



The Marco Men's Club Newsletter December 2007

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I cannot let a President's message go by without acknowledging the wonderful picnic honoring our Men's Club veterans on November 13 at Sarazen Park. What an inspiring event, hosted by Ed Eastwood and assisted by his wife Caren. We had over 200 people in attendance, the food catered by Porky's was great and our beer meisters, Dave Walsh and Ed Crane, kept the cold beer and the wine flowing all afternoon. But the highlight of the afternoon was the color guard of Men's Club veterans, Merle Otto (Army), Gerry Gibbons (Navy), Fred Wojcik (Marines), Joe Rad (Coast Guard), and Bill Brennan (Air Force). It made me proud seeing these old guys squeeze into their uniforms and march with their flags held high. It was a great day and one that will not be soon forgotten. Ed put a great deal of time and effort hosting this event, and he is to be commended for providing us with such a wonderful afternoon. Thanks Ed, fantastic job.

Ed Vesely reports our membership now stands at 541 legal resident members, 32 non-resident members and 2 new applications being processed.

Ed Eastwood reports that during October we had income of \$8,405.50 and expenses of \$9,590.05 leaving us with a bank balance of \$21,956.48

On Thursday November 8, following our general meeting we had a sold out crowd enjoying a co-ed luncheon at Ne Ne's Restaurant hosted by our Senior Vice-President, Fred Stavola, assisted by his wife, Judy. The food, service, and fellowship were great. Thanks Fred.

Once again we had to cancel Bingo at the MIYC. We only had 16 people signed up and could not meet the minimum of 50 people required by the MIYC. It appears the interest in monthly Bingo has waned and therefore we are going to cancel our contract for monthly Bingo at the MIYC. In the future we will schedule Bingo two or three times per year. For all of you that have sent checks for Bingo through December be advised that all checks have been shredded. Please adjust your bank balance accordingly.

On November 28, Jerry Oxborough hosted an evening of memorable music "Loi Sings Hollywood" sung by his wife Lois. 43 people attended the event held at the United Church and reminisced with some wonderful songs. Thanks Jerry.

On November 29, Merle Otto, assisted by his wife, Gerry, hosted a co-ed luncheon at Joe's Crab Shack. 92 people attended and were treated to great food, service and a wonderful afternoon. Thanks Merle.

Well, Thanksgiving is over, the turkey is gone (or is it). We are still eating turkey sandwiches. We are now looking forward to the Christmas Holiday Season to spend time with friends and family. So have a great Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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 Bob Hopp, mike holder and sergeant at arms.

CRUISING

CLUB'S INAUGURAL NEW YEARS CRUISE

Five 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. 236 people have received confirmed reservations for this Cruise. Cruise details with reservation form on MMC Web Sight or please contact Bob for assistance for reservations. "Space subject to Availability"

MEDITERRANEAN GREEK SLES CRUISE

ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S "BRILLIANCE OF THE SEAS"

June 9 to 22, 2008. 14 days/12 nights Cruise visiting 5 countries Spain, France, Italy, Greece and Turkey with "9" ports of call: Barcelona, Spain-Nice, France-Florence Italy-Rome Italy-Mykonos, Greece-Ephesus, Turkey-Santorini, Greece-Athens, Greece and Naples, Italy. 160 people have received confirmed space. Sorry, Club's allocated space is sold out. Wait-list not

available. Club not permitted to fill cancellations. Ship virtually Sold Out.

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.

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

The fall golf schedule is in full gear. Every week more members are signing up. On Friday golf is not being assigned to anyone, but a few of the guys have been playing at Eagle Lakes (old Boyne South). They have a package deal for golf and league play. However, Eagle Lakes informed us that next year there will be no league play and it will be an individual sign up format. So we will continue to play at Hibiscus Golf Course. There have been some grumbings about the shape of the course and the greens. I really cannot blame you, but right now I don't think we have much choice. Hibiscus and Eagle Lakes are the only two public 18 hole championship length golf courses in the area. There are other executive length courses we can play, but I don't seem to get enough interest to commit to those courses. The reason Hibiscus's greens are in such poor shape is the fact that they just seeded them last month. They also told me that they have to cut back on the watering by government decree. Anyway we can still play there and watch the greens grow in.

