



COSTA BRAVA INTERNATIONAL CLUB NEWS

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Dear Members,

I hope you're all fit and well.

Wednesday October 19th was the first Quiz Night after 2 years of confinement. David Stuttard designed a new version (in English) simple and understandable by all our members regardless of their native language. We had a wonderful time singing the songs, melodies and music we had to discover. Lots of sharing friendly laughs. And as always we tasted good food and wines.

The winning team was, 'the golden girls', Janet, Honnie and Camie after they answered three decisive questions correctly that were put to the 3 tied teams to determine the winners. Thank you David and Linda for a great organization and thank you Honnie for the awesome table decorations.

Looking forward to next years Quiz Night!

-Georges

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

The pitch'nputt group will meet at Franciac on November 3rd.

The November GPL is scheduled for Monday the 7th. We have a new option this month for the golfers! A choice between playing 18 or 9 holes. Those playing 9 will start later so lunch will still be around 14.00.

There is an excursion on the 15th to Girona that includes visits to the Archeological and Jewish museums and lunch at cafe El Bistrot.

The pitch'nputt group meets again on the 17th. Location to be decided!

The cooking group meets on November 22nd. The theme will be holiday sweet recipes.

Book group meets on the 28th at Tipipark to discuss American Dirt by Jeannine Cummins.

**Looking for something to do? Here is a link to events, concerts in Girona in November:
<https://www.girona.cat/turisme/eng/agenda.php>**



The pitch'nputt group enjoyed a busy month in October.

Both outings were well attended. The first outing was at Playa D'Aro with 10 golfers and 14 for lunch after at Bañana Blava in Castell D'Aro.

Like to join the group? Email: gsorbets@gmail.com

The last outing of the month was at Mas Tapoilas with 12 golfers followed by lunch at Can Suredes in Santa Cristina; 20 for lunch!



THE COOKING GROUP has been busy again! The first meeting of the autumn was at Dominique Moreau's home. The theme of the day was appetizers. There were 5 demonstrations on various dips and a squash soup. The kitchen was humming with activity.

Dominique



whipped up a brioche to be shared by all with coffee before serious work began in the kitchen.

After all the hard work, everyone sat down on the terrace to share the appetizers, soup and Asian meatballs.

Dominique also prepared a scrumptious custard desert with a flaky crust. Thank you Dominique for a special cooking group session!

For recipes of this session, email Ana Aguilar: anaaguilarcacho@gmail.com

Like to join the cooking group? Email Anneke deVriom: annekedevroom@gmail.com

Quiz night

It's finally happened as Georges mentioned. Quiz Master David Stuttard led 36 participants through a series of 60 questions separated into 6 different areas of interest at Restaurant Toc de Sol in Castell D'Aro. Freddy and staff provided pica-pica throughout



the competition until all attending could not eat one more bite! Competition was friendly, some questions easy,



others had team members guessing. Although there were only 3 winners at the end of the evening, all declared the new quiz night, a winning formula!

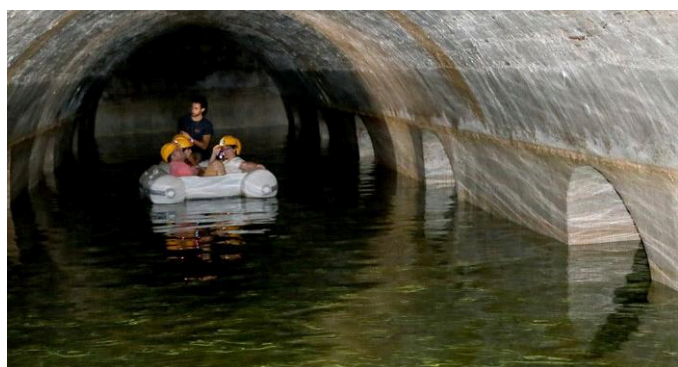
Cultural Excursion

On October 26, another sunny day on the Costa Brava, 12 club members joined Rosa Tysoe for a visit to the photography exhibit by Jordi Esteva at the Palau Solterra, Emili Casas Foundation.

The exhibition features over a hundred photographs drawn from an extensive career, the central themes are friendship and experiences in remote worlds in Asia and Africa. And.. of course, lunch after, the food and company was enjoyed by all.



Driving on the AP7 towards France, just north of Figueres, I was intrigued to see a very large fort, up on a commanding hillside. So I located it on Google maps and decided to visit; Castell de Sant Ferran is the largest bastion fort in Europe. Construction of the Royal Fortification of Saint Ferdinand of Figueres began in 1753 under the reign of King Ferdinand VI of Spain.

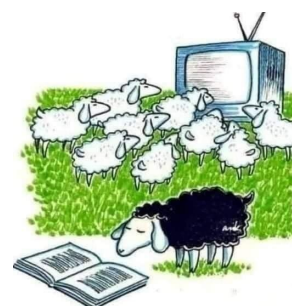


At its peak it housed 4000 troops and 700 horses. You can join a guided tour which includes an underground trip in small boats to the vast water storage facilities or you can leisurely walk around by yourself. It's an easy walk around the fort, I particularly enjoyed seeing the extensive stables where the horses would have been housed.



With so many interesting places to visit I have been thinking about organising a CICB walking group with some of these destinations in mind. Perhaps a trip to this fort or the Roman ruins at Empuries or the ruined monastery of Sant Pere de Rodes might be fun outings. If you would be interested in such outings, we can start a WhatsApp group to publish walks and activities, email me your cell phone number at: stuttadg@gmail.com.
-David Stuttard

The book group met on the 31st of October at Tipipark. The discussion centered around *The Promise*, a novel set during and shortly after the end of apartheid in South Africa. One of the themes of the novel was the challenges faced by those attempting to make reparations of the wrongs of apartheid. The novel next month is *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. Provocative title!



Joke of the month:
What happens when a Camembert factory blows up?
You have a lot of de bris.



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Have something YOU would like to contribute? A funny story? A recipe? Restaurant recommendation? A suggestion for an activity, concert? A holiday to share in our Let's Escape column? JUST DO IT! Email us!
- L. Stuttard