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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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**SONORA
BRANCH #136**

BULLETIN
Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at
the Sonora Elks on Tuesday, October 12th
The Executive Board will meet at
10 am in the regular meeting Room

BIG SIR NOTES

Don Banchemo - 533-4289

I want to congratulate all of the new officers for next year. Big SIR Al Smith, Little SIR Baci Frecceri, Secretary John Bristow and Treasurer Frank Taylor. Good luck to all of you guys, I know you will have a great year.

Our bowling league has started again with the league moving to Black Oak Lanes since Sonora Bowl has closed. Welcome back to all of the guys who come over from Murphys to bowl.

Tickets for our Christmas Luncheon will go on sale at the October and November meetings, so get them early (where has the year gone?)

I am sure you will be happy to hear that Baci will be back to lead us in song. Was I really that bad? Big SIR, Don Banchemo

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Al Smith - 586-1124

Our speaker will be Kristen Millhoff for the Area 12 Agency on Aging. She will discuss an overview and information on caregivers and assistance to the elderly.

Also, I am requesting your consideration in that you refrain from personal conversations during our guest speaker, committee reports, and indoctrination of new members - Thanks Al Smith, Little SIR

LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN

Ken Danz - 532-3858

At our September Luncheon Meeting, we had 187 members and guests in attendance. The menu for the October 12 luncheon will be: baked short ribs, baked potato, green salad w/thousand island and Italian dressing, bread and butter, cookies and coffee and water.

R.V TRAVEL CLUB

Bill Lobdell - 586-7145

We had 10 RVs with 20 people take a 3-week caravan trip up the Oregon coast staying 2-3 days in RV parks in 6 different towns starting with Willits, CA all the way up to Astoria, Oregon. Many of us had several meals out enjoying a variety of seafood and lots of claim chowder. Towards the end of the coast run we were chowdered out and ready to seek out other types of meals. In Gold Beach we took a 64 mile jet boat ride on the Rogue River and say lots of wildlife. We visited museums, aquariums, cheese factories, light houses and other places along the way. We took long walks on the beaches hunting for agates and sea shells. A group of us even went on a dune buggy ride. Our last two days of the trip was going inland to Troutdale, a town along the Columbia River, where we saw lots of waterfalls and a huge fish hatchery where we saw lots of salmon and a huge 70 year old sturgeon. The trip was great and everyone had fun. We were blessed with great weather with the exception of a couple of days of light rain. The group agreed that we should tour the Southern California coast on our next venture.

The Sept. RV outing was to Laguna Seca in Monterey hosted by Mo & Letty Molinari and Ron & Bernie Long. There were 10 rigs enjoying the race track, Monterey, and Cannery Row. The Outlets were the favorite of many of the girls.

Our next outing will be at the Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds hosted by Bob & Barb Bly and Larry & Dorothy Dobbs on Oct. 18-20. A Silent Auction is planned to help the treasury. Bring good stuff. We will have a Men's table so bring surplus tools, fishing gear, etc.

The Nov. RV outing will be a Kit Fox RV Park in Patterson on Nov. 14-16, hosted by Jack & Rosie Walls and Jim and Ginny Johnson. A book sale is planned - a great opportunity to recycle your books.

INTERNET

Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630

sirjerry@sonnet.com



We are working hard to make sure that everyone receive their bulletins and other correspondence. If you know of any errors on our part or know of any changes for you or any other members, let me know.

We will have current rosters at the check-in table at the October meeting. If you could please check the information that we have to make sure everything is correct and up to date it would be greatly appreciated. I have also 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.

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.

In Memoriam

On September 17th, we lost one of our Charter members. SIR Arnold Berk passed away due to lingering illness.

We send our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Arnold's wife, Martha, and their family and relatives.

GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Pr. 136 & Br. 77 Gold 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 are *still looking* for a new Golf Chairman. It is time for me to pass this wonderful job to someone new. I have agreed to handle the NCGA Handicaps for the branch and the annual trip tournament if the new chairman desires. Please see me or Al Smith if you are interested in this position. We have till January to fill the position.

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.

October 2010 Tournaments

The scheduled SIR's tournaments in the area are:

Tuesday, 10/14, Micke Grove, (#144) 8:00 Shotgun
Monday, 10/13, Lockford Springs, (#103) 8:00 Shotgun
Monday, 10/25 Creekside, (#143) 8:00 Shotgun
Tuesday 10/26, Mountain Springs, (#136) 9:30 Shotgun

August 31 2010 at Mountain Springs

Flight Results:

A Flight: Rudy Flores 63, Bob Volpi 66, Bob Nath 68 and Ron Witort 69

B Flight: Trini Mercado 71, Roger Kirkes 73, Sam Castle 75 and Jake Parsons 75

CTH Results:

Hole #7: Tom Nischwitz 4'7", Augie Soares 23' 3", and Bill Youngdale 18' 3"

Hole #12: Ron Orth 5'3", Augie Soares 9' 3", and Bob Nath 18' 3"

The Lighter Side of Golf:

You can hit a two acre fairway 10% of the time and a two inch branch 90% of the time.

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.



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. \$72.00 per person including Prime Rib Buffet, transportation, all tips and taxes. **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))

2011 - 2012 Tentative Schedule - China

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

PLEASE NOTE!

During 2010, our Luncheon Meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month. The dates for our future meetings are: October 12th, Nov. 9th, and Dec. 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.