



# Crackers

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### 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.

Annual \$60 dues are due on July 1. There will be a box at the Luncheon Ticket Table so you can drop your dues check, payable to Cosmopolitan

### SPECIAL NOTICE

The price of our luncheons will be increased from \$17.00 to \$20.00 effective with our May 5 meeting. Rising costs prompted the Elks Club to raise our Cosmo lunch charge. Initially slated for April, this rate increase takes effect at our May 5 meeting. The new lunch fee is \$20.00 which is comprised of the Elks charge of \$18.95 for the meal, plus \$1.05 instituted by Cosmo to cover punchbowl costs. The Cosmo Board felt going to a flat \$20 charge would expedite lunch ticket sales.

### Next Meeting:

#### May 5

#### Rod Camp "Effect of Drug Cartels on Contemporary Mexico"

Professor Camp is the Philip McKenna Professor of the Pacific Rim at Claremont McKenna College. He has received a Fulbright Fellowship on three occasions for research on Mexico, and was awarded two major grants from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation to explore attitudes toward democracy in Mexico and Latin America. He is a frequent consultant to national and international media, and the author of 25 books on Mexico. Gordon Bjork will introduce.

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Next Meeting: **May 5, 2011**

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### Future Meetings

#### May 19

#### Barbara Levi "Fraud in Physics" How One Young Scientist Fooled the Physics World"

Barbara Goss Levi is a contributing editor to *Physics Today* magazine from which she retired as senior editor in 2003 after 30 years of service. Levi, who holds a PhD in particle physics from Stanford, also has taught physics at several universities, including UCSB. As a reporter for *Physics Today*, she wrote about some phenomenal results coming from a group of Bell Labs researchers in 2001: The group could make plastic materials act as superconductors or lasers. Colleagues from many other institutions were rushing to emulate their work. Alas, it all proved too good to be true. Levi will discuss how a postdoc managed to deceive some of the top scientists and how he was eventually found out. Mead Northrop will introduce.

#### June 2

#### Bruce McPherson "CA Forward: California's Fiscal Problems"

Bruce McPherson is a member of the Leadership Council of CA Forward, the bipartisan public interest organization committed to bolstering democracy and the performance of government in California. Mr. McPherson is a former Secretary of State where he spearheaded election reforms and developed innovative ways to insure integrity of every vote. CA Forward led the fight for a referendum to eliminate Gerrymandering in the revision of legislative districts. This year, CA Forward is focused on the State's fiscal situation which will be the subject of Mr. McPherson's remarks. Warren Elliott will introduce.

**June 16**

**Walter Kohn "Prospects for a World Powered Predominantly by Solar and Wind Energy"**

**July 7**

**Annual Picnic**

**Are you a published Author?**

The Cosmo program committee is exploring a suggestion to celebrate Cosmo Authors at a future meeting. Program chair Chuck Curtis has asked members to let him know if they are published authors, novelists, poets, journalists, etc. We believe there are many members who have written on diverse and interesting subjects, and that a display of such books, with authors present, could be an unusual and edifying event. The books could be displayed in the outer room before the meeting, and if there is sufficient interest, perhaps each author could speak briefly about his book subject(s). Please call Chuck Curtis at 708-0588 on his cell phone or e-mail him at [crurtissog@cox.net](mailto:crurtissog@cox.net) with your comments, or contact him at the next meeting.

**Meeting Staff:**

Ticket Sellers: Manny Espig & Pete Schenck  
Punch Bowl: Larry Vine  
Invocation: Hal Thompson

**Wine Drawing** with Bob Zimels doing the honors: Ron White glommed onto the Margerum M5 Red The Summerland 2008 Chardonnay garnered by Arlie Skov David Kain collected the Summerland 2008 Zinfandel



**Special Award:**

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Jim Belden for his extraordinary services.



