

SONORA BRANCH #136 next monthly meeting:

May 8th

Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am

Branch Executive Committee Meeting is cancelled due to the Ladies Day Luncheon.

Luncheon Menu

Special Menu for Ladies Day





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.

SONORA SIR BRANCH #136 May 2018 Bulletin

Website: sonorasirs.org



BIG SIR NOTES

Paul Squeri - 586-4083

The clouds are parting, the sun is on the way.

Sure looks like, it must be May.

This could be worse, if I had more verse.

Some bygone Roman poet stated that the month of May was named for the moiores, Latin for "elders". It is nice to know that someone thought of us as more than a liability. The first Saturday in the month of May has always hosted a time- honored tradition, circled in red on many calendars, the Kentucky Derby. Well get the red pencil out and circle it again. According to NBC's Today News the Derby will have to move over for a new tradition: World Naked Gardening Day. And we thought that the only thing the younger generations did was text each other.

Keep that red pencil out and make sure you have May 8th circled, the Ladies Day Luncheon. We know it is a hectic schedule but there is ample time between the first Saturday's Gardening Day and the second Tuesday's SIR event to get your act together for a great party: after all May is Elder Month. Little SIR Jim Botto and the Events Committee have gone all out to make this the best Ladies Day luncheon yet. We not only have live entertainment, a great meal with two palate pleasing beverages but a full afternoon of raffle prizes, cash prizes and a very generous grand prize donated by the Black Oak Casino. I have saved the best prize for last. That is the privilege of spending a full, laugh filled afternoon with friends. As time passes and memories dim, it is the time with your friends that will shine. SIRS sincerely wishes to be a facilitator in just that. Value, priceless. We have a few tickets left, contact Little SIR Jim Botto (209-586-0822) and he will see that you are taken care of. Please do not forget that we need raffle items. If you have had a low help profile lately, now would be a great time to step up with a raffle item.

Our booth at the Home & Garden Show on April 14 and 15 appears to be a success. We have several people who have expressed a desire to attend one of our meetings and see what we are all about. Hopefully we can turn their interest into memberships. I want to thank the following individuals for joining Rex Page and myself: Jim Botto, Mike Baumgartner, Phil Baylis, John Salmon, Levi Jiminez, John Deaver, Dick Aberle, Eddie Toews, Roger Schwartz, Rich Rinaldi, Larry Matteson and Jerry Bellefeuille. You gentlemen made it happen and the successful results are a testament to the quality of your effort.

Jerry Stefan has approached me about starting a Bocce Ball Group. Anyone that has an interest, please contact me. We have been wanting to get one going for some time. When we surveyed the membership a couple of years ago bocce ball had one of the higher interest responses. An afternoon of bocce ball, a cool beverage or two and a pot luck makes for a great time. And do not forget our new Kayak Group. See Sol Robin if you want to do some yakking about kayaking. Shake off the cobwebs and join us

Please welcome our new members to SIR Branch 136





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BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 2000 Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015 Jim Johnson—Past Big SIR 2015

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Honorary Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944 Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

Asst Danny Laureta 586-4083 Kayaking—Sol Robin 651-1054

Lunch Tickets - Roger Swartz 533-0376

Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210

Luncheon Drawing - Tom Neiderer 569-9003 Tom Turner 928-4876

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Wine Tasting - Phil Van Swoll 532-1133

SIR Mission Statement

To improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events - while making friends for life.



LITTLE SIR NOTES

Jim Botto - 586-0822

John Popke, Master Instructor CA DOJ Weapons Training School, was a great guest speaker last month. There were many people who have taken his classes. After lunch several of our members were asking further questions and John stayed over to answer all of them.

Our annual Lady's Day luncheon is fast approaching. We have sold 174 tickets. If you haven't purchased your ticket yet please call Dick Aberle at (209) 532-4066. You will need to hurry the dead line to purchase tickets is May 2nd. As stated last month we have a grand prize from Black Oak Resort and Casino: One Night stay at the resort, 2 - \$40.00 food Coupons, 2 - \$25.00 Free Play Coupons, and 1 Gift Bag with logo items, complements of Suzan Spencer Marketing Manager Black Oak Resort & Casino.

