

SONORA BRANCH #136 next monthly meeting:

June 12<sup>th</sup>

Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am

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

## **Luncheon Menu**

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





### 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.

## SONORA SIR BRANCH #136 June 2018 Bulletin

Website: sonorasirs.org



#### **BIG SIR NOTES**

Paul Squeri - 586-4083

As we close out May and enter June, I would like to take a moment to reflect on a couple of bygone SIR moments. One is the Ladies Day Luncheon. We had another very well attended and well received affair. This is not just promotional air that I am blowing but a substantiated fact corroborated by our survey cards. We had about 42% of our members and their partners in attendance and there were a few tickets left over. I have a question: where are the other approximate 58% of our members? Now there is no way we can handle everyone because that would be over 400 members with guests but it certainly seems reasonable that we should sell out. Are we missing something? The other moment is the SIR entry in the Mother Lode Parade five days after the Ladies Day Luncheon. I want to extend a special thank you to Jerry Bellefeuille, Steve Gregory and Rodger Swartz for joining Rex Page and myself. The purpose of our entry was name recognition which hopefully will transfer into new members. We could sure use some help with this. Have you brought any prospective members to lunch lately? Visitors and membership are down. To stay viable SIRS needs a constant flow of new members.

Here we go again! SIR Branch #136 will have a booth in The Friends and Neighbors Expo at the Mother Lode Fair Grounds on June 7, 2018, as we did earlier at the Home and Garden Show. We will be informing interested seniors as to who we are and what we are all about.

It seems that since I took up residence in our mountain home, the four conventional seasons have evolved into three: snow shoveling season, weed cutting season and road repair season. The snow comes, it turns to rain and rain to "WEEDS". Guess what season we are in? The good news is, you can get your whacking and sacking done, have a beer or two and still have enough time to grab your check book and head for the SIR June meeting. There you can kick back, commiserate on the weed wars and treat yourself and your lady to tickets for the SIRS Summer Picnic. Yes, it is that time again. We will be at Indigeny Reserve again and the beer will be cold and the ribs hot. As usual the tickets will be on sale at the June and July meetings. If you are one of the above 58%, now would be a great time to give this a try. We have free hot dogs for the kids. See the flyer for details.

A Texan buys a round of drinks for the entire bar, announcing that his wife has just gave birth to their first child "a typical Texas" baby boy weighing 24 pounds. Congratulations showered him from all around, along with many exclamations of "Wow!"

Two weeks later, the Texan returns to the bar. The bartender says, "Say, you're the father of the typical Texas baby that weighed 25 pounds at birth. How much does he weigh now?"

The proud father answers, "18 pounds."

The bartender, puzzled and concerned, asks, "Why? What happened? He already weighed 24 pounds at birth."

The Texas father takes a slow swig from his longneck beer, wipes his lips on his shirt sleeve, leans into the bartender and proudly says, "Had him circumcised."

Happy Father's Day

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#### PAST BIG SIRS - BRANCH #136 SONORA

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#### **BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN Attendance Membership - Open

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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

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## 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**

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Special Events Committee for an outstanding job helping me put together our Lady's Day Luncheon. I could not have been able to accomplish it with out them. With a special thanks to Ron Long who built all the bird houses and especially my wife Linda, who painted them and arranged the flowers. I also want to thank everyone who donated a raffle prize. With the various assortment of prizes and the Black Oak Grand Prize we were able to create black numbers in our expense report.

Paul Squeri's survey reported that we did very well. Of the 180 members and guests attending the luncheon we received 80 completed surveys. (Ratings 1 = poor to 5 = Excellent) Only four people could not give a 3 or better rating: Of the four questions, the one that got the highest score was "How was your day?" Out of 80 responses 72-5's, 6-4's, 2-3's. From the responses I received at the luncheon, I feel that everyone really had a good time.

The Special Events Committee has already started planning and working on our Annual Family BBQ Picnic to be held at the Indigeny Reserve on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for the picnic will go on sale at our next SIR Luncheon on June 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be looking for raffle prize donors and helpers with set up and break down. If you can volunteer, please contact the Events Committee:

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I want to again thank Black Oak Casino & Resort for donating a gift basket & coupons for our Grand Prize drawing with your ticket stubs.

