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Cosmo Member Ailing?

If you learn of one of our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Arlie Skov, 965-5101, askov@earthlink.net.

Next Meeting

February 16

Dr. Gary Cunningham (introduced by Bob Hankins) will speak on "World University Games". Gary, known best to us as Athletic Director of UCSB for many years, will tell us all about these games. They are second only to the Olympics as an international sporting event and a really big deal to the other nations of the world. The honor of hosting the games is much sought after. The bidding for last year's event was won by China at a cost of many millions of dollars. The games are both summer and winter events and are held every two years. Gary has headed the United States delegation for 16 years. Eminentlly qualified to run this show, he has achieved much in the field of athletics starting as a highly recruited high school ball player and team leader for John Wooden at UCLA. He continues his leadership of the games, having just accepted election for another four year term.



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fixed income markets. They will also touch on some of the major risks in the marketplace, including the problems in Europe, and provide examples of how their firm identifies stock investment ideas. John and George are founding partners of Alamar Capital, a two year old asset management firm located in Santa Barbara. Before founding Alamar they held senior research and management positions with a number of respected asset management firms, including Santa Barbara Asset Management. They both have earned the Chartered Financial Analyst ("CFA") designation and hold MBA's in finance (John from USC and George from UCLA).

March 15

Paul Melancon (Intro by Jim Davis) speaks on

"NASA Apollo Program"



April 05 Phil Lubin (Intro by Jim Davis) speaks on

"Origins & Fate of the Universe"



March 01

John Murphy and George Tharakan (introduced by Steve Hicks) will speak on

"Investing in Uncertain Times"

John Murphy and George Tharakan will discuss the equity markets in light of the current very low interest rates in the

Transportation Committee

President Arlie Skov reports the Cosmo board would like to form a Transportation Committee which would coordinate transportation for members who need a ride with members who would provide a ride. Contact Arlie, 965-5101, askov@earthlink.net, if you are interested in assisting in this service to your fellow Cosmo members.

Wine Drawing – Howard Glenn conducted the wine drawing. The winners were:

Joe Jenson won a bottle of 2009 Washington State Pinot Gras

Jim Davis won a bottle of Main & Geary Zinfandel

Harry Brown won a bottle of 2009 Margerum Sauvignon Blanc



S.A.G.E. Investment Group –S.A.G.E. 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. Co-Chairs: Dick Evans, 967- 6930, dickevans@mac.com and Walter Naumann, 448-5061, wjnaumann@aol.com.



Thanks to our Staff
Jerry Floyd on the Punch Bowl
Fred Marsh and Manny Espig, Ticket Sellers
Ray Rosecrans gave the Invocation



Welcome Our Guests

Bruce Long introduced Phil Whaley as his guest

John MacKenzie introduced Bill Costello as his guest

Skip Cole introduced Don Vogt as his guest

Ron White introduced David Gawe as his guest

Golf - Golf Chair Ron Singer announced that the Golf Committee is in the early planning stages for a Cosmo golf trip to Ireland – you read that right! – probably in September. Spouses are most welcome. If you have any interest in this grand adventure, let Ron know, 684-1355, rsinger916@aol.com.



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 by prior Friday for your tee time. Twin Lakes (Par 29) at 9:00 AM. Work on your short game. These outings are a great way to gain new members, so invite your friends.

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, Friday locations have included La Purisma, Glen Annie, Soule Park, and Rancho San Marcos. A. B. Clark and Steven Stonefield will select the floating golf game sites, so you may contact either of them. Ron Singer, Golf Chair: rsinger916@aol.com.

In Memoriam
A Cosmo member since 2006, Ralph Nutter passed away January 28, 2012. We extend sincere condolences to his wife Dale and family.

Regular Events

Bridge - Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 PM. Chairman Steve Morgan, 637-1332, or smmphd@cox.net.



Bridge Winners on 2 February

- 1st place with a score of 4830 goes to Steve Morgan
- 2nd place with a score of 3710 goes to Hal Thompson
- 3rd place with a score of 3270 goes to Ralph Edebo

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.



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; Chair Howard Glenn, 967-2633, hbglenn@cox.net.



Rancho San Marcos Golf Tourney

24 Cosmo members and guests enjoyed a gorgeous day of golf at Rancho San Marcos on February 8. Crystal blue skies, beautifully maintained fairways and greens, and semi-competitive golf made for a totally enjoyable Wednesday afternoon adjacent to Lake Cachuma. Many thanks to Paul Fink and John MacKenzie for organizing this event. The winning teams;

Third Place	Second Place	First Place
John MacKenzie	Mike Rodrigue	Ron Singer
Bob Hankins	John Burgee	Franz Meier
Bill Clothier	Ed Vance	Mike Nutik
Bill Costello	Bob Logan	Ken Collin

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April 3rd
Spring Dinner Dance

Friday, April 13th
The Annual Ben Walsh Memorial Dinner

Once again the annual Ben Walsh Memorial dinner will be held at SBCC on April 13. Further details will follow. If you have questions, contact Harry Stroud at 653-5117.

May 3rd
Ladies Day

May 12th
Mullin Automobile Museum and lunch, Oxnard

June (date TBD)
Long Beach Aquarium.

