

Coming Events

The January SBC Board Meeting will be held at the home of Gary and Jane Lee on January 10th, 2013 @ 6:30pm . Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 3, as space is limited.

House Concert—Friday January 18th at the home of Brian and Jane Thompson, Lakewood Ranch.

Arrive at 6:30pm for songs by Bill and Kate Isles on their annual visit to Florida. Acoustic singer/songwriter duo based in Duluth, Minnesota. Using a wide variety of musical styles, their performances carry audiences through a broad landscape of experiences from metaphorical worlds to small town family stories and to zany comedy.

Suggested donation to the artists of \$15. BYOB and appetizer to share. Contact 941-388-8018 or lakewood2@gmail.com



President's Party—January 19th at the Arthur Murray Studio, San Marco Plaza, Lakewood Ranch.

The President's Party this year will be a Latin dancing extravaganza, with fun lessons, spicy food and hot dancing. The location is the Arthur Murray Dance Center at San Marco Plaza, 8215 Nature's Way, Lakewood Ranch and it will be held on Saturday 19th January 2013. We have a great line up, with the evening kicking off at 6pm with BYOB drinks to "encourage" you onto the dance floor. We have arranged to have fresh Latin / Mexican food, cooked to order, available right outside the studio.

Wine
Styles



Just 20 paces away is the wonderful Wine Styles, where the owner, Carmen, has offered a 10% discount on any wine bought by members that evening.

At 6.45pm, we'll have a short demonstration of Salsa and Cha Cha from Dean, our instructor on the evening, and your new President's wife, Diane, to further get you in the mood. The first lesson will be on the Cha Cha at 7pm for 30 minutes, then a break to get our breath back and eat/drink some more. At 7.45pm, we'll have a Salsa lesson, then dance away the rest of the evening, with teachers on hand to assist. There will also be non-Latin music for dancing as well .



Please support this party, as it is going to be terrific fun, with everybody having such a laugh in the lessons, since Dean is a fantastic British teacher. The cost for the whole evening (apart from your drinks but including food and lessons), will be \$15 per member, or \$20 per non-member. Please send checks made payable to 'Sarasota British Club' to the PO Box address at the top of this page.

Tour of the Historic Spanish Point Museum Park in Osprey. - On Wednesday, February 20, 2013 starting PROMPTLY at 10AM. Numbers are limited. Full details on Page 5

New Year, a new board. Your 2013 board members are listed on Page 3



President's Letter

Hi everybody. It is a New Year and a new Brit Club President. I'm following in the rather slinky footsteps of the lovely Sue Ford and want to start by promising that I won't be signing off with hugs to all at the end of this newsletter. You'll get a cheery "cheers" and perhaps even a "see you soon," but I'm afraid Sue's signature sign-off won't be mine. I'm all for equality of the sexes (or, at least, my wife told me that I am), but a manly "cheers" is your lot.



When Sue first tapped me up for the job, she promised that it wouldn't take up too much time and that "really, darlin', all you have to do is run the Board Meetings." This was clearly an example of how effortlessly Sue handled everything in the Club and is a testimony to her devotion to each of her members. On the other hand, of course, it could have simply been her way to charm me into taking the gig without truly understanding how much work she put into the Club. Whichever it was, I'm really glad that I said yes and I'm truly looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you and hope that I can prove to be half the success that Sue has been.

Sue always emphasized the importance of a great Board and I know that there are several new Board members, along with me. The Club will sink or swim according to how well we do our individual jobs and I hope that members will give us a little time to ease into our respective jobs. That said, I am aware that we have some true stalwarts in our group and I'll be calling on some of you from time to time to help us make this a smooth transition.

I'm writing this just after our Christmas Party at Heritage Oaks and one thing I learned at that event is that the members of this Club like to dance!! Gary and Sue had told me that this was the case, but I hadn't been quite prepared for the extent to which booties were shaken and stuff was strutted. There were some rather freestyle moves that defied not only description, but also gravity; it was terrific. I think that the Transatlantic crossing must help remove the British reserve.

