



# BritClub News

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## COMING EVENTS

### SBC BOARD MEETING

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at Village Des Pins Clubhouse: 7964 Timberwood Circle, Sarasota @ 6.15 pm. Guests welcome (*please let us know you are coming!*)

*All members will receive emailed invitations to the events shown below. Please look out for them in your inbox, and be sure to add "Sarasota British Club" to your safe senders list.*

July 26<sup>th</sup>  
Lunch at Demetrios

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July 20<sup>th</sup>  
McCurdy's Comedy Club  
World Series of Comedy

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September 21<sup>st</sup>  
Appalachian Trail Presentation

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## 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, JUNE 2019

### President’s Letter

*The Sarasota British Club welcomes those of British heritage, their partners and others interested in British culture in the Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte County regions. The Club fosters the British expatriate community in a spirit of friendship and mutual support. Its goals are to provide a social setting for newcomers in the area as they adjust to the American way of life; promote social events for members; recognize nearby British-owned businesses; and promote community outreach by supporting local charitable organizations.*

Last year the Board tasked a small committee with updating our By-laws and Mission Statement, this latter is reproduced above. This month I think it timely to revisit the subject and remind everybody that we are a social club in which all of us have a responsibility to jointly ensure that we share “a spirit of friendship and mutual support.”

Your Board works hard to organize events that we can all enjoy. We recognize we cannot please “all of the people all of the time”, but we try! We encourage feedback and suggestions, and will do our best to incorporate positive suggestions into future events. That being said, however, I am sorry to say that on occasion some members forget that we are volunteers and offer unduly critical observations that have been known to cause offence.

I am concerned that I feel obliged to take this space to remind our members that consideration for each other should be the hallmark of our events. I expect members to interact with courtesy and patience, and if a misunderstanding occurs, to resolve our differences with respect.

Let’s work together to make the Club an oasis of civility in a crazy world.

New Mexico – White Sands  
Nat Monument in the distance



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## BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Precis of the June Board Meeting

The Treasurer reported an account balance of \$5,895.  
Membership stands at 154 and all membership renewals have been completed.  
The Board agreed a system to store Club items without paying for public storage.

### Christmas Party Request

It may be July 4th, but it is time for us to start thinking about the annual Christmas Party. Sandra Cherry has been the backbone of the party planning for the past several years, and we need someone to step up to take the lead this year.

Will any members who are willing to lead or help in organizing the party please contact Paul Wilkinson - [pwilkinson18@gmail.com](mailto:pwilkinson18@gmail.com)

And, finally.....a picture of your Board at work!



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### July Lunch

The July lunch is at Demetrios Pizza & Grill, located at 3180 University Parkway, in Sarasota (on the junction with North Lockwood Ridge road). The lunch is scheduled for Friday July 26th, at 12 noon.

Demetrios is a local Italian Restaurant which serves food made fresh from their family to us. The menu includes traditional Italian fare along with soups, salads and sandwiches.

Looking forward to seeing you at Demetrios, Vivienne

### McCurdy's Comedy Club July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm

We have a limited number of seats still available for the World Series of Comedy at McCurdy's comedy club. As this year's event is slightly earlier than prior years, we suggest that you plan on dining with friends after the show, which will end around 8:15pm.

### Appalachian Trail Presentation September 21st

Steve Adams has graciously agreed to speak with the Club about his recent adventures on the Appalachian Trail. Further details to follow next month.

## RECENT EVENTS

The Board invited recent New Members to a Welcome event after the June Board meeting.



## Bingo Night – ‘Two Little Ducks 22’

40 members had a very enjoyable evening competing for outrageous prizes of \$100 Grand and Bottles of Prosecco. Unfortunately, the \$100 Grand prizes were candy bars not cash!



## June Lunch

35 members gathered at Beckhams on the Trail on Saturday evening June 22 for a Fish and Chips supper. As always, the food and company were excellent, and a good time was had by all.



## MEDIA MATTERS

With the ending of *Game of Thrones* and *Versailles* we are in need of a good series into which we can sink our teeth. Regrettably, we are struggling to find 5-star content.

*Outlander* (Netflix) is ok, and we are 5 episodes into this adaptation of the books by Diana Gabaldon, in which a 20<sup>th</sup> century nurse time travels back to 18<sup>th</sup> century Scotland. There is something for everyone, although I am not a huge fan of period drama. I was also dismayed to find that there are 50 episodes to go!

*Traitors* (Netflix) was a solid BBC series about Soviet spies in the aftermath of WWII. At least it ended after 6 episodes!

*Black Mirror* (Netflix) is compulsive Sci-Fi for me. Each episode is cleverly set in a different dystopian future and while some are very adult, others are compelling.

*The Duchess* (Netflix) is a 2008 BBC movie that I discovered only recently. A costume period piece that won an Oscar for costume design, it is gorgeous to watch, and Kiera Knightley leads an excellent cast. Recommended!

I have discussed *Britbox* in past pieces. I see now that *Acorn* has several series of interest, including *Killing Eve* and *Line of Duty*. For \$4.99 a month as part of Amazon, that sounds like a bargain to me!

## NEW MEMBERS

Current membership now stands at 158, comprising 20 singles & 138 family members. Six new members joined us in June including one lady currently living in Canada but who plans to move to Sarasota later in the year. Interest in joining the Club has recently been expressed by a further 7 people.



## COMMUNITY BOARD

This section of the Newsletter is available to members who wish to connect with our community to announce events and seek connections within the community. It is not available for commercial purposes or to advertise events outside the interests of our members. The rules for inclusion are simple: the Newsletter editor has the final call as to whether something is acceptable for inclusion! Please forward your items to [stevepankhurst55@gmail.com](mailto:stevepankhurst55@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.