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DUES ARE DUE

Dues for 2008-2009 are now payable.

Please remit \$60.00 to:

Cosmopolitan Club of S.B.

P.O. Box 3993

Santa Barbara, CA 93130-3993.

Or give check to John MacKenzie or Bill Stancer at a Cosmo luncheon meeting.

Next Program:

September 4 — Eduardo Cue: "Teen Court – An Innovative Approach to Juvenile Justice"

Eduardo Cue is the Director of Delinquency Prevention Programs with the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. He is responsible for the supervision and development of Teen Courts, Parent Intervention Services and Mentor Programs in Santa Barbara County. Eduardo Cue holds a BA degree in Social Service Administration from Antioch University and has over 30 years experience working with at-risk youth and educating communities about gang issues.



Teen Court acts as an early intervention for first time offenders by diverting them out of the traditional juvenile system. Defendants avoid a criminal record while still being held accountable for their actions. All functions of Teen Court are carried out by teens, and sentences include jury duty, community service, counseling and educational classes.

Mr. Cue will be introduced by Arlie Skov.

Future Programs:

September 18 — James Hartle: "When Did the Universe Begin?"

October 2— Jonathan Fox: Ensemble Theater

October 16—Robert Eringer: "Investigative Journalism by an Undercover Agent"

Bridge Scores:

21 August

Ed Loper	5090
Paul Nefstead	4110
Rob Henry	3180



Join us for "fun" bridge after our next meeting Sept 4th. We meet upstairs and play until 3:30. Anyone who hasn't played recently and is hesitating out of fear....don't !!! we promise you a kind and thoughtful partner! Contact Pres Gould: .964-6568 or at pwgould@cox.net

Wine Raffle:

Thore Edgren scored a Summerland Chardonnay, and Marty Tucker's guest, Ned Merritt, won a coveted 2006 CampaÑeros Cabernet Sauvignon at the drawing run by Bob Zimels.



Welcome Our Guests

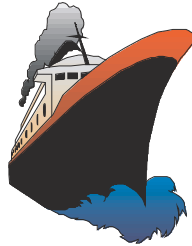
Charles Chester introduced our guests: Ned Merritt of Summerland was hosted by Marty Tucker; Pete Schenk brought Lynn Vine, a retired banker; Phil (Maj. Gen.) Conley, former commander of Edwards AFB was treated by Ben Walsh; Don Terrell guested Robert Maxim; Sey Kinsell, a retired Pediatrician and a previous Cosmo member, was hosted by Jim Belden.

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Messrs. Phister, Schenk and Grossgold sponsor Dennis Joseph Gaon for membership in our Cosmo group. Born in Los Angeles a few years ago, Joseph earned a BS in Management at USC. He retired in 2003 from the food (candy) business following a successful career spanning four decades: in charge of sales for Champ candies and as Vice-President at Atnip Corp. Joseph is a docent at the Maritime Museum, and has served as a marshal for the Santa Barbara Fiesta Parade for the past five years.

Cosmo Special Events:

4-Day Baja Mexico Cruise – October 13-17
Great Rate of \$932 per couple for Outside Cabin - Past Passenger Rate Includes Insurance, tax and fuel supplement. AAA Member rate is \$952 also including insurance, tax and fuel supplement. We are looking for 6 more travelers so that we can book a bus from here to San Pedro.



Leave Long Beach, Monday at 5:30 PM; Tuesday at Catalina Island; Wednesday at Ensenada, Mex.; Thursday at sea; dock Long Beach Friday morning at 8:00 AM.

To book your reservation, call Cathy Fortunato at AAA, 898-2821. Mention COSMO. Angelo Crippa, 962-0843 janda.2@hotmail.com

SAVE THESE DATES!

Nethercutt Museum Trip Friday, November 14

We will again visit the Nethercutt Museum on Friday, Nov. 14. You will see more than 50 antique, vintage, black iron and classic automobiles. This is arguably the best collection in Southern California. Also of particular interest is the WORLD'S FINEST assemblage of mechanical musical instruments. They have added the 1912 Pullman private car owned by the daughter of the famous "Lucky Baldwin" and a 1937 Canadian Pacific Royal Hudson locomotive.

There will be a 2 hour guided tour followed by luncheon at a nearby restaurant. The only cost will be for the bus and onboard refreshments.

Further details will follow. Call Harry Stroud at 653-5117 if you have any questions.

