



COSTA BRAVA INTERNATIONAL CLUB NEWS

OCTOBER 2022 - #19

Summer has disappeared and autumn is upon us. Most of our Members are coming back to their Spanish homes and can now consider participating in the upcoming activities.

Rosa Tysoe took members to Llagostera to visit the Emili Vila Museum after a friendly lunch at "the Carril" an iconic restaurant in Llagostera.

18 ladies attended the first ladies luncheon in San Feliu de Guixols at Sa Marinada restaurant. A great success.

Our members seem to appreciate more and more our P&P outings every 2 weeks. Next one takes place in Platja d'Aro.

Of course, the monthly GPL has started up again; 40 members are expected to attend the October lunch.

Next, cooking group under the leadership of Anneke will take place next October 11th in Dominique Moreau's kitchen while the book group, under the leadership of Linda Nobbs successfully continues on the last Monday of each month.

Last but not least, October the 19th, the annual quiz night is back! The new quiz master is David Stuttard who is taking over after the Lucas Klarenbek years. Good luck David! To all our members, a thousand thanks for their commitment to our Club life.

-Georges



Many members began returning after being away for a good part of the summer....the GPL was on the 5th.

Although turnout was small, it was an enthusiastic group, over 20 members attended.



It was good to see familiar faces once again, catch up on summer activities and enjoy the afternoon together.



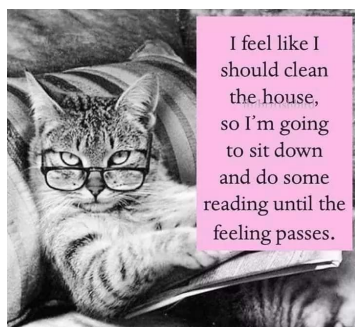


Two pitch'nputt sessions were held in September. The first session was at Mas Torrellas and the second at Franciac. Lunch followed at the Franciac session with 8 members attending. The next session is on October 6th at Playa D'Aro. Interested in joining the group, email Georges Sorbets: gsorbets@gmail.com.

Ten members joined

Cultural excursion

Rosa Tysoe for lunch at Restaurant El Carrill in Llagostera before touring the Emili Vila Museum on September 20th. As evidenced by the photo, all enjoyed themselves and appreciated viewing Vila's varied life works. The next cultural excursion will be October 26th at the Palau Solterra Museum in Torroella de Montgri.



I feel like I should clean the house, so I'm going to sit down and do some reading until the feeling passes.

The book group met on Monday the 26th at Tipipark. The book up for discussion was *White Mughals: Love and Betrayal in 18th century India*. Based on a true story, it was an interesting but long read with a passionate love affair at its heart with an insightful commentary on the cultural, political and religious aspects of the time. The next meeting is scheduled for October 31st. The book is *THE PROMISE* by South African author, Damon Galgut. Email Linda Nobbs at lindathompsonnobbs@hotmail.co.uk. if you are interested in joining the group.

COOKING GROUP - is scheduled for October 11th. Email gsorbets@gmail.com if you are interested in joining. Members communicate by WhatsApp coordinated by Anneke.

ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT.....October 19th, 6:00 p.m. at Toc de Sol, Castell D'Aro

PITCH 'N PUTT - October 8th at Platja D'Aro

BOOK GROUP - meeting October 31st, 3:00 🕒 at Tipipark in Santa Cristina.

CULTURAL EXCURSION- Palau Solterra Museum, October 26th

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What's CICB up to in **OCTOBER?**

**LADIES
LUNCHEON
September 29th**

Eighteen ladies gathered on a rainy afternoon for the first and only all ladies luncheon of 2022 at Sa Marinada restaurant in San Feliu.

Everyone agreed, it was a lovely location, a most enjoyable way to spend three hours, laughing, exchanging stories in friendly company, sharing good food.



**Literature
Presentation**

On Saturday the 24th, at the golf club, there was a presentation of the book, VOORVAL, written by our colleague and CICB member, Gerda Hillers, whose "nom de plume" is Elf Van Chantillon. About 16 CICB members were in attendance.

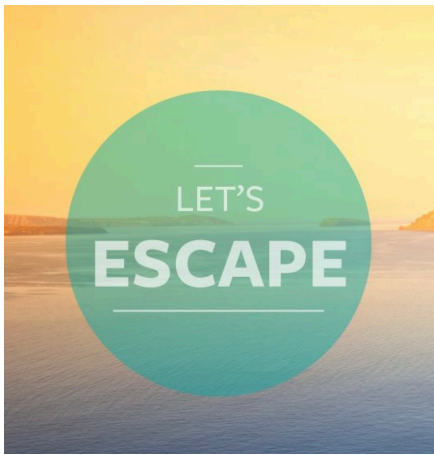
The book is a delightful compilation in three languages (English, Dutch and Spanish) of child orientated poems, facets of growing up, reflections and cooking recipes.



The book is dedicated to her granddaughter Val. After the presentation, an interesting debate began on topics as deep as happiness that the author considers it to be: to hold on to what you have. The session ended with a very lively and controversial quiz. Afterwards, the author gave us a bouquet of flowers each. She also treated us to a drink and her delicious muffins.

-Ana Aguilar

CHAMBORD, THE DREAM OF A KING



On our way to Paris in September, Georges and I decided to visit Chambord, one of the most fascinating castles in France.

Chambord is a masterpiece of art and genius, born in the mind of François 1st, King of France



from 1515 to 1547.

If you visit the Loire Valley, don't miss Chambord, one of the most iconic castles due in part to the double helix staircases. It is believed they were designed by Leonardo da Vinci who died in the same year, 1519, when Chambord's first Stone was laid.

The double revolution staircases imagined by da Vinci, allows two persons to go up and down the stairs without getting together ever; it is definitely the grand symbol of the excess of this castle, including its 426 rooms.



Chambord was born from the imagination of François 1st, an art lover and hunting enthusiast who decided to erect a symbol of his greatness in the middle of the Sologne when he came back victorious from Marignan, Italy in 1515.

The castle was built according to the Renaissance architectural principles: a huge façade and terraces, with exceptional harmony of forms

and shapes.

The ornamentations were inspired by the Tuscany gardens in Italy, the gardens were adapted to the French taste, with a profusion of vegetal decoration fittings and more than 300 salamanders, François 1st emblem.

As for the enormous park around the castle, a 32 kms wall surrounds 5440 hectares where flora flourish at will and where deer and osprey are the new lords. Chambord wasn't François 1^{er} official residency but was a castle dedicated to hunting and representing the French XVI century of greatness.

-Florence Sorbets

Many thanks to Ana and Florence for their contributions this month. Have something YOU would like to contribute? A funny story? A recipe? Restaurant recommendation? A suggestion for an activity, concert? JUST DO IT! Email us! -Linda Stuttard

