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## DIRECTORY

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### OFFICERS

Big SIR - Phil VanSwoll - 532-1133  
Little SIR - John Bristow-588-8066  
Secretary – Jim Johnson-536-1595  
Asst. Secretary - Jerry Bellefeuille-533-3630  
Treasurer - Frank Taylor - 532-4480  
Asst. Treasurer - Gerald Abbott-694-0323

### DIRECTORS

First Year  
Dale Decker - 533-0455  
Bert Maxwell - 588-1177  
Bob Gelber - 532-0199  
Second Year  
Keith Kofoed - 532-3707  
Jerry Erath - 533-3791  
Herman Eaton - 532-6036

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Attendance/Membership – Dale Decker - 533-0455  
Bulletin - Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630  
Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman - 588-8614  
Fishing Jim Nuzum – 533-2729  
Area 27 Golf - Jeff Phillips - 588-2977, Jack Spracklin - 532- 4081  
Honorary Life Membership - Al Limon - 533-4944  
House – Jerry Erath – 533-3791  
Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630  
Luncheon – Rick Bacon -765-8210  
Lunch Tickets - Neil Williams - 586-5370  
Bowling-Bert Abreo – 736-4804  
R.V. Travel Group - Bill Lobdell - 586-7145  
Travel - Wil Reich - 533-2626  
SIR Item Sales – Cecil Steen – 533-4760  
Pinochle-Bob Morrison-588-0994

### 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)

REQUIRED ATTENDANCE - Members are to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale (Rule 60).

Members must attend at least one-half of the regular luncheon meetings (Ladies Day or Picnics and Holiday Luncheon are excluded) within the previous twelve consecutive month period and must not miss three consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date (Rule 100). **Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum annual attendance requirement.**

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*Sir Ed Nissen Sonora, CA*

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### PAST BIG SIRS OF BRANCH #136 SONORA

*1996 - Dusty Rhodes*

*1997 - Dave Holton*

*1999 - Al Limon*

*2000 - Bob Gibbs*

*2002 - Jim Nuzum*

*2003 - Dick Nutting*

*2004 - Billl Dunlavy*

*2007- Wil Reich*

*2008- Roger Milligan*

*2009 - Don Nilan*

*2010 - Don Banchemo*

*2011 - Al Smith*

*2012 - Baci Frecceri*

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### BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE AND CHARTER MEMBERS

*Baci Frecceri - Travel Chairman, Past Big Sir 1986-2012*

*Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2012*

*Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2012*

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# BULLETIN

## October, 2013



Website: [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org)

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Promotion  
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**SONORA  
BRANCH #136**

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## BULLETIN

**BULLETIN Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on Tuesday, October 8th. The Executive Board will meet at 10am in the regular meeting room.**

### BIG SIR NOTES

**Phil VanSwoll - 532-1133**

Your membership chairman, Dale Decker, is doing an outstanding job in bringing our attendance records up-to-date, and making sure that our branch is operating in line with the requirements set down by the state organization. There are some members, however, who are not happy with Dale's efforts, and feel they are being unfairly singled out. This is not our intent, and really not the case.

You may not be aware that our branch is required to pay dues to the state organization for each member on our rolls, whether active or inactive. The only way we can earn the money to pay those dues is from the \$20 annual voluntary contribution each of you pays, as well as a small part of the money paid for your lunches. We are specifically forbidden by the state rules from holding raffles or any other moneymaking activities to supplement our treasury. If you are inactive beyond the limited term allowed by the state and branch by-laws, you are not providing any means for the branch to earn the money necessary to pay the state.

If you have special circumstances we need to know about, we are certainly willing to consider them – but you need to communicate with us. There are some who haven't been to a meeting in months, never call in to let us know they won't be there, and haven't paid the \$20 annual contribution for several years. Yet they still feel they should be on the roster as members! This is not fair to the branch, or to those members who do actively participate. We value each of you, and we hope you are pleased with the social opportunities presented to you by what we do. We hope to see you all on a regular basis – and bring a guest!

### LITTLE SIR NOTES

**John Bristow - 588-8066**

Well the summer is nearly over and the forecasters keep threatening us with rain. I am an optimist I believe it when I feel it. Just to let you know that our guest speaker for October 8th is Officer Nick Norton. He is with the CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL. He will be talking about items of interest in the news and new laws that will be going into effect.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Meeting.