We are still looking for all members to donate raffle prizes for our Lady's Day Luncheon. The special Events Committee members will gladly accept your donations. Last year we did very well collecting prizes so let's do it again. We do need your help. There a few members that are woodworkers. We have two folding desks from Ron Long, a tiled wire rack from Jim Rodrigues, several bottles of booze, gift baskets, and a hand-made crocheted afghan. But we still need more.

Our special events committee members are: Jim Botto (209) 586-0822, Dick Aberle (209) 532-4066, Scott Lewis (209) 533-3278, Bill Guenza (209) 586-7088, Rex Page (209)533-4501, Gene Zanoni (209) 532-1989, and John Vieira (209) 728-8094. Give them a call if you can donate raffle prizes.

The DD214 forms are slowly coming in from our Korean War Veterans, of this date I have received 7. However, there are 21 Korean War Veterans in our Sonora Sir 136 membership. Although the Korean Consulate will be speaking at our November Luncheon, we need to get these forms to them at least by September. You can mail them to me at 24061 Hitching Post Rd. Sonora, CA 95370.

We had a good turnout at the April 14 & 15 the Sonora Home and Garden Show. Many thanks go out the Larry Matteson, Rex Page, & Paul Squeri for organizing and setting up our booth. We talked to a lot of retired men that did not know of our organization. We asked the ladies with the retired gentlemen if they would like to get rid of him once a month. Many replied "just once a month?" Paul Squeri was able to supply blue tote bags with our logo and phone number on them. Great advertising!

Our next guest speaker for our June 12th luncheon will be Mike Lella who is the son of the main character of the true story written by Mark Sullivan "Beneath a Scarlet Sky". I mention that I read this book and had a difficult time putting it down. This book tells the story of a young 17-year-old Italian boy during the Nazi occupation of Milan, Italy. It is well worth your time to read it.



John Popke with Little SIR Jim Botto -

May 2018 Club and Committee Reports



May Birthdays

Parsons, Jake	05/02
Cluff, Blaine	05/02
Oliver, William	05/05
Baylis, Phillip (Phil)	05/06
Ross, Michael (Mike)	05/06
Poorbaugh, John	05/07
Kofoed, Reese (Keith)	05/10
Moyer, John	05/11
Shirley, William	05/11
Gleason, John H.	05/13
Volpetti, Roy	05/17
Bravo, Andy	05/18
Galka, Stu	05/19
Stanphill, Devearl (Dee)	05/21
Carpenter, Leonard (Len)	05/22
Skipper, James (Randy)	05/22
Rinaldi, Rich	05/26
Castle, Sam	05/26
Houser, Jack	05/28
Boyd, Jeffrey M.	05/28
Bean, Don	05/28
Deaver, John	05/30
Huff, Steve	05/31
Enos, Stanley	05/31
Andreini, Ray	05/31



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dale Decker - 533-0455 daledftg@sonnet.com

April Membership

Total Active Members	216
Luncheon Attendance (65%)	141
Excused Absences (39%)	29

May 2018 Membership

THE TOTO MEMBERSHIP	
April Active Membership	216
Applicants Being Installed	0
Active Members Lost (Deceased)	-2
Active Members to Inactive	0
Active Membership Outlook	214

CAR CLUB

CHAIRMAN: Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366 farmrich40@gmail.com



Hi Guys! It's time to get your classic and antique cars out of their coverings or garages! Clean the dust off, charge the battery, check all fluids, gas it up and expose that beauty to our "spring" sunshine! A nice showing of SIR #136 members with "cool" cars (about 6 cars) attended the Veterans Car Show on Saturday 4/14 including Roger Swartz and Eddie Toews both zooming around the posse grounds like race car drivers in their shuttle buggies. Great day, over 200+ cars entered in the event and lots of socializing with vets & memories of times past. A nice contingent of motorcycles was also present.

