



Crackers

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Club meetings are held 1st and 3rd Thursdays at Elks Lodge, 150 N Kellogg Ave, Goleta.

Meeting start time: 12 p.m. prompt

(Please arrive 11:30-11:45 a.m.)

Cosmo Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee is encouraging all current members to recruit additional members. Please go to sbcosmo.com and click on one of the four links at the bottom of the homepage, which include: a recording of a radio program interview with current members; 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. We hope all of these tools will help in our recruiting efforts.

Cosmo Joins Facebook

Cosmo now has its own Facebook page: 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 Eric Torbet at torbet@do-right-solar.com.

Free Lunch Guidelines for New Members

Upon a prospective member's first visit to a regular lunch meeting, he/she will be entitled to receive a free lunch, courtesy of the club. To arrange for this, the guest's sponsor will introduce the guest to the assigned "Guest Introduction" member stationed at the welcome desk. *The Guest Introduction member will provide a "chit" which may be exchanged for a meal ticket at the "Ticket Taker's" desk near the entry to the hall.*

A second set of chits will be given to a new member and his/her sponsor at the meeting where they are seated at the president's table and the sponsor introduces the new member to the membership at that meeting. *If the chits are not already at the Ticket Taker's table, check with the president to obtain these so that they may be exchanged for meal tickets.*

Website and Online Membership Roster

Access the Cosmo website sbcosmo.com for current and archived issues of Crackers. A link will lead to the password-protected Roster. The password will be provided in the email that covers the distribution of the Crackers. If you find any errors in your listing in the Roster, please contact Editorial Assistant Eric Torbet at torbet@do-right-solar.com.

Cosmo Members Ailing

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

Dress Code

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

Upcoming Meetings

September 5, 2019

“Black Holes: Classical and Quantum”

JC Elliott will introduce **Dr. Isabel García García**, a postdoctoral researcher at the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics at UCSB. When two black holes a billion light-years away collide and merge, the disruption they cause in spacetime is so large that we feel it here, on Earth. Black holes, classical and quantum, hold the key to some of the deepest mysteries of our Universe. Dr. García will share some of what we have learned about black holes, and how they might help us in our journey towards finding the underlying theory of nature.

Dr. García is originally from Spain. She studied physics at La Universidad de Calabria, obtained a Masters in Theoretical Physics at Cambridge University, and earned a PhD in Theoretical Physics at the University of Oxford. She moved here to UC Santa Barbara as a postdoc in the fall of 2018. Her field of research is theoretical particle physics, with a focus on how ideas beyond the current paradigm of particle physics could be realized in nature, and their interplay with current and future experiments.



September 19, 2019

“The Human Microbiome and New Horizons in Infection Treatment”

Kevin Ryan will introduce **Dr. David Fisk** from the Infectious Disease Department of the Samsun Clinic. Dr. Fisk is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University Medical School. His internship and residency in Internal Medicine and subsequent Fellowship in Infectious Disease were accomplished at Michigan Medical Center. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease. Prior to coming to Santa Barbara in 2006, he was Assistant Professor of Medicine at Medical College of Wisconsin. In addition to membership in several Infectious Disease associations, he is a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Dr. Fisk will enlighten us with what's new in the treatment of infection.



October 3, 2019

“Eat Your Medicine”

Fred Sidon will introduce **David Kerr, MD**, a UK-trained physician and endocrinologist who is currently Director of Research and Innovation at Samsun Diabetes Research Institute (SDRI). This is his third time living in the U.S., having been a researcher at Yale in the 1990s, and then an Editor of the Journal of Diabetes Science and Technology in 2010 while he lived in the San Francisco Bay area. Dr. Kerr was educated in Scotland and subsequently spent most of his professional life being a full-time clinician and researcher focusing on all aspects of diabetes. He is Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Visiting Professor at Bournemouth University, and for many years has held a Gold Clinical Excellence Award from the National Health Service in the UK. David is the Digital Health lead for the Diabetes Technology Society and co-founder of the Digital Diabetes Congress.

Dr. Kerr joined SDRI in April 2014 and currently is leading major research initiatives aimed at reducing the disproportionate impact that diabetes has on minority populations in the United States and also how a return to focus on healthy food could have dramatic and important benefits for children and adults wherever they live.



