

## BULLETIN

**Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on Tuesday, April 13th. The Executive Board will meet at 10am in the regular meeting room.**

### BIG SIR NOTES

**Don Banchemo - 533-4289**

Spring is finally here and the warm weather is nice. I am sure all of the golfers and fishermen are enjoying it too. Our March meeting went well with everyone enjoying our guest speaker, Officer Rimmel and our wonderful corned beef luncheon. Our contributions are up to 50%, so I would like to remind everyone who hasn't joined in yet, to please do so. A special "thank You" to SIR Ed Soares for donating the truck he made. The winning number is posted, and someone from Branch #136 won, so be sure to check your tickets.

We are not accepting new member applications at this time, but will be happy to put anyone on a waiting list who would like to join.

Tickets are on sale for the Mothers Day Luncheon coming up in May. Several members have called me about getting tickets, but you really need to call Ken Danz, our Luncheon Chairman. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our April meeting.

### PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

**Al Smith - 586-1124**

The speaker for our April 13th meeting will be Dr. Eric Freedman. He is a urologist and will talk about men's "problems".

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

**Rick Bacon - 765-8210**

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings or by telephoning him at 765-8210 and an application form will be mailed. After the application is completely filled out, it is to be returned to the Membership Director for processing.

*If you know of any of our members who are ill or who have lost a loved one and are in the need of prayer, please contact our Chaplain, Paul Bullman at 588-8614*

### LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN

**Ken Danz - 536-3558**

The menu for our April luncheon meeting will be: pork chops, vegetables, salad w/dressings, cake, coffee, and water. For the Ladies Day Luncheon on May 11th, the menu will be: New York strip steak with baked potato or chicken cordon bleu with rice pilaf, salad, vegetables, roll, dessert, coffee and water. Wine and sparkling cider will be at each table. Tickets for the May 11th luncheon will be \$18.00 each.

If you care to purchase your luncheon tickets by mail, please mail your check to SIR Ken Danz, P.O. Box 84, Sonora, CA 95370. Make your check payable to: SIR Branch 136 and select your entrée. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and tickets will be mailed back to you.

## INTERNET

**Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630**

**sirjerry@sonnet.com**

We are working hard to make sure that everyone receives their bulletins and other correspondence. If you know of any errors on our part or know of any changes for you or any other members, let me know.

If you aren't receiving your monthly email notice about the bulletin and have given us your email address, let me know. I have bad email addresses for some guys, some mailboxes are full and some won't receive mail from me. If you would rather receive it in the mail just let me or Otto Bertel know and we will switch you to a paper copy. Remember that at any time you can go to sonorasirs.org and read the latest bulletin. You don't have to wait for an email from me.

### MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE LINE



If you are not going to be able to attend the regular monthly meeting or if you plan on bringing a guest, please call the Membership Message Line at **536-6311** and leave a message with the information.

### BOWLING

**Bob Thomas - 962-6207 Bob Wright - 536-9007**

Here are the scores for the past few weeks of bowling. Scores for March 1st are: High Score Game - Bob Thomas-225; Don Banchemo-214; Chris J. Parreira-210; Dennis McKinney-201. High Score Series: Bob Thomas-584; Dennis McKinney-562; Chris Parreira-514; Don Banchemo-532 and Gerry Davis-507.

Scores for the March 8th are: High Score Game: Bob Wright-223; Chris J. Parreira-223 and Bob Thomas-201. High Score Series: Bob Wright-564; Chris Parreira-539; Don Banchemo-526; Bob Thomas-525; Gerry Davis-522; Trini Mercado-517 and Dennis McKinney-513.

Scores for March 15th are: High Score Game: Don Banchemo-227; Bob Haiges-223; Neil Williams-219; Chris J. Parreira-219; Dennis McKinney-215; Bert Abreo-214; Bob Thomas-203 and Jim Van Gerpen-202. High Score Series: Dennis McKinney-590; Bob Thomas-585; Chris Parreira-573; Bob Haiges-570; Don Banchemo-557; Bert Abreo-556; Jim Van Gerpen-549; Trini Mercado-504 and Len Jacques-500.

### GOLF CHAIRMAN

**Joint Pr. 136 & Br. 77 Gold Committee**

**Tom Nischwitz - 694-8624**

The Golf Committee works best if everyone cooperates. You need to be at our tournaments on time (that means at least 20 minutes before tee times) and if you have playing partner preferences you will need to make sure that we are aware of your desires each month. It is also important that all who want to play, register *at least a week in advance* of the tournament. **Please!!** If for some reason you cannot play after you have signed up it is only common courtesy to all your SIR players to call and cancel. Those who sign up late will run the risk of not being included in any special type of play or match and those who don't show up make it more difficult to get started on time or to have special games.

## TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Fee: \$33 includes 1/2 cart & prizes; Bag lunch \$6.

2. Pay fee when you sign-up - checks preferable. If signing up by telephone, please send check to Tom Nischwitz payable to SIR's #136 Golf, prior to tournament day. (See Roster page 28 for address)

3. Check-in table at Mountain Springs will close 15 minutes prior to tee time.

### 2010 Northern California Golf Association Membership

If you haven't renewed your NCGA Membership for 2010 you are late. It is important that all members who play in SIR's 77 and 136 tournaments have current NCGA handicaps. To qualify for the Regional and State SIR's tournaments you must have your NCGA thru a SIR's group. One added benefit is the SIR NCGA are the least expensive in the area. 2010 NCGA Memberships are \$36 if signed up with the golf committee prior to December 15. After Dec. 15 the cost goes to \$48. The increase from last year is due to fee increases from NCGA.

### SIR Branch 77 Meetings

Bob Nath has volunteered to be the Golf Committee liaison for Br. 77. Bob transferred from Br. 136 and has been a part of SIR 136 Golf for many years. Please see Rob at SIR 77 meetings for things golf.

### 2010 Nevada Golf Trip

The 2010 SIR 136 Golf Trip will be June 6 to June 9, 2010. The group will go to the Carson Valley Inn in Minden Nevada. The selection of the Carson Valley Inn was the result of input from prior participants and reflects a reduction of cost from 2009. We hope that we will get a better turnout as a result of the changes. It is imperative that those who are wanting to go this year get their deposits and payment in on time so as to meet the new hotels requirements. Information is available at the golf table for Br. 136 and from Bob Nath for Br 77.

### April 2010 Tournaments

The scheduled SIR's tournaments in the area are:  
Monday, 4/05, Dryden, (#143) 8:00 Shotgun  
Monday, 4/12, Swenson Park, (#103) 8:00 Shotgun  
Monday, 4/19, Creekside, (#144) 8:00 Shotgun  
Monday 4/26, Stevinson Ranch (#103) 8:00 Shotgun  
Tuesday 4/25, Mountain Springs, (#136) 9:30 Shotgun

### February 23, 2010 at Mountain Springs

A Flight: Wayne Dixon 64, Rudy Flores 65, Bob Nath 67  
B Flight: Jake Parsons & John Dickerson 62, Dick Nutting 68

### CTH Results

#7: Jake Witort 8'9", George Parsons 8'6", Jerry McAttee 9'1"  
#12: Ron Witort 8'9", Jake Parsons 9'1", Wayne Dixon 10' 6"

### The Lighter Side of Golf:

It's a simple law of nature. "Hazards attract and Fairways repel."

**When Sponsors give applications to prospective members, please tell the applicant to write or print legibly and fill out the application completely.**



## MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

**Wil Reich - 533-2626 Earl Nelson 586-5661**

**April 19** Wine Tour \$50 per person/4 wineries & lunch

**June** Rose Festival in Portland, and Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR \$1465 per person (7 day bus trip)

**September** Montreal, Quebec City & Canadian Maritimes \$3600 pp.

**Dec. 30** Carefree 5(\*\*\*\*\*) star NEW YEARS in ARIZONA, 4 days of luxury with a large group of other SIR branches. All breakfasts & Dinners, including New Years Day Brunch. New Years gala prime rib & lobster dinner, and cocktail party. Dancing to Big Band Orchestra. Farewell Dinner Show with Pioneer Pepper & the Sunset Pioneers. Day trips to Phoenix & Scottsdale, & Sedona. Options of Golf and/or Spa treatments at a minimal cost. Cost is \$1570 per person.

**May, 2011, TUSCANY VACATION** includes visits to Florence, Lucca, Venice, Chianti, Siena, Pisa, San Marco, & San Gimignano. This is an EASY DOES IT trip. We unpack and pack our luggage only once. Experience Ghibertt's Fates of Paradise, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Queen City of Adriatic, Academia (home of Michelangelo's DAVID) and much more, along with breathtaking views of the Tuscan landscape. Cost will be between \$3400 & \$3600 per person

### 2010, 2011, & 2012 Tentative Schedule

2010 - Fall race horse trip, & wine or Corn Maze/Bass Pro Shop & lunch.

2012 - China

NOTE: Horse Race trip enjoyed the companionship of 47 race fans on March 26. Thank you all for making this a great trip.

The Oregon trip has 24 from Sonora going, and 6 from San Jose, for a minimum of 30. The Arizona New Years & Tuscany Vacation trips are E-Z DOES IT trips. The means GUARANTEED DEPARTURES, and UNPACK just once or twice. These Itineraries are specially designed tours for easy traveling at a more comfortable pace every day. Also home pick and return to home at a small additional cost.

**MODEL "T" TRUCK DRAWING** Winning ticket number is **541731**. Please bring your winning ticket to the April 13th Branch #136 meeting. If not claimed, another ticket will be drawn and listed in May bulletin.

### PLEASE NOTE!

During 2010, our Luncheon Meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month. The dates for our future meetings are: April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, and December 14th.

Please mark these dates on your calendar. If there are any changes, you will be notified at a Luncheon Meeting or from the bulletin.

If any member changes his mailing address, phone number, P.O. Box number, or returns from inactive status, PLEASE notify an Officer, Director, Committee Chairman, or the Bulletin Editor.