



BULLETIN

November 2017

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

November 14th

(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)

**The Branch Executive
Committee Meeting will start
at 10:00 am in the main
dining room**



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

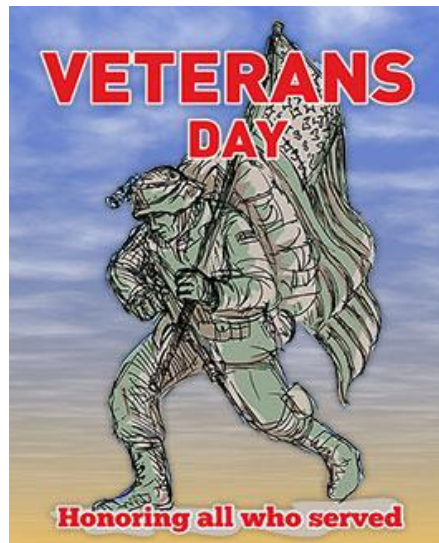
Danny Laureta - 586-4567

What a crazy October with all the wild fires devastating everything on it's path. I want to say a BIG Thank you to all the fire fighters, law enforcement personnel, first responders and all the volunteers for helping those in need.

The month of November is known for Thanksgiving and Veterans' Day. To all Veterans, Thank You for your service.

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. Reserve your table (eight seats per table) and purchase your tickets early, only 224 tickets are available (max seating at the Elks Lodge). Ticket cost is \$25.00 per person (See the October & November Bulletin for more info). Last year, it was so great to see members donating to the raffle table and what a fun time it was to see who won what. So, I would like to see if we can do even better this year, just bring your donation (s) on the day of the event.

Thank you, Rex Page (RAMP Chairman) and all the volunteers (Steve Huff, Phil Baylis, Paul Squeri, John Moyer, Steve Belochi, Jeff Phillips, Sol Robin, and Jim Rodrigues) at the Health Fair that helped in our Branch 136 booth at the Mother Lode fairgrounds in October. Finally, Paul Squeri and Jim Botto will oversee 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 2018, please give them your full support.



Hi, I am
Minnie Mouse

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Paul Squeri - 586-4083

The leaves are falling and the first snow is on the peaks, it must be November. But how can this be? November should follow August. November comes from the Latin word novem meaning nine and was the ninth month in the Roman Calendar. Well along came the Gregorian Calendar and suddenly it was the eleventh month. No wonder we get confused. I wonder if a lawyer had anything to do with it? November is also the unofficial start of the holiday season, more commonly referred as the season of excess. Now is the time to find your heavy-duty fork, get signed up for the early bird specials at Weight Watchers and lay in a supply of Roloids and aspirin for the days that you HO, HO, HO too much.

In the spirit of the season, we invite you to break out your heavy-duty fork and join us at the SIR Christmas Luncheon on December 12, 2017, at 11:00. We are planning a three-HO afternoon for you. First and most important, we will have your friends there, along with an inexpensive no host bar, shrimp cocktail with prime rib, salmon or caper chicken breasts with fixe'ns as entrees and desert. Complimentary wine will be provided to enhance the pleasure of your meal. Just in case that is not enough, we are going to entertain you while you eat. We have a prize drawing, a cash drawing and a special white ticket drawing for the ladies. Along with all that we have the multi-talented Dave Rainwater of The New Christy Minstrels adding his musical magic to the afternoon. AND, we are doing it all for \$25 per person, which probably would not cover two burgers at a local beanery. If you do not think this is a three-HO day, you probably just fell off the turnup truck. For further information please see the flyer that is online with the newsletter. Dick Aberle and John Vieira will again be in the alcove after the attendance desk at the November luncheon to accommodate your ticket needs. I would like to remind you how important your donations of raffle prizes are to the success of these events. Please make the extra effort to help us out. You can bring them to the November ticket table or to the prize table at the Christmas Luncheon.

The speaker at the November Luncheon will be Brian Adcox from Wells Fargo Bank.



GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Paul Padavana - 532-8051

Asst Kent Kirkland -

Results for the SIRS 136/ 77 / 172 Skins

Game held on October 3rd with a field of 20 golfers are as follows:

Trini Mercado - 7 skins

Jeff Phillips - 6 skins

Jerry Nielsen - 2 skins

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 / 172 Skins Game** is

November 7th at Mountain Springs Golf

Course with a shotgun start at 9:30 A.M.

