

The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July has been a slow month for the Marco Men's Club. Summer is upon us with the blistering heat and the summer afternoon showers. But we will take it because we love our summers here in Paradise. No more waiting in lines at Publix, Winn-Dixie, the Post Office, the banks etc. However, we do miss our friends the "Snowbirds" .

I am sure this is the time of year when our relatives plan their Florida vacations with their families. It is wonderful when they arrive, but then they clutter up our homes and totally change our lifestyle for two or three weeks. But when they leave we have mixed feelings about their leaving. On the one hand we hate to see them go and on the other we are happy so we can get our lives back in order.

Reviewing Ed Vesely's membership report to the Board, we now have 578 legal residents and 36 non-resident members. As of June 30, 2007, 542 members have paid their 2007-2008 dues. We expect to see a 10% dropoff, so we do not expect to have a problem with our 600 maximum limit. Incidentally, non-resident members do not count against the 600 Maximum.

On Thursday July 12, we had a wonderful coed luncheon at Cocomo's. Scott and Bonnie, owners of Cocomo's, did a great job of preparing the food and giving us excellent service, I say that because the table I sit at is usually the last one served but at Cocomo's our table was served first (could it be that I am friends with Scott and Bonnie). The only problem with the food was their Philly Cheese Steaks. As a connoisseur (I am from Philly) these were not good Philly Cheese Steaks. I am going to have to send Maryann over to Cocomo's to show the how to make a good one. (I taught Maryann how to make them. She is from Georgia). Thanks Pat and Gayle Thawley for providing 48 of us with a great afternoon.

July Bingo at the MIYC was cancelled and will not resume until September. The Yacht club needs a minimum of 50 people to host the event, so lets get some interest from the Bingo players so we can continue Bingo in September.

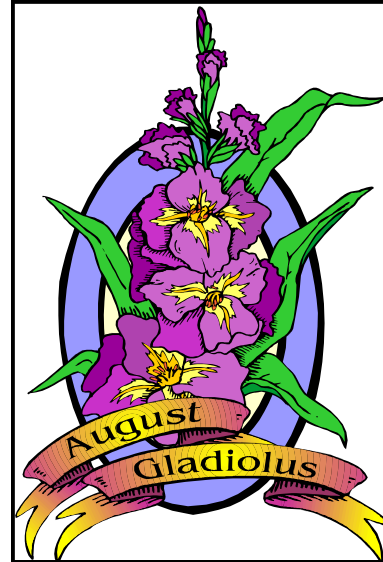
On Thursday July 19 we had a men's only lunch at Porky's hosted by Myron Wittlin. The food and service was excellent but only 19 members attended. Last year your board was criticized for not having enough men's only functions. We have had two this year and both had a disappointing turnout. So guys, if we are going to continue Men's only functions we have to get better attendance. Thanks Myron despite the small turnout you did a great job hosting this event.

The only other event we have scheduled for July is the Quiz Nite at the English Pub. We have 40 signed up for this event hosted by our favorite Englishman, Ron Moores.

We have a busy schedule for August so check your flyers and support the events by your attendance. Remember you can now download flyers from our website if you can't find your newsletter. Go to MarcoMensClub.com/coming events. Print a copy of the flyer and mail it in with your check.

We are experiencing heavy lightning storms at this time of year, so I urge you to stay indoors during these storms. We don't want any of our members or their families to be struck by lightning.

Joe Cassidy



We express our sincere sympathy to the families of Ed Crane on the passing of his father, Charlie Alamo in the passing of his son, and Pat Powers on the recent death of his wife.

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 1/5/09. 226 people have received confirmed reservations for this cruise. Cruise details with reservation form on MMC web site or please contact Bob for assistance or reservations .

MEDITERRANEAN GREEK ISLES CRUISE

June 9 to 22, 2008 14 Days/12 Nights Cruise visiting 5 countries... Spain, France, Italy, Greece and Turkey with 9 parts of call: Barcelona, Spain; Nice, France; Florence, Italy; Rome, Italy; Mykonas, Greece; Ephesus, Greece; Santarini, Turkey; Athens, Greece; and Naples, Italy.

