



BritClub News

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Coming Events

The **SBC Board Meeting** will be held on Thursday August 14th at the Village des Pins, 7964 Timberwood Circle Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

Summer 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 2nd 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.



The August luncheon is on Wednesday 27th August at noon. Louies Modern, 1289 Palm Ave, Sarasota, FL 34236. This fantastic restaurant has a contemporary feel with a great menu for all tastes. There is free parking garage adjoining the restaurant.

Please call Barry Evans 941-993-9752 or email barry.evans@ml.com ASAP, as space is limited.



For your 2015 diary



Members have been invited to **The Thistle Ball** Caledonian Club of Florida West

(Traditional Scottish dinner dance)

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Laurel Oak Country Club (one mile east of I-75, Bee Ridge Exit)

5:30-10:00pm

\$55 per person plus cash bar

Contact Roberta Hamilton, bande5@comcast.net

President's Letter



I have just learned that long-time U.S. residents Sandra and Glenn Stillwell became U.S. citizens on June 27 at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office in Tampa. The Stillwells came to the U.S. from England some years ago and resided in California before moving to the Sarasota area. Their grown children are still in California. Congratulations, Sandra and Glenn.

I'm also pleased to announce that a new web site for the SBC is under development that will be very user friendly with many new features and improved graphics. But first a bit of background: earlier this year, the Board formed a subcommittee to undertake an in-depth review of our web-site and to identify primary problem areas and recommend improvements to content, format, maintenance, etc. The subcommittee members are Mark and Jean Malkasian (Jean was then serving as well as Acting Secretary), Paul Wilkinson and Brian Thompson. I am an ex-officio member of the subcommittee. After many hours spent by the subcommittee on the issues, recommendations were discussed with the Board and requests for proposals were sent out to several software firms. It boiled down to our choosing a local firm (OnTrax Solutions) at a very attractive price. OnTrax has designed very successful web sites for several other local groups. Watch this space for additional information on the new web site.

On another issue, the Club has made a donation of \$250 to The Rotary Club of Arcadia to aid in their fine work in helping to organize the annual Memorial Day Service at the British Plot in Arcadia's Oak Ridge Cemetery. The service honors the 23 RAF pilots in training and their American instructor who were killed at nearby Carlstrom and Riddle flight schools during WWII. The Sarasota British Club is always well represented at this service each Memorial Day.

To close this month's letter, here are some tried and true words of wisdom I recently came across in some old collection of sayings that I'd like to share:

Never underestimate the power of simple courtesy
Make decisions based on the whole picture
Politeness costs nothing and gains everything
Behavior is a mirror in which everyone shows his image
Knowing your faults is a strength
If you want a friend, you will have to be one
Put your mind in gear before you put your tongue in action
Be curious and ask why a lot

You have two ears and one mouth: use them in proportion
Anger is a brief madness, but it can do damage that lasts forever

Time is more precious than things

Find out what you do best and stick with it

Sometimes not getting what you want is a stroke of good luck

Retiring means enjoying a second childhood

Do not expect children to listen to your advice and ignore your examples

Recognize the difference between the great and small things in life

When you realize you've made a mistake, try to correct it

Be open to new ideas

Courtesy costs nothing and is contagious

You always find time to do the things you really want to do



SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Nobody really wants a complicated recipe this time of the year, so here is a silly huge recipe that can be made well ahead!!! (One I found in my odd collection of recipes and books!)



Elephant Stew

1 medium size elephant

2 rabbits (optional)

Salt and pepper



Cut elephant into small bite-size pieces. Add enough brown gravy to cover. Salt and pepper to taste. Cook over a kerosene fire about 4 weeks at 465F. Serves 3,800 people.

If more are expected, 2 rabbits may be added. Do this only in an emergency as most people do not like hare in their stew!!!

(Recipe from Sandra F. Cherry, *Union Jack* food columnist, who can be reached at Yourcuppateal@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 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

July 7th, 2014

The July meeting was held at the "Village des Pins" Clubhouse. Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$6113.46, including membership renewals and revenue from the Games night. Membership is currently 158. The Board approved the website contract with "On Trax". Recent and upcoming social events were discussed. Lunch at Carabba's attracted 25 people. Games Evening was a success. Upcoming is Le Barge trip and a Tea Dance at "Dancin' on the Suncoast" at Lakewood Ranch. The Christmas Party will be held at Heritage Oaks on December 20th and recommendations for the evening were discussed.

Next meeting will be at Village des Pins, Sarasota on August 14th.

