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## DIRECTORY

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### OFFICERS

Big SIR - Baci Frecceri - 532-7704  
Little SIR - Bob Bly - 532-4135  
Secretary - John Bristow - 588-8066  
Asst. Secretary - Jerry Stern - 532-6872  
Treasurer - Frank Taylor - 532-4480  
Area 27 Governor - Ed Nissen - Sonora

### DIRECTORS

2nd Year  
Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630 - sirjerry@sonnet.com  
Larry Leatham - 533-8385  
Ken Danz - 532-3858  
1st Year  
Phil VanSwoll - 532-1133  
Jim Ollmann - 586-1847  
Neil Williams - 586-5370

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Attendance/Membership - Rick Bacon - 765-8210  
Bowling - Bob Thomas - 962-6207  
Bulletin - Otto Bertel - 586-4697  
Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman - 588-8614  
Fishing - Bert Maxwell - 588-1177  
Area 27 Golf - Jeff Phillips - 588-2977, Jack Spracklin - 532-4081  
Honorary Life Membership - Al Limon - 533-4944  
House - George Parsons - 533-8637  
Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630  
Luncheon - Ken Danz - 532-6311  
Lunch Tickets - Neil Williams - 586-5370  
Public Relations - Frank Cimino - 536-0270  
Recruitment Director - Orv Millhollin - 533-0995  
R.V. Travel Group - Bill Lobdell - 586-7145  
Travel - Wil Reich - 533-2626  
Area 27 Fishing Chairman -  
SIR Item Sales - Herman Eaton-532-6036. Jim Stockton-536-1199

### 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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## SONS IN RETIREMENT STATE OFFICERS

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San Jose, CA

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SIR James Stedman  
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SIR Maynard Rodland  
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### AREA 27 GOVERNOR

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  
2001 - Jim Murray  
2002 - Jim Nuzum  
2003 - Dick Nutting  
2004 - Bill Dunlavy  
2005 - 2006 - Norm Whitsed  
2007 - Wil Reich  
2008 - Roger Milligan  
2009 - Don Nilan  
2010 - Don Banchemo

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### 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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# BULLETIN



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*Devoted  
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Promotion  
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Retirement*

**SONORA  
BRANCH #136**

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**BULLETIN**  
**Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Elks Lodge on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. The Executive Board will meet at 1 pm on Monday, Dec. 12th.**

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**BIG SIR NOTES**  
**Baci Freceri - 532-7704**

Now that Thanksgiving has passed, hopefully you all had a good one with friends and family.

We have another good turnout (according to ticket sales) for the Ladies Day Luncheon. My thanks to the fellows that all went out and got the gifts for the Luncheon. I heard it's quite a "haul".

The November meeting as usual had a good lunch by Dino and our speaker was very interesting.

Now is the time to remind everyone of the donation that will begin in January for the coming year. This last year was a first 100% for us. We can repeat that good for 2012.

Thank you and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

**LUNCHEON DIRECTOR**  
**Ken Dantz - 532-3858**

At the November Luncheon Meeting, there were 157 members and guests in attendance.

The Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 13th. Some tickets were printed with the wrong date. Just remember, it's the second Tuesday of the month.

See last months bulletin and flyer for more details. No -host cocktails will start at 11am and luncheon will start at noon.

**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 Bertel if you are interested. No computer skills required.

**PINOCHILE PLAYERS**

**Roland Patton - 586-5643 - rolandsonora@gmail.com**

New or Old looking for a Winter pastime?  
Go to SIRs 172 web site - [www.sirtwain.org](http://www.sirtwain.org).  
Then "click the click" by Pinochle.



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

**Jeff Phillips - 588-2977**

*We Need more Golfers!*

**See the Golf Chairman for tournament signups!**

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 2012 dues are now due! Cost same as last year at \$38; add \$10 if received after Dec. 10th! You will need and NCGA handicap in order to compete in SIRs golf events.**

**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, 12/05, Creekside, (#143) 9:00 Shotgun

Monday, 12/12, Dryden, (#103) 9:00 Shotgun

Tuesday, 12/27, Mountain Springs, (#136) 9:30 Shotgun

Golf Schedule for Branch 136 for 2012 will be released at the January meeting.

**Mountain Springs - September 27, 2011**

*Top 2 teams Closest To Hole*

**Hole #7**

Team Nischwitz 30'2"

Team Dixon 35'

**Hole #17**

Team Nath 18'4.5"

Team Phillips 21'01"

**Team Results: Team Scramble**

First; Bob Nath/John Dickerson/Jake Parsons 66

Second; Tom Nischwitz/Jeff Phillips/Bob Edwards/Bob Silver 69\*

*\*Won Scorecard Playoff*

**The Lighter Side of Golf:**

It's amazing that no matter how many changes of sets of clubs you make in a lifetime, it's still the same old swing.

**RV Club News**

**Bob Lobdell - 586-7145**

There are no trips planned for the immediate future. I wish to convey my thanks to our wonderful travelers. Cathie and I wish to send you our sincerest greetings and wishes for a happy and prosperous holiday season. Will see you all on our next outing.

**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.

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

*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*

**INTERNET**

**Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630**

**sirjerry@sonnet.com**



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.



**MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE**

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

48 went to the Horse Races at Golden Gate Fields, and had a great time.

**April 15-21, 2012, SPRING TIME IN BRANSON**  
7 Shows, Silver Dollar City, Lake Taneycomo Cruise & Showboat Belle. Air from Sacramento to Branson, bus transportation from Sonora, baggage handling, tips and taxes, and breakfast and dinner each day included for \$1695.00 per person.

See Presleys Jubilee, Yakov live, The Baldnobbers, Bret Family, and Shoji Tabuchi along with a choice of a dozen shows at Silver Dollar City with your friends from Sons in Retirement.

**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.

**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: January 10th, February 14th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, 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.

***Ladies Day Luncheon, Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>***