

## Coming Events

**T**he July SBC Board Meeting will be held at the home of Gary and Jane Lee on Thursday July 11th, 2013 @ 6:30pm. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 3, as space is limited.

**L**unch at the Tandoor Indian restaurant - Friday, July 12  
If anyone would like to join me for lunch at the Tandoor Indian restaurant at 12.30pm on July 12, please let me know so that a place can be saved for you. There is a buffet of several dishes for a set price of \$9.99. I have been there and was very impressed with the choices offered and the price is more than fair. Contact [sueford@janbury.com](mailto:sueford@janbury.com). Do not send any money--you pay on the day. I just need your name to make the booking. The restaurant is in the large shopping center with BJ's, Total Wine, Marshalls, Pei Wei Asian Diner, etc. just off I-75 at University Blvd. The actual address is 8453 Cooper Creek Blvd., University Park, 34201.



**T**iki Bar Night at Bentley's  
1660 S Tamiami Trail, Osprey -- Friday  
July 26th at 6pm

Come along and join us for a fun night out with live music. We will be seating under their outdoor covered patio area. Please let me know your reservation numbers ASAP and your choice from the menu below.

From the GRILLZEBO- \$9.95 Includes 1 draft beer or frozen Margarita/Daiquiri or for \$12.50 add Somersby Cider, 16oz. (Totally British)..

Burger, chips (crisps) and salad bar, chicken in a bun, a special (which varies), pulled pork, chili etc. Salmon burger and various healthy wraps, the salad included is a salad bar. Ploughman's lunch - ham, cheese, salad, fresh bread, Branston pickle and fresh fruit on its own \$9.95, For \$14.00 you can order fish chips and peas which includes 1 draft beer/or frozen Margarita/Daiquiri.

Looking forward to seeing you at Bentley's. Please phone Glenn Stilwell (941)-201-6324, or at [glennstilwell@yahoo.com](mailto:glennstilwell@yahoo.com)

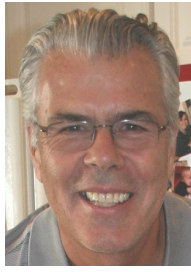
*Bentley's*  
Boutique Hotel



**M**ix and Mingle Bowling Event  
Saturday, August 17, starting promptly with bowling shoes on at 6:00pm at the AMF Gulf Gate Lanes, 7221 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota (south of Clark Rd. on the east side of Rt 41 behind The Outback Steakhouse and Copenhagen Imports; website: [www.amf.com/gulfgatelanes](http://www.amf.com/gulfgatelanes).  
More details see Page 6



## President's Letter



I wonder how we all speak over here in the States? By "we all", I mean us Brits, with most of us having comments from friends when we go back to the UK that we've started to sound like a Yank, or a "Septic" for those of us who gravitate towards London. I find this really funny, as I can hardly believe that I sound anything other than like the Southend boy that I am. Indeed, when people over here ask me where I'm from, I never get away with replying "Alabama", so I know I haven't quite lost the accent just yet.

On the other hand, there is the vexing question of tomato (UK) or tomato (US), along with basil, schedule, vitamins, privacy etc. These are spelled the same but sound like entirely different words over here. In addition, Americans can smash the Brits at Scrabble by ending words that the Brits end with "se" with "ze." And don't get me started on alumin(i)um.

My feeling is that, were I to be living in Paris, I'd have to learn to speak in French, though that is presuming anybody would ever wish to speak to the French in general and the Parisians in particular.

I guess it all comes down to whom you're trying to impress. Back in 2006, when I was a single man living in New York, I met a beautiful Latina, with a Puerto Rican heritage and a Brooklyn attitude. I REALLY wanted to impress her, so started modifying my language in order to be understood. To be fair, she still doesn't understand most of what I say, though there are benefits to that as well, of course.

