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## DIRECTORY

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### OFFICERS

Big SIR - John Bristow-588-8066  
Little SIR -Jim Johnson-536-1595  
Secretary – Dale Decker - 533-0455  
Asst. Secretary - Jerry Bellefeuille-533-3630  
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Angelo Costanza 588-9529  
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Mariano Garces 586-9973  
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Attendance/Membership – Angelo Costanza 588-9529  
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Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman - 588-8614  
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Honorary Life Membership - Al Limon - 533-4944  
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Lunch Tickets - Neil Williams - 586-5370  
Bowling-Bert Abreo – 736-4804  
R.V. Travel Group - Jim Botto - 586-0822  
Travel - Rich Lundin - 532-3873  
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Pinochle-Bob Morrison-588-0994

### 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*

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### BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE AND CHARTER MEMBERS

*Baci Frecceri - Travel Chairman, Past Big Sir 1986-2012*

*Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2012*

*Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2012*

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# BULLETIN

## January, 2014



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**SONORA  
BRANCH #136**

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## BULLETIN

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on Tuesday, January 14th. The Executive Board will meet at 10am in the regular meeting room.

### BIG SIR NOTES

**John Bristow - 588-8066**

Sirs I never thought that when I was asked to join the SIR Organization that I would one day be asked to be Secretary, Little Sir or now Big Sir. I feel that this is an Honor and I will do by best with your support to make 2014 an enjoyable year.

Our Membership continues to fluctuate but experience has shown me over my 30 years in an Organization like SIRS this is typical. But I can only ask that you will continue to support with your attendance and that you inform the Attendance Chairman when you are unable to attend. This serves more than one purpose and the most important is your health and well being. I look forward to our first meeting when we will welcome new Members and New Directors. Regarding those Directors who are retired I thank you for being part of the group in 2013 and your enthusiasm will be greatly missed. I am sure that when I say we are here to serve you and please, please if we can help you, we are a phone call away.

### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**Jim Johnson - 536-1595**

Happy New Year! I hope all of you and your family had a wonderful holiday season.

I am looking forward to serving you as Little SIR this year and to working with BIG SIR John, the Board and you to make our Branch an even stronger organization.

We have a lot of things to keep us busy and active again this year. So, if you are interested in being part of one or more of our fine committees this year please contact the committee chairman and get started. We have a strong and busy Bowling, Golf, Fishing, RV Travel, Pinochle and Travel groups. You can find the Chairman and their phone numbers for each of these committees listed at little later in this bulletin. Give one of them a call.

I am also looking for interesting and informative luncheon speakers. If you have any good suggestions please give me a call.

So now that the holiday season is over it is time for me to go to work.

### LUNCHEON DIRECTOR

**Rick Bacon - 765-8210**

The menu for January is Swiss steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Salad, Vanilla Pudding, Bread, Water, Coffee, Salad Dressing.

### 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.

### BOWLING CHAIRMAN

**Bert Abreo- 736-4804**

Tom Newell bowled 98 pins over average to have a 269  
George Fontaine bowled 109 pins over average for a 526 series  
High game to date is Tom Newell with a 269

High Series - Dave Rossi with 715  
Week of Dec 2 - High Game - Dave Rossi 243  
High Series - Jim Simmons 634

Week of Dec 9 - High Game - Dave Rossi 247  
High Game - Jim Simmons 607

Week of Dec 16 - High Game - Tom Newell 254  
High Series - Dave Rossi 715

Standings as of 12-16 - Misfits 37-23

Georgie's Boys 336-24 Drex Wrex & Team #2 33-27

First Half Champions are Misfits (Don Banchemo, Gerry Davis, Gene Deaver & Jim Simmons)

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

### GOLF CHAIRMAN

**Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee**

**Danny Laureta - 586-4567**

Starting in January, Danny Laureta has graciously accepted the position as Golf Chairman.

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 1/2 cart & prizes; Bag lunch \$6

PAY FEE WHEN YOU SIGN-UP - CHECKS PREFERABLE

If signing up by telephone, please send check to Jeff Phillips payable to SIR's #136 Golf, prior to tournament day. (See Roster page 8 for address).

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

If you haven't renewed your NCGA membership, it will now cost \$48.

2014 Branch 136/77 Golf Tournaments @ Mountain Springs

| Day/Date                            | Proposed Shotgun Start time |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tuesday, January 28th               | 9:30 A.M.                   |
| Tuesday, February 25 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:30 A.M.                   |
| Tuesday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>     | 9:30 A.M.                   |
| Tuesday, April 29 <sup>th</sup>     | 9:30 A.M.                   |
| Tuesday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>       | 8:00 A.M.                   |
| Tuesday, June 24 <sup>th</sup>      | 8:00 A.M.                   |
| Tuesday, July 29 <sup>th</sup>      | 8:00 A.M.                   |
| Tuesday, August 26 <sup>th</sup>    | 8:00 A.M.                   |
| Tuesday, September 30 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00 A.M.                   |
| Tuesday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>   | 9:30 A.M.                   |
| Tuesday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:30 A.M.                   |
| Tuesday, December 30 <sup>st</sup>  | 9:30 A.M.                   |

Results of November 26<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs:

Low net Individual Competition

| Flight A  | Flight B                                   |
|---|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Gene Morales net 65                         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Dan Cassaro Net 60   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Chace Anderson net 66                       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Trini Mercado Net 61 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Dennis Land net 68                          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Melvin Slife Net 66  |
| Closest to the hole #7: 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Lee Hoddy 6'6"      |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Mike Clay 6' 6 1/2"                         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Bob McDonough 12'    |
| Closest to the hole #17: 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Bob McDonoug 10'5" |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Tony Vega 20' 1/2"                          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Melvin Slife 28'4"   |

### 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**

Watch us play pinochle during the social hour at our next SIR meeting. Then come join us for a fun afternoon of playing pinochle. If you haven't played before or for a long while, 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. Any player who scores 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> highest at a meeting wins a prize. We meet four times each month, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at the Moose Lodge and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at the Elks Lodge, from noon to 3:30 P.M. For more information, go to web site [www.sirtwain.org](http://www.sirtwain.org) and click on the pinochle icon.

### 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

**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**

Monday December 16, 2013 Rovin Roosters & Chicks held their annual Christmas party at the Sonora Hills Recreation Center. The dinner was hosted by Steve & Carolyn Gregory and Jim & Ginny Johnson. The entire RV Club membership attended the gala event with the exception of Jack & Rosie Walls. Rosie went into the hospital this afternoon for a hip replacement and is reported to be doing well. She should be going home on Wednesday. We all wish her well and a speedy recovery.

Mo & Letty Molinari, every year at Christmas collect can goods for the Interfaith Community Services and this year the RV club members donated five boxes of can good and other food stuffs. In addition to the food Earl Randall collected \$865 in cash donations from the RV club members and has arranged for the Elks Lodge to match this amount for the Interfaith Community Services.

Bill Lobdell was presented with a Recognition of Service Plaque for the past three outstanding years that he was the RV Club Chairman. Also in recognition of his longtime service to the SIRS RV Club Mo Molinari was presented a similar plaque.

The next event for the SIRS RV Club will be our annual breakfast planning meeting to be held at the Pine Tree Restaurant next to the Best Western Motel in Sonora.

### 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 January 14<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 8th, May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th, November 11th, and 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.