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Coming Events

Board Meeting February 4th – 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lynn and Derek Curran . MEMBERS WELCOME, BUT PLEASE PHONE AHEAD ! (966-3983)

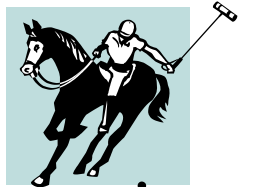
Coffee Morning – February 9th 10:30 a.m on Tuesday at the home of Sue Ford, 6706 Oak Hammock Dr., Bradenton. Contact Sue at sueford47@yahoo.com or 941-751-3811.

Valentine's Day Cruise Feb 14th lunch/ cruise is on The Marina Jack II at a cost of \$40



Further details of these events below in next month's newsletter

March— Tailgating party at Sarasota Polo Club, details to come from Sue Ford



April 24th -; the Queen's Birthday Party



Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

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



Letter from President Ken Jukes

My first entry for January was written from cold and wet England; whatever happened! I leave the UK and hit cold (but still beautiful) Sarasota. Much time has been spent with 9 family UK visitors who leave on Jan 17th and 18th but have still enjoyed the weather here, especially given the horrendous snow and ice back in the UK. Some of us made a visit to Myakka

State Park on a cold sunny day and saw no wildlife, apart from a deer as we left. I made a second visit with the remainder of our guests on a beautiful warm Jan 15th and we saw huge numbers of birds, 15 alligators, 13 sunning themselves on the banks, and wild black pigs. We even met Rose Gillett –our former Newsletter Editor- at the top of the canopy tower!

The first meeting of the new Board was kindly hosted by Jane and Brian Thompson; we had a lively meeting and confirmed the arrangements for the President's Party, the Feb 14th Valentines Day lunch/boat cruise on Marina Jack II; a tailgating party at Sarasota Polo Club; the Queen's Birthday Party in April, and rebooking of the Heritage Oaks Golf & Country Club for the December 2010 Christmas Party. A downtown tapas and Antiques Roadshow evening, and another "casino party" are also being planned. We aim to come up with a complete calendar of events at our next Meeting, so any ideas from members would be much appreciated. Please email me with your thoughts.



January Board Meeting Precip

The meeting was held on Thursday, January 14, 2010. There is a balance of \$4,022.35. Derek Curran reported that we have four new family members and one single.

The board discussed putting a Sarasota Guide for Brits on the website. It was also decided to ask people whether they would rather receive their newsletter by mail or on the website. Also, should we put the answers to the crossword puzzle in the following month's Newsletter?

The President's Inauguration party will be held at Lakeshore Village from 3-6 on Saturday, January 23rd. The Valentine's Day lunch cruise is on The Marina Jack at a cost of \$40. We have 21 members signed up so far, but there are still places available. The Polo Club event in March is being organized by Sue Ford. Ken Jukes said date for Queen's birthday is April 24th. There will be more information on that later. The Christmas Party has been booked at Heritage Oaks for December 11, 2010.

Next board meeting will be at the home of Lynn and Derek Curran, on Thursday, February 4th. Members welcome but please call ahead as space is limited.

Coffee Morning.

We started off this year with record numbers; 28 of you turned out in cold weather to attend the coffee morning; 7 new members joined there, and so welcome to you all.

Anyone who hasn't attended the coffee morning, you really are missing out. The morning is a great social time where for 2 hours we eat, drink (tea or coffee) and talk to one another - there is no selling, networking or games, just a pleasant morning meeting up with friends from your own background, and catching up with events and interests. This month members from Venice car pooled; why not do the same if you want to join in the fun and really get to know each other within the club?

Mark your calendars: 2nd Tuesday of the month 'Coffee morning' at 10:30 am. 9th Febuary is the next coffee meeting...hope all the board can come.

Hugs Sue Ford



Creative Corner

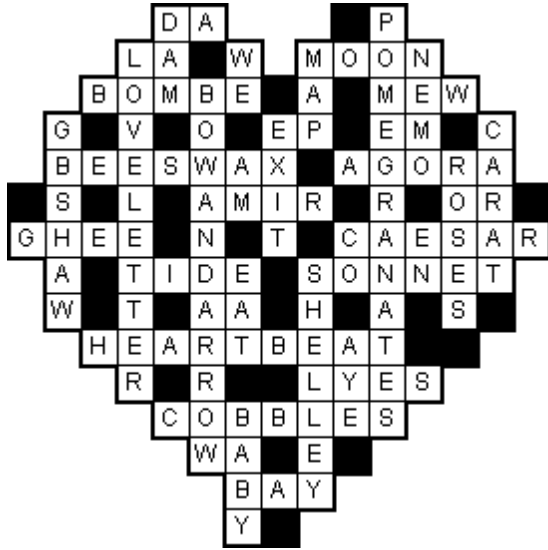
A simple touch to Valentine's Day is painting stem glasses with a few small hearts.

Use acrylic paints, or a permanent red felt tip pen: they can be cleaned up later with hot vinegar, soap and water, or mineral spirits. Using a small heart-shaped cookie cutter, cut hearts out of slices of watermelon. Slip some in the glasses, add a favourite punch such as white wine, and ginger ale, or a non-alcoholic lemonade and white grape juice combo. Pop a melon heart on a bamboo skewer and add it to the glass. With some left-over serviettes from Christmas, or red craft paper cut out heart shapes and use for coasters. It makes a fun lunch with the children, a warm toast for a special meal, or a pleasant accent to a Valentine Party with friends.

Sue Bridgeman



Crossword & Sudoku solutions.