There will be 3 skins carry over from the

October Skins Game. Contact Danny

Laureta at 586-4567 or by e: mail at

drlaureta@gmail.com

Results for the SIRS 136 / 77 / 172 October

17th "Two-Man Bestball" Tournament held at Mountain Springs Golf Course with a field of 29 golfers are as follows:

1st place - (Net 57) Sol Robin / Mike Clay

2nd place - (Net 58) Steve Hagel / Jim Hagel (Won tie breaker)

3rd place - (Net 58) Dennis Land / Jeff Juhl (Lost tie breaker)

4th place - (Net 59) Jeff Phillips / Matt Clay (Won tie breaker)

Lost tie breakers - (Net 59) Rudy Flores / Mike Baumgartner

(Net 59) Jake Parsons / Dick Nutting

Closest to hole #5 (142 yards)

1st place - Chace Anderson (1'5")

2nd place - Mike Baumgartner (17'5")

3rd place - Mike Ross (17'6")

Closest to hole #12 (123 yards)

1st place - Bob Nath (4'10")

2nd place - Jeff Juhl (7'8")

3rd place - Rodney Salvi (17')

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 / 172 Golf**

Tournament is scheduled for November 21st

at Saddle Creek Golf Course. Start time is

10:00 AM. The format for this tournament

will be "Individual Low Net Flights A & B

". **Sign-up for this tournament is by**

Friday, November 10th (NO LATER). As

of October 19th, we have already had 24 sig-

ups. Golfers will now be put on a waiting list

which will depend on the course adding to

the number of players or anyone dropping

out. Contact Paul Padavana at

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



November Birthdays:

Hurley, Tim 11/07

Vigil, Fred 11/10

Sperry, Paul 11/10

Bacon, Rick 11/13

Hagel, James 11/17

Salmon, John 11/18

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 CHAIRMAN

Knute Kleinen - 694-8866

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We ended our RV year with a great outing

to Pismo Beach for 5-days. We had 17

rigs make the trip to Pismo Beach. It was

hosted by Eddie & Linda Toews and Scott

& Nancy Lewis. They made sure everyone

was kept busy and well fed. The weather

was great for an old fashion Halloween

party, costumes and all. The best costume

went to Bettie Boop, she was a convincing

witch and totally unrecognizable. The

scariest costume was won by Jim and Pam

Costello. They were skeletons with blood

running out of their heads and truly were

scary. The funniest costume was won by

none other than our Little Sir Paul Squeri.

See the adjoining picture and you be the

judge. A good time was had by all. A

great job by the hosts.

Even though the RV Outing year is over

the RV Group will be meeting the first part

of December for their annual Christmas

party. The 2018 RV Chairman, Eddie

Toews, has already started planning the

outing calendar for next year. Have a great

and safe holiday season.



CAR CLUB CHAIRMAN

Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366

farmrich1@directv.net

Hi Guys! Thanksgiving is just around the corner and the day after is the annual Sonora Christmas Parade. Our Local Mother Lode Antique Car Club will be participating by showing off our classic and antique cars. Of course, we will be decorating our cars with Christmas décor and lots of Holiday lights. All SIR's members are welcome to come on down to Sonora's Washington St. to watch the parade. It's happening on Friday Nov. 24th no matter what the weather is like...Happy Thanksgiving to all!



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

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Standings after week 7 10/24/17

Hines Pickles 20-8

Andy's Dandies 19-9

The Wild Ones & SS-396 17-11

High Scr Game to Date-Talf Wynne 259

High Scr Series to Date-Talf Wynne 686

High Scr Team Gm-Dennis's Gang 799

High Scr Team Series - Misfits 2173

Late acknowledgement to team SS-396

(Rich Milano, Mike Ross, and Steve

Huff) - SIRS League Champion for the

2016-2017 season.

Upcoming tournaments include:

Nov 14 & 15 - Concord

Dec 3 (only) - Fremont

Most entry forms are available on line

and/or at Black Oak Lanes. It also

appears that no one from our three

branches made it to the South Lake

Tahoe tourney. Maybe some can find

the time to attend Brentwood's and/or

Modesto.





PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994

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Come play pinochle with us. If you don't know how to play, we will teach you. You don't have to come every time, only when you want to. Your first two meetings are free. 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 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 for lunch at the Pine Tree Restaurant from noon to 1:00 PM each Monday, 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.

