



Brit Club News

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Coming Events

The SBC Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday July 9th** at the Village des Pins clubhouse, 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

COCKTAIL PARTY ON SUNDAY JULY 12 at Kona Grill, The Mall at University Town Center. Please join us at a mix & mingle event at Kona Grill, at the UTC Mall, Sarasota. UTC Mall is on University Parkway at the junction of I75, exit # 213. Parking is available on the west side of the mall (opposite I75) & park in lot 3 which is just outside the venue.



Date: Sunday July 12.

Time: 5pm - 7pm with special Happy Hour prices for drinks & bar snacks which are not normally offered on Sundays. There is also a more substantial menu if anyone would like to have a meal after the party.

Venue: Inside the bar area of Kona Grill.

Please see Kona Grill web site www.konagrill.com for location & menus.

This is an ideal event to meet up with long-time members as well as new ones, so it would be helpful to wear name badges. If you do not have a name badge, please see purchase details on Page 8 of this newsletter.

Reservations must be made by Friday July 3rd.

Brian & Jane Thompson

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July 17th, the **Friday Luncheon club** (always on the 3rd Friday of the month at 12.30pm unless stated otherwise). This is being held at the Boatyard Waterfront Bar and Grill at 1500 Stickney Point Road. This is a traditional American-style restaurant, see photo above, that is overlooking the water. For menu see boatyardwaterfrontgrill.com

There is plenty of parking, the restaurant is on your left about 100 yards before going over the bridge to Siesta Key.

We look forward to seeing you.



Email sueford@janbury.com or phone 941 751 3811.

Upcoming Event in October.

The Sarasota British Club's Anniversary Party
Details in next month's edition.

President's Letter

With relentless speed it seems, we are now entering the 2nd half of 2015. July is also the month when the initial call goes out to the membership asking for candidates for next year's Board to be elected at our AGM this autumn. (Date to be decided.) Please see the official call for 2016 Board candidates on page 3 of this newsletter. If you are interested in standing for any of the elected positions and/or would like more information on any Board position or the Board in general, I'd be very pleased to hear from you. (See contact information in the call for Board candidates.)



Finally, hearty congratulations are in order for Roy Ford on the recent publication of his first book, "Chasing Shadows," which is set in post WWII England. I am currently reading this book and find it extremely well-written and an excellent read. Roy tells me he is already at work on a sequel. Well done, Roy!

Gary Lee

Putting aside for the moment my SBC President's hat for a social one, Club members have enjoyed a hearty mixture of social events in recent months. Not the least of which are the monthly luncheons beginning in March on the third Friday of each month and initiated by the tireless Sue Ford. These lunches in restaurants stretching from Bradenton to Venice have been very well attended. You will have noted on the front page of this newsletter that the upcoming July lunch is set for the 17th at The BoatYard Water Front Bar and Grill. For August the monthly lunch is due to shift southward to a Venice location and is TBA as of this writing. Locations for lunches for upcoming months will be announced well in advance for members' planning purposes. Other major social events so far include horse racing and brunch at Tampa Bay Downs in April; a group meal at The India Palace on Main Street in Sarasota; dinner followed by a group visit to McCurdy's Comedy Club; and the fun-filled 2nd Annual Brit Club Games Night on June 13 see Page 6 herein. Coming up near term is the Club's Cocktail Party on July 12 as outlined on page 1 of this issue.

I'm pleased to report that a goodly contingent of Club members attended the annual Memorial Day service at Arcadia to honor the 23 RAF trainee pilots and their American instructor, who were killed in accidents while training at two nearby flight schools during WWII. This service is held at the British Plot in Arcadia's Oak Ridge Cemetery. As part of the ceremony the Club places a wreath in a prominent space along with wreaths of other participating groups.