The dancing motif plays nicely into my upcoming President's Party, which is being held on January 19th at the Arthur Murray Dance School in San Marco Plaza, Lakewood Ranch. We're having a Latin evening, with cha cha and salsa lessons, along with authentic Latin food. If the Latin dancing doesn't take, there will also be booty shaking music as well. Please come along and support the event and I promise you that it will be a blast.

As I said, this year is going to be a learning experience for me and some of the new Board. However, I can already feel the good will emanating from members and want to remind you all that this is your Club and you all have a voice. Our sole purpose is to give you what you want and to make sure that you experience the Club in the way that you would like. My email is sha@adamsiac.com and my cell phone number is 941-524-9410. I want to hear from you with suggestions, compliments and complaints and I will make sure that I respond to you all. Let's have fun!!!

Cheers.

Steve Adams

SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

To mark the traditional Scottish Robbie Burns celebrations coming up at the end of the month, thought I would feature Scotch Broth (I also featured Cock-a-Leekie soup in the Union Jack). This has been described as the national soup of Scotland, and usually had lamb as the meat, however in recent years beef is used more now. I recommend the crock pot for this as it can then cook slowly to get the meat really tender.



Scotch Broth

1 1/2 lb good stewing beef
salt and pepper
1 medium carrot, peeled and chopped
1 medium turnip, peeled and chopped
1 medium onion, peeled and chopped
2 medium leeks trimmed, chopped and washed
3-4 Tbsp pearl barley, washed
1/2 tsp thyme
Chopped fresh parsley for garnish

Put meat in heavy saucepan, cover with water (about 3-4 cups), season and slowly bring to a boil. Cover and simmer for 1 1/2 hours. Add the vegetables and the barley, continue to simmer for a further hour or until the vegetables and barley are soft. Skim off any fat and serve the soup hot, garnished with the chopped parsley.

(If using a crock pot, place all the vegetables and barley in the crock pot, add the meat, cover with the water, and cook slowly 5-6- hours or so) Yield 4 servings



(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack food columnist, who can be reached at Yourcuppatea1@yahoo.com)

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On the subject of food.....

STOP PRESS: E-Z Piez are now available again at the Butcher's Gourmet, 1086 S Tamiami Trail, Osprey FL 34299 (just south of Tervis Tumbler and just north of Blackburn Point Drive)

All your favourite pies, and if you hurry there are even Christmas Mince Pies!!!

The monthly Indian cookery classes at Casa Italia, 2080 Constitution Blvd, (941) 924-1179, info@casaitaliafl.com are now on Friday evenings, 6-9pm. \$50pp. The next one will be 1st February. Check the website at <http://www.casaitaliafl.com> for information about this, Italian cookery classes and wine tasting. Too impatient? Nita cooks Indian food that may be bought in store.

Brian Thompson

JOKE

The phone rings and the lady of the house answers, "Hello."
 "Mrs. Sanders, please."
 "Speaking."
 "Mrs. Sanders, this is Doctor Jones at Saint Agnes Laboratory. When your husband's doctor sent his biopsy to the lab last week, a biopsy from another Mr. Sanders arrived as well... We are now uncertain which one belongs to your husband. Frankly, either way the results are not too good."
 "What do you mean?" Mrs. Sanders asks nervously.
 "Well, one of the specimens tested positive for Alzheimer's and the other one tested positive for HIV. We can't tell which is which."
 "That's dreadful! Can you do the test again?"
 q u e s t i o n e d M r s . S a n d e r s .
 "Normally we can, but MEDICARE will only pay for these expensive tests once."
 "Well, what am I supposed to do now?"
 "The MEDICARE Helpdesk recommend that you drop your husband off somewhere in the middle of town. If he finds his way home, don't sleep with him"



LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE

Did you know?

The Club has a "Sunshine Club" which will send a greeting to a member when we hear of a special happy, sad or momentous event in their lives. Please let us know of such events. Contact Tracy Corporan, her details are below.

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, and we will select one 'Business Glimpse' each month.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE! NO MORE PINHOLES IN YOUR CLOTHING!

