



# Brit Club News

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

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## Coming Events

**T**he SBC Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th April** at the Village des Pins clubhouse, 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

**T**ampa Bay Downs Horse Racing in April

Sunday April 2, 2017

\$50.00 per person for Champagne Brunch and transportation .

Steve Adams has once again volunteered to arrange the trip. Please contact Steve for questions or reservations [sha@adamsiac.com](mailto:sha@adamsiac.com) or 941-524-9410

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## **S**ecret Life of Bees

No, not the movie but...Ever wonder what goes on in a beehive or how that sweet taste of honey occurs? Learn more about the art and science of beekeeping. Come and join us for a presentation by our own Doug Schuler who will explore the fascinating world of bees and what it takes to keep that honey coming. After the presentation we will serve light refreshments. Reservations required. Call Jean Malkasian 941-918-8360 or [jeanmalk@icloud.com](mailto:jeanmalk@icloud.com) Save the date: **Friday June 9th @ 2:30 p.m.** The Clubhouse, Pinewoods/Village des Pins 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota



## Elsewhere

**T**o keep up to date on other activities and events throughout the local British community please visit the Links Page of our own website <http://www.sarasotabritishclub.com/links>

Recent posts of the Club's Facebook page.

- Live BBC News video.
- Photos from the LeBarge trip.
- British Life in to '40s to '80s video.
- 100 year old video of London.
- U.S. News & World Report has named Sarasota No. 21 on its ranking of best places to live in the U.S. And best in Florida

## Coming Events

- Tampa Bay Downs on April 2nd
- Talk on bees by Doug Schuler on June 9th

## President's Letter



I All,

Well it is that time of year again, Spring Break. While we have to appreciate all the visitors donate pretty well to our economy, it is not fun for us 'locals' trying to get into a restaurant or even get around at this time of year. Oh well, it will be the middle of the steamy, quieter summer before we know it.



Have a Happy Easter.

*Jane Jacobs*



### Quote

“Some quit due to slow progress. Never grasping the fact that slow progress is progress.”

— Unknown



Not too much from me this month as I returned from my vacation in the antipodes a couple of days ago and it will take a bit of time for my mind and body to be in the same place at the same time! It was wonderful to see so many of my family members but as we all know saying goodbye is the hardest thing.



## PRÉCIS OF MARCH 9, 2017 BOARD MEETING

The bank balance as of February 28, 2017 was \$5,702.11. The number of members has risen to 202 (174 family and 28 singles).

I was not here for the March Board Meeting but from the minutes I am happy to report our membership has now passed the 200 mark to 202, 174 family memberships and 28 single.

I also see our Tampa Bay Downs trip is once again sold out and has a waiting list. We have been discussing some interesting events for the next few months so keep reading the newsletter.

You may wonder why you are getting e-blasts of events sponsored by other local clubs and organizations. The Board decided a while ago to limit our newsletter to promoting only Sarasota British Club sponsored events; however, since there are some events taking place locally that SBC members may be interested in attending, we agreed to send the information to our members via e-blast. We have very few members without an email address so an e-blast is an effective method of communication. When you send your membership check please remember to let the Club know of any change of address or email or other details.

**Christmas Party** - Tony and Tasha were considered a great success at the New President's party and they have therefore been hired for the Christmas Party this year. The **Le Barge cruise** March 22nd and the **Racing Day at Tampa Bay Downs** on 2nd April have been sold out. A bee talk by **Doug Schuler** is tentatively scheduled for June 9th at 2:30. More information will be forthcoming. A **luncheon at Miguels** on March 24th is in the works; Paul Wilkinson has 21 people signed up - he needs another 20 or so. Discussion is to take place at the April meeting regarding upcoming events in 2017 based on the results of the survey taken by **Sharon Gould**.

The next meeting of the Board will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, 13th April at Village des Pins Clubhouse.

