

# BULLETIN

MAY 2014



Website: [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org)

## SONORA BRANCH #136

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the  
Sonora Elks Lodge on **Tuesday,**  
**May 13th @ 11:00 am** for their  
**Annual Ladies Day**  
**Luncheon**

**TICKETS REQUIRED**

The Branch Executive Committee will  
meet at 10:00 am on May 12, 2014.

### BIG SIR NOTES

John Bristow - 588-8066

Things are slowly on the mend again and my Valve Replacement is doing very well and the scars are healing.

With regards to my Pace Maker I have now become a patient of Dr Hemminger at Sonora and will shortly be starting Therapy here and not Modesto. I will remain with Doctors Hospital until they are 100% satisfied that I can be turned loose.

To all of my Dear Sirs who sent me Thoughts, Kindnesses and Most of all your Prayers I felt every single one of them and I know that God felt them as well because he knew just how much each one meant and looked down with his Love and Kindness upon me.

Thank you with all my Heart and Soul for your kindness. I asked my Doctor if he could find me a new Skeleton and he said No, its not covered by OBAMA CARE!

### LITTLE SIR NOTES

Jim Johnson - 536-1595

Well here we are, it is May already. It seems like it was just January and a new year. Our Branch is having a good year so far. Our membership is growing and the members are busy participating in the different activities.

Bert Abreo is walking around like a proud new Daddy. His SIRs Bowling League has had its first 300 game in league play, good job!!

The SIR Golf group is in full swing and the RV group has started their new outing schedule. It also sounds like the Pinochle group, led by Bob Morrison, is also having a good time.

That being said, we still need a Fishing Chairman. If you like to fish with a bunch of your buddies, this is a job for you. Please take time to look at the Help Wanted section in this months Newsletter and volunteer for one of the vacant positions.

I would like to recognize Danny Laureta, Bill Lobdell and Bill Dunlavy for volunteering to be a back-up for three of our committee chairman.

As of press time we have 170 signed up for the Ladies Day Luncheon, it should be a fun time. The special events committee will then switch it's efforts to the August picnic. It will be at a new location and a full BBQ menu. Watch this spot next month for more details.

Our June Luncheon guest speaker will be H. Randolph Holder. Randolph is the owner of the local radio stations in Tuolumne County. This will be a great program. Come learn about how a radio station operates.



### GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee  
Danny Laureta - 586-4567

Results of April 29 Golf  
Tournament at Mountain Springs  
Scramble Team Competition

### Team

#### 1st Place:

Bob Volpi, Gene Morales,  
Rudy Flores & Mike Clay 64

#### 2nd Place:

Jeff Phillips, Matt Clay,  
John Perrault & Steve Hagel 65

#### 3rd Place:

Bob Nath, Chace Anderson,  
Tony Vega & Kent Kirkland 66

#### Closest to the hole #5:

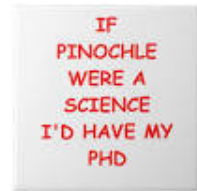
1st Place Bob Nath 4'-3"  
2nd Place Matt Clay 24'-2"  
3rd Place N/A

#### Closest to the hole #12:

1st Place Phil VanSwoll 2'-1"  
2nd Place Dick Nutting 3'-2"  
3rd Place Jeff Phillips 12'-2"

Next Golf Tournament:  
Tuesday, May 27, 8:00 am Tee Time  
Shotgun Start

**Note early summer start**



### PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison 588-0994

At our pinochle meeting on April 21st, we had 16 players. Three were new players, but they were from the other SIR branches.

We need new players from our SIR branch to give us a better representation at our meetings. So please come join us for an afternoon of fun 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. You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. Moreover, you win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting.

The three highest scoring players at each meeting win prizes. You need not attend every meeting.

We meet each Monday from noon to 4 P.M. at the Moose Lodge.

For more information, go to web site [www.sirtwain.org](http://www.sirtwain.org) and click on the Pinochle icon



### SUNSHINE - CHAPLIN

Paul Bullman - 588-8614

The Bible story of Noah was considered at our April SIRs Luncheon.

His wife was a unique woman who exhibited an unusual trait.

Read Genesis 5:29 through 9:29 and see what this was and what we can learn from Mrs. Noah.

**Clue:** Through the centuries wives of famous men have had difficulty with Noah's wife's example.

### BULLETIN INPUT

Dale Decker - 533-0455

Please send any articles or other items of general interest that you would like to see included in one of our Branch #136 bulletins to Dale.

