



# BULLETIN

## September 2016

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

**Sonora SIR Branch #136**  
**will meet at the Sonora Elks**  
**Lodge on**  
**Tuesday, September 13th**  
**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, our annual picnic has come and gone. The new location, Indigeny Reserve was a great place to hold this year's picnic and one I am sure we will continue to use. Little Sir Danny Laureta and his special events team along with the RV Club guys and gals did a tremendous job with the BBQ cooking and the preparation and serving of a lot of food and their efforts are very much appreciated!

In August our active membership for the year was 208 as mentioned in that month's bulletin. For our September Luncheon we are expecting to install 2 new members, Baumgartner and Hurley, but have lost 1 member, Ken Lewis, who moved to Arizona. Thus our outlook is +1 for an active membership of 209 - still need 14 more new members to reach my goal.

On a brighter note - Rex Page, our Recruitment Program Director, has obtained a booth for us at the 2016 Health Fair that will be held at the fairgrounds in October. This is a 2-day event, 10/18 & 10/19, and Rex would like to have some volunteers to assist in spreading the word about our great SIR branch. If you can help please contact Rex at 533-4501 - even 1 hour helps a lot and you get to meet a lot of new potential members - and if they attend one of our luncheons their table gets to eat first and if they become a member you will receive a free meal at an upcoming luncheon.

On Sunday, August 21st, a Celebration of Life was held for Len Ruoff. It was well attended by members of the Elks Lodge, the Lions Club and SIR Branch 136. For those of you that were able to attend, his daughter, Sandy Fisher, and her family, wants you to know how much she appreciated the tremendous outpouring of love that was present and felt by all.

With our year 2/3rds done we're getting close to bringing in a new slate of officers and some new directors.

However, Danny and I still have 2 special events: our 30th Branch Anniversary in November and our December Christmas Luncheon. The November event will be attended by a number of special guests and will include a special Veteran recognition program similar to the one we held in 2014. If you have any ideas of other things that you would like considered, please let Danny or myself know.



### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**Danny Laureta - 586-4567**

What a fantastic summer BBQ picnic at Indigeny Reserve. For those that couldn't attend the picnic you missed a great outing! Our attendance was 189 (a record) and the food was awesome. Some of the comments are; BBQ Ribs were the best they ever had and better than Dickey's BBQ, the Chili Beans were sooo good, the corn on the cob was tender and yummy, fabulous place for the picnic, easy to find Indigeny Reserve, can't get lost - just follow the balloons and go thru the covered bridge.

After our picnic the extra food, soda and bottled water was donated to the Veterans Helping Veterans group of Sonora. Thanks again to our Special Events Committee, the RV Club cooks that handled the BBQ, the RV Club ladies that did 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.

A very special thank you to 1) Earl Randall mentoring me to where to purchase the food and picnic supplies and the use of his BBQ grills 2) Ron Long - Head Grill Master 3) Dianne Avila & Bernice Long for their kitchen organization skills 4) Dick Aberle for heading the Set-Up Crew 5) Jeff Phillips for leading the Tear Down Crew 6) Rex Page for manning the Ticket Check-In table 7) Paul Squeri for putting up the balloons and 8) Jamie Banks of Indigeny Reserve for donating their products to the Raffle Table. Also thank you to members that donated to the Raffle Table and to members that purchased tickets for the raffle and 50/50 cash drawing.

Now that BBQ picnic is over, we are starting the planning for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in November and the Christmas Gala in December.

For the September Luncheon/Meeting we are having a SIRs Car Show, please contact Rich Rinaldi (209-532-8366) if you are planning on bringing/showing your car. We will use the middle part of the front parking area of the Elks Lodge.

The September luncheon guest speaker is Leon Casas Jr. of Sierra Seniors Providers. They are the organizers for Meal On Wheels, the Senior Center, transportation for seniors, providing firewood for seniors and the senior lunch program.



## 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 August 2<sup>nd</sup> with a field of 9 golfers are as follows:

Trini Mercado - 6 skins,  
Jeff Phillips - 4 skins,  
Rudy Flores - 3 skins,  
Kent Kirkland - 3 skins,  
Mike Ross - 2 skins

Results for the SIRS 136 / 77 Low Net Flights A & B Tournament held at Mountain Springs Golf Course on August 16<sup>th</sup> with a field of 17 golfers are as follows:

Flight "A"

1<sup>st</sup> place (net 61) Mike Baumgartner  
2<sup>nd</sup> place (net 65) Barry Bynum  
3<sup>rd</sup> place (net 67) Dennis Land

Flight "B"

1<sup>st</sup> place (net 64) Paul Padavana  
2<sup>nd</sup> place (net 67) Joe Zertuche  
3<sup>rd</sup> place (net 68) Trini Mercado

Closest to hole #7

1<sup>st</sup> place - Paul Padavana (3 ft. 3.5 in.)  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Barry Bynum (12 ft. 7 in.)

