



BULLETIN

September 2015

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

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



MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE LINE

**If you are not able to attend
the regular monthly meeting
please call the Membership
Message Line at
536 - 6311
No Later Than Noon on the
Monday Before the
Luncheon Meeting!
and leave a clear message
with your NAME & BADGE
and the reason you will not
be able to attend.**



BIG SIR NOTES

Jim Johnson - 536-1595

If you missed our annual BBQ last month you missed a good one. If you were there you already knew it was great. Dale and the Special Events Committee did an outstanding job coordinating the event. Ron Long, head grill master, and his BBQ grill crew John Avila, Bill Guenza, Earl Randall and Big Jim Botto hung in there through all the heat and provided a bunch of great ribs. Good job by all. I am sure Dale will recognize his entire crew in his Little Sir article. Now switching gears, believe it or not the Special Events Committee has already started on the Christmas Luncheon. It is almost that time of the year again. Only 115 shopping days until Christmas. You better hurry.

It is also that time of the year that our Nominating Committee Chairman Phil Vanswoll will be presenting their recommendations for our 2016 slate of officers and directors. We will hold the election at the September Monthly Luncheon. Their recommendations are listed a little later in the newsletter. Bowling is about to start, so see Bert Abreo if you haven't already told him you want to participate. Don't miss all of the fun, and a few laughs every Monday morning. If you have a prospective new member in mind, now is the time to submit their membership application. The membership fee is now at a discount. Turn in your new membership application to Angelo and save some money.

See you on Tuesday, September 8.



LITTLE SIR NOTES

Dale Decker - 533-0455

Well, when you read this month's bulletin we'll be into September with cooler days and nights, something we'll all enjoy after those 100F+ days.

Although this summer has been very hot the nice thing was that our annual picnic was very comfortable falling in between two hot weeks. It's great having a direct link!

For those that couldn't attend the picnic you missed a great outing! Our attendance was 170 and the food and entertainment was

wonderful. For next year I've suggested that we have two menu entrees' on our tickets to provide more flexibility for your tastes. More on this when our new Little Sir steps in next year.

Little did I know that the picture (included here) that I inserted into the Picnic Flyer would come to fruition. Our own Jim Botto, John Avila and Bill Guenza got too close to the huge fire and burned their arms. Next year it's welding gloves, foundry suits/masks and Cal Fire standing by? Great Job BBQ Cooks! Sincere thanks to our BBQ Pit Master Ron Long for another superb job!



For those that did attend the picnic I hope you had as much fun as I did. If you have any suggestions for next year please let us know. We're always open to improving what we do and take all ideas seriously.

Thanks again to our Special Events Committee, the RV Club cooks that handled the BBQ, the RV Club ladies that did a lot of last minute preparation in the kitchen and worked the serving line and to all the others that jumped in during the setup and cleanup. It was a lot of work but with all the help everything went very smoothly. And not to forget - a very special thanks to Savemart and Cost-U-Less for their generous discounts which helped us keep our final costs in the black.

On a different note - I still have some of our 2015 Membership Directories to distribute. If you have not picked yours up yet please see me at September meeting if you attend, or have a representative do so, as I will bring them with me. (See the list within this month's bulletin to see if you are one of these members). An option is to contact our secretary, Jerry Bellefeuille (533-5315) and he will mail it to you for \$2.00.

Also, I am getting ready to print an update to the directory (1 page printed on both sides) so if you know of any changes please let me know. I'm thinking of adding this sheet to our monthly mailed bulletins and sending it via e-mail to all others.

Our September 8th luncheon is looking very attractive now as we will have Jane Kreidler as our guest speaker. Jane is the Outreach Coordinator, Contractors State License Board, and Public Affairs Office in Sacramento. She will be telling us about their Senior Scam Stopper Program through her presentation. This is a must event for those of us that are seniors and don't really want to 'get physical' anymore and hire help for those construction jobs around the house.



GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf
Committee

Danny Laureta - 586-4567

Asst Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

Asst Paul Padavana - 532-8051

Handicap Tom Nischwitz-694-8624



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

July Membership

Active = 222

Inactive = 4

Total = 226

July luncheon attendance = 152

Excused absence = 20



PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994

robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com

For an afternoon of fun, please join us each Monday to play pinochle. If you don't know how to play or haven't played for a long time, we will tutor you in our rules. (Most of us had not played in decades, and some had never played before they joined.) You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you have a fun so cheaply?) You win a prize if your score at the end of the meeting is one of the three highest. Moreover, you win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting. Some of our players make it to all of the sessions, but others to only 3, 2, or just one session. We meet at the Pine Tree Restaurant at 11:30 A. M. for lunch and start playing at 12:30 P. M. For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon. Shown below are three tables giving the results of scores for our pinochle sessions. The first table lists the average score of each player based on the number of sessions played in August. The second lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for August. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for 2015 year-to-date.

Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Sonny Tome	77	281
Roland Patton	172	173
Tom Newell	136	33

Player	Branch	Average
3 Monday Session Players		
Henry Beltran	172	281
Felix Ledbetter	77	277
Bill Burned	136	262
Jerry Kopyn	172	262
Paul Halek	172	219
Bob Morrison	136	207

Player	Branch	Average
2 Monday Session Players		
Dave Goldemberg	172	377
Mike Schmidt	172	338
Art Bartee	172	325
Del Rotelli	77	290
Bobby Nolan	77	258
Bert Kronnick	77	235
Al De Neveu	136	200
Jerry Morrow	172	132

Player	Branch	Average
1 Monday Session Players		
Dick Robinson	172	372

Results of August 25 Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs

Format: 2 Man Best Ball

1st Melvin Slife & Mike Clay (net 55)

2nd Matt Clay & Jeff Phillips (net 57)

3rd Phil VanSwoll & Keith Tucker & Gene
Morales & Joe Zertuche (tie)
(net 60)

Closest to the hole #7

1st Keith Tucker 7'1"

2nd Jeff Phillips 26'6"

3rd Jake Parsons 30'11"

Closest to the hole #12

1st Barry Bynum 4'7"

2nd Chace Anderson 10'5"

3rd Matt Clay 16'10"

Next Golf Tournament

Tuesday, Sept. 1 Skins @ Mountain Springs

8:00 am Shotgun start

Tuesday, Sept. 29 4 Man Best Ball @ La

Contenta GC 9:00 am Shotgun Start

(Entry Deadline: Sept. 21, 2015)



SUNSHINE - CHAPLAIN

Paul Bullman - 588-8614

Asst Bill Dunlavy - 532-7601

Discouragement

As a recently retired man was sitting on his porch down in Kentucky, his Social Security check was delivered. He went to the mail box to retrieve it and thought to himself, "Is this all my life is going to be from this time on? Just sitting on a porch waiting for my next Social Security check to arrive?" "It was a discouraging thought.

So he took a legal pad and began to write down all the gifts, all the blessings, all the talents, and everything he had going for him. He listed them all, even the small things. For example, he included the fact that he was the only one in the world who knew his mother's recipe for fried chicken in which she used eleven different herbs and spices.

He went down to the local restaurant, asked if he could get a job cooking their chicken. Very soon the chicken became the most popular item on the menu. He opened his own restaurant in Kentucky. Then he opened a string of restaurants and eventually sold the Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise to a national organization for millions of dollars. He became their public representative in that role until his death.

