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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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**SONORA
BRANCH #136**

BULLETIN

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

BIG SIR NOTES

Don Banchemo - 533-4289

I think the first meeting of the year went very well. We had many compliments from the members. Little SIR Al Smith did a great job with our first guest speaker. Everyone seemed to enjoy her presentation on "elder abuse". The only error we had was the luncheon menu did not get into the bulletin. Sorry about that. We will try to not let that happen again. Just to let you know how hard your Board of Directors is working for you, we had a special meeting the next day. It was called by our own Governor Norm Whitsed and hosted at Greenhorn Creek in Angels Camp. Most of the officers from the other SIR branches in our area attended. The reason for the meeting was to enlighten us about our duties for the upcoming year so that we can do a good job for our members. What a great bunch of guys. Now I know why SIR is such a good group to belong to. I want to remind you that we are accepting donations for this year. If you are writing a check, be sure to put your badge number on it.

Also, Branch 136 is no longer accepting membership applications. However, our affiliate Branch 77 Sierra is. Be sure to tell your friends about this. I am looking forward to seeing you at our February meeting.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Al Smith - 586-1124

Our speaker for the February 9th meeting will be Mr. Larry Cope of the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority. He will speak about the economics of our County.

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.

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

LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN

Ken Danz - 536-3558

The menu for the February 9th Luncheon meeting will be: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas, green salad with ranch and Italian dressing, rolls and butter, vanilla pudding, coffee and water.

SIR Item Sales

Bill Dunlavy - 532-7601 Herman Eaton - 532-6036

The SIR Item Sales was better in 2009 and exceeded 2008. All items and inventory is available at the SIR's meetings at 10:30am to noon. Warm caps in six colors plus Bolo Ties, Magnets, Pins, Warm SIR Logo Jackets with and without hoods. Support your SIR's and look good at meetings. Happy New Year to all from Bill and Herman.

Internet

sirjerry@sonnet.com

If you aren't receiving your monthly email notice about the bulletin and have given us your email address, let me know. I have bad email addresses for some guys, some mailboxes are full and some won't receive mail from me. If you would rather receive it in the mail just let me or Otto Bertel know and we will switch you to a paper copy. Remember that at any time you can go to sonorasirs.org and read the latest bulletin. You don't have to wait for an email from me.

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.

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

BOWLING

Bob Thomas - Chairman Bob Wright - League President

Here are the results of Jan. 18 bowling:

High Score Game: Bob Wright-240; Gerry Davis-234; Dennis McKinney-220 and Don Banchemo-207.

High Score Series: Gerry Davis-593; Don Banchemo - 550; Dennis McKinney-581 - Bob Wright-548; Bob

Thomas-519; Larry Jones-515 and Bob Fitzgerald - 501.

GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Pr. 136 & Br. 77 Gold 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.

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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.

2010 Northern California Golf Association Membership

If you haven't renewed your NCGA Membership for 2010 you are late. It is important that all members who play in SIR's 77 and 136 tournaments have current NCGA handicaps. 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. The increase from last year is due to fee increases from NCGA.

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 Rob at SIR 77 meetings for things golf.

February 2010 Tournaments

The scheduled SIR's tournaments in the area are:

Monday, 2/01, Creekside, (#143) 9:00 Shotgun

Monday, 2/08, Lockford Springs, (#103) 9:00 Shotgun

Thursday, 2/18, Micke Grove, (#144) 9:00 Shotgun

Monday 2/22, Creekside (#143) 9:00 Shotgun

Tuesday, 2/23, Mountain Springs, (#136) 9:30 Shotgun

December, 2009 at Mountain Springs

Rained out

CTH Results

Rained out

The Lighter Side of Golf:

According to Lee Trevino, "Columbus went around the world in 1492. Which is not bad when you consider the course."

MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR

Wil Reich - 533-2626

March 26 Horse Races \$68 per person (1 day)

June Rose Festival in Portland, and Shakespeare

Festival in Ashland, OR \$1465 per person (7 days)

September Montreal, Quebec City & Canadian Maritimes

2010, 2011, & 2012 Tentative Schedule

2010 - Wine trip - May/June (1 day)

2010 - Gallo Center - to be scheduled

2010 - Fall horse races

2011 - Italy North Classic - Rome to Milan

2012 - China

NOTE: March 26 Horse Race is a SIR Salute Day with a SIR race and picture with winning jockey.

The Mother Lode Travel Group which consists of the Area 27 branches is being formed. This will provide Area 27 SIR Branches an expanded opportunity to travel as we have over 800 members in our area, and 7 travel chairmen. All trips will be offered in each branch, with

the Chairman setting up the trip as trip host. I will be attending a travel seminar on Wednesday, Jan. 26 at Carmichael, CA along with other SIR Travel Chairmen.

This will aid our Chairman in the development of our Mother Lode Travel Group.

The Happy Traveler - Wil

1917 Model "T" Truck Raffle

The drawing will be held on Thursday, February 11 at SIR #77 meeting because that is the Branch the truck creator, SIR Ed Soares, attends. The 1st drawing is for the truck, and a 2nd drawing will be for \$50 cash. The light blue tickets sold at #77 November meeting were picked up by the serving ladies and discarded. The light blue tickets will be exchanged at the #77 Thursday meeting for the current dark blue tickets prior to drawing at the travel table. *You do not have to be present to win. Winner has until the May meeting to collect.*



MOTHERLODE FISH HOOKERS

Bert Maxwell - 588-1177

Note to ALL Fishermen: Please sign-up on Notification list, (at SIRS meeting) include address, phone, email.

1st Event: Lake Tulloch, 7am, Sunday, February 28. Launch at Conner Estates Marina, Copperopolis. The driveway is the next left beyond Poker Flat on O'Byrnes Ferry Road.

2nd Event: Lake Don Pedro, 7am, Tuesday, March 23. We need help from a member with "Bragging Rights" for this date.

3rd Event: The last week in April. Let us know your favorite fishing spot. Open for local, river, delta, bay or ocean destinations.

4th Event: Bridgeport reservoir May 13th to 16th. Bert Dronnick (586-7726) has done an outstanding job on details (please see one of us (Bert's) for itinerary). He knows where the fish are form years of experience. This will be a Big Event, three hours up Hwy. 108, but early reservation is needed.

Fall Event: Checo River, Brooking, Oregon in early Nov. George Parsons has the expertise on this event. Other events for the year will be based on your suggestions.

PLEASE NOTE!

During 2010, our Luncheon Meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month except in December. The dates for our future meetings are: February 9th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, and December 14th.

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.