



# BritClub News

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## Coming Events

**The SBC Board Meeting** will be held on Thursday **April 9th** at the Village des Pins, 7964 Timberwood Circle Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

**SBC MONTHLY LUNCHES, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 12:30pm** Contact information below.

17<sup>th</sup> April will find the Lunch Club at **Mattison's Forty-One, 7275 S. Tamiami Trail**, one mile south of Stickney Point Road. The restaurant features comfortable elegance with a Mediterranean flair that is friendly and fun. There is also a splendid room called "The 50's" that seats 30 people. Thirty is around the number we have each month. Please reserve your place as soon as possible. If we have more than 30 persons, we will be seated in the main part of the restaurant. Lunch starter prices: pick any two for \$9 or choose 3 for \$15. Soups and salads are in the \$6 to \$15 range. **Note: There is an extensive gluten-free menu available.**

Following is a sample list of Mattison's culinary awards: Winner of **Florida Trend Magazine's prestigious Golden Spoon Award**, the **Sarasota Herald Tribune's Readers' Choice Award**, **Sarasota Magazine's Best of the Best**, **SRQ Magazine's Hot List**, **Creative Loafing's Editor's Choice Award** and the **Bradenton Herald's Readers' Choice Award**, among many others. Come experience for yourself what others already recognize and know when it comes to excellent dining in Sarasota.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming lunches. Please telephone or email me to reserve your place as I need to know well ahead of time the numbers to expect for making final seating arrangements with our restaurant hosts. (941-751-3811 or [sueford@janbury.com](mailto:sueford@janbury.com)).

*Sue Ford*

**TRAVELS WITH MARGARET THATCHER.** Talk by Cynthia Crawford MBE on Apr 9th at 11am; Gulf Gate Library – Meeting room. This was announced on 9th March by email. Contact Paul Wilkinson [pwilkinson18@comcast.net](mailto:pwilkinson18@comcast.net)

**Our ever-popular** horse racing day at Tampa Bay Downs will be held on Sunday April 12th. There is the usual 52 seater coach that will pick up in both Sarasota and Bradenton, starting 15 minutes earlier this year, at 9.30am, and we have reserved 50 seats in the Sky Terrace for the brunch buffet and very inviting dessert table.

The cost for roundtrip coach fare, brunch and entrance fee is virtually unchanged from last year at \$50. You can reserve your spot by calling Steve Adams on [941-524-9410](tel:941-524-9410), or emailing him at [sha@adamsiac.com](mailto:sha@adamsiac.com). Once you have reserved your place, you need to mail a check for \$50 per person, payable to Sarasota British Club, to Sarasota British Club, PO Box 21063, Sarasota FL 34276



Full information on coach pick-up points and times will follow.

**VISIT TO LIPIZZANER STALLIONS** on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. (For info contact Maggie Hughes at [mvhughes50@hotmail.com](mailto:mvhughes50@hotmail.com)).

**CURRY NIGHT**— Saturday May 2nd at 7pm at the India Palace, 1551 Main Street, Sarasota. See <http://tinyurl.com/kfgr8ma> for the menu. There will be a reservation for a maximum of 50 people. Contact Brian Thompson at [lakewood2@gmail.com](mailto:lakewood2@gmail.com) or 941-388-8018

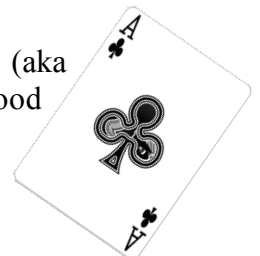


**MEMORIAL DAY AT ARCADIA.** See Page 3

**COMEDY NIGHT SEE PAGE 4** Saturday May 30th at 7:00 pm for 'The World Series of Comedy' at McCurdy's Comedy Theater, 1923 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota



**GAME NIGHT SEE PAGE 5** Saturday June 13, 6:00 pm At Village des Pins clubhouse, (aka Timberwoods), 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota



## President's Letter

Ah! The lovely month April is upon us and local beaches beckon! Of course, it's best to schedule beach visits until after the onslaught of Spring-Breakers has come and past.