Memorial Day at Arcadia



Photos supplied by Doug Schuler



July's Recipe

In the Union Jack this month I featured an article and recipe on 'Fools' and 'Syllabubs' which are delicious summer concoctions, and thought I would do an easy dessert for this newsletter also. 'Fools' recipes usually use gooseberries, but they are not easy to find here. Any other tart fruit would work, such as rhubarb, or raspberries etc. Alcohol such as sherry or brandy can also be added if wanted...always a nice touch! Hope you like my version of what originally was an Elizabethan recipe.



Gooseberry (Grosset) Fool

2 cups fruit, Gooseberries, Rhubarb, or Raspberries
 1 1/4 cup heavy whipping cream
 1/4 cup sugar
 1 tsp vanilla



If using fresh fruit, place in a saucepan add 1/4 cup water, and 1/4 cup sugar, and cook over a low heat until soft, cool. (Can use frozen fruits also, will need to thaw out ahead of time) Puree fruit in a blender, and if needed strain to remove any seeds. Whip up the cream until it holds it's shape, and beat in the sugar and vanilla, (or sherry if using), then fold in the fruit puree. Chill for about 4 hours before serving. Yield 4-6 servings

Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food Columnist. (I welcome comments, requests and recipes, and can be reached at Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com)

QUOTES

“ The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. ”
 — Martin Luther King, Jr.

“ Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter what fork you use. ”
 — Emily Post

“ The final test of a gentleman is his respect for those who can be of no possible service to him. ”
 — William Lyon Phelps

“ The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart. ”
 — Helen Keller

“ The only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future. ”
 — Oscar Wilde

CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE 2016 BOARD

As it's mid-year, it's time to begin assembling a slate of candidates for the 2016 SBC Board that will be elected at our AGM this autumn. We are fortunate that our Club membership reflects a wide spectrum of strong talents and interests. All organizations stand to benefit and grow stronger by the infusion of new ideas and creative forces brought by members to leadership positions. For our Club, this extends as well to ideas for new and interesting social events and venues that keep members energized, active and engaged. Do bring our own talents and ideas to the fore by standing for the SBC Board. The Board elected positions are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Director, Website Liaison Director, Newsletter Editor, and Director at Large (2). If you are interested in being a candidate for a Board position or want more information on the positions, please contact Gary Lee (glee01@verizon.net or 941-706-1172). I will put you in touch with the Nominating Committee. We look forward to hearing from you.

Precis of the June Board Meeting.

Meeting held June 11th; current Treasurer's balance \$4,285,94; 181 total members, down 13 from same time last year; Printing issue with newsletter to be discussed between John Drinkell and Brian; Several companies have asked to be listed on the SBC website—our bylaws state that British owned not British themed businesses can be listed; the new British Open in Venice was discussed as a possible venue for a Friday lunch; 26 members and guests attended McCurdy's Comedy Club event—discussed as a possible annual event; the Body Shop in Sarasota Square Mall donated goodie bags for the event; Jane to gauge B.S. interest in being listed on the Club's website; New Members' tea proposed for Sept.13th at Village des Pins clubhouse; Mark will be replaced by Maggie as Treasurer at the end of June and continuing his position as website liaison; signature cards will need updating; Cocktail Party July 12th; a meal at Miguel's Restaurant has been suggested for August 9th; SBC anniversary party October 11th; Gary and Mark relayed info from a CPA ref Club's tax situation; next Board meeting at VDP clubhouse on July 9th.

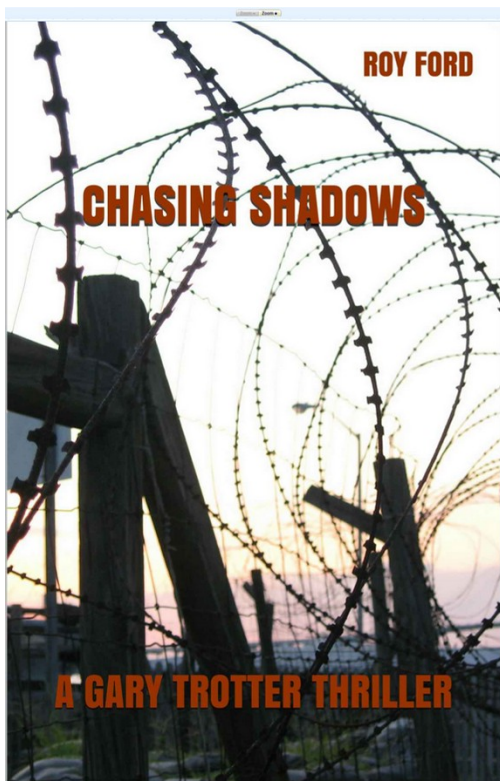
Minutes submitted by *Maggie Hughes*.

