



Crackers

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Membership Dues—July 1, 2018

Membership dues for the 2018-2019 fiscal year are due by July 1, 2018. Please send a \$100 check payable to the Cosmopolitan Club to PO Box 3993, Santa Barbara, CA.

President's Announcements

At the last meeting, Harv honored the following club presidents who were in attendance: Harry Stroud ('97-8); Pete Kruse ('07-8); Ron White ('09-10); Mead Northrop ('12-13); Don Chalfant ('13-14); Ron Singer ('14-15); Bill Stancer ('15-16); Jim Davis ('16-17).

Harv then conducted the installation of Albert Mercado as president for the coming year. The board members will be Ted Ross, VP; George Surmeier, Treasurer; Bob Weber, Secretary; Paul Coyne and Ed Bookin, Members-at-Large.

President Harv also announced the board had just approved a new Marketing Committee under the leadership of Ron Singer. Ron has some strategies in mind to help attract and retain members, and to encourage existing members to get better acquainted. He will be recruiting a few helpers for the committee in the coming days.

Cosmo Members Ailing

Bill Berry is currently recovering from a form of cancer. He is doing well and hoping for the best.

Sandy Jones is still in recovery at Samarkand's Rehabilitation Center, but he hopes to return home by July 7th.

If you learn that one of our members is ill or injured, please notify Curt Whiteman at 220-6833, whiteman@westmont.edu.

Guidelines for Providing Free Lunch to New Members

To streamline the issuance of the free guest luncheon tickets, the president will pre-approve a number of luncheon chits and give these to the guest-intro desk manager. A qualified guest will fill out the guest form with the sponsor. The guest desk manager will determine the guest's eligibility and provide the chit with his/her name on it and the name of the host/sponsor. Also, at this time, the guest desk manager will provide each guest with a brochure and an application for membership.

If the guest attends the following scheduled luncheon meeting and hands in a completed application, he/she is entitled to a lunch chit for that meeting.

As in the past, a new member is provided a lunch chit at his/her new member introduction and will be seated at the president's table with the primary sponsor. This ticket will be provided by the president. The ticket sellers must understand that no lunch tickets will be provided without cash, check or a signed lunch chit.

Website and Online Membership Roster

Access the Cosmo website <http://sbcosmo.com> for current and archived issues of Crackers. A tab will lead to the password-protected roster. The password will be provided in the email that covers the distribution of the Crackers.

Cosmo Joins Facebook

Cosmo now has its own Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CosmoClubSB/>. You can also find a link to it on our homepage.

All posts will be public, so that even members who have not yet joined Facebook can see our posts; however, if you have already joined Facebook, be sure to “like” our page and “share” our posts.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Editorial Assistant Cora Danielson at cora.danielson@gmail.com.

Dress Code

The dress code going forward will be California casual. Jackets and ties are always welcome, let the weather be your guide.

Who Said That?

“In spite of everything, I still believe people are really good at heart.”

— Anne Frank



NEXT MEETING

July 5, 2018

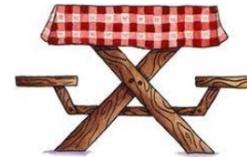
Cosmo’s Annual Picnic

The annual Cosmo July Picnic will be on Thursday, July 5, at Manning Park, Area 9, starting at 11:00 a.m. – BBQ lunch at 12 noon. Cost is \$20 pp. Bring your own snacks and libations.

Sign up by filling out the flyer on page 6 and send your check - made out to Cosmopolitan Club of S.B. - to Jim Gravitt, P.O. Box 924, Los Alamos, CA 93440. Guests are welcome – the more the merrier!

Questions? – call Faiz Faruki: 685-1291.

Please fill out the flyer on Page 6 of this issue!



REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP

The Discussion Group meets once a month in the upstairs room immediately following regular luncheon programs. The future topics are:

July 19, Gordon Bjork: **Challenges in Managing International Trade**

August 16, Jim Davis: **Doing the Right Thing in a Period of Major Social Disruptions**

September 20, Sandy Jones: **The Popular Narrative: How It Changes, and Changes Us**

October 18, Jim Hemmer: **10 Key Turning Points in the History of Western Civilization**

November 15, Jim Davis: **The Law of Unintended Consequences**



GOLF

Mondays we usually meet at the Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni). Tee times most often begin at 10:15 a.m. Contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355 or rsiner916@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. New members can use the website cosmogolfclubsb.com to register and sign up for additional news.



