



# BritClub News

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## COMING EVENTS

### SBC BOARD MEETING

Next meeting will be **WEDNESDAY**, March 14th.  
Village Des Pins Clubhouse: 7964 Timberwood Circle,  
Sarasota @ 6:15 pm. Guests welcome (*please let us  
know you are coming!*)

### *March 8<sup>th</sup>* Arcadia Rodeo

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### *March 23<sup>rd</sup>* March Luncheon

Our March lunch will be at Bonefish Grill on Friday,  
February 23rd at 12 noon. The restaurant is located  
at 8101 Cooper Creek Boulevard, Sarasota.

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### Last week of March Kayak Trip

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### April 15<sup>th</sup> Tampa Bay Downs

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### *April 27<sup>th</sup>*

#### April Luncheon

Our April lunch will be at Carmel Kitchen  
Wine Bar, located at 8433 Cooper Creek  
Blvd, Sarasota.

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### *April 27<sup>th</sup> (following lunch)*

#### Florida Native Plant Nursery

Information to follow soon

### May 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Toad Rally

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### May 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Royal Wedding party

Information to follow soon

### June 9<sup>th</sup>

#### 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](http://www.sarasotabritishclub.com)

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER, MARCH 2018

By the time you read this we should be starting the New Zealand leg of our vacation. The journey doesn't get any easier the older we get but we've come a long way since the days we had to stop in Hawaii and Fiji en route down under. We had a long layover in LAX and spent an exciting couple of hours watching Olympic curling! Fortunately, Ross and I did belong to a curling club (a lifetime ago) so vaguely remember the mechanics of the game but that does not make it any more exciting.

I gather that a good time was had by all at the Valentine's Day Party and we were thinking of you all while watching the curling. Guess where we would rather have been? I am looking forward to hearing all about the rodeo when I get back.

We arrived in Sydney in time for Valentine's Day, all decent restaurants were fully booked but we discovered our hotel was having a seafood buffet that night so we gorged ourselves on wonderful, fresh seafood. I haven't eaten oysters for quite a while but I just cannot resist Sydney Bay Oysters, for me they are the best tasting oysters in the world so I could not resist indulging. They did not disappoint and had no negative effect on my system.

We spent a couple of weeks in Sydney and suburbs where we attended the wedding of one of my great nieces. It was a beautiful celebration and the first time 4 generations of my immediate family had ever been together. Sadly my sons and grandson were unable to join us but Ross and I with my 2 sister's, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren numbered 24, (17 female and just 7 males including the groom). There was so much catching up to do but unfortunately not enough time to do it properly but I did meet my 14 year old great, great nephew at long last. Boy, does that make me feel old!!

On Valentine's Day our grandson Dominick finally went off to the Navy Boot Camp which is why he was not able to join us in Australia. Dominick has been training hard and looking forward to this day for many months and we can't wait to see him at his graduation in April.

Well that's all from me in the antipodes. Episode 2 next month from New Zealand.

Jane.

## PRÉCIS OF FEBRUARY 7, 2018 BOARD MEETING

**The bank balance at January 31st, 2018** was \$4,210.66.... There were no **Membership** or **Newsletter** reports for January.... The Board has engaged the services of Mr. Chad Sarnowski to maintain the **Website**.

An E-blast will go out later in the month to those who have signed up and paid for the trip to the **Arcadia Rodeo** on March 8th...**Road Rally** is rescheduled for May 6th...**Murder Mystery** evening is still awaiting a venue; suggested date is June 9th...**Tampa Bay Downs**, is on April 15th. **Kayak Outing** still does not have a firm date... More information to come about **Royal Wedding** function on May 19th at the Village de Pins Clubhouse. **Florida Native Plant Nursery** outing on April 27th. More information to follow.

The Board wishes to recognize and thank Vivian Sivak for the effort she has put into arranging the monthly luncheons.

The next meeting will be at **6:15 p.m.** on **March 14th, 2018** at the Village des Pins Clubhouse. Please let one of the Board Members know if you would like to attend.

Sally Scott, Secretary

## COMING EVENTS – EVENTBRITE

Members are reminded that all events are now being managed via Eventbrite. Please help us in our planning and managing of events by observing the following guidelines;

- Check your email regularly for updates
- Sign up promptly, most events are limited capacity and sell out. Don't miss out because you delayed
- You receive a confirmation email and 'tickets' for each event. That is your assurance that you have a place!
- You will receive a reminder email two days before the event.
- If you cannot attend – PLEASE LET US KNOW! You can cancel your Eventbrite booking, or email the event organizer. If the event has a fee, and you cancel within the time limit, your payment will be credited back to you.
- Please do not bring guests unless you have booked them on Eventbrite. We need to manage numbers accurately

Thank you for your help with this

## Arcadia Rodeo



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**

## March Luncheon

Our March lunch will be at Bonfish Grill on Friday, February 23rd at 12 noon. The restaurant is located at 8101 Cooper Creek Boulevard, Sarasota. This is the shopping center on the North side of University Parkway opposite UTC.

The eating place serves a variety of fresh fish plates and hand-helds along with a selection of beef, chicken and vegetarian dishes.

You will be receiving an electronic invitation to this event. We look forward to seeing you on the 23rd.

## 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!*

More and final details will be forthcoming by email in early March. Contact the Event Coordinator, Mark Malkasian by email [marqmalk@gmail.com](mailto:marqmalk@gmail.com) or (941) 445-2890.

### A Day at the Races!

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

At the time of writing we have one place open for our Day at the Races. Please contact Steve Adams if you wish to take it – [sha@adamsiac.com](mailto:sha@adamsiac.com)



### April Lunch

Our April lunch is at Carmel Kitchen Wine Bar. The restaurant is located at 8433 Cooper Creek Blvd. Sarasota. The date and time of the event is, Friday April 27, at 12 noon.

Carmel's menu has a variety of European and American dishes and is a favorite of many foodies in the area.

You will be receiving an electronic invitation to this event. We look forward to seeing you all.

### Toad Rally – May 6th

**This event is now closed**

## RECENT EVENTS

### Valentines Dance

More than 60 members gathered to celebrate Valentines Day at the Meadows Pub. Tony and Tasha provided excellent entertainment, singing requests from the members, and recognizing Beryl and Alan Perry as the couple with the longest (continuous!) marriage.

We thank Tony and Marie, the owners of the Pub for opening on Sunday night especially for us.



### **Tony 'n' Tasha** Keyboard & Vocal Entertainment

Members who enjoyed Tony and Tasha at our Christmas and Valentines events will be pleased to hear that you can join them every Wednesday from 7:00 – 10:00 pm in the Terrace Bar at the Surf Shack on St Armand's Circle.

### February Lunch

35 members enjoyed a Prix Fixe lunch at Beulah on Main Street on February 23. We had the restaurant almost to ourselves, and service and food were excellent.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sarasota Rugby Club will be hosting an all day St. Patrick's Day event on March 17<sup>th</sup>. They will be televising all the six nations games starting with a breakfast at 10.45am with England vs Ireland. There will also be three home games from 11am.

The club is located at about ¼ mile west of Lorraine Road at

Parry Field  
7401 University Pkwy  
Lakewood ranch  
FL 34202

SBC members would be very welcome.

For more information please contact Reedy via  
[sarasotarugbyclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarasotarugbyclub@gmail.com)

### **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.