## LUNCHEON DIRECTOR

**Rick Bacon - 765-8210**

Our October menu is Baked Short Ribs, Baked Potato, Green Salad, 1000 Island and Italian, Bread and Butter, Coffee and Water, and Cookies

### 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. Be sure to include your badge number and why you cannot attend. Please talk slowly and clearly.



### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

**Dale Decker - 533-0455**

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, by telephoning him at 533-0455 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 Dale Decker with a check for \$30 for processing. Dale's address is 10338 Slate Rim Rd, Sonora, CA 95370.

### GOLF CHAIRMAN

**Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee**

**Jeff Phillips 588-2977**

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:

1. Fee: \$33 includes ½ 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 payable to SIR's #136 Golf, prior to tournament day. (See Roster page 8 for address).
3. Check-in table at Mountain Springs will close 15 minutes prior to tee time.

2013 Branch 136/77 Golf Tournaments @ Mountain Springs

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Shotgun Start time</u>
Tuesday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 A.M. Annual Turkey Shoot
Tuesday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 A.M.

August Tournament at Mountain Springs Golf Course was CANCELLED due to smoke

## MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

**Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR  
Wil Reich - 533-2626**



**Horse Races**, Friday, October 18. We have 33 signed up. Need 40 for this trip, so 12/14 more would be good. The cost is \$80 per person, and includes coffee, donuts O.J., Champagne, sugar & creamer at 7:45 a.m. wine and snacks on bus, prime rib buffet in the turf club, turf club entrance fee, and all tips. Arrive back in Sonora at 7:30 p.m.

**Wine Tour** Monday, October 21 to the Shenadoah Valley Wine Region (Plymouth, Ca.) Link Line Bus will pick up at 8:30 a.m. at Block Buster parking lot/ Wal-Mart shopping center. There will be water, coffee, & donuts on bus. We will visit Shenadoah Valley Winery at 10 a.m., Sobon Estates Winery at 11 a.m., & Deaver Winery at 12 noon where we will have lunch. Lunch make your own sandwich with deli meats and bread, salad, home made brownies, chips, & wine. After lunch Montevina Winery at 1:30 p.m. Start home at 3:30 p.m., and arrive in Sonora at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$65 per person. Make checks payable to SIR Branch 77. Monies due by Sept. 12, 2013

**Snow Train** to Reno February 18-19-20, 2014. This includes bus from Sonora to Sacramento Amtrak Station, Train to Reno, pick up in Reno to Eldorado Hotel for 2 nights stay ( baggage will be handled in Reno), transportation from hotel to station on 20th, Train to Sacramento, and bus back to Sonora. All tips included. Cost is estimated at \$350 per person. Cannot get final cost from Amtrak until September 15th. The Link Line bus has room for 22 persons. If we exceed 22, and have 32 or more the 16-passenger bus will be added.

## PINOCHLE CHAIRMAN

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

For great entertainment, play pinochle with us. You need not attend every meeting. If you haven't played before or for a long while, we will tutor you. You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. Moreover, you win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting. If you score first or second highest at a meeting, you win a prize. We meet four times each month: on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at the Moose Lodge and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at the Elks Lodge, from noon to 3:30 P.M. For more information, go to web site [www.sirtwain.org](http://www.sirtwain.org) and click on the pinochle icon.

### RV Club News

**Bill Lobdell - 586-7145 Jim Botto- 586-0822**

As of Sept. 21st. we have completed three destination stops in the past six days and have had great weather until today in Florence the rain came. Today we are heading south on hwy 101 to Gold Beach our last stop in Oregon.

Everyone is having fun lots of side trips and of course dinning out on Seafood and lots more dinning out and fun over the next week on our Oregon/California caravan trip down the coast. At the Oct. 8th, lunch meeting i will tell you more of the events of our RV trip.

### 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.

### BOWLING CHAIRMAN

**Bert Abreo- 736-4804**

The league is up and running and we would sure like to have a few more bowlers. The next SIRS tournament is in Citrus Heights - Oct 7 and Brentwood on Oct 15, followed by Modesto on November 6 and 8. Entries are available at the bowling center and on line at the SIRS website.

### PLEASE NOTE!

During 2013, 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 October 8th, November 12th, December 10th. 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.