July (date TBD)
Fourth-of-July Picnic

July (date TBD)
Solvang Theater Fest /Dinner & Overnight

August (date TBD)
Circle Bar B Ranch Dinner/Matinee

September (date TBD)
Piper's Winery, Dixieland Jass/Dinner. Hwy 150 above Carpinteria



Upcoming Special Events

February – No Events

Sunday, March 25 th

LaCumbre CC Brunch and Opera Matinee "Marriage of Figaro"



Cosmo members and guests will meet at La Cumbre Country Club on Sunday, March 25th at 11:45 for a copious brunch buffet, including Champagne/Mimosas, coffee or tea. We will have plenty of time to either drive or car-pool to the Granada Theater for a 2:30 presentation of Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" by Opera Santa Barbara. The total fee per person, including brunch and opera tickets, is \$88.00 (Opera tickets alone are \$75.00)

Last Meeting

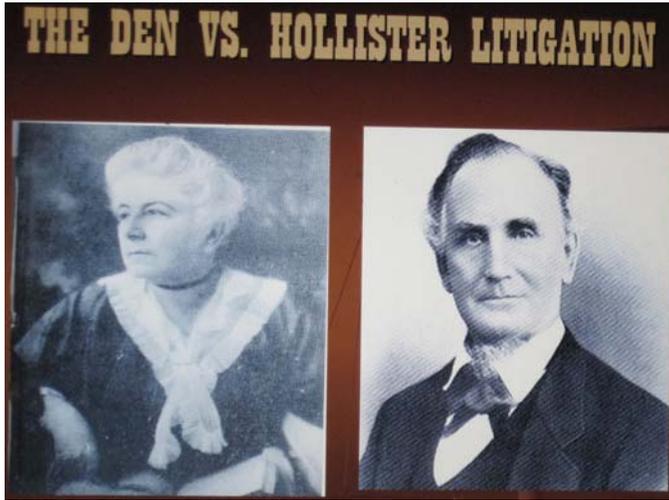


Tim Metzinger

Don Chalfant introduced our speaker, Tim Metzinger. Tim, a student of local history, holds a BA from UCLA and a JD from the University of San Francisco. He is a partner in the law firm of Price, Postel and Parma and has served as president of the Santa Barbara Bar Association.

His lecture was on the Den vs. Hollister Litigation, which has been called "the trial of the century". It was a titanic legal struggle between the prominent Den and Hollister families for control of the Goleta Valley. The presentation was enhanced with a stream of historic photographs of the participants and the related property. A number of recent photographs were included, adding additional context to the presentation.

The lecture covered the background leading to the litigation, the trial and the historical consequences of its outcome. The litigation profoundly affected the boundaries and place names within the Goleta Valley. For example, Hollister Avenue, Glen Annie Road and the Bishop Ranch are familiar names that have a connection to the litigation.



Three of the main characters in the story are Nicholas Den, Colonel William Wells Hollister and Thomas Bishop.

Nicholas Den was born in Ireland and studied medicine at Trinity College. He arrived in Santa Barbara in 1836. Although Den had a medical background he wanted to be a rancher. His timing was perfect, since the Mexican government was secularizing the mission land. To get a parcel of this property all that was required was a land grant from the governor. In 1842 Den became a Mexican citizen and that same year was given a land grant for the 15,535 acre Rancho Los Dos Pueblos. Although in six short years California was ceded to the United States, the land grants were honored. The California gold rush created a huge demand for beef and by the end on the 1850's Den had over 25,000 head of cattle.

In 1862 Nicholas Den died at the untimely age of 50. In probate his estate was split between his wife Rosa Hill Den and his ten children. The children's portion was to be held in trust until they became of age.

Colonel Hollister was born in Ohio. In 1854 Colonel Hollister, a strong willed and astute thirty five year old rancher/businessman, led a 15 month trail drive of some 6,000 sheep from Ohio to California. By the time he reached Santa Barbara he was down to 1,000 head and decided, with the permission of Nicholas Den, to rest the sheep for the winter at Ranchos Los Dos Pueblos. Like many current visitors, Colonel Hollister fell in love with Santa Barbara. He was especially taken with what we now know as Glen Annie Canyon. He vowed to be successful enough to purchase it one day.

Hollister established a sheep ranch in San Benito County and in fact became wealthy selling wool during the boom years of the Civil War. He returned to Santa Barbara in 1868 and began

buying large tracks of land. He also turned his energies to improving Santa Barbara, playing a lead role in the construction of Sterns Warf, the Lobero Theater and the Arlington Hotel.

In 1869 Hollister was contacted by a trustee for the estate of the Den children to see if he was still interested in purchasing Glen Annie Canyon. At that time property values had collapsed as a result of a major drought. The Den estate had property and needed cash; Hollister had the cash and wanted the property. Hollister made a substantial over market offer; he wanted the property and he wanted it now!

A roadblock arose when the probate judge ruled that under the trust he (the probate judge) could not approve the sale. Strong willed as ever, Hollister decided to go forward without probate court approval. He reasoned that the approval was simply a technicality since everyone appeared to agree with the transaction.

Colonel Hollister moved quickly. He renamed the property the Glenn Annie Ranch, after his wife Annie, and started building a substantial residence with the help of thirty laborers.

Thomas Bishop was a San Francisco attorney. In 1875 he was retained by Kate Den Bell, Nicholas Den's eldest daughter. After reviewing the transaction he argued that the sale was invalid since the trustees had failed to obtain court approval.

Bishop arranged a meeting with Colonel Hollister to discuss the issues. After a contentious meeting the two men parted company at the top of the Arlington Hotel's grand staircase. Bishop either stumbled or was tripped and fell down the stairs. When he arose he swore aloud that he would "break Hollister if it was the last thing I ever do".

Ultimately the sale was held to be invalid. Although Hollister won the first trial, he lost on appeal and a new trial was set. Hollister lost the second trial and lost his appeals all the way to California's Supreme Court.

The litigation captivated and polarized Santa Barbara for over fourteen years. It is still an interesting story that adds depth and color to our understanding of the history of Santa Barbara.