



AMERICAN CLUB OF ESTEPONA

OCTOBER
2012

ACE Celebrates 25th Anniversary CUDECA Fund Raiser

Although this party had not happened when the newsletter went to print, we wanted to tell our members about the plans for the party before the next issue in November.

We hope this party will be a great day with everyone being invited to join in. Members are bringing food and we will have music by John Porter.

We have asked CUDECA to run a raffle for raising funds for this very worthy Charity which has been a favorite of ours for a many years.

ACE has donated the first prize which is a 100 euro gift card for Carrefour. CEDECA has gotten the other prizes which are:

Crystal Vase from Glass House, Gibraltar
25 euro voucher from A Cut Above,
Pedicure by Caron,
10 euro voucher for Chinese Restaurant in Port
2 bottles Rioja from The Bistro, Estepona Port
Cake by Jan, Hamper, 2 bottles cava
Gift pack, Photo Album, Jewelry Box
Novelty slippers, Evening bag, Trinket box
Purse, Picture frame, Earrings, Necklace
Voucher from The Cutting room

These are very nice prizes and we will let you know next month how the party went and if any of our members win.

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October Events

Executive Committee

Tuesday, October 9th 1:00 pm

General Meeting

Saturday, October 13th - 1:30 pm

Bring finger food if you plan to eat!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sewing Classes

This is an informal group who get together on Fridays at 2:00 to do quilting and sewing. Come along and join for what ever type of sewing you do.

Bridge:

Every Wednesday 3:30-5:30 . This is for long time bridge players to play and for those who want to learn. Cost € 1 per session.

October Quiz:

The quiz will be on Wednesday, October 24th at 7:30. Quiz master and food to be announced.

Meal and quiz is 7:50 and quiz alone is 1:50.

Art Class:

Thursdays at 2:30 with instruction by Ronnie Winder, everyone welcome from accomplished artists to beginners. Charge is 10 euros.



Welcome Back Party October 20th

We have waited later this year to have our welcome back party so hopefully all our wondering members will be back to Estepona.

There will be lots of food, music and a chance to visit with friends we haven't seen for the summer

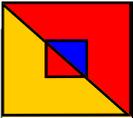
Cost will be 15 euros for members and 17 euros for non-members. Starting time is 7:30. Please sign up early so food can be prepared.



HALLOWEEN PARTY October 31st

We will have our annual Halloween party on Wednesday the 31st with food, music and prizes for the best costume. So..get out your hats and brooms!

Cost of 15 euros for members and 17 for non-members. Time of 7:30 pm



September Events

NEW TELEVISION...

If you were in the club in September, you would have seen that the club now has a great big new television.

This is a donation from Sally Coulson and David Jones in memory of their long time friends and long time club members, Chris and Marian Dare.

A plaque is being made to attach to the TV.

Since most of us don't get to see up to date movies, we are hoping to have "movie nights" in the club as well as showing pictures of past events, etc.

Since we could not put a satellite dish on the roof, we had to buy a better laptop to run the signal through. This was paid for and donated by President Michael Moss.

Many thanks to our wonderful and generous members.

September Quiz

Although the players were not many, Michael presented a very good quiz and Rita prepared the food.

Winners were:

Rita & Forrest Mays and Hector Kleinot

Ronnie & Brian Winder

Ronnie's sisters Jenny & Vivian

Ann Hardwick & guest Lynn

Two teams got 32 out of 40 correct answers, but the Winders won on a tie break.

It was a nice evening.

Grand Opening Gift

We want to acknowledge a very special gift we received at our grand opening party from CUDECA.

It is a very wonderful book about Spain with lots of pictures taken by professional photographers from around the world. It covers every kind of Spanish culture and people.

It is on the coffee table in the club and we are happy for our members to take it home as it takes quite awhile to get through it. If you would like to enjoy this book, please leave a note on the desk that you have taken it.



