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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)
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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BRANCH #136**

BULLETIN

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on Tuesday, April 9th. The Executive Board will meet at 10am in the regular meeting room.

BIG SIR NOTES

Phil VanSwoll - 532-1133

Thanks again to Dale Decker to volunteering to be our new Membership Chairman. It's very rewarding to have members step up and ask what they can do to contribute to the success of our organization. Your board is working hard to make Branch 136 the best it can be, and we can only do that with your help and your suggestions.

Remember – Speak Up and Step Up! It's good for you, and good for us.

See you all at the next luncheon – bring a guest!

Respectfully – Phil E. VanSwoll, Big SIR, 2013

LITTLE SIR NOTES

John Bristow - 588-8066

The Guest Speaker for April 9th will be Valerie Farley from ATCAA. She will bring us up to date on Programs and Energy Assistance.

The Ladies day Luncheon is set for March 14th.

Tickets are printed and can be obtained in advance by sending a check and selection to me and avoiding standing in line at the April Meeting. Most members should have received a flyer with this information.

LUNCHEON DIRECTOR

Rick Bacon - 765-8210

The menu for April 9th luncheon meeting will be: baked pork chops with mushroom gravy, rice pilaf, green salad with dressings, cake, coffee and water.

INTERNET, BULLETIN, ROSTER

Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630

sirjerry@sonnet.com

If you have any concerns or input about the bulletin or roster let me know.



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. Be sure to include your badge number and why you cannot attend. Please talk slowly and clearly.



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Dale Decker - 533-0455

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, by telephoning him at 533-0455 and an application form will be mailed, or by downloading the form from our branch website. After the application is completely filled out, it is to be returned to Dale Decker with a check for \$30 for processing. Dale's address is 10338 Slate Rim Rd, Sonora, CA 95370.

BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo- 736-4804

The league will be winding down over the month of April and/or bowling in a SIRS tournament in Carson City, April 15-18.

Len Jacques bowled his highest game and series this year with a 229/578 which was also 73/110 pins over his average. It appears that Georgie's Boys could win this league.

High game to date remains with Jim Simmons, but now with a 265

High Series - still Dave Rossi 727

Bowling his first 200 of the season was Bill Hines earlier this year - 2013 with a 206.

Standings: Georgie's Boys 29-11

(as of 3-25) Hines Pickles 23-17

Andy's Dandys & Team #2 22.5-17.5

The next upcoming SIRS tournaments are:

Carson City, NV April 15-12 at Gold Dust West Hotel & Casino

Knotty Pines, Pollock Pines, April 27-29

GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Jeff Phillips 588-2977

Please Note: Set your plans now to attend the annual Carson Valley Golf Getaway set for Sunday June 2nd thru Wednesday June 5th. Registration Forms (now available) must be filled out and submitted to Tom Nischwitz along with a \$200 deposit to reserve your spot.

The Golf Committee needs your help to run smooth and 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 tournaments 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 and suggestions for improvement, we'll have another great year of enjoyable golf tournaments.

TOURNAMENT RULES:

Fee: \$33 includes ½ cart & prizes; Bag lunch \$6

PAY FEE WHEN YOU SIGN-UP - CHECKS

PREFERABLE

If signing up by telephone, please send check to Jeff Phillips payable to SIR's #136 Golf, prior to tournament day. (See Roster page 28 for address).

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

2013 Branch 136/77 Golf Tournaments @ Mountain Springs (mark your calendars)

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Shotgun Start time</u>
Tuesday, April 30 th	9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, May 28 th	8:00 A.M.
Tuesday, June 25 th	8:00 A.M.
Tuesday, July 30 th	8:00 A.M.
Tuesday, August 27 th	8:00 A.M.
Tuesday, September 24 th	8:00 A.M.
Tuesday, October 29 th	9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, November 26 th	9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, December 31 st	9:30 A.M.

CTH Results

Hole # 7: 1st Phil Van Swoll(6'2"); 2nd Jerry Nielsen(22'5"); 3rd Vern Smith(26'2")

Hole # 12: 1st Vern Smith(5'7"); 2nd Bob Volpi(15'6"); 3rd Tom Nischwitz(28'5")

A Flight Winners

1st Bob Nath (net 65)

2nd Tom Nischwitz (net 67)

3rd Rudy Flores (net 72)

B Flight Winners

1st Sam Castle (net73)

2nd Phil Van Swoll (net 74)

3rd Trini Mercade (net 75)

Golf Trivia:

The southernmost golf course on earth is near Cape Horn in the city of Ushuaia, Argentina.

PINOCHLE CHAIRMAN

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

Please join us for playing pinochle. If you haven't played before or for a while, we will train you in our rules. You need not attend every meeting. A new player plays free for his first two meetings and will receive an award of \$10 if his total score in his free meetings is in the top 50%. After that, he pays only \$3 per meeting. Any player wins a prize if his total score for a meeting is either first or second highest. If it's lowest, he gets his \$3 back. We meet on the 1st Mon. of each month at the Moose Lodge and on the 3rd Thurs. at the Elks Lodge. We have about 12 to 14 players per meeting. For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon.



MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

**Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR
Wil Reich - 533-2626**

Horse Races: We have room for 10 more people. Price is \$80 per person. Trip is April 12 leaving Sonora by Bus at 8 a.m., and returning about 7 p.m. Call Wil at 533-2626 for reservations and information. Alaska SIR trip on August 29 starts and ends in San Francisco with bus pick up in Sonora. Starting price is \$1579 per person- inside cabin. We have 178 cabins booked, and our goal is 200 cabins. Call Wil for information.

RV Club News

Bill Lobdell - 586-7145 Jim Johnson - 536-1595

We have just completed our first RV outing for 2013 and we all had a fun time at Jackson Rancheria. During the four day stay there were trips downtown for shopping, site seeing and of course lunch out. Several folks took the shuttle over to the casino for the great buffets and a little gambling. The first three days the weather was sunny and warm and on Wednesday we had on & off showers throughout the day that forced us to spend most of the time in our RVs, taking naps or on our computers. Later that afternoon I invited Steve Henley, owner of Sierra Heavy Duty from Sonora, to give a presentation on maintaining and service of our motorhomes and trailers. Everyone enjoyed Steve's presentation and we followed up with a BBQ of your choice of meat and the ladies prepared several delicious side dishes.

We are now planning our April outing at Gold Strike in San Andres starting Sunday 14th thru 17th. Our May outing will be at Duck Island in Rio Vista on the Delta and the June outing will be at Betable RV in San Juan Bautista. Stay tuned for second half of the year scheduled RV outings I will present in the newsletters going forward.

PLEASE NOTE!

During 2013, 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 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th.. 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.