



SONORA SIR BRANCH #136

September 2018 Bulletin

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136
next monthly meeting:

Sept 11th

Social Hour starts at 11AM
Branch Executive Committee
meeting starts at 10AM in the
small bar area

Luncheon Menu

Green Salad, Roast Beef au
Jus, Mashed Potatoes, Peas,
Rolls, Chocolate Pudding



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 at-
tend if applicable.**



BIG SIR NOTES Paul Squeri - 586-4083

What ever happened to the “Golden Years” and taking time to sit back and “smell the roses”? Well, if you did you probably choked on the smoke. Do the fires of summer now seem to be a greater certainty than the rains of winter? Fire to the north (Carr fire), fire to the east (Donnell fire), fire to the south (Ferguson fire) and urban sprawl and congestion to the west. I am beginning to understand how Custer felt. California is going from being the “Golden State” to the “Incinerated State”. Where is Smokey The Bear when we need him?

Take heart, things are looking up, it is September. The tourists are gone and kids are back in school, we have a holiday (Labor Day), football starts for real, SIR will meet on the 11th which coincidentally is the 17th anniversary of 9/11 and on the 22nd the leaves can officially fall, it is the first day of autumn, mellow days and cooler nights. If you try hard you can still catch a scent of that rose.

Speaking of SIR, be sure to come to our September meeting and try to get there early. Rich Rinaldi has put together our annual car show. This year’s show should be bigger and better than ever. If you have a special vehicle (motorcycles are included) of interest, bring it along. Considering the amount of interest we have in cars throughout Tuolumne County, I can not think of a better time to bring a guest. It would be a great way for a guest, or anyone else, to get acquainted with members that they have something in common with.

As August moves into our rear-view mirror so does the SIR annual Summer Barbecue Picnic. It joins a long list of successful, well received, fun filled afternoons. Mother nature and the shade of the oak trees saw to it that the day was pleasant. The only smoke that caught our attention carried the pungent aroma of sizzling barbeque ribs and chicken, further adding to the ambiance of the afternoon. The prizes were plentiful, free beer and wine abundant and the comradery, priceless. To all those involved with this intense undertaking, I extend my compliments and gratitude for a job extremely well done.

With the coming of September, we are entering the final 3rd of 2018 and have only 3 BEC meetings left in this year. I would like to invite all the new Officers and Directors for 2019 to join us for these final meetings. The meetings start at 10:00 AM in the small bar area and I think you will find that they are beneficial.

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. 'Careful,' he said, 'CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!'

The wife stared at him. 'What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?' The husband calmly replied, 'I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving.'

SIR STATE OFFICERS

www.sirinc.org

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Jerry Morrow, Twain Hart, Ca

AREA 5 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	2007 - Wil Reich
2008 - Roger Milligan	2009 - Don Nilan
2010 - Don Banchero	2011 - Al Smith
2013 - Phil VanSwoll	2014 - John Bristow
2015 - Jim Johnson	2016 - Dale Decker
2017 - Danny Laureta	

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 2000
Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015
Jim Johnson—Past Big SIR 2015

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Roger Swartz 533-0376

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Attendance Membership - Open

BEC Advisor - Al Limon 533-4544

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Bulletin - Steve Huff 770-0678

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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. - Danny Laureta 586-4083

Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994

Poker - George Parsons 533-8637

Propane - Marty Martin 586-1886

R.V. Travel Group - Eddie Toews 532-3970

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

SIR Mission Statement

To improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events - while making friends for life.



LITTLE SIR NOTES

Jim Botto - 586-0822

Wow, what a great time we had at our Annual Family Picnic. Indigency Reserve had made several improvements from last year. Picnic tables, umbrellas, and they moved all the tables into the shade. I want to thank all the workers who helped with cooking (golfers), serving (bowlers), set-up (special events committee), and clean-up crews for an outstanding job. Well done! A special thanks to Earl Randall, for his help with the purchasing of the food and non-food items, we ended up turning black numbers again this year.

I also want to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes. Dick Aberle and I were taking money and handing out tickets for most of the social hour. A little overwhelming at times, but we got through it. Bill Guenza and Scott Lewis organized the raffle prizes. Dale Decker did the announcing for the raffle prizes and, as usual did a great job. All in all, the picnic was a great success thanks again to all those that helped.

Our guest speaker for September is Dr. Eric Freedman, Board Certified Urologist. At our age it is very important to have help in this area. I have had the UroLift procedure and it works great.

