



SONORA SIR BRANCH #136

July 2018 Bulletin

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

next monthly meeting:

July 10th

Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am

Branch Executive Committee Meeting starts at 10AM in the main dining area.



BIG SIR NOTES

Paul Squeri - 586-4083

When we gather for our July meeting, the Fourth of July, 2018 will be just another fun filled holiday to seal away in our individual time capsules called Family Albums or if you are younger, Facebook. We celebrate and play in a lot of different ways, but you can bet most of them revolve around food and beverage. What the heck, let that belt out another notch, when we get home we will finish the cake and then get serious about things. I hope that sometime during this period of privileged indulgence you were able to take a moment to cast a thought and utter a thank you for the courage and brilliance of our Founding Fathers. Those diverse individuals were able to put deep partisan convictions aside and come together for the greater good to form our Nation. The magnitude of the divergence and brilliance of their negotiation can only be measured by the lack of such 85 years and a Civil War later.

Another summer tradition is rapidly approaching, the SIR Summer Barbeque and Picnic on August 14, 2018, under the "old oak trees", at Indigeny Reserve. The ribs and chicken will be hot and the beer cold. As usual SIRS will be serving free beer and wine with your meal and free hot dogs for kids under 12. The cost is again only \$14 per person. See the flyer that is published with the June and July Bulletins for complete details and directions. Please do not forget to bring chairs. Tickets will be on sale at the July meeting.

As I announced at the June meeting, Jerry Stefan, 925-570-5512, is attempting to put together a group to play Bocce Ball and is interested in finding some members to join him. It does not matter if you have not played before, this is one game that you can pick up fast. On the RV Club outings this game is one of the most popular with both the men and women. Some good food, cold beverage and a boisterous game on a nice summer day or evening makes for a great time.

Another new SIR activity that is entering prime time is kayaking. This is not river (white water) kayaking but a more placid form on lakes. If you have an interest in yakking about kayaking, see Sol Robin, 209-651-1054.

Luncheon Menu

Boneless Country Pork Ribs,
Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes,
Peas, Salad, Vanilla Pudding



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.



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www.sirinc.org

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Jerry Morrow, Twain Hart, Ca

AREA 5 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	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
Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015
Jim Johnson—Past Big SIR 2015

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Activities - Open

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Serge Peluso 588-9444

Gene Zanoni 586-4799

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Rich Rinaldi 532-8366

Roger Swartz 533-0376

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Attendance Membership - Open

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

Asst Danny Laureta 586-4083

Kayaking—Sol Robin 651-1054

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. - Danny Laureta 586-4083

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

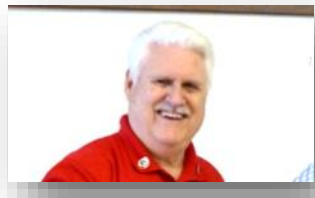
Sunshine - Chaplain - Steve Gregory 533-0309

Travel - Paul Halek Branch #172 352-7399

Wine Tasting - Phil Van Swoll 532-1133

SIR Mission Statement

To improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events - while making friends for life.



LITTLE SIR NOTES

Jim Botto - 586-0822

Another great guest speaker, Mike Lella, gave an outstanding presentation at the June luncheon. Several members obtained a copy of his book "Beneath a Scarlet Sky". A great true story of a young man's adventure during the Nazi invasion of Milan, Italy. In January, production will start on a 10-part mini TV series starring Tom Holland, currently playing Spiderman.

We sold 60 tickets to the August picnic at our last luncheon. Great start. Black Oak Casino & Resort has again donated a one-night stay at the hotel, 2-\$40 food coupons, 2-\$25 free play vouchers, and a gift bag with logo items. Many thanks to Susan Spencer, Marketing Manager. We need volunteers to help with our Annual Family Picnic. Our Set-up crew headed by Dick Aberle has his crew, the take-down crew headed by Rex Page has his crew. Cooking will be done by the Golf Club and the serving will be done by the Bowlers. Ticket sales will go on sale again at the next luncheon. So please be ready to purchase your tickets.

Our next guest speaker will be Cathie Peacock, director of Interfaith Community Social Services. Interfaith Community Services empowers people in need to stabilize and improve their lives through comprehensive programs, in partnership with diverse faith communities and people of compassion.

We are still looking for volunteers to join our Board & Executive Committee (BEC). Membership and Asst. Membership are still open for next year. We also need a RAMP Chairmen. If you can help us, please contact Paul Squeri or myself.