The deadline for the next bulletin is

**June 1, 2014**



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- Blaine Cluff 2
- Jake Parsons 2
- Bill Bowcutt 3
- James Smith 4
- William Oliver 5
- Mel Lawrence 6
- John Poorbaugh 7
- Keith Kofoed 10
- William Shirley 11
- Roy Volpetti 17
- Stu Galka 19
- Dee Stanphill 21
- Gene Peterson 21
- Larry Singley 21
- Len Ruoff 25
- Roger Sparks 25
- Rich Rinaldi 26
- Sam Castle 26
- Jack Houser 28
- Jeffery Boyd 28
- John Deaver 30
- Ray Andreini 31



**RV CLUB NEWS**  
**Jim Botto -586-0822**  
**Ron Long -586-1838**

The RV Group held their second outing of 2014 at the Gold Strike RV Park on May 14th through May 16th. Those attending were, John & Diane Avila, Jim & Linda Botto, Guy & Nancy Hoffman, Jim & Ginny Johnson, Bill & Cathie Lobdell, Ron & Bernie Long, Mo & Letty Molinari, Ben & Jude Teal, Don & Donna Utt, Jack & Rosie Walls, Steve Gaither, Bill and Peggy Guenza, and Otto & Kathy Bulich. Otto & Cathy Bulich were voted in to the Roving Roosters. Steve Gaither and Bill & Peggy Guenza will be voted on at the next outing at Sugar Barge RV Park at Bethel Island on May19th thru 21st.

Mo Molinari again organized a Bocce Ball tournament and we all had a great time but this time Mo and his partner did not win but his wife Letty and her partner Ron Long won the match. We also had anew score keeper, Peggy Guenza.

Several members arrived on Sunday for an early setup and to find the best spots. We had our Easter Dinner on Monday evening after the rest of the group arrived and as

usual we all ate and drank too much. The Bocce Ball Tournament was held the next day after our continental breakfast and wouldn't you know that an ex-cop would bring donuts. Steve Gaither, our retired policeman, brought a dozen donuts and of course we all had to try them.

With Bill & Peggy Guenza and Steve Gaither joining us the Roving Roosters will now have 16 rigs and soon to have 4 more new members giving us a total of 20 rigs. In our By-Laws we can only have 25 rigs max so if anyone is interested in joining us please contact the RV Chairman Jim Botto or Assistant RV Chairman Ron Long.

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**  
**Angelo Costanza - 588-9529**

As of April 24, 2014:

Membership prior to luncheon	220
Members to inactive (-)	2
Members returned to active (+)	1
Members installed at luncheon (+)	4
Total members attending luncheon	160
Number of Excused Absent (33%)	21
Current Active Membership	223

**MEMBER RELATIONS**  
**NEW MEMBER CANDIDATES**

The following individuals have applied for membership in Sirs Branch #136 Applicant (Sponsor):

- Lee Warford (Blair Abbott #063)
- Alan Nix (Blaine Cluff #265)

**HELP WANTED**

**Bulletin Assistant:**  
Microsoft Word & Publisher, Assist with Bulletin Preparation and Distribution

**Membership Assistant:**  
Microsoft Word & Excel, Assist with Membership & Attendance Records and Reports

**Luncheon**  
**Tickets (2 Back Ups Needed):**  
Work at Luncheon Check-in Table to Collect Monies, issue lunch tickets and Record Member Attendance

**Fishing Chairman:**  
Organize Fishing Interest Group, Plan Fishing Trips, Report Activities to BEC and branch membership.

**Public Relations:**  
Increase Local Awareness of SIRs Branch #136, Submit Articles to Union Democrat, be a Central Contact Person for our Branch and other SIRs Branches.

**CONTACT: JIM JOHNSON 536-1595**



**DUES ARE OVERDUE!**

Our annual membership dues were due in January of this year and we still have 43 members (19%) that have not yet paid. If you have not paid your dues for this year you should mail a check to Frank Taylor at 19419 North Court, Sonora, CA 95370. Be sure to put your badge number on the check.



**WATER SHORTAGE - PLEASE CONSERVE**

New Melones Reservoir is currently at an elevation of 928.31 feet. This is down by 159.69 feet! When the elevation reaches 900 feet all boat launches will be closed.

