



BULLETIN

September 2017

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

September 12th

(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 fantastic and fun time at Indigeny Reserve for our annual Family BBQ Picnic. The BBQ St. Louis Ribs, BBQ Chicken, potato salad and corn in the cob were yummy. Thank you to Little Sir Paul Squeri (Event Organizer), the Special Events Committee, the Sir Golf Group (cooking), the Sir Bowling Group (serving), the Raffle ticket sales, the Set-up Crew, the Break-down Crew and all the volunteers to make the event a success. A special thank you to Earl Randall and Ron Long for their expertise in guiding and mentoring the cooking group.

The State Sir Annual meeting just happened to be on the same day as our annual Family BBQ Picnic, which is mandatory for the Big Sir to attend but of course I went to the BBQ Picnic. Jim Botto (Little Sir elect for 2018) volunteered to represent Branch #136 and accepted a Branch Award Certificate from State Sir President, Jerry Strain. It was an honor for the State Sir Organization to ask Branch #136 to make a presentation by Jim Johnson about our BEC, Memberships, Activities and Special Events to all State Sir Officers and all the Big Sir's in attendance.

Attached to this Bulletin are the 2018 Branch Executive Committee candidates from the Branch Nominating Committee.

Lastly on a very sad note, Bill Dunlavy a Sir Honorary Life Member and past Big Sir passed away in August. He will be greatly missed at our monthly luncheons.

2018 Branch Executive **Candidates Officers**

Big Sir: Paul Squeri
Little Sir: Jim Botto
Secretary: Jerry Bellefeuille
Asst Secretary: Dick Aberle
Treasurer: Eddie Toews
Asst Treasurer: Frank Taylor
1st Year Directors:
Steve Heath
Larry Matteson
Serge Peluso
Gene Zanoni
2nd Year Directors:
Rich Rinaldi
Mike Nolan
Roger Swartz



LITTLE SIR NOTES **Paul Squeri - 586-4083**

This year's climatic picnic preparation arbitrarily started Sunday prior to the picnic at Earl Randall's house. Earl, Ron Long, Jim Botto and myself loaded a BBQ and many other essentials from Earls storage area into my truck and Earl's truck & trailer. Job done, we were ready to meet with the set-up crew at 7:00 AM on picnic morning. Thank you all.

I also want to thank Ron Long, Jim and Judy Hamilton and my wife Annelies for graciously spending their Monday afternoon, prior to the picnic, in the Elk's kitchen with me preparing food.

On picnic morning, the set-up crew, Dick Aberle, Steve Heath, Herman Eaton and Jake Parsons made short work of loading the additional BBQS, tables and food into Jake's horse trailer. Henceforth, the trailer will be referred to as the Great Trailer. To call it large could be an understatement.

This year we introduced two new groups to the picnic work force. From the Golf Club: Paul Padavana, Jeff Phillips, Mike Baumgartner, Gene Deaver, Rudy Flores, Mike Nolan, Jerry Bellefeuille and Sol Robin who all did the BBQing. From the Bowling Club: Bob Wright, Mel Lawrence, George Parsons, Barry Bynum, Marylyn Day, Sonja Delancy, Mike Dolan and Rich Rinaldi who all did the serving. The great meal and the excellent manner in which they accommodated 191 people will act as a testament to their success, far better than anything I could ever say. Also, special thanks to Earl Randall and Ron Long for providing their special expertise to the cooking and serving crews. Thank you, Tom Turner, John Vieira, Eddie Toews and Danny Laureta for the raffle, Steve Gregory for the invocation, Gary Davis for sound and Steve Belochi for photography. And last but far from least, the clean-up crew: Rex Page, Fred & Sigrid Kehr, Steve Belochi and Bob & Carol Morrison. You were great! Few jobs are more difficult than having to stay late and clean up the mess, when all you really want to do is go home. I hope I have not missed any of my fabulous help. If I have, I apologize. I would like to reiterate (previous SIR Letter) that over 20 % of the people in attendance at the picnic were performing some function. Some also had multiple functions.



GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Paul Padavana - 532-8051

Asst Kent Kirkland -

Handicap Tom Nischwitz-694-8624

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 Skins Game** is September 5th at Mountain Springs Golf Course with a shotgun start at 8:00 am. Contact Danny Laureta at 586-4567 or by e-mail at drlaureta@gmail.com

Results for the SIRS 136/ 77 Skins Game held on August 1st with a field of 22 golfers are as follows:

Barry Bynum - 6 skins, Jake Parsons - 4 skins

John Perrault - 3 skins,

Mike Baumgartner - 3 skins,

Tom Neiderer - 2 skins

Results for the SIRS 136 / 77 August 15th

“**Four Man Team Scramble**” Tournament held at Mountain Springs Golf Course with a field of 20 golfers are as follows:

1st place - (Net 67), Mike Ross, Rudy Flores, Eddie Wright, Steve Hagel

2nd place - (Net 68) - Won tie breaker) Chace Anderson, Dennis Land, Paul Padavana, Jake Parsons

Closest to hole #5 (142 yards)

1st place - John Perrault (6’10”)

2nd place - Dennis Land (12’10”)

3rd place - Eddie Wright (15’6”)

Closest to hole #12 (123 yards)

1st place - Jeff Juhl (2’9.5”)

2nd place - Chace Anderson (32’3”)

I would also like to mention best dressed for this tournament. Jim Hagel was dressed in color coordinated white shirt, tan pants, and a tan old school golf hat.... Looking good Jim.

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 Golf Tournament** is scheduled for September 19th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Start time is 8:00 AM.

The format for this tournament will be “**Four Man Team Orange or Yellow Ball** “. This is a first for our golf group. This is a four-

man team that will keep their individual scores but must rotate a colored ball to each player on every hole that will be the teams score. If the ball is lost by any player while in play that team is eliminated from the tournament for prizes. I would NOT want to be that player. Also, to add a little spice if the colored ball is closest to hole (1st place) on either hole the prize will be doubled.

Sign-up for this tournament is by Friday, September 15th (NO LATER). Contact Paul Padavana at paupl_57@yahoo.com or 209-532-8051.



August Birthdays:

Belochi, Steve	9/1
Costello, Jim	9/2
Crnkovich, Elmer	9/9
Kehr, Fred	9/10
Lang, John F.	9/10
Barnes, Barney	9/11
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
Kutsch, Mel	9/27
Turner, Tom	9/27
Aberle, Dick	9/28
Johnson, Tim	9/28
Malispina, Ray	9/28



RV CLUB CHAIRMAN

Knute Kleinen - 694-8866

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After a enjoyable Sir Picnic lunch the RV group in looking to beat the heat with a trip to Laguna Seca, hosted by Ron and Bernie Long & Mo and Letty Molinari. They have planned a relaxing and cool four days.



PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994

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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. 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. 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. We 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 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.

Tom Newell	136	394
Dave Goldemberg	172	371
Art Barte	172	267
Roland Patton	172	264
Henry Beltran	172	223
Mike Schmidt	172	198

Player	Branch	Average
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3 Monday Session Players

Sonny Tome	77	380
Del Rotelli	77	281
Bob Morrison	136	244

Player	Branch	Average
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2 Monday Session Players

Jerry Kopyn	172	354
Al De Neveu	136	283
Bert Kronnick	77	216

Player	Branch	Average
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1 Monday Session Player

Bill Lewis	172	312
Dick Robinson	172	280
Jim Turner	136	48

Weekly First Place Winners

Date	Score	Player	Branch#
7-Aug-17	492	Al DeNeveu	136
14-Aug-17	435	Sonny Tome	77
21-Aug-17	508	Tom Newell	136
28-Aug-17	438	Dave Goldemberg	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR

Branch Average

Scores -

Branch	Score
77	292
172	276
136	254





BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

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The Sonora SIRS Branch tournament was cancelled due to lack of entries.

League bowling starts on September 11 at about 9:45 am.

Upcoming tournaments include:

South Lake Tahoe on September 15 & 16
Citrus Heights on October 3 & 4

Entries for both are available on line and at Black Oak Lanes.

Looking forward to seeing the bowlers back on the lanes!



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - 532-9550

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There will not be a report on fishing due to the fact that fishing is lousy. The only bites I got were mosquito bites.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

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July 2017 Membership	223
Luncheon Attendance: (72%)	160
Excused Absences: (44%)	28
Projected Sept Membership	
Current Active Membership	223
Applicants Being Installed	2
Active Members Lost	1
Inactive Reactivated	0
Active Membership Outlook	224



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.



"The United States flag does not fly because the wind moves past it... The United States flag flies from the last breath of each military member who has died protecting it."

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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: gicamo42@gmail.com. The deadline for the next bulletin is:

Saturday September 30th



A wonderful time was had by all. Great food & drinks but especially "Great Friends".

SIR STATE OFFICERS

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- VICE-PRESIDENT:** Sir Derek Southern
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- TREASURER:** Sir Karl Ryden
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- 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
- 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

DIRECTORY of OFFICERS

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Asst. Roger Swartz 533-0376

Member Relations - Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366

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DIRECTORS

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- Rich Rinaldi 532-8366
- Mike Nolan 536-1946
- 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
- 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).

September 12th Menu

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

Guest Speaker

Jeff & Robin Phillips who are going to do a show & tell about their African Safari



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

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