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# BritClub News



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# BritClub News

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## Coming Events

**Board Meeting** - Thursday August 11th @6:30 p.m. at the home of Gary & Jane Lee. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 12, as space is limited.

**Coffee Morning** - Sue Ford is taking a well-deserved break from hosting the Coffee Morning socials on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Watch this space for the re-start date of this very popular SBC social.

**Beckham's Osprey Grill** - Saturday August 20th More details see Page 3

**Bowling** - Saturday August 27, 6:00pm. More details on Page 11

**Bingo** -.. Thursday, September 15, 5:30pm More details on Page 11

**Cocktail party** - Saturday, September 17, from 6 - 8pm at Brian & Jane Thompson's home in Lakewood Ranch.

**Annual General Meeting** - Saturday, October 15-6:00 pm in private room at Oriental Buffet, 4458 Bee Ridge Road. Members will vote for the new Board. Following the AGM, which is free, members and guests may stay for the dinner buffet, which the restaurant will offer at a special price for 50 or more people, including all non-alcoholic beverages.

**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 21 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**

Our Silent Auction on Saturday, July 16, at Lakeview Village Clubhouse drew nearly 70 attendees, including several prospective members. This was indeed a fine turnout for a mid-summer evening and all for a good cause as well—to build up our funds for our charitable donations to a deserving local group, yet to be decided.. To that end, and thanks to the generosity of those attending the Silent Auction, nearly \$635 was raised. My deepest thanks to all of you who either donated a wide range of items for the auction or who were able to secure generous dining certificates—in one case, worth \$100-- from an array of fine, local restaurants.



The evening itself was a fine social occasion with lots of good food—largely provided by attendees, with the Club providing the main dish of barbequed beef. The background music by a talented keyboard player provided a nice touch to the evening as well. The Club is indebted to the splendid efforts by all of you who lent a hand in setting up the room, managing the food, and in clearing away. Special thanks to Sandra Cherry who prepared the bidding sheets, handled the placement of the items for auction and who assisted me in emceeing the evening. A special note of thanks as well to our Treasurer, Eileen Schuler, who so adeptly handled the, at times, hectic taking in of funds for admission to the Club House and the settling of auction purchases at close of the evening. I mentioned above that the Club has not yet designated a charity for our 2011 donation. That will come near the end of the year. Your suggestions are welcomed for Board consideration. You can let me know by telephone (706-1172) or email (glee01@verizon.net) . Now for Limerick of the Month:

There once was a silly young maid  
Who only ate grape marmalade.  
At one hundred and ten  
She said with a grin,  
“How nicely preserved I have stayed!”

**July Board Meeting Precis**

Meeting held at the home of Brian and Jane Thompson. Current treasure's balance \$ 7,452.16, certain bank charges to be checked out by Eileen: Still getting comments regarding amount of ads in newsletter. Membership count at 218. 70 attended the evening at Miguel's Restaurant in June. Silent Auction evening planned for July 16th, menu and plans discussed, have been getting several items for the auction. Dinner and Quiz planned at Beckham's for August 20th. Invited the Port Charlotte British-American Club to attend our Christmas party. Cocktail party planned for September 17th. AGM October 15th to be at the Oriental Buffet. November 5th Guy Fawke's event venue discussed. Ken Jukes chair for 2012 Board nominees, an informative meeting planned July 13th for any interested members interested in running for the Board. Upcoming suggestions to include Bowling, Bingo, Curry night and Greyhound track. Need to review club's insurance liability for serving alcohol at events. 21 booked for cruise in November, Sue checking into bus transportation to Tampa Port. Next meeting to be held August 11th at home of Gary & Jane Lee, members welcome, but please notify ahead of meeting.