Cruise details with reservation form on Club Wed Site.

SICK BAY

We wish Norm Roberts and Fred Heidings best wishes for their continued recoveries.

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 Al Vacio

Our in-house tournament for July revealed some low scores. The low scores were due to: (a)pencils with erasers,(b) playing twice a week has improved our games, and(c) sand baggers. I thought I would get the "Sand Bagger Award" for the month, but 2 other guys wanted it also. Al Bozzo tried for it, but fell one stroke short. His eraser wore down before he teed off on the 18th. The winners for July were:

Flight I	Flight II	Flight III
1. Al Vacio 65	1. Al Bozzo 66	1. Harry Weathers 65
	Bob Borland 66	Wayne Boose 65
2. Joe Pucci 71		
3. Dave Ballantine 72	3. Fred Wojcik 68	3. Erwin Stegmaier 69
Doug Olson 72		

Some of you are still a little unsure of the rule on where to drop your ball if it goes into a red staked hazard. We play many courses that have red staked hazards. They are usually: water, and/or trees and foliage that border the fairways. These are not out-of-bounds stakes. Out-of-bounds stakes are white. Provisional balls should be played, if in doubt.

RED STAKES. If your ball enters the hazard, with a one stroke penalty, you may:

1. Hit another ball from the same spot as your original. (e.g. Par 3)
2. Drop another ball within two club lengths from the hazard line, but no closer to the hole. (If there is no line, use the red stake as a reference). Use point of entry (where ball last crossed hazard).
3. Determine where the ball last crossed into the hazard (not where it lies) and draw a line straight back as far as you wish in line with the flag. (e.g. doglegs)
4. Drop a ball on the other side of the hazard, using the point of entry, as long as it is equal or more distance from the flag. (e.g. creeks, narrow hazards)
5. No penalty if you play it as it lies. Cannot ground your club.

WHITE STAKES: You have no choices. Drop from original spot where you hit your last shot, and take a one stroke penalty. This is called "STROKE AND DISTANCE". YOU MAY NOT go to where the ball lies and use the red stake rule and take a two stroke penalty. That is why there is a provisional ball rule!! This speeds up play, and it is a rule.

PROVISIONAL BALL: This is not a choice of shots situation. Once you have hit a provisional, and you find your first ball in play, YOU MUST USE THE FIRST BALL IN PLAY! You do not get to choose which ball to play. The provisional ball is only used as a "just in case" ball. If you find your first ball and it is in play, pick up your provisional ball.

Golf Coordinators for the following dates:

AUGUST

Mondays -----Mike Mueller	394-2629
Friday Aug 4 ---Doug Olson	592-6899
Friday Aug 10 --Jerry Oxborough	389-0701
Friday Aug 17 --Ron Kelley	970-0263
Friday Aug 24 --Joe Pucci	732-5606
Friday Aug 31 --Bob Vassolo	642-2388

SEPTEMBER

Mondays -----Ron Bales	389-5587
Friday Sept 7 --Bob Hansen	394-7775
Friday Sept 14 - TBA	

Thanks to all the golf coordinators. The Monday coordinator handles the pairings for every Monday of his month. The Friday coordinator handles one Friday per month. Please understand that this is a thankless job and the pay is just as lousy. So, I am asking all of you to please take into consideration the time and effort he puts into pleasing you. (we have 48-60 golfers every Monday during season). Please try to follow the following procedures to make his job easier.

a. Sign up on Monday for the following Monday. If you are not able to sign up, have someone do it for you. If that isn't possible, call the coordinator by Wednesday for the following Monday's tee time.

b. Please do not sign up as a "maybe/I'm not sure". Do not sign up if there is any chance you won't make it. Cancellations are not received well with golf courses, especially when they allow us advanced tee times. If the golf course can fill those spaces, they will.

