

## Coming Events

**T**he SBC Board Meeting on Thursday July 10th at the Village des Pins, Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

**L**eBarge Tropical Sunset Cruise, Enjoy a leisurely 2-hour cruise (7-9pm) around inviting Sarasota Bay, a stunning sunset and a close view of some of Sarasota's most impressive homes while enjoying live entertainment featuring Jimmy Buffet type music. Full bar drinks and snacks are available for purchase.

**When:** Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 7-9 pm. Boarding and live entertainment begin one half hour before cruise time.

**Where:** South end of Marina Jack Marina, Downtown Sarasota. Look for vessel with real twin palm trees on top!

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person—**This is a discount of \$3.00 off regular adult fee. Reservations are required no later than July 21 with payment in advance —no exceptions. Also, no refunds made will be available for cancellations after Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> July.** Cruise limited to 50 attendees on a first come, first served basis. Guests of members are welcome.

**Meet at pier no later than 6:15 pm. Note No boarding until the whole group is together.**

Snacks and full bar available. Gratuity will added to final bar/snack bill. No food or drinks are permitted to be brought on board.

In case of inclement weather we are able to reschedule at a later day, or if we cannot reschedule, a full refund will be made.

Reservations to Sandra Cherry, 941-921-3162 or Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com. Please contact Sandra first to see if there is room; cheques will then need to be sent to 5935 Camelot Drive North, Sarasota, Florida, 34233, made out the Sarasota British Club, **no later than July 21<sup>st</sup>.**

This is a relaxing, typical Florida outing, very hokey, lots of fun!! Come in casual garb.

**S**ummer Tea Dance Saturday, 16th August, 3:00-5:30 pm.

Dancin on the Suncoast, 8215 Natures Way, Unit 101, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202\*

Come swing and sway a summer afternoon away and have the chance to pick up a new step or two on the large dance floor and enjoy some demo dancing!

Tea sandwiches, pastries, water and soft drinks provided. Guests are welcome to bring wine, beer and other spirits.

\$15.00-members/\$20-non-members

For reservations, contact Gary Lee (941-706-1172/glee01@verizon.net)

Send checks payable to SBC, c/o Gary A. Lee, 7919 Osprey Hammock CT, Sarasota, FL 34240

\*Directions to Dancin on the Suncoast: Take University P'way east of I-75; take 2<sup>nd</sup> left marked Town Center and proceed about 1.5 miles, turn right on Natures Way and then right into San Marco Plaza. There is ample parking behind the building which faces the clock tower.



## President's Letter

**W**ith its ingrained persistence, time is rushing by and we're now halfway through dear old 2014—just as we were beginning to get accustomed to it. Mid-year is also the time that the call goes out and thought seeds are planted regarding the recruitment of candidates for next year's Board of SBC. To that end, dear members, I direct your kind attention to the notice on page 5 of this newsletter, asking that you give kind consideration to putting your name forward as a candidate for one of the nine elected positions on the 2015 Board. As you know, there is one other position—that of Immediate Past President, which is filled by default—making a total of ten Board positions. These positions and current incumbents are listed in each issue of the newsletter, generally at the bottom of page 3. If you are interested in standing for any of the elected positions and/or would like more information on any position(s), I'd be very pleased to hear from you.



Turning to recent Club social events, the late April outing to Tampa Bay Downs was a splendid afternoon, including exciting horse racing action, a very pleasant lunch and exuberant consideration of betting strategy. Kudos to Sue Ford for spearheading the event. In early May, a group of some 17 current and prospective members enjoyed a splendid afternoon at a picnic on south Lido Key, organized by Jane Thompson. And on May 30, a lively group of 40 members/guests gathered for lunch at The Bangkok restaurant in Sarasota, organized by Sue Ford and Shona Burtner. This was the largest SBC lunch group so far. Then on Saturday, June 14, some 35 members enjoyed a spirited Games Evening, preceded by dinner (fried chicken supplied by the Club; veggies, salads, desserts were pot luck). The locale for this evening of fun was Village des Pins Clubhouse. Jane Jacob organized the event assisted by Shona Burtner, Cath Curtin, and Sandra Cherry. By the time you read this, there will have been a Club lunch on Friday, June 27 organized by Mary and Norman Shelley and set for Carrabba's Italian Grill on Stickney Point Road.

