



# BULLETIN

## July 2017

Website: [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org)  
**SONORA BRANCH #136**  
**Sonora SIR Branch #136**  
will meet at the Sonora Elks  
Lodge on  
**Tuesday, July 11th**  
(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)

The Branch Executive  
Committee Meeting will start  
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

**Danny Laureta - 586-4567**

Hope everyone had a great Father's Day. Independence Day (Fourth of July) is coming up and we are so blessed in this country to have great freedom. Celebrate the fourth and give thanks for our independence, freedom and give thanks to our veterans & active military for their service.

June was a busy month, the Golf Group had their golf tournament at Greenhorn Creek in Angels Camp (see the Golf section for the results) and the RV Group traveled to Hat Creek Resort & RV Park by Lassen National Forest (see the RV section for the news)

The July luncheon event is our Car Show and our members will display their pride & joy for everyone to enjoy. If you would like to bring your classic car please call Rich Rinaldi at 209-532-8366 for information.

Next month, Tuesday August 8th is our annual SIR family BBQ Picnic and we will again have it at the Indigeny Reserve. Our Little Sir Paul Squeri and his special events committee, has been working very hard to make the event successful. This year a special thanks to Paul Padavana & the Sir Golf Group for volunteering to do the BBQing/cooking and to Bob Wright & the Sir Bowling Group for volunteering to serve.

The picnic menu is St. Louis Style BBQ Ribs or BBQ Chicken served with Potato Salad, Corn in a Cob, Dessert, Beer, Wine & Bottled Water. For those interested Indigeny Reserve will be providing a tour of their 160 acre preserve and apple orchard set in the breathtaking hills of Sonora. Tickets will be on sale at our July luncheon. Cost is \$14 per person and children 12 and under are FREE with Hot Dogs and fixins. Tickets are going fast so make sure to purchase your tickets.

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

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



### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**Paul Squeri - 586-4083**

July is upon us, warm weather, cold beer and short shorts. And then again there is the 4th. A day off with pay (before retirement or experiment), barbecue parties and fireworks. How did it ever get so good? Almost 2 1/2 centuries ago our forbearers conceived a dogma of highly idealistic philosophies and attempted to transfer them into practically; a nation was born. The Stars and Stripes became its symbol. We were purged at Gettysburg and tested in two world wars; it lives on today because of those that have sacrificed so much for so many. Happy Birthday to our country and thank-you to all that have worn and are wearing the colors!

We will again have tickets on sale at the July meeting for the Summer Family Barbeque Picnic at Indigeny Reserve, "beneath the shade of the old oak trees", on August 8, 2017. If you cannot attend the July meeting you can still purchase tickets by contacting me at 209-586-4083. Ticket sales end on July 31, 2017. We have a great meal planed with complementary beer and wine for \$14 and as usual free hot dogs and buns for kids under 12. There will be no bar so bring your coolers with any additional beverage you may need. Try to car pool and be sure to bring chairs as seating is limited. For more information see the flyer.

We are privileged to have Connie Williams, the Mayor of Sonora, as our speaker at the July meeting. This should be a great opportunity to find out what is happening, what they want to happen and how it is going to impact us



# Happy 4th of July!



## GOLF CHAIRMAN

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

Asst Kent Kirkland -

Handicap Tom Nischwitz-694-8624

The next SIRS 136 / 77 Skins Game is July 4th at Mountain Springs Golf Course with a shotgun start at 8:00 A.M. Contact Danny Laureta at 586-4567 or by email at [drlaureta@gmail.com](mailto:drlaureta@gmail.com)

Results for the SIRS 136/ 77 Skins Game held on June 6<sup>th</sup> are as follows:

Gene Deaver - 4 skins, Mike Clay - 4 skins, Mike Ross - 3 skins, Mike Dolan - 2 skins, Danny Laureta - 2 skins, Jim Simmons - 1 skin, John Marrs - 1 skin

Results for the SIRS 136 / 77 June 20th

“Individual Low Net Flights A & B”

Tournament held at Greenhorn Creek Golf Course with a field of 26 golfers are as follows:

**Flight “A”**

1<sup>st</sup> place - (Net 71) Dennis Land

2<sup>nd</sup> place - (Net 72) Mike Ross

3<sup>rd</sup> place - (Net 73) Danny Laureta

**Flight “B”**

1<sup>st</sup> place - (Net 66) Steve Hagel

2<sup>nd</sup> place - (Net 76) Gene Deaver

3<sup>rd</sup> place - (Net 79) Craig Hempler

**Closest to hole #3 (104 yards)**

1<sup>st</sup> place - Phil VanSwoll (3’4”)

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Bob Nath (8’7”)

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Paul Padavana (9’2”)

**Closest to hole #8 (156 yards)**

1<sup>st</sup> place - Dennis Land (12’5”)

2<sup>nd</sup> place - John Perrault (13’4”)

3<sup>rd</sup> place - No Winner

The next SIRS 136 / 77 Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 18th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Start time is 8:00 AM. The format for this tournament will be **Four Man Two Bestball**.