**Please conserve water - we are being asked to reduce our usage by 50%!**



**MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE**

Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR  
Rich Lundin - 586-5632  
wondjinaman@gmail.com

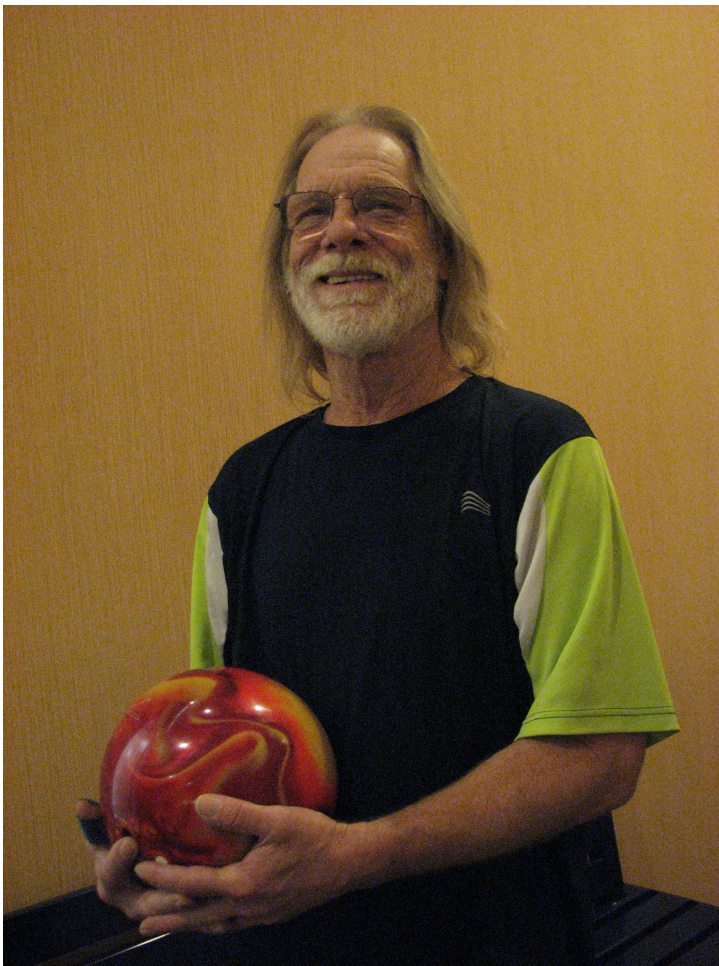
Sorry for the lack of new information as I am still waiting to get a price from Linkline. This is for a 3-day, two night trip in early June (1st—3rd) to Ghost Towns and Rock Hounding sites near Yerrington and Virginia City.

On the other trips that were proposed I'm trying to finalize the schedules and prices with Sonoma Travel.

**INTERNET& ROSTER**  
**sirjerry@Sonnet.Com**

Our Branch website is at <http://sponsors.org>. Visit anytime you would





## A PERFECT GAME

On April 7, 2014 Sir David Rossi bowled a perfect 300 game in our SIRs Fall League. Now, this is not an easy feat! This is a perfect score, so you have to bowl a strike in every one of your turns over ten frames. All this while also alternating between the left and the right lanes for each frame.

### **The odds are roughly 1 in 11,500!**

Dave Rossi started bowling in the SIRs League in the fall of 2012 after moving to the area from the Peninsula in 2010.

In the first league he bowled at Black Oak and on the first day of bowling he bowled a 300. He has other bowling accomplishments over the years, such as four 300 games at Black Oak, three in the Bay Area, an 800 series in our Annual Association Tournament this year and one previously in the Bay Area.

Other accomplishments include two 11-in-a-row strikes at Black Oak and two in the Bay Area (one a 299 game).

## CARSON CITY SIRs BOWLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Results of the Carson City Bowling Tournament include the following SIRs (and their spouses) who are getting some money back -

Division 2 All Events: Jack McGinnes; Women's All Events: Rose Bowcutt, Lillian Thomas and Irene Deaver; Division 1 Team: Elaine Simmons, Jim Simmons, Irene Deaver, Gene Deaver and Lillian Thomas; Division 1 Singles: Bob Thomas and Don Banchemo; Division 2 Singles: Jack McGinnes and Bert Abreo; Women's Singles: Lillian Thomas; Division 1 Doubles: Irene Deaver, Gene Deaver, Elaine Simmons and Jim Simmons; Division 2 Doubles: Rose Bowcutt and Bill Bowcutt.

### Upcoming SIRs tournaments are:

SIRs Annual State Tournament: May 19, 20, 22 at Nu Generation Lanes, Yuba City  
(4 man team, Doubles and All Events, SIRs members only)

June 4 & 5: Pinole at Pinole Valley Lanes

June 17 & 18: Paradise at Tall Pines Lanes

June 22 & 23: Sunnyvale at Cambrian Bowling Alley

like. There you can review current and past bulletins and other branch information. Also, the latest edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

Please feel free to contact Jerry about any changes or additions in internet pages or the Branch #136 membership roster.