Based on internet sources, I find that this month was given the Latin name *Aprilis* by the Romans; and traditional etymology indicates that the Roman name is from the latin verb *asperire*, "to open," which alludes to April's being the season when flowers and trees begin to "open" or bloom. The Anglo-Saxon name for April was *Oster-monath* or *Eostur-monath*; and further, from *Eostur* comes the word Easter.

Worldwide, there are countless and varied observances throughout the month of April. To mention only a few: depending on the occasion of the first full moon on or after the Spring Equinox, Easter will fall in April. Passover is observed in April. Both the London and the Boston Marathons occur in April. April Fool's Day is the first day of that month; and, St George's Day is on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Finally, on a somber note, the End of Tax Year in the UK is 5 April; and U.S. Income Tax returns are due on 15 April.

An especially nice treat each April in my many years in Washington, D.C. was the flowering of the hundreds of Japanese cherry trees, especially around the Title Basin near the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. (The original lot of more than 3,000 of these trees were a gift of friendship by the people of Japan to the United States in 1912.) If possible, at blooming time I'd often have a very quick lunch and a brisk walk from wherever my downtown office was located at the time and stroll around and under the cherry trees savoring the ethereal beauty of their delicate pink blossoms. These jaunts provided both a spiritual lift and boosted both my productivity and sense of purpose upon returning to the office.

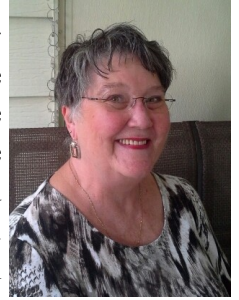
**Gary Lee**



The Washington Monument, as seen from West Potomac Park across the Tidal Basin  
Source: Wikipedia.



To Americans a flapjack is another name for a pancake, but for the Brits it means a classic bar 'cookie', nice and sticky. I do find that the average American oatmeal is too coarse and suggest using the rolled oats. Also you need to use Lyles Golden Syrup, which can be found locally at Scots Corner(17th Street) and The British Shop (Gulf Gate). Freezes well



- 1 1/2 sticks butter
- 1 can Lyles Golden Syrup
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/4 cups rolled oats



Preheat oven 350F. Grease a 17x12" baking sheet. ( If using a smaller one will be thick and chewy) Melt butter in a saucepan, and add the remaining ingredients, spread evenly on the baking sheet. Bake about 30 minutes, be careful not to overcook or they can be rather tough. Cool on cooling rack, wait about 20 minutes, and then cut into desired size pieces, then let cool completely. ( If you wait until it is cooled to cut you won't be able to cut it evenly).

Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food Columnist.( I welcome comments, requests and recipes, and can be reached at [Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com](mailto:Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com))

## Memorial Day, Monday May 25th ARCADIA AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE CONNECTION

Each year on Memorial Day a service coordinated by the Arcadia Rotary Club and the local American Legion is held to honor 23 RAF trainee pilots and their American instructor who were killed training at nearby Carlstrom and Riddle flight schools during WWII.



Well over one hundred people, many of whom bring floral tributes, congregate at the beautifully maintained British Plot in the Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The one hour service, starting at 10:00 a.m. at which the Sarasota British Club is always represented, is dignified and moving. The Union Flag and RAF flags fluttering overhead add a further touch of the Britain to the proceedings.

We urge you to attend the ceremony this Memorial Day, 25th May to honor our countrymen who gave their lives for us. On the way home we generally stop off for a light lunch.

Directions: Go east on SR 70 (from Bradenton) or SR 72 (from Sarasota) for about 35 miles. Follow signs to Arcadia. As you enter the town on SR 70 the road forks.....take the left fork (Oak Street) to Lee and turn left (there's a bit of a right/left jog in the road at Whidden Street) till the road stops. Turn left and follow that road into Oak Ridge Cemetery. Drive straight on and look for the Union Flag flying over the plot.

Bring lawn chairs as seating is often limited. Also you may want to bring an umbrella for shade.

**D**on't forget that the Sarasota British Club is on Facebook. The Club's logo is the profile picture.

Check out the numerous photos from recent events. Why not 'friend' us for another way of keeping in touch with the Club and its members. Why not add your event photos to the 'wall'.