Ref: Charles Swindoll



Belochi, Steve	9/1
Crnkovich, Elmer	9/9
Kehr, Fred	9/10
Padavana, Paul	9/10
Patania, Joe	9/12
Danz, Ken	9/17
Hagel, Steve	9/19
Faifua, James	9/21
Abreo, Albert F.	9/24
Rucker, James C.	9/26
Johnson, Tim	9/28
Malispina, Ray	9/28
Aberle, Dick	9/28

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
3-Aug-15	488	Sonny Tome	77
10-Aug-15	492	Dave Goldemberg	172
17-Aug-15	362	Felix Ledbetter	77
24-Aug-15	397	Henry Beltran	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores	
Jan thru Aug 2015	
Branch	Score
172	296
77	275
136	248



RV CLUB NEWS

Jim Botto - 586-0822

Ron Long - 586-1838

August is our dark month and there were no outings scheduled, however, the SIRs held their annual Family BBQ at the Moose Lodge in Sonora on August 11th. The Rovin' Roosters and Chicks supplied most all of the cooking, set up, serving, and clean up after. Dale Decker and Jim Johnson did an outstanding job with the organization, purchasing the food and supplies, and direction of all the helpers. Ron Long was the BBQ Master and organized the helpers Bill Guenza, Jim Botto, Mo Molinari, Rick Bacon, Jack Walls, John Avila, Bill Lobdell, and Earl Randall. The BBQ was very hot and took its toll on the cooks. In spite of that the ribs and chicken came out wonderful.

The servers: Letty Molinari, Linda Botto, Betty Miller, Peggy Guenza, Cathy Lobdell, Ginny Johnson, Leah Decker, Bernie Long, and Dianne Avila all worked to serve an outstanding SIRs Family BBQ.

Our next RV Club outing will be at Carmel by the River RV Park on September 10th through September 14th. This is scheduled to coincide with the Monterey Italian Festival. Linda and I will be the Wagon Masters with help from Earl Randal and Bill & Peggy Guenza.

Many of us will be staying at the Elks Lodge in Salinas on September 9th then traveling to

Carmel by the River RV Park on September 10th for four days. We have scheduled only two meals for this trip due to the many event and sightseeing trips available. Earl Randall will be cooking his famous "Drunken Chicken" on Friday evening September 11th. As usual each evening we have a cocktail hour and we share snacks, stories, and great company. The other meal will be a breakfast on Sunday morning September 13th. We will all bring the traditional breakfast items, eggs, waffles, bacon, sausage, juice, bread or muffins and lots of comradery.



My real home has wheels



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

Sonora SIRS 136 bowlers - get your shoes ready and your ball cleaned for the start of the Winter Season which will begin on September 14. Try to be there by 9:45 so that this year's rules can be approved by the league. This also holds true for Sonora SIRS 77 bowlers who bowl in this SIRS league.

There were twelve bowlers (members and guests) from Branch 136 who went to Reno for this year's tournament and among the money winners were Dave Rossi, Gene Deaver, Irene Deaver, Elaine Simmons, Billy Oliver, Dave and Carol Krawhuck, and Janis Banchemo. Some bowled really, really well and some of them did not, but all enjoyed themselves.

Upcoming tournaments include:

Fremont on September 13 at Clover leaf Bowl

South Lake Tahoe on September 18 and 19 at Tahoe Bowl

Citrus Heights on October 6 & 7 at Fireside Lane

Brentwood on October 13 and 15 at Harvest Park Lanes.

The SIRS Bowling group will miss Chris Parreira who passed away during this past week. He had been at Doctor's Hospital with a brain aneurysm. Our prayers go out to his family and friends.



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630

You can find this and all our bulletins on line at www.sonorasirs.org



FISHING CLUB

Bert Kronnick 586-7726

Chapter 77

Chuck Simons 532-9550

Chapter 136

Let's go fishing!

NEW SHOW

Fishing Tackle, Duck Decoy
Sporting Collectible Show

11,250
Square Foot
Show!

