

JOKES

I just got off the phone with a friend living in Northern Wisconsin.

He said that since early this morning the snow has been nearly waist high and is still falling.

The temperature is dropping way below zero and the north wind is increasing to near gale force.

His wife has done nothing but look through the kitchen window and just stare.

He says that if it gets much worse, he may have to let her in.

Submitted by *Norman Shelley*

Ole won a fishing boat in a raffle drawing in a small upstate Minnesota town.

He brought it home and Lena looks at him and says, "Vot da heck you gonna do vit dat. Dere ain't no water deep enough ta float a boat widin 50 miles uv here."

Ole says, "I vun it and I'ma gonna keep it."

Sven came over to visit several days later. He sees Lena and asks where Ole is.

She says, "He's out dere in his fishin boat," pointing to the field behind the house.

Sven heads out behind the house and sees his brother sitting in a fishing boat with a fishing rod in his hand

down in the middle of a big field.

He yells out to him, "Vot da heck are you doing out dere?"

Ole replies, "I'ma fishin'. Vot da heck duz it look like I'ma doing?"

Sven yells back, "It'sa people lika you that give people from Norway a bad name; make everybody tink we are stoopid. If I cud svim, I'd come out dere and kick your butt."

A trip to the store

There was a bit of confusion at the Sporting goods store this morning.

When I was ready to pay for my purchases of gun powder and bullets, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun registry people running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to my credit card.

I have been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

They need to make their instructions to us seniors a little clearer

BritClub News



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Coming Events

Board Meeting —Thursday December 6th @6:30 p.m. at the home of Roy and Sue Ford. Members welcome but please call ahead, see Page 12, as space is limited.

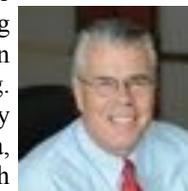
Christmas Party—December 15th at Heritage Oaks, see Pages 6 and 7



In 2013— January 19th—reserve the date!

PRESIDENT'S PARTY

The President's Party this year will be a Latin dancing extravaganza, with fun lessons, spicy food and hot dancing. The location is the Arthur Murray Dance Center at San Marco Plaza, 8215 Nature's Way, Lakewood Ranch and it will be held on Saturday 19th January 2013. We have a great line up, with the evening kicking off at 6pm with BYOB drinks to "encourage" you onto the dance floor. We have arranged to have fresh Latin / Mexican food, cooked to order, available right outside the studio. Just 20 paces away is the wonderful Wine Styles, where the owner, Carmen, has offered a 10% discount on any wine bought by members that evening.



At 6.45pm, we'll have a short demonstration of Salsa and Cha Cha from Dean, our instructor on the evening, and your new President's wife, Diane, to further get you in the mood. The first lesson will be on the Cha Cha at 7pm for 30 minutes, then a break to get our breath back and eat/drink some more. At 7.45pm, we'll have a Salsa lesson, then dance away the rest of the evening, with teachers on hand to assist. There will also be non-Latin music for dancing as well .

Please support this party, as it is going to be terrific fun, with everybody having such a laugh in the lessons, as Dean is a fantastic British teacher. The cost for the whole evening (apart from your drinks but including food and lessons), will be \$15 per member, or \$20 per non-member.



Our website is www.SarasotaBritishClub.com

From here you will find local information, Club news, coming events, photos from past events and many past newsletters .

**Letter from
President Sue Ford**



Christmas and the SBC Christmas Party are almost upon us. If you haven't already put your name down for the Christmas Party, please do so promptly as we're filling up fast. Do note that if you choose the prime rib from the menu options, your order will likely come as either medium or well. As you can readily understand, with so many meals being served at once, the kitchen at Heritage Oaks cannot provide 'rare', 'medium', or 'well' on demand.

November Cruise.

Wow! what a time we have had on our Carnival Exotic Eastern Caribbean Cruise. You know when something is so good that you wish all your friends and loved ones were with you to have share your experiences.....that's how I felt about the cruise. I wanted you all with us.