Submitted by Barry Evans, Secretary

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SUDOKU

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Steve Adams's Appalachian Trial

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



With friends who went out of their way to meet him..

June 24 – June 28 Front Royal – Turners Gap and passing the 1000 mile mark. See photo above.

June 29 – July 4. Turners Gap -Pine Grove Rd (Mt. Holly Springs) Crossing the Mason-Dixon line into the 7th state of the trip and the mid way point.

Steve has his support team of Diana back home for food and material top-ups so he relies on his phone and its solar charger. The blog at <http://mvappalachiantrial.com/2014> has a few videos and photos that he has taken along the way. Overindulging in icecream and pasta gave him an upset stomach. Well eating half a gallon of icecream in 27 minutes was extreme! This made him incapable of hiking the following day.

July 5 – July 9. Pine Grove Rd (Mt. Holly Springs) – PA72, Swatara Gap. There was an opportunity when in a town to watch some World Cup football. Being July the weather is warm with a greater need to drink more water and finding that you can get concerned when you might be running low. Steve is very grateful for occasional 'Trail Magic' where kind people leave goodies of drink and food for hikers.

July 10 – July 19. PA72, Swatara Gap – US206, Culvers Gap. Sometimes he makes a detour from the Trail in order to spend the night in a hotel but then this might require a taxi or hitchhiking a ride to return to the Trail.

Despite pizzas whenever possible, Steve has lost weight and has gone from 42" waist to 34". Will we recognize the 'new' Steve?

Some of the other people he meets are 'section' hikers as it is a big commitment to walk the whole trail.

July 20 – Thursday July 24. PA72, US206, Culvers Gap – NY17, Southfields, NY , 805.4 miles to Katahdin, Maine

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



Crossing the Mason-Dixon Line.



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

TOO HOT TO HOOT

Hey—that's a
palindrome!



PALINDROMES

You've all seen examples of palindromes. The word, palindrome is from ancient Greek and denotes a word, verse or sentence that is the same when read forwards or backwards; for example "radar." Some palindromes are quite well known, including "MADAM, I'M ADAM," "ABLE WAS I, ERE I SAW ELBA," and "A MAN, A PLAN, A CANAL, PANAMA." Following are some other palindromes I have come across and hope you enjoy.

STEP ON NO PETS
REFLOG A GOLFER
A TOYOTA
BIRD RIB
LAGER, SIR, IS REGAL
A DOG! A PANIC IN A PAGODA
GNU DUNG
STAR COMEDY BY DEMOCRATS
SOLO GIGOLOS
SH! TOM SEES MOTHS
EGAD, AN ADAGE
NO LEMONS, NO MELON
SENILE FELINES
MA IS A NUN AS I AM
KAYAK SALAD—ALASKA YAK
GOD! A RED NUGGET, A FAT EGG UNDER A DOG
LEPERS REPEL
NEVER ODD OR EVEN
CAMUS SEES SUMAC
ENID AND EDNA DINE
TUNA NUT
VIVA LE TE DE TEL AVIV

Submitted by Gary Lee

Did you know?

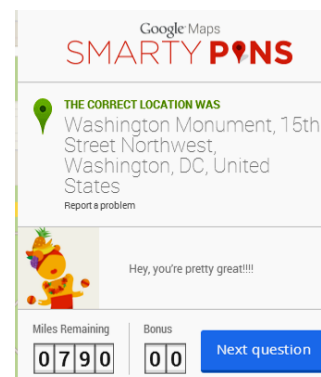
The Club has a "Sunshine Club" which will send a greeting to a member when we hear of a special happy, sad or momentous event in that member's life. Please let us know of such events. Contact Sandra Cherry, her details are on Page 3.

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.

TRIVIA - Online

Google has integrated its Maps with a puzzle. Smarty Pins is a game where you have to drop a pin on the correct location. Go to smartypins.withgoogle.com You lose more points if you are too far from the mark. You are gently eased into the questionnaire as the map locates roughly where the answer should be. I was as close as 1 mile to at least one answer (see below), if you REALLY know your stuff then you can zoom in and be even more precise. There are categories including Arts and Culture, Science and Geography or Featured Topics (current events). My limited try was quite US-centric.



INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

My name is John Witton, and until recently I lived with my wife Nancy Groff Witton, a USA citizen, in Banstead, Surrey, having lived in the same area for most of my life. In September 2011 I attained my Green Card and we moved to live in the Bradenton/Sarasota area.