Christmas Dinner Dance December 9 2008

Our Christmas Dinner-Dance will be held at La Cumbre Country Club, the evening of Tuesday, December 9, 2008.

You and your best-girl will not want to miss this superb holiday party. Dancing to the great sound of the "City Lights" orchestra is sure to put some spring back into your step. The ladies really appreciate this opportunity to put on some glamour and enjoy this very special event at our city's best country club.

Mark the date: **9 Dec. 2008** Jim Pattillo, Committee Chairman

How Shall We Celebrate Cosmos' 60th Year?

July 1, 2009 will begin the 60th year of the Cosmos Club. Please send your ideas of innovative and fun ways we can celebrate to Angelo Crippa, 962-0843 or janda.2@hotmail.com and to Dan Cross, 683-0653 or dncross@cox.net.

Golf:

Montecito CC Golf Outing

On August 13th twenty-four Cosmo golfers enjoyed the hospitality and tested the daunting terrain of one of Santa Barbara's premiere golf clubs and courses. Event organizer Marty Tucker did a superb job of maintaining order and focus among his Cosmo brethren.

Participants enjoyed a lovely outdoor buffet that included views stretching beyond the course and cemetery (many golfers find the two locales synonymous) to the haze-buffered coastal waters and Channel Islands.

With their fuel tanks topped off, Cosmo's double dirty dozen saddled up their convoy of golf carts and charged off to their assigned holes for the 1 pm shotgun start. Our team of Paul Coyne, John MacKenzie, Jim Munroe and Captain Angus MacLean (Cosmo member in-waiting) attribute their out-of-the-money score to beginning the round at Hole #13.

The "scramble" format of play has every player teeing off each hole. The team selects the best drive (each team member must have at least three drives selected during the round) and all players hit from that spot. This 'best ball' format carries through for each shot, including putts.

The stars of the day included:

Closest to the pin at

#8 Angus MacLean 25' 7"

#14 Karl Kassity 14'

Top team scores:

3rd place at 76

Capt. Bob Sorish, E. Loper, P. Gould, K. Cullen

2nd place at 73

Capt. Ed Vance, R. Roberts, M. Rodrigue, E. MacCuish

1st place at 72

Capt. N. Robertson, R. Singer, P. Fink, A.B. Clarke

September 9th Tournament at Soule Park in Ojai is firmed up. Greens fee, cart and prize money for an all-inclusive fee of \$56. Please contact Lynn Garten 969-2466, to get in on the swing(s). This is a beautiful course; you don't want to miss this one. We will have a shotgun start at 10:00 am. Our usual scramble rules will apply so this is a great opportunity to just go out and have fun.



THE COSMO SOLVANG THEATER OUTING WAS A HUGE SUCCESS



This review was just received from Bruce Long, who seems to have had a very good time.

"When Jennifer and I learned that Joan and Angelo Crippa were organizing an event to the Solvang Theater, we signed up—knowing that Joan and Angelo's events are always fun.

We were certainly rewarded for so doing! The event was wonderful:

We arrived for check-in at the beautiful Peterson Inn to receive a warm welcome, free tickets for wine tasting nearby, and tickets for the theatre—along with directions for the short walk to each.

After a fun and enjoyable wine tasting, we sat down to memorable meals—of our choice—at the Inn—truly a gourmet experience!

A short walk after dinner and we were seated in a well located section of the outdoor theatre-in-the-round, where we were entertained by a talented cast of 34 singers and dancers (plus a wonderful orchestra) in a mesmerizing performance of "Ragtime".

Next morning, we all enjoyed a wonderful breakfast (included) at the Inn.

My advice—be sure to sign up for any event hosted by the Crippa family!"

Bruce Long

Regular Events:

Golf:

Weekly at Twin Lakes - Mondays at 9:00 A.M. (Tuesday on Monday holidays). \$9.00 for 9 holes (par 29); have fun improving your short game on an easy walking, flat course. And at Ocean Meadows - Wednesdays at 8:30 A.M. \$14.00 for 9 holes (par 36) with a play card. Improve your long shots.

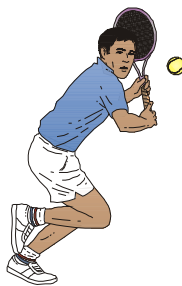


Open to all Cosmo members. Chair Lynn Garten, 969-2466, garten_sba@msn.com

Tennis:

The Cosmo Tennis Group play doubles twice a week, and all tennis players are invited. We play at a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8 A.M., Mondays and Thursdays.