Oct-17		
Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Art Bartee	172	321
Del Rotelli	77	290
Jerry Kopyn	172	204
3 Monday Session Players		
Roland Patton	172	361
Henry Beltran	172	346
Bert Kronnick	77	286
Dick Robinson	172	245
Sonny Tome	77	238
Al De Neveu	136	231
2 Monday Session Players		
Bill Lewis	172	316
Bob Morrison	136	200
1 Monday Session Players		
Dave Goldemberg	172	406
Bill Burnes	136	300
Loein Smith	77	223
Jim Turner	136	198

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Player	Score	Branch #
2-Oct	Bill Lewis	406	172
9-Oct	Sonny Tome	387	77
16-Oct	Henry Beltran	424	172
23-Oct	Roland Patton	428	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Oct 2017	
Branch	Average Score
77	289
172	283
136	253



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - 532-9550

simons4890@yahoo.com

Trout fishing will be improving now that the water is getting cooler. Bass fishermen I have talked to are doing well at about 30 feet of water.

A friend called and wanted to fish Melones on the 26th, so off we went. After 4 hours we had nothing. Then, under the Highway 49, Stevenot Bridge...Bang...a 3-1/2 and a 5-1/2 pound rainbow within 15 minutes. I am always open to ideas for group outings and please share your own fishing stories, so I can include them in the Fish Report.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

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October 2017 Membership	223
Luncheon Attendance: (67%)	150
Excused Absences: (47%)	34
Projected November Membership	
Current Active Membership	223
Applicants Being Installed	2
Active Members Lost	0
Inactive Reactivated	0
Transferees	0
Active Membership Outlook	225



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630

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, and a new link to the SIR promotional video. Tell prospective members about our website and encourage them to watch the new video. If your phone number or address has changed please let me know so I can update the roster on our website.

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.



SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN

Steve Gregory - 533-0309

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Happy Thanksgiving to all our SIRS brothers and families!

In Memoriam:

"Ozzie" Osborne Badge 271 memorial Nov 4th at 2:00 pm at the Church of the 49ers in Columbia.



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 New Roman 10 font and No Spacing. Please send all bulletin input to Jim Botto or Steve Huff at: giacamo42@gmail.com and shuff0531@gmail.com

The deadline for the next bulletin is:

Thursday November 30th



Sons in Retirement #136

Christmas Luncheon

December 12, 2017



No Host Cocktails
@ 11:00 am
Lunch @ Noon

Menu:

Prime Rib with Baked Potato
or Salmon with Rice Pilaf
or Chicken in Caper Cream
Sauce with Rice Pilaf
Includes Vegetable, Salad
and Dessert
Wine on the table

\$25 per Person

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

MAXIMUM 224 TICKETS AVAILABLE
NO CANCELLATION REFUND
AFTER Nov. 24, 2017

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Paul Squeri	586-4083
Dick Aberle	Jake Parsons
John Vieira	Rex Page
Steve Heath	Steve Belochi

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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
2016 - Dale Decker	

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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Roger Swartz 533-0376

Second Year

Jeff Phillips 588-2977

Jim Botto 586-0822

Bill Lobdell 586-7145

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

Steve Huff 770-0678

Car Club - Rich Rinaldi 532-8366

Fishing - Chuck Simons -532-9550

Golf - Paul Padavana 532-8051

Tom Nischwitz 694-8624

Danny Laureta 586-4083

Honorary Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

Lunch Tickets - Roger Swartz 533-0376

Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210

Luncheon Drawing - Tom Neiderer 569-9003

Tom Turner 928-4876

Media Exchange - Sol Robin 651-1054

Book Exchange - Jim Rodrigues 536-4338

Nominating Com. Chair. - Dale Decker 533-0455

Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994

Poker - George Parsons 533-8637

Propane - Marty Martin 586-1886

R.V. Travel Group - Knute Kleinen 694-8866

Senior Member Awards - Jim Johnson 536-1595

SIR Item Sales - Fred Kehr 785-4358

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).

November 14th Menu

Roast Turkey & Stuffing Gravy &
Cranberry Sauce, Buttered Corn, Candied
Yams, Green Salad, & Pumpkin Pie

Guest Speaker

Brian Adcox from Wells Fargo Bank



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

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