

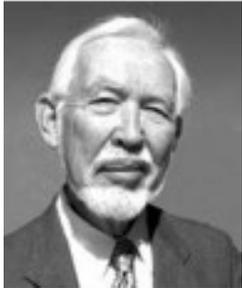


Crackers

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Did You Know?

Have you ever wondered where the club newsletter got the name "Crackers"? The Cambridge English Dictionary provides this definition of the term "Crackers": silly, stupid, or slightly mentally ill. When the club was founded, the founding members had been deployed in England for at least some of their overseas service. In England at that time the term was widely used with the intent to poke fun at something or someone in a friendly manner (British humour, you know). It was natural for them to choose this term for their newsletter. The term has absolutely no relationship with the derogatory term "Cracker," which evolved in our South and was assigned to a certain class of people having less than desirable societal behavior and background.

Announcement from the Board of Directors

As announced at the September 6th luncheon meeting, the following amendment has been approved by your Board of Directors and will be voted upon at the September 20th meeting:

CURRENT language in our Bylaws TO BE DELETED: "Dues in this Club shall be \$60.00 per year or \$5.00 per month."

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT: "Annual dues in this

Club shall be set by the Board of Directors. Dues for the upcoming year shall be announced no later than the second membership meeting in April and published in the following issue of Crackers."

It is noted that the current language was entered in the year 1946 with the initial founding. Our Treasurer performed a rolling run-out projection of the Treasury that revealed the requirement to increase the dues as was announced in April of this year.

Cosmo Marketing Committee Announcement

The Marketing Committee is encouraging all current members to bring at least one guest/prospect to the next meeting on September 20th. Please go to the SB Cosmo website at www.sbcosmo.com, where 4 very important links were recently added to the bottom of the homepage. These links will help current members explain the Cosmopolitan Club to any new prospect.

One of the links includes a recording of the radio program interview with Ron Singer, Stan Clothier and James Alexander. After listening to this interview, the Marketing Committee suggests sharing it with prospects. They believe it is a good tool for explaining what Cosmo is about and why prospects should join. Additional links at the bottom of the homepage include: a link to the Club email where prospects can request information about applying; a link to a downloadable Membership Application; and a link to review the Club's Constitution.

A final reminder that September is the last month in which every member who brings in a new member will receive a \$25 check 30 days after that new member is accepted.

Free Lunch Guidelines for 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 (guest manager). A qualified guest will fill out the guest form with the sponsor. The guest 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 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.

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.

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.

Dress Code

For our regularly scheduled luncheon meetings California Casual dress will be the preferred style year around. Let the weather be your guide.

Cosmo Members Ailing

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

NEXT MEETING

September 20, 2018

"The Future of Coral Reefs: Does It Depend on Help from Fish?"



John Warnock will introduce Dr. Deron Burkepile, an Associate Professor for the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology at UCSB. Dr. Burkepile will discuss how scientists are hoping to mitigate the declining numbers in coral reefs worldwide.

Coral reefs are a hub of marine biodiversity. They provide food, recreation and shoreline protection to some 1 billion people. But reefs around the globe have seen 50 to 90 percent declines in coral abundance, and forecasts of reef health have been dire. Long-term research by Dr. Burkepile's lab shows that reducing nutrient pollution and fish overharvesting can help reefs resist and recover from the impacts of large-scale disturbances such as coral bleaching – and may help corals survive in a warming world.

Dr. Burkepile has been an Associate Professor at UCSB since 2015. He received his BA in Biology from the University of Mississippi in 1999, his PhD from Georgia Tech in 2006, and spent two years as a postdoctoral fellow at Yale University from 2006-2008. He was an Assistant Professor at Florida International University from 2008-2015 before moving to UCSB. Dr. Burkepile has received numerous grants from the National Science Foundation for his work on community ecology and the conservation/restoration of these systems.

October 4, 2018

“Hidden Hotspot Volcanoes and Disappearing Seamounts: The Age of Ocean Discovery”



Sandra Seale will introduce Dr. Matt Jackson, a professor in UCSB’s Earth Sciences department. For his talk, Dr. Jackson will illustrate how scientists try to map the elusive ocean floor.

