



BULLETIN

March 2017

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136
Sonora SIR Branch #136
will meet at the Sonora Elks
Lodge on
Tuesday, March 14th
(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)
The Branch Executive
Committee meets at 10:00 am
in the main dining area.



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

For our March luncheon we'll be having Corned Beef and Cabbage. Well I love the meal so I guess I may have some Irish me. 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 members who raised their hands at the February luncheon, Dino will have 32 of the Baked Cod and Rice Pilaf and if you did not raise your hands for the fish meal, you can order salad only.

Get involved with your buddies and meet new friends by joining the Sir's Activities; **Bowling** (Bert Abreo), **Golf** (Paul Padavana), **Pinochle** (Bob Morrison), **Fishing** (Chuck Simons), **Car Club** (Rich Rinaldi), **RV Group** (Knut Kleinen), **Poker** (George Parsons) and **Wine Tasting** (Phil VanSwoll). Also I am thrilled to announce that Sol Robin will chair the **Media Exchange** and Jim Rodrigues will chair the **Book Exchange**.

For our upcoming Ladies Day Luncheon in May, Paul Squeri and the Special Events Committee are working hard to make this event enjoyable, fun and entertaining. Again this year we'll have three menu choices, please see the attached Ladies Day flyer for more details. Along with our great raffle prizes, Paul has a surprise for the entertainment part that I know you will all enjoy. See the Little Sir's Note for more information regarding tickets and seating reservations. Remember that we are limited to a maximum of 224 tickets and like our 2016 Christmas luncheon we sold out with all 224 tickets being purchased. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and are on sale in March and April luncheons. So don't delay too long in purchasing your tickets.

Don't forget - Members with guests at their table get to eat first (the entire table) after the head table. Also by sponsoring a member, you get a free lunch when he is installed.

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Paul Squeri - 586-4083

Well, I guess it really is March because that is what the calendar says. I am not quite sure where January and February went. When we meet on the 14th of March, we will be about 6 days from spring. They say March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Well, this year the lamb better have water wings. Everyone that has been wishing and hoping for a wet and snowy winter should maybe ease up a bit, enough is enough. With our massive snowpack and an unfortunate hot spring, we could possibly see Princess Lines offering a cruise to Tracy, Ca.

Being March means that tickets for the Ladies Day Luncheon on May 9 will be on sale at this month's meeting. We will have a table set-up at both the March and April meetings for your convenience. It would be prudent to purchase early, as tickets went very fast for the previous events. The tickets are \$25.00 each and there will be 224 available, the same amount that were offered and sold at Christmas. Forms, like before, will be available for groups with a minimum of 6 people and a maximum of 8 people per table. There will be 28 tables. It would be preferable if tickets were purchased by check. If you do use cash, please try to have the exact amount. It really helps to move things along.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their past generosity with the donations of raffle items and for their support in the purchasing of raffle tickets. The raffles not only generate suspense and entertainment but they are an important part in the financing of our affairs. So please, look around and see if there is anything you can donate or create and bring it to this year's event. Your items can be brought to the raffle table on the day of the event.

Our speaker this month is Ted Griffin from the Sonora Regional Hospital. Ted is going to bring us up to date on the progress of the hospital's new construction and how it will impact our immediate and future health needs. I understand they have an abiding ambition to create a quality facility with the needed technology. I love the intent but I sure hope they have a plan to attract that elusive commodity they call medical doctors. They are on this area's endangered species list.



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 scheduled for March 7th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Shotgun Start time is 9:30 AM. Contact Tom Newell at

tom11646@gmail.com or 209-768-0382.

Results for the SIRS 136 / 77 February Two-man Bestball Tournament held on the 28th at Mountain Springs Golf Course with a field of **18 golfers are as follows:**

1st place Net 59 Gene Morales / Felix Espino

2nd place Net 60 Rudy Flores / Mike Baumgartner

Baumgartner

3rd place Net 64 Jeff Phillips / Matt Clay

Closest to hole #7

1st place - Felix Espino 12' 6"

2nd place - Mike Baumgartner 13'

Closest to hole #12

1st place - Matt Clay 10' 1.5"

2nd place - Chace Anderson 11' 4"

3rd place - Mike Baumgartner 15' 1"

The next SIRS 136 / 77 Golf Tournament is scheduled for March 21st at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Shotgun Start time is

9:30 AM. The format for this tournament will be **Stableford Scoring – Individual Stroke Play. Sign-up for this tournament is by Friday, March 17th (NO LATER).**

Contact Paul Padavana at

paulp_57@yahoo.com or 209-532-8051.

Our first away tournament will be April 18th at Castle Oaks Golf Course in Ione. We are limited to players in this tournament so I suggest getting your name in as soon as possible. This tournament is also a pay in advance. If I see we will go over on players I will try and get more openings.



SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN

Steve Gregory - 533-0309

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Prayers and condolences to the families of recently deceased brothers Jere Calef and Thomas Costello.



February Birthdays:

Woosley, Glenn	3/1
Wynne, Talfourd	3/1
Brager, Manny	3/3
Taylor, Frank HLM	3/9
Laureta, Danny	3/12
Knisely, Richard	3/15
Squeri, 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
Grow, Steve	3/27
Turner, Jim E.	3/27
McKee, Bill	3/29
Neiderer, Tom	3/31



PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994

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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 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.

