



## COSTA BRAVA INTERNATIONAL CLUB NEWS

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Dear Members,

We have quite a few activities coming up for you in October and November. Don't forget our annual quiz night is October 18th with Quiz Master David Stuttard at the S'Agaro Hotel! You MUST register before October 11th or we can't save a place for you!

Sadly, it is too late to register for the Food & Wine Festival on October 27 and 28th in Toulouse. Please try to remember to register for events by the due date! Remember, if you want to join any of the activity groups, go to: [cicb.eu](http://cicb.eu) click on the menu on the right side of the home page and click on groups. The group leaders email is listed there; just send him or her an email and ask to join the group. Easy!

We are fortunate to welcome five more new members this month! Xavier and Christine Denis are now living in Bell Lloc full time after recently moving from Brussels and are enjoying their new life in retirement. Frédérique Moreau and Alexandre Bouvrain are both architects; they divide their time between living and working in Paris and relaxing in their home on the Costa Brava Golf. Sophal Meas divides her time between her residence in Bell Lloc and Holland. Welcome everyone!  
-Linda



## CLUB FALL ACTIVITIES

### OCTOBER

October 18th- ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT- S'Agaro Hotel

October 19th- Pétanque

October 25th- Excursion to Palau Solterra-lunch after

October 27th & 28th - Wine & Food Fair, Toulouse

October 30th - Book group

October 12th & 26th- Pitch'nputt

### NOVEMBER

November 2 - Pétanque

November 6 - GPL

November 9 - Pitch'nputt

November 14 - cultural excursion to Joan Miro Foundation, Barcelona

November 16 - Pétanque

November 21 - Pitch'nputt

November 23 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Feast

November 27 - Book Group

Remember: check our calendar on the website for other activities for the remainder of the year:

**A few photos of September and early October activities**



**Pitch'nputt got off to a swinging start in September. Chantal Pahaut claimed victory on the day!**

**The cultural excursion on a sunny September day to Palafrugell was enjoyed by 20 members. Two museums were visited, a walk thru the town and a leisurely lunch was savored by all.**



**Teddy Kamata & Heiney Bulstrode both enjoyed their museum adventures.**



**Guy Claude assigns teams on the opening day of the fall Pétanque season.**



**Everybody's  
talking about.... AI**  
(Look for an event about AI  
coming up on the club  
calendar soon)

**Everybody's talking about Artificial Intelligence (AI) these days. You'd have to be living on another planet not to have heard the term.**

**But what exactly do people mean by it?**

**A deceptively simple answer might be: based on data already inputted, the ability of a machine to "think" for itself when given a problem to solve, or an action to carry out.**

**In other words, a machine that to a certain degree can think and act like a human being. That's to say, a special kind of robot.**

**The possibility of such robots evolving, and becoming more and more like humans, and eventually even replacing them, is a concept that has long fascinated writers of science fiction.**

**It's now more than three quarters of a century since Isaac Asimov wrote his seminal book *I, Robot*, in which he pointed to the dangers that machines that could think for themselves would pose for humans.**

**Back then, not many people took him and his three laws of robotics seriously. It was all just fantasy, they said.**

**Today the situation is very different. Nobody is saying AI is just fantasy. It is reality. A reality that is already impacting people's lives in all sorts of ways, shaping the world with consequences both negative and positive.**

**AI is a revolution, with a significance that will perhaps sooner than we think be recognized as greater than that of the Industrial Revolution of the 18th century.**

**But meanwhile, the biggest question of all remains unanswered: could a machine ever step outside the confines imposed on it by the data it is provided with, and become truly autonomous? With a consciousness comparable to a human being's?**

**No doubt if he were still around to bear witness, Isaac Asimov would have much to say on the subject.**

**-Tony Tysoe**



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