



## The Marco Men's Club Newsletter January 2008

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well the Christmas and New Years celebrations are history. The Christmas tree and decorations are packed away, the only thing not packed away are the excess pounds we all packed on. It has been a great year for the Marco Men's Club beginning in January 2007, highlighted by our Past President's luncheon at Carraba's, the New Members Breakfast at the Old Marco Inn, the Annual Sweetheart Ball at the Marriott, the riverboat cruise on the Caloosahatchee, the cruise aboard the Marco Princess, the Installation Dinner Dance at Hideaway, the Hurrican Ball at Hideaway, and the annual Christmas/Holiday Luncheon at the Old Marco Inn. It has been a very busy 2007, and Fred Stavola, our senior vice president has some great events scheduled for 2008. Watch your Newsletter and Web page for additional information.

At our January 2008 board meeting I will select a chairman and one additional board member to head up the Nominating Committee for the coming year. They in turn will select three members from the general membership to form this committee. The nominees they select will be presented to the board for their approval at the March board meeting and then to the general membership at its April meeting. If you are interested in serving on either the nominating committee or the board of directors please contact me prior to the March board meeting. I can be reached at 642-1491 or [joecassidy530@comcast.net](mailto:joecassidy530@comcast.net).

**NOTICE TO NEW MEMBERS:** On Saturday, February 2 we will be having a new members breakfast at the Forest Glen CC in Naples. This affair provides an excellent opportunity for you to meet the current board members as well as some of our past presidents. We encourage you to attend and you might want to consider becoming more involved in the club by signing up on our volunteer list to assist in hosting future events.

On December 5, Wayne Boose, a former president of the Men's Club, assisted by his wife Adele, hosted a coed luncheon at the Old Marco Lodge. Sixty two members and their ladies were treated to a great meal and fellowship. Thanks Wayne great event and we appreciate your staying involved.

On December 7, fifty members travelled to the First Baptist Church of Naples to attend the festive Living Tree Concert. The event was hosted by Jerry Masters assisted by his wife Mary Helen. It was a beautiful concert; putting everyone in the Christmas spirit. Thanks Jerry for hosting this memorable event.

On December 11, Alan Wetjen, a former president of the Men's Club, assisted by his wife, Dianne, hosted the Holiday Pops concert at the Philharmonic. Prior to the concert about 50 of us enjoyed a fantastic meal at the Red Lobster. There were one hundred twenty four members at the concert who enjoyed Christmas and Hanukkah music performed by the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra. It was a great night. Thanks Alan.

On December 13, Joe Varano assisted by his wife, Carol, hosted our annual Christmas/Holiday Luncheon. One hundred twenty six attended. The caroling was led by Peter Clapp, and the Twelve Days Of Christmas was led by, who else, but Bonnie Bozzo. Bonnie, what happened to the six geese a laying, you really had to work on them. Thanks Joe, I have had a number of people thanking me for the great time they had, and I told them I had nothing to do with it and gave all the credit to you.

On December 31, Fred Stavola, assisted by his wife, Judy, will host a New Years Eve Landlubbers Party at Blue Fusion. Sixty four members have signed up so far and Fred expects more sign-ups. Fred I will be thinking of you when I am on the veranda of my room drinking some exotic drink. Speaking of the New Years Cruise, Bob Marks says it is sold out with over two hundred members aboard. Once again Bob Marks did his usual fantastic job in organizing this cruise.

I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH ALL OF  
OUR MEN'S CLUB

MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES A HAPPY AND HEALTHY  
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.

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

# GOLF NEWS

by Al Vacio

Happy New Year, or should I say Happy new golf clubs or putter or driver. Anyway, I hope Santa brought you something to improve your game. Of course, Santa doesn't deal in swing changes or more realistically, psychology. You know what I mean. That thing between your ears that does not allow you to make a 3 foot putt when its on the line. Sorry, can't help you there. But, I hope the holidays were good for everyone and everyone is in good spirits.

