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# BritClub News



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# BritClub News

April, 2011

Sarasota British Club, P. O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276 Vol. 11, Issue 4

## Coming Events

**Board Meeting** - Thursday April 14th, @6:30 p.m. at the home of .Doug & Eileen Schuler. Members welcome but please call ahead (753-4589) as space is limited.

**Coffee Morning** - 10:30-12 noon on Tuesday April 12th , at the home of Sue Ford, contact info see page 12. Mark your calendars for the 2nd Tuesday of each month. See also Sue's Corner on Page 7.



**New Members' Tea:-** on Saturday April 16.

Members Lyn and Derek Curran have graciously offered their home to host a tea for "new" Sarasota British Club members who joined the Club beginning October 1, 2010 forward. Details see page 8.

**Celebrate the Royal Wedding at The Ritz-Carlton**

- 3-5pm on April 29th Details see page 8.



**Narrated Myakka River Tour from Snook Haven**

- on May 14th More details see page 4.

**Cruise: - November 6<sup>th</sup>**

The cruise ship, "Norwegian Star," leaves from Tampa on November 6<sup>th</sup> for 7 nights with port calls in Honduras, Belize, Costa Maya & Cozumel Mexico. There are 18 members already signed up. We have a gentleman who is looking for someone to share a cabin with...if you are interested, or otherwise wish to book the cruise, please phone Sioux Hurley; our travel agent, on 941-484-0728. Prices start at \$399. Hope to see you on board.



**Our website is [www.SarasotaBritishClub.com](http://www.SarasotaBritishClub.com)**

From here you will find local information, Club news, coming events, photos from past events and many past newsletters .

### Letter from President Gary Lee

On the lovely Sunday afternoon of March 13, a happy band of Club members and a few guests sat comfortably in the beautifully-renovated Ed Smith Stadium to see the Baltimore Orioles (the "Home Team") get roundly beaten by the Detroit Tigers (9 to 1). We (well—most of us) properly root, root, rooted for the home team in accordance with the old song, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," but to no avail. Nevertheless, it was an enjoyable afternoon, sitting in comfortable seats—with back rests-- and taking in the sights of a sell-out crowd of demonstrative fans, the smells of hot dogs, roasted peanuts, and the like, all combined with energetic, recorded music at appropriate intervals. A live, male quartet with excellent, well-balanced harmony, presented the US National Anthem and "God Bless America." We were also treated to close-up views on the huge screen affixed to the scoreboard of the antics of some of the more colorful fans. Hats off to Nairn' Gillet for handling the ticket sales for the Club.

Special upcoming event: You are urged to pay particular attention to the Club's celebration of the Royal Wedding of William and Kate, with a British-style tea at The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota on Friday, April 29, 3-5 pm, This special event is detailed elsewhere in this issue. Note that numbers are limited; and members wishing to attend must get their names and checks in promptly.

Now, off to packing for a week's holiday on the Caribbean island of Curacao. I leave you with the "Limerick of the Month"

There once was a fellow named Fisher,  
Who was fishing for fish in a fissure,  
When a cod with a grin  
Pulled the fisherman in...  
Now they're fishing the fissure for Fisher

### March Board Meeting Precip

Treasurer's report balance \$ 6,521.84; Current membership count 229, Dues are to be renewed in April; Discussion on getting the newsletter via email/web site or continue with hard copies; Survey will be going to members to see if there is interest in doing games such as Mah Jongg or Double 12 dominoes etc.;

Ken working on web site; Upcoming events coming along well, emphasis is a special event for the Royal Wedding for tea at the Ritz on April 29th; So far 16 booked for the November cruise and others showing interest.

Next Board meeting April 14th at Doug & Eileen Schuler's home

### Bill Mason:

Our first president Bill Mason died March 6th. Bill did much to get the Club going in the early days, with his expertise in getting all the legal aspects in order, establishing the first by-laws and also to start the web site. He considered our 10th anniversary celebration to be a major highlight, and arranged his cancer treatments so he was able to attend. He and Jean have been loyal members for all the years, and our deepest sympathy goes to Jean at her loss. The Club will be donating \$250.00 to Tidewell Hospice in his honour.

### Women Only Evening

My thanks to everyone who joined us for a fun evening in early March, where we were able to catch up with old friends & to meet new members too. Good food & company with a smattering of wine (!) helped to keep the party going with lots of laughter.

We are a friendly bunch of ex-pats – some "old timers" & some newcomers. Please take a look at some of the photos on our SBC Facebook page.

*Jane Thompson*

### LAWYER JOKES

"You seem to be in some distress," said the kindly judge to the witness. "Is anything the matter?"  
"Well, your Honour," said the witness, "I swore to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, but every time I try, some lawyer objects."

A new client had just come in to see a famous lawyer.

"Can you tell me how much you charge?", said the client.

"Of course", the lawyer replied, "I charge \$200 to answer three questions!"

"Well that's a bit steep, isn't it?"

"Yes it is", said the lawyer, "And what's your third question?"

