



# Crackers

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#### A note from President John MacKenzie:

#### WANTED – MORE NEW MEMBERS

The Club is always looking for new members to join our outstanding organization. Two free lunch passes will be given to those who bring in new members.

#### Cosmo Member Ailing?

If you learn of one of our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Don Terrell, 687-8481 or [wtd84@cox.net](mailto:wtd84@cox.net). Don will arrange to send a Cosmo 'Get Well' card wishing our member a quick rebound.

#### Next Meeting:

**Dec 16th SMHS Madrigals** will serenade us with our traditional Christmas program. Wives and lady friends are invited to this one.

#### Future meetings:

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Larry Coldren will speak on "Optical Engineering & Impact On Society"**

Intro by Jim Davis.

University of California, Santa Barbara, CA. He received his Ph.D. degree in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University in 1972. After 13 years in the research area at Bell Laboratories, he joined UC-Santa Barbara in 1984, where he now holds appointments in Materials and Electrical & Computer Engineering, and is Director of the Optoelectronics Technology Center. In 1990 he co-founded Optical Concepts, later acquired as Gore Photonics, to develop novel VCSEL technology; and in 1998 he co-founded Agility

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Next Meeting: **December 16, 2010**

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Communications, later acquired by JDSU, to develop widely-tunable integrated transmitters.

Professor Coldren has authored or co-authored over 1000 journal and conference papers, 7 book chapters, 1 textbook, and has been issued 63 patents. He has presented dozens of invited and plenary talks at major conferences, he is a Fellow of the IEEE, OSA, and IEE, the recipient of the 2004 John Tyndall and 2009 Aron Kressel Awards, and a member of the National Academy of Engineering.

#### January 20, 2011

Frank Goss of Sullivan Goss - An American Gallery  
"Lockwood de Forest (1850-1932) – Luminist,  
California Plein Air Painter"

Lockwood de Forest, one of America's fine atmospheric painters, took the lessons of the Hudson River school and applied them in his own manner, creating a looser landscape "sketch." As well as being a painter, de Forest was an interior & building designer and furnishings importer, who had working partnerships with Louis Comfort Tiffany, among others. He was a member of the American National Academy of Art and Design in New York. He was born in Manhattan, traveled the world when travel was not so easy, and came to Santa Barbara in 1902 and worked and painted here until his death in 1932.

## Wine Drawing:

Bob Zimels awarded the wines for the day, consisting of a bottle of 2008 Margerum M5, a Santa Barbara red wine, and a 2008 Irony Chardonnay, a white wine. Ed Loper won the red and Manny Espig won the Chard.



## Welcome Our Guests

We had a record number of guests today

### HOSTS

Dennis Gaon  
Jim McKillip  
Bill Isbell  
John Gould  
Dan Cross and Fred Marsh  
Will McEwen  
John McKenzie  
Ralph Ebedo  
George Frakes

### GUESTS

Klaus Thielmann  
Warner Owens  
Walt Nauman  
James Norris  
Gordon Hess  
Larry Crandel  
Gary Cunningham  
Bill Berry  
Bob Henry

## PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

William J. 'Bill' Berry  
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Montreal-born Bill Berry and wife Monica, parents of three sons, settled in Santa Barbara in 2000. After securing his BS and MBA, Bill worked for the Canadian government, the Canadian Textiles Institute, Ultramar and retired in 1989 as Executive Director of the trade association Crop Protection Institute of CN. Bill is a sailor, singer musician and historian. His sponsors are Bob Logan, Ralph Ebedo and Marshall Sherrill.

## Regular Events

### Bridge – December 2 - Top Scorers

Jim Beldon scored 2760 points for first place; close behind, in second, was Harv Turner with 2680 points followed by Mike Cribbs with 2310 points.

Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 PM. Please note: We will not have the Bridge session following the December 16th meeting.

Contact Pres Gould at (805) 964-6568 or [pwgould@cox.net](mailto:pwgould@cox.net).