I have been talking to Ms. Jessie Park at the Korean Consulate. She is working on having either the Consul General or a representative from his office as our guest speaker in November. Of the 20 + Korean War Veterans in our membership, I have only received six DD-214 forms. I will be sending copies of these forms into the Consul's office by the first of September. The DD-214 that I have received are as follows: Basham, Darell; Reinhart, Paul; Kangas, Herbert; Pland, Richard; Mueller, James; and Wallace, Jimmie. I know that we have several more Korean War veterans in our membership. If you served between 1950 and 1953 in Korea please send me your DD-214.

I have sent an invitation to the other two SIR Branches to submit their Korean War Veterans DD-214 form to me and I will send them Ms Park. I received an e-mail from her stating the Consul General will attend our luncheon if he is available. His schedule is quite full, but is trying to accommodate us. We should know by the end of September.



Korean War Medal

Upcoming Luncheon Guest Speakers

Sept 11	Dr, Eric Freedman, Board Certified Urologist
Oct 9	Claudia Smith, NP, Diabetic Specialist
Nov 13	Korean Consulate representative

September 2018 Club and Committee Reports



September Birthdays

* = 90 or older

Belochi, Steve	9/1
Costello, Jim	9/2
Padavana, Paul	9/10
Kehr, Fred	9/10
Barnes, Harold (Barney)	9/11
Patania, Joe	9/12
Lewis, James	9/16
Hagel, Steve	9/19
Faifua, James	9/21
Abreo, Albert F.	9/24
Brotby, Krag	9/25
Kutsch, Melvin "Mel"	9/27
Turner, Tom	9/27
Aberle, Dick	9/28
Johnson, Tim	9/28
Malispina, Ray	9/28



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dale Decker - 533-0455
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August Membership

Total Active Members	215
Luncheon Attendance ()	N/A
Excused Absences ()	N/A
Guests	N/A

August 2018 Membership

September Active Membership	215
Applicants Being Installed	+1
Active Members Lost (Deceased)	-1
Active Members Lost (Resigned)	-2
Active Members to Inactive	0
Active Membership Outlook	213

CAR CLUB

CHAIRMAN: Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366
farmrich40@gmail.com



JUST A REMINDER!....."RUN WHAT-CHA-BRUNG" Car, Truck & Bike Show will be held at our Tuesday, September 11th SIR lunch meeting. Bring any year car (or truck) and any year motorcycle (2 wheel or 3 wheel) that you want to show off. Foreign cars are welcome, as well as any exotic type sport cars. We will try to have all participants park their vehicles on the upper Sonora Elks parking lot. First come, first to park as there will be no designated spaces for this show. I would recommend arriving early (around 8:30 AM) to get the best & closest spaces to the Elks Lodge entrance. We are encouraging our other two SIR branch car enthusiasts to join us, either just for the show or to stay for lunch with our group. Shine up those special vehicles & display them for your fellow SIR members. Please let me know if you are not a Branch #136 member but are attending for lunch so that I can get a head count of extra members for our catering person. Cost for lunch is \$14.00.....menu will be announced in the Sept. newsletter. Keep Wheeling

RV CLUB

CHAIRMAN: Eddie Toews 532-3970
lcoinlady@aol.com



The RV Group did not have an outing this month, to support the SIR Picnic. Our next outing will be to Minden, NV September 16th to 20th. Our host will be Knute and Maryjoan Kleinen, co-host will be Jim and Ginny Johnson

BOWLING

CHAIRMAN: Bert Abreo 736-4808
murabreo@comcast.net



The SIR Monday morning league starts back up on September 10 at Black Oak, and as always needs more bowlers. A league meeting will be held before the bowling starts to go over the rules.

A number of Branch 136 bowler members participated in the Reno SIRS tournament. The following members and wives/guests went - Dave Rossi, Mike Bowers, Bert Abreo, Dave and Carol Krawchuk, Mel and Rose Kutsch, Don and Janis Banchemo, Bob and Lillian Thomas, Gene and Barbara Morales.

Not all them placed in the money, but a few of them did very well - Dave and Carol Krawchuk with Barbara and Gene Morales placed in Team in their average division. Carol also placed in Singles, Women's All Events and in Doubles with Dave. Barbara also placed in Women's All Events.

Bert Abreo with a pickup partner placed first in Doubles in his average division. Dave Rossi with his pickup partner, Mike Bowers with his partner and Bob and Lillian Thomas also placed in their Doubles. Bert and Dave Rossi with two additional team members placed third in Team. Bert also placed first in Handicap All Events. Dave and Mike Bowers also placed in Scratch All Events. Gene Morales and Bert both placed in Singles in their division, as did Dave in his division. Mike Bowers also placed in Handicap All Events in his division.

The next SIR tournament is at Carson City at Carson Lanes on September 14 & 15. Entry forms are available at Black Oak and on line.



SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN
Steve Gregory - 533-0309
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Our sympathy goes to wife Jude Teal and family, due to the recent loss of her husband Veteran Ben Teal #311



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, online at the Branch website, or by telephoning him at 533-0455. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to **Dale Decker**, along with a check for the amount stated on the application. Dale's address is 10338 Slate Rim Rd, Sonora, CA 95370.



INTERNET CHAIRMAN
Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630
Asst- Danny Laureta—586-4083

Our Branch website is at sonorasirs.org. Here you will find our membership roster, bulletins past and present, activity schedules, BEC meeting minutes, a link to the state SIR website, a link to the SIR promotional video and more. Tell prospective members about our website and encourage them to watch the video. If your phone number or address has changed please let me know so I can update the roster on our website.



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE
Steve Huff Editor - 770-0678
Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

I want to thank the committee chairmen who sent 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 Steve Huff at: shuff0531@gmail.com

The deadline to submit reports for the October bulletin is: Thurs, Sept 27.

September 2018 Club and Committee Reports (cont'd)

PINOCHLE

Chairman Bob Morrison - 588-0994
robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com

The three adjacent tables show our scores for the pinochle sessions in August. The first one lists for each player the average of the scores for the sessions he played. The second lists the first place winner and his score for each week. The third lists the average score of each SIR branch for the [year](#) through August.

Please join us in playing pinochle. You don't need to know how to play because we will teach you, and you don't need to come every time but only when you want to. Your first two sessions are free. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 at each session. (Where else can you have a fun afternoon so cheaply?) You will win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at the end of a free session. You will play with members from all our three SIR branches. The two highest scoring players at the end of a session win cash prizes. We meet each Monday at the Pine Tree Restaurant next to the Best Western Plus Motel at the Hess Ave. and Mono Way intersection. We start playing at 1:00 P.M. and finish before 4:30 P.M. Some of us come earlier to have breakfast or lunch between noon and 1:00 P.M. For more information, please call me and/or go to the web site www.sirtwain.org and



August 2018		
Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Dave Goldemberg	172	313
Bob Morrison	136	306
Al De Neveu	136	273
Bill Lewis	172	270
Del Rotelli	77	253
Henry Beltran	172	242
Jim Turner	136	204
3 Monday Session Players		
Art Bartee	172	318
Sonny Tome	77	318
2 Monday Session Players		
Roland Patton	172	297
Bert Kronnick	77	290
Dick Robinson	172	205
Jerry Morrison	77	199
Jerry Kopyn	172	189
John Salmon	136	107

Weekly First Place Winners			
Week	Player	Score	Branch
1	Dave Goldemberg	339	172
2	Bob Morrison	421	136
3	Bill Lewis	410	172
4	Art Bartee	409	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Aug	
Branch	Average Score
172	278
136	265
77	253

FISHING

CHAIRMAN: Chuck Simons - 532-9550
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There is no fishing report this month.





Special Notices



Luncheon Ticket Drawings

Don't forget the luncheon ticket drawings. Proceeds help with making our three special events more successful (Ladies Day, Family Picnic, and Christmas). Just look for Tom T. and Tom N. coming your way during the Social Hour and just prior to the Luncheon meeting starting.

Media Exchange

Please participate in our Media Exchange! We have books, CDs, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles that you may borrow and enjoy. No library card or sign out sheet required. We only ask that when you are finished with them please return them. Also please consider contributing items so that other members can enjoy them, as well (No VCR Tapes or magazines please).

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 2018 Club and Committee Reports (cont'd)

GOLF Joint Br. 136 & Br. 77 Golf Committee

CHAIRMAN: Paul Padavana 532-8051

Asst: Danny Laureta 586-4567



Results for the August 7th Skins Game held at Mountain Springs Golf Course are as follows:

Dan Cosetto – 5 skins Kent Kirkland – 5 skins Gene Deaver – 4 skins

Jim Simmons – 4 skins John Perrault – 1 skin

Low Gross: Mike Baumgartner (76), John Perrault (81) Chace Anderson (81)

Low Net: Dan Cosetto (65), Mike Baumgartner (66), Kent Kirkland (68), Rod Salvi (68)

Results for the August 21st Four-man Team “CHA-CHA-CHA” Tournament with 25 players held at Mountain Springs Golf Course are as follows:

1st Place – (123) Chace Anderson / Dennis Land / Jeff Juhl / John Perrault

2nd Place – (124) Paul Padavana / Rudy Flores / Mike Baumgartner / Mike Ross

3rd Place – (125) Danny Laureta / Gene Morales / Trini Mercado / Blind Pick Player

Closest to Hole #7 (145 yds.)

1st Place – (10 ft.) Dick Nutting

2nd Place – (13 ft. 3 in.) Paul Padavana

3rd Place – (19 ft. 8 in.) Mike Ross

Closest to Hole #12 (123 yds.)

