



COSTA BRAVA INTERNATIONAL CLUB NEWS JUNE/JULY 2022 -ISSUE 16



Dear Members

On May 18th, we held our annual car rally, wonderfully organized by a trio of 3 smart ladies, Anneke de Vroom, Laura Calero and Hita Doulmet. They took us through many beautiful little villages in the Empordá and made us discover a few Catalan wonders. Thanks for all your work and for providing us with an interesting and charming route!

The rally ended with a raffle organized by Laura Calero that brought in 120€, and it was decided by the CICB members gathered at the EGM that this money will be dedicated to our oncology Charity sponsored by Janet Bevan. Special thanks to Laura for her effort and to Rosa Tysoe for the translation of all materials.

On June 1st, we held our special EGM when a lot of important decisions had to be taken.

The 42 members attending that day voted overwhelmingly, “ yes” to all questions:

- **Should CICB unregister from the Santa Cristina Ayuntamiento and Generalitat?**
- **Should CICB cancel its Santander bank account ?**
- **Should CICB increase the annual dues to 35€ ?**
- **Should CICB sponsor a new web site ?**

As we look to the future of CICB, there are many new positive changes.

I hope those members that attended our summer party enjoyed themselves(many thanks to Stan and Marlies for a great job organizing everything) and now summer time officially begins with many gatherings with family and friends. CICB will resume activities in September. Until then, happy summer to everyone!

-Georges Sorbets

NEED SOMETHING TO DO ON A WARM SUMMER EVENING, MAYBE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS?

The city of Platja D'Aro is once again holding their free summer jazz series. This festival supports leading artists and ensembles in the Catalan art scene.

Click on the link for more info:

<http://nitsdejazz.com/en/welcome/>





Cooking group...

The cooking group enjoyed a lunch menu based around an early spring vegetable, peas! Lots of greenery everywhere! Members met at Pilar San Feliu's on a beautiful late April afternoon.

What's been happening since the last newsletter?

Florence made a green pea, mint and feta terrine based on an English recipe supplied by Dominique DuCoudray. In Pilar's kitchen, Rosa Rosich prepared a Catalan dish of cuttlefish with peas as the main course. The luncheon was topped

off by a

tasty lime dessert (it was green anyway 😊) by Pilar. Good food, good company and a glass of wine, what better way to spend a day!



THE ANNUAL CAR RALLY IS BACK!

Wednesday, May 18th was a gloriously sunny spring day, perfect for the return of the car rally.

Over 30 enthusiastic members arrived bright and early at the golf club in Santa Cristina to enjoy coffee and croissants and a good chat before starting off.

Participants were given their clipboards at timed intervals and all were in their cars heading to the first destination by 9:45.





It was a festive and slightly competitive atmosphere as members lined up to pay their fees; some team members donned matching caps and shirts to indicate their serious approach in the attempt to capture the prize.



By late morning it was clear that everyone was in need of serious refreshment. After answering the treasure hunt question, a pick me up of coffee and chocolate croissants was served in the village of Mandremanya at La Placa. Back on the hunt again and energized by the snack... the group raced off to the next location.

Everyone finished close to the 2:00 target time. All arrived at the restaurant, La Masia quite thirsty. Raffle tickets purchased; Cava was quickly distributed, all toasted the success of the rally! Lunch was served, the merriment and stories began.



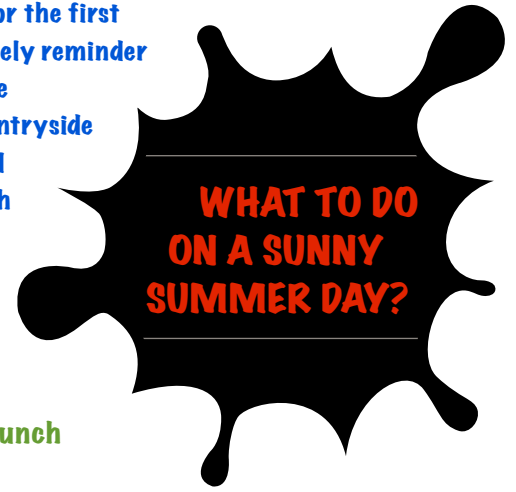
**The winners: Dominique & Michel,
Georges & Florence!**
Guess who's organizing the rally next year?



The annual car rally held for the first time in two years was a lovely reminder how enjoyable a drive in the beautiful Costa Brava countryside is, perhaps with a medieval village as a destination with time for a leisurely stroll and spot a cafe for lunch.

Click on the link for a good overview of the villages...finding a good lunch spot is up to you 😊

<https://www.callcarlos.eu/blog/medieval-villages-costa-brava>



Looks like the cooking group has been cooking and enjoying their results again! Thirteen lucky CICB members participated in a cooking workshop at the Palamos Fishing Museum on June 7th. The chef had them slicing and dicing in preparation for the creation of the Catalan seafood dish, "suquet". Quite a few participated in the making of the dish and as always, everyone's hard work paid off....a delicious meal, a little wine 🍷 and a fine time!



**Summer Party
15th of June**



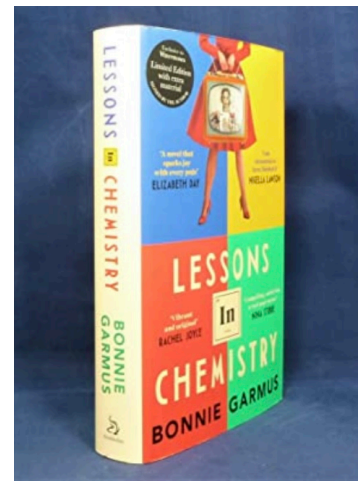
Over 50 members attended the dinner at Can Perret in Cassa de La Selva; music was provided by the Alba Stereo Star Band; almost everyone joined in the dancing before the evening was over. The weather, location, food, and service contributed to making the party a great success!



A small contingent of the Pitch'nputt group met on June 9th in Franciac, played 18 holes and stayed for lunch when the round finished. As always, good fun, exercise and fresh air washed down with a bit of food and refreshment are a winning combination!



The book group experienced a few challenges in the last month; the group was not able to get together but everyone is still reading and trading recommendations via email or WhatsApp. The novel for the June 27th meeting is, Lessons In Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. The New York Times says, "Bonnie Garmus's debut novel, "Lessons in Chemistry," a woman who has been banished to the home front turns it into a staging ground for a revolution." Sounds worth reading even if you're not in town! Email Linda Nobbs at lindathompsonnobbbs@hotmail.co.uk if you plan to attend.



Editor's Note

It's a rewarding feeling to see the newsletter fulfilling its intended purpose, a center of communication for members to read, see what activities the club has sponsored, which ones they have been involved in or would like to become part of in the future. As the editor, I enjoy piecing together all of this for you, the membership and to offer a few activities that you might not think about otherwise. A VERY BIG thank you to all of you who are taking the time to take photos at various events! That said, email me with any comments, contributions you would like to make or new ideas for interest groups you would like to start or be involved in! newscicb@gmail.com. Look for your next newsletter in August with a schedule of our activities for the remainder of 2022. -Linda Stuttard

Saving the best for last, please WELCOME our four newest members, Reinier and Jose Brasem, Joost van der Stelt and Gonda Pronk. Reinier joins the members who are former airline pilots, of which there has been quite a few over the years. Jose plays a great game of golf! They divide their time between their houseboat in Holland and Bel Lloch. Joost and Gonda have resided in San Feliu for the past three years. Many of you met them at the EGM; Joost is working to get our new website up and running. We look forward to our new members energy and involvement in the club.