New Book by a very local author.

Sue Ford's husband Roy has just published his first book 'Chasing Shadows' on Amazon. It is \$2.99 for the Kindle version, if you have Prime membership it is free.



The Second World War has ended badly for England; it's beaten up and broke. In its efforts to recover as a leading world power, both strategically, and economically, it has developed a top secret laser missile guidance system. To be effective in its prime endeavors, it needs to maximize its economic recovery efforts by dominating the technologies in the newly developing arms race with Russia. However, dark Russian forces are at play that are prepared to stop at nothing to steal England's game-changing technology. The only people that know what the Russians are up to are dead so they contact the only living person they know that can see them, hear them, and help them stop the Russians: a thirteen year old boy—Gary Trotter. Gary gets drawn into a web of espionage, intrigue, and murder; where spy faces spy in a deadly game wherein the fate of the entire free world hangs in the balance. Join Gary, and his guardians, and their dog Roma, on an amazing, magical, action-packed adventure that will rivet you to your seat, and deliver you a page turning story that will leave you wanting more.



GROANS

What do you call a sleep-walking nun?
A roaming Catholic

What's orange and sounds like a parrot?
A carrot.

Two cats are swimming across a river. One cat's name is One Two Three, the other is called Un Deux Trois. Who makes it across?
One Two Three because Un Deux Trois cat sank.

My grandpa has the heart of a lion
.....And a lifetime ban from the zoo.

MURPHY'S LESSER KNOWN LAWS

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
9. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
10. The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there
11. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in the boat all day drinking beer.
12. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
13. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
14. When you go to court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

Trivia Quiz.—answers on Page 6

At the May visit to the India Palace there was a table quiz.

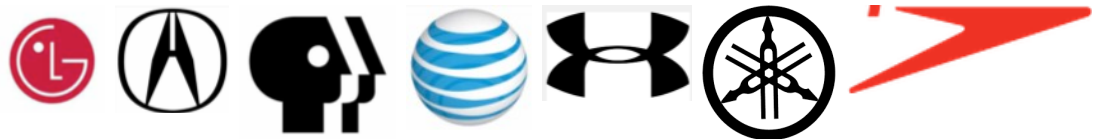
The high score of 27 came from Rhet Redpath's group.

So others can test themselves and those diners can see where they went right or wrong, here is the quiz



1. What is the singular of TRIVIA?
2. What is the name of the Alka Seltzer character pictured?
3. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, what did he leave behind?
4. What was the Lone Ranger's sidekick called?
5. Which planet in our solar system spins the fastest?
6. How many U.S. states border the Gulf of Mexico?
7. How many innings does a baseball game have?
8. What is the name of Mickey Mouse's pet dog?
9. What is the general name for a group of wolves?
10. In Greek mythology, who is the God of the underworld.
11. What is the longest river in the world?
12. Earth is which closest planet to the sun?
13. Steven Tyler is the singer of which famous band?
14. This Scottish-born chef is known for his TV rants at weaker restaurateurs.
15. In 1903, with presidential permission, Morris Michtom began marketing these toys.
16. It's the smallest and easternmost of the Great Lakes.
17. What is group of oxen called?
18. What is a group of seabirds or seagulls called?
19. What is a group of oysters called?
20. Who murdered Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4th, 1968?
21. Christopher Cockerill invented what in 1955?
22. Who is the only British Prime Minister to be assassinated?
23. Jonas Salk was famous for what world changing invention in 1955?
24. What colour is the Northern Line on the London underground?
25. Which group of people produces the Watchtower magazine?
26. Which flag is raised when a ship is about to leave port?
27. Who said "I think therefore I am"?
28. What was the name of the policeman in Enid Blyton's 'Noddy'?
29. How many years did Nelson Mandela spend in prison?
30. Whose Logos? (7 points)

