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BULLETIN

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will have our Annual Mother's Day Luncheon on May 10th. The Executive Board will meet on Monday, May 9th at 1 P.M., same place.

BIG SIR NOTES

Al Smith - 586-1124

Welcome SIRs....The SIRs in attendance at our April meeting enjoyed a great meal of pork chops, rice, salad, bread and dessert. Our speaker was Vaughn Pini, a California State Park ranger who spoke about the history of the park system, including our own Columbia State Park. Welcome aboard to our newest member, Ronald C. Boyd-Snee, sponsored by Ernie Cuzzocreo. Our annual golf trip is fast approaching, so if you have not yet signed up for this, please call Tom Nischwitz. Next month, our May meeting is our 24th Annual Mothers Day Luncheon. If you don't have your ticket yet, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Ken Danz, P.O. Box 84, Sonora, CA 95370. You will receive your tickets in plenty of time for the luncheon. Also please specify N.Y. Steak or Chicken Cordon Bleu, and don't forget your check of \$22 per person.

LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN

Ken Danz - 532-6311

May 10th is our 25th Annual Mothers Day Luncheon. The menu is New York Steak strips or Chicken Cordon Bleu. Luncheon will start promptly at 12 noon. We had 172 members and friends at the April meeting.

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% or 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.

INTERNET

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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.



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.

GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Pr. 136 & Br. 77 Golf Committee

Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

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.

*** **Special Note: Tom Nischwitz will be the contact for the May 31st Tournament only. Remember, starting in May and continuing thru September, the shotgun start is a 8 A.M. sharp.**

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 June 5 to June 8, 2011

Now is the time to sign up for the annual Carson Valley Tournament. Hotel Accommodations will be at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden and golf events will take place at Genoa Lakes Resort and the Carson Valley Golf Courses. See Tom Nischwitz for details. Details handouts are available at the regular SIRs meetings.

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.

May 2011 Tournaments

The scheduled SIR's tournaments in the area are:

Monday, 5/2, Dryden, (#103) 8:00 Shotgun

Monday, 5/09 Diablo Grande, (#103) 8:00 Shotgun

Monday, 5/16 Creekside (MP) (#143) 8:00 Shotgun

Monday, 5/23, Stevinson Ranch (#103) 8:00 Shotgun

Tuesday, 5/31, Mountain Springs, (#136) **8:00** Shotgun (Br. 136 Qualifier)

Tournament Results for February 22nd, at Mountain Springs.

Closest to Hole

Hole #7

Jeff Phillips 26'7"

George Parsons 28'5"

Jake Parsons 28'9"

Hole #12

Jeff Phillips 26' 11"

George Parsons 30' 3.5"

Bill Gulick 32' 4"

Flight Results

A Flight

1st Jeff Phillips Net 69

2nd Wayne Dixon Net 71

3rd Dick Nutting Net 74

B Flight

1st Phil VanSwoll Net 67

2nd & 3rd 3 way tie

(A.Soaers/B.Gulick/

J.Dickerson) Net 74

The Lighter Side of Golf:

It's easier to get up at 6 A.M. to play golf that at 10:00 A.M. to mow the lawn.

BOWLING

Bob Thomas - 962-6207

Here are the bowling scores for week 25 and 26 of bowling. Week 25 High score game: Bob Ferraro-243 and 235; Chris Parreria-235 and 202; Dennis McKinney - 228; Don Banchemo-221; Don Lloyd-203; Bob Wright - 201; Trini Mercado - 201.

High score series: Bob Ferraro-676; Chris Parreira-617; Dennis McKinney-606; Bob Wright-592; Don Banchemo-561; Don Lloyd-542; Bert Abreo-527; Trini Mercado-525; Jim VanGerpen-521; Bob Thomas-515 and Eddie Conrado-501.

Results of week 26 bowling.

High Score Game: Dennis McKinney-244 and 223; Bob Thomas-233 and 233; Bert Abreo-226 Don Banchemo-225; George Parsons-221; Gerry Davis-204; Chris Parreira-202; Jim Van Gerpen-202 and Bob Haiges-200.

SIR RV CLUB NEWS

Bill Lobdell - 586-7145

We had our first outing this year at Gold Strike RV Park in San Andreas and, as always, it was a great success. We had 10 rigs attend this event for four days. During the week, some folks traveled to Sutter Creek to visit and others went in to Jackson to shop. Also, there was the famous Mo Molinari Bocce Ball Tournaments that is always a lot of fun. This months event was won by Cathie Lobdell and Guy Hoffman. Although there is a trophy for the winners, they get their picture taken and the Trophy is returned to Mo for future events.

As always our daily meals that are prepared by the hosts - Letty & Mo Molinari and Bernie & Ron Long - along with many side dishes supplied by the club members attending made for a fantastic feast. We had planned on going to Strings Restaurant for dinner on Wed., but because we had so many leftovers, we cancelled and ate them - especially Bernie's famous "Chicken & Dumplings" which as Jim Johnson would say is "to die for".

Our next outing will be in Napa starting on May 15th, hosted by Jim & Ginny Johnson, Jack & Rosie Walls, and Jack & Jeannie Nichols. Many fun events such as touring the Budweiser and Jelly Belly factories, shopping at the outlets, etc.. We're all looking forward to this trip!



MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR

Wil Reich - 533-2626 Earl Nelson 586-5661

May 12-20, 2011, TUSCANY VACATION

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, one 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 after our State Travel meeting in July 2011.

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 April 14th, we lost one of our long time members, SIR Cliff Baker died at Avalon Care Center of cancer.

We send our sympathy and condolences to his daughters and relatives.

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: May 10th, June 14th, 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.