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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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**SONORA
BRANCH #136**

BULLETIN
Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Elks Lodge on Tuesday, July 12th.
The Executive Board will meet at 10 AM in the regular meeting room.

BIG SIR NOTES
Al Smith - 586-1124

Welcome SIR's...On behalf of SIR's Branch 136 we extend a welcome to new brothers, Dennis Waters, William Schick, Elmer Cmkovivk, and Al Avilla. Next month the cost of our luncheons will revert back to \$12. More members paid their contributions and our treasury is back in good shape. Hopefully in the near future we can bring back the raffle. Participation has dropped recently, so here is your chance to win a prize. You can't win if you don't play. Next month starts our search for nominations for next year's slate of officers. Step up and get involved. It is only one day a month. SIR Al Limon is looking for help on the picnic this year on July 9th in Railtown. Please give him a call. See you at the luncheon.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Baci Fracceri - 532-7704

The speaker for our July 12th luncheon meeting will be Frances Gardner. She is a personal legal adviser and her topic should be of interest to us. She also will have an associate with her at this meeting.

LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN

Ken Danz - 532-6311

At the June 14th luncheon meeting, we had 159 members and guests in attendance.

The July menu will be: Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, fruit salad, tapioca pudding, bread and butter, coffee and water.

TREASURER REPORT

Frank Taylor - 532-4480

SIR Branch Officers and Directors want to thank the many SIR members who have made their 2011 voluntary contribution. Our branch has 250 members and to date we have received 220 contributions of 89% of the membership.


We especially want to thank Bill McEntire for his \$50 contribution, Jack Nichols and Eddie Conrado for their \$40 contributions and Elwood Johnson for his \$25 contribution.

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.

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.

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



Our Branch website is at <http://sonorasirs.org>, visit any time you like. There are past and current bulletins as well as a link to the state SIR website. Let me know of any changes that need to be made to our roster, such as address and phone numbers.

GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Pr. 136 & Br. 77 Golf Committee

Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

May thru September tournaments will begin with a shotgun start at 8 A.M.

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.

2011 Carson Valley Golf Tournament Results Everyone won but here are some notables:

Day 1 Winning Team was J.Spracklin/J. Kisling/R. Spruner; Day 1 Winning Team was B. Volpi/K. Bartless/J. Hagel.

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. The 2011 NCGA Memberships after Dec 15 are now \$48 for any of you procrastinators out there. For those who do not have a SIR handicap, or a NCGA handicap at all, now is the time to get one.

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.

July 2011 Tournaments

The scheduled SIR's tournaments in the area are:
 Wednesday, 7/06, Micke Grove, (#103) 8:00 Shotgun
 Monday, 7/11, Dryden, (#144) 8:00 Shotgun
 Monday, 7/18, The Reserve (#143) 8:00 Shotgun
 Monday, 7/25, Creekside (#103) 8:00 Shotgun
 Tuesday, 7/26, Mountain Springs, (#136) 8:00 Shotgun

Tournament Results for April 26th, at Mountain Springs.

Closest to Hole

Hole #5		Hole #17	
Jack Spracklin	7'2"	Bob Volpi	4'10"
Keith Tucker	21' 7"	Keith Tucker	25' 10"

Individual Low Now Net Winners

A Flight	Net	B Flight	Net
1st Keith Tucker	62	1st Phil VanSwoll	67
2nd Rudy Flores	67	2nd Ray Spruner	70
3rd Wayne Dixon	68	3d John Kisling	72

The Lighter Side of Golf:
 Doug Sanders, after "helicoptering" a club into the lake, turned to a reporter and said, "Did you see the carry on that 3 iron?"

SIR RV CLUB NEWS
Bill Lobdell - 586-7145

We had a great time at the Jackson Rancheria this month in spite of the temperature being in the high 90's and having very little shade. This caused some folks to retreat to their air conditioned motor homes and others who went to the swimming pool or the casino to escape the heat! This month's outing was hosted by Bill and Jere Calef. We did not have the clubhouse because another group had it reserved and Bill Lobdell was planning on having an outside BBQ and had brought along his Weber Kettle and briquettes, but found out later that the RV Park doesn't allow charcoal burning and the only BBQ available was over at the clubhouse! That day, Bill introduced himself to Kevin, the Wagonmaster of the SIRS Georgetown Divide Branch 120 and when he found out we were going to be using the BBQ, he said they weren't using the clubhouse that evening and welcomed us to share it with them. We all had a great time, had wonderful food, and were very cool and comfortable! That following morning, we had breakfast at Jere Calef's rig and everyone also enjoyed that. That evening, we all went over to the casino and enjoyed the dinner buffet. Some of the members stayed and did a little gambling also.

