

Coming Events

The May SBC Board Meeting will be held at the home of Brian and Jane Thompson on Thursday June 13th, 2013 @ 6:30pm. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 3, as space is limited.

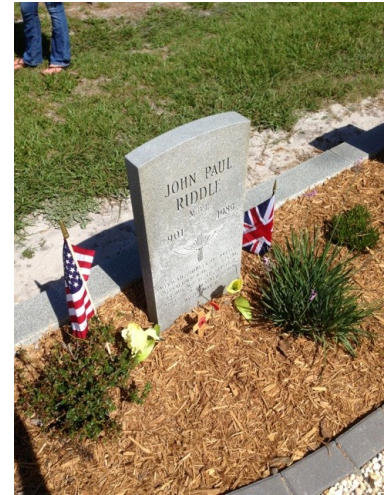
Tea Dance in Celebration of the Queen's Birthday—Saturday, 8th June at the Heritage Oaks Country Club, 3pm-5.30pm. Members - \$20;--non members - \$25. Send checks to SBC Treasurer, 1582 Pinyon Pine Drive, Sarasota FL 34240. For any questions, phone or email Sue Ford (751-3811: sueford@janbury.com) Menu details see Page 4



Golf Day—June 15th
Unfortunately the number of interested members was below the cut-off figure that it was felt was required to make the day a success and the event has been cancelled. It is hoped that a similar event can be arranged later in the year.



ARCADIA—Memorial Day May 27th
Members attended a ceremony to honour the RAF pilots that were killed in WW2 while training nearby..



President's Letter



The long hot days of summer are about to be upon us and I always associate this time with lying on the beach, dozing intermittently, eating and reading books, though not necessarily in that order. It was the same when I was back in the UK, with the intense summer of '76 seared indelibly in my mind as a time of slapping on the Factor 4 Ambre Solaire oil and literally frying on the beach while reading Alistair McClean thrillers and the Jeeves stories. I've always been eclectic in my choice of books and some were chosen to reflect the sheer joy of two weeks on the beach and the luxuriant knowledge that tomorrow isn't a work day.

Of course, things are a little different these days, with the stones of sunny Southend sea front replaced by the silky sand of Holmes Beach (a bit of accidental alliteration there – my old English teacher would be SO proud). However, I remember spending a few days on the beach with my dad in the 80's and he reflected that he was looking at the exact same scene he'd witnessed back in the 1920's. There can't be many things in our lives these days that have given us an uninterrupted scene for over 60 years, but I would imagine that some of the older Holmes Beach residents could say pretty much the same thing. Leaving aside the curse of the dreaded Speedos (hands up those who still wear Speedos), people still wander slowly along the sand in the same way they have always done, holding in their stomachs as they pass a pretty woman.

The beach is a place that provides kids with an unending source of fun and, though I wish parents would try to provide more cover for their offspring, it remains the best place in the world to drag kids away from a screen and lets them indulge in their natural tendency to laugh, swim and play in the sand, as opposed to shooting hordes of zombies and flicking birds from a catapult.

My wife and I now have a day at the beach down to a fine art. She provides all sorts of goodies, while I load up the car with chairs, towels, Kindles (e-books for the uninitiated) and our indispensable 10' by 10' canopy. I lug everything from the car and we set up camp for the day, fussing around until we have our own little spot as far away from anybody as possible. Then we sit, look at each other and say, without words, this is the life. For those of you who have given the beaches a miss in recent years, I can only say that you are missing out on one of nature's most beautiful restoratives and one with which we have, as residents of this wonderful place, been blessed so lavishly. Go on, get down the beach!

