



BritClub News

October, 2013

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Coming Events

The Octoberber SBC Board Meeting will be held at the home of Sandra Cherry on Thursday October 10th, 2013 @ 6:30pm.

Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 3, as space is limited.

Lunch at MacAllisters Grill and Tavern, Main Street, Lakewood Ranch on Friday, October 25th at 12.30 p.m. Please RSVP to Sue Ford: sueford@janbury.com or 941-751-3811. For menu and prices, see www.macallisters.com.

Come celebrate Sarasota British Club's 13th birthday on Sunday October 13.



Event: Cocktail Party.

Venue: Polo Grill Lakewood Ranch - we can mix and mingle in the lounge/bar area which provides inside seating and a covered/non-covered area outside. The manager said he can accommodate any number and he can section off areas so that we are together in the same way as for the Queen's Jubilee event last year.

Polo Grill Bar 10670 Boardwalk Loop LWR 34202. At the corner of LWR Blvd & Main St 782-0899

Time: Happy Hour 5.30 - 7pm. (PLEASE NOTE 5.30 START AS POLO GRILL DOES NOT OPEN UNTIL 5.30 ON SUNDAYS).

Cost:

Drinks- Happy Hour Prices - \$2.50 Polo lagers, \$3.50 house wines, \$4.50 well martinis.

Food -\$5 appetizers - pushcart beef samosas; minced chicken & lettuce cups; frito mixto (shrimp, scallops, calamari); duck cashew spring rolls.\$10 hand crafted pizzas - add toppings for \$1.25, \$10 trio of sliders - Vietnamese banh mi; fish filet, Rosa's Farms beef.

If desired following the event, more substantial meals are available to order at the Polo Grill or there are several other restaurants available within walking distance - American/Scottish; Italian; Japanese; French; Pincher's Crab Shack; Fast & Fresh. Also, there are many other restaurants available 2 miles away at Cooper's Creek Boulevard, just off University Parkway west of I75.

Members & guests welcome but reservations must be made by Sunday Oct 6, to enable extra staff to be available if necessary.

Can members please wear their badges.

Please call Jane Thompson with your reservation on 388-8018 or lakewood2@gmail.com

Kayak Outing on Little Sarasota Bay 8.30am for 9am start on Saturday October 26th.

\$25 each, contact Mark Malkasian, more details on Page 6. As of mid- September only one double and five single kayaks remain available for booking by October 19.

Guy Fawkes Party on November 2nd—See Page 8.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Saturday November 16th. At Lakeshore Village Club House Beginning at 6:30 pm, the business part of this evening, which is free to all, is to elect the SBC Board for 2014. Following the AGM, the Club will provide a catered meal. Members are invited to stay at no charge. Non-members will be asked to pay \$12.00. The Club will also provide water and soft drinks. Please bring your own wine and beer.

See candidates for the Board on Page 8.

Christmas Party—Saturday December 14th at the Heritage Oaks Country Club, Cost \$40 Members - \$50 Non-Members.

For the menu and more details see Page 4.

Please fill in the slip on Page 5 with your names, guests and menu choices.

Have you looked at our website recently?

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 feedback.

President's Letter

A number of us had a great evening recently at Soma Creekside in Bradenton, with your President responsible for the evening's entertainment in the form of a bunch of meaningless trivia questions. I split the questions into, first, a sheet of pictures of people when they were younger, second, some intros to well-known songs from half a century ago, which appeared to frustrate and amuse people in equal measure and, last, 20 general questions of things that people either knew, didn't know, or couldn't care less about.

What got to me while preparing for this was the necessary delving into the past to come up with pictures and music that would tickle a long-forgotten memory and resonate sufficiently to elicit a response through the foggy mists of time.

You will notice that my picture this month is of a scrubbed clean, normally snotty-nosed, kid who turned out to be me in the trivia pictures. I was variously identified last Saturday as Mickey Rooney and Ricky Gervais and feel appropriately offended by both. However, that picture brings to my mind the day itself, in Autumn 1957, and the wonderful pictures of my mother, my father and my two brothers that survive to this day. Unfortunately, neither of my parents, nor my older brother are still here to share those pictures and only my younger brother and I are still here to share the memories.

I can even remember the rather natty sailor embroidered on my breast pocket, You can't see it in the picture, which I guess is a good thing, though I can see it in my minds eye as I write.

Music, particularly, has always taken me back to when and where I heard it and the time in my life that is associated with that particular song.

