

The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am proud to have been elected President of the Marco Men's Club. It is hard to believe that my tenure is just about half over, but as the old saying goes, "When you are having fun, time just flies by". What a joy it is for me to be working with my fellow members on our Board of Directors. While most members of the club do not realize the time and effort put in by these board members, I do, and I am forever grateful for their support and their involvement in club activities. When you see them at meetings or activities, go up to them, shake their hand and thank them for their contribution in making our club such a wonderful organization.

On Friday September 7, Ed Eastwood assisted by his wife, Caren, hosted a coed dinner at LaGrotta's. Thirty Seven members and their ladies attended and were treated to a fabulous meal and a fun night. Thanks Ed for hosting this event.

On Thursday September 13, following our general meeting, Ken Boston assisted by his wife, Judy, hosted a coed luncheon at the Capri Fish House on the Isles of Capri. Forty Seven members and their ladies had a great meal and a fabulous get together. Up till now we have not had a sellout at any function. However, Ken came close to the fifty people maximum. Thanks Ken, great job hosting this event.

On Saturday September 15, twenty of us traveled to the Broadway Palm Theatre in Fort Myer to see "I Love You, Your Perfect, Now Change". We enjoyed a wonderful buffet luncheon and a great show. Fred Stavola assisted by his wife, Judy, did a great job of putting this event together. Thanks Fred.

Bingo scheduled for September 19 at the Marco Island Yacht Club was again cancelled due to lack of participation. We have not had Bingo since May, 2007. Hopefully, we will meet the fifty person requirement for October. However, many of our members will be on the Southeast Asia trip. I will notify you on our web site whether or not we will hold Bingo in October. On Thursday September 27, Tom Traeger assisted by his wife, Darol, did it again. The Fourth Annual Hurricane Ball was held at Hideaway Beach and was a huge success. One Hundred Fifty members and their ladies

enjoyed a wonderful dinner and dancing to the music of Hughes and Company. We crowned our new Hurricane Ball Queen, Maryann Carroll, who promised she would do all in her power to keep the hurricanes away from our island paradise. Tom, great job as usual.

Our membership now stands at five hundred twenty three resident members and thirty two non-resident members for a total of five hundred sixty five members. Our finances are in good condition. In August we had income of \$4,933.33 and expenses of \$8,605.27, leaving us with a bank balance of \$ 25,330.90.

Even though we have 565 members in our club, we only have a core of approximately 10% that are participating in our events. C'mon guys when are the rest of you going to get involved? Come to the monthly general meeting, come to the events, or better yet volunteer to host an event. The board with the approval of the general membership opened up the club to 600 members to eliminate the wait list. So we did our part, now do yours, **Get involved!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Joe Cassidy



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.

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. 238 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 Web Site.

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

The number of golfers has picked up due to the members who have come back from their summer hiatus. To those, I say welcome back! Our Fall Monday golf will start at Hibiscus Golf Course starting in November. Please make sure you are signed up if you have just arrived from out of town. Call the coordinators or myself for information. I can be reached at 393-0995.

Fred Heidings Memorial Golf Tournament:
Spots are filling up, so send in your money ASAP. October 19th is the deadline. After that date, call me and check for spots available. We will tee off at 8:30 AM with a 7:45 AM check-in. It is a scramble type format, and teams will be sorted by computer according to handicap. Lunch will follow at the Country Club. Don't procrastinate. You could be left out; \$60 for members and \$65 for guests.

Fall Golf:
Call the Coordinators for the month, if you miss a sign up on the previous Monday. We will no longer be playing at Lely. Fridays are still being worked on for this fall. Hibiscus will have a green fee rate of \$60 from November through December 15th. The green fee will go up to \$75 for the fall season. There will be no frequent player cards to purchase. Our tee times will be starting at 7:30 am.
October Mondays -----Mike Callinan 389-1458
November Mondays -----Harry Nield 389-2935

Winners of the September In House Tournament:
Flight 1 Flight 2
1. Ron Bales-----68 1. Fred Wojcik -----65
2. Mike Callinan -----69 2. Frank Sroka -----66
2. Harry Nield -----69 3. Ray Yodlow -----67
"Sandbagger of the Month"?.....Fred Wojcik

Golf Tip of the Month:
UNEVEN LIES: (This is when the ball is above or below your feet on a side hill, or on an uphill or downhill lie.)

Side Hill Lie:
Ball above your feet
1. Depending of the severity of the hill, you may need to use more club.(7 iron to 6 iron)
2. Choke down on the club to compensate for the ball being above your feet. Take some practice swings on the hill to make sure you have choked down enough.
3. Aim a little bit to the right of your target. The stance you have on the side of the hill will make you pull the ball left, or you may draw or hook it. Stand up a little straighter and swing normally. Use an intermediate target to align yourself. Sweep the ball off the hill with a smooth compact swing. Try to keep lower body quiet. (no sway)
Ball below your feet:
1. Staying down on the ball is paramount on this shot. Bend your knees so you can get "down" to the ball. (more of a sitting position)
2. Grip the club near the end, so you can get down to the ball.
3. Aim a little left of the target. This lie will make your ball move right. Use your intermediate target and swing smoothly and compactly.
4. Think about not moving your body at all, and swing with the arms and hands. Swaying on this shot will produce ugly results. You could even shank it.

Up Hill Lie: (Right hand Golfers)
1. Depending of the severity of the hill, take more club. The ball will shoot up higher from this lie than from a flat lie. You may even have a tendency to fall back on your right foot. This stance will make your ball go left. So, aim a little right.
2. Place the ball more towards your front foot, and swing UP THE HILL, not into the hill.
3. Try to keep from swaying or losing your balance. Restrict your body turn for balance.
4. Try to keep your shoulders even with the slope of the hill, and swing smoothly.
Down Hill Lie:
1. The shorter the club you can use, the easier the shot. The downhill will make the ball come out "hotter", lower, and a little bit right.
2. Place the ball more towards the middle or back of your stance, and "chase" the ball down the hill with your club head, by swinging down the slope. Don't try to pick the ball up with your club.
3. Balance and a smooth compact swing is very important.

NOTE: On all uneven lies, a smooth even tempo, good balance, and a compact swing is most important.

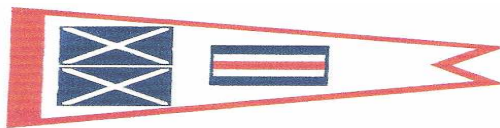
Golf Glossary :
Compact Swing----- Back swing is not as long as your normal swing.
Choke Down ----- Move your hands down the club so the club becomes shorter.
Intermediate Target--- A piece of grass or divot, etc. about 5 to 6 feet in front of your ball, that is on a direct line to your distant target.
Shank it ---When you hit the ball with your club where the hosel meets the club head, and your ball shoots out in a 45 degree angle away from you.
Hosel ----The neck of the club head - where the shaft meets the head.

***Ron Bales and I are writing a book on golf. Here is a sample of some of the chapters.

Chapter I ----How to Hit Your Second Shot the First Time.
Chapter II ---How to Relax When You Plumb Bob Your Fourth Putt.
Chapter III---How to Get More Distance Off the Shank
Chapter IV----How to Play a Titleist Out of the Rough When you Teed Off with a Top Flite.
Chapter V-----How to Use the "Tongue Wedge" Effectively. **Not recommended if playing with your spouse or boss**.
Chapter VI----How to Time Your "Lunge" and not Hurt Yourself.
more to come, stay tuned.....that's all folks, hit 'em straight.

Al





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