



# Crackers

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If by the next meeting the guest applies for membership, the guest gets another free lunch.

If applicant is approved by the Membership Committee, the inductee gets another free lunch.

The sponsor of the guests should contact the Club President upon arrival and he will provide the lunch voucher for the guest.

## Cosmo Joins Facebook

Cosmo now has its own Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CosmoClubSB/>. You can also find a link to it on our homepage. All posts will be public, so that even members who have not yet joined Facebook can see our posts; however, if you have already joined Facebook, be sure to “like” our page and “share” our posts. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Editorial Assistant Cora Danielson at [cora.danielson@gmail.com](mailto:cora.danielson@gmail.com).

## Dress Code

The dress code going forward will be California Casual. Jackets and ties are always welcome, let the weather be your guide.

## Cosmo Members Ailing

In Curt Whiteman’s absence, President Harv Turner reported that Steve Ebbin continues to convalesce at Valle Verde and Gil Ashor is still on a liquid diet but gaining weight.

If you learn that one of our members is ill or injured, please notify Curt Whiteman at 220-6833, [whiteman@westmont.edu](mailto:whiteman@westmont.edu).

## Website and Online Membership Roster

Access the Cosmo website <http://sbcosmo.com> for current and archived issues of Crackers. Don Chalfant and Jim Stubchaer have updated our online system. Members will now be able to access the roster via the normal club website; a “tab” will lead to the password-protected roster. The password will be provided in the email that covers the distribution of the Crackers.

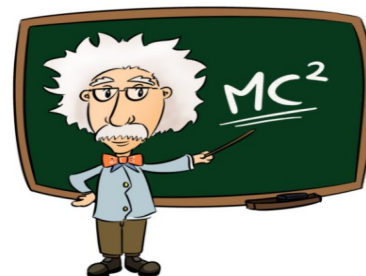
## Who Said That?

“It’s not that I’m so smart, it’s just that I stay with problems longer.”

— Albert Einstein

## The Board of Directors approved an incentive program to help recruit new Club Members:

If a current member brings a guest who is a potential new member, the guest will get a free lunch.



## NEXT MEETING

February 1, 2018

### “Beyond Bagels, Lox and Fiddler on the Roof: What is Jewish Culture?”

Charles Greene will introduce Rabbi Steve Cohen. Rabbi Cohen has served as the senior rabbi of Congregation B'nai B'rith since 2004, after nineteen years as the rabbi and Executive Director of the Hillel Foundation at UCSB. In his capacity as senior rabbi, Steve's primary responsibilities include teaching adults and youth, guiding the development of the congregation's educational, worship, social action and cultural programs, providing pastoral counseling for congregants in need, helping families move through the great passages of life with love and meaning, and working closely with the volunteer leadership of the congregation to build a vibrant Jewish community.

For his talk Rabbi Cohen will examine how many contemporary Jews reject traditional Jewish religious practice and belief but remain loyal to their Jewish heritage and identity. He will then ask members to look at the non-religious elements that constitute “Jewish culture” and discuss how such elements show up in a town like Santa Barbara in the year 2018.

February 15, 2018

### “Searching for Other Worlds”

Sandra Seale will introduce Dr. Rachel Street, a Project Scientist at the La Cumbre Observatory. Rachel joined the LCO in 2007 and considers herself privileged to have watched it grow into a unique resource for astronomy and planet-hunting in general.

For her talk, Dr. Street will discuss the discovery of exoplanets. Planets beyond those of our own solar system have long been the stuff of science fiction. We live in the era when fiction has become reality, and astronomers have discovered new worlds by the thousands. Dr. Street will explain how this can be done, as well as take a look at some of the extraordinary systems that have been found.

Rachel graduated from the University of Birmingham in her native UK in 1998, just as the first evidence for ex-



oplanetary systems was being discovered. This inspired her to shift from studying extra-galactic targets to searching for planets closer to home. She completed her Ph.D. at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland in 2002 and moved to Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, where she was awarded a PPARC Post-doctoral Fellowship to work on the SuperWASP project. This project became the most successful wide-angle ground-based survey for exoplanetary transits.