The song intros that I chose were framed from that year of 1957 until 1974, an era of great music and wonderful musicians. There was some Motown that evoked memories of hearing "This Old Heart of Mine" by the Isley Brothers for the first time, as well as "Magic Moments" by Perry Como that was a staple of the Home Service on a Sunday Morning (was it Housewives Choice?).

I'm sure that we all have music intertwined in our lives at times of love, of fear and of friendship, with The Beatles, The Stones and The Who tussling with Barry White, Al Green and Marvin Gaye to mark these moments for me.

It is only when I consciously look through the collection of music available to me (which is fairly ubiquitous in this digital age), that I take the time to relive some of those moments and think to myself how great it was to hear that song for the very first time. Without wishing to sound too much like my Dad, I hope that kids today are able to experience that delicious frisson that we've all felt over our lives. If they don't, then we've



certainly lost something of importance, not least the context in which we can recall our lives.

Cheers,
Steve Adams



SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

(Apologies for incorrect measurement for last month's recipe, should have been 1 1/2 lb of potatoes)

Apples should be well in season now, and I used to love toffee apples....but not the US soft toffee kind, I like the hard crunch outside with the crisp apple inside, fun to make!!

Scots Corner and Public carry the Lyles (*used to be Tate & Lyles*) golden syrup which make all the difference.

Toffee Apples

1 lb light brown sugar
1/2 cup water
2 Tbs Lyles Golden Syrup
1/8 tsp cream of tartar
2 Tbsp vinegar
4 Tbsp butter (*not margarine, or it won't set*)
8 medium sized apples



Dissolve the sugar and water in a large heavy saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly. Add the syrup, cream of tartar and vinegar. Boil three minutes, stirring. Add the butter, small pieces at a time and stir in. Boil 1 minutes stirring frequently, until it reaches the hard crack stage, Or 290 degrees on a candy thermometer. Insert a wooden stick into the centre of the washed and dried apples, and dip quickly into the toffee mixture so the whole apple is covered, Place on a well greased baking sheet and leave to set and harden.

(Recipe from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack Food Columnist)



BADGES.

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



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.



One of our board members, of English-Armenian ancestry, thought both kin-sides would relate to this poem authored by Mr. Bob Johnson, a resident of The Windsor at Lakewood Ranch.

Brussel Sprouts

The Armenians and brussel sprouts
Are forever entwined
In my taste buds, my psyche
And recesses of my mind.
I remember when mother served
Me my first brussel sprout,
A mushy, bitter vegetable
I could easily live without.

2013 Board of Directors

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Past President:	Sue Ford	751-3811

But they are full of vitamins,
Folic acid and stuff like that.
So I was forced to eat them
Though I'd sooner eat the cat.
I recall mother saying as she
Watched me grimace and fume
That a million Armenians were
Starving, so finish your legumes!

I failed to see how I could help
By eating brussel sprouts,
And even though my mother insisted,
I was beginning to have my doubts.
She also said Armenia was in a
Drought to end all droughts.
Another Armenian disaster I mused,
That meant more brussel sprouts!

I told Mother at dinner time
That I would be willing to share
All my brussel sprouts with those
Armenians in despair.
She thought that this was laudable
But saw through my pretense,
So I tried feeding them to the
Dog who growled in self defense.

I'm sorry for the Armenians
Who went to bed hungry at night.
If I'd had my druthers they could
Have all my sprouts out right.
I had a satisfying dream of
Sitting in the pilot's seat,
Jettisoning my brussel sprouts
For the Armenians to eat.

I'm living now at The Windsor,
My home away from home,
Still thinking about those poor
Armenians as I pen this poem.
Life has been good to me here,
I've had very few downs and outs
Except for dinner the other night
When we were served brussel sprouts!

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Sarasota British Club Christmas Party
Heritage Oak Country Club



400 Chase Oaks Drive, Sarasota, FL
December 14th, 2013 - 6.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
Cost: \$40.00 Members - \$50.00 Non Members

Menu Choice

Jubilee Salad

Poached Pear and Gorgonzola Salad with Candied Pecans
Baby Mixed Greens and Port Wine & Pear Vinaigrette

Choose One of the Two Following Entrees

Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef with
Baked Potato and Fresh Vegetable Medley

Or

Char Grilled Atlantic Salmon
Macajre Potatoes Cake, Fennel & Cherry Tomatoes

Dessert

Classic Bread Pudding with Sauce Anglais or Vanilla Ice Cream

Coffee.
Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

Reservation Form

All payments to be sent to 'Sarasota British Club', PO Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276
Please return slip with payments

Deadline for bookings is 11th December (all payments to be received by this date)



FULL NAME

MEMBER OR GUEST

CHOICE OF ENTRÉE

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Names of those you would like to sit with _____

JOKE

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, British scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the British, in the weeks that followed, an American archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story published in the New York Times:

"American archaeologists, finding traces of 250-year-old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network 50 years earlier than the British".

