



# Brit Club News

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

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## Coming Events

**The SBC Board Meeting will be held on Thursday November 10th** at the Village des Pins clubhouse, 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

### Guy Fawkes Annual Celebration

Sunday November 6th, and we will reprise our annual celebration of the dastardly event with hot dogs and baked potatoes at sunset on Siesta Beach.



### Walk to end Alzheimer's

We will be fielding a team to raise donations in a walk to cure Alzheimer's Disease on the morning of November 12 at Benderson Park.



If you wish to join us, please let Paul Wilkinson know – [pwilkinson18@comcast.net](mailto:pwilkinson18@comcast.net)

**Christmas Party** on December 10th. Details on Pages 5 and 7.



**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'.



Locally

**The Annual Thanksgiving 6-a-side Cricket Tournament** at Parry Field, University Parkway, Lakewood Ranch. The ground is 4 miles east of Interstate 75's Junction 213. From 9am on 25th and 26th November.

See <https://sarasotacricket.org/>



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- Guy Fawkes Party on November 6
- Sponsored Walk on November 12 to end Alzheimer's Disease
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- Christmas Party December 10th

## President's letter – November 2016

**B**y the time you read this the election furor will be almost over and perhaps things will return to normal. At each debate I have been reminded of my mother's entreaties to "play nice" and I sincerely hope that when the dust settles, so too, will the acrimony.

Our winter snowbirds are arriving for the Season and we look forward to upcoming events – *Guy Fawkes* on Sunday November 6, and our annual *Christmas Party* on December 10. Our monthly lunch will close out on October 28 with a private lunch at *Miguels* on Siesta Key. There will be no lunches in November and December as other events as the Holidays will take precedence.

November 12 sees the sponsored walk in aid of the *Alzheimer's Association*. We have raised over \$800 so far towards our goal of \$1,000. Please support your team and make a donation by clicking [Paul's Alzheimer Page](#)

Apologies for miscommunication regarding the *Le Barge* trip. It turned out that they were closed for renovations, and when they reopened we could not make a date that worked. We will try again in the New Year.

Finally, many thanks to this year's hard-working Board, most of whom are staying on for next year. Special thanks to Maggie Hughes, who is retiring as Treasurer in order to get some round-the-world travels under her belt!

*Paul Wilkinson*

### Annual General Meeting

On October 12, 45 members met at the Lakeshore Village Clubhouse to elect the 2017 Board members. In addition to a fine 'Pot Luck' dinner, we were treated to a reprise of the Quiz Night ably hosted by Sharon and Ivan Gould. Questions taxed the teams as we tried to remember what year the movie Titanic was a hit, and put names to unfamiliar logos. The Board was ratified unanimously as follows;

President – Jane Jacobs

Vice President – Gary Lee

Treasurer – Paul Wilkinson

Secretary – Sally Scott

Membership – Ivan Gould

Newsletter – Brian Thompson

Web page liaison – Mark Malkasian

At Large – Diana Wilkinson, Sharon Gould, Sandra Cherry



## CHRISTMAS PARTY - RAFFLE BASKETS

*Dear Members: Last year we had some beautiful gifts because of your support and were able to raise funds for the Club.*

*If you could help us again by casting your eyes around to see if you personally have any unwanted items in your home for raffle baskets, or if you are out shopping, anything you might wish to donate.*

*Your assistance and support are so appreciated.*



### **Precis of October Board Meeting.**

Bank balance as of 10/13/16 is \$5364.50. Membership stands at 175, 150 families and 25 single. 25 members enjoyed afternoon tea at The British Corner Shop on 9/23. Next lunch at Miguel's on 10/28. Beckham's was to have been the location but reports on the food at the new location were very disappointing. Le Barge trip is postponed until (Spring) 2017. Christmas Party reservations are coming in. 10 members have signed up (so far) for the Alzheimer's Walk on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Guy Fawkes night is November 6<sup>th</sup> at the usual place on Siesta Beach. Discussed AGM on October 22 and e-blast will be send confirming date, time and location.



### **Quote**

"A moment of anger can destroy a lifetime of work, whereas a moment of love can break barriers that took a lifetime to build."

