

The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In 44 BC, as Julius Caesar entered Pompey's Theater to deliver a message to his Senate, Soothsayer Titus Vestricius Spurinna warned him, "Beware the Ides of March". I tell you this only to impress you with recollections of my freshman year of Latin as taught to me by Miss Mermelstein at Shaw Avenue Junior H.S. in McKeesport Pa. McKeesport is a suburb of Pittsburgh Pa, home of the Steelers for those of you who are not aware of that fact! The Marco Men's Club did not suffer the tragic consequences as did our hero Julius. In fact we soared above the Ides and had a great month as usual.

Shortly after last month's newsletter was mailed, member Mike Mickes approached me with several proposals for a New Years Eve Cruise. I advised him I would pass the information to our cruise director Bob Marks, which I did. Immediately Bob began investigating the proposals, finding group space for many New Year cruises was not available or they were sold out. We, found limited group space of "60" staterooms on Royal Caribbean's "Navigator of the Seas", five night western Caribbean cruise. This required immediate confirmation to secure the space. The deposit requirements along with time being of the essence, necessitated a prompt decision to secure the allotted staterooms.

In light of the aforementioned circumstances, the cruise was announced at the March general meeting. Simultaneously, I requested Bob to contact webmaster Ed Crane to post the information with downloadable cruise information to our website. This was a total success! At this time as a result of BOB'S efforts, CURRENTLY, 182 individuals have booked for this exciting adventure. My grateful Thanks to Mike Mickes as well as our esteemed Cruise Director, Mr. Robert Marks for making this happen!

This reminds me of another important subject. As "Some" of you are aware, we now have a website and its name is one that all of you should be able to remember: MarcoMensClub.com. Doesn't get much simpler than that now does it! HOWEVER, many of you have failed to update your email addresses and personal information with our membership director Ed Vesely. This is going to be most important as the website evolves. Eventually, we hope to reach all of you thru a simple click to inform you of updates and enhancements to our wonderful and exciting club. The responsibility of doing this simple chore is yours. We are more than willing to work with you, but you gotta work with us! Ed Vesely has spent a great amount of time on your behalf working to make this happen. If anyone can make it a done deal, Ed can. He is a hard worker and enthusiastic member of this organization working on all of our behalf. He is a fantastic Team Player and his contributions and wisdom are greatly respected by all on the board. Ed is our EF Hutton, when

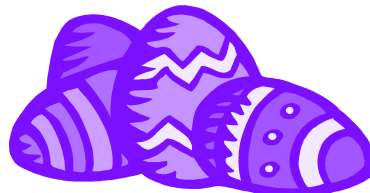
Ed speaks, We Listen!

I suppose it is late enough in my term of office to brag about my board members and others who have contributed greatly to the exemplary success of this great club. At no time, since my original application to the present did I ever think that I would have the honor of leading such a prestigious organization.

There are no "Minor" jobs in the Men's Club. As an example, let me cite our "Set up Chairman", Gerry Gibbons. For the past year many of you have not been aware of his duties, which include setting up the Mackle Park facility as well as providing our coffee and refreshments, putting up our Flag, securing the microphones and other minutiae inherent in this supposedly Thankless job. At a recent meeting, Gerry's normal crew was not available for legitimate reasons and he did it pretty much Solo. This is just one small example of the devotion of your board members in providing you with an enjoyable experience as a MMC member.

"Secretary", Wow! What a great job, right? No, not really. This fellow has the responsibility of recording, every word and phrase that is said at the board meetings as well as the general meetings. In addition, in our organization, he is responsible for being the Club Historian as well. Mike Levine has accepted and met the challenge. Mike has been a vocal member of the board, not cringing from dissent and educating us on areas we were not familiar with. He has done a wonderful job, and I'm indebted to him for his insight.

Newsletter Editor in Chief: During my term, I experienced a resignation from this position. An immediate replacement came to mind, in the person of my friend and colleague Alan Wetjen. What a job he has done in this in such a short period of time. Alan was a natural for this position. His contributions not only to MMC but to the Marco Island Community as a whole have been exemplary. We should all be proud to have him as a current member of the board. His experience and counsel have always been greatly appreciated.