I don't know about you, but I rarely, if ever, actually notice an American accent any more, which I would imagine is a sign that I've integrated sufficiently into society over here. What I do notice, however, is the famed "can do" attitude of the Americans that shines through even more in these difficult times. Britain seems to be mired in a difficult relationship with its past glories (now being re-written as a murky colonial past) and its new relationship with a Europe that it doesn't really want to be a part of. America is still the cocky, confident nation that has always been so attractive to Brits.

In the end, we're all still Brits, we all sound a little odd to our hosts and we don't really want to lose our accents. Anyway, what matters is what we say and not how we say it. We're always going to be Brits, but I like to think that we absorb some of the positivity of the Americans while retaining the healthy cynicism we were all born with. I think that's a winning combination.

Cheers,

*Steve Adams*

## JOKES

I'll never forget how happy I was when I saw my missus walking down the aisle towards me. My heart was beating fast and the excitement was unbearable.

It seemed to take an age, but eventually there she was, standing beside me. I gave her a cheeky wink and said, "Get that trolley over here love. They're doing 3 cartons of beer for the price of 2."



It appears that another of the BBC's iconic figures from the past is to be the subject of an internal inquiry - yes, Morph was a playdohphile!



## TRULY TOUCHING.

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt bad about this and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I've never seen nothing like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently I'm still lost....it's a man thing.



Every phone call that SeaWorld in Florida receives is recorded for training porpoises!

**Précised Minutes of the Sarasota British Club Board  
Meeting of June 13th, 2013**

**B**ank Balance \$ 8,238.25 / 3 new members in May, 30 families not renewed, will be contacted again to see if wish to renew / Positive feedback from members with newsletters being mailed; need to get any information wanting to be in the newsletter to be to Brian by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month / Website still being updated /Curry night on June 12th well received, will check if members want this to be a regular event / Golf event postponed until November / Discussed purchasing a PA system for the club, will check into cost of renting as needed / 29 attended the Snook Haven boat outing on May 19<sup>th</sup> / Several board and members attended the Memorial Day service in Arcadia for the RAF Pilots in WW2 who died in training / Suggested having an evening at the Sarasota Kennel Club late November /Plans for a Movie night later in the year / Menu chosen for Christmas party, looking for a band / Future events planned include: July 26<sup>th</sup> evening at Bentley's in Osprey, August 24<sup>th</sup> pub night at The British Open, Bowling in August, Trivia Night in September, AGM in October, also Kayaking outing, Guy Fawkes evening in November, Christmas Party December 14<sup>th</sup>. / Discussed assisting members with transporting to events / Name Badges available for members at \$10 each / Next Board meeting to be held July 11<sup>th</sup>, at home of Gary and Jane Lee.

*Sandra F Cherry, Secretary*

**CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR 2014 BOARD**

**I**t's that time of the year again to begin assembling a slate of candidates for next year's SBC Board to be elected at our AGM this autumn. 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 interesting social events and venues that keep members energized and 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, Newsletter Editor, Director at Large (3).** 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.

**BADGES.**

**T**he Club has purchased these attractive badges for the members. They are free! Please ask about them at the next function that you attend.



**2013 Board of Directors**

President:	Steve Adams	580-6458	sha@adamsiac.com
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Newsletter/Website:	B. Thompson	388-8018	lakewood2@gmail.com
Director at Large1:	Jane Hersee-Lee	706-1172	janeherseelee3@verizon.net
Director at Large2:	Mark Malkasian	918-8360	mark@armeng.com
Director at Large3:	Glen Stillwell	201-6324	sstil10289@aol.com
Past President:	Sue Ford	751-3811	sueford@janbury.com

**How hard can it be to write 5 lines of poetry?**

**I**n recent newsletters we have printed extracts from a book of limericks loaned by Pat Mercier. I thought that I'd try to write one with a local flavour along the lines of "There was a young lady from Tampa" etc but found myself rapidly floundering. So how about submitting your attempt?

Email lakewood2@gmail.com

Please 'keep it clean' and see if you can put in something of our area.

There was an old man of St.Pete  
Who I had occasion to meet  
His hair was quite rank  
His clothes really stank  
And just don't mention his feet!