I am still looking for our Korean War Veterans to send me their Discharge form DD214. So far, I have received only six. I will need to send these forms into the Korean Consulate by September. Our November Luncheon Meeting guest speaker will be the Korean Consul General or his representative. I am also asking the other two Sirs Branches to send me the Korean War Vets DD214 forms

Guest Speaker for July 10th Luncheon

Cathie Peacock Director of Interfaith Community Social Services



Nomination Committee Recommendations 2019 Branch Executive Candidates

Big SIR: Jim Botto

Little SIR: Gene Zanoni

Secretary: Bill Burnes

Asst. Secretary: Dick Aberle

Treasurer: Eddie Toews

Asst. Treasurer: Steve Aldridge

1st Year Directors

Steve Huff

Marty Martin

Bill Guenza

John Moyer

2nd Year Directors

Larry Matteson

Serge Peluso

Bill Lobdell

July 2018 Club and Committee Reports



July Birthdays

Swartz, Rodger	07/03
Randall, Earl	07/04
Guzman, Larry	07/05
Haiges, Bob	07/05
Hurst, Frank J.	07/08
Vieira, John	07/09
Vanswoll, Phil	07/12
Mueller, James	07/14
Nolan, Mike	07/18
Gibbs, Bob	07/18
Waters, Dennis L.	07/23
Garces, Mariano	07/24
Davis, Gary	07/25
Gertz, Earl	07/26
Orth, Ron	07/26
Matteson, Larry	07/30



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dale Decker - 533-0455
daledftg@sonnet.com

June Membership

Total Active Members	213
Luncheon Attendance (65%)	147
Excused Absences (39%)	23

Guests 1

July 2018 Membership

June Active Membership	213
Applicants Being Installed	3
Active Members Lost (Deceased)	0
Active Members Lost (Moved)	0
Active Members to Inactive	0
Active Membership Outlook	216

CAR CLUB

CHAIRMAN: Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366
farmrich40@gmail.com



SIR classic car club tour needs to be finalized at our July meeting. Do we have time to meet for lunch at the 50's Road House Diner in Knight's Ferry by the end of July? Or do we plan to just have an open "invitational" car show in September here at the Elks lodge, open to all 3 SIR branches? Need these questions answered at our July meeting. I need at least 10 cars for a tour otherwise it's not worth meeting up for the trip. The tentative date is Thursday July 26. We can meet at 10:45am in Jamestown (Sierra gas station), drive west on Hwy. 108, lunch approx. at noon, then return back, short & simple. I need to know which classic or muscle car (1975 or older) you plan to drive & "guys" only for lunch... don't forget your cell phone just in case of car trouble on the tour. Keep those wheels turning!

RV CLUB

CHAIRMAN: Eddie Toews 532-3970
lcoinlady@aol.com



The RV group just got back from an outing to Betabel RV Park in San Juan Bautista, hosted by Dale & Leah Decker and Serge and Bette Paluso. It was quite windy most days but that didn't stop anyone from going shopping at several stores, i.e.; Home Goods, Hobby Lobby, Camping World and several others. Outdoor games were played by everyone along with indoor time at puzzles and 1 card poker.

It was announced that the vote to change the number of RV's that can belong to the group was passed and we now can have 30 rigs in the club.

As you can tell by the pictures below, we eat well on these outings and have great Orange Blossom drinks provided by Chuck Price.





SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN
Steve Gregory - 533-0309
discogregory@aol.com

Time to celebrate the birthday of our great country.
 Happy fourth of July to all our members and families.
 One Nation under GOD!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, online at the Branch website, or by telephoning him at 533-0455. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to **Dale Decker**, along with a check for the amount stated on the application. Dale's address is 10338 Slate Rim Rd, Sonora, CA 95370.



INTERNET CHAIRMAN
Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630
Asst- Danny Laureta—586-4083

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.



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

I want 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 to submit reports for the August bulletin is: Tuesday, July 31.

July 2018 Club and Committee Reports (cont'd)

PINOCHLE

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

The three adjacent tables show our scores for the pinochle sessions in June. The first one lists for each player the average of the scores for the sessions he played. The second lists the first place winner and his score for each week. The third lists the average score of each SIR branch for the year through June.

