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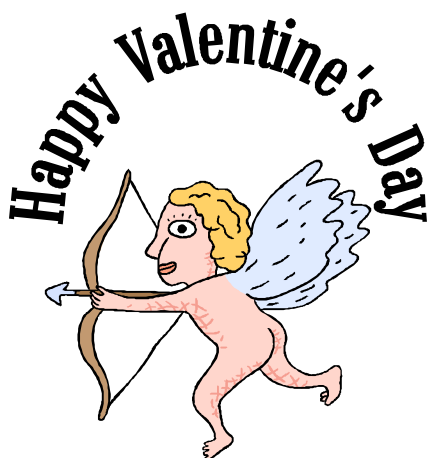


Coming Events

February 2

Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. at Tastefully British, 2236 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota.

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!



February 15

British Business Club – 6:00 p.m. at the Shakespeare Pub on Osprey, just south of Siesta Dr. This will be an informal meeting to kick off the new year. Call Susan Burmaster at 377-5593 for more information. See page 3 for details on the new Resource Directory!!

February 27

A Day at the Races – With the success of our trip to Tampa Bay Downs last year, we're doing it again! Tickets for the event include the bus trip to Tampa Bay Downs Racecourse, clubhouse admission, racing program, seating in the Skye Terrace dining room and Sunday Brunch. See the insert for details and reservation information. Hope to see you there!!

March 2

Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. at Tastefully British, 2236 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota.

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March 20

A Day at the Sarasota Polo Club – Mark this date on your calendars and join us for a day at the Polo Club. Let's show the Sarasota Polo Club how it's really done! Everyone is invited to turn out in your most patriotic attire to show the true spirit of the UK. Bring a dish to share, your own beverages, cutlery, tableware, folding table and chairs. Any extra tables would be greatly appreciated to accommodate our set up of food. The entrance fee is only \$10. We will collect your entrance fee, so please **DO NOT PAY AT THE GATE!** If you're interested in attending, please call Amy Croshaw at 751-6194.

Letter from the Waterside Room

We, would like to extend our sincere apology for the unfortunate events that occurred at your holiday party this past December. The Waterside Room has always prided itself in making each and every event a special occasion. We obviously fell short of this lofty goal with the Sarasota British Society.

We recently met with several members of your Executive Committee to discuss how the Waterside Room could make amends. Naturally, monetary compensation was discussed and an appropriate refund was made to your organization. Additionally, as further expression of our deep regret for these unfortunate events, the Waterside Room has extended an invitation to the Sarasota British Society to a hosted hors d'oeuvre party to be held at the Waterside Room on a date of your choosing.

Please know that we value our relationship with the Sarasota British Society and we hope that you will give us another opportunity to earn your respect and loyalty. Again, please accept this sincere apology for the unfortunate mistakes that were made. Please have a Happy New Year!

Thank you,
Scott A. Harrison, General Mgr.
Waterside Room, Inc.

From Our President

As many of you will now have heard, the Waterside Room has given us a discount of \$700 and the Board has agreed to use the money for the benefit of all members to lower costs of a future social event or events. You will be glad to know next year's Christmas Party will be held at a Golf and Country Club (venue to be decided) with "Rochdale Pete" as the D.J.

Our stoic Program Chairperson, Amy Croshaw, has planned a year of fun-packed events, but would be very grateful for some help. We have tried to map out the year ahead so you can plan in advance, and also wanted to follow the pattern of successful past events. We have agreed to meet throughout the year, though it will be informal in August.

Our website, www.sarasotabritishclub.com, organized by James Croshaw, is nearly live but needs some more articles on British humor, culture and our club history and photos (please email to jcroshaw@standoutsolutions.com). James has put a lot of work into the website for no reward, and we are very grateful to him. If anyone needs a website, you will see the quality of his work by logging onto ours. The Board is very excited with the website and we plan to send newsletters by email (or post if you have no email address) and to use it to the advantage of all our members. For members' information, the website's annual running costs will be a modest \$250.

See you all at the Tampa races on the 20th February!!

Peter Gold, President

Strawberry Fool

Even after living in Florida for so many years, I still have difficulty relating fresh produce being available at opposite times from "up north." Right now, strawberries are really delicious and easily found. The nicest are from Plant City, but also there are several sources in Sarasota County. I thought a nice, easy dessert using strawberries would make a lovely Valentine treat. The word fool in this British recipe refers to a trifle or of little consequence, and goes back to the middle ages. However "trifling" it may seem, it is a lovely dessert for your sweetheart!

Strawberry Fool

1 lb. fresh strawberries, washed, dried and
picked over for any spoiled bits
1-1/4 cup heavy whipping cream
1/4 cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla (can also substitute rose water
for a nice change)

Be sure the strawberries are clean and dried and that all spoiled bits are cut off. Place in a blender and puree. If needed at this point, you can strain to remove any seeds.