Cheers,

Steve Adams



SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Asparagus used to be a real treat to have in England, a lot had to do with it's availability, but now it is grown year round and usually can be found any time of the year. I love any soups, but this has to be one of my favourites, hope you enjoy my version . It can be served hot or chilled



Asparagus Soup

1 lb. Asparagus tips (the stalks can be tough and not blend well)
3 cups chicken stock
1/4 cup butter
2 peeled and chopped shallots
3Tbsp flour
2 cups milk 1/3 cup cream
salt and pepper
1-2 Tbsp. Lemon juice

Wash and trim asparagus, and simmer in the chicken stock until just softened, (need a bit of texture with them). Drain, reserving the stock. Sauté the shallots over medium heat, in the butter until softened (not brown) in a large saucepan, add the flour and stir until smooth. and gradually add the stock stirring all the time to make a smooth sauce (will be thin) Stir in the partially cooked asparagus, salt and pepper and lemon juice, and simmer for about 30 minutes. Allow to cool, then process in batches in processor or blender until smooth. Add the milk and cream

Yield: About 6 servings

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack food columnist, who can be reached at Yourcupatea1@yahoo.com)



**Précised Minutes of the Sarasota British Club Board
Meeting of May 9th, 2013**

Treasury Balance of \$8,754.91 / Current membership listings at 274. Paul Wilkinson approved by board to assume Treasurer position / Brian is working with member John Drinkell for the printing of the newsletter, which will still be available on line, Discussion on making up flyers to distribute at local British affiliated businesses/ Web Master still working on updating the Web site, has had a lot of work in changing, no completion date yet/ Christmas Party committee will be working on plans, will be on December 14th at Heritage Oaks/ Tampa Bay Downs outing on April 21st, was very popular / Golf Day planned for June 15th will be re-scheduled / Tea Dance to honour the Queen's Birthday on June 8th, discussed inviting the Welsh and other Scottish clubs also / Film Night plans will be rescheduled showing old British comedies to be planned for July/August / Lapel pins with the UK and USA flags on will be distributed to members / Suggestions for upcoming events included Indian Curry night, Restaurant venue for August / Quiz Night, AGM in October/November; other suggestions included Sarasota Greyhound races, plays at The Players theatre, Fund raiser ideas , Kayaking, visiting a bird sanctuary, Le Barge outing on Sarasota Bay, a trip to St Petersburg to include visits to the Salvador Dali and Chihuly glass museums. / Several Board members will attend the annual Memorial Day service in Arcadia to honour the RAF pilots training there in WW2 who died in training . Next Board meeting scheduled for June 13th, at Brian and Jane Thompson's home.

Sandra F Cherry, Secretary

Tampa Bay Downs

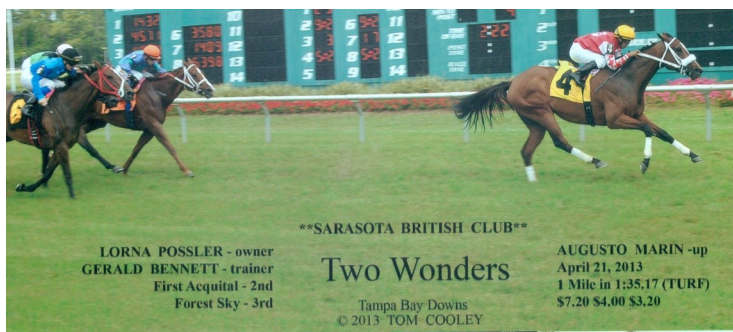
Below: Sandra Cherry, Steve Adams, Linda Polsin and Jane Hersee-Lee with Augusto Marin, the rider of the 'Sarasota British Club's race on Saturday May 4th. .



We had another great day at the races, with 51 Brits either taking a coach, or travelling under their own steam, to Tampa Bay Downs on April 21. Funnily enough, the Tampa Bay Brits had also decided to invade at the same time, so we were surrounded by even more accents than normal.

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I made what can only be described as a schoolboy error by extending what was last year's sweepstake on my table to the entire gathering. I went to the front of the bus and explained how the game worked.

I had printed out the runners and riders and I asked everybody to identify the horse they wanted to back in each race. At that point, they needed to identify themselves on the sheet I had prepared, then notate their choice with its number in each race.

Apparently, when I handed the sheet to the couple in the front of the bus, Sue and Roy Ford looked at each other and, with a look that must have said something like, "he's no idea how badly this is going to work." You would have thought I'd asked everybody to come up with a new method of splitting the atom.