Closest to hole #12

1<sup>st</sup> place - Tom Neiderer (3 ft. 2 in.)  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Trini Mercado (25 ft. 11 in.)

The next SIRS 136 / 77 Skins Game is scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup> at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Start time is 8:00 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 September 20<sup>th</sup> at La Contenta Golf Course. Start time is 9:00 AM. This is not a shotgun start. The format for this tournament will be two-man bestball. Sign-up for this tournament is by Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and tournament fees (\$44.00) must be paid in advance. Contact Paul Padavana at [paulp\\_57@yahoo.com](mailto:paulp_57@yahoo.com) or 209-532-8051.

Big Sir Dale Decker presents Lynn Harvey with his Senior SIR President's Award upon reaching age 90.



## September Birthdays:

Belochi, Steve	9/1
Crnkovich, Elmer	9/9
Kehr, Fred	9/10
Padavana, Paul	9/10
Patania, Joe	9/12
Lewis, James	9/16
Danz, Ken	9/17
Hagel, Steve	9/19
Faifua, James	9/21
Abreo, Albert F.	9/24
Brotby, Krag	9/25
Turner, Tom	9/27
Aberle, Dick	9/28
Johnson, Tim	9/28
Malispina, Ray	9/28



## RV CLUB NEWS

Knute Kleinen - 694-8866

John Avila - 586-1992

August was the annual SIRS Picnic, attached pictures of our setting up and the great job by our RV members. Our next outing will be at Sugar Barge Sept, hosted by Otto & Cathy Bulich.



## THEATER AND DINNER COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

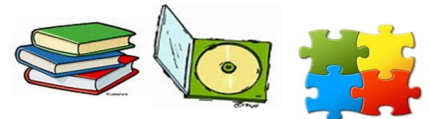
Monty Youngborg - 588-9632

Our third play for our Sir Branch is Cyrano. We will see it the 2:00 PM matinee September 28<sup>th</sup> at the East Sonora Theater. Please mark your calendar for this date. I need at least 20 people to sign up for the play for us to get a group discount, the discount will be refunded if we have 20 or more. The price per ticket is \$30.00. Please mail me your check by September 6<sup>th</sup>, because, our meeting is not until September 13<sup>th</sup> which is too late to get the money to SRT by the three week deadline so we can get the discount. My mailing address is:

Lamont Youngborg  
14091 Stanton Circle  
Sonora, CA 95370-8644

The storyline for the show is shown below: "With its original setting and the glorious costumes of 17<sup>th</sup> century France, this classic romantic comedy has been given a 21<sup>st</sup> century feel with a snappy modern adaptation. Cyrano tells the story of a great swordsman with a beautiful soul, hampered by a huge nose that makes him believe he is incapable of being loved by the beautiful Roxane. When he learns that Roxane and a handsome young soldier named Christian are infatuated with each other, he writes beautiful love letters for her suitor that lead to a calamitous love triangle. Filled with swordplay, romance and humor, this is the funniest Cyrano you will ever see."

The play is rate as PG.



## NEW ACTIVITIES

Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

Update: Jeff Phillips will be moving on to Membership. Therefore, we are looking for my replacement for media exchange and also for someone to run the Skins Tournament (1st Tuesday of each month running from March 2017 thru November 2017).

Based on Paul Squeri's latest survey of member activity interest, emphasis is being placed in the following areas:

**Wine Tasting:** Phil VanSwoll has agreed to take the lead in setting up the initial event to be determined. Look for future announcements in the bulletin.

**Antique Cars/Car Club:** This combined category received the most votes: We are still looking for one or more of those expressing interest to step forward help arrange a car show in either September or October.

Other strong areas of expressed interest were (in order of response) Woodworking, Poker, Bocce Ball, fine dining, Gardening, and dancing.

Regarding dancing (not dancing girls) Big SIR Dale Decker has taken the lead with an upcoming 50's/60's dance. See SIR Dale or

the bulletin for details. Back by popular demand, the Media Exchange will resume in September and continue through November. Feedback on this program would be appreciated. Provide any suggestions to Jeff Phillips or my replacement to be named later.