Please join us in playing pinochle. You don't need to know how to play because we will teach you, and you don't need to come every time but only when you want to. Your first two sessions are free. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 at each session. (Where else can you have a fun afternoon so cheaply?) You will win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at the end of a free session. You will play with members from all our three SIR branches. The two highest scoring players at the end of a session win cash prizes. We meet each Monday at the Pine Tree Restaurant next to the Best Western Plus Motel at the Hess Ave. and Mono Way intersection. We start playing at 1:00 P.M. and finish before 4:30 P.M. Some of us come earlier to have breakfast or lunch between noon and 1:00 P.M. For more information, please call me and/or go to the web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon.



June 2018		
Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Dave Goldemberg	172	412
Al De Neveu	136	362
Del Rotelli	77	362
Bob Morrison	136	295
Henry Beltran	172	292
Art Bartee	172	239
3 Monday Session Players		
Jerry Kopyn	172	259
Jim Turner	136	252
John Salmon	136	232
Roland Patton	172	220
2 Monday Session Players		
Bill Lewis	172	408
Dick Robinson	172	220
Sonny Tome	77	211
1 Monday Session Players		
Bert Kronnick	77	274
Bill Burnes	136	183

Weekly First Place Winners			
Week	Player	Score	Branch#
1	Bill Lewis	440	172
2	Del Rotelli	407	77
3	Bob Morrison	513	136
4	Dave Goldemberg	479	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Jun	
Branch	Average Score
172	283
136	270
77	246

BOWLING

CHAIRMAN: Bert Abreo 736-4808
murabreo@comcast.net



SIR League bowling will begin in September, contact Bob Wright if you are interested in bowling on Monday mornings this fall and winter.

Upcoming tournaments include: (Entry forms are available at the SIR bowling website)
 July 9-10 Yuba City
 July 20-23 Pollock Pines
 Aug 13-15 Reno



Special Notices



August Picnic

Tickets for the August 14th Family picnic at Indigency Reserve will be on sale at the June and July Luncheons. \$14 per person. Check out the full page flyer for all the details.

Luncheon Ticket Drawings

Don't forget the luncheon ticket drawings. Proceeds help with making our three special events more successful (Ladies Day, Family Picnic, and Christmas). Just look for Tom T. and Tom N. coming your way during the Social Hour and just prior to the Luncheon meeting starting.

Media Exchange

Please participate in our Media Exchange! We have books, CDs, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles that you may borrow and enjoy. No library card or sign out sheet required. We only ask that when you are finished with them please return them. Also please consider contributing items so that other members can enjoy them, as well (No VCR Tapes or magazines please).

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 2018 Club and Committee Reports (cont'd)

GOLF Joint Br. 136 & Br. 77 Golf Committee

CHAIRMAN: Paul Padavana 532-8051

Asst: Danny Laureta 586-4567



The results for the June 5th Skins Game with 25 players held at Mountain Springs Golf Course are as follows:

Tom Neiderer – 12 skins (6 May carry over skins), Dennis Land – 3 skin, Trini Mercado – 3 skins, Kent Kirkland – 2 skins, Dick Nutting – 1 skin

The results for the June 19th Individual Low Net Flights A & B Tournament with 20 players held at Castle Oaks Golf Course in Ione are as follows:

Flight A	Flight B
1 st Place – (Net 67) Dennis Land	1 st Place – (Net 64) Paul Padavana
2 nd Place – (Net 69 Won Tie Breaker) Pete Larkin	2 nd Place – (Net 66) Trini Mercado
3 rd Place – (Net 69) Mike Baumgartner	3 rd Place – (Net 67) Kent Kirkland
Closest to Hole #8 (145 yds.)	
1 st Place – (21 ft 7 in.) John Perrault	
2 nd Place – (29 ft. 1.5 in.) Gene Deaver	
3 rd Place – (36 ft.) Rudy Flores	
Closest to Hole #16 (103 yds.)	
1 st Place – (7 ft. 8 in.) Kent Kirkland	
2 nd Place – (11 ft. 1 in.) Chace Anderson	
3 rd Place – (13 ft. 7 in.) Rudy Flores and Dennis Land	

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 / 172 Golf Tournament** is scheduled for July 17th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Start time is 8:00 AM. The format for this tournament will be "Four-man Team ORANGE BALL". This is a four-man team event so when signing up either have a formed team or your team will be luck of the draw. Sign-up for this tournament is by Saturday, July 14th (NO LATER). Contact Paul Padavana at 209-532-8051 or e:mail paulp_57@yahoo.com.

