
DIRECTORY

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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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PAST BIG SIRS OF BRANCH #136 SONORA

1996 - *Dusty Rhodes*

1997 - *Dave Holton*

1999 - *Al Limon*

2000 - *Bob Gibbs*

2002 - *Jim Nuzum*

2003 - *Dick Nutting*

2004 - *Bill Dunlavy*

2007- *Wil Reich*

2008- *Roger Milligan*

2009 - *Don Nilan*

2010 - *Don Banchemo*

2011 - *Al Smith*

2012 - *Baci Frecceri*

2013 - *Phil VanSwoll*

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE AND CHARTER MEMBERS

Baci Frecceri - Travel Chairman, Past Big Sir 1986-2014

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2014

Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2014



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**SONORA
BRANCH #136**

BULLETIN

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on Tuesday, February, 11th. The Executive Board will meet at 10am in the regular meeting room.

BIG SIR NOTES

John Bristow - 588-8066

Sirs. Well my first meeting as Big Sir went off fairly smoothly and I survived for another day. Thanks for all your tolerance and best wishes. We will have to see what happens. I was pleased that we had new members installed. We can still take more so if you have a friend that you would like to invite please do so. We are still looking for a location to have the Picnic in August so if you have any suggestions please let one of the Directors know.

We have a special Presentation at our February Meeting Past Big Sir Don Nilan has reached the big 90 and our Area Governor Jerry Morrow will present his Presidential Award. Do not forget to wish Past Big Sir Don Happy Birthday when you see him. He was Big Sir in 2009

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Jim Johnson - 536-1595

The speaker at our February Luncheon Meeting will be Jim Costello. We all know Jim as the past President of Fiberboard Lumber's Woods Product Division here in Sonora and past owner of the Mt. Brow Winery. However, instead of talking to us about the lumber or winery industry, Jim will be sharing his and Pam's 6000 mile trip driving a 1931 Model A Ford Sedan in only 30-days. He may also share a couple ins-and-outs about his main hobby of restoring Model A Fords. His presentation should be full of adventure, suspense and maybe even a little humor. The Model A that he drove will be parked in front of the main entrance of the Elks Lodge before our meeting if anyone wants to take a look at it. Jim is also an active member of Jamestown SIRs Branch 77

LUNCHEON DIRECTOR

Rick Bacon - 765-8210

The menu for February's luncheon is Sirloin Tips over Noodles, Green Beans, Green Salad, Tapioca Pudding, Bread, Water, Coffee, Salad Dressing

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.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

It is a new year and our treasurer Frank Taylor is collecting our annual Branch contributions for 2014. This year the SIR State By-Laws have changed and the annual contribution can now be mandatory. Due to increased operating costs our Branch Executive Board voted at their January Board Meeting to increase the annual contributions by \$5.00 to \$25. This increase was presented to the general membership at the January Luncheon Meeting. If you already paid Frank \$20 for this year please give him \$5 more. You can mail a check to Frank Taylor, at 19419 North Court, Sonora, CA 95370 or you can pay at the check-in desk at our monthly meeting. Be sure to put your badge number on the check.

GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Danny Laureta - 586-4567

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 **30 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 or at our monthly luncheon.

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

PAY FEE WHEN YOU SIGN UP – Checks Preferable

If signing up by telephone, please make check to **SIR's #136 Golf**, one week prior to tournament day. Send to Danny Laureta at P.O. Box 1089 Twain Harte, CA 95383

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

2014 Branch 136/77 Golf Tournaments @ Mountain Springs

| <u>Day/Date</u> | <u>Shotgun Start time</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Tuesday, January 28 | 9:30 A.M. |
| Tuesday, February 25 | 9:30 A.M. |
| Tuesday, March 25 | 9:30 A.M. |
| Tuesday, April 29 | 9:30 A.M. |
| Tuesday, May 27 | 8:00 A.M. |
| Tuesday, June 24 | 8:00 A.M. |
| Tuesday, July 29 | 8:00 A.M. |

Results of December 31 Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs

Low Net Individual Competition

Flight A

1st Place Bob Nath net 68
2nd Place John Perrault net 69 *
Closest to the hole #12: 1st Place Tom Nischwitz 10'-7"
Closest to the hole #17: 1st Place Danny Laureta 23'-10"

Flight B

1st Place Bob Volpi net 60
2nd Place Melvin Slife net 66
Closest to the hole #12: 1st Place Tom Nischwitz 10'-7"
Closest to the hole #17: 1st Place Danny Laureta 23'-10"

Results of January 28 Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs *Four Man Best Ball*

1st Place Jake Parsons - John Parrault - Dennis Land
2nd Place Bob Nath - Ed Wright - Dan Cassaro
3rd Place Steve Hagel - John Deaver - Kent Kirkland - Matt Clay
Closest to the hole #5

1st Place Dan Cassaro 0'-8" 2nd Place Bob Nath 4'-10"
3rd Place Dennis Land 17'-4"

Closest to the hole #12

1st Place Kent Kirkland 3'-5" 2nd Place Chace Anderson 5'-0" 3rd Place Bob Nath 9'-4"

MOTHER LODE

TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR

Rich Lundin - 532-3873

wondjinaman@gmail.com



The SIR Snow Train to Reno is February 18-19-20, 2014. This includes the 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.

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, and some of us had never played before. If you haven't played for a long while or before, 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. The players with the highest three scores at a meeting win prizes. We meet each week from noon to 3:30 P.M. on the 1st, 4th and 5th Mondays at the Moose Lodge and on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays at the Elks Lodge. For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon.

BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo- 736-4804

Here is the bowling report for this month with events over the past month.

High game to date is Tom Nerwell with a 269

High Series - Dave Rossi with 742

Week of Jan 6 - High Game - Jim Simmons 230

High Series - Jim Simmons 641

Week of Jan 13 - High Game - Dave Rossi 243

High Game - Billy Oliver 634

Week of Jan 20 - High Game - Dave Rossi 268

High Series - Dave Rossi 742

Standings as of Jan 20 - Dennis's Gang 10-2

Georgie's Boys & Hines Pickles 8-4 Andy's Dandys 7-5

Bowlers can still join the league. We wish Bill Hines a speedy recovery from his medical procedure.

The next upcoming SIRS tournaments are:

Stockton -January 21st in Stockton - entries are on line and at Black Oak - Sonoma - Jan 26-28 at Napa Bowl

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, by telephoning him at 588-9529 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 Angelo Costanza with a check for \$30 for processing. Angelo's address is 23497 Gold Springs Drive Columbia, CA 95310.

RV Club News

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

January and February are the RV Club dark months therefore we had no outings. However our next meeting will be at the Pine Tree Restaurant on Hess Rd Sonora at 9:00 am on February 17th. At which time we will plan and finalize our 2014 RV Club Outings Calendar. In the SIRs Happenings news letter, the Napa Valley branch of the Rovin Roosters, went to the Feather River Falls Casino in Orville, CA and had a wonderful time. This will be a consideration for one of our outings. Annual RV Club dues are due and will be collected at this meeting.

PLEASE NOTE!

During 2014, 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 11th, March 11th, April 8th, May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th, November 11th, December 9th. 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.