



BritClub News

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COMING EVENTS

SBC BOARD MEETING

Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, February 7th. Village Des Pins Clubhouse: 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:15 pm. Guests welcome (*please let us know you are coming!*)

February 11th Valentines Dinner Dance

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February 23rd February Luncheon

Restaurant Beulah – Main Street Sarasota.
Please sign up using the Eventbrite invitation.
NOTE: Spaces limited for this month

March 8th Arcadia Rodeo

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March 23rd (tentative) March Luncheon Information to follow soon

Last week of March Kayak Trip

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April 15th Tampa Bay Downs

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May 6th (tentative) Toad Rally Information to follow soon

May 19th Royal Wedding party Information to follow soon

June 9th Murder Mystery Evening Information to follow soon

STAY UP TO DATE

To keep up to date on other activities and events throughout the local British community please visit the Links Page of our website www.sarasotabritishclub.com

PRESIDENT'S LETTER, FEBRUARY 2018

Well I never thought I would be wearing a polar fleece 'onesie' in Florida but I thought wrong, I have been very thankful for my few cold weather clothing items recently. Still, I'll take the Florida cold snap over 'up north' winter weather.

We recently went to see Peter Noone and Herman's Hermits at the Venice Theater, the tickets were a present from friends who saw the show last year and said it was fantastic. Frankly, we were not wildly enthusiastic about seeing someone we remember from the 60's but our friends were right, it was a fantastic show. Not sure if any of the band musicians were part of the original group but Peter Noone at 71 years old is looking pretty good on stage – close up perhaps a few more wrinkles showing nevertheless he bounced around that stage singing many of the Herman's Hermits songs along with a wildly enthusiastic audience. He entertained us with very dry, humorous remarks, nice to hear that British sense of humor coming out. I sincerely hope he returns next year because I will be at the front of the line to purchase tickets for the show.

Ross and I are off on our trip to Australia and New Zealand on Feb 11th so I will miss both the Valentine's party and the Rodeo Trip. I have been promising myself for years that I will get to the rodeo one day so this won't be removed from the bucket list this year. We visit Australia frequently as that is where all my family ended up and we have always said we must visit New Zealand one day and recent events have made us realize it's time to start removing wishes from the bucket list

Jane

PRÉCIS OF DECEMBER 20, 2018 BOARD MEETING

The bank balance at December 31st, 2017 was \$4,314.63 with no liabilities. Membership stands at 154 family and 28 single members for a total of 182. The newsletter has now been taken over by Steve Pankhurst. The Club has renewed two listings on Website for a further two years.

The January Luncheon at The British Open in Venice on 26th January... Road Rally is tentatively rescheduled for May 6th...Murder Mystery evening is still awaiting a venue; suggested date is June 9th...Tampa Bay Downs, will be on April 15th....Kayak Outing is tentatively scheduled for last week in March...Valentine's Day dinner and dance is scheduled for February 11th...Arcadia Rodeo outing will take place on March 8th. E-blasts on Valentine's Day and Rodeo already sent out via Eventbrite sign-up...More information to come about Royal Wedding function on May 19th

The next meeting of the Board will be at 6:15 p.m. on February 7th, 2018. Please note change of time and date of next meeting and let a Board Member know if you would like to attend.

Sally Scott

Secretary

COMING EVENTS – EVENTBRITE

Eventbrite – Our New Event Management Tool

Members will have seen recent emails using Eventbrite to announce and manage attendance at our events. Once we all get used to it, we are confident that it will greatly simplify the process of signing up and paying for future events. Here is how it works;

- Using the Eventbrite web site, we create an invitation for the event, and determine a cost if appropriate. There is a modest fee for events that require payment, which we build into the cost. There is no charge for free events (such as our monthly lunches).
- The first time you receive an Eventbrite invitation you will create an account with them. You may well have already done this, and your computer will recognize this.
- If it is a free event, once you have created your account you can register. The system will create tickets, but we will not use them, ***so you do not need to print or save them.***
- If the event requires payment, you will see a payment screen which accepts all major credit cards. Again, while the system creates 'tickets' ***we will not use them.***
- Once you have registered or paid for the event, you will receive an email confirming that you are subscribed. You are DONE!
- If you are unable to attend, refund information is shown on the event invitation. This is handled on line also, if within the time limits set by the organizer.
- The organizer is now removed from dealing with checks and the mail, and a live list of attendees is available on line.

