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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)

REQUIRED ATTENDANCE - Members are to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale (Rule 60).

Members must attend at least one-half of the regular luncheon meetings (Ladies Day or Picnics and Holiday Luncheon are excluded) within the previous twelve consecutive month period and must not miss three consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date (Rule 100). **Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum annual attendance requirement.**

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1996 - Dusty Rhodes

1997 - Dave Holton

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2007- Wil Reich

2008- Roger Milligan

2009 - Don Nilan

2010 - Don Banchemo

2011 - Al Smith

2012 - Baci Frecceri

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE AND CHARTER MEMBERS

Baci Frecceri - Travel Chairman, Past Big Sir 1986-2012

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2012

Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2012



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**SONORA
BRANCH #136**

BULLETIN

BULLETIN Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on Tuesday, December 10th. The Executive Board will meet at 10 am on Monday, Dec. 9th.

BIG SIR NOTES

Phil VanSwoll - 532-1133

If you haven't reserved your tickets for the Christmas luncheon, be sure to do so now. Get a check in to Little Sir John Bristow, so you don't miss out on a really good time.

We had a great turnout at our last meeting – but very few guests! Don't forget that there is a free lunch in it for you if your guest signs up to become a member, so make that effort and bring a friend!

LITTLE SIR NOTES

John Bristow - 588-8066

SIRS. This will be my last article as your Little Sir and I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity. I have enjoyed the experience and want to thank you all for your support. The upcoming Christmas Ladies Day Luncheon is on December 10th and after it is all over I will hand the reins over to your new Little Sir Jim Johnson. I am sure he will do a fantastic job. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful and Happy 2014. God Bless us all everyone.

LUNCHEON DIRECTOR

Rick Bacon - 765-8210

The menu for our Christmas luncheon will be 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.

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.

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.

GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Jeff Phillips 588-2977

Please Note: NCGA dues are now being collected for 2014
Checks can be made out to SIRS 136 Golf for \$38 (after DEC 10th, add \$10)

Also, starting in January, Danny Laureta has graciously accepted the position as Golf Chairman.

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 8 for address).

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

2013 Branch 136/77 Golf Tournaments @ Mountain Springs

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Shotgun Start time</u>
Tuesday, December 31 st	9:30 A.M.

2014 Branch 136/77 Golf Tournaments @ Mountain Springs

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

Results of October 29th Golf Tournament at Mountain

Springs: Turkey Shoot

1st Place (Team of Wright/Castle/Dickerson/Nakano/Gould) net 62)

2nd Place (Team of Anderson/Nischwitz/Hagel/Cline) net 64*)

*won tie scorecard tie breaker

Closest to the hole #7: 1st Place Ken Bartlett 9'2"

2nd Place Wayne Dixon 36' 2"

3rd Place Rudy Flores 39'

Closest to the hole #12: 1st Place Bob Nath 5'6"

2nd Place Danny Laureta 18' 3"

3rd Place Dan Cassaro 20' 10"

MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR
Rich Lundin - 532-3873

wondjinaman@gmail.com

Snow Train to Reno February 18-19-20, 2014. This includes bus from Sonora to Sacramento Amtrak Station, Train to Reno, pick up in Reno to Eldorado Hotel for 2 nights stay (baggage will be handled in Reno), transportation from hotel to station on 20th, Train to Sacramento, and bus back to Sonora. All tips included. Cost is estimated at \$350 per person. Cannot get final cost from Amtrak until September 15th. The Link Line bus has room for 22 persons. If we exceed 22, and have 32 or more the 16-passenger bus will be added.

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.

PINOCHLE CHAIRMAN

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

Come join us for a fun afternoon of playing pinochle. Most of us had not played for 30 to 40 years when we joined. Some of us had never played before but play now. If you haven't played before or for a long while, we will tutor you. You need not attend every meeting. You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. Moreover, you win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting.

Any player who scores 1st, 2nd, or 3rd highest at a meeting wins a prize. We meet four times each month, on the 1st and 4th Mondays at the Moose Lodge and the 2nd and 3rd Mondays at the Elks Lodge, from noon to 3:30 P.M. For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon.

RV Club News

Jim Botto- 586-0822 - Ron Long - 586-1838

On Sunday November 17th, Jim & Ginny Johnson and Jim & Linda Botto drove to the Gilroy Garlic USA RV Park to set up for the November outing. The rest of the club arrived on Monday November 18th. We began with our happy hour and several pizzas. Mo Molinari showed everyone how to play "Screw Your Neighbor" for 30¢ a game. Really high stakes in this club.

Tuesday we started the day off with a Continental Breakfast. Jim Botto held a brief club meeting. We discussed the Christmas party on December 6th at Sonora Hills Recreation Center and the 2014 Outings Calendar. Our next meeting will be a breakfast at the Pine Tree Restaurant next to the Best Western Motel on Hess Rd. in Sonora, scheduled for February 17, 2014. The RV club annual dues of \$30.00 will be due at that meeting.

For our Thanksgiving dinner, we cooked three turkeys, 10 lbs of mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, and two different kinds of stuffing, salads, vegetables, dinner rolls, and several desserts. Happy hour was at 4:30 pm, dinner followed at 5:30 pm. As usual, we all ate too much but it was, after all, Thanksgiving! On Wednesday morning, the guys all worked to prepare the breakfast for the group, the usual scrambled eggs, sausages, bacon, waffles, English muffins, fruit juice, and coffee. Here we go again, eating. Several members of the club went Christmas shopping and others toured San Juan Baptista Mission. Happy hour was at 4:30 and Wednesday's dinner at 5:30 pm. We all ate Thanksgiving left-over's from last night's dinner which always tastes better the next day?

The next two events will be a Christmas party at the Sonora Hills Recreation Center and our annual February breakfast meeting, which we will finalize the 2014 outing schedule.

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 date is 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.

