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Cosmo Members Ailing

If you learn of one our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Curt Whiteman, Memorial & Visitation Chair, 220-6833, whiteman@westmont.edu.

Curt reported that Bruce Long and George Campell are both ailing and will appreciate our support.

Dress Code

Jackets are the required dress code during the current season.

Meeting Staff

Ticket Sellers: Paul Coyne & Gene Miller
Invocation: Don Montgomery
Audio-Visual: Bob Weber, Orlando Ramirez
Jack Patterson & Bill Alexander
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Wolf
Punchbowl Host: Paul Hartloff
Photographer: Don Truex

Time of Meetings 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

NEXT MEETING

May 19th, 2016

Chuck McPartlin "The Lives of Stars"



Mr. McPartlin earned his Master's in Computer Science from UCSB, where he managed to "fit in" a lot of Astronomy classes. He is retired from a career of some 38 years in naval electronic warfare systems, for a company that was eventually bought by Northrop-Grumman. Chuck has been doing Astronomy public outreach for about 18 years, including presenting planetarium shows at Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, and received the Astronomical Society of the Pacific's Las Cumbres Amateur Outreach award in 2012. Our local club, the Santa Barbara Astronomical Unit, sponsored by the SB Museum of Natural History, brings Astronomy to the public at over 200 events each year, with attendance of about 16,000 per year. Bob Reid will introduce McPartlin.

June 2, 2016

Karl Hutterer, PhD.

Climate Change – an archeological perspective



Dr. Hutterer was born in Austria and received his college and graduate education in the classics, theology, anthropology, archeology and ecology in Austria, Germany, the Philippines and the University of Hawaii, receiving his PhD in 1973. Karl served as tenured professor at the University of Michigan (16 years) and the University of Washington (10 years). Archeological field research took him to Hawaii, Australia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Laos and southern China. His work covered a wide chronological range from the earliest appearance of hominids on the island of Java (about 1 million years ago) to the age of European exploration. In 2000 Karl left academia to become Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, retiring in 2013. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and a member of Sigma Xi.

NEW MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The membership roster for 2016 – 2017 will be published on July 1. Please review your listing and personal information in the last roster. If any corrections or changes are needed, please contact Jim Stubchaer or Don Chalfont.

WINE DRAWING:

Bob Zimels conducted the wine drawing for two bottles of wine, one of which was produced by one of our members, Bob Hassler.

Today's winners were: Bob Veigele, who took home a bottle of 2012 Roth Sauvignon Blanc and Bill Van Horn won a bottle of 2013 Mammoth Crest Pinot Noir.



WELCOME OUR GUESTS

Jim Dow introduced two guests:

Gary Cunningham, former Director of Athletics at UCSB, was a guest of Chuck Curtis. Gary's interests are athletic management, golf, fishing and reading.

Peter Searl, retired lawyer, interested in photography, video editing and history; hosted by Pete Kruse.

Bill Berry indicates there are vacancies on the guest greeters' roster. He asks that he be contacted soon to fill them.

Proposed for Membership

Steven Ebbin, 830B Calle de los Amigos, Santa Barbara 93105, sebbin@verizon.net, phone 805-845-7333, cell 301-518-0442

Steven was V.P. Science and Technology at the Institute of International Education and previously served as Assistant to the Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate and as Staff Director in the White House. His 47 years working in Washington, D.C. has given him a unique insight into government operations. Steven holds a PhD in Political Science. He is interested in classical music and plays tennis. Steve's sponsors are Kevin Ryan and Vern Kemp.

NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Club will provide a free lunch for a first-time guest. If the guest submits a new member application within one week of his first guest visit, his sponsor will receive a free lunch. If he is ultimately inducted into membership, both he and his sponsor will receive a free lunch at the meeting when he is inducted. The sponsor must present a free lunch voucher, signed by the President, to the ticket sellers. Vouchers can be obtained either from the President or the Sergeant-at-Arms, and membership applications can be downloaded from the Club's website. The incentive program will continue through our regular meeting on May 17, 2016.

REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP (s)

Under the leadership of Jim Davis, members of Cosmo meet to discuss areas of mutual interest after the second regular monthly Cosmo meeting. For April 21st, the discussion was "The Energy Ladder and Renewable Energy Sources", with Bill Veigele presenting. For a future meeting, the topic will be "Social Movements and Belief Systems". Jim asks those interested to suggest other topics for future meetings.

Peter Kruse has been conducting a four part series of seminars on issues facing Seniors. On April 7th, his subject was on "Important Legal issues for Seniors". He held his last presentation, "**Difficult Family Issues**", on May 5th. He addressed particular family problems raised by participants. Guest speaker was Sharon Kennedy, who spoke on services available from a professional serving to assist in estate administration.

BRIDGE

Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after regular meetings; we play until 3:30 pm. Chair Ed Loper, 967-8630, oliveloper@cox.net. Call Ed prior to the meeting to get on the list.



TENNIS

The tennis group plays doubles twice a week on a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8:00 am Mondays and Thursdays. All tennis players are invited to participate. Contact Bruce Long at (805) 692-4072 or bruce93103@cox.net.



GOLF

Golf Chairman Ron Singer recently reported the website cosmogolfclubsb.com is up and running and encouraged new members to use it to register and for additional news.



