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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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BULLETIN

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will have our annual Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 7th. The Executive Board will meet on Monday, Dec. 6th at 1 pm in the regular meeting room.

BIG SIR NOTES

Don Banchemo - 533-4289

The holidays are here and with them comes the cold and flu season. I am down with a cold, but looking forward to our Christmas Luncheon and feeling better. I don't know why my wife thinks I am enjoying being in bed and being waited on.

The past year has been wonderful memories for me. I've met a lot of new Big SIR's that I didn't know before becoming Big SIR.

Our branch meeting, picnic and Ladies Day Luncheons were a lot of fun and work. I wish for all of our members and their families a wonderful, happy, and merry Christmas. Happy holidays to all from Big SIR Don and Janis Banchemo.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Al Smith - 586-1124

This month is our annual Christmas Luncheon. I would like to thank everyone who is helping me and my wife Janet in putting this program together.



LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN

Ken Danz - 532-3858

Our annual Ladies Day Luncheon will be on December 7th this year. No-host cocktails will begin at 11 am and the luncheon will start at 12 noon.

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 have made some changes to my email list so if you aren't getting emails from me, let me know and I will fix it. Thanks for your patience. 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.

In Memoriam

On October 17th, we lost one of our long-time members.

SIR Gaylon Smith passed away at a Long Term Care Facility of cancer.

We send our sympathy and heartfelt condolences to his son, Jim, and his wife, Wriatha, and to all their relatives.

GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Pr. 136 & Br. 77 Golf 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.

NEW GOLF CHAIRMAN

We have found a new golf chairman. Jeff Phillips has agreed to take over the SIR 136 tournament duties. We will make the transition over the next couple of months. I look forward to working with Jeff and am optimistic that he will be a very capable and innovative Tournament Chairman.

2010 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. 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. 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 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 Bob at SIR 77 meetings for things golf.

November, 2010 Tournaments

The scheduled SIR's tournaments in the area are:

Monday, 12/6, Dryden, (#143) 9:00 Shotgun

Monday, 12/13 Creekside, (#143) 9:00 Shotgun

Tuesday 12/21, Mountain Springs, (#136) 9:30 Shotgun

October 26, at Mountain Springs

Turkey Shoot - Everyone was a winner

CTH Results:

Hole #7: Jack Spracklin 12' 6", Ron Orth 21' 7", Bob Silver 24' 10"

Hole #12: Bob Silver 9' 1", Wayne Dixon 11' 1", Don Nilan 39' 2"

The Lighter Side of Golf:

A good drive on the 18th hole has stopped many a golfer from giving up the game.

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

SIR's #172 Pinochle Invitation

Any SIR from Branch #136 is invited to play Pinochle with us on Monday, Dec. 6th. For the year 2011, we will switch our card games to the first Tuesday of every month.

Moose Lodge: 20921 Longeway Td. Soulsbyville

12:00 to 4:00 PM. The play start time is 12:30 sharp.

Would you like to receive our monthly pinochle news email?

Roland Patton, 586-5643, rolandsomora@gmail.com



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



MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR

Wil Reich - 533-2626 Earl Nelson 586-5661

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. Includes home pick up and luggage handling. ((Easy Does It, means Door to Door))

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 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)) **A Discount** is being offered for the **Arizona & Tuscan Vacation Trips** when down payment is made by Nov. 30, 2010. Arizona discount is \$25.00 + \$5.00 cash per person, and Tuscan Vacation discount is \$50.00 + \$10.00 cash per person.

Sept. 27, 2011 - Hawaiian Islands includes 4 islands in 7 days. Round trip local airport to Honolulu, all transfers, 7 nights aboard the "Pride of America", Free Style dining, and casual dress. All taxes, including govt. and port taxes, luggage handling for 1 suitcase, tips for porters and drivers, and meals on board ship. This is an EASY DOES IT trip with home pick up and return. Approx. Cost: \$2200.00 pp.

PLEASE NOTE!

During 2010, 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. 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.