**BOWLING CHAIRMAN  
Bert Abreo - 736-4804**

High Game/Series to Date:

Game: Tom Newell - 269  
Series: Dave Rossi - 742

High Games/Series by Week:

Mar 31: Game - Jim Simmons - 236  
Series - Jim Simmons - 655  
Apr 7: Game - Dave Rossi - 300  
Game - Jim Simmons - 709

Outstanding Bowlers:

Dave Rossi 300

Gerry Davis who bowled 114/164 pins over average with a 288/686 (just missing a 300 game by one frame)

Standings as of April 7, 2014:

Dennis's Gang 36-19  
Strikers 27-21  
Andy's Dandys 30-26

**League Champions are Team Misfits:**  
Don Banchemo, Gerry Davis, Gene Deaver and Jim Simmons

**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, 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 \$35 for processing. Angelo's address is 23497 Gold Springs Drive Columbia, CA 95310.



President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense

Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days.

The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense.



The origin of Mother's Day is attributed to two women, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis. They were important in establishing the tradition of Mother's Day in the United States.

In 1907, Anna Jarvis held a private Mother's Day celebration in memory of her mother, Ann Jarvis, in Grafton, West Virginia. Ann Jarvis had organized "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to improve health and cleanliness in the area where she lived. Anna Jarvis launched a quest for Mother's Day to be more widely recognized.

In 1908, she was instrumental in arranging a service in the Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, which was attended by 407 children and their mothers.

The church has now become the International Mother's Day Shrine. It is a tribute to all mothers and has been designated as a National Historic Landmark.



Literally "the Fifth of May," Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican Holiday celebrating the Battle of Puebla, which took place on May 5, 1862.

In 1861, France sent a massive army to invade Mexico, as they wanted to collect on some war debts. The French army was much larger, better trained and equipped than the Mexicans struggling to defend the road to Mexico City.

It rolled through Mexico until it reached Puebla, where the Mexicans made a valiant stand, and, against all logic, won a huge victory. It was short-lived, as the French army regrouped and continued; eventually taking Mexico City, but the euphoria of an unlikely victory against overwhelming odds is remembered every May fifth.



Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act. The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states:

**"It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day."**

**JUNE ONLY SALE!**

Cecil Steen, SIR Item Sales, is offering a 10% discount on all SIRs items purchased at the June Luncheon Meeting.

This is a **one-time only** event so here's your chance to get a SIR shirt, cap or whatever and save money doing so.

**LAUGHING OUT LOUD IS OKAY**





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**PAST BIG SIRs - BRANCH #136 SONORA**

1996 - Dusty Rhodes/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 Banchero/2011 - Al Smith

2012 - Baci Frecceri/2013 - Phil VanSwoll

**BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE**

**AND CHARTER MEMBERS**

Baci Frecceri - Past Big Sir 1986-2012

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2012

Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2012

**DIRECTORY of OFFICERS**

Big SIR - John Bristow-588-8066

Little SIR - Jim Johnson-536-1595

Secretary - Dale Decker - 533-0455

Asst. Secretary - Jerry Bellefeuille-533-3630

Treasurer - Frank Taylor - 532-4480

Asst. Treasurer - Gerald Abbott-694-0323

**DIRECTORS**

**First Year**

Angelo Costanza 588-9529

Jake Parsons 736-0647

Mariano Garces 586-9973

**Second Year**

Bert Maxwell - 588-1177

Bob Gelber - 532-0199

Maurice Rollins - 532-9170

**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN**

Attendance/Membership - Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

Bulletin - Dale Decker - 533-0455

Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman - 588-8614

Fishing - OPEN

Area 27 Golf - Danny Laureta 586-4567

Hon. Life Membership - Al Limon - 533-4944

House - Jerry Erath - 533-3791

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630

Luncheon - Rick Bacon-765-8210

Lunch Tickets - Bert Abreo - 736-4804

Bowling - Bert Abreo - 736-4804

Public Relations - OPEN

R.V. Travel Group - Jim Botto - 586-0822

Travel - Rich Lundin - 586-5632

SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen - 533-4760

Pinochle - Bob Morrison - 588-0994

**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).



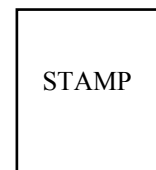
**LADIES DAY LUNCHEON**

**MAY 13th MENU**

**New York Steak with  
Baked Potato Or  
Cordon Bleu with Rice  
Salad and Desert  
Wine on Each Table**

**Music by the  
Rich Rinaldi Band  
Remember ADVANCE  
TICKETS REQUIRED**

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