## REGULAR EVENTS

### DISCUSSION GROUP

The Discussion Group meets once a month in the upstairs room immediately following regular luncheon programs. The future topics are:

February 15, Bob Weber: **Using BRAC Commission Procedure in Federal Budgeting**

March 15, Dan Creasy: **The Limitations of Quality Assurance in Healthcare**

April. 19, Gerard Kuiken: **The Philosophy of Oneness**

May 17, Gordon Bjork: **Intergenerational Transfer**

June 21, Jim Davis: **A True Faustian Bargain: Controlling Evolution**



### GOLF

Mondays we usually meet at the Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni). Tee times most often begin at 10:15 a.m. Contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355 or [rsiner916@aol.com](mailto:rsiner916@aol.com) by the prior Friday for your tee time. These outings are a great way to gain new members, so invite your friends. We also have games on Wednesdays and Fridays at other area courses. Contact Ron Singer to get on the mailing list. New members can use the website [cosmogolfclubsb.com](http://cosmogolfclubsb.com) to register and sign up for additional news.



## TENNIS

The tennis group plays doubles four times a week on a private court off 122 Patterson Avenue, behind the office buildings, starting at 7:45 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. All tennis players are invited. Contact Harrison Stroud at (805) 653-5117, [stroud@hotmail.com](mailto:stroud@hotmail.com) or Jim Subject at (805) 964-2020, [jsubject@aol.com](mailto:jsubject@aol.com).



## LAST MEETING: January 18, 2018

Selling tickets were David Hughes and Ted Ross. Vern Kemp performed the sergeant-at-arms duties. Bill Alexander and Orlando Ramirez did the audio-visual duties. The Invocation was delivered by Bill Alexander.

## Wine Drawing

Paul Coyne picked up a bottle of '12 South Australian Shiraz from Lackey Vineyard.

Don Truex won a bottle of '14 Sauvignon Blanc from Wattle Creek Vineyard in Sanoma County.



## Welcome Our Guests

Gordon Bjork introduced three guests:

Steve Little was host to Peter Delevett, a retired physician from the St. Joseph Medical Clinic who now lives in Carpinteria where he volunteers at the free clinic and enjoys sailing.

John Warnock was host to Phil Holland, a retired Santa Barbara County civil engineer who is also a sailor, cruising world-wide on their boat.

Jim Hemmer was host to Larry Williams, a retired neuroscientist who is a musician and a member of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara.



## LAST MEETING

January 18, 2018

### Our Relationship with China: Part 2

Kevin Ryan introduced his son, our well received September 21 speaker, to continue his discussion of the U.S.-China relationship, now focused on international trade and the tensions between the two countries.



Eric Ryan opened with a quick review of his company, Ryan Security Technologies, and the related companies he has founded over 25 years, to supply security equipment, including screening systems, forensic devices and portable Faraday cages to customers in China.

He discussed points of tension between the United States and China, beginning with the balance of trade, which he believes has little real significance. The important issue, he argues, is balance of payments. Among products in the U.S.-China trade, the United States continues to dominate the high-return research and development phases, and we share with Europe the similarly profitable marketing and branding phases. China is largely limited to low-yield manufacturing. This sharing enables us to compete in world markets and to import affordable consumer products.

Eric mapped some of the complex interactions in world commerce today. He believes that withdrawing the United States from the Trans Pacific Partnership was a crippling decision from which we will not recover for decades. The TPP requires member nations to raise their labor and environmental standards to approximate ours, which would have leveled the playing field in our direction. It was designed as a counterforce to Chinese economic expansion in Asia, which would have protected our interests. Now, China will soon be included and become dominant.

During the question period, Eric was asked how we can reconcile the government's need to access a criminal's phone with a citizen's right to privacy. In his opinion, the conflict is irreconcilable and the right to privacy is more important than criminal investigation, compelling as that can be in the case of a dangerous terrorist.