It is self-evident that members must have a valid email address, and Eventbrite should be added to the safe senders list of your email service (so that invitations do not go into your junk mail).

We have a few members who do not use email. We ask that they partner with other members to ensure that they receive notice, and respond if necessary. If this is a problem, please speak with a member of the board.

We are confident that this new process will prove to be much more efficient for us all. Thank you in advance for your patience while we become familiar with it.

Sarasota British Club Event Policy

Members who would like to attend any SBC function must reserve and pay no later than the stipulated deadline for each event.

The Board asks everyone to please honor the Club's policy and not show up at any event for which they have not booked and paid. Several functions are extremely popular and there is often a limit on the number of people who can be accommodated.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Valentine's Dinner Dance

It is a tradition of the Club to welcome the incoming President with a celebratory event. As we are honored that Jane Jacobs has agreed to continue as President in 2018, this year's event will be a Dinner Dance at the Meadows Pub on Sunday February 11.

We are delighted that club members Tony and Tasha are able to provide our musical entertainment. They performed for us twice last year, at the President's welcome and the Christmas Party, to universal acclaim. The Meadows Pub has an informal atmosphere, and they have agreed to provide a limited menu at reasonable prices. Your first drink will be on us!

There is no cover charge for this event, and we look forward to a strong turnout. ***There is still time to sign up using the Eventbrite invitation.***

Arcadia Rodeo

We have secured a limited number of tickets for the Florida Championship Rodeo. Your \$45 payment ***includes luxury coach transportation*** to the new Mosaic Arena in Arcadia, and premium seating.



Event to be held at the following time, date, and location:
Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 11:30 AM to 6:00 PM (EST)

Mosaic Arena

124 Heard Street, Arcadia, FL

This event is now closed

Kayak Adventure Coming in March

This is a heads up for our annual kayak trip being planned on a weekday between Monday, March 26 and Friday, March 30, 2018.

Scheduling is dependent on availability of our trusty, professional guide from the American Littoral Society and the Tidal Gods.

Launch point and lunch details are TBD.

Seats are limited to 17 folks in 11 single kayaks and three tandems/doubles so consider committing early. BYOB (boat owners) are welcomed to join our fleet. This year at least two mechanical manatees are planned to be in place along our anticipated route. *First person to see one is given a waiver on the launch fee!*

All the essential details will follow in the March newsletter. Contact the Event Coordinator, Mark Malkasian by email marqmalk@gmail.com or (941) 445-2890.

A Day at the Races!

Please join us on our 4th annual outing to Tampa Bay Downs on ***Sunday April 15.***

As we have in the past, a coach will pick up in Sarasota and Bradenton to take the Party to the Race Course. We will be treated to an 'all you can eat' Champagne buffet lunch in the Sky Box, followed by an afternoon of racing.

The cost will be \$55 per person. An Eventbrite invitation will be emailed to you shortly, please look out for it.

Members only at this time (we may open to non-members later if space permits)

For questions please contact Steve Adams sha@adamsiac.com or call 941-524- 9410.

Payment details and pickup times will follow shortly.



RECENT EVENTS

Electric Vehicle Presentation

Mark Malkasian gave an excellent presentation on the history, current technology and the changing market for electric vehicles. Many counties and manufacturers are preparing for a predominantly electric vehicle future and the mix of vehicles on our roads is undergoing a major change. The presentation was followed by lunch at First Watch.



Sarasota British Club name badges

Please obtain Club badges directly from ***Sarasota Trophy, 6601 Superior Ave, Sarasota, FL 34321. Phone 941 921 4339.***

- \$8 plus 56c tax for badge with magnet
- \$6 plus 42c tax for badge with pin (no magnet)

Badges can be collected in person (M – F 8.30 – 5pm, Sat 9am – noon) or shipped to your home for \$3.75.

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Don't forget that Sarasota British Club is on Facebook. The Club's logo is the profile picture. Check out 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.