



BULLETIN

October 2017

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

October 10th

(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

Here we are in October, Halloween is at the end of the month, Thanksgiving in November and the stores are already being decorated with Christmas themes. But our SIR's activities are in full swing with the RV group traveling to Laguna Seca, the Bowling league has started with new bowlers joining the fun and the Golf group playing the bright colored golf ball tournament (see the golf section for the tournament results).

In the autumn edition of the Friends and Neighbors magazine is an article called "Cooking with the clubs" by Lisa Myers on pages 60 and 61 is a good article about Sonora Sir Branch 136 and our activities. So get your free copy to read about the Branch 136 article and enjoy the recipes submitted by Dale Decker, Steve Aldridge and Jude Teal.

By the way photos of our Christmas Luncheon and RV Group outing are on page 61.

The Christmas Luncheon tickets will be on sale in our October and November monthly 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 Paul Squeri's Little Sir notes for more info).

Additionally, at the upcoming Health Fair (Oct. 17 & 18), Rex Page, RAMP Chairman and Recruitment Program Director has obtained a booth for the branch at the Mother Lode fairgrounds to spread the word about our great SIR Branch 136. Volunteers are needed, please call Rex at 209-533-4501 to sign-up in helping man our booth.

We will again be distributing the 2017 SIR's Member Directory (light blue cover) in the October luncheon, so make sure that you pick up your 2017 copy and please destroy the old yellow directory.



LITTLE SIR NOTES

Paul Squeri - 586-4083

Well hello October! 2017 is getting a little long in the tooth. In the fall, a young man's fancy turns to bundling under a warm blanket with his significant other (politically correct). An old man is more worried about the price of propane and the health of his furnace. I dare not elaborate on the health of an elderly man's furnace.

October also conjures up memories of long ago Halloweens, unsupervised evenings roaming the neighborhoods with friends, trick or treating in search of endless sugar gratification. We would come home with a pillow case full of candy that would last through November, if you could remember where you hid it. Those times and so much else have faded into history with the evolution of the safe and supervised structure of events advocated today.

Well here comes the Christmas Luncheon! Tickets go on sale at the October and November meetings for our December 12th Christmas event. Dick Aberle and John Vieira will be in their regular spot (the alcove after the check in desk) ready to get you signed up. The cost is the same as the Ladies Day Luncheon, \$25 per person. Checks are preferable (make checks payable to Sonora SIRS Branch #136) but cash also gets it done. We have changed two of the entrée selections this year. Your choices are Dino's great salmon dish or an old returning favorite prime rib or a new addition, chicken breast in caper cream sauce. Check the flyer in the October bulletin for the complete menu and other details. Also returning are the red ticket raffle, the blue ticket cash drawings and our special white ticket drawing for the ladies. We need raffle items! Do not think someone else will be doing it. The success of our group really lies in your hands; it is your participation that makes the difference. Please step up and help. Any raffle donations can be brought to the October and November luncheons and left at the ticket sales desk.

Our guest speaker this month is Aron Moss, the general manager of the Black Oak Casino.

On this coming October 17,18, RAMP Chairman Rex Page will host the SIRS Branch #136 booth at the Tuolumne County Health Fair. The object of this booth is to introduce people to who and what SIRS is all about. We could sure use some help; if interested contact Rex Page at the luncheon meeting or at 533-4501.



GOLF CHAIRMAN

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

Asst Kent Kirkland -

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 / 172 Skins Game** is October 3rd at Mountain Springs Golf Course with a shotgun start at 9:30 A.M. Contact Danny Laureta at 586-4567 or by e-mail at dr Laureta@gmail.com

Results for the SIRS 136/ 77 / 172 Skins Game held on September 5th with a field of 17 golfers are as follows:

Mike Baumgartner - 7 skins, Jeff Phillips - 3 skins, Andy Bravo - 3 skins, Pete Larkin - 1 skin, Jake Parsons - 1 skin, Danny Villa - 1 skin, Gene Deaver - 1 skin, Jim Simmons - 1 skin.

Results for the SIRS 136 / 77 / 172

September 19th **"Four Man Team Orange Ball"**

Tournament held at Mountain Springs Golf Course with a field of 24 golfers are as follows: **Note** - only two teams ended up not losing their orange ball.

1st place - (Net 67) Danny Laureta, Felix Espino, Andy Bravo, Rudy Flores

2nd place - (Net 80) Sol Robin, Mike Clay, Jake Parsons, Darrell Courtright

Closest to hole #7 (145 yards)

1st place - John Perrault (12'2")

2nd place - Trini Mercado (30'4")

3rd place - Dan Cosette (32'10")

Closest to hole #12 (123 yards)

1st place - Mike Ross (9'11")

2nd place - Jake Parsons (23'6")

3rd place - John Perrault (24'10")

The next SIRS 136 / 77 / 172 Golf

Tournament

is scheduled for October 17th at Mountain Springs Golf Course.

Start time is 9:30 AM. The format for this tournament will be **"Two-Man Team**

Bestball "".

Sign-up for this tournament is by Friday, October 13th (NO LATER).