CLUB NEWS

BRIDGE

Contact Dallas Schmidt @ 394-3352 for information and sign-up. Partners Bridge meets Friday nights and Men's Bridge on Wednesday afternoons.

COMPUTER CLUB

Contact Steve Ehrhorn @394-5861 or sehrhorn@Comcast.net. Computer Club meets the third Wednesday @10:00 AM at the Community Room at Marco Community Bank. This is an informal round table discussion group. Beginners, experienced and in-between are all welcome. Reservations are not required. Just show up.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Thanks to the guys who set up the room this month: Chairman Gerry Gibbons, Mike Levine, Gene Stillwell, Phil Kostelnik, Fred Wojcik, Erwin Stegmaier, and Joe Rad. Special thanks to Norm Roberts, mike holder and sergeant at arms.

CRUISING

The 2007 Cruise is to Southeast Asia and China, October 15th through November 2nd. (20 days and 18 nights)

Six countries will be visited including Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Taipei, Japan and China. Ten ports of call include Bangkok, Singapore, Ho Chi Minh City, NhaTrang, Okinawa, Hong Kong, Taipei, Shanghai, Nagasaki, and Beijing. Contact Cruise Director Bob Marks for additional information. **SORRY, SPACE IS SOLD OUT FOR THIS CRUISE.**

NEW YEARS CRUISE

"5" Nights, Western Caribbean Cruise on Royal Caribbean's

5 Stars, Navigator of the Seas. Port of calls: Cozumel, Mexico and Belize City, Belize. Departs 12/31/08. Returns 1/5/08

Please contact Bob for assistance or reservations

MARCH ACTIVITIES ATTENDEES

3/4/07 Red Sox Baseball.....60 Host Joe Rad
 3/9/07 La Casita Dinner.....124 Host Richie Carlsen
 3/17/07 St Patrick's Day Lunch..134 Host Myron Wittlin
 3/21/07 Bingo.....56 Host Phil Kostelnik
 3/23/07 Everblades Hockey.....59 Host Jerry Masters
 3/27/07 Yankee Baseball.....90 Host Joe Rad
 3/30/07 Naples Dinner Theater *Showboat*..90 Host Joe Varano

SICK BAY

John Bevan is recovering from hip surgery. Also Marilyn Powers, wife of Pat Powers, is under Hospice care at home. We wish both people well.

MEN'S SINGLES GROUP

Response to this new group and the need for its activities has been well received by the members of MMC. Chairman, Paul Kurtzman (642-5406), has been receiving calls from many interested members. Paul needs input and help from those interested to fully implement this new activity. The success of this group will require YOUR interest, involvement and participation. For further information call Paul or e-mail him at pkurtzm@aol.com.

DO YOU KNOW NEWS OF MMC MEMBERS WHO ARE SICK OR WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES?

Please telephone Joe Pucci at 732-5606 or e-mail him (jpucci11@comcast.net) regarding information on the above.

WANT TO SEE MORE PHOTOS?

The editor encourages submission of photos of Men's Club activities. We will publish those submitted in a timely manner.

See Fred Wojcik (389-0300) to order shirts and hats, at meetings.

GOLF NEWS

by Ron Bales

I have an important announcement about the four-man scramble at the Glades Country Club on Thursday, April 26th. Due to a scheduling conflict with a members function the same day, we will not be eating lunch at the clubhouse. A buffet lunch will be served immediately following golf at Erin's Isle Restaurant, 6190 Collier Blvd, Naples. If you do not turn in your scorecard to me at the Glades, please bring it to the restaurant. All winning prizes and door prizes will be awarded at Erin's Isle. I apologize for this inconvenience, but it was beyond my control. As of March 22, we have 30 golfers signed up, so please send in your reservation as soon as possible.

I also have an announcement about Tuesday and Friday golf at Hibiscus. Hibiscus will be closing May 1st through July for construction. Joe Pucci is talking to Lely about playing there this summer. I hope to have information by the April meeting.