HOSPITALITY

Michael Moss

The Bar in September continued its smooth progress; no dramas, no gossip, just hard work for those volunteers that gave their time to run it. Takings were far in excess of September last year, principally because the fire rather curtailed operations at the old place, and secondly because attendance at the club has been greater. Let's hope this trend continues so we can build a healthy sum for our Charity donations at the end of the year.



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Michel J. Charbonnier was born on April 20, 1939 in Methuen, Massachusetts. His parents were Michel Charbonnier from Villar Pellice, Italy and Helena Barbara Pelczar. His Father had worked on a ship in the late thirties and decided to get off the ship in Massachusetts. He met a young girl named Helena and they married. Michel grew up on a small farm in the Methuen area graduating from the local high school in 1957. As a young student he found his interest in foreign languages and dreamed one day of going to Europe. He used to stand on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean in Massachusetts and look out over the water towards Europe and dream of one day of going there. That dream materialized when his Father took the whole family on a ship when Michel was a teenager to see Europe, to see where his Father had come from. While there Michel fell in love with Europe and the many languages there. Michael eventually spoke 6 languages including Thai and Arabic.

He attended Boston University where he graduated in 1961 with a degree in political science. He then attended several language schools in Europe. This lead him to three years in the US Peace Corps in Thailand. In 1967 he was in the first group of teachers in Saudi Arabia with Saudi Arabian Airlines then managed by Trans World Airlines (TWA) where he stayed until January 1989. He then went to his beloved Estepona in Spain where he stayed for 18 months before going to Honolulu, Hawaii to teach. He had always wanted to go there. He returned to Estepona for sometime and then went to Turkey where he taught in a language school. in 1969 he returned to Jeddah as an instructor with Dallah Corporaton with their ground enviornmental aids contract with the Saudi miliary.

He returned to Estepona in 2004 and retired. Shortly afterwards he became ill and in November 2008 he went with his brother bob to Santa Rosa, California where he spent his final four years. he died in Santa Rosa, California on Monday, Septmber 17th 2012. Michel was cremated and a memorial service will be held at a place not yet decided.

Michel was a special person in so many peoples' lives and many were able to call him a 'dear friend'. in 1971 his father made a trip throughout Europe and fell in love with Estepona and bought a piece of land for him. Michel went to Estepona and fell in love with the area. over the next few years he would bring at least 12 of his friends from Saudi Arabian airlines to see Estepona and to encourage them to buy a place so that when we were old we could all help each other.

Michel was a charter member of ACE and served as vice president and a bar tender. Michel was a true grass roots ambassador for Estepona. he will be remembered by his many friends in Estepona and the surrounding area.

All of his many friends in ACE and Estepona will miss him very much.

Pictured is Michel with his brother, Bob, on the last day he was in Estepona at a little impromptu party at the club.



QUE PASA?



October Birthdays

October 3	Denny Allerton
October 5	Pat Caldwell
October 7	Bridget Ramsden
October 8	Thomas Treacy
October 12	Helen Tinkler
October 20	Jan Painter
October 23	Carmen Cannon
October 26	Brian Downey

Happy Birthday To Everyone

will be living in Gibraltar where he can be looked after by his family there.

PACA BLANCHARD had a bit of a spill from one her beloved horses in the north of Spain but was only slightly injured and is recovering nicely. She was quick to say the spill was her fault and not the horse's. They will be back in Estepona in early October.

Congratulations to CLAIRE & PETER SAVAGE on their recent marriage. They had their reception at the club on September 16th and it was a super party.

This a good place to have a private party and is available to all our members. If the party is to be private, you have to have it when the club is closed, So..next time you get married, have an anniversary, or a birthday, think about having your party at the club.

Talk about a blast from the past!

We received an email from Ginger Card and Eduardo Gonzales. She was president of the club in 1991 and Eduardo is Spanish and was responsible for getting the club our fist charter.

They left Spain 19 years ago and have lived in California since. They send their regards to all their old friends who remember them from those times and enjoy reading our newsletter on line.

We are looking forward to welcoming back FRANCIS KELLY from the US on October 13th for a months visit.

