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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 Sonora Elks Lodge on Tuesday, Jan. 12th. The Executive Board will meet at 10am in the regular meeting room.

BIG SIR NOTES

Don Banchemo - 533-4289

Before I begin the year as Big SIR, I want to thank Past Big SIR Don Nilan for all of his work this past year. We had a very successful Christmas Luncheon with 270 SIR's and their guests attending. We had two special guests, SIR David Reiser, President of SIR's from San Jose and his wife, and SIR George Christian, Region 3 Director from Citrus Heights and his wife attending. SIR Rich Rinaldi and his band, all of whom are SIR's, did a great job with the music, and Dino's food was excellent as usual. I am looking forward to another good year in the SIRs. There are so many things to do - join our Bowling League, golf in tournaments, go fishing, join the R.V. group, take side trips, or just come to the monthly meetings and enjoy the company of old friends. Wishing you all a happy New Year and I will see you at our January meeting. Thank You.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Al Smith - 586-1124

At the January 12th meeting, our speaker will be Kathy Toepel from Catholic Charities Senior Program. She will speak about Elder Financial Abuse in Tuolumne 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.

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 February 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

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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.

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



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.

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.

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

Rob 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.

December 2009 Tournaments

The scheduled SIR's tournaments in the area are:
Monday, 1/05, Creekside, (#144) 9:00 Shotgun
Monday, 1/11, Manteca, (#143) 9:00 Shotgun
Thursday, 1/21, Creekside, (#103) 9:00 Shotgun
Tuesday, 1/26, Mountain Springs, (#136) 9:30 Shotgun
Thursday, 1/28, Stevinson Ranch, (#144) 9:00 Shotgun

Winners in the November, 2009 Tournaments

No Tournament at Phoenix Lake (9 holes)

November 27, 2009 at Mountain Springs

Team Results: Three Man Captain & Crew
First Place: R. Sprunner, B. Smart and T. Nischwitz
Second Place: A. Smith, G. Parsons and B. Nath
Third Place: P. VanSwoll and W. Dixon

CTH Results:

#5 **#12**
Ben Smart 0.6' 10" Bill Youngdale 05' 03"
John Dickerson 17' 05" Tom Nischwitz 12'
George Parsons 28' 08"

The Lighter Side of Golf:

"Real golfers, no matter what the provocation, never strike a caddie with the driver. The sand wedge is far more effective."

*Have a
Wonderful 2010*

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: January 12th, 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.