'm charged with achieving a yearend membership of 223. Thus, we need 11 more new members or I could hear You're Fired! Earlier this month Branches 136 & 77 hosted a SIR Information booth at the June 8th Friends and Neighbors (magazine) Expo (formerly the Senior Expo) that generated a lot of interest. From that event we had 2 gentlemen join us just days later for our June luncheon with 1 submitting an application for membership. Note: from the Home & Garden Show info booth we hosted in April we gained 2 new members. I think this effort is working!

Rex Page, our Director of Membership Growth, has now made arrangements for us to have another SIR Information booth in October at the Health Fair (Motherlode Fairgrounds). This will be another great opportunity to tell other retired men about our organization.

And finally, last month at our luncheon we received Activity Interest Survey cards in place of luncheon 'tickets'. This was done so Paul Squeri, our Director of Member Relations, can find out what activities our members are most interested in. After presenting the results of this survey to all of us, Jeff Phillips, Director of Activities, will work with Paul on implementing some new activities.



### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**Danny Laureta - 586-4567**

I hope everyone had a great and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. We celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> Filipino style this year in Plymouth, CA. complete with a whole pig roasting in an open pit.

Next month our special event occurs on Tuesday **August 9th** with a 'Summer Family BBQ Picnic' that will be held at **Indigeny Reserve**, 14679 Summers Lane, Sonora, CA. Your Special Events Committee will be very busy this July to ensure a successful event. This will be a 'Family Event' with St. Louis Style BBQ Ribs or BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Beans, Corn on a Cob, Dessert. Wine and Bottled Water will be provided. Cost is \$12 per person, and since this is a family event, children 12 and under are FREE with Hot Dogs and fixins. So bring the grandchildren if you can! See Dick Aberle or visit the ticket sales table to purchase your tickets at our July luncheon meeting. Last day to buy tickets is July 31<sup>st</sup> (Contact Danny Laureta 209-586-4567).

As a tradition we will continue the 50/50 cash drawing and have a raffle drawing (Please give your raffle donation to Jake Parsons. Indigeny Reserve will donate a few hard ciders for our raffle. Two drink tickets (wine or beer) will be given at the picnic when you check in (We won't have a cash bar). A 40-minute tour of Indigeny Reserve will be offered in the morning and another tour is schedule in the afternoon that includes tasting their bottled products.

One last note; There is only a limited number of picnic tables with benches so please bring a chair to sit on, this also ensures that your spot on the table is reserve.

Our July guest speaker will be Dick Southern of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 391, Tuolumne County, California.



### GOLF CHAIRMAN

**Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee**

**Paul Padavana - 532-8051**

**Asst Jeff Phillips - 588-2977**

**Handicap Tom Nischwitz-694-8624**

The results for the SIRS 136/77 Two-man Bestball Tournament held at Castle Oaks Golf Course on June 23<sup>rd</sup> are as follows:  
1<sup>st</sup> place net 55 Tom Neiderer / Joe Zertuche  
2<sup>nd</sup> place net 57 Mike Ross / Paul Padavana

3<sup>rd</sup> place net 58 Jeff Juhl / Craig Hempler

**Closest to hole #8**

1<sup>st</sup> place - Tom Neiderer 15'7"

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Chace Anderson 18'3"

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Bob Nath 27'5"

**Closest to hole #16**

1<sup>st</sup> place - Jeff Juhl 13'4"

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Tom Neiderer 17'10"

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Chace Anderson 23'10"

The next Skins Game is scheduled for July 5th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Start time is 8:00 AM. Contact Jeff Phillips at [jeffphillipsq@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffphillipsq@yahoo.com) or 209-588-2977.

The next SIRS 136 / 77 Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 19th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Shotgun start time is 8:00 AM. The format for this tournament will be 6-6-6. Contact Paul Padavana at:

[paulp\\_57@yahoo.com](mailto:paulp_57@yahoo.com) or 209-532-8051.