JOE & THERESA SWEENEY went to Scotland in July for couple of months with family. Unfortunately Joe suffered a heart attack and has had surgery, but he is getting on well now and they will return in October.

Our lovely PADDY CAUFIELD has not been well of late and has had surgery in Gibraltar. We understand he is not able to live alone any more and

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A Little humor.....

Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked up the boat up to the van and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. I cuddled up to my wife's back; now with a different anticipation, and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible."

My loving wife of 5 years replied, "And, can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?" And that's how the fight started....

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary.

She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds."

I bought her a bathroom scale.

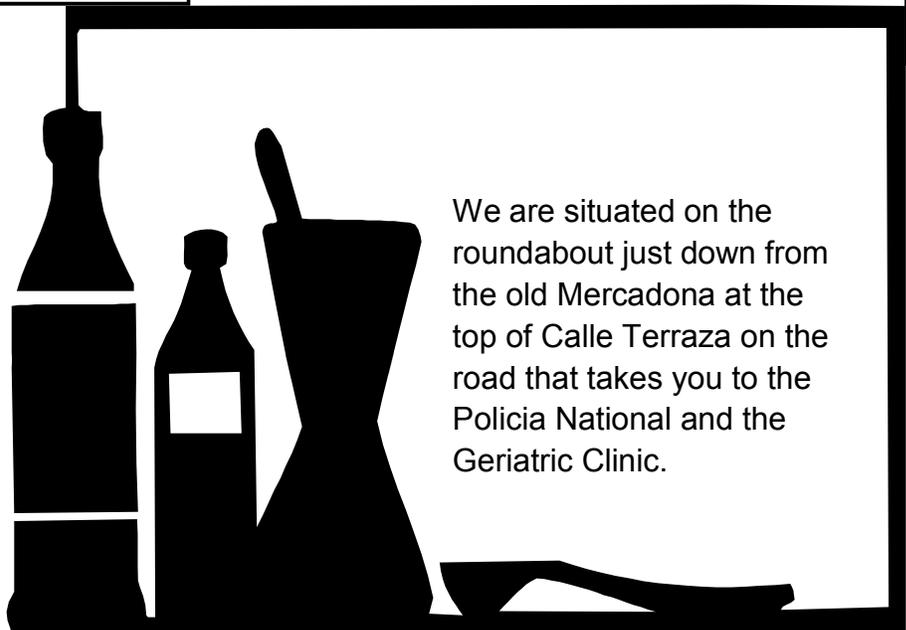
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THE KOOKING KORNER

Thanks to Claire Savage for doing the recipes this month. I thought new brides couldn't cook.

Cheats Gazpacho

- 1 tin tomato Frito
- 1/2 Dutch cucumber, peeled
or 1 Spanish cucumber, peeled
- 1 large spring onion
- 1/2 red pepper
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 tablespoon virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoon lemon juice
salt and pepper

Put all ingredients into blender and purée add cold water to smooth consistency. Chill in fridge.

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Chocolate & Cherry Trifle serves 6

- 1 chocolate chip cake (Lidl)
- 1 jar black cherries (Lidl)
- 1 pint custard
- 1 pint whipping cream
- 1 wineglass brandy (4 fluid ounces)
- 1 Chocolate flake

Slice chocolate cake and lay in bottom of dish, soak in brandy, if still dry add some juice from the cherries, drain cherries and add to sponge, pour custard over and allow to cool until set.

Whip cream until just stiff and put on top of custard, crumble flake over.

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Tuna & Feta Frittata serves 2

- 4 large eggs
- 1 large spring onion chopped
- 100g can tuna, drained and flaked
- 85 g feta, crumbled

Beat eggs, stir in other ingredients, season with salt and pepper,

(careful with salt as feta is salty).

Put oil into medium size frying pan, add mixture and cook on low heat undisturbed for five minutes until almost set.

Put pan under preheated grill for 3-4 minutes until set.