## Tennis

The tennis group plays doubles twice a week at a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8:00 AM Mondays and Thursdays. All tennis players are invited to participate. Bruce Long advises that the new 'Sport Court' surface on the Shadow Hills courts was ready for play on Monday, 6 December. This new surface is really beautiful and is reputed to be easier on "old joints". The Tennis Cosmo All Stars began a new tradition on December 6th: Breakfast at Cody's following tennis...about 9:45 on Mondays, and all interested parties are invited to join in either or both of these activities. Contact Bruce Long (805) 692-4072 or [bruce93103@cox.net](mailto:bruce93103@cox.net).



## Cosmo Computer Society -

Cosmo Computer Society meets monthly on the third Tuesday, upstairs at the Elks Club. Discussion starts at 10:00 AM, and a feature presentation starts at 10:30 AM. A portion of the meeting is open discussion of your current computer related problems. Meetings conclude with a no-host luncheon in the Elks Grill. All Cosmo members are welcome. Bob Gerity, Program Chair; Howard Glenn, Chair (805) 967-2633, or [hbglen@cox.net](mailto:hbglen@cox.net). Frank Katch, Co-Chair, 964-2734, [fkatch@mac.com](mailto:fkatch@mac.com).



## S.A.G.E. Investment Group

Meets monthly at 10 AM on the first Tuesday at the Elks Club, followed by a no-host lunch in the grill downstairs. S. A. G. E. does not select or buy stocks. Dick Evans, Chairman (805) 967- 6930 or [dickevans@mac.com](mailto:dickevans@mac.com).



## Golf

### Mondays - Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni).

Tee times from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Regular walking senior rate is \$25 for 18 holes. Contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355 or [rsinger916@aol.com](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com) by Friday before the Monday for your tee time.

**Mondays – Twin Lakes** (Par 29) at 9:00 AM. Work on your short game.

**Wednesdays – Ocean Meadows** (Par 36) at 8:30 AM. Work on your long-ball skills.

**Additional play at various courses.** - Contact Ron Singer to get on the e-mail notification list for the Floating Golf Game Circuit. Mondays are usually at Muni, Wednesdays are often at Glen Annie, Fridays' locations have included La Purisma, Glen Annie, Soule Park, and Rancho San Marcos. A. B. Clark and Steven Stonefield will be choosing the floating golf game sites, so you may contact either of them. Ron Singer, Golf Chair: [rsinger916@aol.com](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com).



## Special Events

The Special Events Committee would appreciate hearing from Cosmo members and their spouses regarding suggested events that they would be interested in participating in during the coming year. These could be events such as music and drama performances, visits to state parks, historical museums, etc. Trips may be planned for overnight stays at distant locations. Contact Thore Edgren, chairman, at "[theman3@cox.net](mailto:theman3@cox.net)" or 967-4001 with your suggestions.

### February 22, 2011

#### Descanso Gardens

Spend the day on these beautiful grounds, with acres of oaks and thousands of blooms—camellias, daffodils, cherry trees and magnolias. \$42.00 per person includes bus trip, admission and our own narrated tram tour of this spectacular property located just north of Glendale/Pasadena in La Canada-Flintridge. Sign up at regular lunch meetings.

### March 6, 2011:

#### Opera and lunch at the Granada Theatre.

Join your Cosmo mates for a Sunday Matinee performance of Giuseppe Verdi's La Traviata, one of the best-loved operas of all time. The third most-performed opera in the USA, Verdi tells the story of a courtesan, a Marquis, unrequited love, romantic misunderstandings and, of course, the usual tragic conclusion. Of course we don't attend opera for the surprise ending; the music is really beautiful.

### March 22-23, 2011

#### Palm Springs Follies and Living Desert Trip

There will be an early departure to attend the **matinee** of the famous **Palm Springs Follies**, featuring the "4 Preps". The next morning we will enjoy the included breakfast followed by a shuttle tour of the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens. We will return to Santa Barbara by late afternoon or early evening on Wednesday, March 23. This tour is handicapped friendly. The cost is \$375 per couple; This includes the bus driver's tip, admission tickets to both events, hotel, with breakfast, baggage delivery and refreshments. Your only additional cost will be for meals. The Follies has always been a sellout for Cosmo members. Please make your reservations now by calling Harry Stroud at 653-5117.

