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## DIRECTORY

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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)  
Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale. (Rule 60). REQUIRED ATTENDANCE - A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Branch Attendance Committee giving a valid reason, or who attends less than six (6) regular meetings within the last twelve (12) consecutive month period, may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SIR. (Rule 100 & 107)

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### PAST BIG SIRS OF BRANCH #136 SONORA

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2009 - Don Nilan  
2010 - Don Bancheor

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### BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE AND CHARTER MEMBERS

Elwood Johnson - Branch Secretary 1986-2011  
Baci Frecceri - Travel Chairman 1986-2011  
Otto Bertel - Bulletin Chairman 1986-2011  
Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2011  
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# BULLETIN



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**SONORA  
BRANCH #136**

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**BULLETIN**  
**Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Elks Lodge on Tuesday, April 12th.**  
**The Executive Board will meet at 10 am in the regular meeting room.**

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**BIG SIR NOTES**  
**Al Smith - 586-1124**

Welcome SIRs....in March we had a great turnout for a traditional St. Patrick's day lunch of corned beef and cabbage. Our speaker was our own Little SIR Baci Frecceri's daughter, Christy. Christy gave an informative talk on trauma centers, how important they are, the different levels and the dedication of their staff. We also had a visit from our Area Governor Ed Nissen of Twain Harte Branch #172, who gave a short talk to those present. Two new SIR's were installed into our branch, Donald Grover and Wayne Rezab, welcome. Our annual Mother's Day luncheon is coming up fast, May 10th. Tickets will be on sale at our April meeting. It will be another great function for SIR's #136.

**PROGRAM CHAIRMAN**  
**Baci Fracceri - 532-7704**

The speaker for the April 12th luncheon will be Mr. Vaughn Pani. He is a Columbia Park Ranger and will speak about his duties and experiences as a Ranger.

**LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN**  
**Ken Danz - 532-6311**

The menu for our April 12th luncheon will be: baked pork chops with mushroom gravy, rice pilaf, green salad with dressings, cake, coffee and water. Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Mothers Day Luncheon.

**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.

**INTERNET**  
**Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630**  
**sirjerry@sonnet.com**



I am still working on getting our roster on our branch website, hang tight. Let me know of any changes that need to be made on the new roster that came out last month. Our Branch website is at <http://sonorasirs.org>, visit any time you like.



**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.

**GOLF CHAIRMAN**  
**Joint Pr. 136 & Br. 77 Golf Committee**  
**Jeff Phillips - 588-2977**

The Golf Committee needs your help to run smooth and have enjoyable golf tournaments. Here is what we need you to do:

- ARRIVE at the tournament at least 20 minutes prior to tee time.
- Notify me of playing partner preferences when you sign up - EACH month.
- Register at least ONE WEEK prior to the tournament.
- CALL and CANCEL if you can't make it. PLEASE!! Our tournament will suffer if you don't notify us.
- SIGN UP EARLY if you want to be included in the special types of tournament formats. There is no guarantee that you'll be included if you sign up late.

Thanks for your cooperation. With your help we'll have another great year of enjoyable golf tournaments.

**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 Jeff Phillips at 14676 Blue Bell Road West, Sonora, CA 95370 payable to SIR's #136 Golf, prior to tournament day.
3. Check-in table at Mountain Springs will close 15 minutes prior to tee time.

**2011 Carson Valley Golf Tournament June 5 to June 8, 2011**

Now is the time to sign up for the annual Carson Valley Tournament. Hotel Accommodations will be at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden and golf events will take place at Genoa Lakes Resort and the Carson Valley Golf Courses. See Tom Nischwitz for details. Details handouts are available at the regular SIRS meetings.

**2011 Northern California Golf Association Membership**

To qualify for the Regional and State SIR's tournaments you must have your NCGA thru a SIR's group. The 2011 NCGA Memberships after Dec 15 are now \$48 for any of you procrastinators out there. For those who do not have a SIR handicap, or a NCGA handicap at all, now is the time to get one.

**SIR Branch 77 Meetings** Bob Nath is the Golf Committee liaison for Br. 77. Bob transferred from Br. 136 and has been part of SIR's 136 Golf for many years. Please see Rob at SIR 77 meeting for any golf related questions.

**April 2011 Tournaments**

The scheduled SIR's tournaments in the area are:

Monday, 4/4, Creekside, (#143) 8:00 Shotgun  
Monday, 4/11 Atwater, (#103) 8:00 Shotgun  
Monday, 4/18 Dryden (MP) (#144) 8:00 Shotgun  
Monday, 4/25, Lockeford Springs (#143) 8:00 Shotgun  
Tuesday, 4/26, Mountain Springs, (#136) **9:30 Shotgun**  
**Tournament Results for February 22nd, at Mountain Springs.**

Course and weather conditions forced a cancellation of February Gold Tournament

**The Lighter Side of Golf:**

The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.

**BOWLING**

**Bob Thomas - 962-6207**

Here are the bowling scores for week 21 bowling.  
High score game: Gerry Davis-223; Bob Ferraro-222; Dennis McKinney-217; Don Banchemo-213; Bert Abreo-212; Rod Hietzel-206; Trini Mercado-204; Bob Thomas-201.

High score series: Rod Hirtzel- 607; Dennis McKinney-589; Bob Ferraro-586; Bert Abreo-583; Gerry Davis-578; Don Banchemo-574; Bob Thomas-565; Chris Parreira-543- Trini Mercado-542 and Bob Haiges-529.

**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**

**Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR**  
**Wil Reich - 533-2626 Earl Nelson 586-5661**

If any of the following trips are of any interest, contact Earl Nelson (586-5661) or Wil Reich (533-2626) for further information.

There will be a travel group get together on Tuesday, April 26, at the Elks Club, for both the Italy and Hawaii trips. We will meet with the Italy group at 2:00 to review necessary documents required and review the highlights of the trip. Serge Talbot, of Talbot Travel will be hosting. At 3:00 there will be a film on the Hawaii Cruise highlighting the various ports and covering any questions. If there is any question mark in your mind about doing the trip, this is an outstanding opportunity to get a clear picture of all that's included.

**May 12-20, 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 at the Hotel Manzoni in Montecatini. Experience the famous wines of Gimignano and the Medieval city of Siena along with the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Queen City of Adriatic, Academia (home of Michelangelo's DAVID) and many more breathtaking views of the Tuscan landscape.

Cost is \$3695 per person. Includes 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners, and 7 nights at the Hotel Manzoni, round trip Airport transfers from your home, airfare, private deluxe coaches, luggage handling, guides, admissions for tours per itinerary, and all taxes and tips ((Easy Does It))

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 2, 2011 - Hawaii Cruise.** This trip includes round trip flight from Oakland to Honolulu, airport transfers to the ship, seven night cruise aboard NCL's Pride of America, all meals, one bottle of wine per stateroom, port tax, government tax and GET taxes. Cabins begin at \$2,375. From Honolulu we sail to Maui for an overnight in Kahului. Then to Hilo and around the Big Island to Kona. Next is Kauai for an overnight in Nawiliwili Harbor. Then the return trip to Honolulu. A pre cruise overnight in Honolulu is available. Contact Earl or Wil for details.

Brochures are available at the Travel Table, at the luncheon, and on our web site. Norwegian Cruise Lines is the only cruise line that offers a Hawaiian seven day cruise. **THIS CRUISE WILL SELL OUT QUICKLY. YOU MUST BOOK NOW IF YOU WANT TO DO THIS TRIP.**



**PLEASE NOTE!**

During 2011, our Luncheon Meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month.

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

The dates are: April 12th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, and December 6th or 13th.

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.