



# BritClub News

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

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## Coming Events

### Board Meeting

**Jan. 8** – 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sandra Cherry, 2930 Williamsburg St., Sarasota. **MEMBERS ARE WELCOME, BUT PLEASE PHONE AHEAD AS SPACE IS LIMITED!**



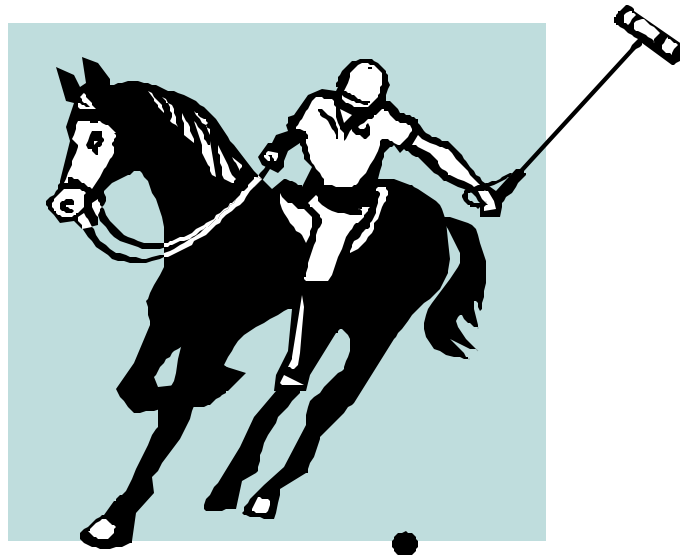
### Mystery Meet

**Dec. 15** – Join us in January for an action packed “Mystery Meet.” “Mystery Meet” is a first for the Sarasota British Club, and will be an excellent way of getting to know other members and the Board of Directors.

It will be held at Southbay Yacht Club on January 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. This event is FREE for members, \$5.00 for non-members.

BYOB and a dish to share. This is going to be a fun event you won't want to miss! Please RSVP Amy Croshaw at 928-2580 or email her at [acroshaw@verizon.net](mailto:acroshaw@verizon.net) if you plan to attend.

Southbay Yacht Club is at 1400 Southbay Drive, in Osprey. From U. S. 41 (Tamiami Trail), turn west (toward the water) on Southbay Drive (just south of Blackburn Point Road and north of Oscar Scherer State Park) and follow it round till you see the Club.



### A Day at the Sarasota Polo Club

**February 18** – Join us for an afternoon at the Sarasota Polo Club. Bring a dish to share, your own beverages, cutlery, tableware, folding table and chairs. Any extra tables you can bring will be greatly appreciated to accommodate our setup of food. The entrance fee is \$12. If you are interested in attending, please contact Amy Croshaw at 928-2580 or email her at [acroshaw@verizon.net](mailto:acroshaw@verizon.net). Please also check out our website, [www.sarasotabritishclub.com](http://www.sarasotabritishclub.com), for more event details (which will also be posted in February's newsletter).

### Scottish Games

Those of you who have a wee drop or two of Scottish blood in your veins will be pleased to know that the Brit Club will be participating in the annual Highland Games this coming March at the Venice airport.

We will be an exhibitor on “Clan Row” along with other UK social groups. Our tent will offer free nibbles and a libation or two for *members only!*

Why, you may ask, are we doing this? Watch this space in the February newsletter, and we'll tell you!

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

# From Our President

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! For those of you who were unable to attend our Christmas Party, by all accounts you missed a fabulous evening. I'd like to thank the entire Board and the other volunteers who laboured so hard to create a wonderful, fun evening. From soup to nuts, a good time was had by all, if you were there.

As a New Year dawns, so too does a new Board of Directors. We have many exciting projects in the works for your club this year, starting with the new concept of the "Mystery Meet" later this month. (One hint: if you have business cards, or calling cards, bring them.) Expect increased communication between the Board and the members. Look for new methods of outreach to increase membership. Some of the more popular events will be retained; new ones will be added. As always, your input is requested, and your help is appreciated. The Board's contact information is located on the back page; we'd love to hear from you. If you have any event ideas, a membership recruitment plan, or want to donate your time and talents to a committee, please let us know.

On a personal note, I'd like to express my thanks to the nominating committee and those who voted for the new Board for the vote of confidence you've placed in us, and especially in me. Even though I'm not the first Yank to serve as President, when asked twice before to stand for election, I demurred. I felt that the Brit Club President should be, well, a Brit. I am honoured and humbled to be serving this year, and I ask for your help and for your suggestions.

Until next month,

Cheers!  
Nairn' B. Gillet

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## 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	Half Page.....	\$25.00
Quarter Page.....	\$15.00	Full Page.....	\$40.00

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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to the newsletter editor, Rose Gillet, at 3219 24<sup>th</sup> Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34235 or email them to her at [rosegillet@yahoo.com](mailto:rosegillet@yahoo.com).

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## 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:  
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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).

# Eccles Cakes

Eccles cakes were popular in the 1700's until they were banned by the Puritans as being 'sinfully rich.' Cromwell even passed an act of Parliament imprisoning anyone found guilty of eating a currant pie!! I believe this recipe was restored in the 1800s by a Mrs. Raffald, and nineteenth century Delia Smith, and became famous in Eccles, which is near Manchester.

3 Tbsp. butter  
3 Tbsp. sugar  
½ cup currants

1 ½ Tbsp. all spice  
½ tsp. nutmeg  
1 lb. frozen flaky (puff) pastry

Mix butter, sugar, currants peel and spices in a small saucepan, put on low heat until butter is melted, then let cool. Roll out pastry, cut into 3-4" circles. Place one tablespoon of the cooled currant mix in centre of circle and gently pull pastry up to meet, pinching the edges together well. Turn over, place on baking sheet and gently flatten. Make 3 small cuts in top with sharp knife (said to represent the Holy Trinity...that way they could be eaten without guilt!). Bake at 400 degrees for 15-20 minutes, cool and sprinkle with sugar. Yield 1 dozen.

*Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Your Cup of Tea, 'Union Jack' food columnist, yourcupoftea1@yahoo.com or www.yourcupoftea.info*

## December Minutes Précis

Treasurer's report shows balance of \$4,506.41, expenditure for the Christmas party to come out of that. Four new memberships. Ballot cards for 2007 officers election officially counted: 32 For, 4 Against - slate approved by majority. Plans for Christmas party coming along well, have 73 signed up so far. Terry Sweeney had sent information and photo about Arcadia Memorial service to "This England" and it was published in the Winter issue. Website being updated by James. Plans for the January meeting for a 'Mystery Meet' to utilize the South Bay Yacht Club again. February plans for the Polo Club and March for the Highland Games. Rose changing and updating the newsletter. Board will start a phone tree survey of the members. Meetings to resume the first Monday of the month at 6 pm, all members welcome, but need to call ahead as space is limited. Next board meeting January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 6 pm.

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## Rose's Corner

If you missed the Christmas Party, you missed a WONDERFUL time! The music was exceptionally good, the food was spectacular, and the company was simply the best! We have a great meeting planned for January – a Mystery Meet. You'll have to show up to find out what it is! Lots of fun and a chance to get to know your new Board and each other.

As always, 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](mailto:rosegillet@yahoo.com). Closing date for the newsletter is the 15th of each month.



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