



# BULLETIN

## October 2016

Website: [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org)  
SONORA BRANCH #136

**Sonora SIR Branch #136**  
**will meet at the Sonora Elks**  
**Lodge on**

**Tuesday, October 11th**  
**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.**



### BIG SIR NOTES

**Dale Decker - 533-0455**

Well, it looks like our membership drive has turned the corner as we will be installing 6 new applicants at our October 11th luncheon. My sincere thanks to our dedicated sponsors for helping bring in new members! This is great news for all of us because new members bring in new ideas and increase vitality of our branch. It also means we're only 8 members away from our (my) yearend goal of 223.

To assist in keeping the enthusiasm for enlisting new members I announced at our September luncheon new applicants may join our branch for \$1 through October 31st - so spread the word to your neighbors and friends if you haven't already do so.

Additionally, at the upcoming Health Fair (Oct 18/19), Rex Page, Recruitment Program Director, has obtained a booth for us to spread the word about our great SIR branch. Since this event occurs one week after our October luncheon I received approval from the BEC (Branch Executive Committee) to distribute 'Free Lunch Coupons' for the November 8th luncheon to highly interested prospective applicants and invite them to join our branch for \$1.

As a side note, Rex and myself will be covering the Health Fair SIR Information Booth each day from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. We would like some help in covering the event so if you could volunteer an hour on either day it will go a long way to the success of this endeavor - call Rex at 533-4501 as he is pulling together a schedule.

And remember, there will be a lot of health related booths at the fair which you can take advantage of at no cost. So, give Rex or me an hour and while you're there enjoy the rest of the 'show'.

Our SIR's mission statement was recently revised by the State Board to read:  
"The Mission of SIR is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events - while making friends for life."

Continued contact with current friends, making new friends and staying connected with all of them and enjoying one or more of our member activities is critical to the physical and mental health of all of us. At last count we now offer 18 member activities through our branch with 7 of them being coed.



### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**Danny Laureta - 586-4567**

I heard great comments regarding our first SIR's Car Show in our September luncheon and SIR Car Club Chairman Rich Rinaldi are making plans on having one in springtime. Many thanks to Paul Squeri for filling in for me during our September luncheon.

Halloween in October then November and its Thanksgiving, so before you know it Christmas is not far behind. Your Special Events Committee is in the planning stages of Branch 136's Christmas Luncheon. It is going to be a grand event, so mark your calendars and buy your tickets starting at our October meeting. Please give your raffle item donations to Jake Parsons.

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 be serving 'shrimp cocktails' and 'bar snacks'. Tickets will be on sale in our October and November monthly luncheon. Get your tickets early, only 200 tickets are available.

At both the October and November luncheons the special events team will be selling tickets for our annual Christmas Luncheon on December 13, 2016.

**Ticket Sales Table** - Dick Aberle & John Vieira (Note that a table sits a maximum of 8)

**Party of 6 or more:** Pick up a table reservation form, fill it in completely with names of members and guests and return it to the Ticket Sales Table with your payment (check preferred). You will be issued tickets for distribution to your 'group'.

**Party of 5 or less:** Purchase individual tickets with your member name and guest's name, make payment (check preferred) and obtain your tickets.

**Table with Friends:** If you would prefer to sit at a table with others you know just go to the 'Table with Friends' after you receive your tickets and provide the information you will be asked. In all cases actual table numbers will be assigned and you will be informed on the day of the luncheon when you check-in (Bring your tickets).

The October luncheon guest speaker is Michelle McMaster and Vicki Sides of the Tuolumne County Veterans Service Office. The Veterans Service Office helps all veterans and their spouses in determining eligibility for various federal and state benefits.



## 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 September 6th with a field of 9 golfers are as follows:

Joe Zertuche - 6 skins

Mike Ross - 6 skins

Jeff Phillips - 3 skins

Mike Dolan - 2 skins

Kent Kirkland - 1 skin

Results for the SIRS 136 / 77 Two-Man

Bestball Tournament held at La Contenta Golf Course on September 20th with a field of 12 golfers are as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> place** Tie (net 62)

Bob Nath / Paul Padavana

Barry Bynum / Tom Neiderer

**3<sup>rd</sup> place** (net 66) Danny Laureta / Gene Morales

**4<sup>th</sup> place** (net 67) Mike Ross / Mike Dolan

**5<sup>th</sup> place** (net 68) Kent Kirkland / Dan

Cassaro

**6<sup>th</sup> place** (net 71) Jake Parsons / Trini Mercado

**Closest to hole #8**

1<sup>st</sup> place - Bob Nath (13'4")

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Paul Padavana (54'7")

**Closest to hole #13**

1<sup>st</sup> place - Mike Dolan (34'6")

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Barry Bynum (38')

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 Skins Game** is scheduled for October 4th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Shotgun Start time is 9:30 AM. Contact Jeff Phillips at [jeffphillipsq@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffphillipsq@yahoo.com) or 209-588-2977.