Golf Tidbits: Well we have had some phenomenal rounds from a few of our members. Al "Hustler" Bozzo, almost had his kneecaps broken in the parking lot at Eagle Lakes. He played with a group of guys he did not know, and he shot a 79. That's a gross 79 with a 24 handicap. Do the numbers guys, that's a net 55. Next time they will know not to play with a guy from "Jersey". Can you see Bozzo trying to convince those guys he had the round of his life!!! Now, how about Mike "Minnesota Fats" Callinan, he emptied a few wallets a few weeks ago when he shot a gross 83 with a 20 handicap. Yup, a net 63. Boy, I am running out of drug testing cups.

In House December Tournament Results:

Flight I	Flight II	Flight III
1. Al Vacio 71	1. Mike Callinan 67	1. Roger Pransky 68
2. Dave Ballentine 72	2. Harry Nield 68	2. Ray Yodlow 70
2. Bob Hansen 72	3. Ed Pchola 69	3. Bart Thompson 72

Monthly Golf Coordinators: (Al Vacio 389-0995)

January Dave Moenkhaus 394-2028  
 February Ron Bales 389-5587  
 March Tom Heffernan 389-5563

Sandbagger of the Month: Who else? Can you say "net 55" without drinking a beer and having it come out of your nose. Hey Pucci, I hope your aren't reading this and drinking a beer.?? Now, don't get his name confused with mine. He is Al Bozzo, I'm Al Vacio. He's from Jersey and I'm from California.

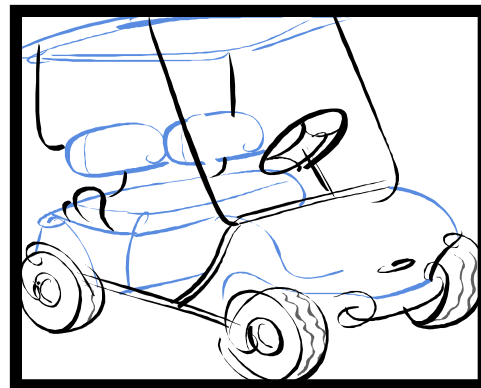
Golf tip of the Month: Keeping your balance. Many golfers swing harder than they need to. It is easy to recognize someone that is overswinging, because they fall off balance after they hit the ball. They usually fall backwards away from the ball. They think that it will get them distance, however, it doesn't. Swinging too hard also means that your grip is really tight on the club. If the grip is too tight, the club will lose clubhead speed because you will not allow it to reach maximum velocity through a proper release. Hinging and unhinging of the wrists and hands contributes to more clubhead speed. A tight grip hinders the hinging of the wrists. Try swinging a club with a looser grip and you will see how much more speed the club will go through the ball.

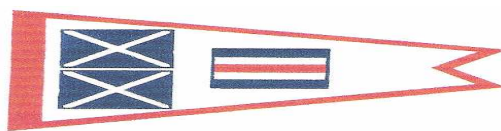
Drill: Practice hitting balls with your feet together. Take full swings and try to hit the ball without losing your balance. When you can swing fully without losing your balance, and also make good contact, try taking your normal stance and swing with that same tempo and speed. You will be amazed how much better you can hit the ball. A smooth swing with timing and tempo are more important than a hard and fast swing without timing. Fast tempo will work if your timing is there. Think smoooooth. Now, go out and concentrate on perfecting your timing and tempo. Golf doesn't have to be an ugly four letter word, unless the word is "nice" as in "nice swing"!

Golf Joke of the Month:

This golfer was bragging to his foursome that he has been playing with the same golf ball for the past 6 rounds and hasn't lost the ball yet. He kept saying "This ball is unbelievable, you cannot lose it no matter what. Everytime I hit it into the rough, I seem to find it. This ball always sits up so you can see it. It's fantastic, you guys have to get one." One of them asks, "What is the name of theball?" "Voodoo" he says. "Voodoo?" they ask?" "Yeah, you gotta get one!". "Where can we get one?" The guy scratches his head and says, "Dunno, I found this one!"

that's all folks, hit 'em straight





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