



BULLETIN

April 2017

**Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136
Sonora SIR Branch #136
will meet at the Sonora Elks
Lodge on
Tuesday, April 11th
(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!**

**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

Happy Easter to all and I sure welcome the spring season. Remember if you love gardening, my rule of thumb is plant after Mother's Day. Next month is our annual Ladies Day Luncheon on May 9th. Little Sir Paul Squeri and the Special Events Committee have been working hard to make this year's event fun, entertaining and very special, so get your tickets (\$25.00 per person) and fill out a reservation form if you have a group with six or more people. Also, please bring your donation items for the raffle table on the day of the event.

2017 Membership Dues: Our active membership is 218 at the end of March and as of March 31st there are 40 members that have not yet paid their annual membership dues of \$25.00. If you are one of these individuals and do not want to jeopardize your membership in Sons in Retirement, then payment should be made ASAP. This means that you cannot participate in any SIR's activities including the co-ops. The BEC will be addressing the delinquent membership of those that have not paid their dues.

Rex Page our RAMP Chairman is in charge of the Sir's booth on April 8th & 9th at the Home and Garden Show in Sonora. We need volunteers to help in our booth, so please see or call Rex Page (209-533-4501) to sign-up.

Get involved in one of our great branch activities with your buddies and meet other members to make new friends. I encourage members to attend the BEC meeting to get an idea of what goes on. The meeting starts at 10:00 am prior to our luncheon.



LITTLE SIR NOTES

Paul Squeri - 586-4083

Well, we started this month off with a day called April Fool's Day. Considering the time of year, I wonder if the politicians conceived and named this day in a diabolical manor for the American tax payer. Are they still chuckling over the 1913 passage of the 16th amendment to the constitution: the income tax? How could any good American have said no to only 1%? To sweeten the pie, you had to make over \$3,000 dollars a year to be compelled to pay. For the bulk of the populace in 1913, \$1000 dollars a year would have been a good year. Sounds like they only wanted to TAX THE RICH. Well, to quote the great philosopher Yogi Berra, "it's like Deja Vu all over again".

As you all know, we put tickets on sale for the May 9, 2017 Ladies Day Luncheon at the March meeting. I want to thank everyone for the great response. You would be ill advised to miss the May Luncheon. We have a special treat for the ladies. Joining us is the long-standing member of The New Christy Minstrels, Dave Rainwater. Dave will dine with us and entertain us with his multi-faceted musical mastery and showmanship. The remaining tickets will be on sale at the same table at the April meeting. We also still have some table reservation forms available. Our guys will be there from about 11:00 until the start of the meeting. It would be great if you could pay by check but if not, cash is OK. Anybody not attending the April meeting or forgetting their money, can contact me at 586-4083 or E-mail me (paulsqueri@yahoo.com) and I will try to accommodate you. Please keep in mind that the later you call the less ability I have to get you your desired seating options.

Our speaker for March will be lieutenant Commander Shane Ferreira of the California Highway Patrol. Lieutenant Commander Ferreira has recently been transferred from Modesto to head the Jamestown office of the Highway Patrol. He brings with him many years of community relations as well as law enforcement. This should give us some insight into something that is considerably more than just a guy that tickets us. Let's also extend a welcome to a new member of our community.



Happy Easter



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 Skins Game held on March 7th at Mountain Springs Golf Course with a field of 8 players are as follows:

Darrell Courtright - 7 skins
Mike Baumgartner - 7 skins
Tom Neiderer - 3 skins
Kent Kirkland - 1 skin

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 Skins Game** is scheduled for April 4th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Shotgun Start time is 9:30 AM. Contact Tom Newell at

tom11646@gmail.com or 209-768-0382.

Results for the SIRS 136 / 77 March

Stableford Individual Stroke Play

Tournament held on the 23th at Mountain Springs Golf Course with a field of 22 golfers are as follows:

1st place - TIE (20 pts), Jeff Juhl, Rudy Flores

3rd place (19 pts) Mike Baumgartner

4th place - TIE (15 pts) Tom Nischwitz, John Perrault

Closest to hole #5

1st place - Gene Morales (40')

2nd place - Mike Baumgartner (58'4")

Closest to hole #12

1st place - Darrell Courtright (12' 2")

2nd place - Tom Nischwitz (20')

3rd place - Pete Larkin (20' 6")

The next **SIRS 136 / 77 Golf Tournament** is scheduled for April 18th at Castle Oaks Golf Course in Ione. Start time is 9:48 AM. The format for this tournament will be **Individual Stroke Play Low Net Flights A & B. Sign-up for this tournament is by Friday, April 7th (NO LATER)**. We are limited to players (24) in this tournament so I suggest getting your name in as soon as possible. This tournament is also pay in advance. Contact Paul Padavana at paulp_57@yahoo.com or 209-532-8051.



SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN

Steve Gregory - 533-0309

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No news is good news, so I wish everyone a Happy Easter!



April Birthdays:

Burnes, Bill	4/1
Gulick, Bill	4/1
Zanoni, Gene	4/1
Bowers, Michael	4/3
Peterson, Bruce	4/3
Stefan, Jerry	4/3
Harrelson, Ray	4/5
Espino, Felix	4/6
Rossi, David	4/6
Avila, John	4/7
Deaver, Gene	4/7
Wright, Mike	4/7
Patania, Nuncy	4/8
Pland, Dick	4/12
Domogalla, Joe	4/14
Kassahn, Ted	4/14
Abbott, Blair	4/15
Warford, Lee	4/19
Limon, Al HLM	4/23
Barth, Bill	4/28



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. 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 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 March. The second lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for March. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for January through March.

Dick Robinson	172	278
Sonny Tome	77	262
Bill Lewis	172	253
Del Rotelli	77	225
Mike Schmidt	172	221
Player	Branch	Average
3 Monday Session Players		
Henry Beltran	172	332
John Johnson	172	332
Al De Neveu	136	265
Art Bartee	172	225
Tom Newell	136	189
Bill Burnes	136	164
Player	Branch	Average
2 Monday Session Players		
Sol Robin	136	314
Dave Goldemberg	172	282
Roland Patton	172	228
Jim Turner	136	203
Bob Morrison	136	176
Player	Branch	Average
1 Monday Session Players		
Bert Kronnick	77	263

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Score	Player	Branch#
6-Mar-17	399	Henry Beltran	172
13-Mar-17	379	John Johnson	172
20-Mar-17	445	Dick Robinson	172
27-Mar-17	356	Art Bartee	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Mar 2017	
Branch	Score
77	293
172	287
136	238



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - 532-9550

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No fishing report received this month!



RV CLUB CHAIRMAN
Knute Kleinen - 694-8866

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The RV group made its 2017 Maiden Voyage to Jackson Rancheria Sunday March 18 with 19 rigs attending. We sat outside in the afternoon and listened to Jim Costello and Dale Decker, our hosts, give us a run down as to their plans for the outing. We also had Jerry Morrow, Sirs regional director, as a guest. Monday evening was Casino buffet with way too much great food. Tuesday, we had a Continental breakfast at the meeting room, followed by playing games, puzzles and conversation. Host dinner was served at 6:00PM with corned beef and cabbage, BBQ chicken plus all the fixings. Wednesday was the men's day to serve breakfast and because the weather was not cooperating the bocce and horseshoe contests had to be canceled. Because there was an excess of food, Rick and Betty made a trip to the "Homeless Center" they were appreciative of us thinking of them. Except for the down pours, everyone had a great time and is looking forward to the next outing which will be to the 49er park in Plymouth.



Our Theatre Group has now combined with Branch 172.

Attached is the flier for the most recent play: "Noises Off", for distribution to SIR Branch 136 Members. We presently have 14 tickets available and they're on a first come first served basis. Although, we are sometimes able to obtain more if available through Sonora Reparatory Theater (SRT). Our prices are discounted from \$30 each to \$24, so there is a savings in numbers. If you should have any question, or problem, get hold of me at ralphlegg@sbcglobal.net or my phone at 533-4228.

Thanks for your support.
 Ralph Legg



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

murabreo@comcast.net

Upcoming tournaments include:

Entry forms not yet available. **Carson City on April 10, 11, 12, 13 in Carson City:** Entry forms available at Black Oak and on line. **Grass Valley on April 25 & 26:** Entry forms not yet available



CAR CLUB CHAIRMAN

Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366

farmrich1@directv.net

Spring is here and that means warmer weather and less rain. For those SIR's members interested in seeing some out-of-town & local antique & classic cars, come over to the Black Oak Casino Hotel parking lot on 4/25 thru 4/27. The best time to view these cars will be between 8am & 9:30am. Our local AACA of Sonora is hosting the National AACA & we will be staging at the hotel 3 days in a row as every morning we will be on tours. Come over & say hello! Future car show with other SIR's branches is in the planning...maybe June or July here at the Sonora Elks.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

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March Membership	
Total Active Members	218
Luncheon Attendance (78%)	170
Excused Absences (55%)	27
Current February Membership	
Current Active Membership	218
Applicants Being Installed	2
Active Members Lost	1
Active Membership Outlook	219

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 (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 **Jeff Phillips** with a check for the amount stated on the application. Jeff's address is 14676 Blue Bell Rd. West Sonora, CA 95370.