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 Golf Tournament** is scheduled for October 18th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Shotgun Start time is 9:30 AM. The format for this tournament will be Stableford Scoring – Individual Stroke Play. Sign-up for this tournament is by Friday, October 14th. Contact Paul Padavana at [paulp\\_57@yahoo.com](mailto: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.



## October Birthdays:

Cyrus, Cy	10/01
Flores, Rudy	10/02
Oakdale, Ray	10/06
Camfield, Roland	10/08
Lee, James	10/10
Lundin, Rich	10/11
Simons, Chuck	10/11
Grover, Don	10/13
Leal, Maury	10/14
Harrington, Tom	10/15
Feldman, Ray	10/16
Cassaro, Dan	10/20
McGinnes, John	10/20
Webster, Larry	10/20
Simmons, Jim	10/23
Simmons, Ron	10/23
Morrison, Bob	10/24
Silva, Michael	10/24
DiFabio, Dom	10/26
Guenza, Bill	10/26
Oliver, Drex	10/26
Hoy, Skip	10/27
Jimenez, Levi	10/27
Kleinen, Knute	10/28
Volpi, Robert	10/29



## RV CLUB NEWS

**Knute Kleinen - 694-8866**

**John Avila - 586-1992**

On Sunday September 18th several RVer's started to arrive at Sugar Barge RV Park for the outing hosted by Otto & Cathy Bulich & Marty & Cheri Martin. The rest of the group came in on Monday. This was one of the biggest turn outs we have had for the year with a total of 21 rigs. There was a large club house for meals where our host provided a southern theme of pulled pork and jambalaya. Once again meals, were great and the Sugar Barge Restaurant had a evening meal served with a view of the river and Franks Track area. As usual Wednesday morning breakfast was prepared by the men with a special treat of "Orange Blossoms" along with eggs, bacon, sausage, and pancakes. A dinner that day was held at the home of the Kleinen's in Discovery Bay. The whole time was so relaxing with good weather included. Our next outing is to be in Lodi with Mo & Letty Molinari hosting being assisted by Jim & Linda Botto. Eddie Towes

presented the new Sirs 136 RV window plaques' which will be displayed on each rig at all outings. There is also a host banner to be placed on host rig to let everyone in the park know we are there. Thanks Eddie for your efforts.

Our Hosts: Otto & Cathy Bulich, Marty & Cheri Martin



## THEATER AND DINNER COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

**Monty Youngborg - 588-9632**

Our third play for our Sir Branch 136 was "Cyrano" which was seen at the East Sonora on September 28<sup>th</sup>. A photo showing 4 of our members who attended the play is in the photo below. Everyone really enjoyed the play. Great sets, an interesting story line, a bountiful girl and interesting costumes.

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 16<sup>th</sup> the 2:00 PM matinee. Get your money to me prior to October 26<sup>th</sup> so we can qualify for the discount if we have 20 or more of us that will attend the play. It should be great fun.





## NEW ACTIVITIES

### Mike Nolan 536-1946

With the successful 50's dance well attended (not an official SIRS activity), a car show, Bocce Ball and Wine Tasting planning in process, as well as the Media Exchange, there are now more new choices than ever for our SIRS members to participate in. We do need someone to take over the Media Exchange as Jeff moves on to Membership Director. I would also mention that we need more golfers for 1st and 3rd tournaments each month .

### 2017 Officers & Directors

Big Sir: Danny Laureta 586-4567  
 Little Sir: Paul Squeri 586-4083  
 Secretary: Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630  
 Ass't Sec: Dick Aberle 532-4066  
 Treasurer: Ed Toews 532-3970  
 Ass't Treas: Frank Taylor 532-4480  
 2nd Year Directors:  
     Jeff Phillips 588-2977  
     Monty Youngborg 588-9632  
     Jim Botto 586-0822  
     Bill Lobdell 586-7145  
 1st Year Directors:  
     Rich Rinaldi 532-8366  
     Mike Nolan 536-1946  
     Roger Swartz 533-0379



## PINOCHLE

### Bob Morrison—588-0994

[robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.sirtwain.org) and click on the pinochle icon.