**CLARIFICATION**

The Fabulous 50'S DJ Music Night, Friday, September 16 is being hosted by SIR Richard Anderson, Branch 172, for the enjoyment of fellow SIR members, their friends and neighbors. Richard has done a great job in pulling this event together, however, it is NOT a SIR function. The evening starts at 7:00 pm at the Elks Lodge, 100 Elk Drive, Sonora, CA. Cost is a very low \$10 per couple or \$5 for singles. No ticket required - Just show up and pay at the check-in table. And, a no host bar will be available for your enjoyment.

**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
- 1st Year Directors:
  - Rich Rinaldi 532-8366
  - Mike Nolan 536-1946
  - Roger Swartz 533-0379
  - Bill Lobdell 586-7145

**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](http://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 August. The second lists the weekly first place winners

and their scores for August. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for January through August.

August 2016		
Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Henry Beltran	172	377
Sonny Tome	77	345
Jerry Kopyn	172	338
Mike Schmidt	172	332
Art Bartee	172	317
Player	Branch	Average
3 Monday Session Players		
Roland Patton	172	315
Del Rotelli	77	253
Bob Morrison	136	215
Dick Robinson	172	173
Player	Branch	Average
2 Monday Session Players		
Dave Goldemberg	172	352
Bert Kronnick	77	244
Al De Neveu	136	232
Bill Burnes	136	209
Player	Branch	Average
1 Monday Session Players		
Jerry Morrow	172	471
John Johnson	172	212
Leland Andrews	77	77

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
1-Aug-16	382	Sonny Tome	77
8-Aug-16	437	Art Bartee	172
15-Aug-16	471	Jerry Morrow	172
22-Aug-16	471	Henry Beltran	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores -	
Branch	Score
172	285
136	279
77	275

**FISHING HAIRMAN**

**Chuck Simons - 770-5298**  
**simons4890@yahoo.com**

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

**BOWLING CHAIRMAN**

**Bert Abreo - 736-4804**  
**murabreo@comcast.net**

Sonora SIRS Branch 136 league starts on September 12. It would be appreciated if the league bowlers could be there before 9:45 so that the rules can be established. There were two very high games in the SIRS Branch 136 tournament - Wiley Bobo and Dave Rossi both rolled 289 games in the second game of Doubles. Final results will be available by September 9. It is noted that this tournament was not well attended by local bowlers - where were you? Next year's tournament will be at the same time and will include Team/Doubles/Singles with brackets, both regular and reverse. So

mark your calendars for August 28-29-& 30, 2017. Several Sonora SIRS and their wives went to the Reno SIRS Tournament and did well up there. Dave Rossi and Ray Buttacavoli of Yuba City both rolled 300 games. The next few SIRS tournaments are scheduled for Fremont on September 11 followed by South Lake Tahoe on September 16 & 17. Both of these are followed by Citrus Heights on October 18 in Sacramento. Entry forms for all are available at Black Oak Lanes and on line at the [www.sirinc.org/bowling](http://www.sirinc.org/bowling) website

**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.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**  
**Bill Lobdell - 586-7145**

- August Membership**
- Total Active Members 208
- Note: Annual Picnic held in August - No Luncheon
- September Membership**
- August Active Membership 208
- Applicants Being Installed 2
- Active Members Lost 1
- Active Member to Inactive 0
- Active Membership Outlook 209

**BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE**

**Jim Botto Editor - 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. 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:

**Friday September 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 586-7145 (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 Bill Lobdell with a check for the amount stated on the application. Bill's address is 17022 Broken Pine Rd. Sonora, CA 95370.

**Fabulous 50's**

**DJ Music**

**Sept 16, 2016**



**Dancing & Karaoke**

**Cash Bar**

**7:00 - 10:00 pm**

**Elks Lodge**

**100 Elk Drive**

**Sonora, Ca**

**\$10 per Couple**

**Call Dale Decker 533-0455**

**(or see him at our next luncheon  
he will have a signup sheet)**

**SIR STATE OFFICERS**

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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  
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**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 - Bill Lobdell 586-7145
- 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  
Jeff Phillips 588-2977
- 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).

**September 13th**

**Luncheon Menu**

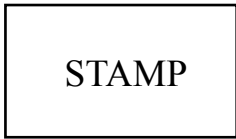
- Roast Beef Au Jus, Peas,
- Green Salad, Chocolate Pudding

**Guest Speaker**

**Leon Casas Jr.** of Sierra Seniors Providers.

They are the organizers for Meal On Wheels, the Senior Center, transportation for seniors, providing firewood for seniors and the senior lunch program.

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