Less than 10% of the ocean floor has been mapped with relatively high resolution. The remaining ocean floor is mapped with a resolution of perhaps 1 x 1 km resolution (but this is a generous estimate). As a result, the surface of Mars is mapped to a far better resolution than most of the ocean floor on Earth, which constitutes ~70% of the Earth’s surface. Volcanoes the size of Mt Fuji (3,776 m) to Denali (6,190 m) are sometimes not visible in modern ocean bathymetry maps and, in other cases, “mapped” volcanoes of this size do not actually exist when examined with high-resolution sonar mapping techniques. Marine navigation charts used by captains of modern oceanographic vessels rely on observations of shallow shoals, reefs, etc. that, in some cases, date back to the 19th century (and we find that these observations are often inaccurate). Therefore, tracing the origin of submarine mountain ranges is difficult, and obtaining rock samples from their deep submarine flanks even more so. Dr. Jackson will discuss how scientists have been trying to address these issues and what they’ve been able to discover in the process.

Dr. Jackson grew up in Montana and was an avid rock-hound throughout elementary and high school. After completing a degree in Geology at Yale, Dr. Jackson started his graduate studies in the Joint Program to explore intraplate hotspot volcanism in the world’s ocean basins. Following a postdoctoral fellowship at the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Dr. Jackson was an Assistant Professor at Boston University, and is now a Professor happily ensconced at sunny UCSB.

REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP

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

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 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. New members can use the website cosmogolfclubsb.com to register and sign up for additional news.



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

November 17, 2018

Cosmo Goes To The Ballet

Art Kvass has once again obtained a block of choice Orchestra Section seats for the upcoming performance of “The Rite of Spring” by Igor Stravinsky. The final ticket price is not firm at this time, but they will be \$50 or less, representing a 50% discount from regular prices. Tickets at this price are limited so do not delay – contact Art Kvass at akvaas@verizon.net to sign up for your tickets. The concert date is Saturday, November 17th for the 8:00 pm performance. Please find a flyer for this event on page 6 of this issue. As you will note from the included flyer, Nir Kaberetti will conduct and the State Street Ballet will perform.



Proposed for Membership

Beverly Singer

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Sponsors: Ron Singer and Thore Edgren

Beverly Singer, wife of current member Ron Singer, is a retired schoolteacher whose career has also included working in the fields of real estate and customer service. Originally from Peoria, IL, Beverly earned her teaching certification in primary education and taught in her hometown school district from 1959 to 1979. From 1970 to 1978, while continuing her work as a teacher, Beverly also split her time as a realtor in Phoenix, Arizona. In 1988 she moved to Santa Barbara, where she worked as a Customer Service Representative for AGIA, an insurance company in Carpinteria, until 1999. Outside of her professional affiliations, Beverly has been a member of the Peoria Art Guild and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art Women's Board. She enjoys tennis, swimming, and Mahjong. By joining Cosmo Beverly hopes to support the ideals of the club while enjoying speakers and club functions. She also hopes to recruit more retired professional women to become members.

James Edward Alexander

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Sponsors: Ron Singer and Thore Edgren

James Edward Alexander is a self-employed attorney (still active) whose permanent address is in South Carolina, but who also enjoys spending a great deal of time in Santa Barbara, often as a guest of Ron Singer. James earned his BS in Broadcast Management and his JD in Law and Foreign Affairs. His career has also included 20 years of active service in the military. James has been a member of both the Hilton Head and Savannah World Affairs Councils. He enjoys golf as well as discussion topics such as foreign policy and personal development. By joining Cosmo James looks forward to sharing in the camaraderie among mature, former professionals. Additionally, he hopes to use his skills as a former broadcaster to help recruit new members.

Welcome Our New Members

James Vernon McNamara

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Kevin Ryan introduced James "Jim" V. McNamara. Jim is a retired physician who worked for Sansum Clinic from 1969 to 2014. Over the course of his career, Jim has held a number of positions within the field of healthcare administration, including Chief of Staff for Cottage Hospital, President of the Sansum Medical Clinic, and Member of the Cottage Health Board of Directors. He was also a Major in the US Army Medical Corp from 1960 to 1969, during which time he served as the Director of the Army Malaria Research Project. Organizations Jim is currently involved with include the American College of Physicians and the Santa Barbara Humanists Society. Jim looks forward to joining Cosmo and socializing with other retired club members.

