



BULLETIN

May 2017

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136
Sonora SIR Branch #136
will meet at the Sonora Elks
Lodge on
Tuesday, May 9th
(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)

**The Board Meeting has been
Cancelled due to the Lady's
Day Luncheon**



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

The Ladies Day event is just days away. Hope you have your tickets. Remember, no tickets sold at the door. If you want to go and don't have a ticket, please call Paul Squeri at 209-586-4083. Also, please bring your donation items for the raffle table on the day of the event.

My sincere thanks to Rex Page, RAMP Chairman and Membership Growth Program Director for his organizational work in obtaining the Sir's booth space inside the Manzanita Building on April 8th and 9th Home & Garden Show at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. Also, a BIG thank you to those that provided booth coverage; Rich Rinaldi, Mike Nolan, Jim Botto, Eddie Toews, Roger Swartz, Bob Wright, Mel Lawrence, Sol Robin, Jim Lewis, Jerry Bellefeuille, Bill Lobdell, Paul Squeri, Dale Decker, Jim Ledbetter and Jerry Morrow.

I would like to bring back what Jim Johnson started a few years ago and hopefully we can do it every year because it's fun and colorful. So, it's Hawaiian Shirt Day in our June Luncheon Meeting or if you have a crazy shirt but it isn't Hawaiian, wear it.



SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN

Steve Gregory - 533-0309

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Area Governor, Jim Johnson is recovering nicely from complete knee replacement.

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. 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.



LITTLE SIR NOTES

Paul Squeri - 586-4083

Well they say it is spring. The calendar states that spring was sprung on the 20th of March but to me it seems more like the 20th of April. My propane bill is in total agreeance with this conclusion. It does not really matter when spring arrived, just so long as it is here now. I am ready for warmer days, latter sunsets, short shorts and of course our spring ritual, the Ladies Day Luncheon.

It seems like most of us are up from hibernation and aggressively pursuing pleasurable spring time entertainment. The ticket sales for the Ladies Day Luncheon have been brisk and are nearing a sellout. We are planning something a little different than usual. Master fiddler and 11-year touring member of The New Christy Minstrels, Dave Rainwater, will mingle and fiddle his way amongst the members and guests while they eat, drink and make merry. This almost sounds like lunch with Henry VIII except that we use forks, knives and napkins.

It gets redundant beating the same old drum but we still have several members who have not paid their dues for 2017. The stark truth is no dues, no SIRS. We operate on a close margin and attempt to return everything to the membership.

Being spring Rex Page again set up the SIR recruiting booth at the fairgrounds for The Home and Garden Show. Many of us joined Rex and pitched the virtues of SIR membership to any and all within range. The response and interest appeared good. Hopefully this, along with the recruitment done by the membership, will produce the members needed to sustain our future.



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: **Wednesday May 31st**



GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee
Paul Padavana - 532-8051
 Asst Kent Kirkland -

Handicap Tom Nischwitz-694-8624

Results for the SIRS Skins Game held on April 4th at Mountain Springs Golf Course with a field of 7 players are as follows:

Mike Baumgartner - 7 skins

Darrell Courtright - 6 skins

Rudy Flores - 2 skins

Melvin Slife - 2 skins

Trini Mercado - 1 skin

Results for the SIRS 136 / 77 April Individual Stroke Play Flights A & B Tournament held on the 25th at Castle Oaks Golf Course in Ione with a field of 20 golfers are as follows:
 Flight "A"

1st place - Vic Day (Net 60)

2nd place - Jeff Juhl (Net 65)

3rd place - Matt Clay (Net 66)

Flight "B"

1st place - Tom Neiderer (Net 64)

2nd place - Gene Morales (Net 68)

3rd place - Jeff Phillips (Net 70)

Closest to hole #8 (145 yards)

1st place - Pete Larkin (22'2")

2nd place - Mike Ross (30'10")

Closest to hole #16 (103 yards)

1st place - Gene Morales (10'3")

2nd place - Darrell Courtright (17'4.5")

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 Golf Tournament** is scheduled for May 16th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Shotgun start time is 8:00 AM.

