



COSTA BRAVA INTERNATIONAL CLUB

DECEMBER 2023 - #31



Dear Members,

What happened to 2023? Can't believe it is almost time to welcome in 2024! 🍷🍷

2023 has been a busy and productive year for the club; we welcomed 22 new members, surely a record for one year! We have a new Pétanque activity group, organized by Guy Claude Allard; members enjoyed our annual events and we put one more annual event on our calendar, the July 4th barbecue.

We have a few interesting and different (and fun) events planned for 2024 as well as new adventures that we hope many members will enjoy.

There are quite a few photos to share from all of our activities in November... from the GPL, the excursion to the Joan Miró Foundation in Barcelona, Thanksgiving feast, AI Event, Cooking Group Luncheon in Palafrugell and of course, our usual activity groups met in November. A few photos for you to enjoy. Look for photos of December events in your January newsletter.

Your board would like to thank you all for your support this past year and your enthusiastic participation in all of our activities. You are what makes this club a welcoming place for us all.

Happy New Year everyone! -Linda

January Club Activities

January 11 & 25 - Pitch'nputt

January 16 - AGM & lunch

January 18 - Pétanque

January 23 - Welcome in 2024 - drinks & tapas @ Hotel Barcarola

January 29 - Book Group

January 30 - Cooking Group

Remember: check our calendar on the website for other activities through July 2024:

Click here: cicb.eu



Winners
November GPL:
Chris Parker & Dave Cuffe
18 hole golf

Florence Sorbets &
Laura Reich Calero
Pétanque



and those who just had fun

How can you not love Pétanque?



23 members feasted and gave thanks (mostly that we are all so lucky to be living here and are part of the club) on Thanksgiving Day at Nick & Diane West's



AI Presentation and tapas & drinks after - 25 interested members attended including the presenters, Gerda, Ben, Vicenç, Laura & Tony. Job well done!

What Is AI or Artificial Intelligence?

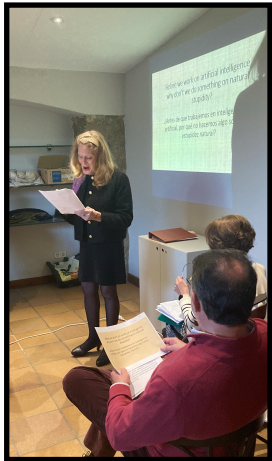
Artificial intelligence or AI is the branch of computer science that studies machine intelligence.

EXAMPLES OF APPLICATIONS

- Search engines (Google)
- Content recommendations (Netflix, YouTube)
- Self-driving vehicles
- Automatic language translation
- Facial recognition
- Computer games
- Spam filters



An AI is a computer system that performs tasks that usually require human intelligence.



Luncheon at the Escola d'Hostaleria Cap Roig 22 members enjoyed their special Christmas menu



CHRISTMAS IN CATALUNYA

What's going on in December on the Costa Brava? Here are a few links that might be of interest

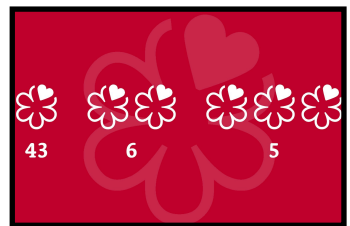


For those members that are new to Catalunya in the last few years, this link provides a good overview of the history and traditions of the holiday season. [click here:](#)

<https://www.njoycostabrava.com>

Special Christmas menus will be available in restaurants all around the Costa Brava-Empordà region. In Palamós, several restaurants put together a list of their special menus, click below to check them out. Advance reservations are recommended.

Special Xmas Menus in Palamós



Looking for a Michelin recommended restaurant in Catalunya? There 54 Michelin starred restaurants and 38 with a bib gourmand. Check them out:

<https://guide.michelin.com>

A last thought for the year.....hmmmm...what should it be?