



BULLETIN

March 2016

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

**Sonora SIR Branch #136
will meet at the Sonora Elks
Lodge on
Tuesday, March 8th
Starts at Noon
(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)
The Branch Executive Committee
meets at 10:00 am**



MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE HOT LINE

**If you are not able to attend
the regular monthly meeting
or are bringing a Guest
please call the Membership
Message Hot Line at**

536 - 6311

**No Later Than Noon on the
Sunday Before the Luncheon
Meeting!**

**and 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

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For those of you that attended our February luncheon our Little Sir brought in a great speaker, Steve Allen, Master Parachutist and wing walker. While his video may have been somewhat difficult to see from the far end of the room he was a very enthusiastic speaker with some great stories. Hopefully, that made up for our lack of a large video screen.

At our March luncheon Danny will be hosting Deputy Rob Lyons of the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department who is also the Neighborhood Watch Program liaison to the volunteer (CSU) Community Service Unit of Tuolumne County. Sounds like we're in for another great speaker with some interesting stories.

Also, for our March luncheon will be having Corned Beef and Cabbage - an American and Irish favorite. As I mentioned at our February luncheon our caterer, Dino, will provide Baked Cod and Rice Pilaf for those of you that don't want the main entree. From the 'hands raised count' at the previous luncheon Dino will only have 25 of these fish entrees. So if you weren't included in the 'count' or didn't call me your only other choice is to purchase 'salad only' - which is also available.

For our upcoming Ladies Day Luncheon Danny has put together a great menu (see his Little Sir Notes). Additionally, our Branch Executive Committee will be contributing Shrimp Cocktails and Pub Snacks at no additional cost to the attendees. All this, along with music, dancing and a large prize drawing for only \$23 per person. Also, we will have three bartenders to reduce the time to get your refreshments. Remember though that we are limited to a maximum of 200 and like our Christmas luncheon we may have another waiting list. So don't delay too long in purchasing your tickets.

On average our branch loses 25 members each year. In January we lost 9 members and didn't install any new ones. In February we lost 1 member and installed 4. At our March luncheon we expect to install 2 new members but have lost an additional 7 more. Thus, our active membership for the year to date is down by 11 to 211. This means in

order for us to meet the SIR State goal of +1 over yearend 2015 (i.e., 223) we need 12 more new members.

My sincere thanks to the sponsors that have encouraged others to join. With a median age of 77 years old (105 members 77 or older) we need new members to keep our branch healthy and viable. Don't forget - members with guests at their table get to eat first - the entire table - after the head table. So, if you have more than one guest at your table you might want to work a 'deal' with another table!



LITTLE SIR NOTES

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Our guest speaker for March is Deputy Rob Lyons of the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Lyons is also the Neighborhood Watch Program liaison to the volunteer (CSU) Community Service Unit of Tuolumne County.

A reminder for the members that have not paid their 2016 membership dues, which were due by February 9th, please make your check to "SIR Branch 136" for the amount of \$25.00.

As all of you have noticed, I am only selecting and giving the *FREE* lunch tickets to members that are wearing their name badge and have with them their Branch 136 recruitment card that is filled out with their name and phone number.

Remember to invite and bring a guest. Your table gets rewarded by being called after the head table for lunch.

It's already March and I'm still getting my feet wet with what the Little SIR's duties are. Well thanks to Dale Decker (Big SIR), Branch 136 now has a job description for the Little SIR position and he developed the Special Events Timeline Chart for all the events which is a great guide for planning. The duties are keeping me busy, lining up the monthly luncheon guest speakers and planning for the Lady's Day Luncheon in May. For members making donations to the Lady's Day prize table, contact Jake Parsons at 209-736-0647 or bring the item (s) to the monthly luncheon and give them to Jake.

The three menu choices for the Lady's Day Luncheon are; 1) Rib Eye Steak with bake potato, 2) Salmon with rice pilaf and 3) Chicken Cordon Bleu with rice pilaf. All the

meals include vegetables, salad, desert and wine on the table. Tickets will be on sale in our March and April monthly luncheon. Get your tickets early, only 200 tickets are available, so don't put it off because in our 2015 Christmas Luncheon, tickets sold out and we had a short waiting list.

Ticket Sales Table –

(Note that a table sits a maximum of 8)
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 prefer to sit at a table with others, you know just go to the 'Table with Friends' 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 (Bring your tickets).



GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee
Paul Padavana - 532-8051
Asst Jeff Phillips - 588-2977
Handicap Tom Nischwitz-694-8624

Results of February 16th Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs Golf Course
 Format: 4-Man 2-Bestball Stableford
1st Place with a score of 58: Trini Mercado, Rudy Flores, Jim Hagel
2nd Place with a score of 49: Dan Cassaro, Jeff Phillips, Steve Hagel, John Geach
3rd Place with a score of 46: Gene Morales, Jerry Nielson, Mike Dolan, Andy Bravo
4th Place with a score of 45: John Perrault, Chase Anderson, Jeff Juhl, Pete Larkin

Closest to the Hole

Hole #7:
 1st Place Mike Dolan 2' 8"
 2nd Place John Perrault 7' 1"
 3rd Place Eddie Lyons 18' 6"
Hole #12:
 1st Place Jerry Nielson 3'
 2nd Place Mike Clay 8'
 3rd Place Chase Anderson 12' 3"

The next tournament will be held on **March 15th with a 10:30 AM** shotgun start at Saddle Creek Golf Course in Copperopolis. Tournament format will be 2-Man Best ball. Cost for the tournament is \$50.00 and we are limited to 32 players. **Sign-ups will be on a first come first served basis.** Deadline for sign-up is a week in advance. Please contact Paul Padavana (209) 532-8051 if you wish to play and **tournament costs must be paid by March 9th.**



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - 770-5298
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No fishing report this month



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804
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For Jan 25, 2016
 High Game - Billy Oliver 246
 High Series - Gene Deaver 625
 Standings - Hines Pickles 12-4
 Georgie's Boys & Drex Wrex 11-5
 No Excuses 106
For Feb 1
 High Game - Dave Rossi 268
 High Series - Dave Rossi 683
 Standings - Hines Pickles 16-4
 Georgie's Boys 14-6

No Excuses 13-7
For Feb 8
 High Game - Dave Rossi 217
 High Series - Dave Rossi 612
 Standings - No Excuses, Hines Pickles, & Georgie's Boys 17-7
 Andy's Dandys 16-8
For Feb 15
 High Game - Dave Rossi 244
 High Series - Dave Rossi 651
 Most pins over average in a game to date - Trini Mercado, Sr. 111 with 277
 Most pins over average in a series to date - George Parsons 182 with 578
 High Game to date - Dave Rossi 279
 High Series to date - Dave Rossi 791
Upcoming tournaments include:
 Concord at Diablo Bowl on March 21 & 23 - entry forms available at Black Oak and on line Carson City at Gold I Dust West on April 11-14 -- entry forms available on line and at Black Oak.



RV CLUB NEWS

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2016 RV Outing Calendar:

2016 RV Club Outings Calendar

March 21-23	Jackson Rancheria
April 18-20	Sacramento
May 16-18	French Camp
June 21-23	Gilroy
July	No Outing Scheduled
August	SIRs Family Picnic
September	Sugar Barge
October 26-30	Lodi
November	No Outing Scheduled
December	Sacramento



PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994
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We are looking for more players, so please join us. If you don't know how to play; we will train you. You don't need to show up for every meeting; you play only when you want to. You will be playing with a great bunch of guys from all three SIR branches in the area. It's a great way to spend an afternoon. You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you have fun 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. We meet at the Pine Tree Restaurant from noon to 4:30 PM each Monday. We have lunch starting at noon and start playing at 1:00 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 February. The second lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for February. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for January through February.

Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Roland Patton	172	334
Sonny Tome	77	267
Mike Eachus	172	193
Henry Beltran	172	192
Bert Kronnick	77	190

Player	Branch	Average
3 Monday Session Players		
Al De Neveu	136	360
Mike Schmidt	172	304
Bob Morrison	136	281
Del Rotelli	77	252
Felix Ledbetter	77	226
Tom Newell	136	207

Player	Branch	Average
2 Monday Session Players		
Art Bartee	172	351
Dave Goldemberg	172	314
Bill Burnes	136	241
Paul Halek	172	237
Dick Robinson	172	165
Jerry Morrow	172	126

Player	Branch	Average
1 Monday Session Players		
John Johnson	172	158

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores	
Jan thru Feb 2016	
Branch	Score
136	276
172	267
77	238



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Woosley, Glenn	3/1
Wynne, Talfourd	3/1
Brager, Manny	3/3
Taylor, Frank	HLM 3/9
Cuzzocreo, Ernie	3/11
Squerl, Paul	3/15
Walls, Jack	3/16
Erath, Jerry	3/18
Jamieson, Tom	3/18
Colondres, Joe	3/19
Kolander, Walt D.	3/20
Peaslee, Jack	3/21
Martin, David	3/23
Sehr, James	3/24
Turner, Jim E.	3/27
McKee, Bill	3/29
Neiderer, Tom	3/31



THEATER AND DINNER COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Monty Youngborg - 588-9632

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My wife Dana and I attended the Opening Night Gala to see "My Fair Lady" last night. The play was fantastic, pretty ladies, handsome men, beautiful costumes, great choreography and unbelievable sets. The star of the play, Liza the flower girl is below.