**Submitted by Sandra Cherry, Secretary**

**BOWLING** ... Saturday evening, August 27, 6:00pm. Location AMF Bowling Alley's 7221 Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.(in the back of Outback Steak)




This should be a really fun time. We will draw teams and bowl from 6:00pm to approx 8:00pm. (two games per alley). After bowling if some of you are interested in going out to eat, LongHorn can provide space for us. Please let me know when you make your reservation if you wish to eat with the group afterwards. If you receive coupons in the mail, look for the AMF Bowling Coupon, they accept it on Saturday nights. Otherwise it's \$5.45 per game per person and we'll be playing 2 games, shoe rental is \$4.00 ea. If you have never bowled it doesn't matter, it's all for fun and team spirit. Please advise no later than Monday, August 15th. Call or email Margaret Brading 941/923-0934 or [marbra16@hotmail.com](mailto:marbra16@hotmail.com)

**BINGO** ... Thursday, September 15, 5:30pm for the buffet and Bingo starts at 7:00pm. Location: Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club on Central Sarasota Parkway on Palmer Ranch. The buffet is extensive and costs \$15.99 plus they add onto that the tax and gratuity of 18%. Bingo card for the evening is \$5.00. If you do not have your own dauber, they sell them for \$1.00. They do not allow you to play bingo without the buffet. Everyone will get individual checks. It's a fun evening and a chance to win lots of money. Please advise no later than Monday, August 29th. Call or email Margaret Brading 941/923-0934 or [marbra16@hotmail.com](mailto:marbra16@hotmail.com)

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3	30	32	52	75

**f** **On the Web**  
Don'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. Add your event photos to the 'wall'.

 The Club would like to thank the following merchants for their cooperation in spreading the good word about our Club by allowing the *Brit Club News* to be distributed in their premises: **Word of Mouth (3), Champions Pub, Tastefully British, 4 & 20 Pasty Company, The Open Pub & Restaurant, The Irish Rovers, The Coach & Horses Pub, McAllister's, Scot's Corner, British Open Pub & Restaurant of Venice, Cafe Continental-Patisserie, Bentley's Resort Hotel, Scrambles, Beckham's Osprey Grill, Ezpiez and Simon's Coffee House.** Please thank them by patronizing them whenever you can, and let them know you appreciate their support. Thanks to Postnet at Lakewood Ranch for printing the Newsletter and helping to spread the word about SBC.

## 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 clubhouse, 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.



## Would you like to advertise with us?

For advertising, our rates are reasonable and 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 (for Club members only) are as follows per quarter-year: 1/4 page \$15, 1/2 page \$25, full page \$40. There is a 20% discount if you purchase your advertisements for a full year. Sale ads for unwanted items are \$5 per month for up to 3 lines of copy. All ads must be paid for in advance. All advertisements are subject to Board discretion. Please send your camera-ready advertisements (jpg file preferred) by the 15th of the month to Brian Thompson, 11710 Strandhill Ct, Lakewood Ranch, 34202, or e-mail to [lakewood2@gmail.com](mailto:lakewood2@gmail.com).

## JOKES

Three drunks hailed a taxi. The taxi driver seeing that they were so wasted when they got in, he just switched on the engine and switched it off, and said "We are here". The 1st guy gave him money, 2nd guy said thanks, but the 3rd guy slapped him. The taxi driver was stunned because he was hoping that none of them would have realized the car didn't move an inch. "What was that for?", he asked. "Control your speed next time, you almost killed us" was the reply.

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In a grammar lesson in eighth grade, Mrs. O'Neill said, "Paul, give me a sentence with a direct object." Paul replied. "Everyone thinks that you are the best teacher in the school." "Thank you, Paul," responded Mrs. O'Neill, "but what is the object?" "To get the best mark possible," said Paul.



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## Beckham's Osprey Grill – AUGUST 20th

BECKHAM'S BECKONS !!!! Always a fun and convivial evening with lively conversation, good food and drink in pleasant surroundings. Annie, one of the co-owners has again offered to add her terrific Steak and Ale Pie and Cottage Pie to their varied menu. Prices are reasonable and their fish and chips and hamburgers are truly excellent.

