

The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I received the following E-mail from Mike Devlin, President of the Paradise Coast Paddle Club regarding Frank Albert, a member of the Marco Men's Club.

" Frank Albert wins KAYAK MASTERS WORLD CUP CHAMPIONSHIP 2007 in Hungary". There were 350 kayak racers of all age classifications from all around the world. Frank competed in the 75 year old group single competition. The race was 21kilometers (approximately 13 miles). Also during the race you had to carry the kayak 100 yards. Frank completed the race in 2 hours and 18 minutes. The silver medalist finishing time was 2 hours and 25 minutes, a full 7 minutes difference. This is Frank's third gold metal. Last year Frank won the single and double races. However, Frank;s double partner became ill and was forced to drop out" CONGRATULATIONS FRANK from all your Marco Men's Club friends.

Those of you who did not attend the October General Meeting missed out on a great opportunity to learn more about the role of Florida during the Civil War. Bob Hopp arranged for David Southall, Curator of the Collier County Museum to be our guest speaker, and what an interesting and informative presentation he made. He was so good that Bob is inviting him back at a future meeting to talk on another subject.

On Tuesday October 11, Mel Daly assisted by his wife, Cindy, hosted a co-ed luncheon at Mozart's. The food and service was excellent. 72 members and their ladies were treated to a wonderful afternoon. Mozart's was the recipient of our excellence award last year and they continue to provide us with wonderful food and service. Thanks Mel for hosting this event.

Well, once again I have to inform you that we had to cancel October Bingo. We had only 14 signed up and the Yacht club needs 50 people to host this event. The last time we had bingo was in May 2007. If we do not have enough people signed up for November, we will cancel Bingo as a regularly scheduled monthly event and only schedule it periodically in the future. So if you want to keep Bingo as a monthly event, send in your checks for November.

On Saturday October 20, Fred Stavola, assisted by his wife, Judy, loaded 53 of us into a bus bound for the German American Social Club in Cape Coral to celebrate Oktoberfest.

Even though our bus was over an hour late it did not dampen the mood of our members. We do, however, apologize for the delay, but it was a scheduling problem at the bus line. The German food, the German beer and the German music provided us with a fun afternoon and a great time was had by all. Thanks Fred. Great job as usual.

On Wednesday, October 24, Al Vacio hosted the Four Man Scramble Golf Tournament at the Glades C.C. 52 members participated. The tournament was named in honor of Fred Heidings, a long time Men's Club member who passed away earlier this year. Thanks Al. I'm sure Fred was looking down on all his friends and enjoying the hooks and slices.

On Thursday October 25 Ed Eastwood assisted by his wife Caren, hosted a coed Ghost & Goblins dinner at the Bay-view in the Esplanade. 66 members and their ladies enjoyed a great night of fellowship and a sumptuous meal. Thanks Ed.

On Wednesday October 31 Bob Gaffney assisted by his wife, Kris, hosted our annual dinner-dance at the Everglades Seafood Restaurant. Entertainment was provided by Hughes & Company and by the outlandish costumes we wore. It was a real fun night for all who attended. I want to especially thank Bob, a Past President of the Men's Club, for his continued involvement in club activities.

Thanksgiving is almost here. Enjoy your day. If you are traveling to be with family, drive carefully because the roads will be crowded with travelers. Don't eat too much turkey!

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. Special thanks to Norm Roberts, Mike Holder and Sergeant at Arms.

CRUISING

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. 242 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. Space subject to availability.

MEDITERRANEAN GREEK ISLES CRUISE

June 9-22, 2008 (14 Days/ 12 Nights) Cruise visits Spain, France, Italy, Greece and Turkey. 9 Ports of call: Barcelona, Nice, Florence, Rome, Mykonos, Ephesus, Santorini, Athens, and Naples. 160 people have received confirmed space but Club's allocated group space is sold out. Club has been successful confirming reservations outside group on an individual basis. Such requests are subject to availability by Princess. Contact Bob for reservations.

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.

SICK BAY

We wish speedy recoveries to Dick Siska, Gene Stillwell, and Wayne Boose who are all doing well after recent hospitalizations.

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.

PRE HOLIDAY POPS DINNER AT THE RED LOBSTER

This year we will be able to accommodate up to 50 people for dinner at the Red Lobster in Naples prior to the Holiday Pops on December 11. Dinner is at 5p.m. Entrees may be chosen from the regular menu. Separate checks will be provided. If you are interested please call Al or Dianne Wetjen at 304-0395 so that we can reserve a spot for you on a first come, first served basis.