The format for this tournament will be **SIX - SIX - SIX**. For those who do not know what this format is here is an explanation: **Holes #1 thru #6** - These holes will be played in a **best ball** format for the team. Both players will tee off and play their own ball until holed out. Record each player's score on the player's line and record the best net ball as the team's score on the team line. Handicaps for each player are indicated for each hole.

Holes #7 thru #12 - These holes will be played in a **scramble** format. Both players tee off on each hole, select one shot and each player plays from that point until holed out. Each player must use a **minimum of two drives** from hole #7 thru #12. Record the team's best net score for each hole on the team line. **Holes #13 thru #18** - These holes will be played in an **alternate shot** format. Record the score on the team line. Handicap for holes #13 - #18 are shown on top. Subtract this handicap to determine the team's net total score.

Sign-up for this tournament is by Friday, May 12th (NO LATER). If there is a partner you wish to play with please let me know when signing up, otherwise you will be paired up by random pick. Contact Paul Padavana at paulp_57@yahoo.com or 209-532-8051.



April Birthdays:

Cluff, Blaine	5/2
Parsons, Jake	5/2
Oliver, William	5/5
Lawrence, Mel	5/6
Ross, Mike	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
Carpenter, Len	5/22
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
Enos, Stanley	5/31
Huff, Steve	5/31



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 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.

April 2017		
Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Del Rotelli	77	326
Bill Lewis	172	325
Bob Morrison	136	321
Henry Beltran	172	293
Al De Neveu	136	260
Mike Schmidt	172	246
John Johnson	172	199
Player	Branch	Average
3 Monday Session Players		
Bert Kronnick	77	225
Player	Branch	Average
2 Monday Session Players		
Roland Patton	172	355
Jerry Kopyn	172	337
Art Bartee	172	297
Bill Burnes	136	290
Sonny Tome	77	281
Tom Newell	136	273

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
3-Apr-17	345	Bob Morrison	136
10-Apr-17	409	Sonny Tome	77
17-Apr-17	400	Del Rotelli	77
24-Apr-17	504	Bill Lewis	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Apr 2017	
Branch	Score
77	290
172	288
136	248



FISHING CHAIRMAN
Chuck Simons - 532-9550
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On April 5th Knute Kleinen and I headed for Melones to try our luck. The weather was

perfect, 65 degrees, sunny and just a slight breeze. Trolling was a bit tough at times due to all the debris in the water: logs and limbs and dead grass. We only had one hit with hook-up and Knute landed a nice 18-inch Rainbow. Other SIRS members have said the bass fishing is good for both Black and Spotted Bass. According to Len Ackerman of the Union Democrat, the main road into Beardsley is still being repaired. The road to the day use area and the boat ramp also sustained storm damage. As of now, there is no estimate on opening. On the 24th I fished Melones with an old friend recovering from back surgery. It was more to just get out on the water for him. The wind was steady from the North and cold. We had one hook-up and lost a small bass. Any information you wish to share, my email is simons4890@yahoo.com.



RV CLUB CHAIRMAN
Knute Kleinen - 694-8866

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Neither rain or rain or rain would keep the RVers from getting out again for fun and fellowship. Nineteen of the group headed for 49er Village in Plymouth for what was to be a four-day outing, finally on Wednesday the sun came out and the group did get in a series of bocce ball games. The RV park had a great meeting room and everyone was able to find their way there for good food, card games, and puzzles. At the meeting held Tuesday morning during breakfast the group was informed the parks are writing much stricter rules for all groups. The new policy that was adopted will be that the first day fees will have to be paid when a rig signs up for an outing. The host will let everyone know when the cutoff date for cancelling will be, when that date has arrived, the total fee for the number of days and any other fees known will have to be paid in full, to the host, no refunds can be expected if you cannot make the outing. On Monday night, everyone went to the Mexican Restaurant just down the road from the park and had a great dinner. Hopefully the next outing in Vacaville on May 14 to 18 will see clear skies and a warmer outing.

