



## The Marco Men's Club Newsletter March 2008

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Phil Eqizio, a Marco Men's Club member, was recently honored by the Marco Community Bank. He was presented with the Community Service Award for his volunteer service at the Marco Island Hospital Auxiliary. Phil joined the auxiliary in 1997 and was appointed chairman in 1998. Phil has given more than 11,000 volunteer hours to the auxiliary. Congratulations Phil, your Men's Club friends are very proud of you and your accomplishments.

We also want to congratulate Karen Saeks, wife of Dr. Ed Saeks, chairman of our annual blood drive. Karen was the recipient of MICA's 2008 Humanitarian of the Year Award, one of the most prestigious awards on Marco Island. Karen is the driving force behind and the founder of "Bedtime Bundles". The bundles consist of a pillow case filled with basic items to be distributed to children of migrant workers who travel from crop to crop, leaving behind all of their personal belongings. Congratulations Karen, what a marvelous undertaking, assisting these underprivileged children. The Marco Men's Club is proud of you and Dr. Ed.

Wayne Boose reports we are in excellent financial condition. As of January 31 we had assets of \$32,351.15 and liabilities of \$10,553.00 (Sweetheart Ball deposits).

Ed Vesely reports we now have 559 legal resident members and 31 non-resident members for a total of 590 members.

On February 2, Fred Stavola, assisted by his wife, Judy, hosted the annual New Members Breakfast at the Forest Glen Golf and CC. Over 100 members and their ladies attended and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast provided by Forest Glen. Our club founder and first president, Paul Kurtzman, spoke to the new members and stressed upon them the need to get involved in club affairs. Thanks Fred, I am certain our new members now have a better appreciation of what our club is all about.

On February 6, Gary Mandley hosted a men's only lunch at Little Bar in Goodland. We had a good turnout of 35 members who enjoyed some good food, service and fellowship. Thanks Gary.

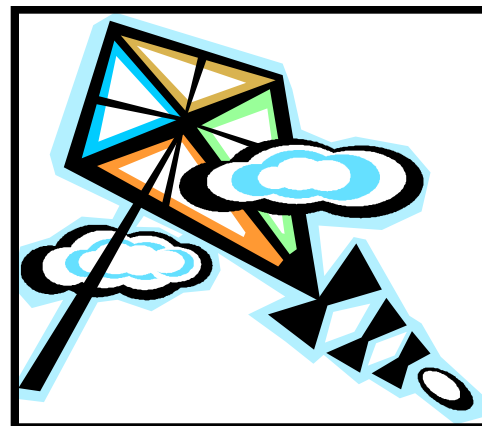
On February 14, Pat Thawley, assisted by his wife, Gayle, hosted a Valentine's day luncheon at Konrad's. 117 members and their ladies were treated to great food and a good time. Kudos to Pat and to Konrad's for providing us with an enjoyable afternoon.

On February 22, George Godfrey and Fred Stavola and their wives hosted our Annual Sweetheart Ball at the Marriott. The turnout was disappointing as we only had 198 people attending. Nevertheless those attending enjoyed dancing and listening to the music of Joey Dio and the Jet Set. Thanks George and Fred for a very entertaining night.

### CALLING ALL NEW MEMBERS

We are concerned over the lack of participation by our new members. Remember this is your club and we continue to urge you to take an active roll in the affairs of the club. Volunteer to host or assist the host at one of our functions.

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.

#### JANUARY 2009 CARIBBEAN CRUISE

ROYAL CARIBBEANS "NAVIGATOR OF THE SEAS"

Five night cruise, January 3 to 8 visiting Georgetown, Grand Cayman and Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Reservation forms available on the MMC website.

### 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.

*Marco Mens' Club expresses  
its sincere sympathy to the family  
of MMC member  
Ray Callanan who recently  
passed away*

# GOLF NEWS

by Al Vacio

We are getting more signups for golf as the weather continues to warm up. Hibiscus's Tif Eagle greens are starting to mature, and they are really great. Sign up with the coordinator of the month for your tee time. I would like to thank the members for trying to improve slow play. We have picked up a little, but we still can improve. Continuous putting and ready golf really speeds up play. Please keep playing ready golf, i.e. whoever is ready first, play on. There are no honors in ready golf. Again, thank you.

