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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
BRANCH #136**

BULLETIN
Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Elks Lodge on Tuesday, February 8th. The Executive Board will meet at 10 am in the regular meeting room.

BIG SIR NOTES

Al Smith - 586-1124

We had 163 brothers at our January luncheon and enjoyed a great meal of shish kabob prepared by our chef Dino. Our speaker was Ron Cole from the Shriners Hospital and the care that they give to children.

We start this year with just \$247 in the bank. Due to this shortfall, the Executive Committee has voted to adjust our luncheon price to \$14 starting in February. This price can be adjusted as our funds increase. Also, it is imperative that you mail in or bring to the next meeting your 2011 contribution of \$20.

Once again, I urge all brothers to refrain from visiting during our invocation, guest speakers, installation, etc.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Baci Fracceri - 532-7704

The speaker for our February 8th luncheon meeting will be Mr. Pete Canepa from the Tuolumne Utilities District. He will talk about the water supply of Tuolumne County.

LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN

Ken Danz - 532-3858

At the January luncheon, there were 163 members and guests. The menu for our February 8th luncheon meeting will be: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas, green salad with ranch and Italian dressing, rolls and butter, coffee and water. Don't forget - the price of luncheons is now \$14 each.

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.

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.



INTERNET

Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630
sirjerry@sonnet.com



I have been working with Bill Winslow from SIR to move our server and revamp our website. This will be an ongoing process as I learn the new site. Bulletins are available now and much more information is to come. Our Branch website is at <http://sonorasirs.org>, visit any time you like. A new branch roster will be out soon.

GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Pr. 136 & Br. 77 Golf Committee

Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

As your new Golf Chairman, I'd like to wish all of you a Happy New Year! And, thanks to Tom for helping me start to learn how to best serve as your Golf Chairman.

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

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 Jeff Phillips at 14676 Blue Bell Road West, Sonora, CA 95370 payable to SIR's #136 Golf, prior to tournament day.
3. Check-in table at Mountain Springs will close 15 minutes prior to tee time.

2011 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. The 2011 NCGA Memberships after Dec 15 are now \$48 for any of you procrastinators out there. 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 is the Golf Committee liaison for Br. 77. Bob transferred from Br. 136 and has been part of SIR's 136 Golf for many years. Please see Rob at SIR 77 meeting for any golf related questions.

February, 2011 Tournaments

The scheduled SIR's tournaments in the area are:

- Monday, 2/7, Creekside, (#103) 9:00 Shotgun
- Monday, 2/14 Lockford Springs, (#144) 9:00 Shotgun
- Tuesday, 2/22, Mountain Springs, (#136) 9:30 Shotgun
- Thursday, 2/24 Micki Grove, (#143) 9:00 Shotgun
- Monday, 2/28, Creekside, (#103) 9:00 Shotgun

Tournament Results for December 21, at Mountain Mother Nature and resulting course conditions forced a cancellation. We will pick it up where we left off in the New Year.

The Lighter Side of Golf:

Lee Trevino once said that "the three things an aging golfer loses are his nerve, his memory, and I can't remember the third thing!"

Sonora SIRS 136 RV Club News

We had a great Christmas dinner at the Sonora Hills Recreation Hall on Dec. 10th. After dinner, we had a short meeting to discuss future outings in 2011. Several members are in the process of selecting RV parks for the club to attend. Additional, Mo Molinari nominated Jim Johnson as Bill Lobdell's assistant and the members unanimously voted him into this position!

We have a planned breakfast get-together on Monday, Feb. 21st at 9:30 am at Papa' Roost which was planned by Peg and Mac McConnell. We hope to finalize the 2011 RV outings at that time. The first outing will be held at Gold Strike RV Park in San Andreas on April 17 through 20 and is hosted by Mo and Letty Molinari. If anyone wishes to attend any of the outing as a guest or would like to join the RV club, please feel free to contact Bill Lobdell at 586-7145.

In Memoriam

During the last two months, we lost three of our faithful and long time members.
Holly Rice died December 31st.
Hal King died December 24th,
Quentin Stirtz, passed away in January.
We send our heartfelt sympathy to their wives, family, and relatives.

BOWLING

Bob Thomas - 962-6207

Here are the bowling scores for week 13. **High Score Game:** Rod Hirtzel - 269; Don Bancheor - 243, 213 & 202; Bob Thomas - 236; Bob Ferraro - 209; Dennis McKinney - 208; Len Jacques - 203, 203 & 200. Bob Wright - 200. **High Score Series:** Don Bancheoro - 658; Bod Hirtzel - 623; Bop Thomas - 618; Len Jacques - 606; Dennis McKinney - 571; Bob Wright - 557; Gerry Davis - 541; Bob Ferrard - 514. Scores for week 15. **High Score Game:** Don Bancheoro - 247; Rod Hirtzel - 221; Dennis McKinney - 213; Bob Ferraro - 200. **High Score Series:** Don Bancheor- 610; Bob Fitzgerald - 564; Rod Hirtzel - 556; Bob Ferraro - 543; John Viera - 514; Larry Jones - 513; Eddie Conrado - 505; Dennis McKinney - 505- Mike Nolan - 502.

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



MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR

Wil Reich - 533-2626 Earl Nelson 586-5661

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))

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.

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

PINOCHILE PLAYERS!

Go to SIR's 172 Web site www.sirtwain.org, then "click the chick" by Pinochle.
Roland Patton - 586-5643 - rolandsonora@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE!

During 2011, 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: February 8th, March 8th, April 12th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, and December 6th or 13th. 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.