The Sarasota British Club now has magnetic name badges available for members. The badge shows the Club logo and your name in white lettering on a sapphire blue background. If you would like to order a badge, please send your payment of \$10 to the Club's PO Box (see back page) or contact Doug Schuler at rschuler@tampabay.rr.com. Please note that any member with a pacemaker should order the badge with a pin fastener.

proof of global warming



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Precised Minutes of the Sarasota British Club Board Meeting December 6th, 2012

Meeting was held at the home of Roy and Sue Ford. Our balance in the treasury after expenses is \$12,316.73. Currently 233 members are in our Club. The November cruise was said to be fabulous and brilliant. Fifteen members enjoyed and relaxed for a week. The Christmas Party at Heritage Oaks on December 15th, 2012 has 112 members signed up at this time. It will be a wonderful night of food, dancing, games and raffles. This year's charitable donation will be gifted to 'Paws for Patriots' of the South-eastern Guide Dogs. Incoming 2013 Sarasota British Club President, Steve Adams is having his President's Party on January 19th, 2013 in Lakewood Ranch. The January SBC Board Meeting will be held at the home of Gary and Jane Lee @ 7919 Osprey Hammock, Sarasota, Fl. 34240 on January 10th, 2013 @ 6:30pm

Submitted by Mary L. Shelley, Recording Secretary

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. Why not add your event photos to the 'wall'.

Added this month –photos from the Christmas party and a link to the Christmas speech of the Queen on YouTube.

See also <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZ0A9BKKmzs>



At the end of December there are a total of 95 'likes' of the Club's page. There has been a big increase in the numbers 'reached', 'engaged' or 'talking about this' following the display of the Christmas Party photos. The 'Virality' is 67% whatever that means!

In December I asked about British car /motorcycle clubs in the area. Terry Sweeney pointed out the Suncoast British Car Club. Some of the photos on their website were taken at the parade of cars at the Sarasota Cricket Club's Thanksgiving tournament. They meet monthly at the Red Lobster, 6747 S.Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. See their website for further details.(SuncoastBritishCarClub.com)

Brian Thompson

On your Computer

If you were here in Sarasota, we know that you missed snow at Christmas **SO MUCH**, but fear not, you can see your house in a snow globe. Really!. Enter your address and 'shake the globe'. As it works from Google StreetView, you will miss out if you live in a community with limited access, if so try entering the addresses of a few friends.

<http://www.draftfcb.com/holiday2011/>

A VERY English Eccentric—Sir Patrick Moore

The amateur astronomer, actor, musician, author Sir Patrick Alfred Caldwell-Moore was born on 4 March 1923 and died 9 December 2012. Instantly recognizable, partly due to the monocle he wore since the age of 16, he had been the long-time host of the world's longest running TV show, the BBC's 'The Sky at Night'.

Even if you never watched his show he was often interviewed on others such as space flights or even appeared on variety shows where he would play the xylophone. His rapid diction made him a 'victim' of impersonators but he was happy to parody himself.

He wrote many books, estimated to be over 1000, all typed on his 1908 Woodstock typewriter .

Moore believed himself to be the only person to have met the first man to fly, Orville Wright, the first man in space, Yuri Gagarin, and the first man on the moon, Neil Armstrong.

Source Wikipedia

Any ideas for other English eccentric? Contact the Editor



JOKE

A curious fellow died one day and found himself waiting in the long line of judgment. As he stood there he noticed that some souls were allowed to march right through the pearly gates into Heaven. Others though, were led over to Satan who threw them into the burning pit. But every so often, instead of hurling a poor soul into the fire, Satan would toss a soul off to one side into a small pile. After watching Satan do this several times, the fellow's curiosity got the best of him. He strolled over and asked Satan what he was doing.

"Excuse me, Prince of Darkness," he said: "I'm waiting in line for judgment, but I couldn't help wondering, why are you tossing those people aside instead of flinging them into the Fires of Hell with the others?"

"Oh those", Satan groaned: "They're all from Ontario. It's only half way through summer and they're still too cold and too wet to burn."



