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## DIRECTORY

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### OFFICERS

Big SIR - Al Smith - 586-1124  
Little SIR - Baci Frecceri - 532-7704  
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Asst. Secretary - Jerry Stern - 532-6875  
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Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630  
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Bulletin - Otto Bertel - 586-4697  
Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman - 588-8614  
Fishing - Bert Maxwell - 588-1177  
Area 27 Golf - Jeff Phillips - 588-2977, Jack Spracklin - 532-4081  
Honorary Life Membership - Al Limon - 533-4944  
House - George Parsons - 533-8637  
Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630  
Luncheon - Ken Danz - 532-3858  
Lunch Tickets - Neil Williams - 586-5370  
Public Relations - Frank Cimino - 536-0270  
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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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## SONS IN RETIREMENT STATE OFFICERS

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### PAST BIG SIRS OF BRANCH #136 SONORA

1996 - Dusty Rhodes  
1997 - Dave Holton  
1999 - Al Limon  
2000 - Bob Gibbs  
2001 - Jim Murray  
2002 - Jim Nuzum  
2003 - Dick Nutting  
2004 - Bill Dunlavy  
2005 - 2006 - Norm Whitsed  
2007 - Wil Reich  
2008 - Roger Milligan  
2009 - Don Nilan  
2010 - Don Bancheor

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### BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE AND CHARTER MEMBERS

Elwood Johnson - Branch Secretary 1986-2010  
Baci Frecceri - Travel Chairman 1986-2010  
Otto Bertel - Bulletin Chairman 1986-2010  
Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2010  
Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2010  
Hal King - 1999-2009 Appointed by State Board of Directors

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# BULLETIN



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**SONORA  
BRANCH #136**

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

**BIG SIR NOTES**  
**Al Smith - 586-1124**

Welcome to SIRs 2011. I am both proud and honored to be your Big SIR for the coming year. It takes a commitment from all of our Officers, Directors and Committee Chairmen and Brothers to keep this branch operating in a efficient manner. SIRs branch 136 offers a wide variety of activities of interest to it's members. If you have any interests that you think would be beneficial to our brother SIRs, please bring it to the attention of our branch officers. Thank you to Big SIR Don Banchemo and all of the outgoing officers, directors and committee chairmen for your dedicated service last year.

**PROGRAM CHAIRMAN**  
**Baci Fraccheri - 532-7704**

The speaker for the January 11th Luncheon Meeting will be Mr. Ron Cole. He will speak about the Shriners Hospital and the good help they provide for the children.

**LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN**  
**Ken Danz - 532-3858**

Our Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon was a great success. We had 214 members and guests in attendance.

The menu for the January regular luncheon meeting will be: broiled beef shish kabob, rice pilaf, string beans, green salad w/blue cheese and Italian dressing, rolls and butter, tapioca pudding, coffee and water.

**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.

**INTERNET**  
**Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630**  
**sirjerry@sonnet.com**



I have made some changes to my email list so if you aren't getting emails from me, let me know and I will fix it. Thanks for your patience. Our Branch website is at <http://sonorasirs.org>. Visit any time you like.



**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.

**GOLF CHAIRMAN**  
**Joint Pr. 136 & Br. 77 Golf Committee**  
**Jeff Phillips - 588-2977**

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.

**NEW GOLF CHAIRMAN**

Beginning this month, Jeff Phillips will serve as the SIR's Golf Chairman. If you have questions or suggestions about the monthly tournaments please contact Jeff at the number listed at the top of this bulletin. Rob Nath continues to be the Golf liaison for Branch 77.

**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. One added benefit is the SIR NCGA are the least expensive in the area. 2011 NCGA Memberships are \$36 if signed up with the golf committee prior to December 15. After Dec. 15 the cost goes to \$48. For those who have forgotten to renew or do not have a SIR NCGA handicap, send you check to Tom Nischwitz or give it to Tom at the meeting.

**A NOTE FROM THE PAST GOLF CHAIRMAN**

I have enjoyed my time as the golf chairman for the last eight years. I can assure you that I will continue to play and will help Jeff as much as he requests. I will continue to be the Handicap Chair along with continuing the June Gold Trip. I do hope that you will give Jeff your support and will help him be successful by signing up early and as promptly as possible let him know of changes.

**January, 2011 Tournaments**

The scheduled SIR's tournaments in the area are:  
 Monday, 1/3, Creekside, (#144) 9:00 Shotgun  
 Monday, 1/10 Manteca, (#143) 9:00 Shotgun  
 Thursday, 1/20, Creekside, (#103) 9:00 Shotgun  
 Monday, 1/24 Stevinson Ranch, (#144) 9:00 Shotgun  
 Tuesday 12/21, Mountain Springs, (#136) 9:30 Shotgun  
 Monday, 1/31, Creekside, (#143) 9:00 Shotgun

**November 30 at Mountain Springs**

**Flight Results**

<b>A Flight</b>		<b>B Flight</b>	
Wayne Dixon	70	Sam Castle	67
Tom Nischwitz	71	Augie Soares	72
Bob Volpi	72	Bill Gullick	78

**CTH Results:**

**Hole #7:** Barry Cline 34'10", Bill Gullick 41'7"

**Hole #12:** Sam Castle 11'7", Augie Soares 31'9", Armondo Puccinelli 41'8"

**The Lighter Side of Golf:**

Heard from one of the wives at the Christmas Party, "Please have them bury me on the 7th hole so that my husband will visit me three times a week."



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

*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*



**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 EASE DOES IT trip with home pick up and return. Approx. Cost: \$2200.00 pp.



**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: January 11th, 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.