



BULLETIN

November 2016

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

Sonora SIR Branch #136
will meet at the Sonora Elks
Lodge on
Tuesday, November 8th
Starts at Noon
(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)
The Branch Executive Committee
meets at 10:00 am
in the main dining area.



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.

Don't forget to Vote!



BIG SIR NOTES

Dale Decker - 533-0455

Once again, my sincere thanks to our dedicated sponsors for helping bring in new members. At our October luncheon, we installed 5 new members and will do so again at our November luncheon. This will bring us to 219 active members and only 4 away from our goal of 223.

Big thanks also to Rex Page, Recruitment Program Director, for pulling together our information table at this year's Health Fair and the many members that volunteered at our SIR table: Eddie Toews, Phil Van Swoll, Paul Squeri, Monty Youngborg, Levi Jimenez, Sol Robin and Jim Botto. We were very successful in that 10 men said they would attend our November luncheon and consider joining. I will be calling each of them just prior to the 8th to confirm their attendance.

In addition to our regular luncheon agenda we will be recognizing 15 new members that are veterans having since joined since November 2014.

Now, for our upcoming Christmas Luncheon on December 13th. Our Little Sir, Danny Laureta, has made arrangements with our caterer and the Elks Lodge to accommodate some additional tables and has increased the number of tickets available. However, at last count there were only a few left so if you're planning to attend please call Danny at 586-4567. This will be a very special luncheon as our Sir State Vice President and his wife will be attending in recognition of our 30th anniversary as a Sir branch.

Finally, Danny Laureta and Paul Squeri will be in charge of the overall BEC meeting and the November luncheon as part of their training to prepare them for their roles as Big Sir and Little Sir in 2017. Please give them your full support in this endeavor.



August Family Picnic



LITTLE SIR NOTES

Danny Laureta - 586-4567

In November we will honor our veterans, installed new members and welcome the guests from the Health Fair. Thank you Rex Page for setting up the Sir's booth and the members that volunteered.

Your Special Events Committee is in the final planning stages of Branch 136's Christmas Luncheon. It is going to be a grand event, so mark your calendars and buy your tickets at our November luncheon. We have sold 162 tickets and if I count the members that took table reservation forms, the total is over 200 tickets. So I'm adding extra tables and printed extra tickets to accommodate everyone. Jake Parsons is again heading the raffle table so please give your raffle item donations to him. The three menu choices for the Christmas Luncheon are; 1) Rib Eye Steak with bake potato, 2) Salmon with rice pilaf and 3) Chicken Cordon Bleu with rice pilaf. All the meals include vegetables, salad, desert and wine on the table. By popular demand, we will have 'bar snacks' in the bar area and will serve 'shrimp cocktails' when seated at your assigned tables. **Ticket Sales Table** – Dick Aberle & John Vieira Note that actual table numbers will be assigned and you will be informed on the day of the luncheon when you check-in (Please bring your tickets at check-in). I am honored to announce Wally Walling as our November guest speaker. He is a World War II veteran and a Pearl Harbor survivor.

Wine Tasting

Phil VanSwoll - 532-1133

It has been suggested that Branch 136 put together some wine tasting events. This could encounter some obstacles, due to the size of our organization, but if we can make it work, it could be a lot of fun. We are certainly open to suggestions – if you have some thoughts or ideas as to how this could work, please let me know. Based on my experience running this type of event for other (smaller) groups, it has been found that limiting the group to 10 to 12 couples, and tasting no more than 8 wines, seems to work the best. If we have 50 people who are interested in attending, it could be a problem. Rather than hold tastings in individual homes, it might work better to set up events at a winery, which could accommodate more people, and they would coordinate the entire event. Let us know what you think. You can contact me at pvanswoll@outlook.com with any input you wish to make.



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 136 / 77 Skins game held at Mountain Springs golf Course on October 4th with a field of 10 golfers are as follows:

Jeff Phillips - 5 skins

Joe Zertuche - 4 skins

Mike Clay - 2 skins

Kent Kirkland - 1 skins

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 Skins Game** is scheduled for November 1st at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Shotgun Start time is 9:30 AM. There are 6 skins left over from the October Skins Game that can be won in November. Contact Jeff Phillips at

jeffphillipsq@yahoo.com or 209-588-2977.

