



# Crackers

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## Website and Online Membership Roster

Access the Cosmo website <http://sbcosmo.com> for current and archived issues of Crackers. Don Chalfant and Jim Stubchaer have updated our online system. We now have a "public" and a "private" website. The "private" website is intended for use by Cosmopolitan Club members and includes an online membership roster that can be accessed with a password. The password will only be available to the membership and will be periodically revised to insure privacy.

## Dress Code

During our prolonged summer, the dress code remains relaxed and jackets are not necessary.

## 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](mailto:whiteman@westmont.edu).

## The Board of Directors approved an incentive program to urge current members to help recruit new Club Members:

If a current member brings a guest who is a potential new member, the guest will get a free lunch.

If by the next meeting the guest applies for membership, the guest gets another free lunch.

If applicant is approved by the Membership Committee, the inductee gets another free lunch.

The sponsor of the guests should contact the Club President upon arrival and he will provide the lunch voucher for the guest.

## December 15 – San Marcos High School Madrigal Choral Presentation



## NEXT MEETING

### December 15 – San Marcos High School Madrigal Choral Presentation

#### “Christmas Spirit”

Mead Northup will introduce this nationally famous choir of talented adolescent voices.

The Madrigals, an elite singing ensemble from the San Marcos High School will make their annual appearance on Thursday, December 15th at the Elks Club. Led by Caroline Teraoka-Brady, this award winning choral group has toured nationally and overseas. The Madrigals never fail to fill us with the Holiday Spirit by presenting a carefully crafted program of seasonal

Music. The Cosmopolitan Club welcomes back this talented choir for 2016. We are proud to help sponsor their ambitious performance schedule during these economically challenging times.

Wives and guests are invited to join our members to enjoy their festive music.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

### January 5 – Paul Casey – Managing our City



#### Introduced by Dwight Coffin

Mr. Casey has 19 years of experience with the City of Santa Barbara, serving as the Assistant City Administrator for four years before becoming the City Administrator in 2015. In this role, he provides leadership and guidance on the development of the annual budget and many citywide projects and policy issues. He also provides oversight to the Community Development, Finance, Parks and Recreation, Library, and Airport Departments.

Mr. Casey served as the Community Development Director for eight years where he was responsible for planning and development services, building and safety, and housing and human services. Under his leadership, he directed the City's multi-year effort to update its General Plan and guided the City's former redevelopment agency activities. He oversaw a \$25 million budget and 70 employees in the Community Development Department. In an interim capacity, he also managed the Public Works Department that includes the City's water and wastewater utilities, capital project design and construction, street maintenance, fleet services, downtown parking and maintenance of City facilities. The Public Works Department is the largest department in the City with almost 300 employees and an \$83 million operating budget.

Prior to joining Santa Barbara, he worked with the City of Santa Monica as the Assistant to the Director of Planning and Community Development, Senior Planner and Transportation Planner.

Mr. Casey received a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of California at Irvine and a Master's degree in Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin.

### January 19 – Role of Carbon Dioxide in Life on Earth

#### Jim Davis, PhD.

Introducer is TBD

Doctor Davis received his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in theoretical physics from CalTech and then UCLA. Jim has published widely, on subjects from basic science to public policy, testified at numerous congressional hearings and has been an invited speaker at numerous international conferences.

Davis reports carbon dioxide is essential to the development of life on earth and must be maintained at a sufficient level to sustain life on the planet Earth and in the seas. Some major

Contributors to climate changes will be discussed and compared to the role of carbon dioxide in such changes.

Key facts about the importance of CO2 will be given a historical context. The question of whether or not ocean acidification is a likely problem will be discussed. Examples of the influence of carbon dioxide on plant growth and sea life will also be reviewed. A final summary

Of the key points and other factors will be provided to sum up a possible favorable outcome.