The fun began the moment we boarded the West Florida Bus Company which picked us up. We booked their very comfortable 25-seat bus to take us to Miami; and all 15 travelers were ready and waiting before the allotted time outside McDonalds at the intersection of Bee Ridge Rd and Cattlemen Rd. The atmosphere was wonderful with everyone so eagerly looking forward to the cruise.

The 4-hour drive was both comfortable and enjoyable. Too, as is typical of any SBC social venture, the conversation flowed constantly between members. We were dropped right at the door of our check-in station at the port; and within 10 painless minutes we were all very efficiently checked-in and very soon were walking aboard the Carnival Liberty where cocktails and party music welcomed us to our 7-day adventure. Between eating, drinking, touring islands, playing the slots, sun bathing, snorkeling, buying art and enjoying nightly dining with the very interesting and lively company of our diverse fellow members, our 7 days

just flew. As this is my last newsletter as President, I leave you in the hands of our incoming President, Steve Adams. I feel confident we have a great year ahead of us. Happy holidays to all and I look forward to seeing you on December 15 at the SBC Christmas Party.

Sue Ford

**Precised Minutes of the Sarasota British Club
Board Meeting**

November 8th, 2012

Meeting was held at the home of Norman and Mary Shelley.

Our balance in the treasury after all expenses for this period is \$8,646.91.

The new personalized newsletters have drawn wide acclaim.

Guy Fawkes Night on November 3rd, 2012, had 51 persons enjoying a lovely evening at Turtle Rock. The attendance at the AGM on October 20th, 2012 had almost 50 members, with most staying on for a great meal at the Oriental Buffet.

The November Cruise is sailing off on November 10th, 2012 with 15 passengers going along.

The November 8th Board Meeting hosted the Incoming 2013 Board.

Our 2013 President Steve Adams outlined his President's Party on January 19th, 2013 for both Boards in attendance. Information about the Party will be in the December 2012 newsletter.

The SBC Christmas Party on December 15th, 2012 at Heritage Oaks is right on schedule and will be a wonderful evening for members and guests.

The Cricket Six-a-Side event will take place at Lakewood Ranch from November 21-25 2012.

The December 6th, 2012 SBC Board Meeting will be held at the home of Roy and Sue Ford @ 6706 Oak Hammock Drive, Bradenton, Florida 34202. Tel: 941 751-3811. The New 2013 SBC Board is invited to attend.

Submitted by

Mary L. Shelley, Recording Secretary

Brit info required

In addition to the Club's being a resource for British businesses in the area, does anyone have local contacts in connection with Clubs for British cars or motorcycles? If so please let me know so that they can be listed in the newsletter.

Contact me at lakewood2@gmail.com

Brian Thompson



Christmas Party—December 15th

The menu, see Page 6, is mouth-watering and fabulously expensive, but to you 'it is very reasonable'.

Heritage Oaks are rewarding us well for our 4 years of loyalty. There will be no increase in cost: the price has been \$40 members & \$50 non-members for the last 3 years running. Kath Curtin, Shona Burtner and I have had such much fun and enjoyment in organizing and working with the management team of Heritage Oaks that we now look upon them as friends. This year is going to be as memorable as all our other Christmas parties, so be sure to put the date in your calendar.