1st Place – (5 ft. 6 in.) Steve Hagel

2nd Place – (7 ft. 4 in.) Mike Ross

3rd Place – (10 ft. 6 in.) John Perrault

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 Golf Tournament** is scheduled for September 18th at Pine Mountain Lake Golf Course. Start time is 10:00 AM. The format for this tournament will be “Individual Low Net Flights A & B”. **This is an away tournament so sign-ups and non-refundable fees (\$53.00) are due by Friday, September 7th (NO LATER).** Contact Paul Padavana at 209-532-8051 or e:mail paulp_57@yahoo.com.

The next **Skins Game** will be held at Mountain Springs Golf Course on October 2nd. Start time is 9:30 AM. **There will be no Skins Game in September.** Contact Danny Laureta at 209-586-4567 or e:mail drlaureta@gmail.com.

KAYAKING

CHAIRMAN: Sol Robin 651-1054

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August's kayak outing was tremendous! We had four members of SIR Branch 136 join in, Richard Lundin, Chuck Simmons, Len Carpenter and Sol Robin. We joined 7 members of SIR Branch 172 along with four member's wives for a beautiful morning paddling around Pinecrest, as well as a great BBQ!

September's kayak outing will be at Pinecrest Lake on the last Tuesday of the month, weather permitting. The group outings are co-ed so feel free to ask your wives or significant others to join us. We hope you'll paddle with us.



Len, Sol, Chuck



Branch 136 & 172 enjoying Pinecrest Lake

2018 Family Day Picnic—Branch 136



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Combined Group Activity Chairmen 2018

Group	Branch 136-Sonora Paul Squeri-Big SIR 586-4083	Branch 77-Sierra George Kellerman-Big SIR 533-9083	Branch 172-Twain Harte Charles Luke-Big SIR 533-3683
Biking	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Steve Happel 532-7240
Bowling	Bob Wright 536-9007	Larry Lund 586-2276	See Branch 136 & 77
Golf	Paul Padavava 532-8051	Kent Kirkland 532-3435	Doug Peters 532-3739
1 st Tuesday	Danny Laureta 586-4567	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Tournaments	Paul Padavana 532-8051	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Handicap	Tom Nischwitz 694-8624	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Advison	Danny Laureta 586-4567	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Hiking	See Branch 77	Mike Clay 588-1345	See Branch 77
Fishing	Chuck Simons 532-9550	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Horseshoes	See Branch 77	Bob Nath 532-2229	See Branch 77
Pinochle	Bob Morrison 588-0995	Bert Kronnick 586-7726	See Branch 136
RV Travel	Ed Toews 532-3970	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Tech/Computer			
Travel			
Theatre	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Bill Bamford 586-7279
Wine Tasting (45)	Phil VanSwoll 532-1133	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Antique Cars (30)			
Woodworking (29)			
Poker (26)	George Parsons 533-8637	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Bocce Ball (26)	Jerry Stefan 925-570-5512	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Fine Dining (22)			
Gardening (20)			
Dancing (16)			
Car Club (16)	Rich Rinaldi 532-8366	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Pot Luck Dinner (15)			
Book Exchange	Jim Rodrigues 536-4338		
Media Exchange	Sol Robin 651-1054		
Kayak	Sol Robin 651-1054	See Branch 136 & 172	Dave Kenney (davehikes98@sbcglobal.net)

Activity (xx) = number of respondents indicating interest in having this new activity in Branch #136

Note: With 3 local SIR Branches in the area it is more efficient to share activity chairmen & contacts. If you see an activity you would like to consider joining please call the person identified for that activity. The member can assist you in where to meet, at what time and answer any questions you may have.

If you see an activity without a contact name and would like to volunteer to be the contact person in Branch #136 (no duties or reporting required) please contact Paul Squeri, phone 586-4083 or e-mail (paulsqueri@yahoo.com)

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September 2018 Sonora SIR Branch 136 Activity Calendar

Contact Committee Chairman for activity details

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Pinochle- Pine Tree	4	5	6	7 Golf signup deadline	8
9	10 Pinochle Pine Tree Bowling- Black Oak	11 Monthly Luncheon (Roast Beef)	12	13	14 Bowling- Carson City	15 Bowling- Carson City
16 RV- Minden, NV	17 Pinochle- Pine Tree Bowling- Black Oak RV- Minden, NV	18 Golf-Pine Mtn Lake RV- Minden, NV	19 RV- Minden, NV	20 RV- Minden, NV	21	22
23/ 30	24 Pinochle- Pine Tree Bowling- Black Oak	25 Kayak - Pinecrest	26	27	28	29

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