
DIRECTORY

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Big SIR - Baci Frecceri - 532-7704
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Attendance/Membership – Jim Johnson-536-1595
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Fishing Jim Nuzum – 533-2729
Area 27 Golf - Jeff Phillips - 588-2977, Jack Spracklin - 532-4081
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Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630
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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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Sonora, CA

PAST BIG SIRS OF BRANCH #136 SONORA

1996 - Dusty Rhodes
1997 - Dave Holton
1999 - Al Limon
2000 - Bob Gibbs
2001 - Jim Murray
2002 - Jim Nuzum
2003 - Dick Nutting
2004 - Bill Dunlavy
2005 - 2006 - Norm Whitsed
2007 - Wil Reich
2008 - Roger Milligan
2009 - Don Nilan
2010 - Don Banchemo
2011 - Al Smith

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
Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2011



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BULLETIN



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**SONORA
BRANCH #136**

BULLETIN

BULLETIN Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Elks Lodge on Dec. 11th at 11 am. The Executive Board will meet at 10 am on Monday, Dec. 10th.

BIG SIR NOTES

Baci Freceri - 532-7704

First of all I want to say, it has been a privilege and honor to be the Big Sir for this last year. I want to thank the board and the many helpers that got me through the year. I couldn't have done it without your help. I can now sit back and enjoy being a knife and fork member again. So now as we go forward into next year, I hope others will step up and take positions in the club as they arise. We've had a good club for the last 30 years and want to keep it that way.

Hope to see you and all at the Ladies day Christmas luncheon.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Bob Bly – 532-4135

Christmas Luncheon Notice

Our Christmas Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 11, at the Elks Club. Luncheon Entrees are Prime Rib or Salmon, salad and dessert. We will have Christmas music provided by the Greg Brown Musical Express. Tickets are \$18, and may be purchased by calling Bill Dunlavy at 532-7601. We hope to see a really good turnout.

LUNCHEON DIRECTOR

Noah Webster-588-1964

Our Ladies Day Christmas luncheon menu is Succulent Prime Rib with baked potato and vegetable or Salmon Filet with rice pilaf and vegetable. Dessert will be Brandy Sauce Bread Pudding. Wine will be at each table.

BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo- 736-4804

The league has resumed and the lanes are slow to warm up, but here is the current league standings
High game to date - Jim Simmons 257
High Series to date - Dave Rossi 683
Standings: Dennis' Gang and Georgie's Boys 24-16
(as of 11-12) Drex Wrex & Team #2 23-17
Hines Pickles 22-18

Although a number of SIRS and/or guests have bowled in the Brentwood and/or Modesto tournaments, the results are not yet available. However, it is known that some have received checks for their efforts. The next scheduled SIRS tournament is Tuesday, January 15 at Pacific Bowl in Stockton. As soon as entry forms are available, they will be at the bowling center and/or available on line.

INTERNET, BULLETIN, ROSTER

Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630

sirjerry@sonnet.com



Please feel free to contact me about any changes that are needed in the bulletin or roster. Our branch website is at sonorasirs.org, be sure to bookmark the site so you can read bulletins, meeting minutes and there is a link to the state SIR website.

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. > Regular attendance is essential for a strong and successful Sons in Retirement Chapter. The SIR by-laws limit members to three consecutive absences without having been excused by contacting the Membership Message Line prior to the monthly luncheon meeting date. A Member must also attend at least one-half of the regular luncheon meetings (Ladies Day, Summer Picnic and Holiday Luncheon excluded) within the previous twelve-month period. Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum twelve-month attendance requirement.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Jim Johnson-536- 1595

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, by telephoning him at 536-1595 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 Jim Johnson with a check for \$30 for processing. Jim's address is 12660 Red Chestnut #32, Sonora, Ca. 95370. The following will be considered for membership at the December Executive Board Meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Tom Newell	Rick Bacon
Jon Whited	Jack Peaslee

WANTED

SIR Branch 136 Sonora is looking for someone who might be interested in taking on the position of Branch 136 Assistant Secretary. This is a very rewarding position and gives great exposure to how this Organization came about and how it is controlled by its Bye Laws. No big decisions have to be made and the B.O.D. runs very smoothly. Anyone who might like to receive consideration is asked to contact the present Secretary John Bristow at 588-8066. I hope this does not scare any potential prospect away.
Secretary John Bristow

*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*

GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Jeff Phillips 588-2977

Note: NCGA Dues are now due; \$38 before Dec.10th; \$48 after Dec 10. 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 at 14676 Blue Bell Road West, Sonora, CA 95370, payable to SIR's #136 Golf, prior to tournament day;
Check-in table at Mountain Springs will close 15 minutes prior to tee time.

NCGA Dues are now due! The cost before Dec 15th is \$38; after Dec 15th add \$10. In order to compete in the SIRS golf tournaments you must have a NCGA handicap. Please make your checks out to SIRS 136 Golf and submit to the Golf chairman.
2012-13 Branch 136/77 Golf Tournaments @ Mountain Springs (mark your calendars)

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Shotgun Start time</u>
Tuesday, December 18 th	9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, January 29 th	9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, February 26 th	9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, March 26 th	9:30 A.M.
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.

Mountain Springs – October 30th, 2012 (SIRS Annual Turkey Shoot)

Closest To Hole

<u>#12</u>	<u>#17</u>
Augie Soares 6' 1 ½"	Ken Bartlett 27' 2"

4 Man Team Scramble Winners:

1st Tom Nischwitz/Barry Cline/Jim Hagel/Bob Silver -16
2nd Bob Nath/Bill Gulick/Mike Clay/Melvin Slife -15**
3rd Jeff Phillips/Jerry Nielson/John Perrault/Bob Edwards -14*
**won tie breaker **won junior scramble*



MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

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

SIR 55th ANNIVERSARY CRUISE August 28 to September 7, 2013 Bus picks us up in Sonora about 10 a.m. on August 28, and returns us back to Sonora on September 7 about 1 p.m. We board the Princess "GRAND PRINCESS" at 4 p.m. in San Francisco at on August 28,2013, and return at 7 am on 9-7 - 2013. The cost range is from \$1,576.00 for inside room to \$2415.00 balcony, to \$3300.00 for mini suite with balcony. This is an inclusive cruise covering all costs, and including Alaska Salmon Bake Excursion, Gold Panning (both with wine) Captains Party, \$25.00 ship credit, Cocktail Party, Bottle of Wine & Gift in each room, and a SIR Hospitality Area.

RV Club News

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

As always if you think you may like to join the RV club or attend one of our outings in the future please give Bill Lobdell a call.

PINOCHLE CHAIRMAN

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

Have fun by playing pinochle with us. If you have never played before or haven't played for a while, we will help train you in our rules. We meet on the 1st Mon. at the Moose Lodge and on the 3rd Thurs. at the Elks Lodge. You don't have to attend every time. New players play free for their first two sessions. For the rest of the year, new players will win a prize of \$10.00 if they finish in the top 50% in the sessions of free play. This prize is in addition to any other prize money they may win during their free sessions. We have 26 active players now and have been averaging 10 to 12 players per session. We had 9 players on Nov. 5th at the Moose Lodge and 13 players on Nov. 15th at the Elks Lodge. For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon.

PLEASE NOTE!

During 2012, 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 date is December 11th. 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.