

The first 10 of the 24 immutable laws of golf

LAW 1: No matter how bad your last shot was, you should have Inner Peace knowing that a shittier one is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.

LAW 2: Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

LAW 3: Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water. Expensive clubs have been known to be partly made with this most unusual natural alloy.

LAW 4: Golf balls never bounce off of trees back into play. If one does, the tree is breaking a law of the universe and should be cut down.

LAW 5 The higher a golfer's handicap, the more quali-

fied he deems himself as an instructor.

LAW 6 A golfer hitting into your group will always be bigger than anyone in your group. Likewise, a group you accidentally hit into will consist of a football player, a professional wrestler, a convicted murderer and an IRS agent -- or some similar combination.

LAW 7: All 3-woods are demon-possessed. Your Mother in Law does not come close.

LAW 8: Golf balls from the same "sleeve" tend to follow one another, particularly out of bounds or into the water. See LAW 3.

LAW 9 The last three holes of a round will automatically adjust your score to what it really should be.

LAW 10 Golf should be given up at least twice per month.

Thanks to Terry Sweeney



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Coming Events

Board Meeting —Thursday July 12th @6:30 p.m. at the home of .Sue and Roy Ford. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 12, as space is limited.

An Evening in Venice at 'Sharky's on the Pier'—Thursday July 19th at 7pm Details on Page 3

RAYMOND JAMES®

Art Gallery Visit— Tuesday 10th July at 10.30am, A trip for members to the Raymond James art collection in St.Petersburg . There is **no charge** to see a wonderful collection of paintings and sculptures, generally by living American artists.. Some of the featured works include Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, and Salvador Dali. This is a personal narrated 1 hour tour.

On the return journey, for those interested, a lunch at the Moon Under Water, a 'British Colonial Tavern' on St.Pete bayfront. The menu which has been tested by club members, includes British favourites from Bangers & Mash to curries. See www.themoonunderwater.com. The cut-off date is **30th June**, Contact me, Brian Thompson at lakewood2@gmail.com or phone (941)388-8018. I will try to arrange 'car share' from the list of names.



A Tour of the SNN Television Studios and Herald Tribune Newspaper offices—August 16th at 11 am . Details on Page 3



Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

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

Letter from President Sue Ford



Oh, how I love this time of year... when the roads become quiet and there's no waiting 45 minutes for tables in restaurants...when we can enjoy the beach without having to get there before 9:30 am to get parked. To jump in the swimming pool and feel like you are having a warm bath...to look up at the sky and see it mostly clear and blue. I feel so privileged to live here in Florida...it truly is 'Paradise'.

Last month, I'm sure like myself, each of you felt a certain pride in the way the Jubilee was held in Britain. The culture of our people and Island truly showed itself. The Queen and Prince Phillip were as always impeccable. We the Sarasota British Club played our supporting role by uniting the Welsh, Scottish, English and Irish to join together in one place to show our appreciation of our traditions... to those of you that came to celebrate this event held at the Polo Grill, we thank you.

Our other event held in June was, thanks to Gary Lee, a wonderful tour he organized for us to the Mertz, Cook and Asolo theater. After the tour we lunched at the Treviso Restaurant where all 18 of us enjoyed dining and socializing.

We have had another 4 members book this month to join the November cruise that leaves from Miami November 10th. Transport is organized to take us to the port and back. Only 4 months to go.

July 10th; if you are thinking of joining us please RSVP. This event is arranged by Brian Thompson email/phone number on the back of this newsletter. We are off to St Petersburg to the Raymond James Art Gallery. A lunch afterwards at the 'Moon Under Water' British Colonial Tavern on St Pete's Bay front is available.... should you want to join the group.

Last month, Gary Lee wrote how we are in need of members coming forward for the 2013 board. I myself have been a board member for 9 years and served as President for two of those 9 years. Although as Past President I shall still be on the board, but I do hope to

be playing a much smaller role. We need to encourage our younger and newer club members to step forward with active energies to keep the club moving forward. We have major positions in need of filling. If you are interested or need more information as to what being a board member involves, please call either Sue Ford, Doug Schuler, or Gary Lee. All emails and phone numbers are on the back page of this newsletter. We have 189 members and I'm sure there are 7 members willing to enjoy Board membership.

Enjoy your month ahead, hope to see you at the July events or hear from you about coming on the 2013 board.

God Bless

Sue Ford

CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE 2013 BOARD

As we enter the second half of 2012, it's the season to begin assembling a slate of candidates for next year's SBC Board to be elected at our AGM set for mid-October. Our membership is fortunate to boast a wide spectrum of wonderful talents and interests. All organizations stand to benefit and grow stronger by the infusion of new ideas and creative energies brought by members to leadership positions. For the Club, this extends as well to ideas for new and inter-

esting social events and venues that keep members engaged. Do bring your own talents and ideas to the fore by standing for the SBC Board. **The Board positions are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Director, Public Relations Director, Newsletter Editor, Director at Large.** If you are interested in being a candidate for a Board position or want more information, please contact Gary Lee (glee01@verizon.net or 941-706-1172). We look forward to hearing from you.