Sign-up for this tournament is by Friday, July 14th (NO LATER). Contact Paul Padavana at [paulp\\_57@yahoo.com](mailto:paulp_57@yahoo.com) or 209-532-8051.



## SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN

Steve Gregory - 533-0309

[discogregory@aol.com](mailto:discogregory@aol.com)

No News is Good News at our age. Have a great 4th of July!



## July Birthdays:

Swartz, Rodger 7/3  
Randall, Earl 7/4  
Guzman, Larry 7/5  
Haiges, Bob 7/5  
Watson, Don 7/7  
Hurst, Frank J. 7/8  
Vieira, John 7/9  
Vanswoll, Phil 7/12  
Mueller, James 7/14  
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  
Matteson, Larry 7/30



## RV CLUB CHAIRMAN

Knute Kleinen - 694-8866

[kleinen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kleinen@sbcglobal.net)

The RV group of 19 Rigs made the long trip to Hat Creek, Ca. with only one trailer having a blow out. It was quickly fixed and on the road again. Most of the group met at the Casino in Corning for the first night, enjoying the buffet and a little gambling. Early start up to Red Bluff and then we headed east to Hat Creek. Very nice camp grounds with club house for meeting and meals. Weather was mild and everyone looked forward to catching limits of trout. Due to the large snow pack, still in the mountains and the run off coming down, the water was rushing like a open nozzle of a fire hose. Streams were moving so fast that fishing was poor, in fact no fish were caught but everyone that went out enjoyed the outing. Back at camp evening was spent with cocktails and meat cooked on a Bar-B-Que. The first ever DOGGIE PARADE was held with the winning costume going to “Georgie”, owned by the Prices. Many original costumes were presented and the judging was by applause. I think everyone should have won a first-place prize. We went into Burney for a great dinner and came back to camp for an evening of cards, and relaxing. Bocce ball tournament was held and the winners were Peggy and Bill Guenza. Men again prepared breakfast and the ladies always seem to enjoy the hard work

done for them. As the predictions of 109 degree in Redding was to be the start of a heat wave, everyone got out early for the run home. We also had two guests, Sol and Ruth Robin and Dick and Karen Aberle joined us. Thanks to Peggy & Bill Guenza and Jim & Linda Botto for putting on a great trip.



## PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994

[robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

June 2017		
Player	Branch	Average
<b>4 Monday Session Players</b>		
Tom Newell	136	410
Dave Goldemberg	172	404
Del Rotelli	77	371
Henry Beltran	172	289
Roland Patton	172	217
Jerry Kopyn	172	209
Player	Branch	Average
<b>3 Monday Session Players</b>		
Al De Neveu	136	263
Art Bartee	172	212
Bob Morrison	136	175
Player	Branch	Average
<b>2 Monday Session Players</b>		
Bert Kronnick	77	331
Mike Schmidt	172	330
Sonny Tome	77	314
Bill Burnes	136	275
Bill Lewis	172	244
Player	Branch	Average
<b>1 Monday Session Players</b>		
Dick Robinson	172	255
John Johnson	172	252
Jim Turner	136	228

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
5-Jun-17	531	Tom Newell	136
12-Jun-17	535	Del Rotelli	77
19-Jun-17	399	Dave Goldemberg	172
26-Jun-17	499	Bert Kronnick	77

SIR vs SIR vs SIR Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Jun 2017	
Branch	Score
136	346
77	289
172	255



**FISHING CHAIRMAN**  
**Chuck Simons - 532-9550**  
**simons4890@yahoo.com**

Trout and Kokanee fishing remain at a standstill. I fished Melones last Tuesday and we had two hits. Lost one and landed the other, a 4-3/4-pound trout. That was the extent of the action for 6 hours of effort. The report from Hat Creek from our RV club was equally bad. The water was just too fast and only one fish was caught. Bass fishermen I have talked to say it has slowed for them as well.



**CAR CLUB CHAIRMAN**  
**Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366**  
**farmrich1@directv.net**

Hot summer "fun" weather has arrived and that means it's time to show off your classic and antique cars that have been stored through the winter. Just a reminder...the SIR's Car Show is this meeting day Tuesday July 11th right here at the Sonora Elk's parking lot. Bring your 1985 & older "show worthy" cars or trucks... starts at 9:00am and then you SIR's have a chance to mingle and talk about vintage wheels and the way it was 50 or so years ago!