**TOUR THE HISTORIC SPANISH POINT
MUSEUM PARK ON THE BAY
IN OSPREY
On Wednesday, February 20, 2013 starting
PROMPTLY at 10AM**

grounds and structures. Alternately, a seven-passenger tram can be provided for those more comfortable with that mode of movement. The Point is located at 337 N. Tamiami Trail in Osprey on the west side of Rt. 41. Look for the orange arch in front of the Visitors Center. Drive up to the small, white Entrance Cottage where the attendant will direct you straight ahead to the Gazebo Parking Lot. Please be parked and ready to go by 10am.

Guest fee is \$ 8 per person if on foot or \$ 10 if by tram. For more info visit historicspanishpoint.org

For lunch following (at your own expense), a room has been



Come join us for a peek through “A Window to the Past” in a quiet oasis on the shores of Little Sarasota Bay in Osprey. Historic Spanish Point is a 30-acre archaeological treasure where docents will guide us through a local story spanning over 5000 years and countless transformations into a splendid, Nationally recognized museum. Among the many features of the site are pre-historic shell middens or domestic waste mounds providing insights into an early Native American presence. The more recent Pioneer and Palmer Family imprints on the property are on display via a variety of fern, water, sunken, butterfly and jungle gardens, the reconstructed Mary’s Chapel dating from 1894 and adjoining Pioneer Cemetery, the restored, 1901 Guptill House, the Pioneer Boat Yard and a citrus packinghouse.

reserved at the Casey Key Fish House, a waterside eatery just over the Intra-Coastal Waterway at 801 Blackburn Point Rd in Osprey. Travel south on Tamiami/Rt. 41 1.6 miles from the museum, to the third traffic signal (and Shell gas station), and turn right or west off of Rt. 41. The Fish House is just over the ICW bridge on the left. Visit caseykeyfishhouse.com



Space limitations at both venues dictate a cap on participants of 35 people. Please send your checks payable to the Sarasota British Club to our Event Coordinator, Mark Malkasian, at 678 Crane Prairie Way, Osprey, FL 34229. Mark’s email is mark@armeng.com and phone 918-8360. **Be sure** to indicate ‘by foot’ or ‘by tram’ and if you will be joining us for lunch. Commitments must be received not later than Monday, February 11th. As usual, early sign-ups are winners!

Come, learn and enjoy a special spot in our historical backyard!

The tour calls for good walking shoes to cover a two-hour, approximately one and a quarter mile, leisurely stroll through the

Some Christmas Party photos for you below. A few have been put on the Club's Facebook page. Everything has been uploaded to my web storage for you to look at and, if you wish you can download individual photos with a good resolution for printing. The link is ... <http://preview.tinyurl.com/bm39hmf> ... Then click on [Proceed to this site] Please forward the link to any of your guests that are not SBC members.



JOKE

The coach had put together the perfect team for the Chicago Bears. The only thing that was missing was a good quarterback. He had scouted all the colleges and even the Canadian and European Leagues, but he couldn't find a ringer who could ensure a Super Bowl win.

Then one night while watching CNN he saw a war-zone scene in Afghanistan . In one corner of the background, he spotted a young Afghan Muslim soldier with a truly incredible arm. He threw a hand-grenade straight into a 15th story window 100 yards away.

KABOOM!

He threw another hand-grenade 75 yards away, right into a chimney.

KA-BLOOEY!

Then he threw another at a passing car going 90 mph.

BULLS-EYE!

"I've got to get this guy!" Coach said to himself. "He has the perfect arm!"

So, he brings him to the States and teaches him the great game of football. And the Bears go on to win the Super Bowl.

The young Afghan is hailed as the great hero of football, and when the coach asks him what he wants, all the young man wants is to call his mother.

"Mom," he says into the phone, "I just won the Super Bowl!"

"I don't want to talk to you, the old Muslim woman says. "You are not my son!"

"I don't think you understand, Mother," the young man pleads. "I've won the greatest sporting event in the world. I'm here among thousands of my adoring fans."

