



## **SIR – Social Activities for Men**

The Mission of SIR is to enrich the lives of our members through fun activities, lunches and events while making friends for life

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### **BYLAWS**

SIR Branch #172 – Twain Harte (SIR Twain Harte) follows the most current Bylaws as presented in the SIR MANUAL on the SIR State Webpage ([SIR Manual – SIR \(sirinc.org\)](http://SIR Manual – SIR (sirinc.org))). (May 5, 2022)

### **POLICIES**

#### **1. Branch Executive Committee (BEC) + Membership**

- 1a. The BEC will consist of a possible 13 voting members: Big Sir, Little Sir, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Membership Chairman, and 6 Directors. (7-7-22)
- 1b. SIR State considers all members as ACTIVE (January 3, 2019). Inactive, Emeritus and other Statuses no longer exist. (7-7-22)
- 1c. BEC will meet at the Moose Lodge<sup>1</sup> on the same day as the regular luncheon. (12-6-23)

#### **2. Lunch**

- 2a. SIR Twain Harte has no required number of lunches members must attend as allowed by SIR State Bylaw 18 and Policy 25. The Fellowship Chairman may follow-up, when practical, when members are notably absent from lunches. The follow-up is to note how long the situation will persist. Pertinent information will be transferred to the Membership Chairman. (7-7-22)
- 2b. The Branch will pay once for a guest's lunch if that guest is a potential member, and for a first-time new member that never attended as a guest. The free lunch applies to the regular monthly lunch and does not apply for special events that have a higher cost (e.g., Ladies Picnic and Holiday lunch). Three free raffle tickets will be provided to the guests and new members (if there is a raffle). (7-1-26)
- 2c. Luncheons are held on the first Wednesday of the month, except the BEC may alter for special events (e.g., Christmas dinner, ladies' picnic). (12-6-2023)
- 2d. The BEC may raise, or lower lunch prices based on various budgetary concerns (e.g., inflation, caterer charges, member attendance, etc.).<sup>2</sup> (7-7-22)
- 2e. The Branch will acknowledge branch veterans, especially new members that have served or veterans not previously recognized, during every November luncheon. (7-7-22)
- 2f. Ladies may attend the monthly luncheon activity with the Big SIR's discretionary permission. This discretionary permission is based on specific situations, such as a lady drives a member to lunch and the lady has nowhere to go while waiting (hot/cold car). The member needs to request this discretionary permission with enough time to order the lady's lunch,

otherwise the lady will need to wait until all members are served their lunches to determine if there are any extra lunches available. (1-8-25)

2g. The Branch will conduct a monthly name drawing for the current month's birthdays. The winner of the drawing will receive cash to reimburse the lunch cost. (7-1-26)

### 3. Dues

3a. The BEC may raise, or lower dues based on various budgetary concerns (e.g., inflation, member attendance, subsidies, etc.).<sup>3</sup> (7-7-22)

3b. All members will pay dues with the exception of Honorary Lifetime Members (HLMs) and Senior HLMs. The BEC may vote to waive dues for certain members if requested or as the BEC deems appropriate. (7-7-22)

3c. New members to SIR Branch 172 during the last quarter (Oct., Nov., Dec.) of the calendar year do not pay dues for the remainder of the calendar year. (7-7-22)

### 4. Activities

4a. All SIR activities to be covered by insurance must be voted on by the BEC stating the group/activity, and date. Pursuant to the provisions of California Corporations Code 5239 effective January 1, 2002, Branch 172 elects to be covered by the provisions of Section 5239. (7-7-22)

4b. All SIR-sponsored approved activities including team sports of any kind can be regulated, limited or cancelled by any authorized State or local health department. (7-7-22)

4c. Ladies may attend all Branch 172 sponsored activities. Exceptions include lunches (refer to Bylaw 2f), and any "member only" (e.g., golf) tournament. (1-8-25)

### END NOTES

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<sup>1</sup> Moose Lodge, 20921 Longeway Road, Sonora, CA 95370

<sup>2</sup>Lunch price is \$22 (12-8-2025)

<sup>3</sup> Dues are \$27 (12-8-2025)

July 7, 2022. Branch 172 BEC approved the By-Laws

September 1, 2022, Revised the July 7, 2022 version Policy 4b to delete COVID requirements

May 4, 2023. Revised the September 1, 2022 version by changing Policy 1C from the Elks to the Twain Harte Golf Club.

December 6, 2023. Revised the May 4, 2023 version by changing Policy 1c from the Twain Harte Golf Club (THGC) to the Moose Lodge, and 2c. from Thursday to Wednesday.

January 8, 2025. Added Policy 2f allowing ladies to attend all Branch 172 Activities, and Policy 4c allowing ladies to attend a lunch at the Big SIR discretion.

January 7, 2026. Revised Policy 2b to exclude special events for free lunches for first time guests.

July 1, 2026. Revised Policy 2b to include new members that hadn't attended a free lunch. Added Policy 2g to clarify that the Birthday Boy drawing will cover the current lunch cost.