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

GOLF NEWS

by Al Vacio

Monday Golf:

October was a busy golf month. We had two tournaments and also our Monday and Friday outings. Our first tournament was our in house at Lely Flamingo. The wind was brisk and the golf was good. However our "Sandbagger of the Month" award went to Frank Sroka and Ray Yodlow. They both netted 66 on their scorecard. They must have played their Tiger Woods "stinger shots" low into the wind, or....made a lot of loooong putts. Anyway, they went low. Nice going to all the winners.

Flight I		Flight II	
1. Ron Bales	69	1. Frank Sroka	66
1. Harry Nield	69	1. Ray Yodlow	66
3. Gary Olson	71	3. Fred Wojcik	74
		3. Bob Hayward	74

We have changed courses and are now playing at Hibiscus Golf Course with a green fee of \$60 until Saturday December 15. Starting Monday, Dec 17, the green fee will go up to \$75. However, there will be NO frequent player card to purchase.

Monday Coordinators:

November-----Harry Nield -----389-2935
 December-----Tom Heffernan -----389-5563
 January -----Dave Moenkhaus -----394-2028
 Fridays:
 TBA

Fred Heidings Memorial Golf Tournament

We had a great tournament at the Glades Golf and Country Club on October 24, 2007. Food and prizes were handed out at the luncheon to the 52 golfers who participated. The Marco Community Bank gave each golfer a beautiful golf towel and Howard Montgomery, MCB President, presented to Arlene Heidings and her family a beautifully framed golf towel. All the towels were beautifully embroidered with "Fred Heidings Memorial Golf Tournament". Many thanks go to Bob Marks, The Marco Community Bank, and Howard Montgomery for their donation and participation in this special event. If you were not there, you really missed a great time. Awards went to these winning teams:

First Place with 60: Cpt. Ron Bales, Hans Huemer, Jim McMully, Roger Hubley
 Second Place with 60 Cpt. Dave Pettit, Bob Hayward, Frank Prainito, Ray Yodlow
 Third Place with 62 Cpt. Dave Gardner, Mike Callinan, Frank Sroka, John Spizuoco

Closest to the Hole Awards:

Hole # 2-----Dwight Goslee
 Hole # 8-----Ed Pchola
 Hole # 10-----Gene Cislo
 Hole # 14-----Joe Pucci
 Hole # 16-----Bob Hayward

Thanks to the committee members that helped put on this tournament. They were Ron Bales, Mike Callinan, Mike Mueller, Dave Pettit, Joe Pucci, and Fred Wojcik.

Golf Tip of the month:

Hitting out of the rough:

There are several methods you can use for this shot. If the ball is in our Florida Bermuda rough, it sits down a little bit deep into the grass. If you are a reachable distance, the utility club is perfect for this shot. Place the ball in the middle of your stance, choke down on the club about an inch, and swing normally through the ball. If you are close, take a lofted club, choke down about an inch, place the ball closer to your back foot, and hit down and through the ball. Do not try to scoop the ball, hit down and through it. You may need to use a lofted club if the rough is high.

Choking down on the club keeps you from bottoming out in the rough and keeps you from sliding the club underneath the ball, then it goes nowhere. Placing the ball back in your stance helps you to hit the ball first and not the grass. Trying to hit out of the heavy rough with a 4 or 5 iron is useless. Of course if you work out like Tiger Woods and have his strength, go ahead.

Remember, if the rough is too heavy, take your punishment and chip out onto the fairway. If you are around the green, in the rough, and less than a foot from the fringe, try using your fairway wood, or utility wood. Use it like a putter. The ball will pop out, because the face of the club is lofted. Be careful, the ball will shoot out stronger than a putter. Practice this shot before you try it. After a couple of times, you will learn to like it. The best advice I can give, is.....don't get in the rough. Easier said than done, right?? Good Luck.

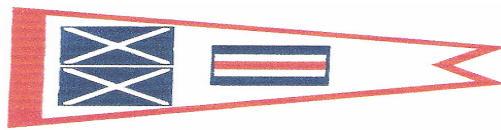
Golf Book: Con't from last month

- Chapter VII - How to avoid the water when you lie 8 in the bunker.
- Chapter VIII - How to find that ball after everyone else saw it go into the water.
- Chapter IX - Why your spouse doesn't care that you birdied the 5th hole.
- Chapter X - When to regrip your ball retriever.
- Chapter XI - Using your shadow on the green to maximize your earnings.

See you next month, hit 'em straight.

Al





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