Herbert Zipperstein

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Joe Abram introduced Herbert "Herb" Zipperstein. Herb is a retired Director of the LA County Probation Department. With a BA and MA in Psychology, Herb worked for the department for 32 years. He is a past president of the California Association of Probation Institution Administrators. His background also includes a minor occupation as a junior college instructor for 15 years. In his spare time, Herb enjoys puzzles and playing bridge. He looks forward to seeing what Cosmo has to offer.



LAST MEETING: September 6, 2018

Ticket sellers were Fred Marsh and Walt Clapp. The punchbowl host was Ed Bookin. Audio-visual duties were handled by Bob Weber. Jim Hemmer was sergeant-at-arms. The invocation prayer was offered by Bill Alexander.

Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels conducted the wine drawing with the first bottle, a 2013 Hatton Daniels Sonoma Chardonnay being awarded to Dr. Duncan Craven. The second bottle, a 2014 Twisted Paso Main Squeeze (blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Zinfandel), was claimed by Don Parrett.



Welcome Our Guests

Don Parrett was the guest of Art Kavass. Don attended the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University, earning his degree in Industrial Engineering. Before retirement, his previous job titles included Senior Executive for Baptist Health Systems and President of Pavilion Health Services. Now a man with four great grandchildren, Don enjoys biking, skiing, and travel.

Beverly Singer was the guest of Ron Singer. Learn more about her under 'Proposed for Membership.'

LAST MEETING

September 6, 2018

“Immunization in the Older Age Group”

Kevin Ryan introduced the speaker, R.N. Deborah Schultz, who is a pilot, has worked in India and Peru. She is currently at the S.B. Public Health Department's Division of Immunology and is an advocate for vaccinations.



Ms. Schultz showed how many of the diseases, some lethal, are preventable through early vaccines. The original concept of vaccination against small pox stems from early China, where it was initiated but did not yield the desired results, spreading to other areas, until 1796 when Edward Jenner, an English physician/scientist,

succeeded in creating an effective smallpox antidote.

In 1886 the French biologist/scientist, Louis Pasteur, invented antidotes for anthrax, rabies and other vaccines as well as the “Pasteurization” of foods. In the 20th century vaccines proliferated and we now have two major groupings, “Active immunizations/good for life” and “Passive immunizations” requiring repeat, boosters.

Nurse Schultz annual went through the various ailments and explained the appropriate vaccines and their effectiveness. She pointed out that despite the vaccine, polio has not disappeared from the planet. She also alluded to the myth that vaccines cause autism in children. She debunked mercury, formaldehyde, aluminum and even abortions. Measles are still an issue, as they are airborne and could be breathed in for an hour after an infected person's presence. The US has had 107,000 cases recently and vaccination could have prevented it. The recommendation was to get vaccinated against Influenza, Tetanus-diphtheria, Chickenpox/Shingles (Zostavax, painful but effective), Hepatitis A and B, Pertussis (whooping cough), HPV (Human papillomavirus) and Meningococcal disease (but only if you're still in college). To summarize, as the talk began, “Keep calm and vaccinate”.

Note: A link to Deborah's PowerPoint slides can now be found on sbcosmo.com. We have created a new page for speaker PowerPoints under the link “Presentations.”

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018 8PM

~~SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018 8PM~~

THE RITE OF SPRING A SOLDIER'S TALE

Nir Kabaretti, conductor

State Street Ballet, William Soleau

Ensemble Theatre Company of Santa Barbara,

Jonathan Fox

Stravinsky, *A Soldier's Tale*

Stravinsky, *The Rite of Spring*

Ensemble Theatre and State Street Ballet join the symphony for this landmark program marking the 100th anniversary of Igor Stravinsky's Faustian parable *The Soldier's Tale* paired with his ballet *The Rite of Spring*, a work that changed the course of 20th-century music.