



# BULLETIN

May 2016

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

## SONORA BRANCH #136

**Sonora SIR Branch #136  
will meet at the Sonora Elks  
Lodge on  
Tuesday, May 10th  
Starts at Noon  
(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)**

**There will be no Branch  
Executive Committee meeting  
this month.**



### 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!**

**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

**Dale Decker - 533-0455**

By the time you read this month's Bulletin we'll be just a few short days away from our Annual Lady's Day Luncheon. Our Little Sir, Danny Laureta, and his special events committee, Dick Aberle, Jim Turner, John Vieira, Jake Parsons and Roger Swartz, have put together an exciting agenda. Of particular interest is a new method of prize distribution: baskets in front of each prize wherein you decide which ones you want to take a chance on winning! Also, with a choice of three entree's, Shrimp cocktails and pub snacks (provided by your BEC), wine on the tables and live music for your listening pleasure and dancing you're missing out if you didn't purchase a ticket. Keep this in mind as we approach our Annual SIR Branch picnic in August and our Christmas Luncheon in December.

#### Membership

In April our active membership for the year to date was down to 208. Since then we have lost an additional member so we're down to 207 as of May 1st. However, we've received 4 applications that are currently being processed so we should be going back up to 211 by our June meeting. The net of this is that we need 12 more new members if we're to reach our goal of 223 by yearend. On the brighter side, with a total of 12 new members this year, if each one of them brings in a new member the outlook is that we will achieve our goal.

One thing to keep in mind is that our three local branches (77, 136 and 172) had a SIR Information booth at the April 9/10 Home & Garden Show. By my count we had over 90 inquiries from retired men in regards to who we are and what we do. Hopefully, some of these will result in some new members - time will tell.

In regards to the H&G SIR Information booth my sincere thanks to Rex Page, Membership Growth Program Director, for his work in obtaining us the space (indoors!) and producing some great tri-fold brochures that were very informative. Also my sincere thanks to those that provided coverage: Eddie Toews, Larry Lund, Felix Ledbetter, Phil VanSwoll, Jim Johnson, Dave Palmer, Bob Nath, Ken Lucas, Jim Botto, and Craig Hempler.

#### Annual Dues Assessment

As of May 1st there are only 3 members that have not yet paid their annual dues assessment of \$25. If you are one of these

individuals and do not want to jeopardize your membership in Sons in Retirement then payment should be made now! The BEC will be addressing membership of those that have not paid at the June BEC meeting.

#### SIR Members Only Classified Ads!

Unfortunately, I have not yet received anything for our new SIR Members Only Classified Ads! I know I have a number of items that I'd like to sell as a little extra cash comes in handy but I don't think it's appropriate to just list mine. So please, take a look around your house and do a little spring cleaning. I've put this new bulletin section together **for us** now let's use it! Just remember the rules:

All transactions initiated between members of Sons in Retirement, Inc., are for the convenience of said members. Sons in Retirement, Inc., and any of its participating Branches do not assume any responsibility as to the content or context of the listing or to the quality of the items being offered. All ads must be for material items owned by the member and not associated with a service or a profit-oriented business venture.

Member ads will be published for one month only. New ads or ads you wish to re-run must be submitted by the last day of the current month for inclusion into the following month's branch bulletin. Submit ads to:

**Daledftg@sonnet.com**



### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**Danny Laureta - 586-4567**

Our 30th annual Lady's Day Luncheon is just a few days away on Tuesday May 10th.

Music will be by Greg Brown Music Express and dancing if you desire. Remember though that the whole idea of a lady's 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.

As of press time we have 184 signed up for the Lady's Day Luncheon, it should be a fun wonderful time. The special events committee (Dick Arbele, John Vieira, Roger Swartz, Jim Turner and Jake Parsons) will then switch its efforts to the August picnic. It will be at a new location at Indegeny Reserve in Sonora. More details about the BBQ Picnic in the June bulletin. Our June Luncheon guest speaker will be Debbie Schug, she is the Program Manager of the Area 12 Agency on Aging of Tuolumne County.



## GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Paul Padavana - 532-8051

Asst Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

Handicap Tom Nischwitz-694-8624

### April 5<sup>th</sup> Skins results:

Joe Zertuche won 5 skins

Dan Cassaro won 5 skins

Melvin Slife won 4 skins

Rudy Flores won 1 skin

Jeff Phillips won 1 skin

The next Skins Game is scheduled for May

3<sup>rd</sup> at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Start

time is 8:00 AM. Contact Jeff Phillips at

[jeffphillipsq@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffphillipsq@yahoo.com) or 209-588-2977.

Also, there will be no Skins Game for the month of June.

### April 19<sup>th</sup> SIRS 136 / 77 Golf Tournament

#### (two-man bestball) results:

1<sup>st</sup> place (net 56) Trini Mercado / Matt Clay

2<sup>nd</sup> place (net 59) Chace Anderson / Jeff Juhl

3<sup>rd</sup> place (net 61) Mike Clay / Tom Newell

Closest to hole #7

1<sup>st</sup> place Bob Nath (2'6")

2<sup>nd</sup> place Tom Nischwitz (10'3")

3<sup>rd</sup> place Chace Anderson (11'7")

Closest to hole #12

1<sup>st</sup> place Mike Ross (23 ft.)

2<sup>nd</sup> place Mike Clay (44 ft.)

3<sup>rd</sup> place Kent Kirkland (46 ft.)

The next SIRS 136 / 77 Golf Tournament is

scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> at Mountain Springs

Golf Course. Start time is 8:00 AM. Contact

Paul Padavana at [paulp\\_57@yahoo.com](mailto:paulp_57@yahoo.com) or

209-532-8051. The format for this

tournament will be Low Individual Net

Flights A & B.

## May Birthdays:

Cluff, Blaine 5/2

Parsons, Jake 5/2

Oliver, William 5/5

Lawrence, Mel 5/6

Poorbaugh, John 5/7

Kofoed, Keith 5/10

Moyer, John 5/11

Shirley, William 5/11

Gleason, John H. 5/13

Volpetti, Roy 5/17

Galka, Stu 5/19

Stanphill, Dee 5/21

Ruoff, Len 5/25

Castle, Sam 5/26

Rinaldi, Rich 5/26

Boyd, Jeffrey M. 5/28

Houser, Jack 5/28

Deaver, John 5/30

Andreini, Ray 5/31



## RV CLUB NEWS

Knute Kleinen - 694-8866

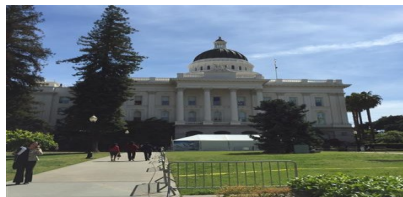
John Avila - 586-1992

Sunday April 17, 2016 Eleven RV's met in Sacramento for the second outing of the year. We stayed at the Cal-Expo RV Park and set up for a great time led by hosts Betty and Rick Bacon and Jack and Rosie Walls. Cocktail hour was held in the nice warm weather outside. On Tuesday everyone had a choice of going to McClellan Air base to go through the Air Museum, some went to the IKEA store. A couple of the group got lost by following the wrong car but was able to correct their direction and they arrived just a couple of minutes late.



We all met back at the RV Park for a pizza and salad dinner.

Wednesday we went to the State Capitol for a privately arranged tour of the building, we all learned something interesting as to how our government works.



After the tour we then converged at the famous Leatherbys Ice Cream parlor where at least 5000 calories were piled on. The evening was again warm and mild and everyone just sat around and complained how we should of not have had the huge Banana Split or Carmel Sundae. Morning breakfast was again prepared by the men as is a tradition on these outings.

We also had a guest couple join us, friends



of Jack and Rosie. Everyone had a great time and look forward to the next outing which will be May 16-18 at French Camp.



## THEATER AND DINNER COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Monty Youngborg - 588-9632

Our first play for Sir Branch 136, "My Fair Lady" was seen at the East Sonora Theater matinee on April 13<sup>th</sup>. There were 11 of our members that attended the play. A photo of 6 of our attendees is shown in the picture below.