**July Birthdays:**

- Swartz, Rodger 7/3
- Randall, Earl 7/4
- Guzman, Larry 7/5
- Haiges, Bob 7/5
- Watson, Don 7/7
- Harvey, Lynn 7/8
- Hurst, Frank J. 7/8
- Hackbarth, James 7/9
- Vieira, John 7/9
- Vanswoll, Phil 7/12
- Mueller, James 7/14
- 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
- Gertz, Earl 7/26
- Orth, Ron 7/26



**RV CLUB NEWS**

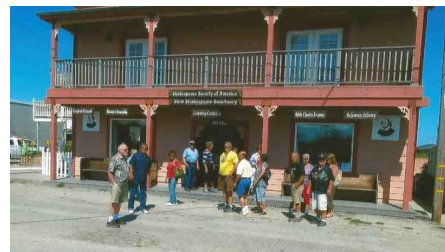
**Knute Kleinen - 694-8866**

**John Avila - 586-1992**

Hosting the June RV outing were Ron & Bernie Long and John & Dianne Avila. We had eleven rigs in attendance arriving on Monday. The weather was mild and there was the aroma of Garlic in the air. We had a great club house with the staff of the park greeting us with help at every turn. Paul & Annelies Squeri joined us as guests. The evening was a great get together and plans for

Tuesday and Wednesday were given. Tuesday morning some of us went to the Gilroy Air Museum with a tour of many original planes and the rare site of docents making air plane wood propellers, these can take up to four months to complete. There were also old original planes that they were restoring. On the way back to camp some stopped at Camper World to look at all the new items for motor homes. The rest of the group went to the factory outlet stores. The evening was topped off by a birthday cake to all those having a special day in June. Wednesday we made a short ride over to the coast to enjoy a cooler evening in Moss Landing. We ate at the famous Phil's seafood restaurant right on the ocean. Thursday morning everyone packed up and headed out to 100+ weather at home.

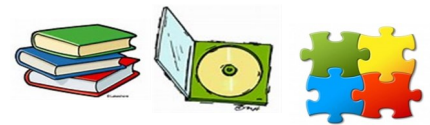
Due to the 4th of July and summer activities and the August Sir's Bar-B-Que, our next outing will be in September at Sugar Barge on Bethel Island. Host to be Ray & Judy Feldman @ 785-7111



**THEATER AND DINNER COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

**Monty Youngborg - 588-9632**

No report was submitted this month.



**NEW ACTIVITIES**

**Jeff Phillips - 588-2977**

With the recent response in from the latest survey of member interest areas by Paul Squeri, we will be reviewing the results and proposing new activities to assure that SIRS continues to meet the need and build on activities already offered. The media exchange, after a brief respite in June, resumes in July for your summertime reading and viewing pleasure. Keep those books, movies, and music coming and don't forget to help yourselves to anything on the media table at the July luncheon. For August only, due to the picnic, the media exchange takes another short break.



**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 the meeting is one of the three 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 June. The second lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for June. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for January through June.





| June 2016                |        |         |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|
| Player                   | Branch | Average |
| 4 Monday Session Players |        |         |
| Al De Neveu              | 136    | 331     |
| Tom Newell               | 136    | 326     |
| Roland Patton            | 172    | 295     |
| Player                   | Branch | Average |
| 3 Monday Session Players |        |         |
| Del Rotelli              | 77     | 348     |
| Henry Beltran            | 172    | 263     |
| Bob Morrison             | 136    | 237     |
| Bert Kronnick            | 77     | 236     |
| Player                   | Branch | Average |
| 2 Monday Session Players |        |         |
| Sonny Tome               | 77     | 377     |
| Bill Burnes              | 136    | 285     |
| John Johnson             | 172    | 237     |
| Mike Schmidt             | 172    | 161     |
| Player                   | Branch | Average |
| 1 Monday Session Players |        |         |
| Art Bartee               | 172    | 372     |
| Dave Goldemberg          | 172    | 13      |

| Weekly First Place Winners |       |             |         |
|----------------------------|-------|-------------|---------|
| Date                       | Score | Player      | Branch# |
| 6-Jun-16                   | 372   | Art Bartee  | 172     |
| 13-Jun-16                  | 389   | Tom Newell  | 136     |
| 20-Jun-16                  | 535   | Del Rotelli | 77      |
| 27-Jun-16                  | 351   | Sonny Tome  | 77      |

| SIR vs SIR vs SIR       |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Branch Average Scores - |       |
| Branch                  | Score |
| 136                     | 280   |
| 172                     | 280   |
| 77                      | 271   |



## FISHING CHAIRMAN

### Chuck Simons - 770-5298

[simons4890@yahoo.com](mailto:simons4890@yahoo.com)

Fishing, as most of you know, has been slow. On June 16th I fished Don Pedro with Bert Kronnick from Twain Harte SIRS. Four hours and not one hit! As they say, the "fishing" was good, but the "catching" was poor. On June 27th I fished Melones with better results. Caught 2 - 18 inch, yes 18 inch, Kokanee and 1 - 19-inch Rainbow. It took four hours to get these three, then the heat set in so we got off the water. If any of you have fishing reports, call me at 532-9550 or 770-5298 or you can email me at [simons4890@yahoo.com](mailto:simons4890@yahoo.com).