Our guest speaker for the June 12<sup>th</sup> luncheon will be Mike Lella. Mike is the son of the main character in the true story "Under a Scarlet Sky" by Mark Sullivan, soon to be made into a movie. I have mentioned this book before and it is a good one.

We have a few openings in our BEC for 2019: Membership and Asst. Membership. There are some computer skills needed in these positions working with Excel files. If you can help please contact Paul Squeri or myself. **Happy Father's Day** 



Big SIR, Paul, and few of the Ladies Day Raffle prize crew

## June 2018 Club and Committee Reports



## June Birthdays

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dale Decker - 533-0455 daledftg@sonnet.com

**April Membership** 

Total Active Members 216 Luncheon Attendance (65%) 141 Excused Absences (39%) 29

Guests 1

June 2018 Membership

April Active Membership 216
Applicants Being Installed 1
Active Members Lost (Deceased) -2
Active Members Lost (Moved) -1
Active Members to Inactive 0
Active Membership Outlook 213

## **CAR CLUB**

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



SIR classic car club tour needs to be finalized at our June meeting. Do we have time to meet at the 50's Road House Diner in Knight's Ferry by the end of June? Or do we plan to extend our lunch tour to July? Need these questions answered at our June meeting with a signup sheet for all those planning on going with an accepted date....need at least 8 cars otherwise it's not worth meeting up for the trip. We will meet at 11am in Jamestown (old Valero 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 you plan to drive & "guys" only for lunch...& don't forget your cell phone just in case of car trouble on the tour. Sempre Avanti! (always forward!)

## RV CLUB

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



Several of the RV members had a wonderful outing to the Mariposa Fairgrounds. The weather was perfect for the outing. Some of the people went to Yosemite for a day to see the falls. They are beautiful this time of the year. Others of the group went to Bass Lake for the day.

Our next outing will be to Betabel RV Park, near San Juan Bautista, from June 24 to 28th.

We also now have 4 outings scheduled for 2019.

We played several games on Wednesday afternoon. Here are some photos of the top finishers.

We also had card games and puzzles, along with relaxation.



Corn Hole -1st place Stan Enos 2nd place Judy Feldman



Swinging Balls - 1st place Dale Decker 2nd place Jim Johnson



Pipe Ball - 1st place Dale Decker 2nd place Ruth Enos





## **SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN**

Steve Gregory - 533-0309 discogregory@aol.com

Good News ..... No News



## 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 July bulletin is: Thursday, June 28.

### **PINOCHLE**

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

Please join us in playing pinochle. If don't know how to play or have forgotten how, we will teach you. You don't have 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.

The three adjacent tables show our scores for the pinochle sessions in May. 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 May.



May 2018				
Player	Branch	Average		
4 Monday Session Players				
Roland Patton 172 34				
Sonny Tome	77	303		
Bob Morrison	136	263		
Bill Lewis	172	247		
Henry Beltran	172	220		
3 Monday Se	ession Play	ers		
Al De Neveu	136	359		
Del Rotelli	77	279		
Dave Goldemberg	172	225		
Jerry Kopyn	172	157		
2 Monday Session Players				
Dick Robinson	172	285		
Art Bartee	172	250		
John Salmon	136	161		
1 Monday Session Players				
Jim Turner	136	216		
Bert Kronnick	77	64		

Weekly First Place Winners				
Week	Player	Score	Branch#	
1	Sonny Tome	360	77	
2	Roland Patton	447	172	
3	Al Deneveu	405	136	
4	Roland Patton	443	172	

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Branch Average Scores - Jan thru May			
Branch Average Score			
172	281		
136	272		
77	239		

## **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) June 6-7 - Pacheco (Paddock Bowl) June 19-20 Paradise

July 9-10 Yuba City July 20-23 Pollock Pines Aug 13-15 Reno







## June 2018 Club and Committee Reports (cont'd)

### **August Picnic**

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

### Friends and Neighbors Expo

SIR Branch #136 will have a booth at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds on Thursday, June 7th, providing our organizations information to interested seniors.

#### **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).

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

CHAIRMAN: Paul Padavana 532-8051 Asst: Danny Laureta 586-4567



The results for the May 1st Skins Game with 20 players held at Mountain Springs Golf Course is as follows:

Mike Dolan and Jim Walczak – 4 skins / Joe Zertuche – 3 skins / Trini Mercado – 1 skin A total of 6 skins will carry over to hole #1 at the June Skins Game.