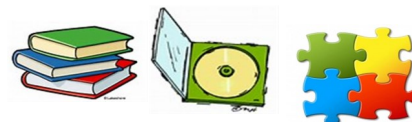
There are: Bill & Marline Dunlavy, Herman & Donna Eaton and John & Routh Moyer, Jim & Linda Botto

Our branch and possibly some from Branch 77 is scheduled to see Hank Williams on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the 2:00PM matinee at the Fallon House Theater. We have 12 scheduled from our branch to see this play.

Our next play, "Cyrano" a romantic comedy set in 17<sup>th</sup> century France. We will see it on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 2:00 PM matinee at the East Sonora Theater at the 2:00 matinee.

See you at the next play.

Monty Youngborg



## NEW ACTIVITIES

Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

Keep those books movies music and puzzles coming. Response has been great thus far so keep it coming! For May and August, the media exchange will go on temporary hiatus. Thanks for your continued enthusiasm for this new activity.

The new edition of SIR "Happenings" is now available at:

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings>



## PINOCHLE

**Bob Morrison—588-0994**

**robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com**

We are looking for more players, so please join us. If you don't know how to play; we will train you. Show up for a meeting only when you want to. You will be playing with SIR members from all our three branches. 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](http://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 April. The second lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for April. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for January through April.

Tom Newell	136	316
Felix Ledbetter	77	265
John Johnson	172	219
Player	Branch	Average
3 Monday Session Players		
Roland Patton	427	172
Al De Neveu	297	136
Bob Morrison	290	136
Mike Schmidt	263	172
Bert Kronnick	226	77
Player	Branch	Average
2 Monday Session Players		
Dave Goldemberg	557	172
Henry Beltran	353	172
Del Rotelli	297	77
Paul Halek	271	172
Bill Burnes	218	136
Jerry Morrow	179	172
Player	Branch	Average
1 Monday Session Players		
Bill Bryant	575	172
Clark Beerman	363	172
Mike Eachus	264	172

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
4-Apr-16	535	Art Barte	172
11-Apr-16	476	Roland Patton	172
18-Apr-16	445	Al De Neveu	136
25-Apr-16	410	Henry Beltran	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Apr 2016	
Branch	Score
172	284
136	269
77	261



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Bill Lobdell - 586-7145**

### Previous Month Membership

Total Active Members	208
Luncheon Attendance (71%)	147
Excused Absences (56%)	34

### Current Month Membership

Previous Mth Active Membership	208
Applicants Being Installed	0
Active Members Lost	1
Active Membership Outlook	207



## BOWLING CHAIRMAN

**Bert Abreo - 736-4804**

**2015-2016 Bowling Championship** was won by the team **"No Excuses"**  
 Congratulations to: Dale Decker, Knute Kleinen, Frank Meyers, & Tom Newell



## INTERNET CHAIRMAN

**Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630**

Our Branch website is at [sonorasirs.org](http://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 you have any updates to our roster please let me know.



## FISHING CHAIRMAN

**Chuck Simons - 770-5298**

[simons4890@yahoo.com](mailto:simons4890@yahoo.com)

No report was received by the deadline.



## 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 586-7145 (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 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!

**Jim Botto Editor - 586-0822**

**Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630**

I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee chairman who send in their reports to me on or before the deadline. If I do not receive your report by the deadline it will not be published in the current month. Please send all bulletin input to Jim Botto at

**[giacamo42@gmail.com](mailto:giacamo42@gmail.com)**

The deadline for the next bulletin is

**Tuesday, May 31st**

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2011 - Al Smith/2013 - Phil VanSwoll

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**BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

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Bill Dunlavy - Past Big SIR 2007

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN**

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Chuck Simons -532-9550

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Tom Nischwitz 694-8624

Jeff Phillips 588-2977

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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 -

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**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 10th**

**Lady's Day Luncheon Menu**

**Rib-Eye Steak w/ Baked Potato**

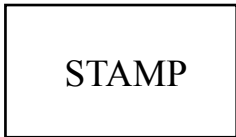
**Or Salmon w/ Rice Pilaf**

**Or Chicken Cordon Bleu**

**Includes Vegetables, Salad, and Dessert**

**Pre-Purchased tickets only.**

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