### Transportation to Club Events

**T**he Board has designated Mark Malkasian as our Transportation Coordinator to assist those in need of rides to Club events. Mark is hoping to create a small pool of member volunteers willing to provide wheels to members. This is a call for volunteers to step forward to help. This also is a call to contact him if you are in need of transport to a particular event. He can be reached by email [mark@armeng.com](mailto:mark@armeng.com) or phone (941-918-8360). Beware! He has a list of all the Club members and their zip codes so he's hoping you won't mind, when necessary, if he calls you to ask if you can assist a nearby member in getting to an event you are planning to attend. Thank you.



### QUOTES

“Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.”

— *Confucius*

“Cherish your human connections - your relationships with friends and family.”

— *Barbara Bush*



Saturday May 30th at 7:00 pm for  
***The World Series of Comedy***  
at

McCurdy's Comedy Theater  
1923 Ringling Blvd Sarasota

There are different comics every night in every show in one week. The comics will be traveling in from all over the United States and Canada. These are professional comics.

The World Series of Comedy travel around the North America holding comedy contests in order to find the best comic. The winner will win a trip to the Las Vegas Main Event in September.

The best thing is YOU GET TO VOTE during the shows helping McCurdy's pick a winner. The Audience get to vote and help the judges pick a winner.

Tickets are \$20 per person  
I have booked 20 seats so first come-first served.

\*\*\*\*\*Please be aware that McCurdy's maintains a strict 2 drink (minimum) per person policy.\*\*\*\*\*

If you would like to have an early dinner at Mediterraneo (1970 Main St) beforehand please let me know and we can make reservations.

Please send your reservation and check to: Jane Jacobs  
5449 Beneva Woods Way, Sarasota FL 34233

QUESTIONS? email [jane60010@yahoo.com](mailto:jane60010@yahoo.com)

Mobile #: 847-370-2811

Please return this slip with your check. (payable to Jane Jacobs)

Name(s)

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Dinner?            YES            NO

**March's Friday Lunch Date.**

On Friday 20th members had lunch at Linger Lodge, Bradenton. Thanks to Doug and Eileen Schuler for the photos.



# 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BRIT CLUB GAMES NIGHT



SATURDAY JUNE 13, 6:00 PM  
AT  
VILLAGE DES PINS CLUBHOUSE  
(AKA TIMBERWOODS)  
7964 TIMBERWOOD CIRCLE  
SARASOTA

WE WILL *DAZZLE* YOU WITH  
*HIGHLY ENTERTAINING* GAMES FOR  
THE PRINCELY SUM OF **\$10:00**. INCLUDES:

GAMING TOKENS  
MAIN COURSE  
SOFT DRINKS  
PRIZE(S) AND PERHAPS SURPRISES!!

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE  
APPETIZER, VEGETABLE OR DESSERT AND BYOB.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECKS  
MADE OUT TO SARASOTA BRITISH CLUB TO  
JANE JACOBS  
5449 BENEVA WOODS WAY  
SARASOTA, FL 34233

QUESTIONS? [JANE60010@YAHOO.COM](mailto:JANE60010@YAHOO.COM) (BEST METHOD)  
OR CALL MY MOBILE 847-370-2811

**Timberwood Circle is off Beneva Road (east side)  
one light north of Sarasota Square Mall opposite 'The Fountains'  
Enter development, take the 1<sup>st</sup> left and the clubhouse is on the left.  
Please consider carpooling as parking space is limited.**

After every flight, UPS pilots fill out a form, called a 'gripe sheet,' which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight.



Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by UPS pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers.

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

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P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

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P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

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P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

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P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200-foot-per-minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

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P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

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P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

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P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what friction locks are for.

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P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.

S: IFF is always inoperative in OFF mode.

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P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

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P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

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P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious.

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P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics..

\*P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

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P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from the midget.

## RED SKELTON HUMOUR

1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship.

She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays..

2. We also sleep in separate beds.

Hers is in California , and mine is in Texas ..

3. I take my wife everywhere,  
but she keeps finding her way back..

4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary.

"Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said.

So I suggested the kitchen..

5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops..

6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker.

She said "There are too many gadgets, and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair..

7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor.

I asked where the car was. She told me, "In the lake."..

8. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days.  
Then the mud fell off..

9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said, "No, jump in!"..

10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce..

11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was 'Always'..