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.



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: giacamo42@gmail.com The deadline for the next bulletin is: **Sunday April 30th**

RAMP-Recruitment, Activities, Member Relations, Publicity

We are signed up for a booth at the upcoming Home & Garden Show at the fairgrounds scheduled on April 8 & 9. The idea is to meet retired men who might want to find out who we are and what we do. Brochures and recruitment cards will be passed out. Hopefully some may join us in membership. Rex Page, Mike Nolan, Roger Swartz, Rich Rinaldi and Bill Lobdell are the RAMP team and will be working together to promote membership. That involves evaluating what we, as a SIR Branch, offer to our members and what we can offer to prospective members. We want to maintain our existing membership and provide outsiders the opportunity of joining Branch #136.



Sons in Retirement #136

Ladies Day Luncheon

May 9th 2017



**No Host Cocktails
@ 11:00 am
Lunch @ Noon**

Menu:

Shrimp Cocktail
Rib Eye Steak w/Baked Potato
-or- Salmon with Rice Pilaf
-or- Chicken Cordon Bleu
with Rice Pilaf
Includes Vegetable, Salad
and Desert
Wine on the table

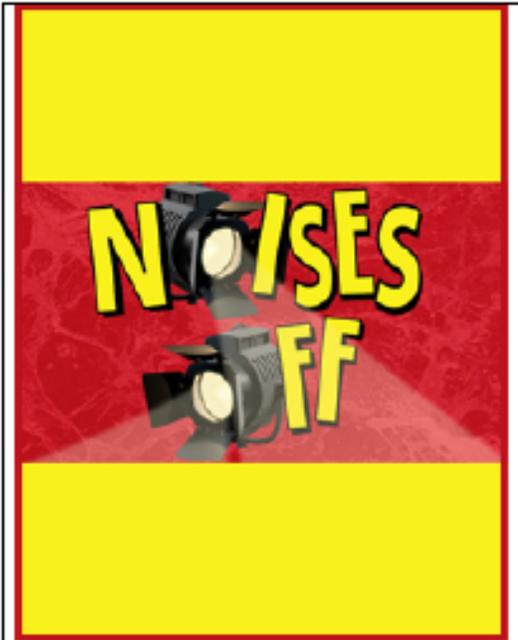
\$25 per Person

**Tickets will go on sale at the
March & April Luncheons**

MAXIMUM 224 TICKETS AVAILABLE
NO CANCELATIONS AFTER
APRIL 28, 2017

EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Paul Squeri - . . . 586-4083
Dick Aberle Jake Parsons
Rex Page John Vieira
Steve Heath Steve Belochi



A riotous whirlwind of theatrical catastrophe, *Noises Off* presents a pitiful acting troupe stumbling through rehearsal and performance of a ludicrous farce. Bedlam reigns on stage and off, from missing contact lenses and misplaced props to philandering lovers and a lethally swing axe in three acts of non-stop hilarity. Rated PG

Thursday April 27th
Fallon House Theatre, Columbia
Tickets \$24 per person
Make checks payable to SRT

OPTIONAL

Dinner at Christopher's in the City Hotel Restaurant, Columbia

Menu Choices: Hanger Steak
Chicken Gorgonzola
Grilled Salmon

Includes Salad, Vegetables, Rice or Potatoes, and Tea or Coffee
Desert is not included but may be ordered from the menu.

Price \$30.50

Make Dinner checks out to Christopher's, with notation of your Menu Choices.

All checks must be received no later than Monday, April 3, 2017.

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- 2000 - Bob Gibbs 2002 - Jim Nuzum
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- 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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- Book Exchange - Jim Rodrigues 536-4338
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- Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994
- Poker - George Parsons 533-8637
- R.V. Travel Group - Knute Kleinen 694-886
- Senior Member Awards - Jim Johnson 536-1595
- SIR Item Sales - Open Position
- 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).

April 10th

Luncheon Menu:

Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Salad, & Sherbet

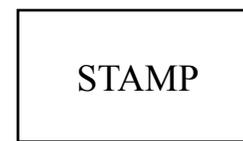
Guest Speaker

Lt Cmdr. Shane Ferreira of the California Highway Patrol. Lt Cmdr. Ferreira has recently been transferred from Modesto to



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

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