Sue Ford



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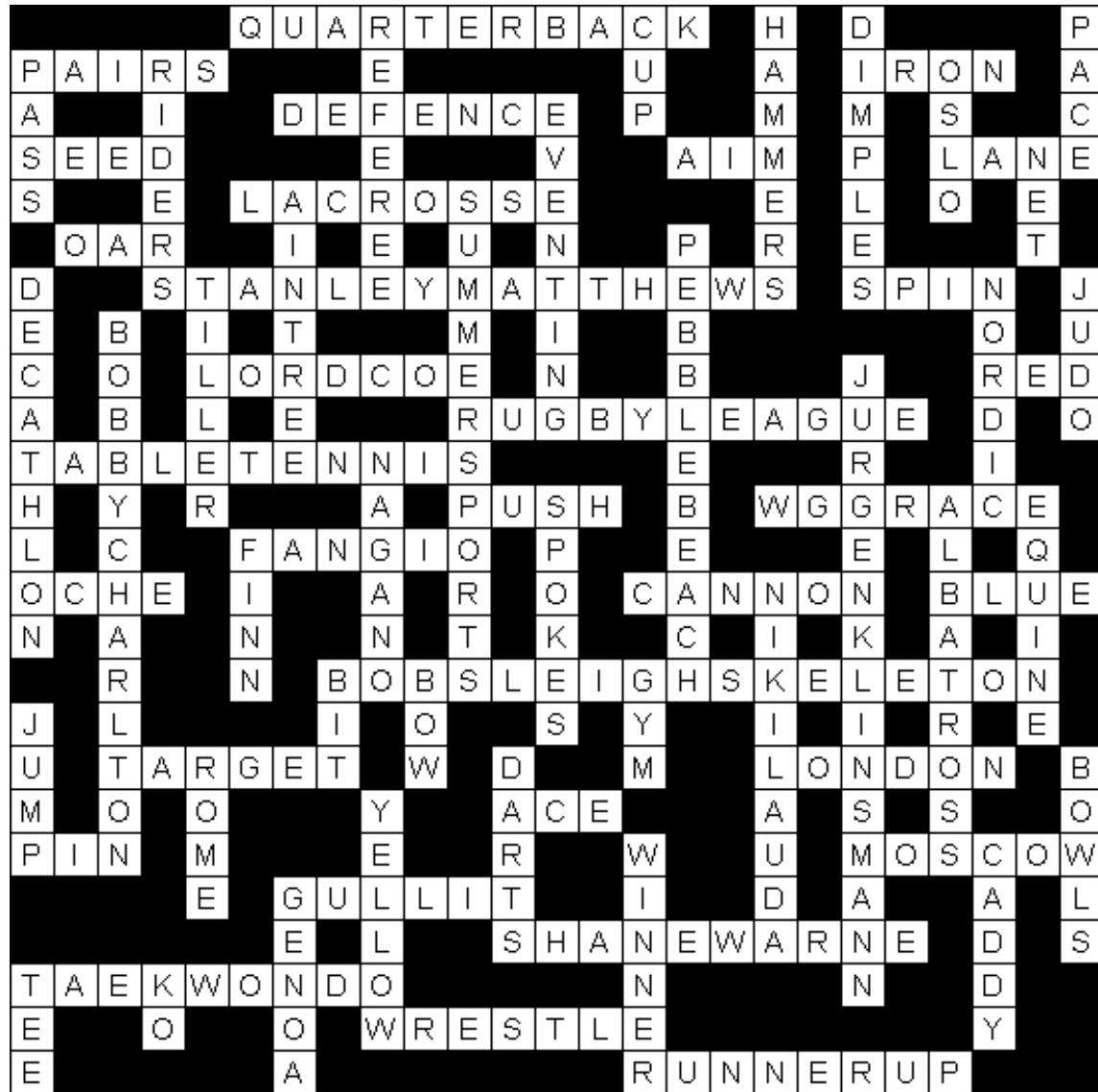
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Sports Crossword Solution from Page 8



HEAR YE! HEAR YE! NO MORE PINHOLES IN YOUR CLOTHING!

The Sarasota British Club now has magnetic name badges available for members. The badge shows the club logo and your name in white lettering on a sapphire blue background. If you would like to order a badge, please send your payment of \$10 to the Club's PO Box (see back page) or contact Doug Schuler at rschuler@tampabay.rr.com. Please note that any member with a pacemaker should order the badge with a pin fastener.

SANDRA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH



I wish you all a very Happy Holiday season. It's hard to think how fast this past year went

This 'recipe' is not my own work, but one I had from years ago, just thought it is good for a giggle again!