Team Rules: The teams will apply their indexes when computing their net score per hole.

Players will add their age to their index and if the total is 90 or greater you will play from the forward tees. If your total score is less than 90 you will play from the white tees. Players supply the prizes

Prizes: Every player brings items to the course on the 11th.

Every player will look at his collection of golf equipment languishing in his garage or man cave and bring something he doesn't use any more to reward another player. Remember one man's trash is another man's treasure. It could be a club that lost it's magic or a walking cart. Perhaps you have a putting gadget or a chipper that doesn't work for you. Maybe a dozen new golf balls you don't want but someone might treasure. Remember you will be seeing these golfers again and again so be kind.

Awards: 1st place will have first choice selecting from our prize stash. 2nd place team will choose second, and so on. In case of tie scores we will match cards to choose a winner.

Sign up by E-Mail: Please contact Steve Morgan (smmphd@cox.net) and Bill Kelly (golftek@aol.com)

TENNIS

They play doubles four times a week on a private court off 122 Patterson Avenue behind the office buildings. The Cosmo Group starts rallying at 7:45 AM. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All Club tennis players are invited. Contact Jim Subject at (805) 964-2020, jsubject@aol.com or Joe Abram at (805) 845-8579, jabrammd@gmail.com for additional information.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Golf Tournament—July 11

This is a special tournament brought to you by Bill Kelly and Steve Morgan.

Golf Course: Glen Annie

Date: Wednesday July 11, 2018

First Tee Off: 1 PM

Fee to play: Axxess Card for one of two players to bring the entry price to \$39 per man (includes cart). If you don't have an Axxess Card we will attempt to get you a partner who has one. You may sign in with one member but not necessarily play with him.

Format: We will play a 2 man team best ball format.

Teams will be drawn at the course 1/2 hour before tee time (12:30 PM).



Summary from Mullin Automotive Museum Trip

On Saturday, June 23rd, a few members were fortunate to make the trip to Oxnard to the Mullin Automotive Museum. The museum is rated one of the five finest auto museums in the U.S. that is open to the public. Prior to entry, the museum parking lot hosted a show of local car club's special autos including Corvettes, electric BMW's and Mini's. Once inside, docents provided detailed information on the unbelievable collection of French automobiles from the Art Deco and Machine eras. This included automobiles from Bugatti, Delage, Delahaye, Hispano Suiza and Voisin. Many of the presented automobiles had been 1st place winners in prominent car shows. The museum also provided Art Deco period examples of furniture, photos, posters and sculptures. This place is truly an art gallery with sculpture on wheels.

Summary from Mullin Automotive Museum Trip cont'd...



Pictured: A 1939 Bugatti. Photo courtesy of Thore Edgren

LAST MEETING: June 21, 2018

The ticket sellers were Vern Hanna and Pete Schenck. The punchbowl was manned by Paul Coyne. Ken Wolf was the sergeant at arms. The audio-visual team consisted of Bob Weber and Orlando Ramirez. Pete Kruse provided the invocation.

Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels awarded prized wines to the following: Mead Northrop won a 2016 Albarino from Klinker Brick Wineries; Bob Weber got a 2010 Lagar Syrah.



Welcome Our Guests

Bob Logan introduced the following guests:

Jonathan Church, a retired Army Command Sergeant Major, was hosted by Edward Yoon.

Richard Grossgold is a retired architect and former Cosmo member who has now been reinstated to membership.



*Note: As the sponsor for new member Ed Dewey, Bill Stancer alerted Crackers that there were a few errors with regards to his member intro in the last issue. Ed retired with the rank of full Colonel, not Lt. Also, Ed's last assignment was Chief of Plans for the US Army in Europe. In this position he was responsible for the planning and execution of the deployment of the Army's VII Corps with over 93,000 troops from Germany to Desert Shield/Storm. (Crackers said he served in these operations which he did not.) We apologize for the oversight and thank Bill for the follow up.

LAST MEETING

June 21, 2018

"Turning Stars into Gold: How Las Cumbres Observatory Helped Start a Revolution in Astronomy"



Charlie Green introduced Iair Arcavi, a NASA Einstein Post-Doctoral Fellow at UCSB and research associate at the Las Cumbres Global Observatory. This privately-funded organization, headquartered in Goleta, has built and now operates a network of twenty-one robotic telescopes located at eight sites around the world, which are capable of conducting continuous viewing of space objects as the earth rotates. Dr. Arcavi leads a team at LCO which recently helped achieve a milestone in astronomy: the first detection of an astronomical event by both electromagnetic radiation and gravity waves.