c. PLEASE, PLEASE, do not call the coordinator on a Friday and say you want to play with so-and-so. By then, all the pairings are final and the foursomes are ready to be faxed to the course on Saturday morning. You can ask if there is a spot left. Otherwise, you will go on a waiting list. You will get a call if someone cancels late.

d. Please limit your cancellations to emergencies or illness, etc. We have received last minute calls with "I've decided not to play tomorrow". I would hope you all understand what commitment is. We commit to the golf course one week in advance for tee times and finalize them on Saturday. After Saturday, we are committed to those tee times. Of course, cancellations are fine if you arrive at the course and there is a "cart path only" rule in effect.

e. Friday golf is the same procedure, except that we usually do not know which course we will play until one week before. The time line for Friday golf is crucial. Have someone sign you up on Friday or sign up on Monday for that Friday. There is a sign up sheet at the check in desk at LELY. If you miss it, call the Friday coordinator ASAP. If you don't know who he is, call me at 393-0995.

Thanks for understanding. We are trying to make our group the most organized and appreciated by the golf courses in our area. We have been complimented and asked to return by several country clubs because of our attention to detail. Because they know we are the Marco Men's Golf Club, the country clubs and golf courses have been kind enough to allow us a reciprocal rate. Let's keep our impeccable reputation as "fast and courteous players".

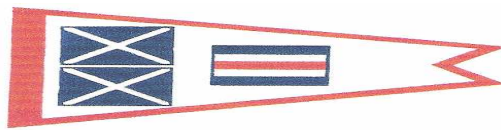
GOLF JOKE OF THE MONTH

The room was full of pregnant women and their partners, and the Lamaze class was in full swing. The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe properly, along with informing the men how to give the necessary assurances at this stage of the plan.

The teacher then announced, "Ladies, exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. And, gentlemen, it wouldn't hurt you to take the time to go walking with your partner!" The room really got quiet. Finally, a man in the middle of the group raised his hand. "Yes?" replied the teacher. "Is it all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

That's all folks, hit 'em straight,

Al



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AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 9	Thurs	Men's Only Luncheon @ Guy Harvey's	Bob Hopp	642-0519
Aug 13	Mon	Coed Dinner @ Fitzgerald's	Bob Gaffney	394-2153
Aug 15	Wed	Bingo @ Marco Island Yacht Club CANCELLED	Joe Cassidy	642-1491
Aug 18	Sat	Cruise the <i>Big M Casino</i> leaving from Ft Myers	Joe Varano	394-5099
Aug 24	Fri	Coed Dinner @ Konrads	Merle Otto	445-1125
Aug 30	Thurs	Men's Only Luncheon @ Porky's	Dick Siska	393-1773
Sept 7	Fri	Coed Dinner @ La Grotta's	Ed Eastwood	289-4630
Sept 13	Thurs	Coed Lunch @ Capri Fish House	Ken Boston	393-3495
Sept 15	Sat	Broadway Palm Theater Matinee <i>I Love You , You're Perfect, Now Change</i>	Fred Stavola	389-1724
Sept 19	Wed	Bingo@ Marco Yacht Club	Tom Traeger	394-0154
Sep 27	Thurs	Hurricane Ball @ Hideaway Beach Club	Tom Traeger	394-0154
Oct 11	Wed	Coed Octoberfest Luncheon @ Mozart's	Mel Daly	389-2028
Oct 17	Wed	Bingo@ Marco Yacht Club	Tom Traeger	394-0154
Oct 20	Sat	Octoberfest @ German American Social Club	Fred Stavola	389-1724
Oct 25	Thurs	Coed Dinner @ Bayview in The Esplanade	Ed Eastwood	389-4630
Oct 31	Wed	Halloween Dinner/Dance @ Everglades Seafood Depot	Bob Gaffney	394-2153
Dec 31	Mon	MMC Landlubbers New Years Eve Party @ Blu Fusion	Joe Rad and Fred Stavola	642-0319