

DIRECTORY

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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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2010 - *Don Banchero*

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE AND CHARTER MEMBERS

Elwood Johnson - Branch Secretary 1986-2011
Baci Frecceri - Travel Chairman 1986-2011
Otto Bertel - Bulletin Chairman 1986-2011
Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2011
Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2011

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**SONORA
BRANCH #136**

BULLETIN
Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Elks Lodge on Nov. 8th at 11 am. The Executive Board will meet at 10 am at the regular meeting room.

BIG SIR NOTES
Baci Frecceri - 532-7704

With the end of the year and a new year coming, I will do my best to fulfill the position of Big SIR. First of all, I want to remind everyone of getting your tickets early for the December Luncheon with our ladies. Some important business now is our desperate need for the Bulletin Chairman. Without someone stepping up, there will be no January bulletin. Speak to Otto Bertel and find out what the job involves. The other positions to be filled are Ticket Chairman and Travel Chairman. As Travel Chairman, you could do one or two day trips and meet great people in the position, try it! Fellows, please step up and help our branch with these spots. Will see you at the next meeting.


PROGRAM CHARIMAN
Baci Frecceri - 532-7704

At our November 8th Luncheon Meeting, our speaker will be Mr. Mike Morris who has a lama ranch and uses them for pack animals on high-country packing trips. This should be an interesting presentation.

NOTICE-NOTICE-NOTICE
There will be no bulletins published next year **UNLESS** some member volunteers to be the new Bulletin Chairman/Editor. The present chairman is resigning after 20 years of service. See Big SIR Baci or Otto Betel if you are interested. No computer skills required.

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.

 **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

Sir's 136 Monthly Tournaments starting in October return to 9:30 A.M. shotgun start.
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.

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.
NCGA dues are now due! The cost before Dec 15th is \$38; thereafter add \$10.

In order to compete in the SIRS gold tournaments you must have a NCGA handicap. Please make your checks out to SIR's #136 Golf and submit to the Golf Chairman.
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.

November 2011 Tournaments
The scheduled SIR's tournaments in the area are:
Monday, 11/07, Diablo Grande, (#103) 9:00 Shotgun
Monday, 11/14, Creekside, (#144) 9:00 Shotgun
Monday, 11/21, Manteca (#143) 9:00 Shotgun
Monday, 11/28, Dryden (#103) 9:00 Shotgun
Tuesday, 11/29, Mountain Springs, (#136) **9:30** Shotgun

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Mountain Springs - September 27th, 2011
Closest To Hole

Hole #12	Hole #5
Dennis Land 24' 11"	Bob Volpi 12' 8.5"
Keith Tucker 44' 02"	Rudy Flores 15' 02"
Wayne Dixon 55' 02"	Bob Silver 16' 09"

Team Results: Note: All teams finished in this mixed format tourney within 5 strokes of the lead!
First; Keith Tucker/Bob Volpi 59
Second; Rudy Flores/Augie Soares 60*
Third; Wayne Dixon/Sam Castle 60
*Won Scorecard Playoff
The Lighter Side of Golf:
The game of golf is all inside your head and that's my problem. Anonymous

RV Club News
Bob Lobdell - 586-7145 Jim Johnson - 536-1595
Our last outing was held at Far Horizons in Plymouth on Oct. 16-20. The outing was hosted by Don & Donna Utt and Jack and Deanne Houser. The weather was so nice that we opted not to use the clubhouse and instead ate all our meals and played games outside. Folks took short trips to various wineries, etc. on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday, we all went to Apple Hill off Hwy. 50 where we bought lots of great stuff (wow, were the apple fritters good!) We don't have another outing planned this year, but will be holding our Holiday Dinner Party on Dec. 2nd at the Sonora Hills Clubhouse which is hosted by Steve & Carolyn Gregory and Jim & Ginny Johnson. Should any SIR members wish to attend any outing scheduled in 2012, please contact Bill Lobdell 586-7145.


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

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



MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE
Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR
Wil Reich - 533-2626 Earl Nelson 586-5661
April 15-21, 2012, SPRING TIME IN BRANSON
Day 1 - Sunday - The bus from Sonora to Sacramento for a Hotel stay near Airport.
Day 2 - 6:05 a.m. - Leave Sacramento and fly to Branson via Denver. Arrive 2 p.m. Dinner at **Grand Country Restaurant**.
Day 3 - Tour **College of the Ozarks**, and **Branson Landing** for a cruise on beautiful **Lake Taneycomo**. Dinner at **Uptown Café**, and than to the **Jim Stafford** show.
Day 4 - Breakfast at **Silver Dollar City** with 6-7 hours to enjoy the shows and entertainment at **Silver Dollar City**. Dinner at **The Plantation**, and **The Presley's Country Jubilee Evening Show**.
Day 5 - Hosted breakfast. **Yakov Smirnoff**, Russian comedian matinee, & dinner at the **Baldknobbers Country Restaurant**, and **Baldknobbers Jamboree**.
Day 6 - Hosted breakfast, and the **Brett Family Morning Show**. Afternoon free. Dinner on the **Showboat Branson Belle** with entertainment. Than a must see show, **Shoji Tabuchi** (magical).
Day 7 - Breakfast and check out for trip home.
Cost: \$1695.00 per person.

Aug. 18, 2012, 17 day Deluxe River Cruise / **Castles along the Rhine & Danube**. \$4499.00 from NYC airport. Add approx. \$400.00 from SFO, plus port tax. Budapest, Hungary, Bratislava, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Belgium, and London, England. Tour castles, attend classical concerts, and sample various beers and wines along the way.

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.

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: November 8th, and December 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.