Best Rum Cake Ever

Before you start, sample the rum to check for quality. Good isn't it? Now go ahead and select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc. Check the rum again, it must be just right. To be sure the rum is of the highest quality, pour one level cup into a glass and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat. With an electric mixer beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of thugar and beat again. Meanwhile, check that the rum is of the highest quality. Try another cup. Open second quart if necessary. Add two large eggs, two cups fried druit and beat till high. If druit gets stuck in beaters just pry it loose with a drowscriver. Sample the rum again, checking for tonscisticity. Next, sift three cups of pepper or salt (it doesn't really matter). Sample the rum again. Sift 1/2 pint lemon juice. Fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add one babblespoon of brown thugar or whatever colour you can fine. Wix mell. Grease oven and turn pan to 350 gredes. Now pour the whole mess into the coven and bake. Check the rum again and go to bed

(I do have a real rum cake recipe if anyone is interested!!! 'Recipe' from Sandra Cherry, Union Jack food columnist and can be reached at Yourcuppateal@yahoo.com)

Email Distribution of BritClub News

Beginning with the January 2013 issue, the SBC monthly newsletter will be distributed to the membership by email. The Board made this decision in its September meeting primarily because electronic distribution will mean considerable savings to the Club in postage and printing costs, which, in turn will make additional funds available for other Club needs and activities. An added advantage of email distribution is that members will receive newsletters featuring photos and artwork in full color. The format will change to make it easier for you to print a page as and when required.

Electronic distribution has been carried out in parallel to the printed version for a couple of months. So far the response has been positive.

However, there have been about 6 'undelivered' messages returned to me. These may be because you have changed your provider. If you have not had email contact from the Club in the last 2 months, please let me know your current address.

Brian Thompson
(lakewood2@gmail.com)



GUY FAWKES NIGHT at the Turtle Rock Club or lots more photos see :-

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<http://tinyurl.com/cmsedz2>
Thanks to David Brading (inset) for taking them.



Entertainer Kevin McGuire could be serenading Hana!



Organisers Doug and Eileen with the Guy.



Great catering as usual.



Enjoying milder weather than previous years.



Margaret keeping her sparkler at arm's length.



Sandra and Doug studying a lucky raffle ticket.

Clues to the Sports Crossword on Page 8

Across

- 1 He directs the offensive play of his football team (US) (11)
- 7 One of the ice skating disciplines (5)
- 9 Golf club (4)
- 11 Linemen and linebackers play in this football position (7)
- 13 A preliminary rank that can be used in arranging a sports tournament (4)
- 14 Line up an arrow at the target (3)
- 15 It is 60-foot-long with gutters (4)
- 17 A game invented by Native Americans (8)
- 20 Usually needs a rowlock (3)
- 23 Soccer Knight, the 'Wizard of Dribble' (7,8)
- 25 Could be back or top (4)
- 29 Olympic Gold medallist in 1980 & 1984, known as 'Seb' (4,3)
- 31 Two yellows in soccer (3)
- 32 Type of football with 13 players per side. (5,6)
- 33 Ping pong (5,6)
- 35 Exert oneself (4)
- 37 Renowned 19th century amateur cricketer (1,1,5)
- 40 Juan Manuel -----, Argentinean F1 driver (6)
- 41 The darts line (4)
- 42 Score 2 points for this in billiards (6)
- 44 This ball is worth 5 points in snooker (4)
- 45 Winter sport (9,8)
- 49 A reference point to shoot at (6)
- 52 1908 Olympics venue (6)
- 55 Someone who is very highly skilled (3)
- 56 Flagpole used to mark the position of the hole on a golf green (3)
- 58 Summer venue for the 1980 Olympic Games (6)
- 60 Dutch footballer and European Player of the Year for 1987 & '89. (6)
- 61 Australian star cricketer (5,5)
- 62 Korean martial art (9)
- 64 To contend by grappling (7)
- 65 Second best (6,2)

Down

- 2 An umpire (7)
- 3 The hole (or metal container in the hole) on a golf green (3)
- 4 They are thrown at a Highland Games (7)
- 5 Slight depressions in a golf ball's surface (7)