Submitted by *Sally Scott*



### Quote

“Perseverance is a great element of success. If you only knock long enough and loud enough at the gate, you are sure to wake up somebody.”

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Another reminder that we are anxiously seeking a **NEWSLETTER EDITOR for 2018**. Brian Thompson has done the job so well for many years but is now due a well earned sabbatical. Please contact me or any board member if you would be willing to join our Board and take on this very important position. The newsletter is our lifeline and we need help to maintain it.

## Club Photos

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.

### President's Party 2017

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### Christmas Party 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/zevh25g>

### Christmas 2016 Charity Donation

<http://tinyurl.com/jsjeepg>

### Walk to end Alzheimer's November 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/jt2b97e>

### Guy Fawkes 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/hefcj3n>

### Miguel's October 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/zhtt5oy>

### Visit to Van Wezel—May 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/hkxj4xb>

### Afternoon Tea on 23rd Sept 2016

<http://tinyurl.com/htw7k7b>

### Ladies' Evening March 2011

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

### Royal Wedding Party May 2011

<http://tinyurl.com/z7fl7or>

### February 2016 mini-golf

<http://tinyurl.com/jkzhxpz>

### Guy Fawkes 2012

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### 2012 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/jbep48m>

### 2013 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/zky3ba8>

### 2014 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/zqjgn3u>

### 2015 Xmas Party

<http://tinyurl.com/j79pb2u>

### Historic Spanish Point 2013

<http://tinyurl.com/jd5q4x4>

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)



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

**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.



‘Thank You’ letter from All Faiths Food Bank for the Club’s donation at Christmas.



February 6, 2017

Jane Jacobs, President  
Sarasota British Club  
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Dear Ms. Jacobs and Friends,

On behalf of All Faiths Food Bank, our partners, and the recipients of more than 7.1 million meals we serve each year, I want to personally thank you for supporting the cause of ending hunger in our community. Your gift of \$750.00, which was received on December 31, 2016, will be used to provide healthy solutions to end hunger in our community. Through your generosity, you are contributing nutritious food for families who, without your help, might otherwise go hungry.

Many people can’t imagine what it must be like not knowing where their next meal will come from, but that is the reality for far too many families in Sarasota and Desoto Counties. Your contribution serves as a reminder that abundance is often found in providing for those who may not have enough. Thank you for understanding that it is through a willingness to share our own blessings that we can positively impact another person’s life.

I thank you, most personally, for choosing to support our programs. I hope you will visit us, in person or at our website, and see the power of your gift in action.

You can be certain that your support helps to put food on the table for thousands of families who might otherwise go hungry. Your compassionate gift provides a family in need with a holiday meal.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Sandra Frank, J.D.  
Chief Executive Officer

## JOKES

A man walked into the produce section of his local ALDI supermarket and asked to buy half a head of lettuce.

The boy working in that department told him that they only sold whole heads of lettuce.

The man was insistent that the boy ask the manager about the matter.

Walking into the back room, the boy said to the manager, "Some old buzzard outside wants to buy half a head of lettuce."

As he finished his sentence, he turned around to find that the man had followed and was standing right behind him, so the boy quickly added, "and this gentleman kindly offered to buy the other half."

The manager approved the deal and the man went on his way.

Later, the manager said to the boy; "I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier, we like people who can think on their feet here, where are you from son?"

"New Zealand, sir," the boy replied.

"Why did you leave New Zealand?" The manager asked.

The boy said, "Sir, there's nothing but prostitutes and rugby players there."

"Is that right?" replied the manager, "My wife is from New Zealand!"

"Really?" replied the boy, "Who did she play for?"



## Way Down South in Dixie

### Georgia

The owner of a golf course in Georgia was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help.

He called her into his office and said, "Y'all graduated from the University of Georgia and I need some help.

If I wuz to give yew \$20,000, minus 14%, how much would you take off?"

The secretary thought a moment, and then replied, "Everthang but my earrings."