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Page 5 Trivia Quiz Answers

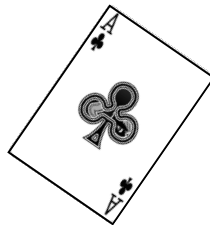
1. TRIVIUM
2. SPEEDY
3. SILVER BULLET
4. TONTO
5. JUPITER (10HR DAY)
6. FIVE.
7. NINE
8. PLUTO
9. PACK
10. HADES
11. NILE
12. THIRD
13. AEROSMITH
14. GORDON RAMSEY
15. TEDDY BEAR
16. ONTARIO
17. TEAM
18. WRECK
19. BED
20. JAMES EARL RAY
21. HOVERCRAFT
22. SPENCER PERCIVAL
23. POLIO VACCINE
24. BLACK
25. JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
26. BLUE PETER
27. RENE DESCARTES
28. PC PLOD
29. 27
30. LG, ACURA PBS ATT, UNDER
ARMOUR, YAMAHA, SPEEDO



GAMES NIGHT

I would like to thank everyone who came along to our 2nd Annual Games Night on June 13th and made the night such fun. Great food, lots of delicious desserts and liquid refreshments certainly helped to put everyone in a good mood and lots of laughter was heard all evening.

The best entertainment was watching the Heads Up players give clues, we should have had some video!! Praying Mantis is not an easy creature to describe! Judging from the amount of laughter coming from the players this will be on the menu next year but I'll have to find some new categories as I think we have exhausted all the easier ones this year.



So many people helped make this night a success from the 'team' to the magic elves who made sure the room was spotless when we left, couldn't have done it without you so THANK YOU.

The 3rd Annual Games Night will certainly be on the agenda for 2016, even more amazing than 2015. You will be pleased to hear I plan to 'outsource' the pub quiz development next year!

One last word of appreciation for The Body Shop in Sarasota Square Mall who gave us a lovely door prize and lots of 'goodie bags'. The Manager has indicated they would like to lend some support to future SBC events so, if Body Shop products are on your shopping list please shop at the Sarasota Square Mall store and let them know you are a member of the Sarasota British Club.

Jane Jacobs

The **Body Shop International PLC**, known as The Body Shop, has a range consisting of 1,200 products, including cosmetics and make-up in its 2,500 franchised stores in 61 countries. The company, which has its international headquarters in Littlehampton, West Sussex, England, was founded in 1976 by Anita Roddick and is now part owned by L'Oréal.



Source: Wikipedia

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Games Night



Lunch at Carrabas





Sarasota British Club name badges

Please obtain Club badges directly from:
 Sarasota Trophy 6601 Superior Ave, Sarasota FL
 34231. 921-4339.

\$8 + tax for badge with magnet = \$8.56
 \$6 + tax for badge with pin (without magnet) = \$6.42.
 Badges can be collected in person
 (M - F 8.30 - 5 or Sat 9 - 12) or shipped to home for \$3.75.

JUST FOR FUN

1. Grab a calculator
2. Key in the first 3 digits of your phone number (NOT the area code)
3. Multiply by 80
4. Add 1
5. Multiply by 250
6. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number
7. Add the last 4 digits of your phone number again
8. Subtract 250
9. Divide remaining number by 2 (Read it carefully.)



Did you go to the **British Classic Car Show** at The Meadows Village Pub & Grill on June 27th? Do you have any photos to share in BritNews? Please send to lakewood2@gmail.com

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