I scheduled for our SIR Branch to attend this play at the Wednesday matinee on April 13th starting at 2:00 PM at the East Sonora Theater. I have arranged to purchase the tickets as a group. The cost per ticket is \$28.00. The cost per ticket is \$23.00 per ticket if we buy 20 tickets or more, the difference will be refunded. I must have your checks mailed to me, or given to me at our next luncheon meeting, by March 15 so I can purchase the tickets as a group. We will see our next play, "Hank Williams: Lost Highway" at the Wednesday matinee on May 4th starting at 2:00 PM at the Fallon House Theater in Columbia. The cost per ticket is \$28.00. The cost per ticket is \$23.00 per ticket if we buy 20 tickets or more, the difference will be refunded. You can give me your check at our April SIR meeting on the 13th, as I have to purchase the tickets by April 14th. Monty Youngborg, 14091 Stanton Cir. Sonora, CA 95370

SRT Web: www.sierrarep.org

NEW ACTIVITIES

Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

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No report for this month

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Bill Lobdell - 586-7145

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February Membership

Total Active Members	216
Luncheon Attendance (68%)	146
Excused Absences (39%)	27

March Membership

February Active Membership	216
Applicants Being Installed	2
Active Members Lost	7
Active Membership Outlook	211

INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630

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I have updated our website so that the roster now appears with last names first to make it easier to read. If you have any updates to our roster please let me know.

You can find the roster, activity reports, all our bulletins and much more on line at

www.sonorasirs.org.

CHAPLAIN - SUNSHINE

Steve Gregory- 533-0309

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'In Memoriam'

Sir Frank Diggle 1925 - 2016

Sir Archie Marston 1930 -2016

Gloria Silver, wife of Sir golfer Bob Silver

Prayers for recovery are needed for Jere Calef at Skyline, Bill Challas and Harry Weiland at Avalon, and Col. John Deaver recovering at home from two major surgeries.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, or by telephoning him at 586-7145 or by downloading the form from our branch website. Please return application to Bill Lobdell with a check for the amount stated on the application. Bill's address is 17022 Broken Pine Rd. Sonora, CA 95370.

BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

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Please send all bulletin input to Jim Botto at

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The deadline for the next bulletin is

March 31, 2016



Sons in Retirement #136

Ladies Day Luncheon

May 10th 2016



MAXIMUM 200 TICKETS AVAILABLE
NO CANCELATIONS AFTER
MAY 2, 2016

No Host Cocktails
@ 11:00 am

Lunch @ Noon

Menu:

Rib Eye Steak w/ Baked Potato

-or- Salmon with Rice Pilaf

-or- Chicken Cordon Bleu
with Rice Pilaf

Includes Vegetable, Salad
and Dessert

Wine on the table

\$23 per Person

Tickets will go on sale at the
March & April Luncheons

Music & Entertainment By

*Greg Brown's
Music Express*

EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Danny Laureta 586-4567

Dick Aberle Jim Turner

John Vieira Roger Swartz

Jake Parsons

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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 - 2015 - Jim Johnson

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE

MEMBERS

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1999

Bill Dunlavy - Past Big SIR 2007

Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015

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Bill Lobdell 586-7145

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Dick Aberle 532-4066

Jim Botto 586-0822

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Activities: Jeff Phillips 588-2977

Att./Mem. - Bill Lobdell 586-7145

BEC Advisor—Al Limon 533-4544

Bowling - Bert Abreo 736-4804

Branch Photographer - Steve Belochi 533-5315

Bulletin - Jim Botto 586-0822

Caterer - Dean Papapetrou

Fishing - Bert Kronnick-586-7726

Chuck Simons -532-9550

Golf - Paul Padavana 532-8051

Tom Nischwitz 694-8624

Jeff Phillips 588-2977

Hon. Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944

House - Jerry Erath 533-3791

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 & Jim Nuzum 533-2729

Membership Growth - OPEN

Nominating Committee Chairman -

Phil VanSwoll 532-1133

Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994

Propane - Marty Martin 586-1886

Asst. Prop. - Al Limon 533-4544

Public Relations - Ray Bailey 532-0444

R.V. Travel Group - Knute Kleinen 694-8866

Asst. John Avila 586-1992

Senior Member Awards - Jim Johnson 536-1595

SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen 533-4760

Sunshine - Chaplain - Steve Gregory 533-0309

Travel - Paul Halek Branch #172 352-7399

DECLARATIONS

NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

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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).

Tuesday March 8th

Luncheon Menu

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Diced Red Potatoes, Carrots

Green Salad, Cake

With an Alternate of

Baked Cod w/ Rice Pilaf

Diced Red Potatoes, Carrots

Green Salad, Cake

Guest Speaker

Deputy Rob Lyons of the

Tuolumne County Sheriff's

Department.

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