Bruce Long, 692-4072 or
Walter Mead, 682-3045.



Cosmo Computer Society:

We meet upstairs at the Elks Club on the third Tuesday of each month. Open discussion starts at 10 AM. The feature presentation follows at 10:30, concluding with a no-host fellowship luncheon. All Cosmos members are welcome.

Jim Stubchaer, and Bob Gerity, Program Chairmen
Chair, Howard Glenn, 967-2633, hbglenn@cox.net



S.A.G.E. Investment Group:

Next meeting is Tuesday, 2 Sept, 2008, 10:00 AM

Our own Maurey Raffensperger has



researched and written a very interesting essay on "Tracing the History of Money".

His presentation will lead to an open discussion on the significance of its development. Last month's speaker, David Kain, gave a fascinating, and enlightening talk on current and recent stock market developments with emphasis on the financial sector.

We welcome all Cosmo members to come and discuss economic trends & current issues. We meet at 10 A.M. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Elks Club, 2nd floor, followed by a no-host fellowship luncheon in the Grill downstairs. We do not select or buy any stocks.

Chair Dick Evans, 967-6930, dickevans1@cox.net

Last Meeting: August 21 — Julian Nott: Scientific Ballooning—Exploring Landscapes Near & Far "

George Handler introduced Mr. Julian Nott who delivered a very interesting lecture on the fascinating subject of balloons, both pleasure and scientific. From Mr. Nott's enthusiasm it would be hard to separate one from the other. His lecture was accompanied by a colorful slide show including both photos and artwork. As we quickly discovered from his discussion, Mr. Nott's qualifications in the world of ballooning are quite exceptional; in addition to his work for NASA, JPL, et al, Mr. Nott is an adjunct professor in the department of experimental cosmology at UCSB. He is proud of his recent cover on the magazine "Nature".

Most of us were already at least peripherally familiar with the origins of ballooning. Names including Montgolfier, Charles, Pickard and even the more recently publicized Fawcett come to mind. We have all seen the sunset balloons over the Napa valley, Palm Springs or Temecula; in fact, Mr. Nott strongly recommends that we put such a balloon ride on our "Bucket Lists". (He advised, too, that we do our homework in selecting our pilot.) Many of us were not previously aware of the important scientific experimentation and discoveries that have been ongoing during the past few decades.

Mr. Nott described ballooning in space, not exactly in space, but above other heavenly bodies in our solar system. He mentioned clandestine activity over the years and the dangers of ballooning in the northern hemisphere. Our speaker has been described as "the leading figure in applying modern science to manned balloon design over the last 20 years". In addition to having set over 70 worlds records for ballooning, as well as designing and piloting numerous novel balloons, he continues to be extensively involved in both scientific and commercial applications of balloons and airships. Recently at a Goleta laboratory, he completed a series of experiments in a seriously cold test chamber. Cooled to below 300 degrees F, he tested a balloon and instruments that would manage the flight in an environment similar to that found on Saturn's moon, Titan. He has led experiments at high altitude to develop verification of Big-Bang theories through microwave analysis in near space.

Nott described how a modern balloon pilot is able to maneuver his seemingly aimless airship using state-of-the-art meteorology and

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a computer. By changing altitudes one is able to change directions to quite a large degree. This notwithstanding, Mr. Nott did advise us that upon landing in a farmer's field it might be advisable to limp a bit as he approaches, if he is holding a shotgun in a businesslike manner.

Nott is helping NASA develop the "Pumpkin Balloon", a closed system balloon, for very long duration flights, a concept Nott pioneered. A prototype of his high altitude cockpit and the pumpkin balloon has been acquired by the Smithsonian and will be on display soon. These developments make long duration flights far safer than at any time in the past and around the world flights are becoming considerably more practical.

Mr. Nott continues to assist the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory to develop balloons to explore Saturn's fascinating moon, Titan. Nott's illustrated lecture discussed these achievements, the fascinating history of ballooning and the current wide application of balloons in science and technology. Indeed, we were fortunate that the winds were blowing in a friendly way as, just two days ago he was ballooning near Alamogordo, NM, in a balloon system designed for very high altitude endeavors.

A favorite quote of Nott's is: "even a journey to the stars begins with a single step". A quote that Mr. Nott has registered is: "Math lets dreams take flight".

Montecito CC golf outing



A buffet of Cosmo smiles before the round



*Paul Coyne, John MacKenzie, Angus McLean
...a good walk (ride) not at all spoiled.*