



BULLETIN

June 2017

**Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136
Sonora SIR Branch #136
will meet at the Sonora Elks
Lodge on
Tuesday, June 13th
(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

The 2017 Annual Ladies Day Luncheon has come and gone and Little Sir Paul Squeri and the Special Events Committee did a great job. Once again, we had great attendance (208), great food and great entertainment.

A very big thank you to Fred Kehr for chairing the Sir Merchandise Sale and to Tom Neiderer and Tom Turner for volunteering to do the 50/50 Luncheon Raffle.

Our RAMP Chairman Rex Page is in charge of the Sir's booth at the Motherlode Fairgrounds for the Friends and Neighbors Expo which is coming up on Wednesday, June 7. Please call Rex at 533-4501 to sign up to help man the booth. The idea of the Expo is to let you know what community resources are available for those of us over 50. The admission is free and it is an abbreviated day. The hours are from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Last year SIR had a booth and we had the opportunity to meet many retired men who could qualify to join us.

Our summer special event occurs on Tuesday August 8th with a 'Family BBQ Picnic' that will be held at Indigeny Reserve, 14679 Summers Lane, Sonora, CA. 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 June and July luncheons. Cost is \$14 per person and children 12 and under are FREE with Hot Dogs and fixins.

A reminder that it's Hawaiian Shirt Day in our June Luncheon Meeting or if you have a crazy shirt but it isn't Hawaiian, wear it.



LITTLE SIR NOTES

Paul Squeri - 586-4083

Well, our Ladies Day Luncheon is now in the rear-view mirror. It has taken its place in the remember when folder along with about 40% of 2017. As usual a fun time was the order of the day. If the noise level was any indication, the conversational inner action was at peak rpm. Dave Rainwater added a special touch to the afternoon by visiting and individually serenading and playing requests for all twenty-six tables. I would like to take a moment to thank the following individuals for their generous contributions of time and energy: Rex Page, Dick Aberle, Jerry Bellefeuille, Steve Heath, Gary & Leslie Davis, Eddie Toews, Bill Guenza, Larry Matteson, Rich Rinaldi, John Vieira, Fred & Sigrid Kehr and my wife Annelies. I want to also thank everyone that brought items to be raffled off, all three of you. We made requests for raffle items in the Bulletin along with mentioning it at the meetings. You were so generous at the December luncheon, I am at a loss as to what happened at the May Luncheon. The raffle not only provides entertainment but is also an important source of funding for our events. Please do not think someone else will do it: it will not get done.

Tickets for the Summer Family Barbecue Picnic, on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at Indigeny Reserve, will be on sale at the June and July meetings. As usual children under twelve are free. See the flyer for further details and also remember to bring chairs, as seating is limited. See you all there and try to bring an item to be raffled off. We need about twenty items.

Our speaker at the June luncheon will be Dr. Eric Freedman. He has visited with us previously and is returning to update us on the latest advancements in the field of urology, a subject that should pique your interest.

Happy Father's Day



**HAPPY
FATHERS
DAY**



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 June 6th at Mountain Springs Golf Course with a shotgun start at 8:00 A.M. Contact Danny Laureta at 586-4567 or by e-mail at drlaureta@gmail.com

Results for the SIRS 136 / 77 May 16th "SIX-SIX-SIX" Tournament held at Mountain Springs Golf Course with a field of 28 golfers are as follows:

1st place - (Net 61) Dennis Land / Pete Larkin

2nd place - (Net 63) John Perrault / Chace Anderson

3rd place - Net 64 Rudy Flores / Mike Baumgartner

Closest to hole #7 (145 yards)

1st place - Jeff Juhl (8'10")

2nd place - Danny Laureta (9'6")

3rd place - Pete Larkin (12'4")

Closest to hole #12 (123 yards)

1st place - Danny Laureta (2'4")

2nd place - Mike Dolan (4'2")

3rd place - Tom Neiderer (6'11")

The next SIRS 136 / 77 Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 20th at Greenhorn Creek Golf Course in Angels Camp. Start time is 10:00 AM. The format for this tournament will be Individual Low Net Flights A & B. We are limited to the number of players (24) in this tournament and sign-ups are filling up fast.

Sign-up for this tournament is by Friday, June 9th (**NO LATER**). This is an away tournament, so green fees are (\$52.00) and must be paid in advance. Contact Paul Padavana at paulp_57@yahoo.com or 209-532-8051.



