



COSTA BRAVA INTERNATIONAL CLUB NEWS

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Dear Members,



Lazy summer days! We are starting to long for autumn and cooler temperatures so this is a short newsletter to encourage you to start thinking about our upcoming activities and what your participation will be for the rest of 2023. The next GPL will be Monday, September 4th. If you are in town, we hope to see you there! Look for an invitation in your email inbox soon or register online at: <https://cicb.eu/form-gpl>

Over 50 members and guests enjoyed our first summer BBQ on July 4th. It was the best attended event since 2019! We have a few new members this summer. Moune Guiraud lives on the Golf and has for many years; she just didn't know about the international Club. Teddy and Aki Kamata joined in May; they live in Calonge after spending decades in Berlin. Welcome!

As change is inevitable, Linda Nobbs has retired from her position as book group coordinator. Thank you to Linda for a job well done for many years! This season, we hope the book group will have various volunteers that will each choose a book and lead the monthly discussion. An opportunity to participate is outlined in the newsletter after the July 4th BBQ photos. If you have been thinking about joining the group, this might be a good time to do so!

As our club continues to add new members (we have almost 40 new members since 2019) and lose long term members for a variety of reasons (our current membership is 93), we look at our processes and how we can best serve you, our members. We are examining our club bylaws that will need some updating to our current club needs. We will put our suggested changes to you before our annual general meeting in January.

We have quite a few interesting activities on the calendar this autumn, the annual quiz in October, a Culinary Adventures overnight trip to the Toulouse Wine and Food Fair in late October and the Joan Miro museum in November. Of course, the cooking group, pitch'nputt and pétanque groups will begin meeting again.

The dates and schedules are on your website calendar at: cicb.eu

We are always open to constructive ideas and suggestions but please share those ideas and thoughts with us, your board, not just to each other so we can facilitate change or add new activities or interest groups to our calendar.

Enjoy a few photos of our last get together, the 4th of July barbecue... TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW BOOK CLUB FORMAT AND THINK ABOUT JOINING; AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE A BOOK AND LEAD A DISCUSSION!

One of the best things about our club is that there are so many opportunities to join in and participate, regardless of your interests.

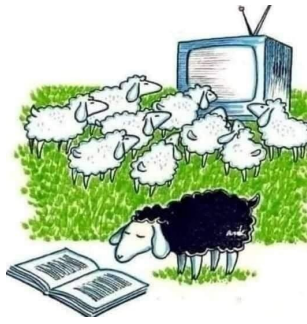


A festive celebration on July 4th found 56 members and guests at the Costa Brava Golf Club, playing bean bag toss, listening to classic American rock music provided by Nic West, a speech about the importance of the day in American history by Lorenzo Tomassi and a real treat, an acapella rendition of Amazing Grace by Alfonso Osario.

Grilled hamburgers and traditional American bbq food with beer and wine rounded out a lazy fantastic summer afternoon.

The vote?
Let's do it again next year!





As many of you know, we have had a small but active book group that meets approximately 6-8 times a year. Linda Nobbs has successfully guided the group for many years but has decided it is time for her leadership to come to an end. Again, many thanks to Linda for her invaluable contributions over the years.

As no one has stepped up yet to take on the responsibility, we thought we could try a guest leader of the month concept. We ask that you sign up if you would like to be a member or of the new book group; we will begin new email and WhatsApp communication lists.

If you enjoy reading but haven't thought of joining the group before, we hope you will now.

We are looking for members to sign up for a month to lead a book discussion. This would also involve choosing a book from the genres below. If you really enjoy non-fiction for example, here is your opportunity to choose a book. It will require a little research on your part as discussion leader. We ask that the book you choose be one you are looking forward to reading, rather than an old favorite.

Books should be available in at least Dutch, French, Spanish and English. For those of you who might be participating for the first time, the group typically meets at the Costa Brava Golf the last Monday of the month.

We hope you seriously consider joining and participating...

You can sign up now!

Months we have and are looking for discussion leaders:

September: Mary Ellen Marino

Book: Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

Pulitzer Prize 2023 - click here for a summary review:

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/barbara-kingsolver/demon-copperhead/>

October

November

February

March

April

May

- **Historical fiction**
- **Literary fiction**
(between 1965 and 2005)
- **Literary fiction**
(after 2005)
- **Mystery/crime**
- **Non-fiction**
 - memoir/biography
 - social/cultural

Email us at: eventscicb@gmail.com (just click on the link to respond) to join the group, with your questions and let us know if and what month you can lead a discussion by September 15th, if possible. Tell us what genre and month you would like and then share your book choice later or perhaps you already have one in mind. We look forward to hearing from you!

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