We will meet and mingle in the bar area at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow around 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. This will be a "Quiz Night" - always fun. Beckham's is in the Southbay Shopping Plaza, corner of U.S. 41 and Blackburn Point Road in Osprey.

We have promised to give our head count to our friends at Beckham's by AUG.15<sup>th</sup>

This event is usually a sellout. Don't miss out!

RSVP Terry Sweeney at 918-0550 or [tsweeneyau@aol.com](mailto:tsweeneyau@aol.com)

And...if you want Annie to cook her famous Steak and Ale Pie or Cottage Pie for you, please let Terry know as these items are not always on the menu.

Politicians in Washington could not possibly be so moronic as to precipitate a downgrade for US Treasuries by their intransigence over the debt ceiling. Or could they? That was the worry holding back the dollar during the latter part of July. The pound would have done even better had it not been for the widening debt crisis from the Southern part of Europe and the EU's apparent inability to get a grip of it. With Britain's close involvement with Euroland, on the commercial and financial fronts, investors perceived the sterling to be at almost as much risk as the euro itself. In late July, euro zone leaders agreed for the first time on a strategy to address the whole problem area. This time, they promise, will have a shelf-life longer than the handful of months that earlier plans have survived. As long as the market continues to believe that, look for a stronger pound and euro against the dollar. **FX update 7/22/2011 from Moneycorp**

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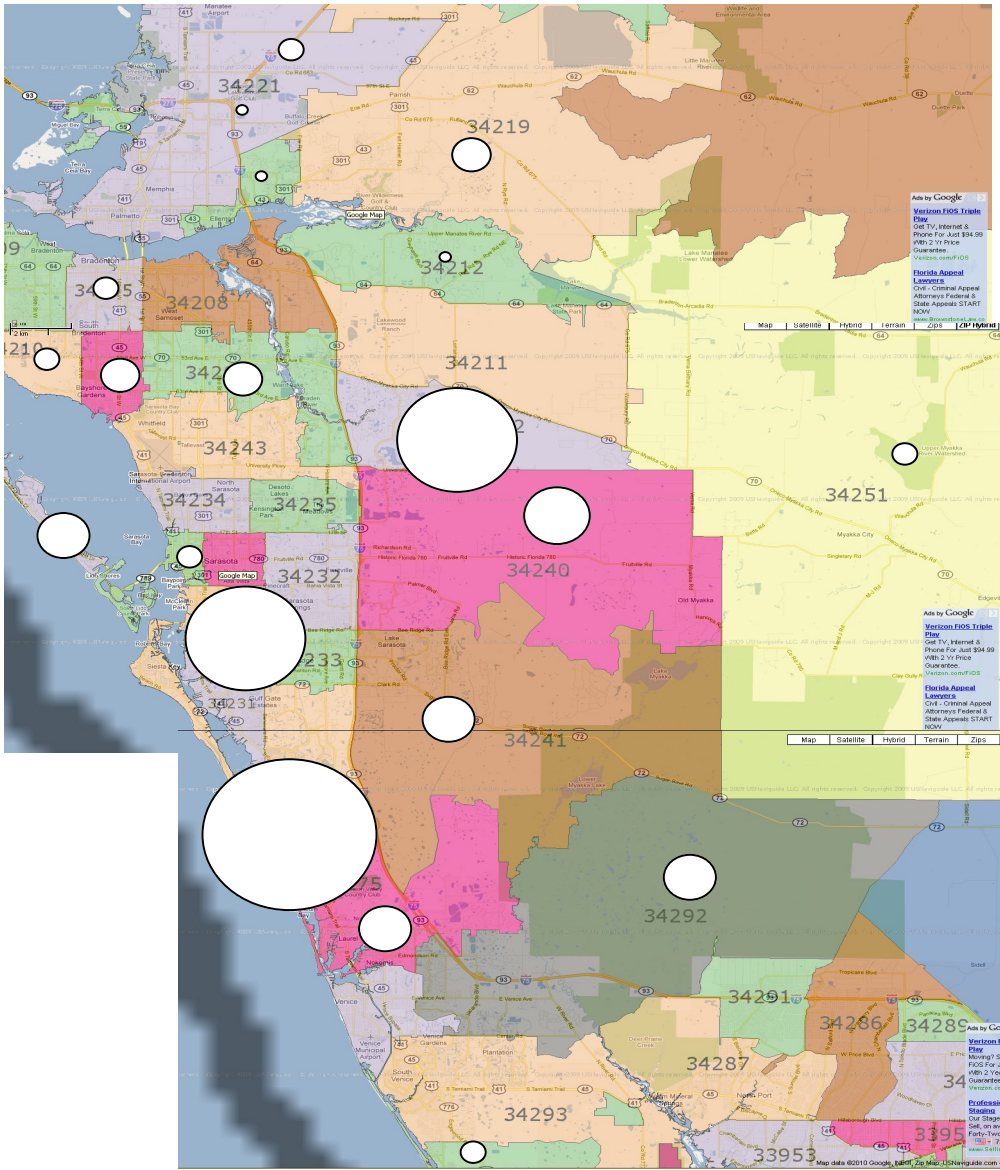
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**Where are we?**