- 6 Stride (4)
- 7 You advance to the next round in a tournament without playing an opponent (4)
- 8 Clauses that are appended to a legislative bill (6)
- 10 Location of 1952 Winter Olympics in Norway (4)
- 12 An equestrian competition across the three disciplines of dressage, cross-country, and show jumping. (8)
- 16 See its warp and weft at a tennis match (3)
- 18 Location for the Grand National steeplechase (7)
- 19 Tennis, beach volleyball and cricket are examples. (6,6)
- 21 Californian coast community with a famous golf course. (6,5)
- 22 Daley Thompson's event. (9)
- 24 Used to turn the rudder on a boat (6)
- 26 Types of skiing where the heel of the boot cannot be fixed to the ski (6)
- 27 You would train at a dojo for this sport. (4)
- 28 Sir -----, one of the 'Busby Babes' (5,8)
- 30 German footballer who played for Tottenham Hotspur but now manages the USA team. (6,9)
- 34 The 1998 Winter Olympics were held here (6)
- 36 Radial members of a wheel joining the hub to the rim (6)
- 38 Three strokes under par in golf (9)
- 39 Resembling a horse (6)
- 40 Olympic class of sailing dinghy (4)
- 43 Three time F1 champion from Austria (4,5)
- 45 Piece of metal held in horse's mouth by reins and used to control the horse while riding (3)
- 46 Made by a fletcher's partner? (3)
- 47 Sports venue, from a Greek word meaning "place to be naked" (3)
- 48 Vault (4)
- 50 Venue of the 1960 summer Olympics (4)
- 51 Pub game (5)
- 53 Game where one of the balls is called a 'jack' (5)
- 54 Two points for this ball in snooker (6)
- 57 Victor (6)
- 59 He gives insightful advice and moral support to a golfer (5)
- 60 Large foresail (5)
- 62 Golf peg (3)
- 63 A blow that renders the opponent unconscious (2)

Sarasota British Club Christmas Party



HERITAGE OAKS COUNTRY CLUB
 400 CHASE OAKS DRIVE, SARASOTA, FL
 DECEMBER 15, 2012 - 6.00 P.M. TO 11.00 P.M.
 COST: \$40 MEMBERS - \$50 NON-MEMBERS



Menu Choice

Complimentary Bottle of Red & White Wine on each table

Jubilee Salad

Baby Greens, Fresh Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Golden Raisins,
 Walnuts and Crumbled Blue Cheese, Citrus Dressing

Prime Rib

Ten ounce portion of Prime Beef served with Baked Potato,
 Mixed Vegetable Medley and creamed horseradish sauce

Or

Char Grilled Atlantic Salmon

Macaire Potato Cake, Artichokes, Fennel and Cherry Tomatoes

Or

Vegetarian option—Stuffed Portabella Wellington

Dessert

Almond Basket with Grand Marnier Mascerated Berries
 Marsala Sabayon

Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

Coffee or Tea

Come and Join the Club

The Sarasota British Club (SBC) serves the needs of its membership in the spirit of friendship and mutual support. This includes the planning, developing and overseeing of a social setting where members can meet and exchange interests. The SBC assists British newcomers in settling into the community, and provides British businesses with valuable networking and support. To join, please fill in the information below and send it with your check to: Sarasota British Club, P.O. Box 21063, Sarasota, FL 34276.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER RESERVATION FORM