Whip the cream until almost stiff, and beat in sugar and vanilla. Then fold into the pureed strawberries. Chill for at least four hours before serving. Serves 4-6

Recipe from Sandra Cherry of Tastefully British

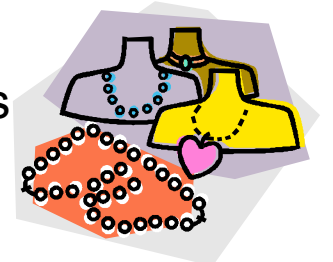
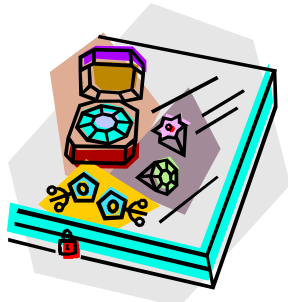
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Stan's Sports Spot

Soccer Arsenal suffered their first-ever defeat at the Reebok Stadium as Bolton got their tactics spot on to severely damage their opponents' title hopes. Bolton's deserved win leaves Arsenal 10 points behind leaders Chelsea, who increased their lead with a 2-0 win in a classic London derby with Spurs. In the other classic match Liverpool goalkeeper Jerzy Dudek suffered a nightmare against a 10-man Manchester United as they secured a vital victory at Anfield. Dudek allowed Wayne Rooney's tame 25-yard shot to slide in after 22 minutes to gift the former Everton striker a goal in front of The Kop.



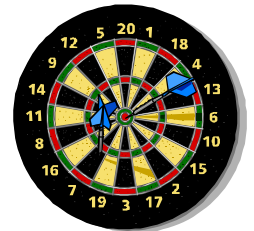
Golf Britain's Justin Rose fired a second-round 66 to trail leader Shigeki Maruyama by one shot in the US Tour's Sony Open in Hawaii. Rose surged to seven under alongside American Brett Quigley with Japan's Maruyama out in front after a 65 at the Waiialae Country Club in Honolulu. World number one Vijay Singh edged to three under with a 68, while South African Ernie Els was a shot behind.

Cricket The fourth Test between South Africa and England hangs in the balance after England threw away a good advantage to end day four on 197-5. Marcus Trescothick hit his 10th Test century and put on 124 for the third wicket with Michael Vaughan (54). But England then crumbled from 172-2 as Vaughan, Graham Thorpe and Andrew Flintoff lost their wickets rapidly before bad light stopped play. Earlier South Africa scored 419 to give them an eight-run first-innings lead.



F1 Toyota driver Jarno Trulli says he is confident their new car will be ready in time for the new Formula One season, which starts in Australia on 6 March. Trulli and teammate Ralf Schumacher have tested the new TF105 in Spain but were beaten by test driver Ricardo Zonta driving the old TF104B last week.

Darts Sunday, 9 January, 2005, Lakeside World Championship, Frimley Green: Final:
(1) Raymond van Barneveld (Ned) beat (7) Martin Adams (Eng) 6-2.



The answer to the last trivia, "In which sport/event is it possible to shoot a snowman in the desert?" – In golf a snowman is a triple bogey and the desert is the 14th hole at Sawgrass - the home of the USPGA.

This month's question : Whose round-the-world sailing record is Ellen MacArthur currently trying to beat?
1) Francis Jovon 2) Sir Chay Blyth 3) Michel Desjoyeaux

New British Business Club (BBC) Resource Directory

All members are invited to have their business included in our new directory. Entries are free, and all you need to do is fax the following information to James Croshaw at 941-752-3293 by 25 February. Directories will be sent to all members in March.

- ✓ Company Name
- ✓ Company Address
- ✓ Contact Information (Name Telephone Number, Fax, Email)
- ✓ Type of Business

A Special Invitation...



The Caledonian Club of Florida West will be holding their annual Thistle Ball on Saturday, March 5. The event will be held at The Meadows Country Club in Sarasota, with cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30.

It will be an evening to enjoy with old friends or to make new ones. In addition to a wonderful dinner, there will be fine entertainment and great music for dancing to the rhythms of "Natural Vibes." The price is \$47 per person.

For reservations and information, please call Pauline Mitchell at 941-485-5199.

Where's My Horoscope?

Our resident astrologer, Sue Ford, has retired from the Board, so we will no longer be carrying a monthly horoscope. Thanks for all your hard work, Sue...you will be missed.

As for the rest of you, the stars say it looks like a good month to get more involved with the Brit Club! You will find true friendship, fun and excitement, as well as fulfillment as a Board member or helping on the Social Committee or any number of activities!!

Rose's Corner

Speaking of working on the Brit Club Board or helping Amy with social events, I hereby declare 2005 a no excuses year! I'm working full-time now with some really weird hours and I still make time to put together this newsletter, so I expect to hear good things about how we've got more volunteers than we ever dreamed of and that all our members just can't wait to help out! Let's make this a banner year for the Brit Club!!

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.



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