



BULLETIN

March 2015

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on

Tuesday, March 10th

Starts at Noon

(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)

The Branch Executive Committee meets at 10:00 am.



MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE LINE

If you are not able to attend the regular monthly meeting please call the Membership Message Line at

536 - 6311

No Later Than Noon on the Monday Before the Luncheon Meeting!

and leave a clear message with your NAME & BADGE # and the reason you will not be able to attend.

BIG SIR NOTES

Jim Johnson - 536-1595

You turn your back for a minute and it is already March. March is the only month of the year that you can wear an ugly green shirt and it's in style. It's also the month that we eat corn beef and cabbage at every event we go to during the month. I wonder sometimes who came up with the idea of putting cabbage in boiling water with the corn beef. For the record, it wasn't me! I prefer red potatoes with my corn beef.

Get involved in one or more of our activities. Bowling is going strong and Golf will soon get into its spring play. The RV group will be having their first outing of the new year at the great RV Park at the Jackson Rancheria. If you have an RV, join them. If you need something to do on Monday afternoons, drop by the Moose Lodge and play a little Pinochle. Again, get involved, enjoy life and have a good time.

You fishermen don't forget to see Jim Nuzum to sign up for the fishing group. If you have any new ideas for an activity or a comment on what's going on in our Branch drop me a note.

Now for a more serious note. February wasn't a good month for Branch 136. We lost three of our members last month; Larry Singley, Don Utt and Baci Frecceri. The three of them represent a total of 68 years of involvement with Branch 136. As you know Baci was a Charter member of our branch and a member since September, 1986. Don Utt was also a long time member since December, 1986. We are going to miss all three of them.

Remember to invite a guest to our Monthly Luncheons.

EACH ONE TO REACH ONE

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Dale Decker - 533-0455

The time is finally here for distribution of a new 2015 Sonora Branch #136 Member Directory. With all the changes over the past couple of years I think it will be well received.

I've included a lot of information and other interesting facts for both new and seasoned members. Information that should give all of us a better understanding of the beginning of SIRs, our history as a branch, organizational structure and a summary of important by-laws.

And, something I hope everyone will appreciate: larger print, last names first followed by first names and badge numbers in **bold print**. After all, while we all feel like we're much younger than we really are, the eyes always know!

Be sure to pick up your copy at the check-in table. Remember though that this is for members only! No copies to guests - they can obtain one when they join.

On another note the special events team will be selling tickets for our May Ladies Day Luncheon. We'll be implementing a new process to streamline ticket purchasing and hopefully move the things along a lot faster.

Here's your choices:

Ticket Sales Table -

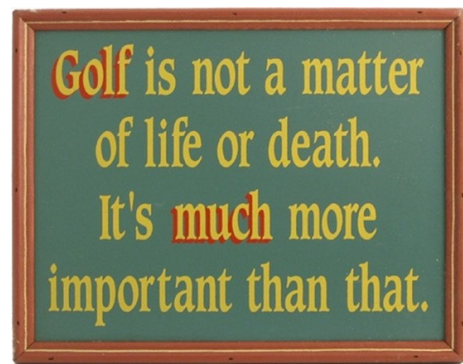
Party of 6 or more: Pick up a table reservation form, fill it in completely with names of members and guests and return it to the Ticket Sales Table with your payment (check preferred). You will be issued tickets for distribution to your 'group'.

Party of 5 or less: purchase individual tickets with your member name and guest's name, make payment (check preferred) and obtain your tickets.

Table with Friends -

If you would like to sit at a table with others you know just go to the 'Table with Friends' (No Ticket Sales) after you receive your tickets and provide the information you will be asked.

In all cases actual table numbers will be assigned and you will be informed on the day of the luncheon - when you check-in.



GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Danny Laureta - 586-4567

Assistant Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

Handicap Tom Nischwitz - 694-8624

Results of February 3rd Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs

Format: Skins

7 skins - George Parsons

2 skins - Barry Bynum

1 skin - Mike Dolan

1 skin - Danny Laureta

1 skin - Kent Kirkland

1 skin - Matt Clay

Results of February 24th Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs

Format: 2 Man Best Ball

1st Place tie:

Gene Morales & Joe Zertuche (net 58)

Jeff Phillips & Matt Clay (net 58)

2nd Place:

Danny Laureta & Felix Espino (net 60)

3rd Place tie:

Don Banchemo, Mile Dolan, John & Perrault (net 61)

Closest to the hole #5

1 st Jeff Phillips

2 nd Kent Kirkland

3 rd - none

Closest to the hole #12

1 st Dennis Land

2 nd Gene Deaver

3 rd Gene Morales

Next Golf Tournaments (3)

Tuesday, March 3

Skins 9:30 am Shotgun start

Tuesday, March 31
 (Saddle Creek \$49) 10:00 am
 Shotgun start (Mar. 20 Entry Deadline)

Carson City Golf Tournament

May 17-20, 2015

Contact: Tom Nischwitz 209-694-8624



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

February Membership

Active 221
 Inactive 2
 New Members 1
 Members Lost 4
 March Total 217

February Attendance

Active 221
 Attendance 154
 Not Attending 65
 Excused = 25 39%

We need to do better at calling the Membership Message Line !

PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994

robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com



Bill Burnes & Billy Oliver (#136) in a game with Roland Patton while Mike Schmidt watches. Art Bartee and Jerry Morrow are waiting for this table's High Scorer to move to table 2.

For an afternoon of fun, please join us in playing Pinochle. If you don't know how to play or haven't played for a long time, we will tutor you in our rules. (Most of us had not played in 20, 30, 40, or more years and some had never played before they joined.) You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you have a fun afternoon so cheaply?) You win a prize if your score at the end of the meeting is one of the three highest. Moreover, you win \$10 if you score in the

top 50% at a free meeting. SIRs from our 3 local branches play every Monday afternoon at the Moose Lodge on Longeway. Some of us make it to all 4 Monday sessions, but others to only 3, 2, or just one session. For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Talf Wynne 1
- Henry Cook 8
- Nuncy Patania 8
- Frank Taylor 9
- Ernie Cuzzocreo 11
- Danny Laureta 12
- Paul Squeri 15
- Richard Knisely 15
- Jack Walls 16
- Jerry Erath 18
- Tom Jamieson 18
- Joe Colondres 19
- Walt Kolander 20
- Jack Peaslee 21
- David Martin 23
- Jim Sehr 24
- Trini Mercado 27
- Bill McKee 29



SUNSHINE - CHAPLAIN

Paul Bullman - 588-8614

Asst Bill Dunlavy - 532-7601

ON SHARING GRIEF

I was sitting, torn by grief.

Someone came and talked to me of God's dealings, of why it happened, of hope beyond the grave. He talked constantly, he said things I knew were true. He finally left.

Another came and sat beside me. He didn't talk. He didn't ask leading questions. He just sat beside me for an hour or more, listened when I said something, answered briefly, prayed simply, and left.

I was moved. I was comforted. I hated to see him go.

Selected by Paul Bullman, Chaplain



BACI FRECCERI

Charter Member & Honorary Life Member

A memorial service will be held for Baci on Friday, March 6th at 2:00 pm. at the Sonora Elks Lodge, 100 Elk Way, Sonora, California



RV CLUB NEWS

Jim Botto - 586-0822

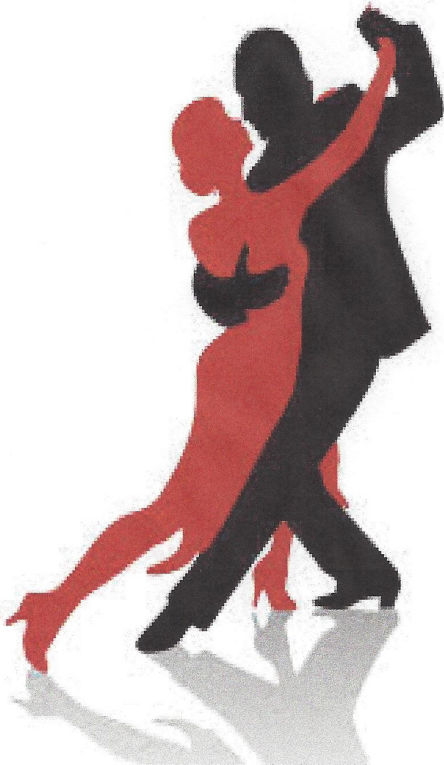
Ron Long - 586-1838

On March 16th SIRs RV Club the "Rovin' Roosters" will have their first outing of the season at Jackson Rancheria RV Park & Casino. There will be 19 RV's participating in this event. This will be the most we have had at our outings in a very long time. The Wagon Masters are Jim & Linda Botto and Rick & Betty Bacon. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner with Irish Soda Bread on Tuesday evening. Activities will include Bocce Ball Tournament, Shopping, Wine Tasting, Gambling, etc. Wednesday evening we will dine at Teresa's Place in Jackson for a family style Italian dinner. We are honored to have a member of the Marin SIRs #47 join our outing, Mr. Bill Donnelly and his wife Carol. Bill heard of our RV club and called to see if his group could join us on a few of our outings. Our members agreed and look forward to meeting them soon.



Sons in Retirement #136

Ladies Day Luncheon May 12th 2015



MAXIMUM 192 TICKETS AVAILABLE
NO CANCELATIONS AFTER
MAY 3, 2015

No Host Cocktails
@ 11am
Lunch @ Noon

Menu:

Rib Eye Steak with Baked
Potato -or-
Salmon with Rice Pilaf
Includes Vegetable, Salad
and Dessert.

Wine on the table

\$23 per Person

Tickets will go on sale at the March
& April Meetings

Rich Rinaldi Band
50's, 60's & Big Band Music

EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Dale Decker 533-0455

Maurice Rollins Dick Aberle

Alan Nix Rex Page

Jake Parsons



Careful with those Hooks!

FISHING CLUB

Jim Nuzum - 533-2729

jminuzum@comcast.net

The Branch #136 Fishing Club is active!

