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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)
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**SONORA
BRANCH #136**

BULLETIN

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

BIG SIR NOTES

Don Banchemo - 533-4289

I think our February meeting went well. We were able to accomplish a lot. Again, I would like to honor SIR Bacci Frecerri and SIR Otto Bertel for receiving their honorary life membership in Branch 136.

We now have a committee to try and keep our roster up to date. We have 283 members, which is a little over the 250 maximum we are trying to get to.

Our next event is the Mothers Day Luncheon in May. I know this might sound a bit early but tickets go fast for this luncheon. The tickets will be on sale at our March meeting and also in April, if there are any left. We are limited to about 260 - so that will be 130 members and their guests. Tickets this year will be \$18 per person.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Al Smith - 586-1124

The speaker for our March 9th luncheon meeting will be C.H.P. Officer Mike Remmel. Many of you have read about Officer Remmel when he had a horrific accident at the Pedro Y several years ago. He lost both of his legs and after recovering from the accident, he still passed the vigorous training for the California Highway Patrol and he now is on full active duty with the C.H.P. What a man!! He will speak about his ordeal of his accident and then about the C.H.P..

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.

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

LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN

Ken Danz - 536-3558

At our March 9th Luncheon Meeting, we will have an Irish Feast of corned beef and cabbage plus red potatoes, baby carrots, pasta salad with dressing, rolls and butter, and coffee and water. The price for our lunches is still \$12 each.

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

SIR Item Sales

Herman Eaton - 532-6036 James Stockton - 536-1199

SIR members-Branch 136: clothing, hats, pins, will be available at the March meeting. You can pick up your orders of January and February at the items table. Out of stock orders and special orders generally take three weeks.

Herman and James will have the Sales Table as I'm retiring (again) after six years.

Members of Branch #77 can pick up their orders at their meeting from Lorin Smith.

I thank all the members for your support and loyalty for the years Ed Soares and I ran it. I know Herman (who was my associate) will do a great job.

Thanks again -Bill Dunlavy

Internet

sirjerry@sonnet.com

If you aren't receiving your monthly email notice about the bulletin and have given us your email address, let me know. I have bad email addresses for some guys, some mailboxes are full and some won't receive mail from me. If you would rather receive it in the mail just let me or Otto Bertel know and we will switch you to a paper copy. Remember that at any time you can go to sonorasirs.org and read the latest bulletin. You don't have to wait for an email from me.



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.

BOWLING

Bob Thomas - Chairman Bob Wright - League President

The results of Feb. 1st bowling is the following:
High Score Game: Andy Vassallo- 203. High Score Series: Andy Vassallo-519; Mike Nolan-513; Gerry Davis-510.
Results of Feb. 8th bowling is the following: High Score Game: Jim Van Gerpen-230; Bob Thomas-220; Bert Abreo-213; Don Banchemo-197, 210 and 212; Bob Thomas; 209; John Kisling-205. High Score Series: Don Banchemo-619; Bob Thomas-602; Len Jacques-566; John Kisling-555; Bert Abreo-538; Jim Van Gerpen-531; George Parsons-529 and Bob Wright-516.

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.

2010 Northern California Golf Association Membership

If you haven't renewed your NCGA Membership for 2010 you are late. It is important that all members who play in SIR's 77 and 136 tournaments have current NCGA handicaps. 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

We are currently in the process of arranging the 2010 version of our annual trek to Nevada for a bit of golf. Anyone having suggestions are encouraged to get in touch with the golf chairman. We are currently looking at June 4 to June 7 and would like to know the interest of people in attending. I am hopeful the costs will be the same or slightly less than last year.

March 2010 Tournaments

The scheduled SIR's tournaments in the area are:

Monday, 3/01, Manteca, (#103) 9:00 Shotgun
Monday, 3/08, Dryden, (#144) 9:00 Shotgun
Monday, 3/15, Pheasant Run, (#143) 9:00 Shotgun
Monday 3/22, Creekside (#103) 8:00 Shotgun
Monday 3/29, Dry Creek (#144) 8:30 Shotgun
Tuesday, 3/30, Mountain Springs, (#136) 9:30 Shotgun

January, 2010 at Mountain Springs

Rained out

CTH Results

Rained out

The Lighter Side of Golf:

I've spent most of my life golfing, the rest I've just wasted.



MOTHER LODGE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

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

March 26 Horse Races \$68 per person (1 day)

June (2010) Rose Festival in Portland, and Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR \$1465 per person (7 day bus trip)

September Montreal, Quebec City & Canadian Maritimes

2010, 2011, & 2012 Tentative Schedule

2010 - Wine trip - May/June (1 day)

2010 - Gallo Center - to be scheduled

2010 - Fall horse races

2011 - Italy North Classic - Rome to Milan

2012 - China

NOTE: March 26 Horse Race is a SIR Salute Day with a SIR race and picture with winning jockey. The Mother Lode Travel Group which consists of the Area 27 branches is being formed. This will provide Area 27 SIR Branches an expanded opportunity to travel as we have over 800 members in our area, and 7 travel chairmen. All trips will be offered in each branch, with the Chairman setting up the trip as trip host.

The Happy Traveler - Wil



MOTHERLODE FISH HOOKERS

Bert Maxwell - 588-1177

Note to ALL Fishermen: Please sign-up on Notification list, (at SIRS meeting) include address, phone, email.

2nd Event: Lake Don Pedro, 7am, Tuesday, March 23. We need help from a member with "bragging rights" for the date.

3rd Event: The last week in April. Let us know your favorite fishing spot. Open for local, river, delta, bay or ocean destinations.

4th Event: Bridgeport reservoir, May 13th to 16th. Bert Kronnick (209) 586-7726 has done an outstanding job on details (please see one of us (Bert's) for itinerary). He knows where the fish are from years of experience. This will be a Big Event, three hours up Hwy 108, but early reservation is needed.

Fall Event: Checo River, Brooking, Oregon in early Nov. George Parsons has the expertise on this event. Other events for the year will be based on your suggestions.

PLEASE NOTE!

During 2010, our Luncheon Meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month. The dates for our future meetings are: March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, and December 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.