The next Skins Game will be held at Mountain Springs Golf Course on July 3rd. Start time is 8:00 AM. Contact Danny Laureta at 209-586-4567 or e:mail drlaureta@gmail.com.

FISHING

CHAIRMAN: Chuck Simons - 532-9550

simons4890@yahoo.com



No fishing report this month.

One day, two guys Joe and Bob were out fishing. A funeral service passes over the bridge they re fishing by, and Bob takes off his hat and puts it over his heart. He does this until the funeral service passes by. Joe then said "Gee Bob, I didn't know you had it in you!" Bob then replies " It's the least I could do. After all I was married to her for 30 years."

KAYAKING

CHAIRMAN: Sol Robin 651-1054

solhomes@sbcglobal.net



June's kayak outing was at Pinecrest Lake. It was a beautiful day and we were visited by Osprey busy diving for fish and a Bald Eagle soaring overhead. Part way through our paddle around the lake we beached our kayaks and some of us enjoyed a quick swim. The morning was punctuated by a wonderful hamburger BBQ. In July there will be a leisurely float down the Stanislaus River out of Knight's Ferry by raft. We hope you'll join us!

Combined Group Activity Chairmen 2018

Group	Branch 136-Sonora Paul Squeri-Big SIR 586-4083	Branch 77-Sierra George Kellerman-Big SIR 533-9083	Branch 172-Twain Harte Charles Luke-Big SIR 533-3683
Biking	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Steve Happel 532-7240
Bowling	Bob Wright 536-9007	Larry Lund 586-2276	See Branch 136 & 77
Golf	Paul Padavava 532-8051	Kent Kirkland 532-3435	Doug Peters 532-3739
1 st Tuesday	Danny Laureta 586-4567	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Tournaments	Paul Padavana 532-8051	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Handicap	Tom Nischwitz 694-8624	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Advison	Danny Laureta 586-4567	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Hiking	See Branch 77	Mike Clay 588-1345	See Branch 77
Fishing	Chuck Simons 532-9550	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Horseshoes	See Branch 77	Bob Nath 532-2229	See Branch 77
Pinochle	Bob Morrison 588-0995	Bert Kronnick 586-7726	See Branch 136
RV Travel	Ed Toews 532-3970	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Tech/Computer			
Travel			
Theatre	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Bill Bamford 586-7279
Wine Tasting (45)	Phil VanSwoll 532-1133	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Antique Cars (30)			
Woodworking (29)			
Poker (26)	George Parsons 533-8637	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Bocce Ball (26)	Jerry Stefan 925-570-5512	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Fine Dining (22)			
Gardening (20)			
Dancing (16)			
Car Club (16)	Rich Rinaldi 532-8366	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Pot Luck Dinner (15)			
Book Exchange	Jim Rodrigues 536-4338		
Media Exchange	Sol Robin 651-1054		
Kayak	Sol Robin 651-1054	See Branch 136 & 172	Dave Kenney (davehikes98@sbcglobal.net)

Activity (xx) = number of respondents indicating interest in having this new activity in Branch #136

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. The member can assist you in where to meet, at what time and answer any 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 Paul Squeri, phone 586-4083 or e-mail (paulsqueri@yahoo.com)

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Sons in Retirement #136

Summer Family BBQ Picnic

August 14th, 2018

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

Children 12 & Under FREE
Hot Dogs with fixings

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Jim Botto	586-0822
Dick Aberle	Scott Lewis
John Vieira	Bill Guenza
Rex Page	Gene Zandoni

July 2018 Sonora SIR Branch 136 Activity Calendar

Contact Committee Chairman for activity details

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Pinochle- Pine Tree	3 Golf—Mtn Springs	4 	5	6	7
8	9 Pinochle- Pine Tree Bowling-Yuba City	10 Monthly Meeting Country Pork Ribs Bowling-Yuba City	11	12	13	14 Golf signup deadline
15	16 Pinochle- Pine Tree	17 Golf -Mtn Springs	18	19	20 Bowling-Pollock Pines	21 Bowling-Pollock Pines
22 Bowling-Pollock Pines	23 Pinochle- Pine Tree Bowling-Pollock Pines	24 Golf-Castle Oaks	25	26	27	28
29	30 Pinochle- Pine Tree	31				

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