



Brit Club News

May, 2017

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Coming Events

The SBC Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday 11th May** at the Village des Pins clubhouse, 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:30pm. Members welcome.

Malkasian 941-918-8360 or jeanmalk@icloud.com
Save the date: **Friday June 9th @ 2:30 p.m.**
The Clubhouse, Pinewoods/Village des Pins
7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota

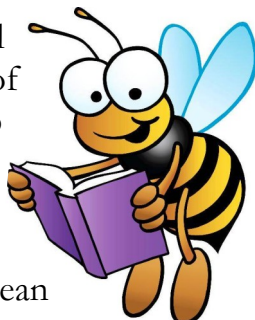


May Lunch

Friday May 19th 12:00 at Flynn's on Venice Avenue, Venice
We have moved the lunch forward to the 3rd Friday as the 4th is Memorial Day weekend.
Newer member, Mike Kirk has worked with Sue Flynn, owner and fellow Brit to come up with a great menu, see Page 5.
If you plan to join us, please contact Mike Kirk kirkmkdk@gmail.com or by phone 941-321-1798
Please let Mike know your menu choice so we can ensure everyone gets what they want to eat

Secret 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



Elsewhere

To 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.

Upcoming events in the planning stage:

Scavenger Hunt (September)?
McCurdy's World Series of Comedy (July 8th). details next month.
Pub/Brewery evening
Florida Native Plant Nursery (to learn about landscaping with native plants)

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- May 19th Lunch at Flynn's, Venice
- Talk on bees by Doug Schuler on June 9th

President's Letter

Hi All,

Hope you all had a Happy Easter. Isn't it nice to have our roads a bit clearer now? Although I was on Siesta Key a few days ago and Spring Break still seems to be going on at full blast; but hopefully by the time you read this all will be quiet again. Of course clear roads mean steamy weather!



interesting restaurant suggestions were also received; but we need members to step up to arrange a lunch/dinner. Brit Club members do like to eat and drink - one of our more popular pastimes.

Finally, don't forget to send in your membership renewal. We had grown our membership to over 200 and it would be great if we could maintain all those members and perhaps add a few new ones.

Best Wishes,

Jane Jacobs

I really enjoyed our recent **kayak trip** organized (as usual) by **Mark Malkasian**. It is lovely to be out on the water where it is quiet and tranquil. We had incredible weather and it was a great to have the opportunity to chat with some of our newer members at lunch in Turtles afterward. Fortunately, we had no immersions and no animal encounters this year (as reported by Mark)!

A huge thank-you to **Jill and Julian Bigden** for organizing our **Le Barge** outing. Most members enjoyed the trip, unfortunately some were disappointed there was no narration but that is limited to the daytime cruises. We did have our own 'wild bunch' partying and dancing down below and all in all a very good time was had by most.

Also, a huge thank-you to **Steve Adams** for organizing the ever popular **Tampa Bay Downs** trip. We had a great start to the day when Ross backed a winner that came in at 50-1. I was ribbing him about backing the three legged horse so I had to eat my words. We are not big gamblers; but Ross won enough money to cover his bets for the rest of the day and come home \$17.00 ahead. Wish that could happen more often. Many of our ladies donned beautiful hats and we came to the conclusion we should have a lady's hat competition next year. Men are not excluded of course if they are willing to compete - that should make for an interesting day!

Did everyone see the article on Sarasota published by Vogue.com? A wonderful editorial highlighting our beaches, restaurants, shopping and architecture. But it is a double edged sword; we all want Sarasota to be popular but we don't like dealing with the increased visitors and traffic.

Thanks to everyone who responded to the survey and thanks to Sharon Gould for collating all the responses. We have a better idea of the type of activities our members would like to see going forward. Some



Quotes

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

— Unknown

"If you spend your whole life waiting for the storm, you'll never enjoy the sunshine."

— Morris West

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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

<https://goo.gl/photos/Bndrmkj1krY7iBZp8>

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/jkzxpz>

Guy Fawkes 2012

<https://goo.gl/photos/C2NDPEZ9fUzejSoq7>

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



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Jane Jacobs

HELP NEEDED

The Sarasota British Club only functions because our members contribute to its success. We have 200 (ish) members but are sadly lacking in volunteers to help arrange activities. Your Board tries very hard to organize an activity and a luncheon every month; but it is very hard for a small group to take the responsibility of organizing everything. PLEASE, can't you step up and help?

We have a very popular club and this has a lot to do with how active we are. We are very grateful to all the people who willingly volunteer every year, some of you have been doing this for over 15 years but we need some 'new blood'.

Please get in touch with me (Jane) or a member of the Board if you can find a few minutes to participate in your Club's activities.

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

Reminder The Club's website 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.

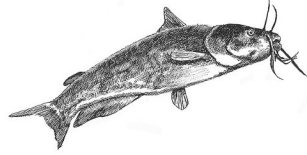
Under 'Events' on the menu you can find the current newsletter and the newsletter archive.

JOKES

You Know Your Church Is A Redneck Church...