**Welcome Our Guests**

Don Chalfant brought Verne Johnson

**Regular Events**

**Bridge**

Results for 21 April 2011:

- 1st Place – **Howard Glenn - 3960 points**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – **Hal Thompson - 2780 points**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – **Jim Belden - 2410 points.**



Join us for fun Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 PM. Contact Herb Friedman, 687-6228, or email at [maryherbfriedman@cox.net](mailto:maryherbfriedman@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. 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, concluding with a no-host fellowship luncheon in the Elks Grill. All COSMO members are welcome. Bob Gerity, Program Chair, Howard Glenn (805) 967-2633 [hbglennc@cox.net](mailto:hbglennc@cox.net), and Frank Katch 964-2734, [fkatch@mac.com](mailto:fkatch@mac.com): Co Chairmen.



Cosmo webmaster Jim Stubchaer invites Cosmo techies to discuss serving as backup to help Jim manage the club's website. Contact Jim at [m7030@stubchaer.com](mailto:m7030@stubchaer.com) or 964-2926.

**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.



At S.A.G.E. we discuss past and possible future trends in the economy and the stock market. We would welcome your participation.

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 prior Friday 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. Clarke and Steven Stonefield will select the floating golf game sites, so you may contact either of them. Ron Singer, Golf Chair: [rsinger916@aol.com](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com).

**Golf Tournament** coming this summer. Mark this date in your calendar; details will follow. July 18th

## Special Events

**Saturday, May 7**

### **L. A. Philharmonic and Dinner at the Granada Theatre**

Join other Cosmo members for this unusual opportunity to see the L. A. Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Gustavo Dudamel, who is acclaimed worldwide as one of the most exciting and compelling conductors of our time. The program will consist of the following:  
Johannes Brahms: Academic Festival Overture  
Osvaldo Golijov: Violin Concerto (World Premiere) performed by Violinist Leonidas Kavakos  
Brahms: Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Opus 68



We will all meet for dinner at 6:00 PM at Jane Restaurant at 1311 State St., one block north of the Granada Theatre. Price per person is \$38 for the L. A. Phil performance. Tickets are limited. The cost of dinner is not included. We will order from the menu (entrees are \$10 to \$26.)

Our tickets for this event are sold out.. You may have your name added to the wait list by contacting Thore Edgren at 967-4001.

**Friday, May 13**

### **SBCC Ben Walsh Memorial Dinner**

This culinary extravaganza in memory of Col. Ben Walsh is sold out, but take a chance and call Harry Stroud, 653-5117 if you are burning to go.



**Wednesday, June 29**

### **A Night in Solvang and PCPA Presentation of "39 Steps"**

Bob Zimels has booked reservations for a night in Solvang at the Royal Copenhagen and tickets to the PCPA showing of the play, 39 Steps. The arrangement with the Royal Copenhagen includes a Continental breakfast and wine tasting. Cost is \$125.00 per couple and there are openings for 10 couples. Please contact Bob at 805-962-3211 for additional details.



**Sunday, July 24**

### **Santa Barbara Polo Club.**

Ron Singer has arranged for an invitation to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary event at our own Polo Club. World-class players will be playing in the event and we will be treated to lunch and a "back-stage" tour by Ron, a member of the Polo Club for some 40 years. The cost for this event includes lunch, the games and the behind-the-scenes tour is \$50- per person. Ron mentioned that this event will also be a special Ladies Extravagant Hat Day. Prizes will be awarded to the most remarkable chapeaus. See page 5 of eCrackers for details and registration. Event chair Ron Singer, (805) 684-1355, [rsinger916@aol.com](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com).



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### **Frederick W. Clough**

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Born in the country of Honduras, Fred studied history followed by a law degree. Courtesy of the U.S. Army, he served duty in Vietnam and is recipient of the Bronze Star. Fred and wife Linda moved to Santa Barbara in 1973, raising daughter Carrie and son Greg. He retired a year ago as Executive VP and General Counsel for Pacific Capital Bancorp. Many of you recall Fred's wonderful presentation on bicycling across the USA. In addition, he skis, plays volleyball and enjoys reading and travel. Jim Shaw sponsored Fred.



### **James R. Subject**

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Jim was born in Sacramento, served in the US Army for two years, is married, with three sons and a daughter. He earned BA and DDS degrees, and worked as a dentist for 42 years. He is a woodworker, a builder of wooden boats in particular, and enjoys tennis. Ron White sponsored Jim.