The results for the May 15th Individual Stroke Stableford Scoring Tournament with 29 players held at Mountain Springs Golf Course is as follows: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (11 points) – Danny Laureta 4<sup>th</sup> Place (9 points) – Steve Hagel

1<sup>st</sup> Place (14 points) – Mike Clay 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (10 points) – Bob Edwards

5<sup>th</sup> Place (8 points) – Paul Padavana

Closest to Hole #7 (145 yds.) 1<sup>st</sup> Place – (4 ft 6 in.) Kent Kirkland

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – (10 ft. 6 in.) Rod Salvi

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – (12ft. 4 in.) Mike Dolan

Closest to Hole #12 (123 yds.) 1<sup>st</sup> Place – (12 ft. 7 in.) Jeff Juhl

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – (26 ft. 4 in.) Mike Clay

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – (28 ft. 8 in.) Rod Salvi

The next SIRS 136 / 77 / 172 Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> at Castle Oaks Golf Course in Ione. Start time is 9:00 AM. The format for this tournament will be Individual Stroke Play Flights A & B. Sign-up for this tournament is by Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> (NO LATER). Tournament fees (\$53.00) must be paid in advance. 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 June 5<sup>th</sup>. Start time is 8:00 AM. Contact Danny Laureta at 209-586-4567or e:mail drlaureta@gmail.com.

## **FISHING**

## CHAIRMAN: Chuck Simons - 532-9550 simons4890@yahoo.com



On Wednesday, May 2nd, Knute Kleinen and I fished Don Pedro. The weather was perfect and the wind was calm, which made for a great day on the lake. We caught and released a good number of fish and kept a couple for the frying pan. The fish were not real big, but fun, none the less.

On Saturday, the 5th, I fished Melones with Frank Myers, my SIRS bowling teammate. We fished all day and managed 6 fish from 1.7 to 5.9 lbs. Another good day on the wa-

Fishing slowed some at Don Pedro on the 9th. I did take some pictures for a Bass fisherman who had a 5-1/2 pound Bass.

Please let me know about your fishing trips to include in the next report

## **KAYAKING**

CHAIRMAN: Sol Robin 651-1054 solhomes@sbcglobal.net



Due to illness after our cruise, I have nothing to report this month. Hopefully we'll get some outings going soon.

















































## Combined Group Activity Chairmen 2018

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	533-9083	Charles Luke-Big SIR 533-3683	
172	See Branch 172	Steve Happel 532-7240	
66-9007	Larry Lund 586-2276	See Branch 136 & 77	
532-8051	Kent Kirkland 532-3435 77 Rep	p Doug Peters 532-3739	
86-4567	See Branch 136		
532-8051	See Branch 136		
694-8624	See Branch 136		
586-4567	See Branch 136		
. 77	Mike Clay 588-1345		
Chuck Simons 532-9550		See Branch 136	
& 172	Bob Nath 532-2229	Cas Munoz 586-1578	
88-0995	Bert Kronnick 586-7726	See Branch 136	
2-3970	See Branch 136 & 172	Duane Porter 533-2189	
172	See Branch 172	Rich Nedbal 247-6497	
172	See Branch 172	Paul Halek 352-7399	
172	See Branch 172	Sprague Edwards 586-2818	
532-1133	See Branch 136	See Branch 136	
533-8637	See Branch 136	See Branch 136	
32-8366	See Branch 136	See Branch 136	
536-4338		<del>-</del>	
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1-1054	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)



## 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 Zanoni

# June 2018 Sonora SIR Branch 136 Activity Calendar Contact Committee Chairman for activity details

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Pinochle– Pine Tree	5 Golf—Mtn Springs	6 Bowling—Pacheco	7 Friends & Neighbors Expo Bowling Pacheco	8	9 Golf signup deadline
10	11 Pinochle– Pine Tree	12 Monthly Meeting (Meatloaf++)	13	14	15	16
17 Father's Day	18 Pinochle– Pine Tree	19 Golf-Castle Oaks Bowling Paradise	20 Bowling-Paradise	21	22	23
24 RV Betabel RV Pk	25 Pinochle– Pine Tree RV-Betabel RVPk	26 RV Betabel RV Pk	27 RV Betabel RV Pk	28 RV Betabel RV Pk Bulletin Reports Due	29	30

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