Bocce Ball winners: Rosie Walls & Guy Hoffman



BOWLING CHAIRMAN
Bert Abreo - 736-4804

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The 2016-17 SIRS bowling season is now complete until early September. The League Champion is team SS-396 comprised of Rich Milano, Mike Ross, Steve Huff and a vacancy. They defeated Andy's Dandies - Tom Neiderer, Andy Vassallo, Tom Turner and a vacancy. High Scratch Series - Mike Bowers 756 High Scratch Game - Dave Rossi 279 Most Pins over average in a game - Gil Voecks 94 for a 231 game Most Pins over average in a series - Gil Voecks 149 for a 560 series There were about 22 Branch members and guests who participated in the Carson City SIRS Tournament and several of them earned money include Mike Bowers, Carol Krawchuk, Dave Rossi, Lillian Thomas, Don and Janis Banchemo, Barbara and Gene Morales, Bob Thomas and Bert Abreo.

Upcoming Tournaments include:

- May 19-21 - SIRS State Bowling Tournament - South Lake Tahoe, Tahoe Bowl
- June 7 & 8 - Pinole
- June 20 & 21 - Paradise
- July 10 & 11 - Yuba City
- July 22-25 - Pollock Pines
- August 14-16 - Reno, NV
- August 27-29 - **Sonora**, Team, Doubles and Singles



CAR CLUB CHAIRMAN
Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366

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Hope some of our SIR's members were able to see our classic car gathering at the Black Oak Hotel this past week. We had over 30 cars in attendance & toured Tuolumne County for 3 days. There is another big car show happening Sat. May 6 at the Copperopolis Town Square. Starts at 9am & admission is free, I will be there with my '65 GTO as well as some other SIR's & their cars. Still planning for a SIR's car gathering at the Sonora Elks in July when the 3 SIR's groups coordinate efforts to enlist all classic car owners to participate. Meanwhile, 1st & 3rd Wed. of every month starting in May, the Junction Shopping Center hosts a hot rod/classic show. Start your cars & run them!



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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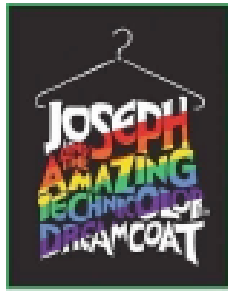
April Membership	
Total Active Members	219
Luncheon Attendance: (70%)	152
Excused Absences: (50%)	33
Current May Membership	
Current Active Membership	219
Applicants Being Installed/transfers	1
Active Members Lost	1
Active Membership Outlook	219



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.



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The story is based on the "coat of many colors" story of Joseph from the Bible's Book of Genesis. Featuring a score that is a blend of calypso, 50's rock and roll, country western & vaudeville.

Thursday June 22, 2017 2PM Matinee

Fallon House Theater Price per ticket \$24.00

With check payable to SRT

Dinner following musical at The Lazy Z Resort

\$25.00 per person with check to Lazy Z Resort (note selection)

All dinners will be served with a caesar salad and a dinner roll
SIRLOIN STEAK served with a marsala reduction, garlic mash potatoes and fresh vegetables

ITALIAN STUFFED CHICKEN stuffed with spinach, italian cheeses and artichoke hearts, drizzled with a sundried tomato cream sauce served over garlic mash potatoes and served with fresh vegetables

SAKE GLAZED SALMON served over a rice medley and fresh vegetables

Chef Choice of Dessert

Corkage fee \$7.00

Please bring your check(s) to the May luncheon. Tickets will be distributed at the June luncheon. Cut off day for musical payment is 5/29/17

Check(s) can be mailed to: Dennis Honeychurch

P.O. Box 1383

Twain Harte, CA 95383

Hosted By: Dennis Honeychurch 586-2117

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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
2016 - Dale Decker	

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE

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Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210

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Bert Maxwell 588-1177

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Book Exchange - Jim Rodrigues 536-4338

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Poker - George Parsons 533-8637

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

Senior Member Awards - Jim Johnson 536-1595

SIR Item Sales - Open Position

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).

April 10th Menu

Shrimp Cocktail, Rib Eye Steak w/ Bake Potato or Salmon w/ Rice Pilaf or Chicken Cordon Bleu w/ Rice Pilaf, Includes Vegetable, Salad & Desert. Wine on the table.

Guest Fiddler

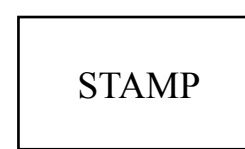
Master fiddler and 11-year touring member of The New Christy Minstrels,

Dave Rainwater



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

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