On a more somber note, the Club was well-represented at the annual Memorial Day service at Arcadia to honor 23 RAF trainee pilots and their American instructor, who were killed at nearby Carstrom and Riddle flight schools during WWII. This service is held at the British Plot in Arcadia's Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Finally, I draw your attention to an interesting and amusing piece on the English eccentric Gerald Tyrwhitt-Wilson 14<sup>th</sup> Baron Berner written by a colleague of mine. See page 7.



## SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Kedgerree

**S**ometimes I will succumb to temptation and treat myself to a 'full English' usually on a Sunday, but generally I have been making things like Frittatas as they are so easy. However I also sometimes enjoy doing a nice Kedgerree, a traditional English favourite, which started as a dish in India and brought back by the colonists. Not difficult to make and easily made with the micro-wave. Hope you like my version.



1/2 lb smoked salmon ( or haddock)  
1 1/2 Tbsp butter  
1 hard boiled egg chopped up  
1 1/3 cups cooked long grain rice  
2 Tbsp cream  
1 Tbsp lemon juice  
1 Tbsp chopped parsley  
dash of Tabasco  
1/2 tsp curry powder

Place fish in casserole dish, cover lightly and microwave on high 2-3 minutes until fish is tender. Take out fish, Remove any skin, and flake fish, drain any residual juices from the dish. Place the butter in hot casserole dish and swirl until melted, stir in flaked fish, chopped egg and rice. Microwave 3-4- minutes until rice is hot. Stir in the cream, juice, curry powder and parsley

2-3 servings

(Recipe from Sandra F Cherry, *Union Jack* food columnist, who can be reached at [Yourcup-pateal@yahoo.com](mailto:Yourcup-pateal@yahoo.com). I welcome requests, comments and recipes)

## Transportation to Club Events

The Board has 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.



### SBC Board Meeting Precis

SBC Board Meeting, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

May meeting held at home of Diana and Paul Wilkinson. Meeting originally set for May 15; but due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting rescheduled for 22 May. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$6,848. Membership Secretary continues to monitor renewals and reported that current updated membership is 142. Mark Malkasian reported on the third meeting of the web site subcommittee held on April 24. Board voted to send out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to 8 web site development firms. The April 27<sup>th</sup> Tampa Bay Downs trip was widely deemed to be an excellent afternoon by SBC attendees. Seventeen members/guests attended the Lido Beach picnic on May 7 and enjoyed the afternoon and its perfect weather. A Games Night set for June 14. Club will provide the main entrée, water and sodas; pot luck veggies, salads, desserts by attendees. LeBarge sunset cruise departing from Marina Jacks set for Friday, 25 July. A Tea Dance planned in mid-August at Dancin' on the Suncoast dance studio at Lakewood Ranch. Board agreed to a donation of \$250 at present and leave it to subsequent Boards to make decisions on future donations to the Rotary Club of Arcadia. Next

Board Meeting scheduled for June 12 at home of Jane and Ross Jacobs.

Submitted by Gary A. Lee, President

SBC Board Meeting, June 22, 2014

The June meeting was held at the "Village des Pins" Clubhouse. Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$6773.09, including membership renewals. The Board approved to hire "On Trax" to redesign the website with the recommendations put forward by Mark Malkasian. Recent and upcoming social events were discussed. Lunch at the Bangkok was deemed a success and attracted a crowd of 40 people. A Games Evening planned by Jane Jacobs. She was anticipating around 35-40 attendees. Other upcoming events include a boat trip on Le Barge, a Tea Dance at "Dancin' on the Suncoast" at Lakewood Ranch. The Christmas Party will be held at Heritage Oaks on December 20th. Barry agreed to co-chair the event with Sandra Cherry. Mark Malkasian also offered help as well. In advance of the Board meeting, Terry Sweeney proposed that the Club make a small donation to the Rotary Club of Arcadia in support of their annual RAF memorial service at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia and the caretaking of the RAF plot.

Next meeting will be at Village des Pins, Sarasota on July 10th.

submitted by Barry Evans, 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'.

There are links to Steve Adam's Appalachian Trial too as the précis on Page 4 does not do it justice..