### Louisiana

A senior citizen in Louisiana was overheard saying ... "When the end of the world comes, I hope to be in Louisiana."

When asked why, he replied, "I'd rather be in Louisiana 'cause everythang happens in Louisiana 20 years later than in the rest of the world."



### Mississippi

The young man from Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!"

Bubba replied, "Did y'all see who it was?"

The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number."

### North Carolina

A man in North Carolina had a flat tire, pulled off on the side of the road, and proceeded

to put a bouquet of flowers in front of the car and one

behind it. Then he got back in the car to wait.

A passerby studied the scene as he drove by, and was so curious he turned around and went back. He asked the fellow what the problem was.

The man replied, "I got a flat tahr."

The passerby asked, "But what's with the flowers?"

The man responded, "When you break down they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back.

I never did understand it neither."

### Tennessee

A Tennessee State trooper pulled over a pickup on I-24.

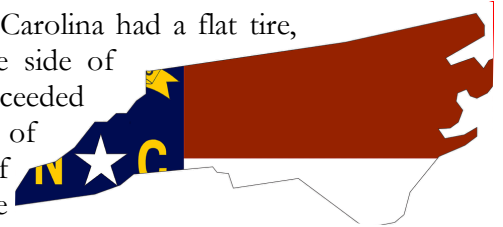
The trooper asked, "Got any ID?"

The driver replied, "Bout whut?"

### Texas

The Sheriff pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his pick-up into the ditch. The Sheriff asked, "Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head."

"Yep," he replied. "That's why I'm dumpin' it here, 'cause it says: 'Fine For Dumping Garbage.'"



## Quotes

"One important key to success is self-confidence. An important key to self-confidence is preparation."

— Arthur Ashe

"I'd rather attempt to do something great and fail than to attempt to do nothing and succeed."

— Robert H. Schuller

## JOKES

### My Favourite Animal

Our teacher asked what my favourite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken."

She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed.

My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favourite animal.

I told my dad what happened and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much.

I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef.

Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office.

I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favourite live animal was.

I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the principal's office.

He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous military person I admired most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders."

Guess where I am now...



So this cannibal with a really bad bellyache comes into the witch doctor's hut for diagnosis and remedy. He is moaning, and holding his engorged belly as the witch doctor studies him, pokes here and there, and asks a routine question: "Who have you eaten lately?"

"I don't know who he was," he managed to cry out with effort between moans.

"Describe him to me," the witch doctor said.

"He was short and fat and baldheaded except for a rim of hair like a wreath."

The witch doctor's eyes widened. And he followed up with, "And ... how was this bald man dressed?"

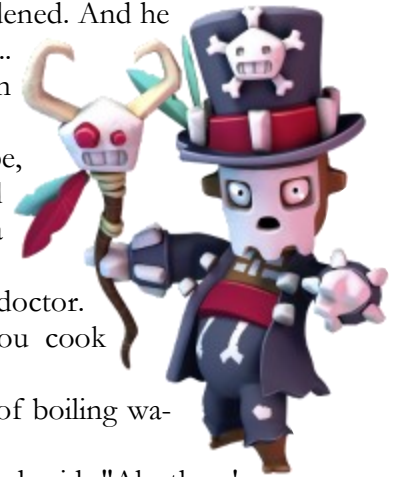
"He wore a brown robe, with a white rope tied around it, and from that a cross of sticks."

"I see," said the witch doctor.

"Now tell me, how did you cook him?"

"As always. In a large pot of boiling water."

The witch doctor smiled and said, "Ah, there's your mistake! -- He was a friar."





Friday lunch at Miguel's on Siesta Key. Thanks to Doug Schuler for the photos.

## Sarasota British Club name badges

**P**lease 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.



**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'.



## Exchange Rates from Moneycorp.com On March 27th

From	To	Rate
GBP	USD	1.2590
EUR	USD	1.0877

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