April Birthdays:

Spruner, Ray	6/6
Bellefeuille, Jerry	6/8
Newell, Tom	6/11
Clay, Matt	6/12
Krawchuk, Dave	6/14
Chernoff, Nicholas	6/17
Nischwitz, Tom	6/17
Reinhart, Paul	6/17
Decker, Dale	6/19
Miller, John	6/19
Schuler, Bill	6/21
Banchero, Don	6/22
Peluso, Serge	6/22
Youngborg, Monty	6/22
Boatman, Bill	6/24
Robin, Sol	6/25
Rancatore, James P.	6/27
Kangas, Herbert A.	6/28
Nutting, Dick	6/28
Morales, Gene	6/29
Teal, Ben	6/29



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 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 May. The second lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for May. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for January through May.

May 2017		
Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Mike Schmidt	172	320
Del Rotelli	77	306
Roland Patton	172	278
Bill Burnes	136	250
Sonny Tome	77	235
Bill Lewis	172	233
Player	Branch	Average
3 Monday Session Players		
Art Bartee	172	310
Tom Newell	136	301
Al De Neveu	136	251
Henry Beltran	172	181
Jerry Kopyn	172	156
Player	Branch	Average
2 Monday Session Players		
Bob Morrison	136	299
John Johnson	172	298
Bert Kronnick	77	168
Player	Branch	Average
1 Monday Session Players		
Dave Goldemberg	172	379
Jim Turner	136	231

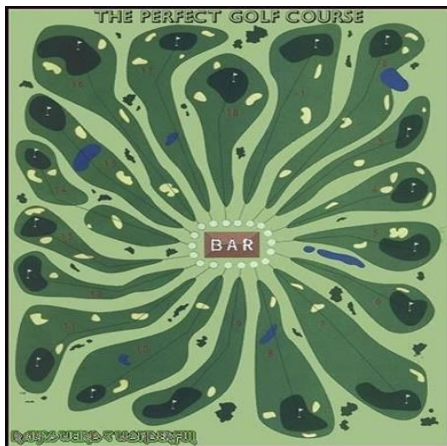
Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
1-May-17	492	Tom Newell	136
8-May-17	380	Roland Patton	172
15-May-17	385	Mike Schmidt	172
22-May-17	341	Mike Schmidt	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru May 2017	
Branch	Score
172	285
77	280
136	252



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

Fishing is still hit and miss at most lakes. The changes in the weather and water conditions have a lot to do with it. Not much more to report. I am still open to any ideas for trips or outings. Contact me at 209 770-5928 or simons4890@yahoo.com.





RV CLUB CHAIRMAN
Knute Kleinen - 694-8866
kleinena@sbcglobal.net

Once again, the RV's ventured out and surprise, it was not raining. They all met at Vacaville for an outing hosted by Chuck and Kathie Price & Paul and Annelies Squeri. The weather was warm and mild. A relaxing agenda was planned with a visit to the Jelly Belly factory, the Budweiser brewery, Fenton's Creamery, Factory outlets and misc. items like putting a 1000-piece puzzle together. The ladies also had a hobby project planned while the men went to the Travis Air Force Base Air Museum. Much was discussed about the upcoming trip to Hat Creek in June with a stopover in Corning. It appears we will have at least 20 rigs going. It was great to see Jim Johnson up and about again. Others in our group that have been having health problem are finally on the mend.



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

The 2016-17 SIRS bowling season is now complete until early September. The League Champion is team SS-396 comprised of Rich Milano, Mike Ross, Steve Huff and a vacancy. They defeated Andy's Dandies - Tom Neiderer, Andy Vassallo, Tom Turner and a vacancy.
High Scratch Series - Mike Bowers 756
High Scratch Game - Dave Rossi 279
Most Pins over average in a game - Gil Voecks 94 for a 231 game
Most Pins over average in a series - Gil Voecks 149 for a 560 series

There were about 22 Branch members and guests who participated in the Carson City SIRS Tournament and several of them earned money include Mike Bowers, Carol Krawchuk, Dave Rossi, Lillian Thomas, Don and Janis Banchemo, Barbara and Gene Morales, Bob Thomas and Bert Abreo.