12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months.  
I don't like to interrupt her..

13. The last fight was my fault though.  
My wife asked, "What's on the TV?"  
I said, "Dust!"..





## JOKES

When everybody on earth passed on and were waiting to enter Heaven, God appeared and said, "I want the men to make two lines: One line for the men who were true heads of their household, and the other line for the men who were dominated by their women. I want all the women to report to St. Peter."

Soon, the women were gone, and there were two lines of men.

The line of the men who were dominated by their wives was 100 miles long, and in the line of men who truly were heads of their household, there was only one man.

God said to the long line, "You men should be ashamed of yourselves; I created you to be the head of your household! You have been disobedient and have not fulfilled your purpose! Of all of you, only one obeyed. Learn from him."

God turned to the one man,

"How did you manage to be the only one in this line?"

The man replied, "My wife told me to stand here."



An Engineer was unemployed for long time. He could not find a job so he opened a medical clinic and puts a sign up outside: "Get your treatment for \$500, if not treated get back \$1,000."

One Doctor thinks this is a good opportunity to earn \$1,000 and goes to his clinic.

Doctor: "I have lost taste in my mouth."

Engineer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Doctor: "This is Gasoline!"

Engineer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

The Doctor gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days later to recover his money.

Doctor: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Engineer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Doctor: "But that is Gasoline!"

Engineer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

The Doctor leaves angrily and comes back after several

more days.

Doctor: "My eyesight has become weak."

Engineer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for this. Take this \$1,000."

Doctor: "But this is \$500..."

Engineer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."



## Precis of the March Board Meeting.

**B**oard meeting held Mar 12th; Current Bank Balance \$3,683.07; 189 members with 162 families and 27 singles; Annual membership dues reminder has been sent out; The position of Treasurer will be filled by Maggie Hughes effective June 2015 and Jane Jacobs will take over the position of Secretary, leaving one of the Director at Large positions vacant; The Siesta Key Rum Distillery Tour was well attended and enjoyed by all; Upcoming events include: March monthly lunch will be held on Mar 20th at Linger Lodge in Bradenton; Talk by Cynthia Crawford on Apr 9th; Horse Racing/Tampa Downs Trip on Apr 12th; April monthly lunch at Mattison's Forty-One in Sarasota on Apr 17th; Lipizzan Stallions trip on Apr 23rd; Curry Night at India Palace in May; SBC Cocktail Party in June; McCurdy's Comedy Club in June; Next Board meeting to be at Village des Pins Club-house, Mar 12th. (Submitted by Maggie Hughes, Secretary)

### Did you know?

**T**he Club has a "Sunshine Club" which will send a greeting to a member when we hear of a special happy, sad or momentous event in that member's life. Please let us know of such events. Contact Sandra Cherry, her details are below.

### 2015 Board of Directors

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Director at Large2:	Jane Jacobs	847-370-2811	jane60010@yahoo.com
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## Odd facts.

The weight of snow that's fallen on Boston, Mass. is roughly equal to 4x that of the U.S. population. (taking snow depth as 95 inches in February)

How many English Bulldogs would it take to reach the top of the Tower of London? **66 to 92** (depends somewhat on whether male or female bulldogs!)

Calculations from Wolfram Fun Facts on Twitter.



## JOKES

Seven wheelchair athletes have been banned from the Paralympics after they tested positive for WD40.

Sailing results are in, GB took gold, USA took silver and Somalia took a Middle aged couple from Weymouth.

A boy asks his granny, 'Have you seen my pills, they were labeled LSD?' Granny replies, 'To hell with the pills, have you seen the dragons in the kitchen?'

Bought the missus a hamster skin coat last week. Took her to the fair last night, and it took me 3 hours to get her off the Ferris wheel.

## Quotes

*"I don't believe in pessimism. If something doesn't come up the way you want, forge ahead. If you think it's going to rain, it will."*

— **Clint Eastwood**

*"Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out."*

— **Frank A. Clark**

*"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."*

— **T. S. Eliot**

"People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it."

— **George Bernard Shaw**

*If God had intended us to fly he would have made it easier to get to the airport*

- **Jonathan Winters**

## And the best for last....

*"If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day so I never have to live without you."*

— **A. A. Milne**

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