The journey to Tampa was about 90 minutes and I had naively presumed I'd have everybody done and dusted by the time we pulled into the car park, yet when I retrieved the sheet from row 4 of the bus, it was clear that some frantic work needed to be done. From then on, it was a race against time and, frankly, like pulling teeth.

The responses were varied, from the extreme of a very helpful Bob Burtner saying number 5 for every race, to somebody who persisted in giving me just the name to every horse as opposed to the number.

By the time she gave me the name to her fifth horse, I was ready to stab myself in the eyes with a fork.

Unfortunately, Presidents aren't supposed to do that, so I smiled weakly and asked her again, "and the number?" "Oh, you want the number?" she responded. Awesome, in the truest sense.

I can report that the pot was shared by David Farrell and Rhona Scott and that we all had a blast, yet again. Thanks to Sue for getting the day together and, while I intend to do the sweepstake again next year, I'm open to suggestions of an easier way to do it. Perhaps I can send out sheets in early January.....

Steve Adams.

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Queen Elizabeth the 2nd Birthday Tea Dance
June 8, 2013
3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
\$20 members/ \$25 non members

Cucumber and Kerry Gold Butter on White Bread

Smoked Salmon and Kerry Gold Butter on Wheat Bread
 Horseradish on the side

Watercress and Egg Salad (Hard Cooked Eggs with a little
 Mayonnaise)

Chicken Salad Vol-au-Vents

Fresh Baked Assorted Scones

Bakewell Tarts

Victoria Sponge Cake

Eccles Cake

Whipped Kerry Gold Butter, Clotted Cream,
 Strawberry and Blackberry Jams

Coffee and Tea



A Touching Golf Story

Dave stood over his tee shot on the 450 yard 18th hole for what seemed an eternity. He waggled, looked up, looked down, waggled again, but didn't start his back swing. Finally his exasperated partner Ray asked, 'What the heck is taking so long?' 'My wife is watching me from the clubhouse balcony,' Dave explained. 'I want to make a perfect shot.' His companion Ray said, 'You don't have a chance in hell of hitting her from here.'

CURRENCY	HIGH	LOW
GBPUSD	1.5570	1.5113

Market Update from MONEYPORP MAY 1ST TO DATE: - POUND SHOWS SIGNS OF LIFE

The British Pound jumped to a two month high against the US Dollar on the back of news that the UK had managed to avoid dropping back into recession in the first quarter of this year. Whilst a modest 0.3% growth was achieved in Q1, this was stronger than the 0.1% expected. If the UK had fallen back into recession it would have been the third time in the last five years. The news is also likely to diminish the chances of the Bank of England increasing its level of quantitative easing.

In the short term the Pound will look to regain some of its losses against the Dollar and the Euro from the early part of this year. The Pound has by far been the worst performing major currency of 2013, whilst investors in the currency will be hoping that the small boost it received this week will help kick start it.

While the UK shows a small sign of growth in the first quarter this year, the US economy also expanded. Commerce Department figures show that the US economy grew 2.5% in Q1. Consumer spending, the driving force behind the economy, rose 3.2%, which is the sharpest gain for over two years, however part of the increase was due to higher oil prices.

The housing market also gave the economy a lift again. Spending on home construction surged 12.6%, following gains of nearly 18% and 14% in the prior two periods.

However, government spending fell 4.1%, mainly due to further large cuts in federal defense spending. Further broad government spending cuts are expected to weigh on the economy for the remainder of the year, whilst higher taxes have started to make some consumers and business slightly cautious.

Economists remain positive on the US economic outlook for the rest of the year. But whilst any growth is always welcome, many see that with the pace of growth starting out strong in Q1, it may weaken and will be hard to sustain throughout the remainder of 2013.