March In-House Tournament Results

Flight 1--1st-Tie--Tom Heffernan and Ed Brown,
3rd--Don Phillips

Flight 2--1st--Ron Kelley, 2nd--Tie--Harry Nield,
Bob Vassolo and Rene Basile

Flight 3--1st--Ray Yadlow, 2nd--Harry Weathers,
3rd--Tie--Ed Cooper and Bob Flugger

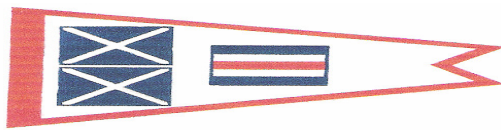
Tuesday and Friday Golf at Hibiscus
Tee off beginning at 8:00 AM
Reservations required by Wednesday each week

For Friday golf and Friday for Tuesday golf
Tuesday and Friday Golf Coordinators
April—Mike Callinan—389-1458

May—Al Vacio—393-0995



*Marco Men's Club Expresses
its Deepest Sympathy to the
Family of Benjamin Carp on
the untimely passing of his
wife, Myra*



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YOUR MMC WEB CONNECTION

[Http://MarcoMensClub.com](http://MarcoMensClub.com)

APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 11	Wed	Coed Dinner @ Sushi Blues and Steakhouse	Mike Levine	389-0990
Apr 12	Thur	Crazy Hat and Shirt Day @ General Meeting	Jerry Stought	394-8553
Apr 14	Sat	Rosemary Clooney by Lorraine @ United Church	Joe Cassidy	642-1491
Apr 16	Mon	Coed Dinner @ La Grotta	Ed Eastwood	389-4630
Apr 18	Wed	Bingo @ Marco Island Yacht Club	Phil Kostelnik	389-1188
Apr 18	Wed	Marco Players Present <i>Murder on the Return</i>	Pat Thawley	642-8476
Apr 18	Wed	Couples Club Outing @ The Links of Naples	Carter Reese	394-5099
Apr 21	Sat	Coed Cruise Aboard The Marco Princess	Don Oakey	389-1446
Apr 25	Wed	Coed Luncheon @ Island Cafe	Don Lally	642-6305
Apr 26	Thur	4 Man Scramble @ Glades CC	Ron Bales	389-5587
May 10	Thur	Coed Luncheon @ Mozarts	Pat Thawley	642-8476
May 12	Sat	5 Hr Riverboat Cruise on Capt. JR	Ed Eastwood	3894630
May 16	Wed	Bingo @ Marco Island Yacht Club	Phil Kostelnik	389-1188
May 19	Sat	Installation Dinner Dance @ Hideaway Beach Club	Tom Traeger	394-0154
May 21	Mon	Coed Luncheon @ Da Vinci's	Don Boston	389-0573
May 27	Sun	Swing @ Broadway Palm Theater in Ft Myers	Fred Stavola	389-1724
May 31-	Jun 6	St Louis/ Branson Trip (Thur-Wed)	Joe Rad	642-0319
Jun 4	Mon	Coed Luncheon @ Kretch's	Pat Thawley	642-8476
Jun 6	Wed	Men's Only Luncheon @ Sunset Grill in Apollo	Ron Moores	389-8832
Jun 14	Thurs	Coed Picnic @ Sarazen Park	Ed Crane	393-0415
Jun 28	Thur	Men's Only Luncheon @ Cracklin Jack's	Joe Varano	394-5099

MARCO MEN'S CLUB NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS:

Appointed from the board:

Fred Stavola chairman 389-1724 pfstavola@aol.com
Joe Cassidy member 642-1491 joecassidy530@comcast.net

Appointed from the general membership:

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Dave Walsh 389-9755 davewalsh@att.net

2007 – 2008 NOMINATED BOARD MEMBERS:

2007-2008 APPOINTED TO BOARD

Tom Traeger Immediate Past Pres
Joe Cassidy President
Jerry Masters Vice Pres.
Ron Moores * Vice Pres. (new)
Fred Stavola Vice Pres.
Pat Thawley Vice Pres.
Joe Varano Vice Pres.
Mike Levine Secretary
Ed Eastwood * Treasurer (new)

Gerry Gibbons Set up & Coffee
Ed. Vesely Membership
Bob Hopp * Member at Large (new)
Ed Crane * Web Master (new)
Alan Wetjen Newsletter Editor

The names of the Nominees for 2007-2008 will be presented to the Board of Directors at the March Board Meeting and will be published in the April 2007 Newsletter.

I want to personally thank each one on the Nominating Committee for their time and advice. I think Marco Men's Club will have a great Board next year.

Fred Stavola, chairman