### Letter to the Club

After 6 weeks in the beautiful Sarasota Bay Club Inn, I am at last able to go home to my new villa in Aston Gardens. I cannot put weight on my hip or elbow for two more weeks but my son Jeremy & his wife are coming from England to help me.

I have received so many cards & good wishes from all my SBC friends. It is wonderful to know you care and I thank each one of you so much & look forward to seeing you soon.

With much love

*Doreen Wilson*

My new address is 4000, Ibis Way #201, Venice, FL34292. Tel:(941)488-4646

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## Locations to Hold Our Events

We put out a call to all members who could offer their clubhouse as a location for a Sarasota British Club (SBC) events, and members have generously responded. So... A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS. The Board will be busily organizing and coordinating events for those locations at our monthly meetings—we'll keep you posted. This keeps our events affordable to all members, and adds diversity for our get-togethers. The SBC will cover overhead charges, and our members generously volunteer to help with the set-up and clean-up. If other members can offer their club house, please contact [glee01@verizon.net](mailto:glee01@verizon.net) with suitable dates and locations. Thank you for your support.



**BUSINESS GLIMPSES:** We would like to hear from our members who have found their business niche in and around Sarasota. If you would like to write to us, we'd enjoy catching a glimpse of your business enterprise in our local economy. Your article can be sent to [lakewood2@gmail.com](mailto:lakewood2@gmail.com), and we will select one 'Business Glimpse' each month.



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## Games.

We would like to find out which members are interested in games. Several members play Bridge and Mahjong for example. We will conduct a survey soon, so think about your pastimes (competitive or not), and please let me know what we can add to the questionnaire.

Some thought starters.....Bridge, Mahjong, Scrabble, Chess, Hand & Foot, Kings in the Corner, Poker

Email your suggestions to Brian Thompson at [lakewood2@gmail.com](mailto:lakewood2@gmail.com)





## Narrated Myakka River Tour from Snook Haven: May 14th

Join us for a fantastic narrated river tour of old Florida, leaving from Snook Haven at 1.15 pm on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>. We have booked all 33 seats and so please get your reservations in quickly in order to secure your seats.

Call Ken Jukes on 941-927-6499 to make your reservation and send your check (payable to Sarasota British Club) and the names of your group to Sarasota British Club, P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276. The cost is \$15 per person including tax and tip.

This part of the river has featured in an old Tarzan film (apparently starring Johnny Weissmuller). The river tour lasts for about an hour and we then plan to eat at the restaurant (you choose and pay for your own food of course!). Seating is mainly outside and there is usually a band playing in the afternoon.

Directions: **from the North and South**, take I75 to Exit 191, take exit east on River Road and at the first traffic light turn left into Snook Haven. The dirt road runs through the woods for about 0.6 miles and leads directly into the restaurant area and free car parking. **From Venice**: take Venice Avenue East and keep going straight into Snook Haven, the last traffic lights being those at River Road.

For more, including location photos and menus, see [www.snookhaven.com](http://www.snookhaven.com)

### Come and Join the Club

The Sarasota British Club (SBC) serves the needs of its membership in the spirit of friendship and mutual support. This includes the planning, developing and overseeing of a social setting where members can meet and exchange interests. The SBC assists British newcomers in settling into the community, and provides British businesses with valuable networking and support. To join, please fill in the information below and send it with your check to: Sarasota British Club, P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276.

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**CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS' JEWISH MOTHER** : 'I don't care what you've discovered, you didn't call, you didn't write...'

**MICHELANGELO'S JEWISH MOTHER** : 'A ceiling you paint? Not good enough for you the walls, like the other children? Do you know how hard it is to get that schmutz off the ceiling?'

**NAPOLEON'S JEWISH MOTHER** : 'You're not hiding your report card?...Show me! Take your hand out of your jacket and show me!'

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S JEWISH MOTHER** : 'Again with that hat! Why can't you wear a baseball cap like the other kids?'

**GEORGE WASHINGTON'S JEWISH MOTHER** : 'Next time I catch you throwing money across the Potomac, you can kiss your allowance good-bye!'

**THOMAS EDISON'S JEWISH MOTHER** : 'Okay, so I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb. Now turn it off already and go to sleep!'

**PAUL REVERE'S JEWISH MOTHER** : 'I don't care where you think you have to go, young man, midnight is long past your bedtime!'