One week later, Australia's Northern Territory News reported the following:

"After digging as deep as 30 feet in his backyard in Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, Bruce Johnson, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing.

Bruce has therefore concluded that 250 years ago, Australia had already gone wireless."

LIMERICKS

There was a young Naples lass
Who messed around in class
Her teacher said "Stop It!
Or you will surely cop it
With my cane upon your ***

There was a young man from Osprey
Who whistled both night and day
It is said his best tune
Was 'Au clair de la lune'
Followed by 'Maggie May'

Brian Thompson

Transportation to Club Events

The 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 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.



Kayaking on the Bay

The Bay beckons adventurous souls for a three-hour jaunt on the low seas! Our excursion begins at the water's end of Vamo Drive, a RIGHT turn nine-tenths of a mile down Vamo Road from its intersection with RT 41 and Beneva Road. You will be met by our professional guide John Sarkozy, who has many years of experience running local kayak trips under the auspices of the American Littoral Society <http://littoralsociety.org> and our Event Coordinator, Mark Malkasian. Please arrive by 8:30am on Saturday, October 26, 2013 with launching planned for 9am.

The route will take us at its furthest point to Palmer Point Park, normally only accessible by boat or foot, on the southern end of Siesta Key <http://www.discovernaturalsarasota.org/listing/palmer-point-park-siesta-key>. In addition to our visit to the park, there will be upwards of two stops – usually one at Bay Preserve in Osprey where there are rest rooms – during the round trip. Our return to launch point should be approximately at noon.

John provides all the necessary equipment and safety gear and especially welcomes first time kayakers on his silent seas adventures. In a matter of minutes he'll have you quite comfortable on the water. He can accommodate up to 11 paddlers in single kayaks and two-somes in up to three double kayaks or 17 guests in total.

Fees are \$25 per person, \$5 if you are a member of ALS or \$5 if you bring your own kayak. Recommended personal items are: a sun hat, plenty of water, sunscreen, quick-dry clothing and shoes that you don't mind getting wet. John usually has granola bars for the Park stop.

Après-kayaking we will adjourn for lunch at a nearby eatery most likely on Rt 41.

Checks payable to the Sarasota British Club and your lunch suggestions if you wish to offer same should be sent to Mark at 678 Crane Prairie Way, Osprey, FL 34229. For more info and insights feel free to call him at (941) 918-8360. Please note checks and participation commitments are due by Saturday, October 19. This cut-off date allows Mark time to coordinate carpool arrangements since parking at the launch-head is quite limited.

Club Sports Report – RE: Saturday Night Bowling Party

A Mix and Mingle Bowling Party was held on August 17th with 15 avid participants vying for \$160 in restaurant gift certificates. With so much at stake, the Event Coordinator established four competitive teams based not on couples but via a self-assessment rating provided by each bowler. After two hours of heavy ball heaving official scores were tallied for two strings resulting in the “Bowling Stones” with a score of 790 winning the team prize by a semi-slim 35-pin margin over the “Ebowla Flus”. The “Gutter Displays” made a furious challenge with 723 pins followed by a “gutty” performance by the “Splits Happen” coming in with a run of 692. An après bowling awards banquet was held at Beckham's on the Trail Bar and Grille. Each of the four “Stonees” and the highest single game and highest individual average, female and male, were gift winners. We even had a First Time Bowler awardee.

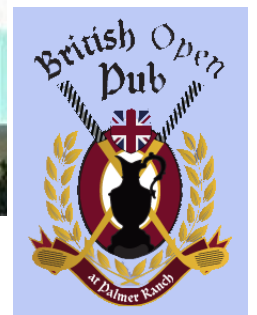
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Your Board will appreciate member support of our sponsors.

