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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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BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE AND CHARTER MEMBERS

Baci Frecceri - Travel Chairman, Past Big Sir 1986-2012
Otto Bertel - Bulletin Chairman 1986-2012
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Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2012



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**SONORA
BRANCH #136**

BULLETIN

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on Tuesday, Feb. 12th. The Executive Board will meet at 10am in the regular meeting room.

BIG SIR NOTES

Phil Van Swoll - 532-1133

I know you will all join me in mourning the untimely passing of Bob Bly, who was to have been our Big SIR for 2013. He was very fond of the SIR organization, and was looking forward to this coming year with great anticipation. We will miss his enthusiasm, and his organizational skills. Even though he did not live to serve out his term, Bob will be recognized and honored at future meetings as a past Big SIR.

As your newly installed Big SIR for 2013, I am pleased to present our thanks to Baci Frecceri, our Big SIR for 2012, and his board of directors, for a job very well done this past year. We appreciate their hard work, and we will do our best to continue their efforts to make this the best SIR branch in our region.

We now stand strong at 233 members, with excellent participation in all facets of our branch activities. Please continue to invite your friends, neighbors, and yes, even your relatives, to attend our meetings and join our group. If there is anything you would like us to add to our activities, or any changes you would like to suggest in our operation, please don't hesitate to contact me, or any of our board of directors, and let us know what we can do for you. We are here to be of service to you.

LITTLE SIR NOTES

John Bristow - 588-8066

Guest Speaker for February will be Tina Powell owner of Sonoma Travel. She will be talking about changes in the travel industry and the impact the current economy is having on travel. She will also be talking to Sir Members who will be taking the Alaska Trip. We are also having a special event during the next meeting.

LUNCHEON DIRECTOR

Noah Webster-588-1964

The menu for the February 12th luncheon will be: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas, green salad with ranch and Italian dressing, rolls and butter, coffee and water.

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

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, our branch roster, the golf schedule 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.



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.

Wanted

SIR Branch 136 Sonora is looking for someone who might be interested in taking on the position of Branch 136 **Attendance/Membership Chairman**. This is a very rewarding position and you will get to meet most of your fellow members. Must be computer literate and have a good working knowledge of Microsoft Excel. Anyone who might like to receive consideration is asked to contact the current Attendance/Membership Chairman, Jim Johnson at 209 768-9948 or Big SIR, Phil Van Swoll at 532- 1133. It's a piece of cake, you can do it.

BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo- 736-4804

The Second Half of the league is underway with Jim Van Gerpen returning and Talf Wynne starting. Welcome to both guys. The league could still use more bowlers, as three teams are short a man. We hope to see Bob Wright back on the lanes soon. High game to date remains with Jim Simmons 258. But Dave Rossi has a new high series with 727. Bowling his first 200 of the season was Herman Schmitz with 212. Standings: Andy's Dandys & Georgie's Boys 6-2 (as of 12-17) Drex Wrex 5.5-2.5

Rejects 5-3

The results for the Stockton Tournament are not yet available. The next upcoming SIRS tournaments are: Livermore at Granada Bowl on Feb. 12/13 Petaluma at Boulevard Bowl on March 4 & 6 Concord at Diablo Lanes on March 18 & 20.

GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee
Jeff Phillips 588-2977

Please Note:

Set your plans now to attend the annual Carson Valley Golf Getaway set for Sunday June 2nd thru Wednesday June 5th. Details in next month's bulletin.

Also, Tom Nischwitz will be running the February Tournament in Jeff's absence.

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.

2013 Branch 136/77 Golf Tournaments @ Mountain Springs (mark your calendars)

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Shotgun Start time</u>
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 – September 25th, 2012

Closest To Hole

Rudy Flores won the cherished set of Joke Balls by knocking the ball within 5 feet on hole number 12. Congratulations Rudy!!!

Low Net Winners

1 st	John Russo	net 70
2 nd	Jeff Phillips	net 76
3 rd	Jim Hagel	net 77



MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Sonora - Twain Harle - Sierra SIR
Wil Reich - 533-2626

Alaska trip - Sonoma Travel is offering the following weeks for a deposit discount. Jan. 18-25, Feb. 11-26, & March 11-18. The discounted deposit is \$100.00 per person during these weeks. The deposit is fully refundable for any reason up until May 23, 2013. Tina Powell owner of Sonoma Travel will be the guest speaker at the Branch 136 Luncheon on Feb. 12th (everyone is welcome), and will hold a meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge after the Luncheon in the main bar room for those going to Alaska, & those interested in going. Salute to Sirs day at the Horse Races Friday, April 12th at Golden Gate Fields. Cost is \$80 per person, and includes seating in the Turf Club, Prime Rib Buffet Lunch, Bus from Sonora, Early morning coffee, donuts ,O.J. & Champagne from 7 a.m. till 8 a.m., with all tips and taxes included.

RV Club News

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

Not much to say at this time although the club members are having a Brunch at Papa Roost on the 20th of February. In the next two months are two outings, one is scheduled at Jackson Rancheria in March and the next one is Gold Strike in San Andreas in April.

As always if anyone is interested in joining the RV club or just attending one of our planned outings please contact Bill Lobdell 209-586-7145 or locate me at one of the SIR lunch meetings.

PINOCHLE CHAIRMAN

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

For good entertainment, join us for playing pinochle. You need not attend every session. If you haven't played before or for a while, we will train you in our rules. A new player plays free for his first two sessions and will receive an award of \$10 if his total score in his free sessions is in the top 50%. After that, he pays only \$3 per session. Any player will win a prize if his total score for a session is either first or second highest. If it's lowest, he gets his \$3 back. We meet on the 1st Mon. of each month at the Moose Lodge and on the 3rd Thurs. at the Elks Lodge. We have 26 active players and 10 to 12 players per session on average. For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon.

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 dates are February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, 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.