### 2014 Board of Directors

President:	Gary Lee	706-1172	glee01@verizon.net
Vice-President	Sandra Cherry	921-3162	yourcuppateal@yahoo.com
Treasurer:	Mark Malkasian	918-8360	mark@armeng.com
Secretary:	Barry Evans	993-9752	barry.evans@ml.com
Membership Chair:	Paul Wilkinson	410-990-4698	pwilkinson18@comcast.net
Newsletter/Website:	B. Thompson	388-8018	lakewood2@gmail.com
Director at Large1:	Jane Hersee-Lee	706-1172	janeherseelee3@verizon.net
Director at Large2:	Jane Jacobs	847-370-2811	jane60010@yahoo.com
Director at Large3:	Glenn Stilwell	201-6324	sstil10289@aol.com
Past President:	Steve Adams	580-8458	sha@adamsiac.com

## Steve Adams's Appalachian Trial

**2013's** President Steve started hiking the Appalachian Trail on 22nd March as mentioned in the March BritNews.



Some snippets taken from his blog at <http://myappalachiantrial.com>: In May's newsletter we left Steve when his update was at Carver's Gap, near Burnsville, North Carolina. Concern about his weight loss was somewhat alleviated when fellow hikers ran up and down the mountain to fetch pizza for all. Pizza seems to be a recurring meal whenever Steve hits civilization. Other health problems have been bruises from falling, and more seriously cellulitis which caused leg swelling when near Daleville, and a visit to hospital and a flight home for treatment and R & R. The nightly stops vary from sleeping in trail shelters, his tent, hostels or B&B.

As Steve's trail name is 'Mighty Blue' from his support of Southend United, he was pleased to be able to listen to their last game of the season.

Titles for the chapters in the blog show a sense of humour and love of pop music i.e.

'This could be the last time, maybe the last time.....'

'I can see for miles and miles and miles'

'It's a kind of magic'

'Leaving on a jet plane'\*

'Try a little tenderness'\*\*

'Bear Necessities'.

Steve's view of humanity has been enhanced by the generosity of fellow hikers and locals that he has met. For example 'Trail Angels' leave goodies by the trail for the hikers.

\*Connected to his flight home at the end of May.

\*\* The chapter about treatment of his cellulitis.

May 2 – Monday, May 5. Carvers Gap – Hampton, TN Mile 425.6

May 6th – May 8th. Hampton, TN – Damascus, VA Mile 467.4

May 9th – 14th. Damascus, VA – Mile 542.7

May 15th –20th. Marion, VA, Mile 630.8

May 21th – 26th Blacksburg, VA Mile 698.3

May 21th – 26th. VA634, Pearisburg – VA624, Blacksburg, VA Mile 698.3

11 days at home for treatment.

June 6th –7th. North Mtn Trail – US220, Daleville, VA ,Mile 724.0

June 8th – 12th. Daleville, VA , Mile 802.6

June 13th – 15th, Mile 838.7

June 16th -23rd Reid's Gap, Waynesboro, Mile 965.6

Latest — the 1000 mile mark See main photo.

Steve's blog is created using WordPress, free software that you can download from <http://wordpress.org>



Some of the critters that he has encountered.



The Appalachian Trail, about 2200 miles from Springer Mountain to Mount Katahdin in Maine. Source: Wikipedia

**Local book release**

**S**ue Bridgman is a local Sarasota artist/illustrator, originally from London, England. When she first arrived in her Pine Shores neighborhood, she spent many days shaping her wilderness yard into a tropical garden. Buster, the next door dog, would burrow under the fence and sit watching all this activity. He was a gentle Chow mix-breed, and would roam the neighborhood visiting other dogs and the locals. He became the neighborhood dog, much like 'The Tramp' in Disney's "Lady & the Tramp." Everyone loved him, but his best friend was Lucky, whose owners were Sue's friends Carol and Jim. When Buster's owners could no longer take care of Buster, Carol and Jim adopted him, and he finally found the home he loved. When Buster passed away Carol & Sue wanted to tell Buster's story to keep his legacy alive, so consequently Buster's book was born, "When Buster Got Lucky." Written by Carol Woods, and illustrated by Sue Bridgman, this is a charming story of Buster on his daily adventures, suitable for children from 2-10. It has found acclaim with Animal Shelters, Kindergartens, Elementary Schools, and private individuals. It is all locally produced, and has been a satisfying endeavor to capture Buster's loving and adventurous spirit. The book can be ordered through Amazon.com, (\$12.95) or contacting Carol Woods at carolwoods6406@gmail.com.  
**ISBN-10:0578135426**



**CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR 2015 BOARD**

It's that time of year once again to begin assembling a slate of candidates for the 2015 SBC Board that will 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 interests 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 our own talents and ideas to the fore by standing for the SBC Board. The Board elected positions are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Director, Newsletter Editor, and Director at Large (3). 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 look forward to hearing from you.

**Exchange rates (June 27th) from Moneycorp.**

From	To	Rate
 GBP	 USD	1.7032
 EUR	 USD	1.363

**Did you know?**

**T**he 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 that member's life. Please let us know of such events. Contact Sandra Cherry, her details are on Page 3.

## Lido Key Picnic

**I**t was indeed "another day in Paradise" on May 7, where members mixed & mingled at a picnic on South Lido Beach. The location was perfect in allowing us to sit comfortably in the shade, but to be able to enjoy the beauty of Sarasota Bay. Leisurely walks & swimming were enjoyed by the more energetic of the group! Everyone enjoyed the "Pot-luck" lunch & the laughter continued until late afternoon. Same time & place next year anyone?

**Jane Thompson**



## QUOTES

"Heroes may not be braver than anyone else. They're just braver 5 minutes longer."

**Ronald Reagan**

### Mark Twain and others about government

In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a government.

**John Adams**

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.

**Mark Twain**

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of government. But then I repeat myself.

**Mark Twain**

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

**Winston Churchill**

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

**George Bernard Shaw**

Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

**Douglas Casey**, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

**P.J. O'Rourke**, Civil Libertarian

Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavours to live at the expense of everybody else.

**Frederic Bastiat**, French economist(1801-1850)

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

**Will Rogers**

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!

**P.J. O'Rourke**

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.

**Voltaire** (1764)

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!

**Pericles** (430 B.C.)

No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.

**Mark Twain** (1866)

Talk is cheap...except when government does it.

**Anonymous**

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.

**Ronald Reagan**

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.

**Mark Twain**

There is no distinctly Native American criminal class...save government.

**Mark Twain**

What this country needs are more unemployed politicians.

**Edward Langley**, Artist (1928-1995)

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.

**Thomas Jefferson**

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

**Aesop**

*Another Eccentric British Aristocrat*  
Gerald Tyrwhitt-Wilson – Lord Berners  
(1883 – 1950)

**G**erald Tyrwhitt-Wilson, the 14<sup>th</sup> Baron Berners, was a true polymath; he was an accomplished composer, musician, novelist, artist, diplomat, aesthete, bon-vivant, wit and altogether peculiar individual of the first order. As a child, Berners overheard a comment that one could teach a dog to swim by throwing it into water. He then threw his mother's pet dog out a window supposing that it would learn to fly. A predilection for creating inappropriate booby-traps had him sent to boarding school at a young age and he eventually attended Eton, which was typical of many of his social class.



From the National Portrait Gallery

Taking up the respectable profession of a British diplomat before and during the period of the First World War, in his spare time, he composed several successful musical pieces in what was characterized as in a “Modernist” style. He once wrote a series of three funeral marches which he sub-titled “for a statesman, a canary, and a rich aunt”. His flippancy did not amuse some pretentious critics. Stationed in Rome during the war he became friends with Igor Stravinsky and Sergei Diaghilev. Berners wrote several compositions for Diaghilev's ballets and Stravinsky once commented that Berners was the best British composer of his generation.