**Cosmopolitan Club License Plate Frames** are still available, free for the asking.

## In Memoriam

Robert S. 'Bob' Weisz passed away October 26. He was a member of the Cosmopolitan Club from 1985-2008 when illness compelled him to become inactive. We extend our deepest condolences to Bob's family.

A Cosmo member since 2004, Dr. Charles Markham passed away in early December. We extend sincere condolences to his wife Lisa and family.

### Last Meeting:

**Invocation** by Bill Spangler

**Ticket Sellers** were Mike Smith and Dan Herlinger

**Punchbowl** was manned by Lynn Vine



**Bill Bertka** spoke on "**Stories of the L.A. Lakers**" and was Introduced by **Gary Cunningham**

Bill Bertka was a long time Assistant Coach of the L.A. Lakers and is now Director of Scouting and Consultant. During his 42 years in the NBA he worked with every Laker center beginning with Wilt Chamberlain, and continuing with Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Vlade Divac, Shaquille O'Neal and Andrew Bynum. Earlier in his career, Bill was the coach of the state champion Allen Hancock JC basketball team and served as Santa Barbara Director of Parks and Recreation. During this early experience, in 1961, he instituted a physical fitness program to determine the effect of physical exercise on blood cholesterol. Three of his participants for this program were in the audience as fellow Cosmo members. President John MacKenzie scored an official Laker championship hat from the 2009 season and all audience members were given a nice team photo and a "Back-to-Back" lapel pin to commemorate the consecutive world championships in 2008 and 2009. Mr. Bertka's talk included a series of interesting anecdotes relating to Laker team members and his own sometimes fallible coaching advice. One of these episodes was the time that, as an independent scout, he advised the Houston coach that there was just no way that they could get a win over the then all powerful John Wooden's UCLA Bruin team. Of course, the Houston coach used that insight to fire up his boys and they did, indeed, take that game. UCLA's very solid Bruins got their revenge in the championship game.

Mr. Bertka shared some insights regarding past and present Laker players and coaches, contrasting styles of coaching, and

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work ethics as well as individual and team salaries. He discussed, in some detail, on-court strategies and how the various players and coaches were comfortable or not with the complex offenses and defenses that have evolved during the past four decades. He discussed the contrasting coaching styles of Pat Riley and Phil Jackson, though it is hard to argue against the success of either coach, and even discussed how star players would and/or would not fit into today's Laker playing style. Asked who, in his opinion, was the best player in Laker history, he seemed to lean toward Kareem, who played in the NBA for 20 years, was always healthy, and retired at 42 years of age. He didn't enjoy practice but he was there early and left late.

The winner of ten championship rings, Bill said his favorite, now worn out, was for the 1985 win over the Celtics. This win had followed years of total domination by that Boston team. Comments overheard following Mr. Bertka's address were universally complimentary; and our many Laker fans were especially delighted with this program. For his part, Mr. Bertka paid our assemblage a fine compliment indicating that it was probably the most prestigious group that he had ever addressed. He was pleased to be introduced by his long-time friend, Gary Cunningham. He did send a thank you note to

President John in which he said that he wished to personally thank each member and that he would like to have another chance to address our group. He felt that he could do a better job of relating stories of the Laker players of the past. Your editor believes that Bill Bertka, part II would be a popular move with our membership.

### Upcoming Events

April 2011	Annual Spring Dance
April 23, 2011	Private Rail Car trip to SLO
May 7, 2010	LA Philharmonic at the Granada Theatre
May 13, 2011	Ben Walsh Memorial Gourmet Dinner, SBCC
June 2011	PCPA Theatrefest, Petersen Valley Inn, Solvang
July 2011	Polo Club Buffet and Match, SB Polo Grounds
August 2011	Circle Bar B Ranch Dinner and Show, Gaviota