**ALBERT EINSTEIN'S JEWISH MOTHER** : 'Your senior picture and you couldn't have done something with your hair?'

**MOSES' JEWISH MOTHER** : 'Desert, schmesert! Where have you really been for the last forty years?'

**BILL GATES' JEWISH MOTHER** : 'It would have killed you to become a doctor?'



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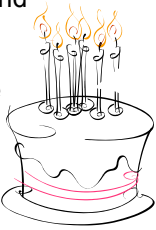
Hello my name is Steve Bond. Four years ago I decided to bring my wife and two daughters to Sarasota. Both my wife and I had worked for various oil companies for many years doing analytical, management and IT roles. In order for us to live and work in the USA we had to get our visa which involved finding the right business. After much searching and visiting many venues and businesses we found one that met the visa criteria. Then the journey really began.....and this is what we have now established, The Perfect Pool Service. For more information please take a look at our website: [www.perfectpoolservicesarasota.com](http://www.perfectpoolservicesarasota.com) For quotes on WEEKLY POOL MAINTENANCE, MECHANICAL ISSUES, LEAKS or general advice call the above number. Please see our advert in this edition for Perfect Pool Specials for Brit Club members. National Swimming Pool Foundation Certified Pool-Spa Operator NSPF CPO

**Sue's Corner**

**Coffee Mornings**

Our monthly Coffee Morning social is really turning into a riot each month—the sound of voices and laughter travel through the air reaching you the moment you open your car door. There are so many wonderful members who spread themselves out into the garden, lanai and lounge, but mainly the kitchen, where the food table is. I can't blame anyone for not wandering far from our table filled with wonderful home-made pastries, sandwiches, cakes, and desserts—to name but a few of the tempting offerings.

This month we were spoilt terribly by having one couple bring along some wonderful sausage rolls from the 4 & 20 Pasty Company in Sarasota, which were delicious and very quickly disappeared! I recommend that you try them if you haven't already. Another member brought a very nicely-decorated birthday cake as there were three birthdays to celebrate. If you'd like to see the photos that were taken, go to Sarasota Brit Club 'Facebook.' page.



April 12<sup>th</sup> is our next Coffee Morning, a week before Easter. I have heard rumors there is an Easter Bunny in Bradenton (no longer in his youth), who sometimes becomes confused and has been known to show up early for Easter, searching for lost eggs. If you do see a "not so little" white tail bobbing around the garden while you are sipping on tea, coffee and sampling delicious treats ... be kind ... help him. His eyes are not as good as they were and you never know, maybe there are some treats hidden away!



I look forward to seeing you at the next Coffee Morning.

**October Cancer Walk**

**We are looking into participating as a Club in the Cancer Walk held each year at Lakewood Ranch Polo Club. Please let us hear from you if you are interested in joining in the Walk and/or willing to collect sponsorships for our walkers.**

**Sue Ford  
Vice-President**

Solutions to the  
Sudoku puzzles on  
Page 5

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### Celebrate the Royal Wedding at The Ritz-Carlton - Friday April 29

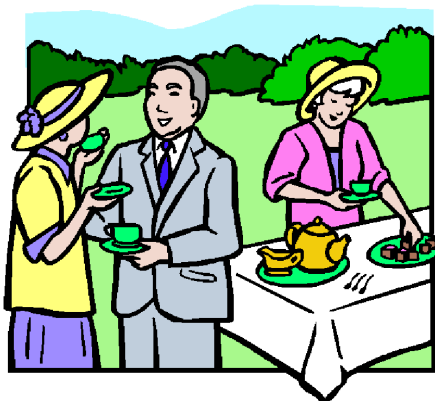
Ladies, bring out those lovely hats and gentlemen, dust off those handsome blazers, ready for a splendid tea at The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota, to celebrate in style the Royal Wedding of William and Kate. The Sarasota British Club's celebration is booked for 3:00-5:00 pm on the Royal Wedding Day, April 29. We will be in the Ca d'Zan room for this singular occasion and will have access to a large television screen for our viewing of Royal Wedding highlights as desired. As our event is in recognition of such an auspicious royal occurrence, the Club will cover, **for members only**, the tax and gratuity charges for the sumptuous, British-style tea. The charge for members is \$30.00; for non-members, \$38.50. The Club is not responsible for any food and beverage orders other than those included in the set tea. Although The Ritz-Carlton has arranged a reduced valet parking fee of \$6.00 (regularly \$8.00) per vehicle for this Club event, you may want to carpool if convenient. In the interest of providing its customary high standard of service, The Ritz-Carlton has limited our numbers to 50 persons only for this special celebration.

You are advised to respond promptly to avoid disappointment. **Please send full payment to Eileen Schuler, 102 Tidewater Drive, Bradenton, FL 34210 no later than April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

For questions on this event, contact Sue Ford (sueford47@yahoo.com, 941-751-3811) or Eileen Schuler (ebentley@pad-printing.com, 941-753-4589).

### New Members' Tea - Saturday, April 16.

For all new members, particularly those who may not have been to other SBC functions thus far, this will be an excellent occasion to meet and mingle informally; to chat with Board members; and perhaps to learn new things about the Club. Do mark your calendars for this event. The time is 3:30-5:00 pm, Saturday, April 16. The address is 1080 Mallard Marsh Drive, Osprey 34229. Please phone Lyn and Derek on 941-966-3983 to confirm, and for directions.



### SUDOKU

One easy (target time under 6 minutes) and one hard puzzle where you have to fit numbers 1-9 in each cell without repeating a number in any row or column or 3X3 outlined boxes. Solutions on Page 7.

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