Contact Paul Padavana at paulp_57@yahoo.com or 209-532-8051.



October Birthdays:

Flores, Rudy	10/2
Oakdale, Ray	10/6
Camfield, Roland	10/8
Lee, James	10/10
Kraft, Jeff	10/11
Lundin, Rich	10/11
Simons, Chuck	10/11
Grover, Don	10/13
Leal, Maury	10/14
Harrington, Tom	10/15
Feldman, Ray	10/16
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
Hammond, Paul	10/31
St. Laurent, Ed	10/31



RV CLUB CHAIRMAN

Knute Kleinen - 694-8866

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Sunday September 17 several of the RVers started the outing by going to the Elks Lodge for the night in Salinas and a fish dinner in Moss Landing. Bernie and Ron Longs favorite fish restaurant. Monday morning, we all pulled out for the trip to Laguna Seca RV park located on the hill above the race track. We had a great view of the track and surrounding Monterey Area. We had the use of a very nice club house for meals and meeting. It was voted to welcome Dick and Karen Aberle, Sol and Ruth Solomon who have been on our waiting list into the group. Jim and Linda Botto announced that they will be selling thier rig and will be leaving. They will be missed. Ron and Bernie Long and Mo and Letty Molinari put together a dinner which again was outstanding. Birthday's where announced and cake was served. During the day, many of the group visited the area for shopping and enjoying the cool weather. On Wednesday night, we went

down to Monterey for a great dinner on the Wharf. Again, evenings where for card games, putting puzzles together and relaxing. We had to be out of the park by 10am on Thursday so everyone got an early start and were home to put there rigs away in the day light. We also had a raffle and book sale. Winners where Betty Bacon and Linda Toews. We had a total of 15 rigs on the outing. Our next outing is scheduled for Pismo Beach the end of October.



CAR CLUB CHAIRMAN

Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366

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To all our SIRS classic car aficionados, October weather is now here. That means shorter but cooler days in which we can start our older gas powered buggies & take a ride around town showing off the beauties. Sonora is a great town to "cruise" and receive thumbs up gestures from the onlookers of our vehicles. Last reminder: Junction Car Show will run through October (1st & 3rd Wed.), come by & chat with other classic & hot rod car lovers! Also, call me if you are a new SIR member & own a classic car so that I can put your name down on our participation roster for future SIR car club showings. Drive safe this month!



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

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High Game - Talf Wynne 259
High Series - Talf Wynne 686
Standings (after one week)
Tied at 4-0 - Drex Wrex SS-396,
Tied at 3-1 - Bob's Boys, The Wild Ones, Andy's Dandies
Upcoming tournaments include:
Oct 17 - Brentwood
Nov 2 & 3 - Modesto
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 September. The second lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for September. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for January through September.

September 2017		
Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Dave Goldemberg	172	449
Art Bartee	172	378
Bert Kronnick	77	275
Player	Branch	Average
3 Monday Session Players		
Sonny Tome	77	370
Roland Patton	172	357
Bob Morrison	136	318
Del Rotelli	77	265
Henry Beltran	172	257
Mike Schmidt	172	255
Bill Lewis	172	203
Player	Branch	Average
2 Monday Session Players		
Dick Robinson	172	343
Player	Branch	Average
1 Monday Session Players		
Bill Burnes	136	330
Jerry Kopyn	172	288
Al De Neveu	136	256
Jim Turner	136	157

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
4-Sep-17	735	Art Bartee	172
11-Sep-17	401	Dave Goldemberg	172
18-Sep-17	458	Dave Goldemberg	172
25-Sep-17	435	Dave Goldemberg	172



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

Still not much to report on fishing. The Kokanee school either did not happen or came and went before we knew it. One of our members landed a 3.5 and a 5.5-pound trout at Melones during the week of September 18th. On Sunday, the wife and I will be fishing at Don Pedro....wish us luck.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Jeff Phillips - 588-2977
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Sept 2017 Membership	222
Luncheon Attendance: (59%)	132
Excused Absences: (18%)	20
Projected September Membership	
Current Active Membership	222
Applicants Being Installed	1
Active Members Lost	0
Inactive Reactivated	0
Transferees	1
(Andy Bravo Badge #023)	
Active Membership Outlook	224



SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN
Steve Gregory - 533-0309
discogregory@aol.com

Rick Baird, Badge #334 gone to God late Sept.
 Thoughts and prayers: to Jim Johnson (and wife Ginny) as he was hospitalized with a chronic infection from a previous knee replacement surgery and to Jack Walls (and wife Rosie) as he is recovering at home from a mild stroke.
 Please call Steve with any additional members in need of our support@ 209 533 0309.



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.



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.



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 or
shuff0531@gmail.com
 The deadline for the next bulletin is:
Tuesday October 31st



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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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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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

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Branch Photographer - Steve Belochi 533-5315

Bulletin - Jim Botto 586-0822

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

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October 10th Menu

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

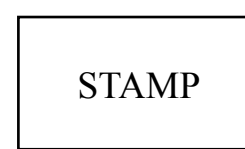
Guest Speaker

Aron Moss, the general manager of the Black Oak Casino



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

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