## Cosmo Cruise To Exotic Ports Of Call

This sailing adventure is attractive to all Sea Lovers as it visits ports of call not previously included in Mexican cruises. There are plenty of activities at each of the visited cities including five different golf courses to conquer. All of one's luggage including golf bags will be checked from the bus in Santa Barbara to your cabin or suite on the Princess ship. Ron Singer has negotiated an additional five percent savings on an already reduced fare making it a hard to beat deal! This is in addition to the joys of traveling with your friends of Cosmos. Please review the details of the cruise and how to reserve your spot on the next page of this edition. Check it out and sign up now!

## REGULAR EVENTS

### DISCUSSION GROUP –

The Discussion Group will meet twice a month excepting December 15 until the series is complete. These sessions are held in the upstairs room immediately following our regular luncheon programs. The 2016 Presidential election involved some major constitutional issues, ranging from separation of powers to proposed amendments. The arguments for and against federal power persist today, and The Great Debate illuminates the foundation of American government. The remaining topics to be discussed are as follows:

January 5th, Disputing Separation of Powers, Part 2

January 19th, The Supreme Court and Judicial Review

February 2nd, The Bill of Rights

## BRIDGE

Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 pm. If you would like to play you are asked to call Ed Loper to sign up. Chair Ed Loper, 967-8630, [oliveloper@cox.net](mailto:oliveloper@cox.net).



## TENNIS

The tennis group plays doubles four times a week on a private court off 122 Patterson Avenue, behind the office buildings, starting at 7:45 am Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. All tennis players are invited. Contact Harrison Stroud at (805) 653-5117, [stroud@hotmail.com](mailto:stroud@hotmail.com), or Jim Subject at (805) 964-2020, [jsubject@aol.com](mailto:jsubject@aol.com).



## GOLF

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](mailto: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 games on Wednesdays and Fridays at other area courses. Contact Ron Singer to get on the mailing list. The website [cosmogolfclubsb.com](http://cosmogolfclubsb.com) is up and running. New members may use it to register and for additional news.



## CRUISE TO SAN DIEGO, BAJA PENINSULA, SEA OF CORTEZ AND PUERTO VALLARTA ON A PRINCESS SHIP.

**March 28 to April 7, 2017**

This trip is for Golfers and NonGolfer's alike. It will depart from Los Angeles; transportation from Santa Barbara will be available.

For golfers, there will be opportunities in San Diego, Cabo San Lucas, La Paz, Loretto, and Puerto Vallarta. For non golfers, there are fishing, tours and loafing available. The price is exceptionally economical due to the membership of Ron Singer as an Online Vacation Shareholder which he is sharing. Price check available at

<http://www.princess.com/find/cruiseDetails.do?voyageCode=9709>

Contact Ron Singer, Chairman, Golf Committee, Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara, at [rsinger916@aol.com](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com)

## PREVIOUS MEETING

December 1, 2016

Ticket sellers were Steve Sheaffer and Dave Medina; Paul Hartloff managed the punchbowl. The audio-visual team of Bob Weber and Orlando Ramirez took care of the a/v electronics. Following our rendition of the National Anthem and pledge to the flag, Ken Working offered the invocation.

Vern Kemp was our Sargeant-at-Arms and reported Curt Whiteman was speedily recovering from his cancer desiring to attend December 15's musical meeting. He also reported Bill Alexander is recovering from a recent stroke and receiving compensating therapy for his partial paralysis. He is also anticipating attending future meetings.

Dr. Russell Tyler, a Cosmos member for 10 years, died November 27 after failing health for the past six months. His Memorial Service has been set for January 6 at 11 AM in the All Saints by the Sea Episcopal Church.

## Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels conducted the wine drawings. George Surmeier received a 2013 Riesling from Cathedral Ridge Winery. A 2014 Rippey Old Vine Zinfandel was taken home by Paul Hartloff.



Joe Abram won the free luncheon for the December 15 meeting.