He began his presentation with a brief review of Einstein's revolutionary contribution to the understanding of gravity, as developed in his General Theory of Relativity. This changed physicists' conception of gravity from that of force acting at a distance to a distortion of space-time caused by the masses of the bodies that populate the universe. The theory also predicted that motions of such masses would actually generate subtle distortions of space-time, which would propagate like ripples through space. Einstein calculated that the effects of these gravity waves would be so tiny that detection by humans would be essentially impossible, but the development of laser technology has advanced to the point where it became theoretically possible. Accordingly, two incredibly sensitive devices have been constructed in widely-separated locations in the U. S. (and recently a third in

Italy), with the ability to detect a very slight change in the length of a 4 km.-long laser beam. Called the Laser Interferometer Ground Observatory (LIGO), these instruments in Sept. 2015 registered the first detection of gravity waves emanating from a distant orbiting pair of black holes.

Aware that neutron stars (the densest objects in the visible universe) can also exist as orbiting pairs, and occasionally merge by colliding, LIGO researchers were watching for the gravity waves predicted to be produced by such a high-energy event. If found, LIGO planned to notify optical and other types of astronomers immediately, in hopes of observations of this “kilo-nova” by other electromagnetic media.

In August of 2017 LIGO detected this type of event, and notified LCO (and some 70 other observatory groups) of the approximate astronomical location, based on the LIGO data and an almost simultaneous reception of a gamma ray burst by the Fermi satellite. The imputed region contained dozens of distant galaxies, but the LCO team had already developed a sampling technique that focused on the 30 largest galaxies in a target zone. Using this, they found and photographed a new bright object in the expected region; and because of their worldwide viewing capability were able to record its intensity-duration curve, which revealed an unexpected initial increase in brightness before the eventual fading. This finding lent strong support to recent theories predicting that the heavy elements present in the universe, e. g. gold, are produced by the titanic energy released in kilonovae like this, and not from stellar supernovae as earlier thought. The team’s observations also helped provide a further refinement of the value of Hubble’s constant, the expansion rate of the universe at the time of the collision (approx. 130 million years ago).

Dr. Arcavi closed by expressing the thrill and sense of good fortune felt by all the members of his team on having participated in the first confirmed observation of a kilonova, and the first astronomical observation accomplished by two fundamentally different media.



2018 COSMO PICNIC

THURSDAY, JULY 5th
LOWER MANNING PARK

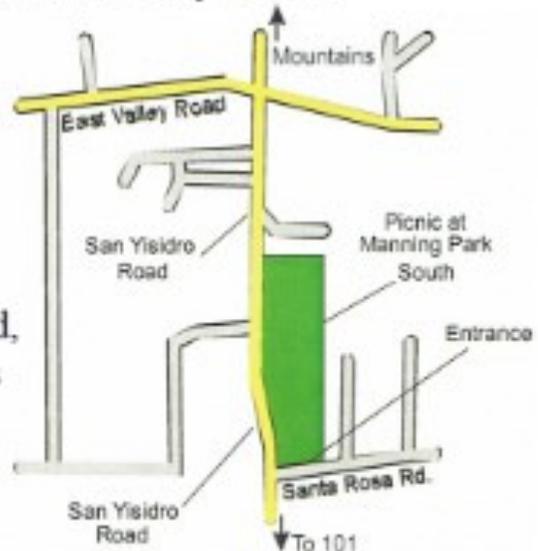
\$20 per person

1100 am - Social Hour

**1200 Noon - Pledge and Invocation
followed by BBQ**

*** BYOB
and Appetizers!
We furnish
the Rest**

Make checks to: Cosmopolitan Club of S. B.
Bring friends and family, no cut-off date, but
if you don't make your reservation by July 2nd,
the price jumps to \$22! Mail your reservations
to: Jim Gravitt, PO Box 924, Los Alamos, CA
93440 or pay at the next meeting.



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COSMO CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

Thursday, July 5, 2018 37th Annual Picnic \$20.00 per person

Enclosed are checks totaling \$ _____ payable to Cosmpolitan Club for _____ persons

Cosmopolitan Club Members and Wives

Guests

(Please print all names as you want them to appear on the Nametags)

Send to: Jim Gravitt, PO Box 924, Los Alamos, CA 93440