## 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 chairman 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 **Sunday July 31st**

The new edition of **SIR Happenings** is now available at: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings>



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### Bill Lobdell - 586-7145

#### June Membership

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Total Active Members      | 211 |
| Luncheon Attendance (70%) | 148 |
| Excused Absences (27%)    | 17  |

#### July Membership

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| June Active Membership     | 211 |
| Applicants Being Installed | 3   |
| Active Members Lost        | 2   |
| Active Membership Outlook  | 212 |



## 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 586-7145 (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 Bill Lobdell with a check for the amount stated on the application. Bill's address is 17022 Broken Pine Rd. Sonora, CA 95370.

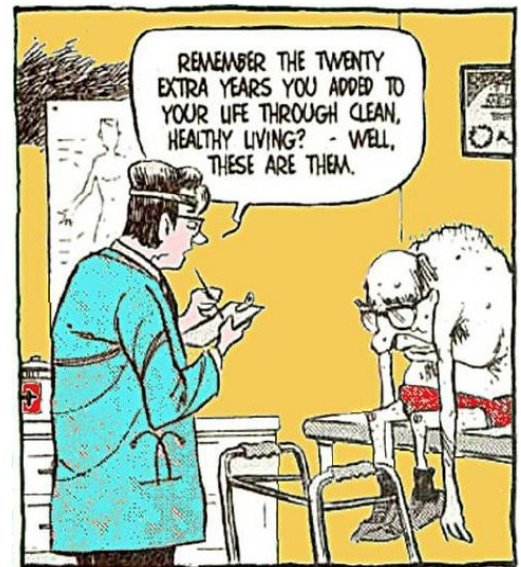


## BOWLING CHAIRMAN

### Bert Abreo - 736-4804

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

There is no league activity at this time. But, there are SIRS tournaments in Yuba City on July 11, also Pollock Pines on July 23, 24 & 25, Reno on August 15-17 and Sonora SIRS on August 29 and 30. Entry forms are available on line and/or at Black Oak Lanes. Hope to see some of you at one or more of these tournaments.





**SIR MOTHERLODE**  
**Combined Group Activity Chairmen - 2016**

| <b>GROUP</b>               | <b>Branch 136 - Sonora<br/>Dale Decker - Big SIR<br/>533-0455</b> | <b>Branch 77 - Sierra<br/>Bob Nath - Big SIR<br/>532-2229</b> | <b>Branch 172 -Twain Harte<br/>Dave Palmer - Big SIR<br/>532-6136</b> |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Biking</b>              | See Branch 172  | See Branch 172  | Steve Happel: 532-7240  |
| <b>Bowling</b>             | Bert Abreo: 736-4804  | Larry Lund: 586-2276  | See Branch 136 & 77   |
| <b>Golf</b>                | Paul Padavana: 532-8051   | See Branch 136  | Rich Broddie: 586-3151  |
| <b>1st Tuesday</b>         | Jeff Phillips: 588-2977   | See Branch 136  |   |
| <b>Tournaments</b>         | Paul Padavana: 532-8051   | See Branch 136  |   |
| <b>Handicap</b>            | Tom Nischwitz: 694-8624   | See Branch 136  |   |
| <b>Advisor</b>             | Danny Laureta: 586-4567   | See Branch 136  |   |
| <b>Hiking</b>              | See Branch 172  | See Branch 172  | Dennis Hebert: 694-5201   |
| <b>Fishing</b>             | Chuck Simons: 532-9550  | Bert Kronnick: 586-7726                                       | See Branch 136 & 77   |
| <b>Horseshoes</b>          | See Branch 77 & 172   | Bob Nath: 532-2229  | Cas Munoz: 586-1578   |
| <b>Pinochle</b>            | Bob Morrison: 588-0995  | Bert Kronnick: 586-7726                                       | Roland Patton: 533-5643   |
| <b>RV Travel</b>           | Knute Kleinen: 694-8866   | See Branch 136 & 172  | Duane Porter: 533-2189  |
| <b>Tech/Computer</b>       | See Branch 172  | See Branch 172  | Dick Chimenti: 677-7070   |
| <b>Travel</b>              | See Branch 172  | See Branch 172  | Paul Halek: 352-7399  |
| <b>Theater</b>             | Monty Youngborg: 588-9632   | See Branch 136 & 172  | Sprague Edwards: 586-2818   |
| <b>Wine Tasting (45)</b>   |   |   |   |
| <b>Antique Cars (30)</b>   |   |   |   |
| <b>Woodworking (29)</b>    |   |   |   |
| <b>Poker (26)</b>          | George Parsons 533-8637   | See Branch 136  | See Branch 136  |
| <b>Bocce Ball (26)</b>     |   |   |   |
| <b>Fine Dining (22)</b>    |   |   |   |
| <b>Gardening (20)</b>      |   |   |   |
| <b>Dancing (16)</b>        |   |   |   |
| <b>Car Club (16)</b>       |   |   |   |
| <b>Potluck Dinner (15)</b> |   |   |   |