We have joined with members of Sierra Sir Branch #77 and are in the process of scheduling some 'fishing adventures'.

If you like to fish, participate with other member fishermen, tell others about the one that got away and haven't contacted Jim Nuzum, our fishing coordinator, do so today!

2015 Dues are Due!

Frank Taylor is still Collecting!

If you have not paid your 2015 dues please bring a check or cash in the amount of \$25 and see Frank to receive your 2015 Membership Card.

Don't Jeopardize your Membership!

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 588-9529 (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 Angelo Costanza with a check for the amount stated on the application. Angelo's address is 23497 Gold Springs Drive Columbia, CA 95310.

SENIOR CITIZENS

As a senior citizen I would like to point out that it was NOT a senior citizen who took:

The melody out of music,
The pride out of appearance,
The courtesy out of driving,
The romance out of love,
The commitment out of marriage,
The responsibility out of parenthood,
The togetherness out of the family,
The learning out of education,
The service out of patriotism,
The civility out of behavior,
The refinement out of language,
The dedication out of employment,
The prudence out of spending,
The ambition out of achievement or God out of government and school.

And, as a senior citizen I understand the meaning of patriotism, and I remember that many have fought and died for our country.

Just look at the Seniors with tears in their eyes and pride in their hearts, as they stand at attention with their hand over their hearts, as the American Flag passes by in a parade!

YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN!

I'm the life of the party.....
Even if it lasts until 8 p.m.

I'm very good at opening childproof caps...with a hammer.

I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.

I'm smiling all the time, because I can't hear a thing you're saying.

I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe secure place, somewhere.

I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg.

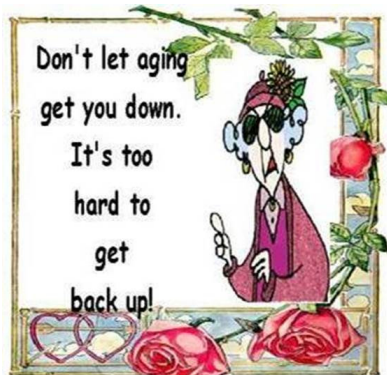
I'm beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps.

I think I am having the time of my life!

Spread the laughter

Share the cheer

Let's be happy while we're here.



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

Week of Feb 9

High Game: Mike Bowers 236

High Series: Mike Bowers 634

Standings: No Excuses 18-6

Strikers 15-9

Jim's Jokers & Georgie's Boys 13-11

Week of Feb 16

High Game: Talf Wynne 238

High Series: Talf Wynne 652

Standings: No Excuses 19-9

Strikers & Georgie's Boys 17-11

Jim's Jokers & Drex Wrex 15-13

Week of Feb 23

High Game: Gene Deaver 236

High Series: Gene Deaver 643

Standings: No Excuses 22-10

Strikers & Jim's Jokers 19-13
Georgie's Boys 18-14

High Game to date: Jim Simmons 277

High Series to date: Dave Rossi 735

Upcoming Tournaments:

March 16 & 18, Concord, entry forms available at the lanes and online

April 14-17 - Carson City, entry forms available on line and at Black Oak

May 4-5-6 - Tuolumne (Sonora), SIRs State Tournament limited to members only - forms available at Black Oak and online - Would be great if at least 50% of our local bowlers would participate.

This is a team and doubles event with no guests - must be current SIRs and USBC member

BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

Jim Botto - 586-0822

Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630
SIR Jim Botto has assumed responsibility as Bulletin Editor. Please send all bulletin input to Jim at giacamo42@gmail.com

The deadline for the next bulletin is

April 5, 2015

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AREA 27 GOVERNOR

Sir Jerry Morrow, Mi Wuk Village, CA

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

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2012
Bill Dunlavy - Past Big SIR 2004

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

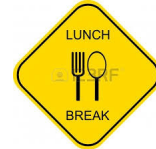
Area 27 Golf - Danny Laureta 586-4567
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BEC Advisor—Al Limon 533-4544
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Branch Photographer - Steve Belochi 533-5315
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Caterer - Dean Papapetrou
Fishing - Jim Nuzum 533-2729
Hon. Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944
House - Jerry Erath 533-3791
Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630
Lunch Tickets - Bert Abreo 736-4804
Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210
Luncheon Drawing - Bill Dunlavy 533-7601
Bert Maxwell 588-1177
Membership Growth - OPEN
Nominating Committee Chairman - Phil VanSwoll 532-1133
Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994
Propane—Al Limon 533-4544
Public Relations - Ray Bailey 532-0444
R.V. Travel Group - Jim Botto 586-0822
Senior Member Awards - John Bristow 588-8066
SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen 533-4760
Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman 588-8614
Travel - Rich Lundin 586-5632

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).



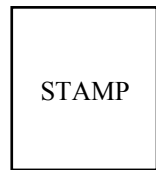
March 10th MENU

**Corned Beef & Cabbage,
Diced Red Potatoes,
Carrots, Salad and
Cake**

March 10th Guest Speaker:

**Frank Podesta, Battalion
Commander, Cal Fire,
Columbia Air Attack Base**

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