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3	9	8	6	5	4	7	1	2

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Cookery Corner

Eccles Cakes

Eccles cakes were popular in the 1700's when they were banned by the Puritans for being "too sinfully rich". They were restored in the 1800's in the town of Eccles, south Manchester area. This really is not hard to make and sooo good!! Hope you like my version

3 Tbsp butter
3 Tbsp sugar
1/2 cup currants
1 1/2 tsp mixed peel

1/2 tsp all spice
1/2 tsp nutmeg
1 lb puff pastry (Frozen is good and easy)

Mix butter, sugar, currants, peel and spices in a small saucepan, put on low heat until sugar is melted. Transfer to a bowl and allow to cool. Roll out pastry and cut into 3-4" circles. Place 1 Tbsp of cooled cooked filling in centre of each circle, dampen the outer rim of the pastry, and gently pull up pastry, pinching edges together. Turn over and gently flatten. Make three small slits in the top with a sharp knife. Place on lightly greased baking sheet, brush with egg wash, and bake at 400 degrees F for 15-20 minutes. Cool and sprinkle with fine sugar
Yield 1 dozen

(Recipe from Sandra F Cherry, Union Jack's Food Columnist. I welcome comments, requests and recipies, and can be reached at Yourcupatea1@yahoo.com)



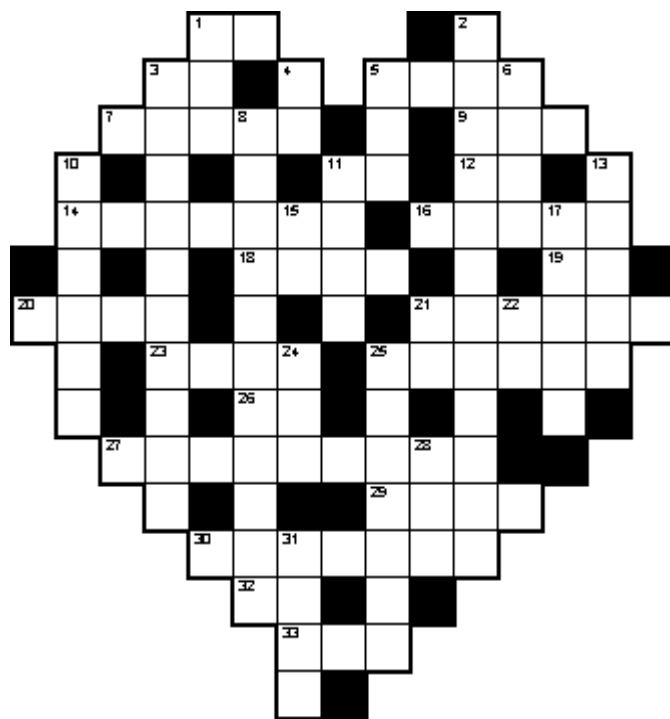
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PUZZLE PAGES



- 25 A poem with 14 lines (6)
 - 26 Type of lava (-'-)
 - 27 Pounding inside you (9)
 - 29 Strong caustic solutions (4)
 - 30 Very old road surface (7)
 - 32 The Evergreen State? (2)
 - 33 Romantic spot in Sarasota (3)
- Down**
- 1 Female parent of an animal (3)
 - 2 Fruits (12)
 - 3 Endearing written words (4,6)
 - 4 First person plural pronoun (2)
 - 5 Chart (3)
 - 6 Clownfish's name in Disney movie (4)
 - 8 Cupid's weapons (3,3,5)
 - 10 Irish author of 'Love Among the Artists' (1,1,4)
 - 11 Way out (4)
 - 13 24 maximum in pure gold. (5)
 - 15 Before noon (2)
 - 17 Valentine gift? (5)
 - 21 The Centennial State (2)
 - 22 Half an em (2)
 - 24 Consume (3)
 - 25 English romantic poet (7)
 - 28 Yes vote (3)
 - 31 Treat with excessive indulgence (4)

Solution on page 6

Across

- 1 An official prosecutor for a judicial district (2)
- 3 Definite article in French (2)
- 5 A dreamer is one who can only find his way by ----light., (Oscar Wilde) (4)
- 7 A frozen desert formed in a round mold with layers of ice creams (5)
- 9 The common gull of Eurasia and northeastern North America (3)
- 11 Vinyl disc, normally with 4 songs (2)
- 12 A linear unit (1/6 inch) used in printing (2)
- 14 It is used to make a honeycomb (7)
- 16 A open place of assembly for the people in ancient Greece (5)
- 18 An Arabian ruler (4)
- 19 The Beaver State (2)
- 20 Traditional Indian clarified butter used for cooking (4)
- 21 Type of salad (6)

If you have a suggestion for a themed crossword for a future newsletter, write to lakewood2@gmail.com.

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SUDOKU
 'Easy' level—fill the grid with numbers 1to 9, not repeating any numbers in vertical, horizontal lines or in the outlined squares.

Solution on page 6

Jokes

The teacher of the school geography class was lecturing on map reading. After explaining about latitude, longitude, degrees and minutes the teacher asked: "Suppose I asked you to meet me for lunch at 23 degrees, 4 minutes north latitude and 45 degrees, 15 minutes east longitude...?" After a confused silence, little Johnny volunteered - "I guess you'd be eating alone!"

An archaeologist was digging in the Negev Desert in Israel and came upon a casket containing a mummy. After examining it, he called the curator of a prestigious natural history museum. "I've just discovered a 3,000 year old mummy of a man who died of heart failure!" the excited scientist exclaimed. To which the curator replied, "Bring him in. We'll check it out." A week later, the amazed curator called the archaeologist. "You were right about the mummy's age and cause of death. How in the world did you know?" "Simple...there was a piece of paper in his hand that said - put me down for 10,000 Shekels on Goliath'."

How come we choose from just two people to run for president and over fifty for Miss America?

Don't worry about avoiding temptation . as you grow older, it will avoid you.
 -- Winston Churchill