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## DIRECTORY

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Bulletin - Otto Bertel - 586-4697  
Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman - 588-8614  
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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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2004 - Bill Dunlavy  
2005 - 2006 - Norm Whitsed  
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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**BULLETIN**  
**Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at**  
**the Sonora Elks on Tuesday, November 9th.**  
**The Executive Board will meet at**  
**10 am in the regular meeting Room**

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**BIG SIR NOTES**  
**Don Banchemo - 533-4289**

It is almost the end of the year and that means our Christmas Party is coming up. This is always a fun event with a lot of people attending. Be sure to get your tickets for this luncheon at the November meeting. They will be serving a prime rib lunch with all the trimmings and our own SIR Rich Rinaldi and his band will be playing for our enjoyment.

Several members of our Branch 136 were invited to the Branch 77 meeting where our former Big SIR and Area Governor Norm Whitsed was granted an Honorary Life Member. His lovely wife Audrey was there for the surprise. Thank you Norm for your many years of service to SIR.

Our new board members for 2011 will be installed at the November meeting. Al Smith-Big SIR, Baci Frecceri-Little SIR, John Bristow-Secretary, Frank Taylor-Treasurer, and the new Directors are: Larry Leatham, Jerry Bellefeuille, Ken Danz, Phil VanSwoll, James Owlmann and Neil Williams. Good luck to all of you. I know you will have a great year. This has been a wonderful experience for me and I have enjoyed it thoroughly.

I am looking forward to seeing you all the meeting.

**PROGRAM CHAIRMAN**  
**Al Smith - 586-1124**

Our speaker will be SIR Jerry Lewis from Twain Harte SIRs Branch 172 who is an instructor from the AARP driving classes. He will discuss current laws and responsibilities for sensible and defensive driving.

The social time before the meeting is the time for socializing. During the guest speaker presentation, branch activity reports, and introduction of new members, I would ask you to refrain from conversations.

**LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN**  
**Ken Danz - 532-3858**

Those members who will not be present to purchase tickets at the meeting for the Christmas Luncheon, which will be held on Tuesday, December 14, can send their request along with a check made out to SIRs #136 in the amount of \$18 per person. You should include, along with your check, a stamped, self addressed envelope. This should be done prior to December 1.

Send your request to Ken Danz. P.O. Box 84, Sonora, CA 95370. Because of the popularity of the Christmas Luncheon, your request should be made as soon as possible to avoid missing out on this special event.

**INTERNET**  
**Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630**  
**sirjerry@sonnet.com**



I have made some changes to my email list so if you aren't getting emails from me, let me know and I will fix it. Thanks for your patience. Our Branch website is at <http://sonorasirs.org>. Visit any time you like. A new branch roster will be out soon.



**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**  
**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.

**NEW GOLF CHAIRMAN**

*We have found a new golf chairman.* Jeff Phillips has agreed to take over the SIR 136 tournament duties. We will make the transition over the next couple of months. I look forward to working with Jeff and am optimistic that he will be a very capable and innovative Tournament Chairman.

**2010 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. 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 Bob at SIR 77 meetings for things golf.

**November, 2010 Tournaments**

The scheduled SIR's tournaments in the area are:  
Monday, 11/1, Diable Grande (#103) 9:00 Shotgun  
Monday, 11/8, Dryden, (#144) 9:00 Shotgun  
Monday, 11/15 Manteca, (#143) 9:00 Shotgun  
Monday, 11/22, Creekside, (#143) 9:00 Shotgun  
Monday, 11/30 Swenson Park, (#144) 9:00 Shotgun  
Tuesday 11/30, Mountain Springs, (#136) 9:30 Shotgun

**September 28 2010 at Mountain Springs**  
**SIR Ryder Cup Team Results:**

First Place: Jack Spracklin & Wayne Dixon	56
Second Place: Ron Orth & Armando Puccinelli	59
Third Place: Jeff Phillips & Tom Nischwitz	60
Fourth Place: Jake Parsons & John Dickerson	61
Fifth Place: Claude Stillely & Dave Vickers	62*

\*Won Scorecard Playoff

**CTH Results:**

**Hole #7:** Jeff Phillips 6' 10", Sam Castle 9' 11", and Dave Vickers 15' 11"  
**Hole #12:** Bob Nath 10' 7", Bob Silver 14' 4", and Trini Mercado 15' 3"  
**The Lighter Side of Golf:**  
Heard from Jeff Phillips just after he questioned his sanity in becoming the new Tournament Chair, "If you want to hit a 7 iron as far as Tiger Woods does, try to lay up just short of a water hazard".

**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.

**SIR BOWLING**

**Bob Thomas - 962-6207**

The new season has kicked off for bowling with all ten teams coming back. For those who are interested in joining our bowling league, contact our president, Bob Wright at 536-9007. We bowl on Monday mornings at 10 A.M. at Black Oak Lanes.

Here are the scores for week 3 and 4, High Score Game: Bob Thomas-234, 223 and 210; Dennis McKinney-216; Don Lloyd-209; Gerry Davis-206; Larry Allen-205; Rod Hirtzel-202; Don Banchemo-202 and 201. High Score Series: Bob Thomas-667; Don Banchemo-581; Larry Allen-575; Dennis McKinney-546; Don Lloyd-546; Gerry Davis-538; Bob Ferraro-526; Bert Abreo-502.

Week 4, High Score Game: Bob Ferraro-227 and 222; Jim Van Gerpin-218; Bob Thomas-214 and 209; Don Banchemo-214; Dennis McKinney-212 and 212; Bob Wright-211; Gerry Davis-210; Rod Hirtzel-207.

High Score Series: Bob Thomas-612; Dennis McKinney-608; Bob Ferraro-586; Jim VanGerpen-556; Don Banchemo-548; Rod Hirtzel-546; Gerry Davis-522; Bob Wright-515; Jay Bell-512 and Trini Mercado-501.

**R.V TRAVEL CLUB**  
**Bill Lobdell - 586-7145**

Our last outing was held at the Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds on October 18-21. The outing was hosted by Bob & Barb Bly and Larry and Dorothy Dobbs. A new member, Earl Randall and his friend, Janet Hart, joined us. The weather was perfect and we had a bocce ball tournament on Tuesday. Additional, we had a silent auction where people brought things they didn't need and others bid on their treasures! On Wednesday, several of us went to Micke's Grove and visited the zoo, the Japanese Gardens and the San Joaquin Co. Historical Museum. As usual, we ate real good!

Our next outing is November 14-18 at the Kit Fox RV Park in Patterson and is hosted by Jack & Rosie Walls and Jim & Ginny Johnson. Additional, our Holiday Dinner Party will be held on Dec. 10th at the Sonora Hills Clubhouse.



**MOTHER LODE TRAVEL**  
**SCHEDULE**

**Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR**  
**Wil Reich - 533-2626 Earl Nelson 586-5661**

**Nov. 12** A Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields. **SOLD OUT**

**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. ((Easy Does It))

**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))

**A Discount** is being offered for the **Arizona & Tuscan Vacation Trips** when down payment is made by Oct. 30, 2010. Arizona discount is \$25.00 + \$5.00 cash per person, and Tuscan Vacation discount is \$50.00 + \$10.00 cash per person.

**2011 - 2012 Tentative Schedule - China or Hawaii**

*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*

**PLEASE NOTE!**

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