We did not play bocce ball due to the high temperatures and lack of shade around the park. Several people did drive into Jackson to shop. On Thursday morning, Mo Milinari and I went to the office to check out and pay for the outing. Kevin and several others from the SIRS Georgetown Divide Branch 120 club were also there and suggested we join them in June of 2013 for their next outing. We both thought it sounded great.

On Tuesday, July 19, we will be having a BBQ/picnic at Dogwood Lake in Cedar Ridge. We do not have another RV trip planned until September, at which time we will be going to Laguna Seca on the Monterey Peninsula. If anyone is interested in attending an outing or joining the RV club, please contact Bill Lobdell at 586-7145 or Jim Johnson at 536-1595.

13th Annual SIR Branch 136 Family Picnic

Our 11th annual family picnic will again be held at the 1897 Railtown State Park, on Tuesday, August 9th, 2011 in Jamestown. (Your attendance will be counted as a regular meeting, Big SIR will open a very short meeting and close just prior to lunch). Activities will start at 11:00 AM, Lunch will be served at 12:30 Noon.

The menu: Santa Maria style beef tri-tip Bar-B-Que prepared by SIR's Jay Harris, Al Limon and crew. Pinto beans, from the Santa Maria/Lompoc Valley, cooked by my sweetheart Marge, tossed salad, corn on the cob by SIR Stu Galka, his better half Sherry, and Randy, my son. Jalapeno salsa and chips will be available. SIR James Mueller will once more provide the music and the public address system. (PS. It's OK to tip Jim for providing us with his services at no cost to Branch 136.) Thanks Jim.

Cost for this Luncheon will be \$12.00 per adult, \$6.00 for children 10 years or under, but you have to purchase your tickets prior to the picnic. Tickets will be available at our July 12th meeting, or mail your request to SIR Ken Danz, P.O. Box 89, Sonora, CA 95370.

Tickets purchased at the Park will cost: \$14 for adults, *\$8.00 for children 10 yrs and under. Only 400 tickets will be printed and sold so you must buy your tickets before the August picnic meeting in order to avoid paying the higher fee. Thanks to past Big SIR Wil Reich for the picnic tickets. The Elks will provide us with a no-host beer, wine, bloody Mary's, and soft drinks.

Past Big SIR Wil Reich, and his wife Cheryl, SIR Frank Taylor, our treasurer and his wife Arlene will handle door prizes and raffle tickets. Still need help setting up, serving, clean up, and a couple to run the putting contest. To volunteer, contact SIR Al Limon at the July meeting, or call Al @533-4944



MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR

Wil Reich - 533-2626 Earl Nelson 586-5661

Sept. 24 - Oct. 2, 2011 - Hawaii Cruise. Round trip flight from Oakland to Honolulu airport, transfer to ship for 7 night cruise aboard NCL's "Pride of America". All meals, a bottle of wine per stateroom, port taxes, government taxes, and GET taxes included. Cabins begin at \$2,375.00. From Honolulu we sail to Maui for an overnight stay in Kahului. Then on to Hilo, and around the Big Island to Kona. Next is Kauai for an overnight stay in Nawiliwili Harbor. Then return to Honolulu and fly home to Oakland. Cost is \$2375.00 pp to \$2760.00

Oct.- Nov., 2011, Golden Gate Fields - Horse Racing
Aug. 18, 2012, Rhine River & Danube River 16 day Cruise. Fly to Budapest and board the boat for the cruise thru Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, and the Netherlands. Cost is \$4,699.00 pp
July/August, 2013, Alaskan Cruise round trip from San Francisco. This is a State SIR 55th Anniversary trip. The cruise will be 9-11 days and will be July-August of 2013. Cocktail parties, and other activities will be planned. More details later.

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

In Memoriam

On June 8th, we lost one of the founders of Branch 136. Elwood Johnson passed away from a lingering illness at Skyline Place in Sonora.

In 1986, Elwood and Tony Barassi started our SIRS branch. Elwood became secretary for our branch and held that position for 19 years. He was very knowledgeable in all aspects of SIRS functions and activities. He will be missed by many of us as his knowledge of SIRS was out-standing.

We send our sincere condolences to his son, Jim, and his wife and relatives.

Elwood would have been 103 years young on June 27th.

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: 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.