



## The Marco Men's Club Newsletter February 2008

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winter has arrived at Marco Island, we have had some cold days and chillier nights. It's a good thing we brought some winter clothes with us from up north. Speaking of up north, we have to find some comfort when you realize the terrible weather they are experiencing this winter. I take great pleasure when talking to my daughter in New Jersey, she will be telling me how cold and depressing it is and I tell her I am sitting by my pool, in the sun and enjoying a cold beer. I want to dispel a rumor that is going around, that the men's club has endorsed a particular slate of candidates for

city council. ***NOT TRUE, we are a social organization and we never get involved in political issues.*** Ed

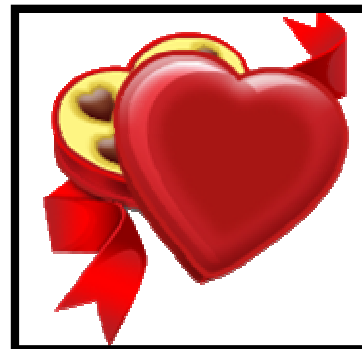
Vesely reports we now have 552 legal resident members and 32 non-resident members giving us a total 584 members. Remember the 32 nonresident members do not count toward our maximum of 600 members. Wayne Boose reports that as of year end 2007 we had assets of \$22,809.00 and liabilities of \$4,930.00 (Sweetheart Ball registrations) leaving us with a net balance of \$17,809.00. On December 31, 2007 over 200 members and their ladies embarked on a five day cruise to Cozumel and Belize aboard the Navigator of the Seas. What a marvelous ship, everyone was impressed with their accommodations and the splendor of the ship. Bob Marks is to be congratulated again for arranging and organizing this trip. Kudos to you Bob. The weather wasn't the best but it didn't stop us from having a fun time and enjoying a great trip. About the only thing that went wrong was that Tom Traeger lost his hat to the sea. I understand he has had this hat for over 20 years, so needless to say he was very upset. As a matter of fact he thought about throwing Darol into the sea to retrieve it, but thought better about it when he realized Darol was more important to him than the hat.

On January 10 Joe Varano assisted by his wife, Carol, hosted the 16th anniversary of the Men's Club at a luncheon at Carrabbas. 176 members and their ladies were treated to a great luncheon and entertainment provided by Joe.

The most surprised guy in the place was yours truly. I was honored as the 16th president of the Men's Club and was awarded a beautiful clock/plaque. Thanks Joe, a great time was had by all. On January 23 Ron Moores assisted by his wife Margret hosted a play at the Marco Players. It was a sellout crowd to see "Relatives and other Strangers". It was a hilarious show that also included audience participation which was a riot. On January Joe Varano assisted by his wife, Carol, hosted a dinner Train Theatre. 42 members attended and enjoyed a wonderful five course dinner and a entertaining "Whodunit" that kept us guessing all night long. Thanks Joe

That's all folks.

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

#### 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.

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

### SPECIAL NOTICE

**The editor and his wife (Alan and Dianne Wetjen) have just moved back to Marco and now live here at 109 Saxon St. Our new phone number is (239) 970-2037.**

*Marco Mens' Club expresses  
its sincere sympathy to the family  
of Dick Clark  
who passed away  
last month.*

**GOLF NEWS****by Al Vacio**

When you read this, I hope the winds have calmed down and the weather has warmed up. When the temperature drops, I know my scores rise. However, we still have 9 to 10 groups signing up for Monday golf. We are still trying to get Friday golf going, but we need 16 players minimum for us to get our Monday rates on Fridays. Our Spring Tournament is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at the Glades Country Club. Please sign up early and don't wait until the last minute. Prior to that date, we have a coed couples tournament at the Links. Sign up with Roger Hubley. Entry application is in this newsletter. The date is April 16.

**GOLF TIDBITS:** Do you realize that in today's prices for golf equipment, one of the clubs you use the least, costs the most!! That's right, your driver. You may use it 14 times per round. But your putter, which you use the most, costs less and is more important. So why do you spend all your time hitting your driver on the range?????

January in-House Tournament:

Flight 1                      Flight 2

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Mike Callinan    68  | 1. Roger Pransky    65   |
| 2. Ron Bales        73  | 2. John Weber        68  |
| 2. Mike Mueller    73   | 3. Bert Posner        73 |
| 3. Frank Prainito    73 |                          |

**SANDBAGGER OF THE MONTH:** This guy goes to NY about once a month to see a special doctor. I thought it was for health reasons, but now we know. It is the same doctor that Marion Jones and Barry Bonds used for treatments. **ROGER PRANSKY** will now have to take the Marco Men's drug testing regimen. Starting with Dr. Bozzo. Drop 'em, Roger. (If you win next month, you'll never make it out of the parking lot!!) Are you reading this Callinan?? You're next !!!

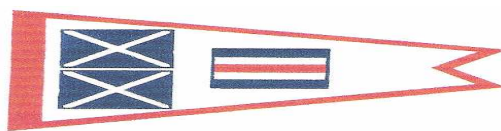
Golf Coordinators :    Al Vacio    393-0995  
 February-----Ron Bales    389-5587  
 March -----Tom Heffernan    389-5563  
 April -----Mike Callinan    389-1458  
 May -----Dave Pettit    642-6741

**GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH:** The Short Game.

Pitching , chipping and putting accounts for the majority of your score. You should practice this part of your game often. The stroke of your short game will transfer over to your full swing because of the timing and tempo. You should develop a system for distance control for your short game. What I mean is, learn to hit 20 yd, 30 yd, 40 yd and 50 yd shots, with confidence. The distance is controlled by the length of your back swing, with your follow through. Use the clock method. If you are the clock, think of a half swing back and a half swing forward as: back to 9 o'clock and follow through to 3 o'clock. Do this several times hitting a golf ball. Now, how far did the ball go with that swing? From there, you can adjust the clock to adjust your distances. However, your follow through should never be shorter than your backswing. In other words, don't try to stop your follow through, with a punch type shot. If you do that, you cannot control the distance as well. Practice the clock and remember how far each swing will carry the ball. If that is too complicated, use a half swing back, half swing follow through. Or half back, full follow through, or quarter back, quarter follow through. Practice this and you will take 5 to 10 strokes off your score. How about putting?? The best advice I ever had was from an old timer with whom I used to play golf years ago. He was watching me lament over a putt. He looked at me and said, "Son, what in the hell are you so stressed about? Hit the damn putt. Look, it's simple. It is either going to go in..... or..... it isn't!!" Good old Dad, he had the best attitude on the golf course.

**GOLF JOKE OF THE MONTH:**

A young couple is on their honeymoon and the new husband says to his new bride. "Honey, I have a confession to make. I am an avid golfer and I have to play golf every weekend with my buddies. I hope you understand?" She looks at him and says, "Oh honey that's all right. I have a confession too. You see before we met, I was a hooker!! I hope you understand!?" The man looks at her and says, "Oh honey, that is not a problem, don't worry about it. We'll just weaken your grip, open up your stance, and bring the club back in a more upright plane. That should cure your hook!!!"  
 That's all folks. Hit 'em straight.



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