Berners came into his baronetcy in 1918 upon the death of his uncle. He claimed that he acquired his title when three uncles fell off a bridge at the same time after attending a funeral. Berners was never interested in politics, attending the House of Lords only once and stated he never returned because his umbrella was stolen by a bishop. Enconced at his estate of Faringdon in Oxfordshire, his home, between the two world wars, became a famous (and infamous) social magnet for some of the most talented people of upper-class Britain. In his orbit he entertained Gertrude Stein, Nancy Mitford, the Sitwells, H.G. Wells, Aldous Huxley, Picasso, Dali, and Siegfried Sassoon. On special weekends he entertained “intimate” friends such as Cecil Beaton, Noel Coward, and Andre Gide. In this period, Berners' eccentricities and prankish humor became renowned. He authored a gay roman-a-clef “The Girls of Radcliffe Hall” featuring himself as the Headmistress, and his circle of friends, such as Cecil Beaton and Oliver Messel, as members of the girls school. The book was replete with off-color limericks. The novel caused quite the social stir and Beaton managed to get most copies destroyed, but the composer John Betjeman put his copy in the British Library, thus preserving the work. Later, when word got out that Berners was writing a novel lampooning, among other people, the composer William Walton. Walton

threatened legal action. In response, Berners threatened an injunction to prevent “Walton from ingratiating himself into my novels”.

Berners amused himself by driving around his estate wearing a pig's mask to frighten the locals. He dyed a multitude of estate pigeons bright colors such as pink and blue. He owned a pet giraffe and along with his favorite horse, would have them for tea in the dayroom. On a nearby hill he had built a “folly”, a 100 foot tower in a vaguely Gothic style with the stated purpose “partly to annoy the locals”. He commissioned his friend Lord Wellesley to build the tower, knowing – another story goes – that Wellesley hated this style. Building began when Berners was abroad, and returned to find most of it finished but built in a classical style. He insisted that the remaining section be completed in gothic style, which explains the rather odd mixture that is Folly Tower. He had a sign posted “members of the public committing suicide from this tower do so at their own risk”.

Taking up painting, his works became very collectible and he made a great deal of money from his exhibitions and sales. In the theatre he continued to write musical scores and provide costume designs. He died in 1950, chronically depressed, partially because of the transformed social world due to the upheaval of World War II. His tombstone reads

*“Here lies Lord Berners,  
One of the learners,  
His great love of learning,  
May earn him a burning,  
But, Praise the Lord!  
He seldom was bored”.*

Courtesy of Gary Beaver, The British Players,  
Washington, D.C



**Have you looked at our website recently?**

[www.SarasotaBritishClub.com](http://www.SarasotaBritishClub.com)

On the surface it looks the same, but it has been updated: the latest planned events and newsletters have been added. Please check it out and give your Board some feedback. A sub committee is looking at further improvements.

**I**t is with sadness that we convey the sudden passing of member Jan Smith. Jan's dear friend Sandy Town, joined the club due to his strong connection to Britain & his love of British people. When Jan joined the club they were able to enjoy making new friendships together. Her zest for enjoying life will be missed and our condolences go out to Sandy.

*Brian & Jane Thompson*

## JOKES

Three old men went into the pro shop after playing 18 holes of golf.

The pro asked, "Did you guys have a good game today?"

The first old guy said, "I had the most riders ever. I had five."

The second old guy said, "I had 7 riders, the same as last time."

The last old man said, "I beat my old record. I had 12 riders today."

After they went into the locker room, another golfer who had heard the old guys talking about their game went to the pro and said, "I've been playing golf for a long time and thought I knew all the terminology of the game, but what's a rider?"

The pro said, "A rider is when you hit the ball far enough to actually get in the golf cart and ride to it."



Shirley and Abe, a retired couple from New York City, living in Miami, are getting ready to go out to dinner.

Shirley says, "Abe, darling, do you want me to wear this Chanel suit or the Gucci?"

Abe says, "Do I care?"

A few minutes later Shirley says, "Abe, should I wear my Cartier watch or my Rolex?"

Abe says, "Who cares?"

A few more minutes pass and Shirley says, "Abe, love, shall I wear my five-carat pear diamond ring or my six-carat round diamond ring with the baguettes?"

Abe says, "Shirley, I really don't care what you wear, but if you don't move your butt, we're going to miss the Early Bird Special at McDonalds."



If you really want something in life you have to work for it. Now quiet, they're about to announce the lottery numbers.

*Homer Simpson*

**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](mailto:lakewood2@gmail.com), and we will select one 'Business Glimpse' each month.



# BritClub News



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