Precised Minutes Sarasota British Club Board Meeting, from June 14th, 2012

Meeting held at the home of Robert and Shona Burtner. Currently 189 members. Our balance in the treasury is \$7,769.57. Games Night on May 12th, which was a fun night, had an attendance of 34 persons. The Queen's Jubilee on June 2nd at the Polo Grill had approximately 200 in attendance. The Asolo Theatre tour on June 7th had sixteen of us enjoying an informative and interesting tour with a great lunch at the Treviso in the Ringling Visitor's Center. The Raymond James Art Gallery tour on July 10th followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant has twelve persons signed up so far. An evening at Sharkey's on the Pier in Venice, July 19th, has openings available. A brunch planned for August 19th at the University Club at University Park, promises to be a lovely day. A Fish and Chips Night is set for September 15th at Beckham's, a venue that is always a delight for an informal get together. The AGM in October has been booked for the Oriental Buffet in Sarasota. Guy Fawkes Night, always popular, is in the works for November. The November Cruise now has fifteen persons ready to go and have fun. The SBC Christmas Party will take place on December 15th. A New Member's Tea is being planned for August.

Submitted by Mary L. Shelley, recording secretary

Membership News

Thank you to all who have renewed their 2012 memberships. For those of you who received an email/phone call reminder regarding dues and have not renewed this will be your final newsletter. If you overlooked payment, please send in your payment now to avoid being removed from the membership list.

Please email Kath Curtin if you have any questions

at kathrmcurt@msn.com

Please welcome our new members this month:

Paul & Hazel Comerford, George & June Copeland, George & Elaine Cox, Janet Kirby & Ken Nigro, Karen Kobierski, Jim & Ann Saunders

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Death of Member PAT ORCHARD

Pat joined the Club in April 2011. She had lived in Osprey but moved to Wexford Court, Lakewood Ranch. As Pat had been unwell she had not been to recent Club events.

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Locations to Hold Our Events

We put out a call to all members who could offer their clubhouse as a location for a 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 sueford47@yahoo.com with suitable dates and locations. Thank you for your support.



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.



The Club would like to thank the following merchants for their cooperation in spreading the good word about our Club by allowing the *BritClub News* to be distributed in their premises: **Word of Mouth (3), Champions Pub, Tastefully British, 4 & 20 Pasty Company, The Open Pub & Restaurant, The King George Pub, Beckham's, The White Horse Pub, McAllister's, Scot's Corner, British Open Pub & Restaurant of Venice, Bentley's Resort Hotel, Scrambles, Ezpiez, Yellow Strawberry Salon (LWR), Simon's Coffee House and Café Continental Patisserie.**



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 Mary Shelley, her details are on Page 12.

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'.



An Evening in Venice at 'Sharky's on the Pier'

Thursday July 19th at 7pm



When dining at Sharky's...sometime during the evening pause for a moment .. gaze across the blue waters as the evening sunbeams dance across the azure and know this is just where you want to be..savour your food..sip your wine .. and say to yourself ..."This is why we live here" ..for truly we live in a wonderful place And we..The SBC will be dining there on Thursday July 19th at 7pm ..and all are welcome Thursday night is Lobster Night.. Lobster Pots for two are available, each containing a one and quarter pound lobster, same quantity crabs legs + mussels/ clams/shrimps and plenty of veg.. The Main Menu ..which has more choices than you can poke a stick at, is also available with prices to suit all pockets. Afterwards walk across the pier..hold hands and give your loved one a kiss.. stare into the forever..and feel the fleeting touch of youth once more. Lastly the usual word of warning ..If the above romantic scenario for you turns into a real time romance the SBC is not responsible for all the sundry troubles love and romance will certainly get you into. Also there is plenty of parking. As we have to have numbers to give to Sharky's management ..please contact Mary Shelley at dhydrangea1@aol.com or 941 244 2288 the likely numbers of your party as soon as possible as we have an early cut off date Sharky's full address is.. Sharky's on the Pier, 1600 South Harbor Drive Venice 34284

SARASOTA
Herald-Tribune

We are in the News...

A Tour of the SNN Television Studios and Herald Tribune Newspaper offices which are situated on Main Street Sarasota will take place on August 16th at 11 am..The tour will last approximately one hour and will be followed by lunch at a mutually agreed venue on Main Street., those who are overcome with excitement at meeting Justin Mosely will be excused and sent home..



Unfortunately we are limited to only fifteen persons so it will be on a first come first served basis who gets to go..The better news is that more tours are in the pipeline for later in the year..depending upon interest levels..