Some economists predict the Euro area's economy to shrink 0.7% this year. It's also expected that the European Central bank will be cutting interest rates again in the near future. ECB President Mario Draghi recently explained that the economic situation in the Euro area hasn't improved since the Central bank's last policy meeting on April 4th. The ECB's benchmark rate is currently 0.75%

Helping to Bring Members to Club Events

It has come to our attention that we have some Club members who would very much enjoy attending our events, but they either do not drive at night or do not drive at all. For those members who do drive and are willing to car pool at any time, please email Sue Ford (sueford@janbury.com) or Steve Adams (sha@adamsiac.com) so a list can be made up of potential volunteer drivers. If we have a member unable to attend a particular Club event because they don't drive or haven't a car, we will then contact the nearest person who has offered his or her help to bring along this member to enjoy our social function. In anticipation of your help, we thank you very much.



On your computer

Florida Department of Financial Services
at <https://www.fltreasurehunt.org/>

Check for Your Unclaimed Property before the Statewide Auction on June 8

More than 76,000 items, including jewelry, watches, and rare coins, will be auctioned.

Florida Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater has asked Floridians to check for unclaimed property prior to his Bureau of Unclaimed Property's statewide auction, an annual sale of unclaimed safe deposit box contents turned over to the state. The auction, which is open to the public, will be held June 8 in Tampa at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

"I encourage all Floridians to visit FLTreasureHunt.org and see what property they may have waiting," said CFO Atwater. "I am proud of the employees who work hard to return millions in unclaimed property every year. It is my goal to raise awareness about the program so that every last dime is returned to its rightful owner."

Recommended by at least one of our members who recovered money owing from 2005.



JOKE

Why Italian Fathers and Grandfathers pass their handguns down through the family.

An old Italian man is dying. He calls his grandson to his bedside, Guido, I wan' you lissina me.

I wan' you to take-a my chrome plated .38 revolver so you will always remember me."

"But grandpa, I really don't like guns.. How about you leave me your Rolex watch instead?"

"You lissina me, boy. Somma day you gonna be runna da business, you gonna have a beautiful wife, lotsa money, a big-a home and maybe a couple of bambinos. "

"Somma day you gonna come-a home and maybe finda you wife inna bed with another man.

"Whatta you gonna do then? Pointa to you watch and say, 'times up' "?"

Membership Dues

Members 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.

Snook Haven

Thanks to Mark Malkasian for this photo of the Snook Haven trip on May 19th showing most of the 29 members on the trip.

Technical note: This was two photos merged using free software,

Brian Thompson



The Shelley's Grand Tour..

We have recently returned from our annual dash across the Atlantic to visit the Motherland ..So I decided a report back was in order..who we saw and who we kept out of the way of..and all the rest of the rambles usually crammed onto a post card for the edification of family..friends and relatives you don't really want to write to but do so anyway..So ..here goes.. We flew out of Tampa..made London in one piece ..caught a train to Manchester to meet up with our friends Mary and Richard in Manchester..then straight off to the match..into the upstairs dining room..things have change since the Bovril and Pie days..as have prices...Meeting Colin Bell one of the best players ever to grace a footie pitch....and old time manager Tony Book ...We dined then watched the match in which City played just OK but won anyway.. unlike the Cup Final of which no more will be said..

Then it was Oxford after Manchester..and it was cold.. it is a strange looking place with all the buildings constructed of huge square sandstone blocks..everything in the city is square..very square ..a cross between George Orwell's 1984 and Harry Potter..very strange..We went around Christchurch college and Balliol..they let the rubberneckers in to help pay the bills..there is an interesting bit of history about Christchurch college..In the dim and distant past there was a woman called Frideswipe ..who became the local saint as people with strange names had a tendency to do..who before she became a professional virgin was an actual one..who was ..apparently..lusted after by a local King..anyways where ever she went..he and his lustful intentions followed..Frideswipe eventually took refuge in a forest ..spending long hours on her hands and knees..Praying..as one would ..and it would seem her prayers were answered..for ..as is recorded ..God struck this fellow blind..much to the aforementioned soon to be Saintess's relief..his thoughts on the matter of being without sight and still being assailed with lustful thoughts about Frideswipe went unrecorded. It makes you wonder what these religious types are actually asking for when they are deep in conversation with their invisible friend.

