



BritClub News

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Sarasota British Club, P. O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276

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Coming Events

Board Meeting

April 4 – CANCELLED

Sunday Brunch

April 23 – Back by popular request is Sunday Brunch at the Hilton Hotel on Long Boat Key. Brunch is served on the deck over-looking the beach and swimming pool. Umbrellas are present for shade, or we can sit inside. We plan to make a reservation so that we can all sit together. Lunch is \$12.95. Please call Amy Croshaw at 751-6194 by April 14th to make your reservation.

Eleven's Chin Wag

April 25 – This is a chance to sit and chat (or wag the chins) with other Brit Club members, as we used to do. We will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 12 noon at Tastefully British Tea Room, 2236 Gulf Gate Drive. Hostess Debbie Gypp will provide a beverage (at no charge) and optional scone and cream (for a nominal charge). This Eleven's group will be meeting monthly, so if you have a topic that might be of interest, let us know. Please RSVP Debbie at 927-2612.

Board Meeting

May 2 – 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sandra Cherry, 2930 Williamsburg St., Sarasota. **MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

Boot Sale

May 7 – Clean out your closets and garages, pack up the Xmas gifts you didn't like, sort through all your books and videos, and head to Tastefully British in Gulf Gate for the Brit Club Car Boot Sale. It will be held from 10 am to 2 pm. Sunday breakfast is served at Tastefully British from 9:30 am for those who want to indulge themselves first (remember to make a reservation by calling 927-2612). Tastefully British will remain open to tempt you with their delicious scones or a good cup of English tea during and after the car boot sale.

We are joining forces again this year with the Car Club of Sarasota. The male members can come and view the beautiful vintage cars while their wives scour the car boot

goods for sale. Please contact Sandra Cherry at 927-2612 if you wish to sell from your car.

Scavenger Hunt

May 21 – **Calling all scavengers!!** Sarasota British Club will host its third Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m. Starting point will be Tastefully British, 2236 Gulf Gate Drive; destination – unknown! Kath Curtin & Shona Burtner (with ever-willing husbands Ricardo and Roberto) are spearheading this event and promise an afternoon of fun and excitement. No-one knows where the mystery tour will end up, but you can be assured that libations and food will be available (for you to purchase of course!). There will be prizes for the first couple of teams to arrive at the finishing point, in the shortest time with the most correct answers and bearing specific items. Cost for this wonderful event will be \$5 per car (to cover cost of prizes). We encourage everyone to come out for a fun afternoon.

Although we don't really need RSVPs, it would be helpful if we had an idea whether we were going to have 5 cars or 50, as we want to make sure we have enough sets of instructions. If you have any questions or want to RSVP, please call Shona at 925-0462.

RAF Memorial Day Service

May 29 – Mark your calendars now and save the date of Monday, 29th May for the RAF Memorial service at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia. The service begins at 10 AM. If you've never been to this moving tribute to the 23 RAF men who lost their lives here while training during WWII, you owe it to yourself to attend this year. More details will be forthcoming, but **SAVE THE DATE!**

Your Recipes Wanted

There was so much good food at the pot luck picnic!! If those of you who attended would like to share your recipes, send them to Sandra Cherry via email at yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com and we'll feature them on the website and possibly in future newsletters.

A note on this month's insert: Your club has negotiated a 10% discount on services from member Derek Bishopp at MoneyJingle.com – see what they can do for you!

Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From Our President

The evening at the Ballet in March was fantastic. We had a nice dinner with some good conversation prior to the performance. The ballet itself — what can I say? — it doesn't get any better than this. The music was wonderful and the dancing exquisite. Everyone who attended said they thoroughly enjoyed their evening.

I was unable to attend the March picnic at Siesta Key Beach as I was away skiing in the Canadian Rockies. I understand there were 73 attendees at the picnic, and although parking turned out to be a little bit of a problem, everyone had a great time. The raffle winners were Debby Gypps and Graham Thomas. Many thanks to Kathy Curtin and Shona Burtner who arranged the picnic, and also to all the helpers who pitched in to make the day such a big success. Sandra Cherry has a couple of serving spoons someone left at the picnic — please call her to retrieve them.

I still have dishes from the January party at my home which must belong to someone. Please call me at 966-1240 to claim them.

The proposed changes to the club bylaws have been completed and approved by the board. It has been decided to present them to the membership at the Annual General Meeting in October. You will find a summary of the proposed changes included in this newsletter for your information.

Our next event will be brunch/lunch at the Hilton on Long Boat Key on April 23rd. I hope to see many of you there.

Glenys Oldham, President

March Board Meeting Notes

Membership renewal notices will be going out for April; Web site updated ; Current balance is \$2,305.29; Policy book will be made up: Decided not to print brochures but to include information in newsletters, print more, and distribute to place at British or affiliated businesses, will need assistance to distribute; Feb wine tasting a great evening, March 19th picnic plans going forward, March 28th Elevens Chin Wag at Tastefully British with presentation on Tea; Upcoming events to be announced, ...remember to start saving items for car boot sale! By laws have been amended, to be presented at October AGM, Business network group on hold. Next board meeting at Sandra Cherry's home, all welcome but please call ahead.