## FISHING HAIRMAN

### Chuck Simons - 770-5298

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

Nothing to report. The fishing has been the poorest in years and there have been no response from the members.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

#### September Membership

Total Active Members	209
Luncheon Attendance (76%)	158
Excused Absences (51%)	26

#### October Membership

September Active Membership	209
Applicants Being Installed	6
Active Members Lost	0
Active Member to Inactive	0
Active Membership Outlook	215



## BOWLING CHAIRMAN

### Bert Abreo - 736-4804

[murabreo@comcast.net](mailto:murabreo@comcast.net)

For Sept 12, 2016  
 High Game - Talf Wynne 256  
 High Series - Talf Wynne 646  
 Standings - Drex Wrex, Team #9 & No  
 Excuses 4-0 Tom Neiderer bowled 79 pins  
 over average with a 221

For Sept 19  
 High Game - Mike Bowers 257  
 High Series - Mike Bowers 691  
 Standings - Team #9 8-0  
     Drex Wrex 7-1  
     Bob's Boys 6-2

Most pins over average in a game to date -  
 Tom Neiderer 79 pins over with 221  
 Most pins over average in a series to date -  
 Mike Bowers 100 pins over with 691  
 High Game to date - Mike Bowers 257  
 High Series to date - Mike Bowers 691

The league will apparently bowl 29 weeks,  
 ending date not clear.

#### Upcoming tournaments include:

**Brentwood** on October 18 & 20 at  
 Harvest Park Bowl  
**Modesto** on November 3 & 4 at  
 McHenry Bowl  
**Concord** on November 15 & 16 at  
 Clayton Bowl

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](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.



## 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](mailto:giacamo42@gmail.com)

The deadline for the next bulletin is:

**Monday October 31st.**

## 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.



Certificates of Appreciation for the BBQ: To  
 the ladies of the RV Club and to the cooks.  
 Left to right: Earl Randall, John Avila, Jim  
 Botto and Ron Long.



Two New Members were inducted at our  
 last luncheon: Left to Right: Tim Hurley  
 (sponsored by Eddie Toews) and Mike  
 Baumgartner (sponsored by Rudy Flo-  
 res).

**SIR STATE OFFICERS**

www.sirinc.org

**PRESIDENT:** Sir Donald Dill

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Sir Jerry Strain

**SECRETARY:** Sir Derek Southern

**TREASURER:** Sir Karl Ryden

**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

**DIRECTORY of OFFICERS**

Big SIR: Dale Decker 533-0455  
[daledftg@sonnet.com](mailto:daledftg@sonnet.com)  
Little SIR: Danny Laureta 586-4567  
[drlaureta@gmail.com](mailto:drlaureta@gmail.com)  
Sec: Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630  
[sirjerry4@gmail.com](mailto:sirjerry4@gmail.com)  
Asst. Sec: Phil VanSwoll 532-1123  
[pvanswoll@outlook.com](mailto:pvanswoll@outlook.com)  
Treas: Eddie 'Ed' Toews 532-3970  
[Lcoinlady@aol.com](mailto:Lcoinlady@aol.com)  
Asst. Treas: Frank Taylor 532-4480  
[sonorataylors@gmail.com](mailto:sonorataylors@gmail.com)

**RAMP** Committee - Chairman Big Sir

**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).

**October 11th**

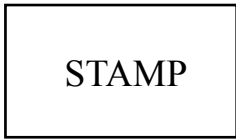
**Luncheon Menu**

Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Green Salad, and Peach Cobbler

**Guest Speakers**

**Michelle McMaster and Vicki Sides** of the Tuolumne County Veterans Service Office. The Veterans Service Office helps all veterans and their spouses in determining eligibility for various federal and state benefits.

**Sons In Retirement, Inc**  
**Sonora Branch #136**  
**22295 Paseo De Los Portales**  
**Sonora, CA 95370**



**DEVOTED TO THE  
PROMOTION  
OF INDEPENDENCE AND  
DIGNITY OF  
RETIREMENT**



**DATED MATERIAL**