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



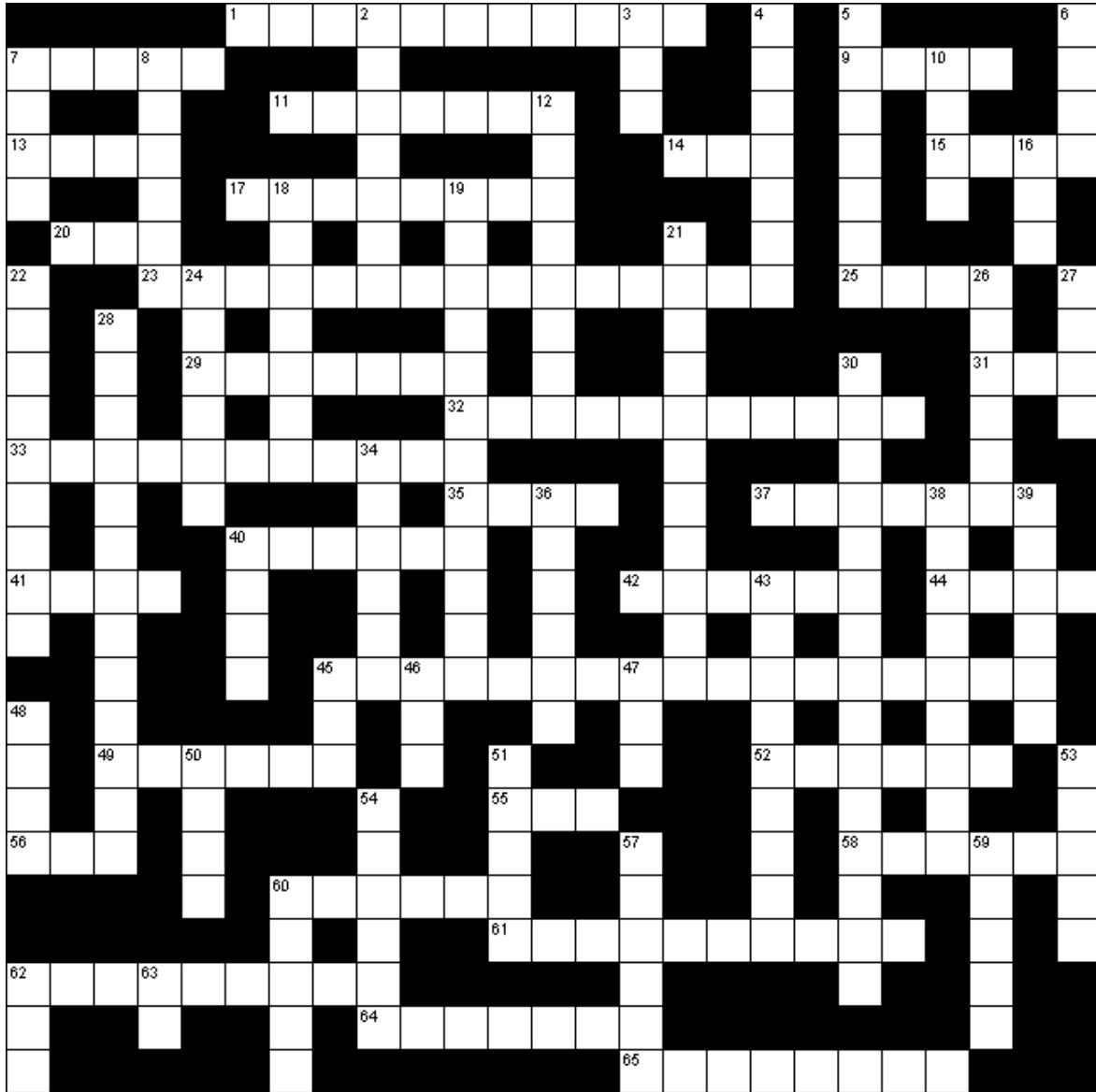
Full Name	Member or Guest	Choice: Prime Rib /Atlantic Salmon / Vegetarian
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Total Amount Enclosed _____

Names of those you would like to sit with: _____

The BritClub Sports Crossword

Clues on Page 9, solution on Page 10



Locations to Hold Our Events

We put out a call to all members who could offer their clubhouse as a location for a Sarasota British Club (SBC) events, and members have generously responded. So... A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS. The Board will be busily organizing and coordinating events for those locations at our monthly meetings—we'll keep you posted. This keeps our events affordable to all members, and adds diversity for our get-togethers. The SBC will cover overhead charges, and our members generously volunteer to help with the set-up and clean-up. If other members can offer their clubhouse, please contact sueford47@yahoo.com with suitable dates and locations. Thank you for your support.



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.



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LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE

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 their lives. Please let us know of such events. Contact Mary Shelley, her details are on Page 12.

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'.