— Leon Brown

## A 20th Century Confucious might have said:-

OK to let a fool kiss you,  
But not OK to let a kiss fool you.

Better to lose a lover  
Than love a loser.

Man with broken condom  
Often called Daddy

Drunken man's words  
Often sober man's thoughts.

Much better to want the mate you do not have  
Than to have the mate you do not want.

Man who run in front of car get tired.  
Man who run behind car get exhausted.

Man who jump off cliff  
Jump to conclusion

When called an idiot, better to be quiet  
Than open mouth and remove all doubt

Man who drive like hell  
Bound to get there

--Man who pushes piano down mineshaft  
Get tone of A flat miner



## ENGLISH ECCENTRIC

**R**ay Hudson (born Gateshead 24th March 1955)

If you have watched Spanish football matches on the beIN TV channel you will have probably heard the English commentator Ray Hudson. His enthusiasm bubbles over with expressions like:-

“slipperier than an eel covered in Vaseline”

“..defence stretched like Spandex on Miami Beach”

“cooler than Hendrix at Woodstock”

“The defence was missing like the kids in the ‘Blair Witch Project”

“Cool as a bomb disposal expert”



## US Connection

He played for Newcastle United then moved to the US and played for various teams, including Fort Lauderdale Strikers and Tampa Bay Rowdies in Florida, for about 15 years. He was head coach for Miami Fusion then DC United. After being replaced he began commentating. He is co-host on ‘The Football Show’ from 7-9am ET on Sirius XM Radio and the centerpiece is the monthly ‘Hudson’s Howlers’, featuring his most outrageous comments. Including "There’s a lot of talent on this team, and I’m talking Anna Nicole Smith type of talent!", his comment on taking over coaching of DC United. Hudson's commentating style, which consists of metaphors and excited, romanticized descriptions (e.g., "magisteerial") of players and goals, has earned him both praise and ridicule.

Source: Wikipedia

**R**eminder The Club’s website [www.sarasotabritishclub.com](http://www.sarasotabritishclub.com) is our primary means of attracting potential new members. We look to current members to be our ambassadors familiar with our message and sharing it with those who might be interested in joining. Thank you.

Under ‘Events’ on the menu you can find the current newsletter and the newsletter archive.

## Club Photos

In BritNews I provided links to on-line albums of photos from Club events . Most of these were my Picasa albums. On May 1st we were informed that Google has migrated to Google Photos. This means that those original links will no longer work. I'm gradually adding more links to this list. Note that apart from downloading individual photos at (hopefully) a good resolution, you can download the whole album. Click on the 3 vertical dots in the top right corner and select 'Download all'. To select one or more photos, click on the top left corner of each photo so you see a check mark, then when you click on the 3 vertical dots, the option to 'Download' will be just for those choices.

### Afternoon Tea on 23rd Sept 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/htw7k7b>

### Ladies' Evening March 2011

<https://goo.gl/photos/hc7gM8675VHYH9Uw8>

### February 2016 mini-golf

<http://tinyurl.com/jkzhxpz>

### Guy Fawkes 2012

<https://goo.gl/photos/C2NDPEZ9fUzeJSoq7>

### 2012 Xmas Party

<https://goo.gl/photos/qFgBMgw7iCJLUgTV7>

### 2013 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/jsuyk6d>

### 2014 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/jsuyk6d>

### 2015 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/jjq33xf>

### Historic Spanish Point 2013

<http://tinyurl.com/zanc42g>

Please let me know if any of the links fail and if you can add more albums to the list.

If you have taken Club event photos in the past, are they in an online account that you can share?

**Brian Thompson** [lakewood2@gmail.com](mailto:lakewood2@gmail.com)



## Exchange Rate on 26th October :Moneycorp.com

From	To	Rate
 GBP	 USD	1.2215
 EUR	 USD	1.0923

## At Election Time (OH NO!)

If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates.

Jay Leno

The problem with political jokes is they get elected.

Henry Cate, VII

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

Aesop

If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these State of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven.

Will Rogers

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.

Nikita Khrushchev

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it.

Clarence Darrow

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.

John Quinton

Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.

Author unknown

Politics is supposed to be the second-oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.

Ronald Reagan

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other.

Oscar Ameringer

I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them.