February 2017		
Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Henry Beltran	172	342
Sonny Tome	77	341
Mike Schmidt	172	324
Art Barte	172	310
Bill Lewis	172	285
Tom Newell	136	255
Roland Patton	172	249
Al De Neveu	136	203
Player	Branch	Average
3 Monday Session Players		
Dave Goldemberg	172	345
Del Rotelli	77	289
Bert Kronnick	77	245
Player	Branch	Average
2 Monday Session Players		
Bob Morrison	136	436
Dick Robinson	172	303
Jerry Morrow	172	242
Bill Burnes	136	199
Player	Branch	Average
1 Monday Session Players		
Leland Andrews	77	320
John Johnson	172	119

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
6-Feb-17	429	Dave Goldemberg	172
13-Feb-17	515	Bob Morrison	136
20-Feb-17	403	Bill Lewis	172
27-Feb-17	393	Mike Schmidt	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Feb 2017	
Branch	Score
77	312
172	296
136	252



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - 532-9550

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As I mentioned at the February luncheon, I will not be at the March luncheon. At the April luncheon I will be at a table in the bar and I will have a sign-up sheet for Information and Suggestions for interested participants and possible trips. One of my ideas is to have one local trip per month on the second Thursday. We can pick a lake, fish from 6 or 7 am until noon or 1 pm and then have lunch and tell our stories and/or fibs. Lunches can be a barbecue, bag lunch, or at the marina where we launch if available. So, bring your ideas and information to the April meeting! See you then. Chuck Simons, Fishing Chair. You are welcome to email me at simons4890@yahoo.com.



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

The club held its breakfast meeting on February 7th with more than 40 members present. The upcoming year's outings were presented by each of the Hosts with a brief idea of the plans for their trip. We have each month except for July, set up and confirmed with the RV parks. It was with great pleasure to see that everyone has an interesting trip planned and the signup sheets were passed around to start getting members to indicate they are ready to travel. Chairman Kleinen presented to the Sir's board, in February the list of trips planned and asked for approval from the board. The first trip is to Jackson Rancheria on March 19th ending on March 23rd with 21 rigs signed up. Jim Costello and Dale Decker are to be the hosts and have fun filled days planned. Looking forward to, hopefully, dry weather. We have 25 paid members and one new member has requested to be put on the waiting list.



BOWLING CHAIRMAN
Bert Abreo - 736-4804
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Upcoming tournaments include:
Livermore on February 14 & 15:
 Entry forms available at Black Oak and on line. **Concord on March 20 & March 22:**
 Entry forms not yet available. **Carson City on April 10, 11, 12, 13 in Carson City:**
 Entry forms available at Black Oak and on line. **Grass Valley on April 25 & 26:**
 Entry forms not yet available



MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Jeff Phillips - 588-2977
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January Membership	
Total Active Members	223
Luncheon Attendance (68%)	151
Excused Absences (41%)	29
Current February Membership	
Current Active Membership	223
Applicants Being Installed	0
Active Members Lost	2
Active Membership Outlook	221



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

It's still a bit early in the season for car shows but for those enthusiasts looking for some classics there is a local Vietnam Veterans of America #391 Car & Bike Show on 4/1/17. Being held at the Tuolumne Co. Sheriff's Posse Grounds – 19130 Rawhide Rd., Jamestown, CA. Time is 10AM to 4PM Call 209-480-8423 if interested in entering a vehicle.

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 (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 **Jeff Phillips** with a check for the amount stated on the application. Jeff's address is 14676 Blue Bell Rd. West Sonora, CA 95370.



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 March 31st.

RAMP-Recruitment, Activities, Member Relations, Publicity

We are signed up for a booth at the upcoming Home & Garden Show at the fairgrounds scheduled for April 8 & 9. The idea is to meet retired men who might want to find out who we are and what we do. Brochures and recruitment cards will be passed out. Hopefully some may join us in membership.

Rex Page, Mike Nolan, Roger Swartz, Rich Rinaldi and Bill Lobdell are the RAMP team and will be working together to promote membership. That involves evaluating what we, as a SIR Branch, offer to our members and what we can offer to prospective members. We want to maintain our existing membership and provide outsiders the opportunity of joining Branch #136. We lose about 14% or so of our roster each year. So please take the opportunity to talk to your friends, relatives and neighbors about your experience with SIR. Let them know they are welcome to come to a luncheon and try us on.



Happy St. Patty's Day

MEADIA EXCHANGE UPDATE

The Media exchange will resume at the March luncheon thanks to the combined efforts of Sol Robin (physical media like books, puzzles) and Jim Rodrigues (digital media like movie DVDs, CDs). So bring any media that you would like to share on March 14th.





Sons in Retirement #136

Ladies Day Luncheon

May 9th 2017



**No Host Cocktails
@ 11:00 am
Lunch @ Noon**

Menu:

Shrimp Cocktail
Rib Eye Steak w/Baked Potato
-or- Salmon with Rice Pilaf
-or- Chicken Cordon Bleu
with Rice Pilaf
Includes Vegetable, Salad
and Desert
Wine on the table

\$25 per Person

**Tickets will go on sale at the
March & April Luncheons**

MAXIMUM 224 TICKETS AVAILABLE
NO CANCELATIONS AFTER
APRIL 28, 2017

EVENTS COMMITTEE:

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

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- 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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Roger Swartz 533-0376

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Jim Botto 586-0822

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

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Honorary Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944

House - Open position

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

Lunch Tickets - Roger Swartz 533-0376

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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

Propane - Marty Martin 586-1886

Asst. Prop. - Al Limon 533-4544

R.V. Travel Group - Knute Kleinen 694-886

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

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).

March 14th

Luncheon Menu:

- Corned Beef & Cabbage
- Diced Red Potatoes, Carrots,
- Green Salad, & Cake

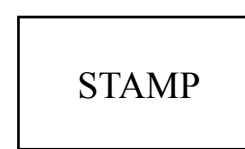
Guest Speaker

Ted Griffin from the Sonora Regional Hospital. Ted is going to bring us up to date on the progress of the hospitals new construction and how it will impact our immediate and future health needs.



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

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