**BOWLING CHAIRMAN**  
**Bert Abreo - 736-4804**  
**murabreo@comcast.net**

July 10& 11 - Yuba City  
 July 22-25 - Pollock Pines  
 August 14-16 - Reno, NV  
 August 28-30 - Sonora, Team, Doubles and Singles this is a Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday event the entry forms are available here and on-line.



**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**  
**Jeff Phillips - 588-2977**  
**jeffphillipsq@yahoo.com**

June 2017 Membership	219
Luncheon Attendance: (57%)	127
Excused Absences: (54%)	50
Projected July Membership	
<b>Current Active Membership</b>	219
Applicants Being Installed	4
Active Members Lost	0
Inactive Reactivated	0
<b>Active Membership Outlook</b>	223



**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 your phone number or address has changed please let me know so I can update the roster on our website.

**We are currently short on sales to meet SRT's required minimum. We are able to extend the cut off date to Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Great American Trailer Park Musical**

The Trailer Park is a big hearted musical with a cheeky script and infectious score. How many loud "Divas" stuffed into hot pants and heels can you fit into a double wide trailer and still have room for the big-screen TV. The answer's about five. This is a show that actually lives up to the hype of its title. *fun fun The joint is jammed and jumping with raucous laughter.*

**Thursday July 27, 2017 2PM Matinee**  
**East Sonora Theater Price per ticket \$24.00 Make check payable to SRT.**



**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.



**NOMINATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2018 Branch Executive Candidates Officers**  
**Big Sir:** Paul Squeri  
**Little Sir:** Jim Botto  
**Secretary:** Jerry Bellefeuille  
**Asst Secretary:** Dick Aberle  
**Treasurer:** Eddie Toews  
**Asst Treasurer:** Frank Taylor  
**1st Year Directors:**  
 Steve Heath  
 Larry Matteson  
 Serge Peluso  
 Gene Zanoni  
**2nd Year Directors:**  
 Rich Rinaldi  
 Mike Nolan  
 Roger Swartz



**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: [gia-camo42@gmail.com](mailto:gia-camo42@gmail.com) The deadline for the next bulletin is: **Friday July 30th**





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Score: *This side of the Tracks, The Buck Stops Here, It Doesn't Take a Genius, Storm's A-Brewin' and That's Why I Love My Man.*

**Thursday July 27, 2017 2PM Matinee**

**East Sonora Theater Price per ticket \$24.00**

With check payable to SRT

**Dinner following musical at Willow Hotel, Jamestown**

**\$25.25 per person** with check payable to Willow Hotel

Entrée choices:

**Grilled Salmon** with lemon butter, dill sauce

**8oz. Prime Rib**

**Roast Chicken Marsala**

**Vegetarian Fettuccini Alfredo**

Dinner includes: French bread, Tossed salad, Baked potato, Fresh Vegetables, & coffee/tea, tax and tip

Note: dessert not included. Corkage is \$8.00

**Please bring your check(s) to the June Luncheon. Tickets will be distributed at the July luncheon. Cut off day for the musical payment is 7/3/17.**

Checks can be mailed to: Sprague Edwards

P.O. Box 235

Twain Harte, CA 95383

Hosted By: Sprague Edwards 586-2818 & Ed Nissen 586-3307



Sons in Retirement #136

# Summer Family BBQ Picnic

**August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

*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**  
**@ 11:00 am**  
**Lunch @ Noon**

## *Menu:*

St. Louis Style BBQ Ribs  
-or- BBQ Chicken  
with Potato Salad,  
Corn on a Cob,  
Bread, Dessert,  
Beer, wine, Soda &  
Bottled Water

**\$14 per Person**

Tickets will be on sale at the  
June & July Luncheons

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Children 12 & Under FREE  
Hot Dogs with fixings

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## EVENTS COMMITTEE

Paul Squeri	586-4083
Dick Aberle	Jake Parsons
John Vieira	Steve Heath
Rex Page	Steve Belochi

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**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**

**First Year**

Rich Rinaldi 532-8366

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**Second Year**

Jeff Phillips 588-2977

Jim Botto 586-0822

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN**

Attendance Membership - Jeff Phillips 588-2977

BEC Advisor - Al Limon 533-4544

Bowling - Bert Abreo 736-4804

Branch Photographer - Steve Belochi 533-5315

Bulletin - Jim Botto 586-0822

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

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Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994

Poker - George Parsons 533-8637

R.V. Travel Group - Knute Kleinen 694-886

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).

**July 11th Menu**

Boneless Country Pork Ribs, Brown Gravy,  
Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Green Salad, and  
Vanilla Pudding

**Guest Speaker**

Connie Williams, the Mayor of Sonora



God Bless and protect our troops that can't be with their families on The FoUrth of July Celebration and thank them for allowing us to enjoy our freedom and safety.

**Sons In Retirement, Inc**  
**Sonora Branch #136**  
**22295 Paseo De Los Portales**  
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