**COUPLES TOURNAMENT:** Wednesday, April 16, 2008. The Links GC Send money, and names to Roger Hubley. Flier in this newsletter.

**SPRING TOURNAMENT:** Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at The Glades CC. Tear out the flier in this newsletter now and send it in to me with your check. Please do not call me and say "count me in". **NO CHECK--NO SIGN UP.** We had a great time at our last tournament. If Bales wins again, I know a few New Jersey guys who will be waiting for him in the parking lot.

**February IN-HOUSE TOURNAMENT:**

- | Flight I           | Flight II          | Flight III            |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Dave Pettit 69  | 1. Kip Zimmer 56   | 1. Paul Pransky 65    |
| 2. Al Vacio 72     | 2. Ron Kelley 70   | 2. Leroy Fishleigh 70 |
| 2. Jim Sullivan 72 | 3. Dave Gardner 70 | 3. Bob Flugger 70     |
| 2. Harry Nield 72  |                    |                       |

**SANDBAGGER OF THE MONTH:** No, I do not have dyslexia. The numbers are correct for Cliff "Kip" Zimmer. I wrote his full name because that is how it will show in the obituaries. I suggest that Kip ask for the first tee time for Monday golf, so he can get out of the parking lot before the "Jersey Guys" finish their rounds. He shot 16 under par. Kip is new to the golf group. Hmm.....we don't know what he looks like. He will probably play under Cliff from now on.

Golf Coordinators: Al Vacio 393-0995

March----- Tom Heffernan 389-5563

April----- Mike Callinan 389-1458

May----- Al Vacio 393-0995

**TIDBITS:** Ed Crane, our Webmaster, said he is working with Roger Frederick to post our golf handicaps on the Marco Mens' Website. So please check the website for your handicap. Go to [marcomensclub.com](http://marcomensclub.com). At the top of the web page, there is a link for Golf. Click on it for your handicaps. Thank you Ed for your hard work.

**GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH:** Using the Tee Area to your Advantage.

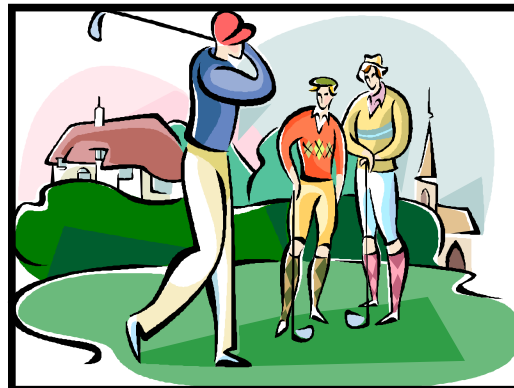
Most of us do not hit a straight ball, even more so, off the tee. By teeing it up on the right or left side of the tee box, you can take advantage of a larger landing area. If your slice goes to the right, tee up on the right side of the tee box. That way you can use the whole fairway to allow your ball to slice. If you hook, tee up on the left side of the tee box. If you happen to hit the dreaded straight ball, you will only end up on the other side of the fairway.

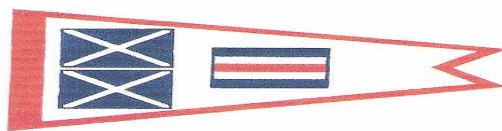
Another tip: Always tee up on the side of trouble. For example, if there is trouble on the left side of the fairway, i.e. OB, or water, etc., tee up on the left side, and vice-versa for trouble on the right side.

**JOKE OF THE MONTH:** A married couple was discussing what they would do if one or the other happened to pass away suddenly. The woman asked her husband, "Honey, if I died would you get a girlfriend?" He answered, "Well, maybe." She replied, "Would you let her live in this house?" Again, he said, "Well, maybe". She kept on asking him about her clothes, car, jewelry, and his answer was always "Well maybe", until the final question came, "Would you let her use my golf clubs?" Without thinking, he responded with, "Oh no, she couldn't, she's left handed".

That's all folks, hit 'em straight.

Al





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