*Brian Thompson*

**JOKE**

A guy stopped at a local gas station, and after filling his tank, he paid the bill and bought a soft drink. He stood by his car to drink his cola and watched a couple of men working along the roadside. One man would dig a hole two or three feet deep and then move on. The other man came along behind him and filled in the hole. While one was digging a new hole, the other was 25 feet behind filling in the hole. The men worked right past the guy with the soft drink and went on down the road. "I can't stand this," said the man tossing the can into a trash container and headed down the road toward the men.



"Hold it, hold it," he said to the men. "Can you tell me what's going on here with all this digging and refilling?" "Well, we work for the government and we're just doing our job," one of the men said."But one of you is digging a hole and the other fills it up. You're not accomplishing anything. Aren't you wasting the taxpayers' money?"

"You don't understand, mister," one of the men said, leaning on his shovel and wiping his brow. "Normally there's three of us: Me, Elmer and Leroy. I dig the hole, Elmer sticks in the tree, and Leroy here puts the dirt back. You see with the government sequestering, they are not buying any more trees, so Elmer's job's been cut ... so now it's just me an' Leroy.



## A Very Pleasant Afternoon at the SBC Tea Dance on June 8

Despite many Club members being away at this time of the year, we had a good turnout for our Afternoon Tea Dance in recognition of the Queen's birthday. Forty-one members and guests turned out for a set tea very nicely presented at the Heritage Oaks Country Club. My special thanks to those members who warmly greeted attendees as they arrived. The room looked both lovely and inviting with its tables of six arranged around the dance floor and allowing splendid views of the Heritage Oaks grounds and all on a weather-perfect June day. Importantly, the room arrangement allowed for easy mingling; and as the music was not loud, conversation was easy. Our extremely mirthful and engaging dance instructor, Dean Abraham, very skillfully had many of us on the floor for short lessons and demonstrated his fine technique, particularly in dancing with Diane Adams, wife of Club President, Steve Adams. Adding to the fun of the afternoon, there were door prizes, dance prizes and a 50/50 raffle. A new member, Jane Jacob, won first prize in the raffle; also there were 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winners. All in all, our Tea Dance was a most enjoyable afternoon.

*Sue Ford*



## SUDOKU

Fill in the grid with numbers 1 to 9, numbers should not be repeated in each horizontal and vertical line or highlighted box of 9. Progressing from very easy to hard. Solutions on Page 7.

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## Transportation to Club Events

**T**he Board has recently designated Mark Malkasian as our Transportation Coordinator to assist those in need of rides to club events. Mark is hoping to create a small pool of member volunteers willing to provide wheels to members. This is a call for volunteers to step forward to help. This also is a call to contact him if you are in need of transport to a particular event. He can be reached by email [mark@armeng.com](mailto:mark@armeng.com) or phone (941-918-8360). Beware! He has a list of all the club members and their zip codes so he's hoping you won't mind, when necessary, if he calls you to ask if you can assist a nearby member in getting to an event you are planning to attend. Thank you.



## Mix and Mingle Bowling Event

**T**his will be a reprise of a fun event held two summers ago but this time with a Mix & Mingle theme instead of couples bowling on the same team. On this go, teams will be established by our Event Coordinator (EC) based on a self-assessment rating provided by each participant. Those who have Never Bowled Before (NBB) are warmly welcome to join in the fun and spirit of team competition. All this is to justify the "really big" menu of prizes to be awarded to each member of the highest scoring team; the high female and male individual game; the highest two-game total; male and female; and highest female and male.

NB. There will be only one award per person.

**When & Where:** Saturday, August 17, 2013 starting promptly with bowling shoes on at 6:00pm at the AMF Gulf Gate Lanes, 7221 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota (south of Clark Rd. on the east side of Rt 41 behind The Outback Steakhouse and Copenhagen Imports; website: [www.amf.com/gulfgatelanes](http://www.amf.com/gulfgatelanes).