We paid a visit to Stratford, one time home of the creator of all the misery of English Lit examinations..Willie Shakespeare..there is not much there relating to him, but we did get to visit his spouse's house..namely Anne Hathaway's cottage..A woman was giving a talk on the customs of the day and how to bake bread..which sound amazingly dull, but was in fact fascinating mainly due to her story telling ability..the high point being that many a bread baker was burnt to death in the kitchen due to sparks from the oven setting her dress on fire ..this was aided by the fact that the ties at the back of the dress had, in the months she had been wearing it, it had become knotted so tightly that it was impossible to undo and discard quickly ..the answer was to have a scullery maid on hand with a sharp knife to cut it off the soon-to-be-incinerated-if-the-maid-took-her-time ..cook..A better answer may have been to wash occasionally and change clothing more than once a year..but we are getting ahead of ourselves.

Then on to my adopted home town of Exeter..I really like this place..We met up with Richard an expert on fish.. brilliant on a JCB and a thoroughly good dining companion..the fact that he paid for the meal has nothing to do with my opinion..I cannot be bought ..integrity is everything..oh..all right then ..He's rubbish on a JCB..there....I suppose I shall have to buy my own meals in future....Later that day..A Fish and Chip supper with Mike..a Liverpool supporter whose ancestor was the famous Regency miniature portrait painter Richard Cosway..A gay cross dressing fellow whom Wikipedia describes as looking like a effeminate monkey..the last thirty years of Cosway's life was spent with what is kindly described as mental problems ..which may go some way to explain his descendent Mike's love of Liverpool Football Club.. I know..it takes all sorts...also present was the lovely Elise who is far smarter than any of us..and savvy enough to keep her family's skeletons locked away..and that finished off the day..then onto London..there must be a billion people there at anyone time..where this population explosion is going to end is unclear..but it's going to end in tears that is for sure..we fought our way through the crowds..and went to see "Chorus Line"at the Palladium..It was quite good though a little too much navel gazing on the hardships actors have to go through to get even a part in the chorus line..but it finished on a high..and that was the visit over..well nearly..we had a plane to catch and the usual layer upon layer of officialdom to wade through ..it gets worse every time you go to an airport.

I have included a couple of pictures of us at City's ground plus one that defies description ..The Marmite Truck..I would not have believed it myself if I had not caught it on camera..

Norman Shelley



Norman and Mary



Norman at the Manchester City ground.

Letter to the Club thanking us for our donation to the 'Paws for Patriots'.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

April 9, 2013

The Sarasota British Club
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Dear Friends,

Did you know that the modern military salute is said to originate from knights in the Middle Ages? Knights greeted each other by raising their visors to show their faces as friend, not foe, and the tipping hand motion evolved to a salute.

Here's a "salute" to you for your generous donation of \$1,500 in support of Southeastern Guide Dogs' Paws for Patriots program!

Since creating Paws for Patriots in 2006, Southeastern Guide Dogs has placed more than 90 extraordinary dogs with veterans and military hospitals. And backed by people like you, our guide, service and therapy dogs are providing invaluable service to veterans across the country, whether visually impaired, suffering from Post Traumatic Stress, or recovering in a military hospital.

We consider it an honor and a privilege to offer our services at no charge, and your partnership means that we can continue to do so. After the sacrifices our veterans have made for us, it's the least we can do for them!

You can't put a price on freedom. And you certainly can't put a price on hope or confidence. Yet, your contribution helps fund all of these.

On behalf of the veterans we so proudly serve, thank you for your support.

Warm regards,

Titus Herman
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Chief Executive Officer



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JOKES

My dad worked on the roadworks for twenty years before he got fired for theft.
At first I didn't believe it.... but when I got home all the signs were there.



A Jewish grandmother is giving directions to her grown grandson who is coming to visit with his wife.

"You come to the front door of the apartment. I am in apartment 301 .

There is a big panel at the front door. With your elbow, push button 301.

I will buzz you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with your elbow, push 3.

When you get out, I'm on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell."

"Grandma, that sounds easy, but, why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?

"What You're coming empty handed?"

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.



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'.

Additional photos from Arcadia have been added

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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