Mark Malkasian 8/19/13

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WHAT THE BRITISH SAY	WHAT THE BRITISH MEAN	WHAT FOREIGNERS UNDERSTAND
I hear what you say	I disagree and do not want to discuss it further	He accepts my point of view
With the greatest respect	You are an idiot	He is listening to me
That's not bad	That's good	That's poor
That is a very brave proposal	You are insane	He thinks I have courage
Quite good	A bit disappointing	Quite good
I would suggest	Do it or be prepared to justify yourself	Think about the idea, but do what you like
Oh, incidentally/ by the way	The primary purpose of our discussion is	That is not very important
I was a bit disappointed that	I am annoyed that	It doesn't really matter
Very interesting	That is clearly nonsense	They are impressed
I'll bear it in mind	I've forgotten it already	They will probably do it
I'm sure it's my fault	It's your fault	Why do they think it was their fault?
You must come for dinner	It's not an invitation, I'm just being polite	I will get an invitation soon
I almost agree	I don't agree at all	He's not far from agreement
I only have a few minor comments	Please rewrite completely	He has found a few typos
Could we consider some other options	I don't like your idea	They have not yet decided

Precis of Sarasota British Club Board Minutes; September 2013:

Bank Balance \$ 8,008,37 / Currently 163 members (70 families and 23 singles) / Website now updated, will ask members for their feedback/ Articles and ideas for the newsletter need to be submitted to Brian Thompson by the 20th of the month/ Bowling night was enjoyed by those attending/ Pub night on 8/24 enjoyed by 35 members/ Monthly luncheons enjoyed and the board agreed to continuing/ / Trivia night Sept 14th, at the Soma Creekside restaurant at the new Riverfront park in Bradenton/ Guy Fawkes night scheduled for November 2nd at Oscar Sherer Park/ AGM to be November 16th, will be a Games night and catered at no charge to members/ Christmas party plans coming along well/ Cocktail party scheduled for October 13th at the Polo Club, which will be 13th anniversary of the club's start/ Still need nominees for 2014 Board, particularly President position./ Next Board meeting scheduled Oct 10th at the home of Sandra Cherry (*Due to space limitations not open to general membership*)/

Thanks expressed to Paul and Diane Wilkinson for hosting the Board meeting/ Name badges available at the Trophy Shop in Gulf Gate/

Sandra F Cherry, Secretary

Letter from Spain

More than a few of you may have been to Spain but as I have spent a month there recently I thought I would add my perspective as I was working in Valencia.
The Economy.

A lot has been said in the news from Europe about the financial crisis and unemployment. Around the city there were beggars and people bedded down in doorways, but you can also see that in Sarasota. I haven't yet seen in Sarasota, old women beggars of (apparently) 80 plus years or people roaming the streets pulling a small cart, stopping at large trash bins and deftly checking them for retrievable items.

It was very noticeable that there was a lot of graffiti. Perhaps it is a side effect of a poor economy, inevitably there is less money available for a cleanup.

The Weather

Similar temperatures to Sarasota but without rain,so the reduced humidity made it pleasant to stroll almost at any time of day. For better or worse there would be no snowbirds if Florida experienced the same weather!

The Lifestyle

I love my (generally) retired Florida lifestyle but I also like the cafe-style I saw in Spain. There were thousands of people dining outside until after midnight and, unlike Florida, dining often didn't start until 9pm. To me the downside was that the reason al fresco dining is SO popular, is because cigarette smoking is prolific and is not permitted inside. Normally I was the only person eating inside the restaurant.

Brian Thompson



**REMEMBER, REMEMBER
THE FIFTH OF
NOVEMBER!**

In honour of the traditional Guy Fawkes' celebrations, the Club will hold an informal fire and hot dog event on Saturday evening, November 2.



We will meet at 5.30 pm until dark at
**Oscar Scherer State Park
1843 S. Tamiami Trail
Osprey, Florida 34229**

The park entrance is on the East side of Rte 41, 2 ½ miles south of the Osprey Walmart.

There is a charge of \$5 per person to cover the cost of hot dogs and light refreshments provided by the club. There is also a \$5 per vehicle fee to enter the state park.


Please contact Diana Wilkinson to confirm numbers attending, so that we can cater accordingly. Her number is 410 990 4698, or dwilkinson18@comcast.net

**PROPOSED MEMBERS OF THE 2014 SBC
BOARD**

President: Gary Lee
Vice-President: Sandra Cherry
Treasurer: Mark Malkasian
Secretary: Diana Bradfield
Membership Director: Paul Wilkinson
Newsletter Editor & Website: Brian Thompson
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Director-at-Large: Jane Jacobs
Director-at-Large: Jane Hersee-Lee
Director-at-Large: Glenn Stilwell

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'.



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