## WELCOME OUR GUESTS



Gordon Bjork introduced a visiting guest from Canada, Allan Wallinski

## December 1, 2016 PROGRAM

### Rick Boller Executive Director

### The Santa Barbara County Bowl

Introduced by Karl Hutterer



With twenty years of work experience at the Santa Barbara Bowl, Rick Boller has learned the history and dynamics of this famous local landmark. The Bowl was constructed with seating for 4500 in 1036 with \$80,000 of WPA funds on 17 acres. The main function it served then was as a venue for Old Spanish Days Fiesta pageants.

Frequently remodeled and repaired over the last 80 years, it has evolved into the leading outdoor performing arts center in Santa Barbara County drawing spectators from Los Angeles to San Francisco. The popularity of this arts center rose with the love of rock and roll music in the 1960's and 70's.

Open for concerts and other performing arts from April through October, the SBB averages 40 events a year with over 130,000 fans attending the shows.

The Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation (SBBF) began managing the operations in 1994 and soon negotiated a 70 year lease from the county for its daily control. There are 22 volunteers on the Board of Directors with twelve full-time staff members. It requires over 200 workers and volunteers to put on each show.

SBBF has been instrumental in increasing the number of concerts, enlarging bath room space as well as having the largest beer cooler in the county. The facility is surrounded by private homes with the parking available at Santa Barbara High School. To establish good relations with its neighbors, a 100 decibel limit has been placed on sounds produced with a sound curfew set at 10 PM.

Recently, The Foundation has been able to reduce concert waste to landfill deposit by 93 per cent. Solar panels have been added for more efficient energy needs as well as LED lighting.

The Challenge Program of the Bowl Foundation sets aside one dollar of each ticket purchased for local grants. Since 2003 over one million dollars has been donated to community groups.

New goals for the SBBF includes new furnishing for the back stage, improved lighting for the facility and educational outreach for the colleges and schools in the area.

Rick Boller's stimulating lecture was well illustrated by slides depicting the long history of the Bowl and it's improvements. An informal question and answer session was enjoyed by all present after the lecture.



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**The Cosmopolitan Golf... Out of Town golf trip for 2017:****All invited even if you don't play golf.****San Diego, Baja Peninsula & Sea of Cortez**

It's a 10 day cruise leaving from Los Angeles.

Options: Golf, Fishing, tours or just lay back and do whatever you want.

We can play golf in San Diego, Cabo San Lucas, La Paz, Loreto and Puerto Vallarta. Golf would be additional to the prices quoted in the link below. The deal is exceptional:

**Leaving on March 28 and Returning on April 7, 2017. Go to this link:**

<http://www.princess.com/find/cruiseDetails.do?voyageCode=9709>

**Sign up now:**

Yes, Going: \_\_\_\_\_ Names \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfing:** We plan to play golf in San Diego March 29, Cabo San Lucas March 31, La Paz April 1, Loreto April 2, and Puerto Vallarta April 4, 2017. As of this writing: Plan to get starting times and best rates. Once we know how many are playing golf we will have the information on costs etc.

**Transportation:** We plan on arranging a bus from Santa Barbara to LA Port and return to Santa Barbara at an additional cost.

**Two additional discounts:**

In addition to the prices listed below and the web site above. I was able to obtain additional discounts. Anyone who has served in the military: You are entitled to \$100 OBC for this 10 night sailing. Must complete the Princess Military benefit form, AFTER deposited be sure to complete the form.

I am a stock holder (Sharing with you) and passing on an additional rebate: ONLINE VACATION SHAREHOLDER, you will be entitled to a 5% post cruise rebate in the form of a check to be sent after the cruise.

*The next page gives you all the details to book this cruise.*

**Booking the Cruise:** You will contact: Edwina Macchia-Orsi Your Personal Vacation Manager

Hours: Monday thru Thursday 11:00am -8:00pm (EST) and Friday 9:00am-6:00pm (EST)

Direct: 954.377.6434 Toll Free: 1.800.780.9002 ext. 6434 Fax: 954.377.6401

Email: [edwinam@onlinevacationcenter.com](mailto:edwinam@onlinevacationcenter.com)

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