



BritClub News

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COMING EVENTS

SBC BOARD MEETING

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 11th at Village Des Pins Clubhouse: 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6:15 pm. Guests welcome (*please let us know you are coming!*)

July Luncheon

Friday, July 27th at 12 noon

Our July lunch is at Miguel's located at 6631 Midnight Pass Road, Siesta Key

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August 24th

August Luncheon at Spinners on St. Pete's Beach followed by Dali Museum visit

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September 15th

Beckhams's Fish and Chips night

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September 27th

Calusa Brewery Game night

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www.sarasotabritishclub.com

PRESIDENT'S LETTER, JULY 2018

What a great time all of us attending the Murder Mystery Evening had, thank you to Sharon for organizing it and thank you to all the people who helped make the evening a success especially the cleanup crew who had all the pretty sprinkles to vacuum up. My \$5.00 Goodwill dress (I had a coupon too) was much admired and what can you say about Ross's white striped, silver tipped shoes? My Mum would say he looked like a Spiv. Sadly, Ross found the shoes very comfortable and is threatening to wear them again.



Dominick is back in Chicago but plans to move in with us in a month or so depending on the Lollapalooza concert – I remember his dad going to Lollapalooza well over 20 years ago, it is amazing the event has survived for so many years. Before he arrives, I have my 'oldest' friend from England coming for a few days, she is actually a year younger than I but we have been friends since we were knee high and spent some interesting teen years doing things that would cause our mothers to have a fit had they known!! Some things have to be done when you are young and dumb. After that 3 of my long time Chicago card playing group are coming. No-one lives in Chicago any more, 2 live in Arizona and one in Vegas but we still try to get together at least once a year if possible. We usually go to Vegas but since my travelling has been curtailed recently they decided to come to Sarasota instead. It makes me laugh that 2 of them are complaining how hot and humid it will be in Florida in July, like Vegas and Arizona have a perfect summer temp of 115+ burning hot degrees. I don't care how dry the heat is, over 100 degrees is way too hot for me. As one of my friends used to say, "yes it's a dry heat and that's dry sweat running down my back".

Finally, it has been brought to my attention that certain member(s), when unhappy with the way an event was organized, expressed their displeasure to the event coordinator in a rude and abrasive manner. Unfortunately, this has happened on more than one occasion. Please remember that the event organizers are volunteers. Sometimes things do not run like clockwork but please be respectful to those who give of their own time so you can (hopefully) enjoy an event.

Sorry, I had to get that off my chest!

I hope you enjoyed your July 4th holiday,

Jane

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting will be at **6:15 p.m.** on **July 11, 2018** at the Village des Pins Clubhouse. Please let one of the Board Members know if you would like to attend.

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July lunch

Friday, July 27th at 12 noon

Our July lunch is at Miguel's located at 6631 Midnight Pass Road, Siesta Key

Miguel's serves French Continental Cuisine. The cost of the 3 course lunch with a non-alcoholic beverage is \$23 per person (tax and tip included).

At lunch you will be able to choose from Sarasota British Club's special menu which includes garlic bread, a green salad with a choice of homemade dressings, followed by either Veal Piccata, Fresh Scottish Salmon or Chicken Marengo and a choice of desserts.

Looking forward to seeing you at the July lunch,

Vivienne Sivak

August lunch and visit to the Dali Museum

We are planning a trip to the **Dali Museum** in St. Petersburg, FL, after having lunch at the **Spinners Revolving Restaurant** at St. Pete Beach, on Friday, August 24, 2018.

The lunch cost will be dependent on your selections and entrance to the Dali Museum will be between \$19 and \$24 depending on whether we have enough people to get a group rate. Private tours of the museum can be arranged for an additional \$10.00 per person.

If you need further information, please contact Peter Stokes at: peter13454@gmail.com An Eventbrite invitation for this event will be sent out shortly.

Fish & Chip supper

Beckhams on the Trail, Saturday evening September 15th.

The welcome home destination for the Toad Rally teams, Beckhams is located at the Plaza at Palmer Ranch, 8579 S Tamiami Trail. Price will be \$11.99 p.p. Starting time to be announced later.

Calusa Brewery Games night

Calusa Brewery, Wednesday 27th September

Back by popular demand, we return to the Calusa Brewery for an evening of games, good company and fine beer! Details to follow next month.

RECENT EVENTS

Murder Mystery Evening

Around 40 sleuths and suspects dressed for a night at a 1950's Jazz Club gathered to solve the mystery of who murdered Quick Louie. As you will see from the photos below, everyone had fun dressing the part and had a great evening. Rather worryingly, it was clear that we had a number of suspects who the sleuths considered to be clearly capable of murdering one of their fellow partygoers – so much for that British veneer of respectability!





RESIDENTIAL REALTY UPDATE

We all like good news so the optimistic version of the real estate news would say Sarasota and Manatee have had more home sales so far in 2018 than all the sales for the same period last year, which is true, but at just a 1% increase, it is not 'hold the presses' news worthy! But it is a steady increase, and I say, this is a good thing, let's not create another boom and bust, real estate bubble. Steady manageable increases are good for everyone. Following this marginal trend, median house prices in Bradenton are slightly up with a 2% increase and 8% in Sarasota. The actual number of sales are also, slightly up.

Following the trend of last month condos are selling very well, but this month we flipped the counties Manatee Condos sold better with 278 sales, a 16.8% increase over last year, while Sarasota which was the 'star sales' last month, lags behind with 452 sales, a 6.4% increase. Single Family homes overall are still sluggish. In Manatee they are up 2.6% (641 sales) while Sarasota had another decrease by a fractional 0.2% (820 sales). I have two noticeable points for the month of May, firstly, my crystal ball forecast from last month, we do have a further shortage of inventory, making it another month of tight supply, which is likely to drive prices up, so if you have a property to sell you have less competition.

In my opinion it's a sellers market with low inventory... that's good selling time. Finally, my reflection on May: I recall that historically sales were concentrated 'in-season' Jan – Easter, but we are now in May and still seeing steadily increasing sales, that's good news as you don't always want to sell in just the first quarter, a more even spread of sales year around, is better for sellers, and opportunities for buyers. This is more of the steady that I like.

Data taken from The Realtor Association of Sarasota and Manatee (RASM).

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Member, Mark Malkasian, has just completed having a whole-house solar system installed on his roof in Osprey — one of only a small handful of homes in Sarasota County. He is now able to back-feed his excess electricity into the FPL grid and get paid for it. Anyone interested in the idea is free to contact him at 941-445-2890.

MEDIA MATTERS – VIEWING SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Our regular contributors have been out of town this month so we don't have our usual sampling of recommendations. One show that we have just started on Netflix is Churchill's Wartime Spies. It's a form of reality show in as much as it follows a group of modern day people going through the Special Operations evaluation course from the 1940's. It's a little quirky but worth a try!

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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