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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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**SONORA
BRANCH #136**

BULLETIN

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will have our Annual Ladies Day Luncheon on May 8th. The Executive Board will meet on Monday, May 7th at 1 P.M., same place.

BIG SIR NOTES

Baci Freceri - 532-7704

St. Patrick's is upon us again and I'm sure we have many Irish Descendants (some or all) in our club, so to all them and those who celebrate, Happy St. Patrick's Day! Although we started the year with positions to fill, things turned around, and our members stepped up to help us out. Thanks again to all that filled these positions. We now have a new chairman for the Bulletin, luncheon, bowling and possibly Travel. The donations are coming in and doing well. Have a fun and safe St. Patrick's Day!

Baci

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Bob Bly - 532-4135

Our May luncheon is our annual Ladies Day Luncheon, Tuesday, May 8. If you have not purchased tickets, and would like to attend, please call me by Monday, April 30. We need to let Dino know how many will be coming a week ahead of the luncheon. Tickets are \$20 each, choices for lunch are Prime Rib or Salmon. Our usual lunch meeting schedule will be followed: No Host Cocktails at 11:00, lunch at Noon. We will be entertained by The Greg Brown Musical Express. For the dancing folks, they play classic country dance music. No speaker this month, but put the June lunch on your calendar, June 12. Dick Nutting, former sheriff of Tuolumne County, and retired Captain from the Jamestown CHP office, will talk to us on the need for the planned Law and Justice Center.

LUNCHEON DIRECTOR

Noah Webster-588-1964

The menu for the Ladies Day Luncheon is prime rib or salmon, salad, baked potato and apple cobbler.

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 Al Limon with a check for \$30 for processing. Al Limon's address is 15320 Bear Cub Dr., Sonora, 95370.



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.

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, I know it is not perfect. Our branch website is at <http://sonorasirs.org>, be sure to bookmark the site so you can come back and read bulletins, meeting minutes and more.

MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS

It is a new year and our treasurer Frank Taylor is once again collecting your \$20 donations for 2012. 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.

GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Jeff Phillips 588-2977

Reminder: Starting in May, SIRS 136/77 Golf Tournaments start at 8:00 A.M sharp!!!!

Reminder: The 2012 Carson Valley Golf Getaway will be June 3-6. See Tom Nischwitz.

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 1/2 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.

2012 Remaining Golf Tournaments (Please mark your calendars!)

| Day/Date | Shotgun | Start time |
|----------|----------------------------|------------|
| Tuesday, | May 29 th | 8:00 A.M. |
| Tuesday, | June 26 th | 8:00 A.M. |
| Tuesday, | July 31 st | 8:00 A.M. |
| Tuesday, | August 28 th | 8:00 A.M. |
| Tuesday, | September 25 th | 8:00 A.M. |
| Tuesday, | October 30 th | 8:00 A.M. |
| Tuesday, | November 27 th | 9:30 A.M. |
| Tuesday, | December 18 th | 9:30 A.M. |

Tom Nischwitz will be conducting the May 29th tournament while Jeff is traveling.

Mountain Springs Tuesday, March 27th 2 Man Team Best Ball Results

Closest to the Hole #7 Closest to the Hole #17
1st Place Jerry Nielsen 2' 0" 1st Place Bob Nath
1/2" (missed it by that much!)
2nd Place Mike Clay 32' 2" 2nd Place Mike Clay 8' 8"
3rd Place Ed Wright 40' 2" 3rd Place Ron Orth 18' 1/2"
Team Results: 2 Man Team Best Ball

First; Ed Wright & Sam Castle 61 *
Second; Rudy Flores & Trini Mercado 61
Third; Bob Volpi & Jack Spracklin 62**

* Won Scorecard Playoff on 1st hole to win 1st place
** Won Scorecard Playoff on 1st hole to win 3rd place

The Lighter Side of Golf: Golf is life. If you can't take golf, you can't take life.... Anonymous

BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo- 736-4804

Recent scores (since Mar 20)

Mar 26 - Dennis McKinney 235/631

Apr 2 - Bob Ferraro 263 and 86 pins over his average

Apr 9 - Mel Lawrence 236-618

Apr 16 - Gerry Davis 254 and 87 pins over average & Dennis McKinney 612

Apr 23 - Dennis McKinney 243 & Bob Wright 596 & Mike Nolan 90 pins over avg. with 236

Standings as of 4-9 Dennis' Gang 29-15, Jim's Jokers 25-19, Hines' Pickles 24.5-19.5

The Sonora SIRS Br 136 has been given the go-ahead to host a SIRS bowling tournament on Aug 6 & 9. This tournament will be dedicated to Armando Puccinelli this year and hopefully in the future years. Several SIRS members recently bowled in the Carson City Tournament - results are not yet available. The next scheduled SIRS tournament is in Pollock Pines followed by the SIRS State Tournament in Pinole on May 15-16-17. Entries are available online or at Black Oak Lanes. A second SIRS tournament will be held in Pinole on June 6/7 and is open to SIRS and guests (check rules for exact guest information).

High game to date: Bob Ferraro 263

High Series to date: Rod Hirtzel 636

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

PINOCHLE CHAIRMAN

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

New or old looking for a pastime? Go to web site:

www.sirtwain.org, click on pinochle icon.

We will teach our rules for playing to any new or "haven't played for some time."

We had 9 players (2 from Br. 77, 1 from Br. 136, 5 from Br. 172, and 1 from the Moose Lodge) on April 2nd at the Moose lodge, and 10 players (2 from Br. 77, 2 from Br. 136, and 6 from Br. 172) on April 19th at the Elk's lodge. We need more players from our branch.



MOTHER LODE TRAVEL

SCHEDULE

Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR

Wil Reich - 533-2626

Aug. 18, 2012, depart for Castles along Rhine & Danube.

Fly to Budapest, Hungary and embark Budapest on a Deluxe Vantage Cruise Ship. Tour Vienna, Austria, Durnstein, Passau, Germany, Krumlov, Czech Republic, Resgenburg, Nuremberg, Germany, Bamberg, Germany, Wurzburg Germany, Wertheim Germany, Aschaffenburg/Frankfurt Germany, Rudesheim Germany, Cologne Germany, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and return home.

All accommodations aboard the ship for 15 days, including Round-Trip International Airfare from select US cities, 45 meals, Captains Welcome with wine, all overseas transfers & baggage handling (except in customs). Cost: \$4499.00 + approx. \$400.00 from SFO to New York.

2013 - August SIR 55th Anniversary

Cruise from San Francisco to Alaska. Detailed information will be available in January, 2012.

RV Club News

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

Again we started off 2012 with our first club outing In San Andreas at Gold Strike RV Park and, as always, it was a great success. Ron Long started up his BBQ Grill Sunday evening for an impromptu "bring your choice of meat" and grill it to your perfection.

As for the rest of the week, many of us went over to Jackson to shop and have lunch out. On Tuesday afternoon Mo Molinari set up his Bocci Ball tournament which was fun and quite challenging with the many dips and curves presented by the lay of the land. This month's winner of the trophy was Carolyn Gregory and Bob Bly and runners up were Barbara Bly and Bill Lobdell. That evening, we had an Italian potluck dinner and the ladies prepared delicious meals and desserts as usual.

We were planning on going to Jackson Rancheria for the dinner buffet at the casino on Wednesday, but we had a lot of food left over so we decided to stay at the park and eat our leftovers. Everyone had a great time and especially enjoyed the 70+ degree weather. All you folks who have Recreational vehicles, it's time to call me to make a reservation for one of our outings. Bill Lobdell at 586-7145 or my E-mail billlobdell@wildblue.net

PLEASE NOTE!

During 2012, 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: June 12th, July 10th, August 14th, September 11th, October 9th, November 13th, December 11th. 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.