December Coordinator— Dave Moenkhaus (394-2028)

January Coordinator—Ron Bales (389-5587)

February Coordinator—Tom Hefferman (389-5563)

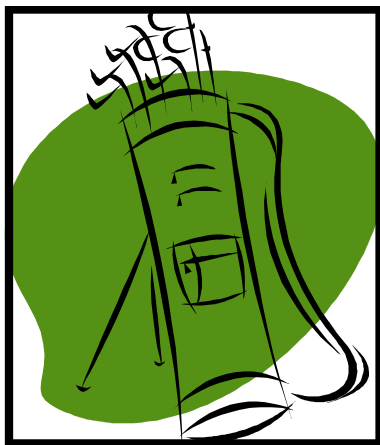
Tidbits:

Ron Bales had a great round at Eagle Lakes. He shot a gross 72, net 63. Al Bozzo also had a great round at Eagle Lakes. He shot his best round ever, a gross 86, net 62! Please let me know if you shoot your best or one of your best so we can share the news with the rest of us hackers.

NOVEMBER IN HOUSE TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

- | Flyte I | | Flyte II | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------|--|
| 1. Tom Hefferman (66) | 1. Ray Yodlow (65*) | | |
| 2. Al Vacio (68) | 2. Bart Thompson (66) | | |
| 3. Al Bozzo (70) | 3. Dick Gady (71) | | |
| Roy "Canuck" Zito (70) | | | |

*There is no doubt that our "Sandbagger of the Month" is Ray Yodlow. Looks like Ray has won this award before. Looks like Al Bozzo will have to do a drug test (?) before the next tournament. Hey Ray, you don't hang out with Barry Bonds? Just kidding! Nice round, Ray!



Golf tip of the Month. Golf indexes: Your index will determine your handicap for a specific course. COURSE RATING: This is one measure of difficulty for the course. The higher the rating, the more difficult the course. INDEX: This is the difference when the rating is subtracted from your score. Example: Your 90 minus a rating of 70 gives a difference of 20 for that course. This number is used when figuring your handicap. The formula is 113 X Difference divided by Slope = Index (nearest tenth). SLOPE: This is a USGA rating of difficulty for the course. It is another measurement for bogey golfers. ADJUSTED SCORES: Depending on your handicap, you may adjust your score for calculating your handicap. See the next examples of equitable scoring. HANDICAP: A mathematical formula using the index and the slope to attain an average handicap. CALCULATING YOUR HANDICAP: This is used by taking the best 10 adjusted scores of your last 20 rounds, averaging your differentials for those 10 scores, and using the home course slope to determine your average handicap. For example, Adjusted Score = 95, Course Rating = 71.5, Difference = 23.5 and Slope = 130. Handicap Differential: 113 X 23.5 divided by 130 = 20.4 (The value of 113 is the USGA standard for Slope Ratings, and is used to weigh differentials.)

CALCULATING YOUR INDEX: Use the lowest 10 of the last 20 Handicap Differentials. Total of 10 lowest differentials = 224.9 (ie. using 20.4 plus 9 other lowest differentials)

Total averaged = 22.49

Total Multiplied by 96% (USGA Rule) = 21.59

Delete all numbers after tenth = 21.5, your INDEX

White Tees Slope Rating = 123

National Standard for Slope Rating = 113

Handicap = 15.3, rounded up or down = 15

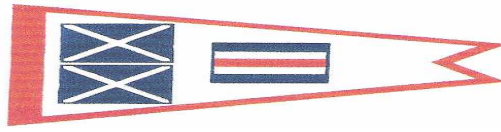
Your HANDICAP = 15

Adjusting your score for posting via the Equitable Stroke Rule: Handicap of 0-9 = Double Bogey; handicap of 10-19 = 7; handicap of 20-29 = 8; handicap of 30-39 = 9; handicap of 40 plus = 10.

These numbers are the maximum number of strokes you can post on a given hole. You may shoot 102, but if your handicap dictates, you cannot take any more than a 7 on any hole. Your score will be adjusted on all holes over 7. So if you had two 8's and a 9, you will have 4 strokes deducted from 102. 102 minus 4 = 98, your adjusted gross score.

Now that you are all confused, you can appreciate the hard work that Joe Pucci and Roger Fredericks are doing in posting your scores and keeping your handicaps updated. Please give them a legible scorecard with the correct dates and which tees were used.

That's all folks, hit 'em straight.



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