Serve in wedges with salad and crusty bread.



Library Reviews

Brian Winder

Mainly because a number of new and recent books have been donated to the Club, we've a James Patterson month for October, thanks Alan! Although the author can get a bit repetitive in his thinking, the storylines are clear cut, enjoyable and easy to read! Hope those of you who are fans enjoy the fest!

KILL ME IF YOU CAN by Robert Patterson and Marshall Karp

When an innocent art student finds a leather bag full of diamonds worth millions – the manhunt begins. First the assassin of the crooked thief who'd originally skimmed the stones off the mob is contracted to recover them, then another rival killer is put on the job. Treachery and betrayal abound as the student and his girlfriend try and get through the maze of attempts to recover and kill!! As for the ending? Whow!!

NOW YOU SEE HER by Robert Patterson and Michael Ledwidge

To save her own life, Nina Bloom vanishes. Later in her life she has to resurface to save an innocent man. Now she has to confront the killer she had escaped forever. Races along in his true style.

10th ANNIVERSARY by Robert Patterson and Maxine Paetro

The next to most recent Women's Murder Club adventure (The latest one will be in the library for November because I'm still reading it!). A badly injured young girl is left for dead and her

badly injured newly born baby is nowhere to be found. Whilst investigating this case Lyndsay Boxer becomes involved in another with one of her close friends. The story is slightly more complicated than others he's written but still of a highly enjoyable standard.

CROSS FIRE by Robert Patterson

Interesting. He wrote this on his own but then, Alex Cross is his own creation. In the run up to his wedding, Cross finds himself involved in the perfectly executed assassination of two of Washington's most corrupt and hated political figures. As other public figures follow the public opinion is divided between a vigilante killer or a hero! As usual Cross is caught up in the middle.

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RONNIES ART WORKSHOP

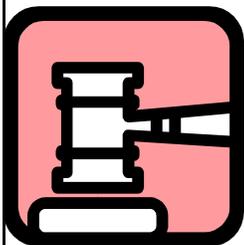
The introductory workshop went well with a number of budding artists enjoying their time. Subsequently, the sessions each Thursday at 2.30pm are developing nicely and there's room for more. So, anyone else who is interested, please come along to your initial free session any Thursday afternoon.



Peter and I would like to thank our friends at ACE for their generous gifts and for making our Estepona wedding reception such a success and so enjoyable . Special thanks to Sandra for a superb meal and acting maid of honour, John as my dad and Frank, Peters best man, they all did an excellent impromptu job. Big thanks to you all.

We are settling into married life although Peters handcuffs are chaffing a little(he will learn yes is so much easier) we will be around for a few weeks so hope to catch up with everyone We had a wonderful happy day at our wedding in Somerset with our families and friends and the icing on our cake was to celebrate again in Spain where we met.

Claire



NOTES THE FROM PRESIDENT MICHAEL MOSS

It is so good to see the club 'come alive' again after a rather quiet August. Our Anniversary and Cudeca Raffle Party coupled with Claire & Peter's Wedding Reception really brought lots of people to the club. I know that quite a few new members resulted from these 'open' events and let's hope they keep coming!

As most of you have seen we now have a large screen television in the club. Unfortunately at this point in time we cannot put a dish

on the roof so we are restricted to receiving our television via a computer. This at the moment does suffer from 'buffering' (a sort of pause while the computer downloads when the picture on the screen is very busy with lots of movement) but this will be eliminated when Jazztel, our broadband provider, ups the internet speed. However, film etc are unaffected so if anyone would like to attend an occasional film night just let me know.

October seems to have a lot going on (see events section) so I hope you'll all continue to support your club and make this a record year.



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7	8	9 Executive Committee 1:00 pm	10 Bridge 3:30	11 Art Class 2:30	12 Sewing Class 2:00	13 General Meeting 1:30
14	15	16	17 Bridge 3:30	18 Art Class 2:30	19 Sewing Class 2:00	20 Welcome Back Party 7:30 pm
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