"No! Let me tell you!" his mother retorts. "At this very moment, there are gunshots all around us. The neighborhood is a pile of rubble. Your two brothers were beaten within an inch of their lives last week, and I have to keep your sister in the house so she doesn't get raped!" The old lady pauses, and then tearfully says, "I will never forgive you for making us move to Chicago !"

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On your Computer.

Have you heard of the 'Cloud'? This is one direction in which computing is going, partly due to the need for secure data storage. Instead of your computer storing your files, with the risk of losing everything in the event of failure, you can store them in the 'Cloud'. In the years that I have owned computers or used them at work, there have been at least 2 occasions where the computer has failed and I've lost nearly everything.

Be honest—do you have everything backed up? You can buy an external hard drive for less than \$100 with enough storage for most purposes. As it is in your home it is still vulnerable to fire/theft/mechanical failure in the long term.

There are several companies offering free storage. This is unlikely to be enough for everything on your computer but it is a start, especially if you use several of them.

Examples:-

Google Drive 5GB free, 20GB for \$5 per year, 100GB for \$4.99/month.

Dropbox 2GB free, \$99/year for 100GB, extra if you refer a friend.

Amazon Cloud 5GB free

Microsoft Skydrive 7GB free.

Note the possibility of using web-based versions of Word, Excel and PowerPoint

Apple iCloud 5GB free (for Apple computers)

Nikon's <http://mypicturetown.com/> for picture storage.

2GB free, \$2.99/month for 20GB and upwards to \$29.90/month for 200GB

A comparison on the Microsoft page indicates that Skydrive is better but why not use all of their free space?

(Check them for terms and conditions.)

Apart from backing up your files there is the advantage of remote access and sharing the files. Instead of sending a photo in an attachment to an email, why not allow your family to see your photos by giving them access to the storage?. Various photos of Club events taken by myself, David Brading and Penny Mulak are available by this method in Picasa albums including the 2011 and 2012 Christmas Parties.

Brian Thompson

WORDS OF WISDOM

When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land.
Desmond Tutu

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked.

David Letterman

I'm not a paranoid, deranged millionaire. God dammit, I'm a billionaire.

Howard Hughes

After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box.
Italian proverb

Men are like linoleum floors. Lay 'em right and you can walk all over them for thirty years.

Betsy Salkind

The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats.

Jean Kerr

I've been married to a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage

Zsa Zsa Gabor

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.

Prince Philip

A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing.

Emo Philips.

You know you're a redneck if your home has wheels and your car doesn't. Jeff Foxworthy

The raffle at the Christmas Party had a wide variety of prizes which were kindly donated by members and local businesses. See list below. Thank you to the donors, and to the Board members for organising it. This year the Club is donating to 'Paws for Patriots', part of the Southeastern Guide Dogs.

<u>Donated by</u>	<u>Raffle Prize</u>
Raj & Nita Mathur of Casa Italia	\$25 voucher
Sheila of Scots Corner	Box of Shortbread
Jeremy Adams of Word of Mouth	\$40 voucher
Karen & Malcolm Ronney of McAllisters	\$20 Gift card
Angela Begin of 20 Minutes to Fitness	gift card worth up to value \$165
Norman and Mary Shelley	\$50.00 Macy's Gift Card
Yellow Strawberry	Gift certificate
4 and 20 Pasty Company	\$30.00 Gift Certificate
Mark and Jean Malkasian	Cuisinart Coffee Grinder
Edith and Manning Edmonds	Bottle of Malt Whiskey
Jack & Sandra Cherry	Basket of British Goodies
Bob & Shona Burtner	Queen's Diamond Jubilee plate and teapot
Sandra Cherry	Christmas Pudding
Gary & Jane Lee	Two Bottles of Wine and wine caddy
John & Vivienne Jefferies	Set of decorated Christmas Plates

Locations to Hold Our Events

We put out a call to all members who could offer their clubhouse as a location for 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 Steve Adams (with suitable dates and locations). Thank you for your support.



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