**Activity (xx)** = number of respondents indicating interest in having this new activity.

Note: With 3 local SIR branches in the area it is more efficient to share activity chairmen & contacts. If you see an activity you would like to consider joining please call the person identified for that activity. That member can assist you in where they meet and at what time and answer any other questions you may have.

If you see an activity without a contact name and would like to volunteer to be the contact person in Branch 136 (no duties or reporting required) please contact Dale Decker (533-0455 or daledftg@sonnet.com).



Sons in Retirement #136

# Summer Family BBQ Picnic

**August 9<sup>th</sup> 2016**

*Indigeny Reserve*  
*14679 Summers Lane*  
*Sonora, CA*



**Directions to Indigeny (please try to carpool)**

- Drive north on Greenley Road and **TURN RIGHT** onto Lyons Bald Mountain Road
- Drive ~4 miles, **GO PAST** the Apple Valley Estates sign
- You will see and pass the sign **NARROW BRIDGE**
- Reach Apple Valley Ranches,
- **TURN RIGHT at Apple Hill Drive**
- Veer **LEFT at Summers Lane**
- Continue on Summers Lane (~1 mile) drive thru the covered bridge

**Social Time**  
**@ 10:00 am**  
**Lunch @ Noon**

*Menu:*

St. Louis Style BBQ Ribs  
-or- BBQ Chicken  
with Potato Salad,  
Beans, Corn in a Cob,  
Dessert & Bottled Water

**\$12 per Person**

Tickets will be on sale at the  
June & July Luncheons

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Children 12 & Under **FREE**  
Hot Dogs with fixins

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EVENTS COMMITTEE

Danny Laureta 586-4567  
Dick Aberle Jake Parsons  
John Vieira Jim Turner  
Rex Page



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**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

**DIRECTORY of OFFICERS**

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**RAMP** Committee - Chairman Big Sir

**Recruitment** - Rex Page 533-4501

**Activities** - Jeff Phillips 588-2977

**Member Relations** - Paul Squeri 586-4083

**Publicity** - Ray Bailey 532-0444

**DIRECTORS**

**First Year**

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

**Second Year**

- Rex Page 533-4501
- Dick Aberle 532-4066
- Jim Botto 586-0822

**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN**

- Attendance Membership - 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
- Honorary Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944
- House - Open
- 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
- Nominating Committee Chairman -  
Phil VanSwoll 532-1133
- Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994
- Propane - Marty Martin 586-1886
- Asst. Prop. - Al Limon 533-4544
- R.V. Travel Group - Knute Kleinen 694-8866  
Asst. John Avila 586-1992
- Senior Member Awards - Jim Johnson 536-1595
- SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen 533-4760
- Sunshine - Chaplain - Steve Gregory 533-0309
- Theater - Monty Youngborg 588-9637
- Travel - Paul Halek Branch #172 352-7399

**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 12th**

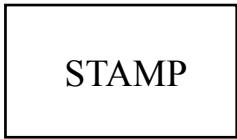
**Luncheon Menu**

Chicken Fried Streak, White Cream Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Vanilla Pudding

**Guest Speaker**

Dick Southern of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 391, Tuolumne County, California.

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