Adlai Stevenson, 1952

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.

Tex Guinan

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Oaks  
(flyer on Page 7)

*H*ard to think of Christmas when we are sweltering in 90 degree temps, apparently we are now officially in Fall. Still, none of us moved to Florida for the cold weather! We are looking forward to another great event this year but we cannot do it without your help. Last year we were fortunate to have a wonderful array of gift baskets and we are hoping for the same (or better) this year.



We have changed the menu a little for 2016; we hope members find turkey a nice Christmassy option. The dessert sounds a little odd but we are assured by Greg Hurst the Catering Manager (and an Irishman) that this new creation by Chef Matt is absolutely outstanding.

Unfortunately, we were recently informed Heritage Oaks has instituted a Room Rental Fee. The good news is the new fee is \$7.00 per head but since we are 'regulars' we have been able to negotiate that down to \$3.00 per head.

If you would to donate to our raffle, please contact:

Jane Jacobs [jane60010@yahoo.com](mailto:jane60010@yahoo.com) or 847-370-2811  
Maggie Hughes [mvhughes50@gmail.com](mailto:mvhughes50@gmail.com) or 941-264-6803

Email is always the preferred method of communication.

And there's more—submitted by Mark Malkasian.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you ... but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.  
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism.  
To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says,  
"In case of emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor."
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.



### Paraprosdokians.

*O*ne or more sentences that end in an unexpected way.  
(Winston Churchill loved them).

Here's a fine example: "The car stopped on a dime—which unfortunately was in a pedestrian's pocket." Bet you never saw that coming.

(Neither did the pedestrian.)

**Brian Thompson**

Club Member John Drinkell of the UPS Store at 5020 Clark Rd, Sarasota, FL 34233 prints and mails newsletters.



Thanks to Doug Schuler for the photos from the Afternoon Tea.

For more photos of this event and others see the links on Page 4.





Sarasota British Club  
2016 Christmas Party



Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>. 6-10 PM at  
Heritage Oaks Country Club  
4800 Chase Oaks Drive, Sarasota FL 34241

**MENU**

**Salad:**

Poached Pear and Gorgonzola Salad with Candied Pecans  
Baby mixed greens and port wine and pear vinaigrette

**Entrée Choices—Please select One:**

Slow Roasted Turkey Breast  
Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Country Style Green Beans and Turkey Gravy

**OR**

Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef  
Dauphinoise Potatoes, Fresh Asparagus and Horseradish Sauce

**Dessert**

Warm Carrot Cake, Orange-Goat Cheese Ice Cream,  
Ginger Shortbread and Carrot Caramel (new chef creation)

Rolls and butter. Tea and Coffee

\*\*Vegetarian option available upon request

**MEMBERS: \$45.00    GUESTS: \$55.00**

Reservation Form

Please mail with payment to Sarasota British Club, PO Box 21063, Sarasota FL 34276  
Deadline for Booking is December 1<sup>st</sup>. (all payments must be received by that date)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member or guest</u>	<u>Entrée Choice (beef, Turkey, Veg**)</u>

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those you would like to sit with (if possible)  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Sarasota British Club name badges

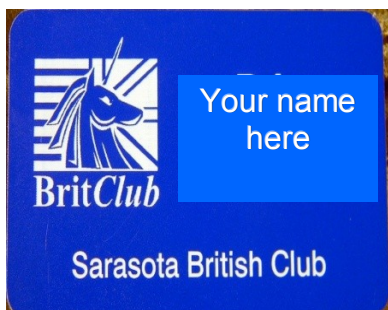
Please obtain Club badges directly from:  
Sarasota Trophy 6601 Superior Ave, Sarasota  
FL 34231. 921-4339.

\$8 + tax for badge with magnet = \$8.56

\$6 + tax for badge with pin (without magnet) = \$6.42.

Badges can be collected in person

(M - F 8.30 - 5 or Sat 9 - 12) or shipped to home for  
\$3.75.



## Quotes

"You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up  
for something, sometime in your life."

— Winston Churchill



## Beautiful English

I called an old school friend and asked what was he doing. He replied that he is working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment".

I was impressed.....

On further enquiring I learnt that he was washing dishes with hot water.....under his wife's supervision.

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