Results for the SIRS 136 / 77 Individual Stableford Format Tournament held at Mountain Springs Golf Course on October 18th with a field of 23 golfers are as follows:

1st place (18 points) Paul Padavana

2nd place (12 points) John Perrault

3rd place (11 points) Tom Neiderer

4th place tie (9 points) Ed Wright, Gene

Morales

Closest to hole #5

1st place - John Perrault (16'4")

2nd place - Danny Laureta (35')

Closest to hole #12

1st place - John Perrault (7'3")

2nd place - Bob Edwards (11'11")

3rd place - Paul Padavana (15'1")

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 Golf Tournament** is scheduled for November 15th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Shotgun Start time is 9:30 AM. The format for this tournament will be **Four-Man Scramble**. This is also our Turkey Shoot tournament. Foursomes will be formed by the Golf Chairman with A, B, C, & D players according to handicaps **Sign-ups for this tournament is by Thursday, November 10th (NO LATER).**

Contact Paul Padavana at

paulp_57@yahoo.com or 209-532-8051.

On a side note Jeff Phillips, will not be able to run the Skins Games next year. We are looking for someone to take his place. In order to have access to the Tournament Pairing Program, that allows you to make scorecards and have access to handicaps, you must have Windows 7 on your computer. This program does not work with Windows 10. If you are interested in running these games on the first Tuesday of the month please contact either Paul Padavana, Jeff Phillips, or Danny Laureta.



November Birthdays:

Hurley, Tim	11/7
Sperry, Paul	11/10
Vigil, Fred	11/10
Bacon, Rick	11/13
Bartlett, Ken	11/13
Harlan, Bob	11/13
Kisling, John	11/16
Calef, Jere	11/17
Hagel, James	11/17
Cunningham, Hal	11/19
Aldridge, Steven	11/20
Milano, Richard	11/21
Lopez, Ralph	11/23
Jacques, Len	11/25
Troedson, Gary	11/28
Hall, Tom	11/29
Davis, Gerry	11/30



RV CLUB NEWS

Knute Kleinen - 694-8866

John Avila - 586-1992

The SIRS RV Group had a wonderful time at the Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds on October 26th through October 29th.

Although it rained very heavy Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the group had the full use of the clubhouse, so we took it inside. Many of the group went on a wine tour at the Woodbridge Winery. Our hosts Mo & Letty Molinari and Jim & Linda Botto prepared a wonderful Italian dinner on Thursday evening complete with gnocchi with Nona Botto's special meat sauce recipe. Real Italian Chianti was served at each table. As usual we all ate too much! And maybe had a little too much Chianti. But at our age it just makes us sleep better. We had four birthdays this month: Linda Botto, Bill Guenza, Rosie Walls, and Knute Kleinen.

Friday the guys fixed a complete breakfast



along with Mo's Fabulous Fizzes. For lunch, we went to the original A&W that opened in 1918 at the same spot. We had yummy root beer floats.



The group learned how to play a card game called "screw your neighbor" it's a crazy game that gets very loud with all the shouting and carrying-on.



A few of the guys played poker with the high stakes of 25 cents. All and all it was another wonderful outing. Our next outing will be in December when we go to the Cal Expo for the Christmas light show. Our hosts will be Jim & Ginny Johnson and Steve & Carolyn Gregory, and Knute & Maryjoan Kleinen



THEATER AND DINNER COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Monty Youngborg - 588-9632

Our last play for this year is, "A Christmas Story". The play is based on a motion picture in 1983 about young Ralphy Parker growing up in the Midwest who desperately wants a Red Ryder BB gun. The play will be at the East Sonora Theater. We will see it on November 16th the 2:00 PM matinee. Get your money to for the play soon so we can have several of our branch attend the play. It should be great fun. My address is: 14091 Stanton Cir. Sonora, CA 95370





PINOCHLE

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

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 October. The second lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for October. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for January through October.

Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Al De Neveu	136	333
Tom Newell	136	305
Roland Patton	172	292
Player	Branch	Average
3 Monday Session Players		
Mike Schmidt	172	377
Sonny Tome	77	352
Del Rotelli	77	273
Leland Andrews	77	262
Jerry Kopyn	172	237
Dave Goldemberg	172	226
John Johnson	172	197
Player	Branch	Average
2 Monday Session Players		
Jim Turner	136	299
Bert Kronnick	77	298
Henry Beltran	172	240
Player	Branch	Average
1 Monday Session Players		
Bob Morrison	136	436
Art Bartee	172	307
Mike Eachus	172	259
Dick Robinson	172	238

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
3-Oct-16	399	Roland Patton	172
10-Oct-16	416	Mike Schmidt	172
17-Oct-16	505	Al De Neveu	136
24-Oct-16	436	Bob Morrison	136

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Oct 2016	
Branch	Score
136	291
172	286
77	271



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

October Membership

Total Active Members	214
Luncheon Attendance (79%)	169
Excused Absences (27%)	12

Current Membership

Current Active Membership	214
Applicants Being Installed	5
Active Members Lost	0
Active Membership Outlook	219