The Sarasota Brits Club members do not all live in Sarasota, but where exactly? Earlier this year, a review of our zip codes showed that the greatest concentration of members was toward the south of Sarasota. The map on these pages has circles with the sizes in proportion to the number of members at that time. There are a handful of members outside of the area covered by the map. We hope that Club events will be accessible to as many people as possible.

**Silent Auction**

The Club would like to thank the following businesses for donating items and vouchers:

Miguel's Restaurant, The Chop House, MacAllisters Grill & Tavern, Yellow Strawberry Hair Salon, Epicure Restaurant, Marina Jack Restaurant, Macy's Store.



**On your PC**

Do you ever use the [ALT] key?

In conjunction with the [Tab] key you can quickly cycle through your open applications. If your mouse is faulty, a dead battery in a wireless mouse for example, [ALT] plus the underscored letters on the menu will activate a drop-down menu. E.g. F+Alt will show the File menu and E+Alt will show the Edit menu. Further selections can be made by pressing the key that is underscored.

Do you ever use the right mouse button for shortcut menus?

Try using its equivalent key on the keyboard. It is on the front row to the right, usually next to the [Ctrl] key and looks like a box with lines..It will often produce the same results as the right mouse button but there can be differences especially within an internet browser.

**Scrabble players**

Go to the Internet Scrabble Club at [www.isc.ro](http://www.isc.ro) to play against thousands of other fans around the world.



**Weather on the web**

For marine forecasts go to <http://www.weather.gov/>

A Norwegian site with weather anywhere at <http://www.yr.no>

Local —Bay News 9 at <http://www.baynews9.com>

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From the Weather Channel <http://www.weather.com>

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's pages at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>

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## Answer to Sudoku puzzle from Page 5

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C	0	7	D	2	1	4	B	8	F	A	E	5	3	6	9
7	5	D	3	1	A	6	C	B	8	E	F	9	0	4	2
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B	F	8	1	9	0	2	E	A	4	6	C	7	5	3	D
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## Going Green

So far only a small number of members have requested that the Club newsletter is sent to them by email. Please consider this option as it saves postage and some effort by your editor!

## Funny Note From the Edge of Life

Dear Noah,  
We could have sworn you said the ark wasn't leaving till 5.

Sincerely,  
Unicorns

## 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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## Sudoku

Fill the grid using numbers and letters 0123456789ABCDEF, not repeating within any row, column or 4X4 subsquare .

Level—easy.

Answer on Page 8

## Funny Note From the Edge of Life

Dear World,  
Please stop freaking out about 2012. Our calendars end there because some Spanish d-bags invaded our country and we got a little busy ok?

Sincerely,  
The Mayans