
DIRECTORY

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Attendance/Membership - Rick Bacon - 765-8210
Bowling - Bob Thomas - 962-6207
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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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PAST BIG SIRS OF BRANCH #136 SONORA

1996 - Dusty Rhodes
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1999 - Al Limon
2000 - Bob Gibbs
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2010 - Don Bancho
2011 - Al Smith

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE AND CHARTER MEMBERS

Elwood Johnson - Branch Secretary 1986-2011
Baci Frecceri - Travel Chairman 1986-2011
Otto Bertel - Bulletin Chairman 1986-2011
Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2011
Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2011



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**SONORA
BRANCH #136**

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

BIG SIR NOTES

Baci Freceri - 532-7704

Another year gone by, another Christmas luncheon w/ the ladies and another good dinner by Dino. My thanks to all the help of those who got the many gifts, help w/ the set-up and the flowers that had to be picked up.

Now it's on to a new year. We have new officers to help keep this club the success it has always been.

My hope and wishes for all, is a happy and healthy year coming.

See everyone in January.

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Bob Bly – 532-4135

Our speaker at the January 2012 lunch will be Larry Cope, Director of Economic Development for the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority. Larry is responsible for the retention and recruitment of businesses for Tuolumne. He will give us an update on current county economic development projects.

LUNCHEON DIRECTOR

Ken Dantz - 532-3858

We sold 186 tickets for last months Christmas luncheon.

The menu for the January 10th luncheon will be: broiled beef shish kabob, rice pilaf, string beans, green salad, blue cheese & Italian dressing, rolls and butter, tapioca pudding, coffee and water.

PINOCHILE PLAYERS

Roland Patton - 586-5643 - rolandsonora@gmail.com

New or Old looking for a Winter pastime?

Go to SIRs 172 web site - www.sirtwain.org.

Then "click the click" by Pinochle.

INTERNET, BULLETIN

Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630 sirjerry@sonnet.com

I would like to thank Otto Bertel for his 20 years of hard work as bulletin editor. He is part of the glue that has kept our branch together. I have taken over as bulletin editor and I hope that I can do half as good a job as Otto has done. So if you have any input concerning the bulletin please feel free to contact me.



SIR President Jim Stedman's message to all SIR members (to be published in all January Branch newsletters)

**NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT IS SUCCESSFUL
BRANCHES ARE IMPROVING**

Our goal was to recruit 1,900 new members in 2011. Branch leaders exceeded this goal by recruiting and inducting 2,100 new members. This is an outstanding accomplishment which puts to rest the idea that newly retired men are not joiners. They will join SIR branches that are appealing. But this successful year is only a start.

The SIR organization fell on hard times in recent years. Overall membership declined from about 32,000 members in 1990 to about 18,000 now. 44 branches failed and closed in the last 12 years. We know why this happened. We lost our focus on maintaining a good balance of newer and older members in our branches. We did not recruit enough new members annually to maintain a good proportion of newer members and our branches became less appealing and lost members.

Our challenge now is to restore this balance. We have found that recruiting new members every year at the annual rate of at least 10% of membership is needed. We met and exceeded this goal in 2011. So when Branch leaders remind you to sponsor a new member, please respond by inviting your retired friends and acquaintances to join. Each successive year this goal is met the proportion of newer members in your branch will increase. Over time balance will be restored and your improved branch will be there for you and for those who come after you.



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 Br. 136 & Br. 77 Golf Committee

Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

We Need more Golfers!

See the Golf Chairman for tournament signups!

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.

NCGA 2012 dues are now due! Cost same as last year at \$38; add \$10 if received after Dec. 10th! You will need and NCGA handicap in order to compete in SIRs golf events.

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.

January, 2012 Tournament at Mountain Springs 9:30

Shotgun

Tuesday January 31st 9:30 Shotgun

Mountain Springs – November 29th, 2011

Closest To Hole

#7	#17
Augie Soares 27' 5"	Sam Castle 1' 7"
Dick Nutting 28' 2"	Jake Parsons 2' 4"
Sam Castle 29' 10"	Bob Volpi 26' 6"

Individual Low Net

A Flight

1st John Parrault Net 66
2nd Wayne Dixon Net 67
3rd Bob Volpi Net 71

B Flight

1st John Dickerson Net 66
2nd Augie Soares Net 68
3rd Sam Castle Net 71*

* Won Scorecard Playoff

The Lighter Side of Golf:

Just as you are ready to drop the game of golf for good you arrive at the 19th hole to forget all your transgressions....anonymous

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.

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**

April 15-21, 2012, SPRING TIME IN BRANSON
7 Shows, Silver Dollar City, Lake Taneycomo Cruise & Showboat Belle. Air from Sacramento to Branson, bus transportation from Sonora, baggage handling, tips and taxes, and breakfast and dinner each day included for \$1695.00 per person.

See Presleys Jubilee, Yakov live, The Baldnobbers, Bret Family, and Shoji Tabuchi along with a choice of a dozen shows at Silver Dollar City with your friends from Sons in Retirement.

Aug. 18, 2012, depart for Castles along Rhine & Danube.

Fly to Budapest, Hungary and embark Budapest on a Deluxe Vantage Cruise Ship. Tour Vienna, Austria, Durnstein, Passau, Germany, Krumlov, Czech Republic, Resgenburg, Nuremberg, Germany, Bamberg, Germany, Wurzburg Germany, Wertheim Germany, Aschaffenburg/ Frankfurt Germany, Rudesheim Germany, Cologne Germany, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and return home. All accommodations aboard the ship for 15 days, including Round-Trip International Airfare from select US cities, 45 meals, Captains Welcome with wine, all overseas transfers & baggage handling (except in customs). Cost: \$4499.00 + approx. \$400.00 from SFO to New York.

2013 - August SIR 55th Anniversary
Cruise from San Francisco to Alaska. Detailed information will be available in January, 2012.

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

PLEASE NOTE!

During 2012, 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 14th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12th, July 10th, August 14th, September 11th, October 9th, November 13th, December 11th. 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.