Special Events

September 26, 2019

Huntington Library, Art Collection, and Botanical Gardens

Cosmo member [Thore Edgren](#) is putting together a field trip to the Huntington Library. Transportation will be via SB Airbus. Event includes a 2-hour docent-led Estate Tour which involves a light walk around the center of the Estate including the world renowned galleries and gardens. Lunch is available at the Estate Cafe or reservations can be made at the Rose Garden Tea Room for a delightful English lunch.

Cost is \$89/person. For reservations and more information, call the SB Airbus at (805) 964-7759. The bus leaves Goleta at 9:00 a.m.



Regular Events

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 at (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 sites.google.com/view/cosmosb/home 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 info.



Discussion Group

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



September 19 (Kev Ryan): *Evolution of Scientific Diagnosis in Medicine*

October 17 (Jim Davis): *20th Century Revolution in Thinking*

November 21 (Gerard Kuiken): *Relating English and Sanskrit: Without Sanskrit, No Internet*

Last Meeting

August 15, 2019

Ticket sellers were Ken Jewesson and Anne Weber. The punchbowl host was Gerhart Hoffmeister. Audio-visual duties were handled by Bob Weber and Orlando Ramirez. Walt Clapp was sergeant-at-arms. The invocation prayer was offered by Ken Working.

Wine Drawing

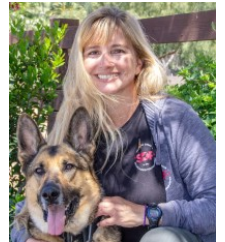
Bob Zimels awarded to Harry Stroud a Frei Brothers 2017 chardonnay. Gordon Bjork took home a bottle of Edna Valley 2017 cabernet sauvignon.



Program Synopsis

“Search Dog Foundation - Its Purpose and Function”

John MacKenzie introduced **Sylvia Stoney** and **Rhett Mauck**, who presented an inspiring program about the [Search Dog Foundation](https://www.searchdog.org/) (SDF). The SDF strengthens disaster response in America and elsewhere by rescuing and recruiting dogs and partnering them with firefighters and other first responders to find people buried alive in the wreckage of disasters.



The SDF was created after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing which killed 168 people, including 19 children, when Wilma Melville, a retired teacher, who assisted at the site with her dog Murphy, learned that there were only 15 search dog teams in the country, and believed that more lives could have been saved there. Based in Santa Paula, Ca., the SDF rescues dogs from pounds to be FEMA-certified search dogs, then pairs them with first responders.

Their dogs have been deployed around the world to hurricanes, earthquakes and floods, including the World Trade Center bombing and the Montecito mudslides. “If anything good came out of the Oklahoma City bombing, this was it”, says Melville.

Sylvia discussed the dog training program, and demonstrated it with her dog Bravo showing his absolute focus

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on being rewarded with the toy. She said they work with 160 shelters around the country and travel to the sites to assess the best possible candidates. Search dogs need to get along with people and other dogs, be high energy, and not easily distracted. She indicated that they can assess a canine and determine pretty quickly if they may be suitable, and then work with them for an 8 to 10 months intensive training program.

The volunteer staff and four full time handlers at the nonprofit's 125-acre compound in Santa Paula have trained and deployed nearly 200 canines.

In the World Trade Center bombing, a call was sent out nationwide by the federal government for the most highly trained canine search teams to help survivors buried in the rubble. SDF provided 13 Canine Disaster Search Teams, a third of the FEMA-certified canine teams de-

ployed to Ground Zero.

The national training facility was established in 2007 and has undergone a 10 year campaign of development, including disaster-simulated structures. It is the first of its kind in the world, and is referred to as doggy Disneyland.

The dogs train partly on a treadmill. They are pushed to failure – to see where problems lie, to make sure they did their job and left no one behind. The number of active handlers has increased from 70 to 142. Eighteen teams were activated in the Montecito mudslides.

The dogs are trained to find a live human scent. Other dogs are trained to find cadavers. The dogs selected are 1 to 2 years old, which allows for a long career.

Rhett noted that the SDF is donor funded and asked for support from Club members. The Club did collect contributions at the end of the meeting.