I am planning on a possible lunch classic car tour for the middle of June or later....will need a sign up from those planning to attend at the SIR June meeting....location will be the 50's Road House Diner in Knights Ferry.....11am meet at Jamestown, lunch at 12noon then back home short & simple. Wine tasting & classic cars may occur later this year in Murphy's. Phil Van Swoll & I are checking into dates, times, & logistics for this event. Stay tuned. See you at the Mother's Day Luncheon.

RV CLUB

CHAIRMAN: Eddie Toews 532-3970 lcoinlady@aol.com

The RV Club just got back from a great outing to Sugar Barge Resort and Marina, Bethel Island in the Delta. The weather was great and everyone had fun playing a game of Bocce Ball. The first place winners were Jack Walls and Nancy Lewis. The second place honors went to Linda Toews and Scott Lewis.

We also want to thank Knute and Maryjoan Kleinen for their warm hospitality at their home in Discovery Bay. We all shared heavy hors d'oeuvre', cocktails and reminisced about past outings and experiences.

Our next outing will be to Mariposa at the end of May, with fun things planned.







BOWLING

CHAIRMAN: Bert Abreo 736-4808 murabreo@comcast.net



Congratulations to the Misfits (Gerry Davis, Gene Deaver, Jim Simmons and Don Banchero) - League champions for the 2017-2018 league at Black Oak

Upcoming tournaments include: (Entry forms are available at the SIR bowling website) May 15-16 - SIRS Annual State Tournament, Citrus Heights June 6-7 - Pacheco (Paddock Bowl)



SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN

Steve Gregory - 533-0309

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We regret to tell you two members have
gone on to eternal life this month. Neil "Pa
Pa" Williams #206 (wife Arleen) and Drex
Oliver #075 (wife Betty) will be missed and
our sympathy goes out to their families.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, online at the Branch website, or by telephoning him at 533-0455. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to **Dale Decker**, along with a check for the amount stated on the application. Dale's address is 10338 Slate Rim Rd, Sonora, CA 95370.



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630 Asst- Danny Laureta—586-4083

Our Branch website is at **sonorasirs.org**. Here you will find our membership roster, bulletins past and present, activity schedules, BEC meeting minutes, a link to the state SIR website, a link to the SIR promotional video and more. Tell prospective members about our website and encourage them to watch the video. If your phone number or address has changed please let me know so I can update the roster on our website.



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

Steve Huff Editor - 770-0678 Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

I want to thank the committee chairmen who sent in their reports to me on or before the deadline. When you write your report please use Times New Roman 10 font and No Spacing. Please send all bulletin input to Steve Huff at: shuff0531@gmail.com

The deadline to submit reports for the June bulletin is: Friday, June 1.

PINOCHLE

Chairman Bob Morrison - 588-0994 robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com

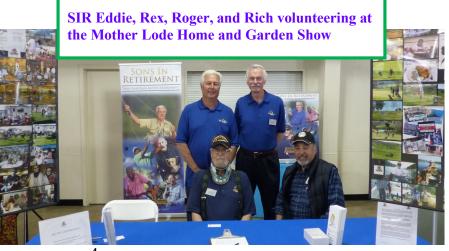
We need more pinochle players, so please come and play with us. You don't need to know how to play because we will teach you. Also, you don't have to come every time, but only when you want to. You will play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you will pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you have a fun afternoon so cheaply?) As a new player, you will win a cash 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. You will play with members from all our three SIR branches. We meet each Monday at the Pine Tree Restaurant at the intersection of Hess Ave. and Mono Way. We start playing at 1:00 P.M. and end before 4:30 P.M. Some of us come earlier and have breakfast or lunch between noon and 1:00 P.M. For more information, please call me and/or go to the web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon. The three tables below show the results of the scores for our pinochle sessions. The first one 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 thru April.