We're **shooting** for 10 balanced four-person teams bowling for two hours followed by an optional dinner/awards banquet at the very nearby Beckham's Restaurant (6727 S. Tamiami north of the Lanes) at around 8:30pm. ([www.beckhamsgrill.com](http://www.beckhamsgrill.com))

**Necessary arrival time** is not later than 5:45pm to receive team assignments, have rental shoes on and bowling ball selected and ready for our 6pm start time.

**Reservations** should be sent to Mark Malkasian, EC, preferably by email [mark@armeng.com](mailto:mark@armeng.com). If you wish, you may phone (941) 918-8360 but only by July 12 or after August 3rd.

**Cost** is \$16 per person including shoe rental; dinner is self-pay. Checks payable to the Sarasota British Club should be mailed to our EC, Mark Malkasian, at 678 Crane Prairie Way, Osprey, FL 34229. Per person cost is not reduced if you bring your own bowling shoes and ball.



**Additional Info Required:** In order to establish balanced teams and get us started on time, please include with either your check, email or phone call three pieces of information: first, your personal but critical bowling assessment based on a scale of 1 "NBB"; 2 "Some Experience"; 3 "Not Bad" and 4 I'm Good! Secondly, your shoe size; and lastly, if you will join the gang for dinner and awards at Beckham's.

**Please Note:** Checks and attendance commitments must be received by Friday, August 9th.



## Membership Dues

**M**embers are reminded that membership renewals for the Sarasota British Club were due in April. Annual membership dues are \$25 for single memberships and \$35 for a family. Please make your checks payable to Sarasota British Club; note any change in name, address, telephone number and email and send to:

Linda Polsin

Treasurer, SBC

1582 Pinyon Pine Drive

Sarasota, FL 34240

Note: For those members who joined from January 2013 onwards, your membership renewal will not be due until April 1, 2014.

**Solutions to the Sudoku puzzles from page 5**

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**On your computer**

I have previously mentioned a method to watch UK TV on your computer (live and the IPlayer recordings) using Ex-patsurfer. <https://www.expatsurfer.co.uk/> This has a modest monthly charge. However there is a free method using Ex Pat Shield (see <http://www.expatshield.com/>)

There is a download. I have tried it — and it works. One slight demerit is that it displays ads in the top of the browser (but only while you are connected to the VPN (Virtual Private Network)

If there are other websites that you cannot access from the USA, this claims ‘Get a UK IP and access content available only in UK from anywhere. Ensure complete freedom to access all information and content online.’



The ExPat Surfer logo.



The ExPat Shield logo.



The Summer edition of the ‘Florida Standard’, the online quarterly magazine for Florida expats, is now available at <http://www.thefloridastandard.com/>

*Brian Thompson*

## JOKES

### Duz tha speak Yorkshire?

Police have just released details of a new drug craze that is being carried out in Yorkshire nightclubs. Apparently, Yorkshire club-goers have started injecting Ecstasy just above their front teeth. Police say the dangerous practice is called: "E by gum"

A Yorkshire man takes his cat to the vet.

Yorkshireman: "Ayup, lad, I need to talk to thee about me cat."

Vet: "Is it a tom?"

Yorkshireman: "Nay, I've browt it wi' me."

A Yorkshireman's dog dies and as it was a favourite pet he decides to have a gold statue made by a jeweller to remember the dog by.

Yorkshireman: "Can tha mek us a gold statue of yon dog?"

Jeweller: "D' ya want it 18 carat?"

Yorkshireman: "Naw, I want it chewin' a bone, yer daft bugger!"



My cat was looking hungrily at me this morning as I made the tea. I said, "You'll have to open your own tin - I'm busy!" He said, "Me - 'ow?"

I went to the doctor recently and told him I have problems with my hearing.

He said "What are the symptoms?"

I said "They're those yellow people on TV."

### 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.



# BritClub News



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**B**USINESS 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.



**D**on'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'.

Photos from the Tea Dance have been added.