The Tour is free..The restaurant unlikely to be so.. Please book your reservation by contacting Mary Shelley, SBC secretary by email at dhydrangea1@aol.com..or by calling 941 244 2288

STERLING ON THE MEND

In a month that kicked off with Sterling at a 6 month low, it appears the rate will recover. With a low of 1.5361 on June 2nd the Pound saw its lowest mark since January 2012... The good news, by June 21st we were back to 1.5725 with a high for the month. UK retail sales figures were a big help, rebounding by 1.4% in May to a level of 2.4% higher on the year. Now Sterling will have to contend with the credit rating downgrades for the country's largest bank but this is expected to be muted by the fact that most countries will be dealing with the same issues.

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Laura McLoughlin

On your PC

Have you heard of IPv6 (Internet Protocol Version 6) ? Neither had I until recently. It is the latest version of the internet, launched June 6th 2012, but designed in 1996, that will enable billions of more addresses so that we don't run out of them. We'd have lasted a bit longer with the previous setup (Version 4 not Version 5 as you'd think) but blame all those people with iPads and smart phones who have helped to gobble up the available numbers. (!!) It is rather like telephone numbers in the UK have gone through several incarnations in recent years to accommodate the increase in demand. The good news is that there are now 340 x 10³⁸ IP addresses - trust me that is a BIG number - that will keep us going for a long while!

Tiny URL

If you read PC magazines you may have seen the occasional reference to 'Tiny URL'.

This is a free (and very quick) utility to transform really long web addresses into something more manageable.

For example the web address to view David's Jubilee Party photos is 134 characters long and obviously if it was printed here there would be endless scope for errors if you tried to type it yourself. However, a couple of Tiny URL addresses I have created are:-

<http://tinyurl.com/7zjt9cw> for the Jubilee Party

<http://tinyurl.com/6twjn98> for the Xmas Party

Brian Thompson

Local Press — Did you see?

The Observer carried several photos of the Queen's Jubilee Party at the Polo Grill. Thanks again to David Brading for interrupting his drinking/partying to take the wide range of excellent photos. See above for links to the web site.

JOKE

An 8-year-old girl went to her grandfather, who was working in the yard and asked him, "Grandpa, what is sex?"

The grandfather was surprised that she would ask such a question, but decided that if she's old enough to know to ask the question, then she's old enough to get a straight answer. Steeling himself to leave nothing out, he proceeded to tell her all about human reproduction and the joys and responsibilities.

When he finished explaining, the little girl was looking at him with her mouth hanging open, eyes wide in amazement.

Seeing the look on her face, the grandfather asked her, "Why did you ask this question, honey?"

The little girl replied, "Grandma says that dinner will be ready in just a couple of secs."



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The **BritNews's** American format crossword, solution on Page 8

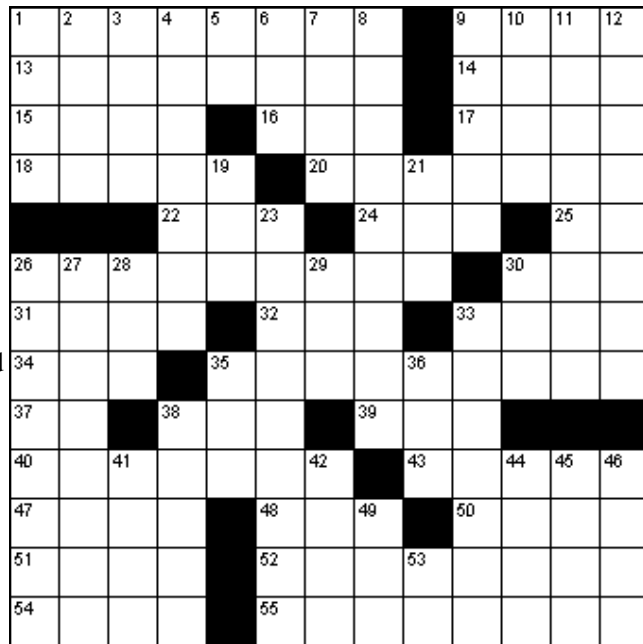
Across

- 1. A UK dialect
- 9. Jab with a knife
- 13. Elation
- 14. Tramp
- 15. Held by skiers so they can be pulled uphill.(1-3)
- 16. To make a mistake
- 17. A republic in the Middle East.
- 18. The largest alpine lake in North America.
- 20. An imposing building.
- 22. A pompous fool
- 24. A part of the Morse code.
- 25. Personal pronoun
- 26. A petty officer on a ship
- 30. Mad Cow Disease
- 31. Chancy.
- 32. Cards or badges
- 33. Linear units of length
- 34. Frequently
- 35. Coal is not this type of fuel.
- 37. To the same degree
- 38. God of the underworld; counterpart of Greek Pluto
- 39. Cunning
- 40. Get a project off the ground.(5, 2)
- 43. (music) with great loudness
- 47. Mentally healthy
- 48. Promissory note
- 50. Conceited
- 51. Highly excited
- 52. Walked unsteadily
- 54. Affirmatives
- 55. Some employees on a sheep farm