IF the finance committee refuses to provide funds for the purchase of a chandelier because none of the members knows how to play one.

IF people ask, when they learn that Jesus fed the 5000, whether the two fish were bass or catfish, and what bait was used to catch 'em.



WHEN the pastor says, "I'd like to ask Bubba to help take up the offering, "five guys and two women stand up.

IF opening day of deer season is recognized as an official church holiday.



IF a member of the church requests to be buried in his 4-wheel-drive truck because "It ain't never been in a hole it couldn't get out of."

IF the choir is known as the "OK Chorale".

WHEN in a congregation of 500 members, there are only seven last names in the church directory.

IF Baptism is referred to as "branding".

IF high notes on the organ set the dogs on the floor to howling.

IF people think "rapture" is what you get when you lift something too heavy.



IF the baptismal pool is a #2 galvanized washtub.

IF the choir robes were donated by (and embroidered with the logo from) Billy Bob's Barbecue.

IF the collection plates are really hub caps from a '56 Chevy.



IF instead of a bell, you are called to service by a duck call.

PRÉCIS OF APRIL 13TH, 2017 BOARD MEETING

The bank balance as of March 31st, 2017 was \$5,984.67. The number of members has dropped to 194; 166 family and 28 singles members.

Annual dues should now have been paid; deadline for payment has been extended to 15th May, 2017.

The Le Barge trip was a great success as was the outing to Tampa Bay Downs.

Sincere thanks go to both Julian Bidgen and Steve Adams for all the outstanding work they did for these events. The kayaking trip was also a great success with perfect weather.

Life of Bees talk by Doug Schuler is confirmed for 9th June at the Village Des Pins Clubhouse from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Discussions are underway for a possible New Member Tea event. Other events in the works with more information to follow are a Murder Mystery, McCurdy's Comedy Theatre and a Games Night.

Club Board Members will attend the St. George's Day ceremonies being held by the Englewood British American Society on 23rd April and the Memorial Day ceremony at the RAF Memorial at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia.

The next meeting of the Board will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, 11th May at Village des Pins Clubhouse.

Submitted by **Sally Scott**
Secretary

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Flynn's
On Venice Ave

British Club Luncheon
Friday 19th May 2017 @ 12noon

Grilled Salmon Salad

Grilled salmon seasoned with fennel, served over a honey vinaigrette cucumber spinach salad.

Blackened Chicken & Avocado Salad

Spicy seared chicken breast & sliced avocado on top of fresh greens in an herbed vinaigrette

The Burger

With bacon, cheese sliced red onion, tomato, and lettuce on Brioche.
Served with French fries.

Crunchy Grouper Sandwich

Gulf grouper served on a Brioche bun with lemon Remoulade
Served with Fries

Quiche of the Day

Quiche Lorraine – Bacon, Green Onions & Swiss
Served with seasonal fruits.

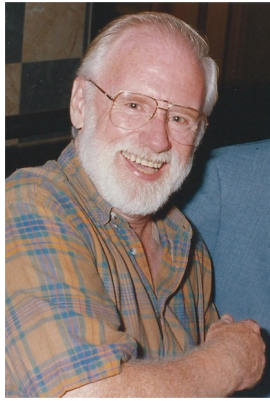
Platter Of Cookies for Dessert

Drink included in price
Coffee, Hot Tea, Ice Tea, Water

Wine or Beer Available - **(not included in Price)**

\$23 Including Tax and Tip

Remembrance of John Barton Cherry



November 5, 1930-April 6, 2017

John Barton Cherry (Jack) died peacefully on April 6th, 2017 surrounded by family at The Springs Nursing Home in Sarasota. Born in Minnesota on November 5, 1930, Jack lived for many years in Wisconsin before moving his family to Sarasota in 1985.

Jack served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After that service and exploring several other avenues, Jack discovered his true calling as an instructor for many years at the Kenosha/Elkhorn Technical Institute in Wisconsin (now known as The Gateway Technical College).

Following the Cherry family's move to Sarasota, Jack drove for S.C.A.T; and after retirement, helped Sandra with her tea-room and catering business in Gulf Gate.

On the lighter side, Jack sang with the Snap-On male chorus in Kenosha, Wisconsin and also with wife, Sandra, in several performances of "The Messiah" by the Sarasota Choral Society.

Jack is survived by loving wife, Sandra after 51 years of a wonderful marriage, his daughter, Helen Cherry, and son, Ian Cherry, both of Sarasota; and grandsons Trevor Monte of Sarasota, and Colin Monte of Wimauma, Wisconsin.

Jack will be remembered as a kind and loving man with a sparkling sense of humour and well-loved by all. A celebration of Jack's life will be held on Sunday 30th April at 2 p.m. at the Camelot Lakes Club House (off Gantt Road).



Exchange Rates on 26th April from Moneycorp.com

From	To	Rate
 GBP	 USD	1.2832
 EUR	 USD	1.0896

Photos from the Tampa Bay Downs trip. Thanks to Jane Jacobs.



Photos from the kayak trip. Thanks to Neil Oldham.



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.



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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