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## DIRECTORY

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### OFFICERS

Big SIR - Don Banchero - 533-4289  
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Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman - 588-8614  
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Area 27 Golf - Tom Nischwitz - 694-8624, Jack Spracklin - 532-4081  
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### DECLARATIONS

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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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### PAST BIG SIRS OF BRANCH #136 SONORA

1996 - Dusty Rhodes  
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2000 - Bob Gibbs  
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2007 - Wil Reich  
2008 - Roger Milligan  
2009 - Don Nilan

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### BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE AND CHARTER MEMBERS

Elwood Johnson - Branch Secretary 1986-2010  
Baci Frecceri - Travel Chairman 1986-2010  
Otto Bertel - Bulletin Chairman 1986-2010  
Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2010  
Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2010  
Hal King - 1999-2009 Appointed by State Board of Directors

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## BULLETIN

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BRANCH #136**

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## BULLETIN

**Sonora SIR Branch #136 will have our Annual Ladies Day Luncheon on Tuesday, May 11th at the Sonora Elks Lodge. No-host cocktails at 11am and luncheon at 12 noon. The Executive Board will meet on Monday, May 10th at 10am in the regular meeting room.**

### BIG SIR NOTES

**Don Banchero - 533-4289**

We are looking forward to our May meeting where we honor our ladies at the Mothers Day Luncheon. SIR Rich Rinaldi and his band will be providing the music. Branch #136 had several teams go to the bowling tournament in Carson City last weekend. Except for the return trip home in our latest storm, a good time was had by all. Several of our golfers will be going to Carson City soon for the golf tournament up there.

A committee has been selected to choose the officers for next year. If you have any suggestions, please contact me.

Once again, please make your yearly donation to our group if you have not already done so. Big SIR, Don Banchero

### PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

**Al Smith - 586-1124**

At the Ladies Day Luncheon on May 11th, we will be entertained by our own SIR Rich Rinaldi and his band.

### SIR #136 RV CLUB NEWS

**Bill Lobdell - 586-7145**

**Previous Events:** We had 15 couples gather at Jeb's for brunch where we discussed future outings and enjoyed our good food and good company.

**Current Events:** The Club is going to Gold Strike RV Park in San Andreas on April 18th thru April 21st. This is a four day event where we may visit wineries. Some folks may also venture off to Jackson Rancheria in hopes of winning a pot of gold or just to have fun. Other events include our Bocci ball tournament, walks around the park (especially those that have pets), card games in the evening, and the challenge to complete a puzzle by the end of the outing.

**New Members:** We are always looking for new members to join in the fun the club has on outing. If you interested, please contact Bill Lobdell at 586-7145 or Bob Bly at 532-4135

### 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.

### SIRS BRANCH #77 NEWS FOR MAY

Ladies Day Luncheon on Thursday, May 13th

The Executive Board will meet on Wed., May 12th at 1pm in the regular meeting room.

Menu: Rib eye steak topped with mushrooms, baked potato, vegetable, salad, and dessert.

We hope to have a separate newsletter for #77 in the mail for June for those who do not have email. If you have not already received an email from Ed Fernandez, then you are not on the email list. Send Ed an email at fern111@dishmail.net and he will add you to the #77 newsletter email list.

### BOWLING

**Bob Thomas - 962-6207**

Here are the scores for March bowling: High Score Game: Chris Parreira - 222; Trini Mercado-211; Dennis McKinney - 205; Bob Thomas-204; Hermon Schmitz-203; Bob Thomas-203 and Bert Abreo-203. High Score Series: Bob Thomas-587; Trini Mercado-570; Chris Pareira-569; Dennis McKinney-557; Bert Abreo-546; Jim Van Gerpen-532; Rod Hirtzel-514 and Armondo Puccinelli-501. Scores of March 29th. High Score Game: Bob Thomas-236; Jim Nuzum-236; Gerry Davis-222 and Rod Hirtzel-204. High Score Series: Bob Thomas-667; Gerry Davis-557; Chris Perreira-553; Jim Van Gerpen-546; Bob Fitzgerald-526; Bert Abreo-526; Neil Williams-523; Larry Guzman-521; Len Jacques-517; Dennis McKinney-515 and Trini Mercado-511.

### 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

The 2010 SIR 136 Golf Trip will be June 6 to June 9, 2010. The group will go to the Carson Valley Inn in Minden Nevada. The selection of the Carson Valley Inn was the result of input from prior participants and reflects a reduction of cost from 2009. We hope that we will get a better turnout as a result of the changes. It is imperative that those who are wanting to go this year get their deposits and payment in on time so as to meet the new hotels requirements. Information is available at the golf table for Br. 136 and from Bob Nath for Br 77.

### May 2010 Tournaments

The scheduled SIR's tournaments in the area are:

Monday, 5/03, Dryden, (#103) 8:00 Shotgun

Monday, 5/10, Diablo Grande, (#144) 8:00 Shotgun

Monday, 5/17, Creekside, (#143) 8:00 Shotgun

Tuesday 5/25, Stevinson Ranch (#103) 8:00 Shotgun

Tuesday 4/25, Mountain Springs, (#136) 8:30 Shotgun

### March 30, 2010 at Mountain Springs

Flight Results: RAIN - RAIN

CTH Results: RAIN - RAIN

### The Lighter Side of Golf:

It's a simple law of nature. "Hazards attract and Fairways repel."

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

**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**



## MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

**Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR**

**Wil Reich - 533-2626 Earl Nelson 586-5661**

**April 19** Wine Tour - 19 went on this first wine trip  
**May 19** Talbot Tours presentation of the Dec. 30 Arizona SIR trip and May 10, 2011 Tuscany SIR trip at 1pm to 3:30 at the Elks Lodge. Wine and cheese with crackers will be included. Coffee available.

**June 9** Rose Festival in Portland, and Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR \$1465 per person (7 day bus trip) ((Sold Out)) Can accept 2 more if rooms available.  
**September** Montreal, Quebec City & Canadian Maritimes \$3600 pp. Room for 4 more persons. Sign up will close May 15.

**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. ((Ease Does It))

**Nov. 12** Horse Races, Golden Gate Fields. \$72 per person.  
**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))

The Arizona New Years & Tuscany Vacation trips are E-Z DOES IT trips. The means GUARANTEED DEPARTURES, and UNPACK just once. These Itineraries are specially designed tours for easy traveling at a more comfortable pace every day. Includes home pick and return to home.

### 2011 - 2012 Tentative Schedule - China

Your SIR Happy Traveler - Will

**MODEL "T" TRUCK DRAWING** Winning ticket number is **541731** from Branch #136 is still unclaimed for the truck.

### PLEASE NOTE!

During 2010, our Luncheon Meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month. The dates for our future meetings are: May 11th, June 8th, 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.