Down

- 1. Badger's home
- 2. The largest island in the West Indies
- 3. Also commonly known as moonfish, sunfish and Jerusalem haddock
- 4. Often used to describe a sporty exhaust sound.
- 5. In the direction of
- 6. Wrath
- 7. Male parent of an animal, especially a horse
- 8. Computers' storage media(4,5)
- 9. Move abruptly
- 10. Doughnut shapes in geometry

- 11. Ancient counting machines
- 12. Perennial herb of southeastern United States
- 19. Often used as a suffix to indicate female
- 21. An electrically charged particle
- 23. Bathing costumes
- 26. Test conducted to measure the effects of a substance on a living organism
- 27. Out of the audience's view
- 28. Towards the rear (nautical)
- 29. A rapid bustling commotion
- 30. Insect
- 33. The upper level of a crossing of two highways at different levels
- 35. Be in session, as of courts of law
- 36. Fairy that is somewhat mischievous
- 38. Sediment that has settled at the bottom of a liquid
- 41. Small buffalo of the Celebes having small straight horns
- 42. Friend of Eeyore
- 44. Scarce
- 45. Layer
- 46. Finishes
- 49. A member of the Shoshonean people of Colorado and New Mexico
- 53. British exclamation of gratitude.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Chilled Cucumber Soup

Phew, to quote an old English comedy show, "It ain't half hot Mum!!!" I know it is Florida but it has been rather beastly already. Probably felt it more as we had to put a new air conditioner in, a must in Florida. This recipe is a lovely light soup, we first got into chilled soups on our cruises, but they are a nice treat any time, and they were very popular in the tea room, especially this one.

1-2 large English/
European cucumber,
(the long ones)

1 small onion,
chopped

1 Tbsp vegetable oil
2 1/2 cups chicken
stock

Grated peel and juice
of half a lemon

1 Tbsp fresh dill,
chopped

1/3 cup plain yogurt
(...not fat free, will
make it too watery)

Salt and Pepper

Wash and remove half of the cucumber peel, and chop the cucumber into small pieces, in a large saucepan sauté the onion in the oil until softened. Add the chopped cucumber, chicken stock, lemon peel and juice. Bring to a boil, then cover, lower heat and simmer for 20 minutes. Cool. Blend in a food processor until well pureed. Stir in the dill and



yogurt, and refrigerate until well chilled, at least 5-6 hours. Season with salt and pepper (white if you have it) to taste, and garnish with additional dill.
4 servings

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack food columnist and can be reached



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Jokes

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time.

The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought.

He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years.

After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now - in her 80's - a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

(wait for it)

She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

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An English Eccentric

Lord Bath, Alexander George Thynn, the 7th Marquess of Bath, aka The 'Loins of Longleat' was born on 6th May 1932. See photo on the right.

He lives at the family estate at Longleat in Wiltshire . He has an estimated 75 'wifelets' (at the last count) many of whom live on his estate he and is reported to have found the latest wifelet through the internet.

He is an artist and mural painter. His murals include some with a sexual them on the walls of Longleat, which has added further to his notoriety.

Brian Thompson
Sources: Wikipedia

Solution to crossword from Page 6

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Do you have an idea for an article on a British eccentric? Send your idea or article to the Editor at lakewood2@gmail.com



THE CLUB CELEBRATES THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Some one hundred and fifty members and guests, many sporting red, white and blue and imaginative hats, gathered at the Polo Grill, Lakewood Ranch, to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's sixty years on the throne.

It was an informal gathering and a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy mixing and mingling. We were delighted to welcome many newcomers as well as friends from the Scottish and Welsh Clubs.

The Rev. Capt. John Crisman, Priest in Residence at St. Boniface Church, led us in prayer from the Book of Common Prayer for Her Majesty and a tribute to her service to the Nation and Commonwealth. This was followed by a toast and three cheers!

Nick Friedman of the Sarasota Observer was present and his write-up and photographs appeared in the June 7 issue.

A special thank you to David Brading for his super gallery of photographs a link to which is found on Page 4

Terry Sweeney



Come and Join the Club

The Sarasota British Club (SBC) serves the needs of its membership in the spirit of friendship and mutual support. This includes the planning, developing and overseeing of a social setting where members can meet and exchange interests. The SBC assists British newcomers in settling into the community, and provides British businesses with valuable networking and support. To join, please fill in the information below and send it with your check to: Sarasota British Club, P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276.

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