**Saturday, April 23**

### **Private Car Rail Trip - Santa Barbara/San Luis Obispo/ Santa Barbara**

It was a beautiful day for the private rail car trip to San Luis Obispo on April 23rd. There were lots of sights to see along the way. About 1/2 the trip was right along the ocean and the views at Pt. Conception were exceptional. The launch site on Vandenberg where the largest missile ever launched from the west coast (Titan IV Heavy in February) was clearly visible. The site of the greatest peace time disaster for the US Navy was pointed. Seven Destroyers ran aground at Pt. Perdenales in 1923.

The private rail car was built in 1949 and has recently been totally remodeled by Bill & Debbie Hatrick. Bill was our guide and provided a description of the car and its modifications. Host Don Chalfant provided a running commentary. There was time for a brief lunch stop at a park near the train station and then back on the train for the return to Santa Barbara.



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**Last Meeting:**

Ambassador Glen Holden, Retired, "Serving as U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica"

Ambassador Glen Holden's discussion today centered on his service as Ambassador to Jamaica from 1989 to 1993. He prefaced his remarks with his association with Ron Singer and the polo fields of Santa Barbara, the best fields in the country and soon to celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



Amb. Holden had become a friend of Ronald Reagan after the President had left office. He also had met George H.W. Bush in Texas in 1968. In 1988, while in the Palm Springs area, the call came in from President Bush requesting Glen to be the ambassador to Jamaica.

Amb. Holden had not been a career Foreign Service officer. Normally the career path to ambassador in the Foreign Service is to become a Junior Foreign Service Officer, then a Senior FSO and finally an Ambassador. Failure to qualify for the next level results in dismissal from the service. Roughly two-thirds of the ambassadors come through this process, the remainder are direct appointments from the private sector.

Upon arrival in Jamaica, he met with Prime Minister, Michael Manley, who had been the P.M. ten years earlier. The Prime Minister had softened his socialistic behavior, describing himself as a democratic socialist and expressly advocating a role for private enterprise. Among other things, he had begun selling off properties that had been confiscated during the interval he was not in office.

One of Amb. Holden's principal tasks was to monitor the progress of U.S.-sponsored projects to assure they were well-executed, brought to a timely conclusion and produced beneficial results. An embassy houses five agencies of the State Department. When Amb. Holden found they were operating independently; he instituted 7:30 AM briefings three days a week to engender cooperation. Since life in the embassy rarely surfaced before 9:00 AM, these early sessions provided the necessary impetus to cooperate.

Ambassadors are required to travel in chauffeured armored cars with bodyguards. Shortly after his arrival on station, he was traveling to visit projects funded by the U.S. His wife was traveling with him and he had a rookie driver who got too close to a stalled bus. An altercation broke out in front of them wherein the bus driver was dragged from the bus by an angry mob, stoned and then hacked to death with machetes. This was too much for his wife who demanded he call the president and tell him we're going home.

His acquaintanceship with Marriott helped the Jamaican Parliament in a deal involving two hotels that were confiscated by the prior regime, allowed to become run down, and sold to a bank which went defunct. Through other connections, he was able to help clean up corruption at a racetrack.

During the Q & A after his talk, he addressed Jamaican music (reggae), the safety of tourists, involvement with Cuba, Venezuela, China and Japan.



**Santa Barbara Polo Club is celebrating their 100th year. Picture above is from 1976 featured in Hurlingham International Polo Magazine 2010**

**Cosmopolitan Club Member Ron Singer**

**Played polo for 40 years and will be hosting this event.**

## **Sunday July 24 High Goal Polo Game and Lunch**

**See the best players in the world**

**+ Ron is going to take you behind the scenes before the 1<sup>st</sup> game  
Meet players, See the horses and players prepare for the game**

**\$50 Per Person Members and Guests field side seating including lunch and parking**

**Arrive 11:45 AM pre-game Tour behind the scenes**

**1<sup>st</sup> Game 1 PM second Game 3 PM**

**Lunch served during 1<sup>st</sup> Game**

**Sign up early: Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Total People \_\_\_\_\_**

**Send \$50 per person to:**

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