Monthly Financial Report

Balance as of 2/1/06	\$2,105.78
Income (Wine Tasting & Ads	+838.00
Expenses (Wine Tasting, newsletter)	<u>-638.49</u>
Balance as of 2/28/06	\$2,305.29

Proposed Changes to Club Bylaws

The following is a summary of the proposed changes to the current bylaws. These changes will be voted upon and become effective at the next Annual General Meeting in October, providing members agree to adopt the proposed changes.

- 1) Editorial corrections such as spellings, language, numbering of sections removal of repetitious sections, rewording to make them easier to understand.
- 2) Change of the club name to Sarasota British Club.
- 3) Removal of superfluous data that does not apply to the club, such as affiliates and friends of the club. We have no such membership designations.
- 4) The addition of membership classification to include three types of membership: single, couple, and family, plus a statement forbidding free memberships.
- 5) A change to the composition of the board. Instead of 10 board members and many chairpersons who have no vote, it is proposed that the board shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, Program Director, Membership Director and Public Relations Director.
- 6) Ten sections covering board committees (some of which we do not have) have been reduced to two sections covering the required Nominating Committee (for annual elections) and special committees.
- 7) The rules governing the Annual General Meeting have been changed to allow for absentee voting of members and to define that each membership category has only one vote.
- 8) The rules governing the amendment of bylaws has been changed to allow any changes to be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting or a special meeting.

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Rose's Corner

I apologize for the lateness of this newsletter, but I needed emergency surgery and have been working on the newsletter as I have the strength to sit. Hope it looks good!!

Please mail articles to me at Rose Gillet, 3219 24th Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34235, fax at 366-9248, call at 366-9984 or email me at rosegillet@yahoo.com. Closing date for the newsletter is the 15th of each month.

Potato Salad

We are coming to the time of year when we start going to more pot lucks. (By the way, I found out the other night that is an Irish expression dating to the times of abject poverty because of the potato famine, where friends and neighbors would pool together what foods they had. I always thought it was an American expression.) My mother used to make a great potato salad, and I finally devised this recipe as I remember potato salad would taste when I had it in England. Hope you enjoy my version.

Potato Salad

8 medium Idaho/Russet Potatoes
 3 eggs
 1 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
 Salt and pepper
 ½ cup green olives
 1 cup Hellman's mayonnaise
 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
 2 Tbsp chopped parsley
 1 cup chopped red onion

Place unpeeled potatoes in large pan, cover with water and bring to boil. Cook until done about 20 minutes. Hard boil the eggs, peel and chop up. Peel and cut up the cooked potatoes, try to keep warm, may need to use a knife and fork to peel them. Toss potatoes while still warm with the red wine vinegar and salt and pepper. Chop the olives very fine and add with the chopped parsley and chopped onions. Combine the mustard and mayonnaise and fold into the potatoes, gently fold in the eggs. Chill, best if allowed to sit for a few hours. 6 servings

Recipe from Sandra Cherry of "Your Cup of Tea" – Yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com and www.yourcupoftea.info

Do You Own Your Own Business?

For advertising, our rates are reasonable and such an ad not only supports the club by its revenue, but may bring you more business. Many of our members make a point of trying to support British businesses, especially ones where the owner is a member of the club. Please consider advertising your business in our newsletter.

Newsletter advertising rates are as follows:
 Business Card size..... \$10.00
 Quarter Page

There is a 20% discount if you purchase your advertisements annually. All ads must be paid for in advance. Please send your camera-ready advertisements by the 15th of the month to the newsletter editor, Rose Gillet, at 3219 24th Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34235 or email them to her at rosegillet@yahoo.com.

Sarasota British Club

The primary purpose of the club is to serve the needs of its membership in the spirit of friendship and mutual support, which includes planning, developing and overseeing a social setting for the membership, in addition to assisting British newcomers in settling into the community and to provide networking and support to the British owned businesses in the community.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CLUB? Please fill in the information below and send it with your check to:

Sarasota British Club, P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota 34276

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone No. _____ Alternate Phone No. _____

E-mail Address _____

Membership Type (please check one): Single \$25 Family \$35 (includes children up to age 18).



Taurus

April 21st to
May 21st

You are going to be very, very busy this month. Finish projects as soon as possible, before distractions pull you away. Be careful of mid-month shopping sprees. They can be hazardous to your bank account. Over the years you have known that there would come a time in your life when everything comes together. Now is that time. It hasn't arrived without many lessons and many heartaches. If you think before you speak and dot the i's and cross the t's, all that you have worked for will come your way. Life is to be enjoyed, it isn't a case of work, work, work, Venus. Your ruling planet is waiting for you to enjoy the pleasures of life, it's not before time.

As always, May the Angels always walk by your side.
Susan MoonStar



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