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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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BULLETIN

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on Tuesday, July 13th. The Executive Board will meet at 10 am in the regular meeting Room

BIG SIR NOTES

Don Banchero - 533-4289

Although our attendance was down a bit at the last meeting, all of those attending seemed to enjoy our guest speakers. We had a lot of fun with our chanting and meeting "Mark Twain" and Lorenzo Baca.

It is July already and 62% of our members have paid their donations. If you are not sure if you have done so, contact our treasurer, Frank Taylor.

We are busy working on the plans for our August picnic at Railtown with SIR Jack McGinnes as Chairman. Be sure to buy your tickets at the July meeting. We always have a lot of fun at this event. Tickets are \$10 and the whole family is invited. Our picnic menu is hamburgers, turkey burgers, hot dogs, beans, corn on the cob and watermelon for dessert. The Elks will have their bar set up, but bring your own soft drinks and chairs. This event will be counted as a regular meeting.

We have an all SIR day coming up at AT&T Park on July 29th. The Giants vs. the Marlins, and it should be a good game. I will be announcing more about this at our meeting.

Several of our officers and members were absent last month, so we are looking forward to seeing everyone again.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Al Smith - 586-1124

The guest speaker at the July 13th Luncheon Meeting will be Mr. Lee Dempsey of Strawberry. He will speak about his sea-faring adventure with his son as they sailed in their boat from Turkey to the United States. His topic will be called "Gonzo with the Wind."

LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN

Ken Danz - 532-3858

The menu for our July 13th Luncheon will be: Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, fruit salad, bread and butter, tapioca pudding, coffee and water. Don't forget to get your tickets for our August Bar-B-Que at this Luncheon Meeting as no tickets will be sold "at the Door".

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



We are working hard to make sure that everyone receives their bulletins and other correspondence. If you know of any errors on our part or know of any changes for you or any other members, let me know.

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.

12th Annual SIR Branch #136 Family Picnic

Our annual picnic will again be held at the 1897 Railtown State Park on Tuesday, August 10th. This event will be counted as a regular meeting.

The menu is hamburgers, hot dogs, turkey burgers, chili beans, corn on the cob, and watermelon. The Elks will have their bar set up, but bring your own soft drinks and chairs. Music will be furnished by our own branch member, Jim Mueller.

The price for the tickets is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children 16 years old and under. Tickets can be purchased at the July meeting from Ken Danz. No tickets will be sold "at the door".

Much help is needed for this picnic and all volunteers are welcome. Please see SIR Jack McGinnes or Don Banchero. There will be games and prizes for this affair.

PINOCHLE

The Pinochle Club will meet at the Moose Lodge in Soulsbyville on July 19th, instead of the first Monday of July. This temporary change was made due to the anticipated poor attendance. Please call if you intend to eat lunch at the Moose Lodge at 12PM. We start playing cards at 12:30 sharp. Any SIR member is welcome to play cards with us. Beginners or new players play the first session free. Please call Roland Patton at 586-5643 for more 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.

NEW GOLF CHAIRMAN

We are looking for a new Golf Chairman. It is time for me to pass this wonderful job to someone new. I have agreed to handle the NCGA Handicaps for the branch and the annual trip tournament if the new chairman desires. Please see me or Al Smith if you are interested in this position. We have till January to fill the position.

2010 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. 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

Bob 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.

2010 Nevada Golf Trip

The 2010 Carson City was a big success. The comments about the golf and the lodging at the Carson Valley Inn were all positive and we even grew by a couple of golfers. Because of the number of golfers we went out as three person teams on both days of golf.

Winners were: Monday 6/7 at Genoa Resort - Bob Volpi, Augie Soares and Christine Spracklin. Tuesday at Sunridge - Tom Nischwitz, Geroge Parsons and Christine Spracklin.

July 2010 Tournaments

The scheduled SIR's tournaments in the area are:
Tuesday, 7/08, Micke Grove, (#103) 8:00 Shotgun
Monday, 7/12, Dryden, (#144) 8:00 Shotgun
Monday, 7/19, The Reserve, (#143) 8:00 Shotgun
Monday 7/26, Creekside (#103) 8:00 Shotgun
Tuesday 7/27, Mountain Springs, (#136) 8:30 Shotgun

May 25, 2010 at Mountain Springs

Flight Results:

A Flight: Dick Nutting 66, Bob Nath 67, Bob Volpi 68

B Flight: Augie Soars 69, Trini Mercado 69, Sam Castle 72

CTH Results:

Hole #5: Rudy Flores 2' 07", Bob Nath 15'

Hole #12: Ray Spruner 17' 09", John Kisling 33', Wayne Dixon 37' 02"

The Lighter Side of Golf:

Advice heard from Jack Spracklin in Carson City. "When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls."



MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR

Wil Reich - 533-2626 Earl Nelson 586-5661

Our trip to Oregon was wonderful. The weather was perfect and all of the travelers had a great time.

September 16 Montreal, Quebec City & Canadian Maritimes \$3600 pp. We have room for 4 persons due to cancellations. This is a great Fall Colors trip along with travels to Prince Edwards Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

November 12 A Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields. \$72.00 per person including Prim Rib Buffet, transportation, all tips and taxes.

Dec. 30 Carefree 5(*****) star NEW YEARS in ARIZONA, 4 days of luxury with a large group of other SIR branches. All Breakfasts & Dinners, including New Years Day Brunch. New Years gala prime rib & lobster dinner, and cocktail party. Dancing to Big Band Orchestra. Farewell Dinner Show with Pioneer Pepper & the Sunset Pioneers. Day trips to Phoenix & Scottsdale, & Sedona. Options of Golf and/or Spa treatments at a minimal cost. Cost is \$1570 per person. Includes home pick up and luggage handling. ((Easy Does It))

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))

2011 - 2012 Tentative Schedule - China

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 2010, our Luncheon Meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month. The dates for our future meetings are: July 13th, August 10th, Sept. 14th, October 12th, Nov. 9th, and Dec. 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.