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804
murabreo@comcast.net

For Sept 26 2016
 High Game - Talf Wynne 255
 High Series - Mike Bowers 665
 Standings - Team #9 10.5-1.5
 Bob's Boys & Drex Wrex 8-4

For October 3, 2016
 High Game - Billy Oliver 253
 High Series - Mike Bowers 650
 Standings - Team #9 11.5-4.5
 Dennis's Gang, Hines Pickles
 No Excuses & Drex Wrex 9-7

For October 10, 2016
 High Game - Gene Deaver 244
 High Series - Gene Deaver 671
 Standings -- Team #9 14.5-5.5
 Dennis's Gang & Drex Wrex 12-8
 Tom Turner bowled 88 pins over average with 242
 Steve Huff bowled 76 pins over average with 316

For October 17, 2016
 High Game -- Mike Bowers 269

High Series -- Mike Bowers 688
 Standings -- Team #9 17.5-6.5
 Dennis's Gang 15.-9
 No Excuses 14-10
 For October 24, 2016
 High Game -- Talf Wynne 259
 High Series -- Jim Simmons 614
 Standings -- Team #9 18.-5-9.5
 Dennis's Gang, Bob's Boys
 Team #7 15-13
 Most pins over average in a game to date:
 Tom Turner 88 pins over with 242
 Most pins over average in a series to date:
 Mike Bowers 100 pins over with 691
 High Game to date - Mike Bowers 269
 High Series to date - Mike Bowers 691
 The league will apparently bowl 29 weeks,
 ending date not clear.
 Upcoming tournaments include:
 Concord on November 15 & 16 at Clayton Bowl
 Stockton on January 19 at Pacific Bowl - forms not yet available
 All Entry forms are available on line and at Black Oak Lanes.



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 you have any updates to our roster please let me know.



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 November 30th.

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 736-4504 (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 **Jeff Phillips** with a check for the amount stated on the application. Jeff's address is 14676 Blue Bell Rd. West Sonora, CA 95370.



Sons in Retirement #136

Christmas Luncheon

December 13, 2016



ENTERTAINMENT

Mountain Echo Sound
by Kevin Burkling
50's, 60's & Big Band Music

**No Host Cocktails
@ 11:00 am
Lunch @ Noon**

Menu:

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

\$23 per Person

Tickets will go on sale at the
Oct. & Nov. Luncheons

MAXIMUM 200 TICKETS AVAILABLE
NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER
Nov 30, 2016

EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Danny Laureta 586-4567
Dick Aberle Jake Parsons
John Vieira Rex Page

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REGION 2 DIRECTOR

Jerry Morrow, Twain Hart, Ca

AREA 27 GOVERNOR

Sir Jim Johnson, Sonora, 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
- 2015 - Jim Johnson

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE

MEMBERS

- Al Limon - Past Big SIR 2000
- Bill Dunlavy - Past Big SIR 2007
- Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015

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- Recruitment** - Rex Page 533-4501
- Activities** - Jeff Phillips 588-2977
- Member Relations** - Paul Squeri 586-4083
- Publicity** - Ray Bailey 532-0444

DIRECTORS

First Year

- Paul Squeri 586-4084
- Jeff Phillips 588-2977
- Monty Youngborg 588-9632
- Bill Lobdell 586-7145

Second Year

- Rex Page 533-4501
- Dick Aberle 532-4066
- Jim Botto 586-0822

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

- Attendance Membership - Jeff Phillips 588-2977
- 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 - Bert Kronnick-586-7726
- Chuck Simons -532-9550
- Golf - Paul Padavana 532-8051
- Tom Nischwitz 694-8624

- Honorary Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944
- House - Open
- 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
- Nominating Committee Chairman -
Phil VanSwoll 532-1133
- Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994
- Propane - Marty Martin 586-1886
- Asst. Prop. - Al Limon 533-4544
- R.V. Travel Group - Knute Kleinen 694-8866
Asst. John Avila 586-1992
- Senior Member Awards - Jim Johnson 536-1595
- SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen 533-4760
- Sunshine - Chaplain - Steve Gregory 533-0309
- Theater - Monty Youngborg 588-9637
- Travel - Paul Halek Branch #172 352-7399

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).

November 8th

Luncheon Menu

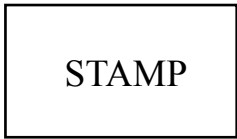
Roast Turkey & Stuffing, Gravy & Cranberry Sauce, Buttered Corn, Mashed Potatoes, Green Salad, & Pumpkin Pie

Guest Speakers

Wally Walling

He is a World War II veteran and a Pearl Harbor survivor.

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