Sept. 11-12, 2015

Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Saturday: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

BUY - SELL - FREE APPRAISALS

Motherlode Fairgrounds

220 Southgate Dr. • Sonora, California 95370



For More Information Email:
oldfishingreels@aol.com



At little reminder

The following members have not yet picked up their Membership Directory:

Abbott, Gerald	Jamieson, Tom
Ashton, David	Johnson, Tim
Bailey, Raymond	Keegan, Mike
Becker, Paul	Lively, Tom
Belochi, Steve	Lopez, Ralph
Boyd, Jeffery	Mandoli, Guido
Brown, Delyle	Malispina, Raymond
Brown, Larry	Marston, Archie
Bynum, Barry	McEntire, Bill
Calef, Jere	McGinnes, Jack
Cassaro, Dan	McKee, Bill
Challas, Bill	Moeckel, Bill
Clay, Matt	Morrison, Bob
Costello, Thomas	Page, Rex
Crnkovich, Ray	Parreira, Chris
Davis, Gary	Peaslee, Jack
Dolan, Mike	Poorbaugh, John
Grover, Don	Poston, Homer
Gulick, Bill	Randall, Earl
Harm, Ray	Rucker, Jim
Harrelson, Raymond	Silva, Michael
Harrington, Tom	Silver, Bob
Hines, Bill	Smith, Jim
Hoffman, Guy	Squeri, Paul
Hubbs, Phillip	Vasallo, Andy



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

Jim Botto - 586-0822

Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630

I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee chairman who send in their reports to me on or before the deadline. If I do not receive your report by the deadline it will not be published in the current month. Please send all bulletin input to Jim Botto at giacamo42@gmail.com

The deadline for the next bulletin is
September 30, 2015

AS I AGE, I REALIZE THAT:

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound!
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
10. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.
11. When the kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please, I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".
12. At my age "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.



Nominating Committee Recommendations For 2016

Big Sir:	Dale Decker
Little Sir:	Danny Laureta
Secretary:	Jerry Bellefeuille
Ass't Sec:	Angelo Costanza
Treasurer:	Ed Toews
Ass't Treas:	Frank Taylor
2 nd yr Director:	Rex Page
2 nd yr Director:	Dick Aberle
2 nd yr Director:	Jim Botto
1 st yr Director:	Paul Squeri
1 st yr Director:	Monty Youngborg
1 st yr Director:	John Vierra
1 st yr Director:	Bill Lobdell



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 588-9529 (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 Angelo Costanza with a check for the amount stated on the application. Angelo's address is 23497 Gold Springs Drive Columbia, CA 95310.

SIR STATE OFFICERS

www.sirinc.org

PRESIDENT: Sir Bobbie Hairston
VICE-PRESIDENT: Sir Donald Dill
SECRETARY: Sir Derek Southern
TREASURER: Sir Karl Ryden
REGION 2 DIRECTOR

Russ Salazar , Polloch Pines, Ca
AREA 27 GOVERNOR

Sir Jerry Morrow, Mi Wuk Village, 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

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: Jim Johnson 536-1595

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DIRECTORS

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Rex Page 533-4501
Dick Aberle 532-4066
Ray Bailey 532-0444

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Danny Laureta 586-4567
Jake Parsons - 736-0647
Mariano Garces - 586-9973

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Golf - Danny Laureta 586-4567
Att./Mem. - Angelo Costanza 588-9529
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
Hon. Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944
House - Jerry Erath 533-3791
Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630
Lunch Tickets - Bert Abreo 736-4804
Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210
Luncheon Drawing - Bill Dunlavy 533-7601
Bert Maxwell 588-1177
Membership Growth - OPEN
Nominating Committee Chairman - Phil VanSwoll 532-1133
Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994
Propane—Al Limon 533-4544
Public Relations - Ray Bailey 532-0444
R.V. Travel Group - Jim Botto 586-0822
SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen 533-4760
Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman 588-8614

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).

September 8th Menu

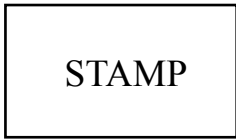
Roast Beef Au Jus,
Mashed Potatoes, Peas,
Green Salad, Chocolate Pudding



Remember to invite a guest to our Monthly Luncheons.

EACH ONE TO REACH ONE

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