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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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Bert Maxwell - 588-1177  
Bob Gelber - 532-0199  
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Keith Kofoed - 532-3707  
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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 – Rich Bacon -765-8210  
Lunch Tickets - Neil Williams - 586-5370  
Public Relations - Frank Cimino- 536-0270  
Bowling-Bert Abreo – 736-4804  
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Travel - Wil Reich - 533-2626  
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### 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 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*  
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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



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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, March 12th. The Executive Board will meet at 10am in the regular meeting room.**

### BIG SIR NOTES

**Phil VanSwoll - 532-1133**

What an honor to be present at the awarding of the Super Senior plaques for Dusty Rhodes and Otto Bertel! These men have both done so much for our organization, and it is a pleasure to see them getting the recognition they have earned. It was also a privilege to have our Regional Director, Jon Moninger, present at the meeting to hand out the awards.

Our Area Governor, Ed Nissen, recently invited Bob Bly's widow, Barbara, to a breakfast to present her with a plaque honoring Bob's service to our branch, and I was pleased to be invited to attend. Barbara expressed appreciation to the members of Branch 136 for their support of Bob during his illness, and for their continuing friendship.

See you all at the next luncheon – bring a guest!

### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**John Bristow - 588-8066**

The Speaker for the March Meeting will be Mr. Mike Ruggles of The Sonora Senior Center. He will be bringing us an update on the happenings at the Center and Area 12 who provide financial support for the Meals on Wheels program. Mike will be retiring again in April and moving back to Grass Valley from where he came to Sonora. He has expressed an interest in the SIR Branch in G.V. of which there are two.

Also I would remind everyone that the date for The Ladies Day Luncheon is set for May 14th. Please mark your calendars and B.O.D Members be aware that we meet on Monday the 13th so that we do not clash with the Luncheon. Tickets will go on sale at the April Meeting.

Thank you for your support.

### LUNCHEON DIRECTOR

**Rick Bacon - 765-8210**

The menu for March 12th luncheon meeting will be: Corned beef and cabbage, red potatoes, baby carrots, pasta salad, vinaigrette, rolls and butter, cookies, coffee and water.

### INTERNET, BULLETIN, ROSTER

**Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630**

[sirjerry@sonnet.com](mailto:sirjerry@sonnet.com)



We handed out new rosters at our last meeting, unfortunately there was a computer glitch at the printer and many of the addresses had the wrong city. We now have new rosters printed and we will hand them out at the next meeting. Thank you for your patience. Also the latest edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

## 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

**Jim Johnson-536- 1595**

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, by telephoning him at 536-1595 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 Jim Johnson with a check for \$30 for processing. Jim's address is 12660 Red Chestnut #32, Sonora, CA 95370.

The Board of Directors approved the following new members at their February 12 Meeting:

#### New Member

Roger Sparks

Monty Youngborg

Bruce Peterson

#### Sponsor

Bert Abreo #219

Skip Czadzeck #108

Gene Morales #307

### BOWLING CHAIRMAN

**Bert Abreo- 736-4804**

The league could still use more bowlers, as three teams are short a man. Bob Wright is back to bowling - albeit only one or two games a week. There was no bowling on Feb. 18 due to the holiday. Good to have Gerry Davis back after dealing with a respiratory ailment. Some above average bowling was accomplished by Bert Kronnick (Br #77) when he bowled 89 pins over average for a 226 and Bert Abreo who bowled 147 pins over to have a 651 series.

High game to date remains with Jim Simmons 258

High Series - Dave Rossi 727

Bowling his first 200 of the season was Bert Kronnick with a 226

Standings: Georgie's Boys 15-5 (as of 2-11), Andy's Dandys, Team #2 & Drex Wrex 11.5-8.5, Jim's Jokers & Hines Pickles 11-9

The next upcoming SIRS tournaments are:

Petaluma at Boulevard Bowl on March 4 & 6

Concord at Diablo Lanes on March 18 & 20

Carson City, NV April 15-12 at Gold Dust West Hotel & Casino

Knotty Pines, Pollock Pines, April 27-29

### GOLF CHAIRMAN

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

**Jeff Phillips 588-2977**

**Please Note: Set your plans now to attend the annual Carson Valley Golf Getaway set for Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>. See below for more details.**

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 at 14676 Blue Bell Road West, Sonora, CA 95370, payable to SIR's #136 Golf, prior to tournament day;

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

NCGA signups are now past due. \$48 for any signups for 2013.

### SIR Branch 77 Meetings

Rob Nath is the Gold Committee liaison for Br. 77. Rob transferred from Br. 136 and has been a part of SIR 136 Golf for many years. Please see Rob at SIR 77 for all things golf.

### SIR 136 Annual Golf Trip

Keep June 2-5 open for the annual SIR 136 Golf Trip to Carson City. We have make arrangements for lodging at the Carson Valley Inn and have the golf courses lined up. We will play the Lakes Course at Genoa and the Carson Valley course in Gardnerville. These were the most requested courses of all of the regulars attending in past years.

We hope that we can improve on the attendance this year and hope all the returning players will each try to get a new participant to join us. See Jeff or Tom at the golf table for more information and a flyer.

**2013 Branch 136/77 Golf Tournaments @ Mountain Springs (mark your calendars)**

#### Day/Date

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

#### Shotgun Start time

9:30 A.M.

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### CTH Results

Hole #7: John Deaver 22'0", Tom Nischwitz 48'0", Rudy Flores 57'0"

Hole #12: Ed Wright 12'4", Vic Carella 24'4", Jeff Flores 57'5"

#### A Flight Winners

Danny Laureta 64

Rudy Flores 70

Bob Edwards 71

#### B Flight Winners

Phil VanSwoll 70

Andy Bravo 71

Sam Castle 71

### The Lighter Side of Golf

A nagging wife with a list of honey-do's has stopped many a golfer from giving up the game.



## MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

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

Alaska trip - Sonoma Travel is offering the following week for a deposit discount, March 11-18. The discounted deposit is \$100.00 per person during this week. The deposit is fully refundable for any reason up until May 23, 2013.

Salute to Sirs day at the Horse Races Friday, April 12th at Golden Gate Fields. Cost is \$80 per person, and includes seating in the Turf Club, Prime Rib Buffet Lunch, Bus from Sonora, Early morning coffee, donuts ,O.J. & Champagne from 7 a.m. till 8 a.m., with all tips and taxes included.

### RV Club News

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

We now have 4 firmed scheduled outings for this year and 3 more still in the planning stages.

The 4 scheduled are: March 17th. thru 20th. Jackson Rancheria. April 14th. thru 17th. Gold Strike in Santa Andreas. June 16th. thru 19th. Betable RV Park in San Juan Bautista. October 21st. thru 23rd. Plymouth 49ER RV Park in Plymouth **Still Pending: May September and November.** Should any SIR Member wish to attend any of these outings as a guest please fell free to contact me, Bill Lobdell @ 586-7145

### PINOCHLE CHAIRMAN

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

Please join us for playing pinochle. If you haven't played before or for a while, we will train you in our rules. You need not attend every meeting. A new player plays free for his first two meetings and will receive an award of \$10 if his total score in his free meetings is in the top 50%. After that, he pays only \$3 per meeting. Any player wins a prize if his total score for a meeting is either first or second highest. If it's lowest, he gets his \$3 back. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. of each month at the Moose Lodge and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. at the Elks Lodge. We have about 12 players per meeting on average. For more information, go to web site [www.sirtwain.org](http://www.sirtwain.org) and click on the pinochle icon.

### 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 March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, 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.