



BULLETIN

May 2015

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

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

Tuesday, May 12th

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

Where has the time gone? 2015 is going by really fast; we are almost half way through the year. May is here and there are some notable dates this month. First and extremely important in the Johnson household is Ginny's birthday on the 4th. She is finally old enough to vote. Cinco de Mayo is on the 5th; Mother's Day is on the 10th and Memorial Day on the 25th. Don't forget to honor your lady on Mother's Day and those who have passed on Memorial Day.

Dale and the Special Events Committee have been working hard on the upcoming Ladies Day event. Hope you have your tickets. We will all have a good time on the 12th. Remember, no tickets sold at the door. If you want to go and don't have a ticket you better get ahold of Dale right away.

For all of you that have an old Hawaiian shirt in the back of the closet, get it out and

try it on. Our Luncheon Meeting in July is going to be Hawaiian shirt day. Or if you have a crazy shirt but it isn't Hawaiian, wear it. I will remind you later. Also, remember to get involved in one of our great branch activities and bring a guest to our monthly meeting in June.



Remember to invite a guest to our Monthly Luncheons.

EACH ONE TO REACH ONE

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Dale Decker - 533-0455

Our 29th annual Ladies Day Luncheon is almost here. While we won't be having a guest speaker there will be music by the Rich Rinaldi Band, dancing if you desire and a few surprises.

Remember though that the whole idea of a ladies day luncheon is to honor the lady in your life. This is their day to bask in the glory and recognition they deserve. I'm looking forward to a great luncheon and hope you are too.

Ticket sales have been good this year and several of our ladies picked out a number of nice prizes. These, along with some cash prizes and gift cards, should make for an exciting afternoon.



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 April 28 Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs

Format: Six-Six-Six (Best Ball) – (Scramble) – (Alternate Shot)

1st Place Team Jim Simmons & Gene Deaver (net 64)

2nd Place Team Wayne Dixon & Bob Nath (net 67)

3rd Place Team Rudy Flores & Danny Laureta (net 71)

Closest to the hole #8

1st Jeff Juhl 9'-8
2nd Rudy Flores 14'-0
3rd Kent Kirkland 14'-11

Closest to the hole #12

1st x 7'-5
2nd Mike Dolan 12'-0
3rd Bob Gibbs 24'-2

Next Golf Tournament

Tuesday, May 5 Skins format @ Mountain Springs

8:00 am Shotgun start

Tuesday, May 26 4 Man Best Ball @ Pine Mountain Lake

11:00 am tee time

\$48.00 entry fee & May19 deadline



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

March Membership

Active	214
Inactive	4
New	2
Lost	1
May total	219

April Attendance

Active	212
Attendance (64%)	137
Not attending (35%)	
Excused	37



PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994
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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. Shown below are three tables giving the results of scores for our pinochle sessions. The first table lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for April. The second lists the average score of each player based on the number of sessions played in April. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for the first trimester of 2015.



Player	Branch	Average
3 Monday Session Players		
Jerry Morrow	172	351
Otto Giuliani	172	331
Mike Schmidt	172	322
Art Bartee	172	307
Del Rotelli	77	306
Roland Patton	172	306
Al De Neveu	136	289
Ed Mintline	172	241
Bobby Nolan	77	191

Player	Branch	Average
2 Monday Session Players		
Dick Robinson	172	291
Jerry Kopyn	172	227
Tom Newell	136	220
Ken Evans	M	133

Player	Branch	Average
1 Monday Session Players		
Vern Penn	77	318
Bill Burnes	136	194

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
6-Apr-15	429	Otto Giuliani	172
13-Apr-15	355	Henry Beltran	172
20-Apr-15	457	Mike Schmidt	172
27-Apr-15	473	Dave Goldemberg	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Apr 2015	
Branch	Score
172	294
77	289
136	255

Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Henry Beltran	172	337
Dave Goldemberg	172	321
Sonny Tome	77	314
Felix Ledbetter	77	313
Bob Morrison	136	251
Bert Kronnick	77	220
Paul Halek	172	213



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- Cluff, Blaine May 2nd
- Parsons, Jake May 2nd
- Bowcutt, Bill May 3rd
- Smith, James May 4th
- Oliver, William May 5th
- Lawrence, Melvin May 6th
- Poorbaugh, John May 7th
- Kofoed, Keith May 10th
- Shirley, William May 11th
- Volpetti, Roy May 17th
- Galka, Stu May 19th
- Stanphill, Deveal May 21nd
- Ruoff, Len May 25th
- Castle, Sam May 26th
- Rinaldi, Rich May 26th
- Boyd, Jeffrey May 28th
- Houser, Jack May 28th
- Deaver, John May 30th
- Andreini, Ray May 31st