Player	Branch	Average	
4 Monday Session Players			
Dave Goldemberg	172	381	
Al De Neveu	136	328	
Art Bartee	172	274	
Bill Lewis	172	271	
Sonny Tome	77	252	
Del Rotelli	77	247	
Jerry Kopyn	172	244	
Roland Patton	172	232	
Henry Beltran	172	231	
Bob Morrison	136	228	
John Salmon	136	185	
3 Monday Session Players			
Bill Burnes	195	136	
2 Monday Session Players			
Dick Robinson	342	172	

Weekly First Place Winners			
Week	Player	Score	Branch#
1	Bill Lewis	537	172
2	Sonny Tome	352	77
3	Dave Goldemberg	505	172
4	Al De Neveu	424	136

SIR vs SIR vs SIR			
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru April			
Branch Average Score			
172	290		
136	277		
77	244		





May 2018 Club and Committee Reports (cont'd)

Ladies Day Luncheon

Tickets are on sale for the May 8th luncheon see attached flyer for details. Reserve your table now.



Luncheon Ticket Drawings

Don't forget the luncheon ticket drawings. Proceeds help with making our three special events more successful (Ladies Day, Family Picnic, and Christmas). Just look for Tom T. and Tom N. coming your way during the Social Hour and just prior to the Luncheon meeting starting.

Media Exchange

Please participate in our Media Exchange! We have books, CDs, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles that you may borrow and enjoy. No library card or sign out sheet required. We only ask that when you are finished with them please return them. Also please consider contributing items so that other members can enjoy them, as well (No VCR Tapes or magazines please).

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).

GOLF Joint Br. 136 & Br. 77 Golf Committee

CHAIRMAN: Paul Padavana 532-8051 Asst: Danny Laureta 586-4567



. The results for the April 3rd Skins Game with 20 players held at Mountain Springs Golf Course are as follows:

Gene Deaver – 7 skins Mike Ross – 6 skins Chace Anderson – 2 skins Mike Baumgartner − 1 skin Ron Gorham − 1 skin Gene Morales – 1 skin Congratulations to Mike Baumgartner for getting a hole-in-one on the 145 yard #7 hole.

The results for the April 17th Individual Low Net Flights A & B Tournament with 20 players held at Greenhorn Creek Golf Course are as follows:

Flight A

1st Place (net 61) Mike Baumgartner 2nd Place (net 74) Mike Ross 3rd Place (net 76) Mike Dolan 1st Place (net 68) Gene Morales 2nd Place (net 71) Felix Espino Flight B

3rd Place (net 72) Andy Bravo

Closest to Hole #3 (104 yds.)

1st Place – (6 ft 1.5 in.) 2nd Place – (5 ft. 7.5 in.) 3rd Place – (8 ft. 11 in.) John Jobling Mike Baumgartner Mike Ross

Closest to Hole #13 (121 yds.)

1st Place – (9 ft. 10 in.) Mike Baumgartner 2nd Place – (24 ft. 7 in.) Rudy Flores 3^{rd} Place – (25 ft. 2 in.) John Perrault

The next SIRS 136 / 77 / 172 Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 15th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Start time is 8:00 AM. The format for this tournament will be Stableford Scoring - Individual Stroke Play. Sign-up for this tournament is by Saturday, May 12th (NO LATER). Contact Paul Padavana at 209-532-8051 or e:mail paulp 57@yahoo.com.

The next Skins Game will be held at Mountain Springs Golf Course on May 1st. Start time is 8:00 AM. Contact Danny Laureta at 209-586-4567or e:mail drlaureta@gmail.com.

FISHING

CHAIRMAN: Chuck Simons - 532-9550 simons4890@yahoo.com



Fishing has picked up! On April 20, my wife and I fished Amador Lake. The weather was cool but comfortable. We managed 3 nice fish, one of them was a strain of Golden Trout from a hatchery up north. It was yellow and had a hooked jaw. Locals called it a Lightening Trout.

