
DIRECTORY

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Attendance/Membership – Jim Johnson-536-1595
Bulletin - Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630
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Lunch Tickets - Neil Williams - 586-5370
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Bowling-Bert Abreo – 736-4804
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Travel - Wil Reich - 533-2626
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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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PAST BIG SIRS OF BRANCH #136 SONORA

1996 - Dusty Rhodes
1997 - Dave Holton
1999 - Al Limon
2000 - Bob Gibbs
2001 - Jim Murray
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2003 - Dick Nutting
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2009 - Don Nilan
2010 - Don Banchemo
2011 - Al Smith
2012 - Baci Frecceri

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE AND CHARTER MEMBERS

Elwood Johnson - Branch Secretary 1986-2011
Baci Frecceri - Travel Chairman, Past Big Sir 1986-2012
Otto Bertel - Bulletin Chairman 1986-2012
Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2012
Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2012



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**SONORA
BRANCH #136**

BULLETIN

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

BIG SIR NOTES

Phil Van Swoll - 532-1133

Phil Van Swoll will have his first Big Sir Note in February.

LITTLE SIR NOTES

John Bristow - 588-8066

Representatives of SIR attended the memorial Service of Life for Bob Bly on Saturday and it was good to see the respect that Members had for SIR Bob. Those attending learned a lot of this person. It was a pity that it took so long to learn how active and respected he was.

I would just like to say that I feel honored to have been nominated to be Little Sir and look forward to having a great year. If anyone has any questions I will do by best to see that they receive the answers they are looking for. Little SIR John.

I want to thank everyone who came by the hospital, called, sent cards or just held good thoughts of Bob and me in their prayers. I really appreciated all the support and caring that SIRS members extended to both of us during this very difficult time. Barb Bly

LUNCHEON DIRECTOR

Noah Webster-588-1964

The menu for the January 8th luncheon will be: broiled beef shish kabob, rice pilaf, string beans, green salad, blue cheese & Italian dressing, rolls and butter, tapioca pudding, coffee and water.

BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo- 736-4804

The First Half of the league has ended with Georgie's Boys (George Parson, Pete Rooney, Gil Voecks and George Fountaine) winning it over Drex Wrex. The league resumes on January 7.

High game to date - Jim Simmons 258

High Series to date - Dave Rossi 683

Standings: (as of 12-17)

Georgie's Boys 38-22

Drex Wrex & Team #2 36-24

Dennis' Gang 34-26

Some lucky SIRS bowlers and guests at the Modesto tournament include: Don Banchemo and wife Janis, Mike Silva and wife Debra, Gene Morales, Mike Bowers, Dave Rossi. Stockton SIRS is hosting their tournament on Jan 15 at Pacific Bowl and entry forms are available at the bowling center and/or on line.

Tax time is approaching and I felt that it might be time to remind all concerned that donations to SIR or its branches are not deductible on your personal Federal or California income tax. A Branch newsletter had erroneously indicated that donations to SIR or its branches are tax deductible. This is not true. Donations to SIR are not tax deductible. While SIR and its branches are non-profit corporations they are not charities and donated funds are not deductible. Jim Stedman President, SIRinc

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 have now put the Golf Schedule on our branch website. Our branch website is at sonorasirs.org, be sure to bookmark the site so you can read bulletins, meeting minutes and there is a link to the state SIR website.



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

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 Jim Johnson with a check for \$30 for processing. Jim's address is 12660 Red Chestnut #32, Sonora, Ca. 95370.

Wanted

SIR Branch 136 Sonora is looking for someone who might be interested in taking on the position of Branch 136 **Attendance/ Membership Chairman**. This is a very rewarding position and you will get to meet most of your fellow members. Must be computer literate and have a good working knowledge of Microsoft Excel. Anyone who might like to receive consideration is asked to contact the current Attendance/Membership Chairman, Jim Johnson at 209 768-9948 or Big SIR, Phil Van Swoll at 532-1133. It's a piece of cake, you can do it.

The following are scheduled to be installed as members at the January Luncheon Meeting:

New Member	Sponsor
Andy Bravo #038	Gene Morales #307
Tom Newell #109	Rick Bacon #256
Jon Whited #110	Jack Peaslee #169
Bill Hines #068	Transfer From Branch #140
Larry Guzman #069	Transfer From Branch #140
Herman Schmitz #078	Transfer From Branch #140
Don Peabody #086	Jerry Erath #213

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:

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.

NCGA Dues are now due! The cost before Dec 15th is \$38; after Dec 15th add \$10. In order to compete in the SIRS golf tournaments you must have a NCGA handicap. Please make your checks out to SIRS 136 Golf and submit to the Golf chairman.

2013 Branch 136/77 Golf Tournaments @ Mountain Springs (mark your calendars)

Day/Date	Shotgun Start time
Tuesday, December 18 th	9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, January 29 th	9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, February 26 th	9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, March 26 th	9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, April 30 th	9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, May 28 th	8:00 A.M.
Tuesday, June 25 th	8:00 A.M.
Tuesday, July 30 th	8:00 A.M.
Tuesday, August 27 th	8:00 A.M.
Tuesday, September 24 th	8:00 A.M.
Tuesday, October 29 th	9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, November 26 th	9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, December 31 st	9:30 A.M.

Mountain Springs – September 25th, 2012

Closest To Hole

#5	#12
Jim Hagel 15'	Bob Volpi 8'
Jack Spracklin 17' 9"	Jerry Nielsen 13' 11"
Rudy Flores 28' 9"	Victor Carella 15' 8"
A Flight	B Flight
1 st Rudy Flores net 68	1 st Dick Nutting net 69
2 nd Bob Nath net 71	2 nd Wayne Dixon net 73
3 rd Ron Orth net 72	3 rd Jerry Nielsen net 74



MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

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

SIR 55th ANNIVERSARY CRUISE August 28 to September 7, 2013 Bus picks us up in Sonora about 10 a.m. on August 28, and returns us back to Sonora on September 7 about 1 p.m. We board the Princess " GRAND PRINCESS" at 4 p.m. in San Francisco at on August 28,2013, and return at 7 am on 9-7 - 2013. The cost range is from \$1,576.00 for inside room to \$2415.00 balcony, to \$3300.00 for mini suite with balcony. This is an inclusive cruise covering all costs, and including Alaska Salmon Bake Excursion, Gold Panning (both with wine) Captains Party, \$25.00 ship credit, Cocktail Party, Bottle of Wine & Gift in each room, and a SIR Hospitality Area

RV Club News

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

As always if you think you may like to join the RV club or attend one of our outings in the future please give Bill Lobdell a call.

PINOCHLE CHAIRMAN

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

Join us for playing pinochle. This is not only good entertainment, but also a great way to meet interesting fellow SIRs on a one-to-one basis. If you haven't played before or for a while, we will train you in our rules. As a new player, you play free for your first two meetings. After that, you pay only \$3 per meeting. You win a prize if your total score for the meeting is either first or second highest. If it's lowest, you get your \$3 back. You need not attend every meeting, but may "drop in" at your convenience for an enjoyable afternoon of cards. We meet on the 1st Mon. of each month at the Moose Lodge and on the 3rd Thurs. at the Elks Lodge. We have 26 active players and 10 to 12 players per meeting on average. For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon.

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 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 January 8th, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, August 13th, September 10th, 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.