Insurance was my career, for the last 24 years of my working life as Group Head of Insurance and Risk Management for BAA plc, responsible for all our airports in the UK including Heathrow and Gatwick and those we managed around the world in Australia, Italy, Mauritius, Oman and at Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Baltimore, Newark, Harrisburg here in the USA as well as a world wide duty here company and the Heathrow to Paddington railway.

My wife who moved to live with me in England in 1987 was initially Head of PR for the Post Office, then becoming Head of Training for the Post Office too.

We have both retired for several years now, both being fortunate enough to take early retirement. Outside work, my main interest has always been sport, both watching and taking part. Nancy took up art once retired and has become an accomplished artist, exhibiting both here and in the UK.



Solutions to puzzles on Page 3

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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..



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.



"You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism."



— Erma Bombeck

Have you looked at our website recently?

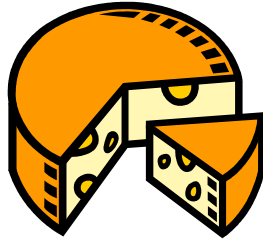
www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

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 some feedback. A sub committee is looking at further improvements.



Nostalgia

I remember the cheese of my childhood,
And the bread that we cut
with a knife,
When the children helped with
the housework,
And the men went to work not
the wife.



The cheese never needed a fridge,
And the bread was so crusty and hot,
The children were seldom unhappy,
And the wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the bottle,
With the yummy cream on the top,
Our dinner came hot from the oven,
And not from the fridge; in the shop.



The kids were a lot more contented,
They didn't need money for kicks,
Just a game with their mates in the road,
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.

I remember the shop on the corner,
Where a pen'orth of sweets was
sold,
Do you think I'm a bit too
nostalgic?
Or is it....I'm just getting old?



I remember the 'loo' was the lay,
And the bogey man came in the
night,
It wasn't the least bit funny,
Going "out back" with no light.

The interesting items we
perused,
From the newspapers cut into
squares,
And hung on a peg in the loo,
It took little to keep us
amused.

The clothes were boiled in
the copper,
With plenty of rich foamy
suds,
But the ironing seemed never
ending,
As Mum pressed everyone's
'duds'.
I remember the slap on my
backside,
And the taste of soap if I swore,
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of,
And we hadn't much choice what we wore.

Do you think that bruised our ego?
Or our initiative was destroyed?
We ate what was put on the table,
And I think life was better enjoyed.

Anon

QUOTES

You can no more win a war than you can win an earthquake.

Jeannette Rankin

A goal is not always meant to be reached, it often serves simply as something to aim at."

Bruce Lee

"The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it."

Albert Einstein

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

John F. Kennedy



'Loo' in the Black Country Living Museum, Dudley.

JOKES

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog.

The children fell to discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster.

"No," said another, "he's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close.

"They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."



Two old ladies were sitting in the park enjoying the music.

"I think it's a minuet from Mignon," said one.

"I thought it was a waltz from Faust," said the other.

So the first old lady got up and shuffled over to a nearby noticeboard.

"We were both wrong," she said. "It's a Refrain from Spitting."

Two women came before wise King Solomon, dragging between them a young man in a three-piece suit. "This young lawyer agreed to marry my daughter," said one.

"No! He agreed to marry MY daughter," said the other. And so they haggled before the King until he called for silence.

"Bring me my biggest sword," said Solomon, "and I shall cut the young attorney in half.

Each of you shall receive a half."

"Sounds good to me," said the first lady.

But the other woman said, "Oh Sire, do not spill innocent blood. Let the other woman's daughter marry him."

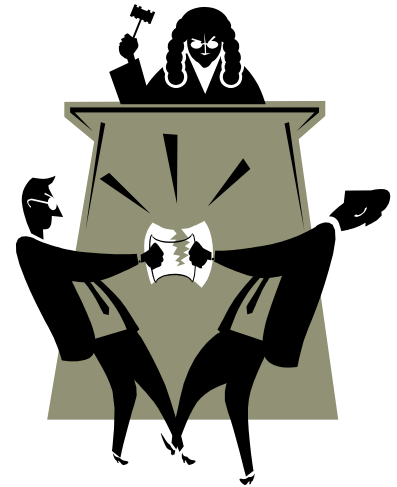
The wise king did not hesitate a moment.

"The attorney must marry the first lady's daughter," he proclaimed.

"But she was willing to cut him in two!" exclaimed the king's court.

"Indeed," said wise King Solomon.

"That shows she is the TRUE mother-in-law."



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