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## DIRECTORY

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### OFFICERS

Big SIR - Phil VanSwoll - 532-1133  
Little SIR - John Bristow-588-8066  
Secretary – Jim Johnson-536-1595  
Asst. Secretary - Jerry Bellefeuille-533-3630  
Treasurer - Frank Taylor - 532-4480  
Asst. Treasurer - Gerald Abbott-694-0323

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First Year  
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Bert Maxwell - 588-1177  
Bob Gelber - 532-0199  
Second Year  
Keith Kofoed - 532-3707  
Jerry Erath - 533-3791  
Herman Eaton - 532-6036

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Attendance/Membership – Dale Decker - 533-0455  
Bulletin - Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630  
Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman - 588-8614  
Fishing Jim Nuzum – 533-2729  
Area 27 Golf - Jeff Phillips - 588-2977, Jack Spracklin - 532-4081  
4081 Honorary Life Membership - Al Limon - 533-4944  
House – Jerry Erath – 533-3791  
Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630  
Luncheon – Rick Bacon -765-8210  
Lunch Tickets - Neil Williams - 586-5370  
Public Relations - Frank Cimino- 536-0270  
Bowling-Bert Abreo – 736-4804  
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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)  
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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*Sir Jon Moninger, Sacramento, CA*

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*Sir Ed Nissen Sonora, CA*

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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 Banchemo*  
2011 - *Al Smith*  
2012 - *Baci Frecceri*

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### BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE AND CHARTER MEMBERS

*Baci Frecceri - Travel Chairman, Past Big Sir 1986-2012*  
*Otto Bertel - Bulletin Chairman 1986-2012*  
*Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2012*  
*Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2012*

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# BULLETIN

## July, 2013



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## BULLETIN

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on Tuesday, July 9, 2013. The Executive Board will meet at 10am in the regular meeting room.

### BIG SIR NOTES

**Phil VanSwoll - 532-1133**

It was great to have 7 new members installed at our last meeting – I understand that is a record. Keep 'em coming! We are happy to see your friends, relatives, and neighbors at our meetings!

Sadly, this last month has seen the passing of 2 of our long-time members. Norm Whitsed, Big Sir of Branch 136 in 2005 and again in 2006, past District Governor, and current Big Sir of Branch 77, died on June 9, and Otto Bertel, Charter member, a Super Senior and long time bulletin editor, died on June 18. We are very sorry to lose both of these fine gentlemen.

### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**John Bristow - 588-8066**

The loss of friends that you have worked with for sometime makes you realize that life is so short. Both Norm Whitsed and Otto Bertel will leave a gap in our lives but it is true to say they left their marks and examples for us all to follow. When someone gives a eulogy then you really learn about those people you have been happy to call friends. Thanks to all those who attended the Memorial Services. The SIR organization was truly represented by those who cared.

Tickets will go on sale for the Upcoming Picnic at Railtown 1897 in Jamestown at the July Meeting. These will cost \$12.00 and lunch will comprise Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs with Chili, Beans, Corn, Watermelon & Cookies. See the bulletin for further details.

### LUNCHEON DIRECTOR

**Rick Bacon - 765-8210**

The menu for July is Teriyaki Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Fruit Salad, Bread and Butter, Tapioca Pudding, Coffee and Water.

### MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS

It is a new year and our treasurer Frank Taylor is once again collecting your \$20 donations for 2013. You can mail a check to Frank at 19419 North Court, Sonora, CA 95370 or you can pay at the check in desk at our monthly meeting. Be sure to put your member number on the check.

## 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.



### 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

**Dale Decker - 533-0455**

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, by telephoning him at 533-0455 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 Dale Decker with a check for \$30 for processing. Dale's address is 10338 Slate Rim Rd, Sonora, CA 95370.

### GOLF CHAIRMAN

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

**Jeff Phillips 588-2977**

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 ½ 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 28 for address).

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

Carson Valley 2013 Winning Threesomes (Great Turnout, Great Time!!!!)

Day 1 Jeff Phillips/Noelle Beerman/Jim Hagel Day 2

Tom Nischwitz/Jim Hagel/Vi Baker

2013 Branch 136/77 Golf Tournaments @ Mountain

Spring (mark your calendars)

Day/Date

Shotgun Start time

Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 A.M.

Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 A.M.

Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 A.M.

Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 9:30 A.M.

May 28<sup>th</sup> Tournament at Mountain Springs Golf Course

CTH Results

Hole # 7: 1<sup>st</sup> Ken Kirkland(7' 11""); 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Land; (10' 1""); 3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Nath(37' 6")

Hole # 12: Rudy Flores (5' 21/2"); 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Nischwitz (22' 1"); 3<sup>rd</sup> Dennis Land (25' 11")

Individual Play Tourney Results

A Flight

B Flight

1<sup>st</sup> Chace Anderson (net 66\*) Sam Castle (net 64!)

2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Land (net 66\*) Jim Hagel (net 70)

3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Nath (net 66\*) John Dickerson (net 72)

\*winner' rankings determined by scorecard playoff

The lighter side of Golf:

No matter how badly we play the game, there is always at least one shot that we can rationalize in our minds as a justification to try again.

### MOTHER LODE TRAVEL

#### SCHEDULE

**Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR  
Wil Reich - 533-2626**

Alaska is going good, and there are a few cabins left on the SIR blocked units until July 15th. Horse Races are Friday, October 19, 2013. Cost is \$80.00 per person, same as last Race trip and same schedule. Payment is due by August 15th with full refund up to September 15th. Wil

HAPPY TRAVELS!



## PINOCHLE CHAIRMAN

**Bob Morrison - 588-0994 - robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com**

For great entertainment, play pinochle with us. You pay only \$3 each time we meet. If you haven't played before or for a while, we will train you in our rules. A new player plays free for his first two meetings and wins a \$10 prize if his total score in his free meetings is in the top 50%. If any player's total score for a meeting is either first or second highest, he wins a prize, but if it's lowest, he gets his \$3 back. You need not attend every meeting. We meet each month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. and 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. at the Moose Lodge and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. at the Elks Lodge. Lunches are available for purchase at the Moose Lodge. For more information, go to web site [www.sirtwain.org](http://www.sirtwain.org) and click on the pinochle icon.

### RV Club News

**Bill Lobdell - 586-7145 Jim Johnson - 536-1595**

What a great outing we had at Betabel RV Park in San Juan Bautista. The weather was warm and sunny. The theme for this event was "Mexican Fiesta". The ladies did a great job of decorating and what a feast we had!!! Rick & Betty Bacon joined us as guests with their newly purchased Motorhome. They had a great time.

There were lots of things to do in the area such as the men shopping at Camper World and the ladies shopping at the Gilroy outlets. Some folks went to Monterey while others went to the Wings of History Air Museum in San Martin. The highlight of the trip was the last day when in mid-afternoon we all went to Moss Landing to dine on seafood at the famous Phil's Restaurant. As you can tell, we did not just hang out all day at the RV park. We always have lots of excitement with the many side trips.

The next big event will be in September when we take a 10-12 day trip up the Oregon coast.

### 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 July 9th, August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th.. 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.