SUNSHINE - CHAPLAIN

Paul Bullman - 588-8614
 Asst Bill Dunlavy - 532-7601
 "BE PREPARED"

You may remember these words are the

motto of the BOYSCOUTS from the days of your youth. Recently an article appeared in the Union Democrat entitled "End of Life Plan", written by Lacey Peterson. She gives some good points on how to "Be Prepared". She wrote: "People are not good about talking about the End of Life. We end up having these discussions when people are very ill. Waiting for a crisis like a stroke or heart attack may leave us unprepared to think or talk about the subject".

As Sir Chaplain I would like to add two more issues related to The End of Life that will help us "Be Prepared". First: INSURANCE. We are aware of this subject, since we have dealt with it in various forms throughout the years. We do not enjoy it much, and it often becomes a burden and expense, and is often easy to neglect or put off 'til later. INSURANCE benefits someone else generally. Our reward for being prepared with adequate INSURANCE is that we have looked out for those we love. We will be helping make our departure easier on their paying our End of Life expenses and leaving them an inheritance on our behalf. The second End of Life issue is ASSURANCE. Since this cannot be purchased with money, we find it is even easier to neglect or put off until later. ASSURANCE of a "Life After Life" is a spiritual issue. It becomes much more satisfying with time before we get to the End of Life. Our Religious beliefs helps prepare us for the end of life, peace and anticipation. "Be Prepared" with ASSURANCE. It will make you the full beneficiary of your foresight.



RV CLUB NEWS

Jim Botto - 586-0822
 Ron Long - 586-1838

Our second outing of the season was to the Pismo Coast Village RV Resort. We had eleven rig join us and as usual we all had a wonderful time in the four days we stayed there. The park is located close to the sand dunes and we played in the sand.



Antique shopping was one of the events, along with visiting the night "Farmers Market" in San Luis Obispo's Main Street; Guy's breakfast & Mo's Fizzes. We are just a bunch of RVers having fun.



Mo Molinari Presents the trophy to our Bocce Ball Tournament winners: Ray Feldman & Betty "Boop" Miller.



Our next outing will be at the Mariposa Fairgrounds RV Park on May 17th.



Fishing with Grandpa: Wow!

FISHING CLUB

Jim Nuzum - 533-2729

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Let's go fishing!

No Report Submitted by deadline.



BOWLING CHAIRMAN
Bert Abreo - 736-4804

Week of March 2, 2015

High Game - Bob Ferraro 237

High Series - Dave Rossi 660

Team Standings: No Excuses 23-13,
Jim's Jokers 22-14, Georgie's Boys & Drex
Wrex 21-15

Week of March 9, 2015

High Game: Gene Deaver 248

High Series: Dave Rossi 669

Standings: Drex Wrex 27-17
No Excuses 26-18

Georgie's Boys 25.5-18.5

High Game to date: Jim Simmons 277

High Series to date: Dave Rossi 735

Also, Bob Ferraro bowled 76 pins over his average to reach the 237 game.

There are just the weeks of March 30, April 6 and 13 left to the league schedule and then the league takes the summer off until after Labor Day in September.

Upcoming Tournaments:

April 13-17 - 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 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

June 3 & 4 - Pinole, entry forms not yet available.

June 16 & 17 - Paradise, entry forms not yet available.



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.



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630

Ladies Day Luncheon tickets are almost sold out. **There are only 13 tickets remaining.** If you haven't already purchased ticket (s) this may be your last chance. Don't miss this opportunity - call Dale Decker (533-0455) to confirm availability and lock in an order. Or take a chance and just send him \$23 per ticket and indicate what entree you would like (Rib Eye Steak or Salmon) for each ticket. He will mail you the ticket (s) if he has any remaining.



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

May 31, 2015



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

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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
Att./Mem. - Angelo Costanza 588-9529
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 - 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).

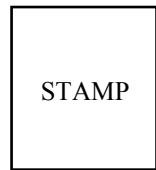
Checks, money orders or credit cards for Travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the Branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency (Rule 429 & 421).

May 12th MENU

**Rib Eye Steak with Baked Potato or
Salmon with Rice Pilaf
Includes Vegetable, Salad, and Dessert
Wine on the table.**



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