Saturday, the 28th my wife and I fished Lake Don Pedro. We launched at Moccasin Point and fished the Woods Creek Arm. We boated about 10 fish and kept two of them.

Bill Guenza reported the Bass fishing at Pardee has all but shut off due to water level and temperature changes.

Please send me any news about your fishing outings.

ps. Having a wife who likes to fish is a big bonus

KAYAKING

CHAIRMAN: Sol Robin 651-1054 solhomes@sbcglobal.net



On a cruise. No kayak report this month.



Ladies Day Luncheon

May 8th 2018



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 Dessert
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 27, 2018

EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Jim Botto - . . . 586-0822 Dick Aberle Bill Guenza Rex Page John Vieira Gene Zanoni Scott Lewis

Combined Group Activity Chairmen 2018

Group	Branch 136-Sonora Paul Squeri-Big SIR 586-4083	Branch 77-Sierra George Kellerman-Big SIR 533-9083	Branch 172-Twain Harte Charles Luke-Big SIR 533-3683	
Biking	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Steve Happel 532-7240	
Bowling	Bob Wright 536-9007	Larry Lund 586-2276	See Branch 136 & 77	
Golf	Paul Padavava 532-8051	Kent Kirkland 532-3435 77 Rep	Doug Peters 532-3739	
1 st Tuesday	Danny Laureta 586-4567	See Branch 136		
Tournaments	Paul Padavana 532-8051	See Branch 136		
Handicap	Tom Nischwitz 694-8624	See Branch 136		
Advisor	Danny Laureta 586-4567	See Branch 136		
Hiking	See Branch 77	Mike Clay 588-1345		
Fishing	Chuck Simons 532-9550		See Branch 136	
Horseshoes	See Branch 77 & 172	Bob Nath 532-2229	Cas Munoz 586-1578	
Pinochle	Bob Morrison 588-0995	Bert Kronnick 586-7726	See Branch 136	
RV Travel	Ed Toews 532-3970	See Branch 136 & 172	Duane Porter 533-2189	
Tech/Computer	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Rich Nedbal 247-6497	
Travel	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Paul Halek 352-7399	
Theatre	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Sprague Edwards 586-2818	
Wine Tasting (45)	Phil VanSwoll 532-1133	See Branch 136	See Branch 136	
Antique Cars (30)				
Woodworking (29)				
Poker (26)	George Parsons 533-8637	See Branch 136	See Branch 136	
Bocce Ball (26)				
Fine Dinning (22)				
Gardening (20)				
Dancing (16)				
Car Club (16)	Rich Rinaldi 532-8366	See Branch 136	See Branch 136	
Pot Luck Dinner (15)				
Book Exchange	Jim Rodrigues 536-4338			
Media Exchange	Sol Robin 651-1054			
Kayak	Sol Robin 651-1054	See Branch 136 & 172	Dave Kenney (davehikes98@sbcglobal.net)	
			(davemines) o (dispersion)	

Activity (xx) = number of respondents indicating interest in having this new activity in Branch #136

Note: With 3 local SIR Branches in the area it is more efficient to share activity chairmen & contacts. If you see an activity you would like to consider joining please call the person identified for that activity. The member can assist you in where to meet, at what time and answer any questions you may have.

If you see an activity without a contact name and would like to volunteer to be the contact person in Branch #136 (no duties or reporting required) please contact Paul Squeri, phone 586-4083 or e-mail (paulsqueri@yahoo.com)

May 2018 Sonora SIR Branch 136 Activity Calendar Contact Committee Chairman for activity details

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Golf –Mtn Springs	2	3	4	5
6	7 Pinochle– Pine Tree	8 Ladies Day Luncheon	9	10	11	12
13	14 Pinochle– Pine Tree	15 Golf –Mtn Springs Bowling-Citrus Hts	16 Bowling-Citrus Hts	17	18	19
20	21 Pinochle– Pine Tree	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Pinochle– Pine Tree	29	30	31	1 Bulletin Reports Due	

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