Upcoming Tournaments include:
 May 19-21 - SIRS State Bowling Tournament - South Lake Tahoe, Tahoe Bowl
 June 7 & 8 - Pinole
 June 20 & 21 - Paradise
 July 10& 11 - Yuba City
 July 22-25 - Pollock Pines
 August 14-16 - Reno, NV
 August 27-29 - **Sonora**, Team, Doubles and Singles



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

Here we are in June already and I can still smell and remember some of the "noise and exhaust" fumes from modified engine starts at the Copper Car Show that occurred in May.....about 250 carsand the weather was good. Yes, we are planning to exhibit and show our SIR's antique & classic cars on Tuesday July 11th here on the Sonora Elk's parking lot. I have contacted both SIR's Branches #172 & #77 Big Sirs and they will give us a count in June of any their participating members joining usbe it just to show a car or also stay for our meeting, buy lunch & chat with us. Bring your special "baby" to show offany make or model from 1985 or older qualifies (includes trucks). Try to arrive by 9am so we can use the center area of the parking lot for setup. Last show we had 14 vehicleslet's try to beat that number! SIR's ...start your engines!!



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

<u>April Membership</u>	
Total Active Members	219
Luncheon Attendance (69%)	152
Excused Absences (49%)	33
Ladies Day Luncheon in May - No Change	
<u>Current June Membership</u>	
Current Active Membership	219
Applicants Being Installed	3
Active Members Lost	1
Active Membership Outlook	221



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

We regret to share the news of the loss of two SIRS brothers. Ted Kassahn #003 leaves his wife Ina and we lost Bob Harlan #146 leaves his wife Elaine. Our sympathy and prayers go out to their wives and families.



INTERNET CHAIRMAN
Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630

Our Branch website is at 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.



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: giacamo42@gmail.com The deadline for the next bulletin is: **Friday June 30th**

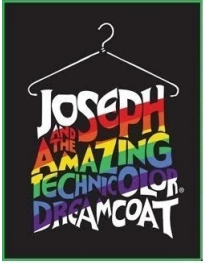


MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

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.

Lady's Day Luncheon May 9, 2017





Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The story is based on the "coat of many colors" story of Joseph from the Bible's Book of Genesis. Featuring a score that is a blend of calypso, 50's rock and roll, country western & vaudeville.

Thursday June 22, 2017 2PM Matinee

Fallon House Theater Price per ticket \$24.00

With check payable to **SRT**

Dinner following musical at The Lazy Z Resort

\$25.00 per person with check to Lazy Z Resort (note selection)

All dinners will be served with a Caesar salad and a dinner roll

SIRLOIN STEAK served with a marsala reduction, garlic mash potatoes and fresh vegetables

ITALIAN STUFFED CHICKEN stuffed with spinach, Italian cheeses and artichoke hearts, drizzled with a sundried tomato cream sauce served over garlic mash potatoes and served with fresh vegetables

SAKE GLAZED SALMON served over a rice medley and fresh vegetables

Chef Choice of Dessert

Corkage fee \$7.00

Tickets will be distributed at the June luncheon. Cut off date for musical payment is 5/29/17.

Checks can be mailed to: Dennis Honeychurch
P.O. Box 1383
Twain Harte, CA 95383

Hosted By:

Dennis Honeychurch 586-2117 & Bill Bamford 586-7279



The Great American Trailer Park Musical

The Trailer Park is a big hearted musical with a cheeky scrip and an 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 it's title.

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 8th, 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

Children 12 & Under FREE
Hot Dogs with fixings

EVENTS COMMITTEE

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

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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
2016 - Dale Decker	

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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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

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BEC Advisor - Al Limon 533-4544

Bowling - Bert Abreo 736-4804

Branch Photographer - Steve Belochi 533-5315

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Car Club - Rich Rinaldi 532-8366

Fishing - Chuck Simons -532-9550

Golf - Paul Padavana 532-8051

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Danny Laureta 586-4083

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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

Media Exchange - Sol Robin 651-1054

Book Exchange - Jim Rodrigues 536-4338

Nominating Com. Chair. - Dale Decker 533-0455

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 - Open Position

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).

June 13th Menu

Meatloaf and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Green Salad,
Strawberry Short Cake

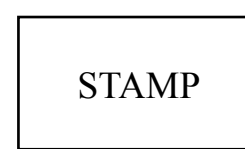
Guest Speaker

Dr. Eric Freedman He has visited with us previously and is returning to update us on the latest advancements in the field of urology, a subject that should pique your interest.



God Bless and protect our troops that can't be with their families on Father's Day and thank them for allowing us to enjoy our freedom and safety.

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