Mondays, we usually meet at the Santa Barbara Golf Club, (Muni). Tee times most often begin at 10:15 am. Contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355 or rsinger916@aol.com by the prior Friday for your tee time. These outings are a great way to gain new members, so invite your friends. We also have additional games at various courses. Contact Ron Singer to get on

May 9th saw the golf guys scrambling for a win at the San Marcos Golf Course. The fairways were nice and green and a good time was had by all. First place winners with an astonishing score of -10 to par were the team of Bill Costello, Roy Greenwald, Bill Kelly and Cam Camarena. In second was team 5 with Bill Clothier, Dave Phillips, Nic Martinovich and Don Davis with a final tally of -7 to par.

May 10, 2016

GARDEN RAILROAD in Los Alamos

Merle Blasjo showed off his garden railroad combining the hobbies of model railroading and gardening. After looking at the construction and the plantings and watching the train run, the group went to 'Plenty on Bell', Los Alamos's newest restaurant, for a buffet luncheon. Final news of this outing misses our publication cut-off date so ask Merle Blasjo for details.

June 20, 2016

Music Academy of the West

Masterclass and Picnic Lunch

We will gather at 11:30 am for a picnic lunch with spouses and friends at the Music Academy of the West's lovely reserved picnic area south of Hahn Hall. Members will furnish their own food and beverages. Wine is allowed. After lunch we will proceed to

Hahn Hall for a 1 pm Pianist Masterclass. The Masterclass will be conducted by visiting artist Jeremy Denk, who is an American Classical Pianist.

The ticket cost is \$15 per person. All Academy events are usually sold out, so sign up early. Send your checks made out to Cosmopolitan Club to Thore Edgren, 6545 Camino Venturoso, Goleta, Ca. 93117. Ph. 967-4001. theman3@cox.net

LAST MEETING

May 5,, 2016

Tim Vom Steeg, UCSB Men's Soccer Coach

Building a Team: The Success Story of UCSB Soccer



Our speaker, Tim Vom Steeg, was introduced by John Mackenzie. Vom Steeg told us the exciting story of how he has built the winning teams at UCSB over the last 17 seasons as head coach of the men's soccer program. Tim's father was a missionary in Southern Brazil where he grew up and played soccer everyday from 12:30 pm to sunset. Tim played soccer at UCSB 1985-88 where he

earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees. He taught and coached at Bishop Diego and Laguna Blanca before being named Head Soccer Coach at SBCC where he started the soccer program with \$40,000 and over 7 years won four state championships. In 1999, Gary Cunningham, Director of Athletics, UCSB, recruited Tim to take over the men's soccer program at a salary cut of \$35,000. It had been a losing team for 5 seasons, and the facilities were terrible.

Vom Steeg took the challenge to change the culture at UCSB and rebuild the soccer program. He recruited kids who were winners and wanted to be at UCSB, and he reached out to the Santa Barbara community for support. 3500 kids play soccer in Santa Barbara so Tim started clinics and local school outreach to grow the program. In his first season with UCSB he guided the team to a 10 – 5 improvement on their 1998 record, the best turnaround in the NCAA at the division 1 level that year. Then Tim brought the SBCC team to UCSB and produced a 13 – 5 season. He even went to New Zealand to recruit their national team and got the whole back line of that team to transfer to UCSB.

In 2004, Tim led UCSB to its first NCAA College Cup appearance and final with a 22 – 3 season. He earned his first NCAA National Coach of the Year Award and NSCAA National Coach of the Year that season. And he was honored as Big West Coach of the Year in 2004.

Vom Steeg had a very dysfunctional group of players going into the finals in 2006. Eight seniors decided they would play together and get to the National Championships. UCSB was bottom seeded in the playoffs, but they won their game against S.M.U. 3-1 and tied against Old Dominion. The Gauchos beat Northwestern 3-1. The finals included Virginia, Wake Forest and UCLA vying for their 100th National championship. It was snowing in St. Louis, but UCSB won the game with Wake Forest. The next day UCSB won 2-1 over UCLA to win the 2006 National Championship, the second NCAA title in UCSB Athletics history. Vom Steeg was named Division 1 National Coach of the Year for the second time.

Ten years later UCSB has not yet won another National Championship, but Tim has built a national brand and leads the nation in attendance at UCSB's 16,000 seat Harder Stadium, the largest soccer stadium in the country. UCSB will host the National Championships and hopes to be their permanent home. Manchester City and Barcelona want to train here. Tim wants UCSB to host COP-America teams from Columbia, Argentina and Brazil in Santa Barbara. Vom Steeg coaches players from 17 countries at UCSB. Soccer is the international sport, popular all over the world.

Tim recruits for team chemistry; he makes home visits to interview prospective players with their parents and to see how they communicate with their parents. One of his questions of kids is, "What is the hardest thing you've

ever done?" It is difficult to manage the culture when he loses 25% of the team every year. UCSB players dream of playing professional soccer – that is what brings them together. Division 1 college soccer games at UCSB are the best. Santa Barbara loves the players and supports them to become pro's.

The NFL is interested in buying major leagues of professional soccer. Soccer players are owned by the league and have to negotiate salaries with the league, whereas NFL players are owned by the teams and their salaries are uncapped. Von Steeg has a difficult time keeping his good players because there are so many new teams being formed and there are no rules for moving. He has lost over 40 players in the past 9 years who have gone to the professional teams that are unregulated.

Vom Steeg was recently selected for his fifth Big West Coach of the Year award, following the 2015 season. Tim is certainly an outstanding and enthusiastic teacher, coach and advocate for Soccer, UCSB and Santa Barbara.