



## The Marco Men's Club Newsletter April 2008

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## THE LADIES ARE TAKING OVER!!!!!!!!!!

At the March General Meeting the members were surprised with a demonstration by the past First Ladies. Led by sweet, innocent, diminutive Darol Traeger, they stormed into our meeting, took over the microphones and proceeded to outline their program for taking over the Men's Club.

Mary Stought was introduced as the first woman president candidate because her husband Jerry was the only president who had two terms. She said that if Hillary can follow in Bill's footsteps, she can follow in Jerry's. (Does this mean two terms if elected ?)

She then introduced her board of Directors:

Mary Ann Cassidy In charge of meeting set-up and poker games

Sue Marks Cruise Director

Adele Boose Treasurer

Dianne Wetjen Newsletter Editor

Bonnie Bozzo In charge of prostate exams based on her experience with Dr. Al.

Kris Gaffney Artistic Director and rules Enforcer

Helga Godfrey R.V. vacation planner

Jean Wright In charge of 50/50 drawings. Proceeds will provide funds for facials and other beauty treatments for board members.

Pam Molander Secretary of Defense

Ed Crane Token male Webmaster

The club name would be changed to the Unisex Club. She then tried to bribe us by having beer and pizza at our meeting instead of coffee and donuts. Fortunately one of our members called 911 and the police arrived and escorted the ladies out and charged them with disturbing the peace. Thanks Ladies for providing us with some great entertainment and a lot of laughs.

Our Annual Joke Day was held the same day, hosted by Joe Varano. There were nine participants and we heard a variety of good jokes.

I thought my jokes were pretty good but apparently the judges did not agree. I placed 7th. I have the names of the judges and there will be repercussions. The defending champion, Al Bozzo, defended his crown and repeated as champion.

Wayne Boose reports that in February 2008 we had income of \$15,021.00 and expenses of \$24,588.62 leaving us with \$15,672.92. Ed Vesely reports we have 563 resident members and 31 non-resident members for a total of 594.

Joe Rad hosted baseball games on March 1, Twins vs. Red Sox and March 9, Twins vs. NY Yankees. Both games were sold out. Thanks Joe its always a fun day to watch the Twins play.

On March 13 Ron Moores hosted a men's only pizza lunch at Vandy's. 39 men attended and enjoyed an excellent salad and pizza and comradeship. Thanks Ron.

On March 17, Bill Sullivan, assisted by his wife Carol, hosted our annual St. Patrick's day coed luncheon. 153 members and their ladies attended making it the largest turnout ever for a St. Patrick's day luncheon. Everyone was dressed in green and everyone was Irish. The entertainment provided by Jerry Masters, Peter Clapp, Alan Wetjen and Kenny Boston kept us in the Irish celebration mood all afternoon. Bill Sullivan did a wonderful job hosting this event and even bought a number of his friends from New England down to celebrate.

On March 28, Gerry Masters assisted by his wife Mary Helen hosted a trip to Germain Arena to watch the Florida Everblades. The event was sold out and those attending enjoyed a fun night out. Thanks Jerry.

Dr. Greg Cheek, a Marco Men's Club member, was recently honored by the Safari Club International, South Florida Chapter, as the 2007 Hunter of the Year. Greg was also recently honored by the Naples/Ft. Myers SCI chapter as the African Hunter of the year.. He was instrumental in establishing programs in Africa for feeding hundreds of people in the SCI Food from Hunters Program. Congratulations Greg from your friends in the Marco Men's Club.

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.

### JANUARY 2009 CARIBBEAN CRUISE

#### ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S "NAVIGATOR OF THE SEAS"

January 3 to 8, 2009. 6 days/5 nights cruising the Caribbean with ports of call in Georgetown, Grand Cayman and Ocho Rios, Jamaica. 100 passengers have received confirmed space for this cruise. The Navigator is same ship Club sailed on for their New Years Cruise, finding her to be truly a beautiful ship who deserves its "5" star rating. Cruise details with reservation forms available at [www.marcomenssclub.com](http://www.marcomenssclub.com) or contact Bob Marks at 239 642-0370.

#### 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.

## GOLF NEWS

by Al Vacio

If you have procrastinated and have not sent in your money for either the Couples Tournament or the Scramble Tournament, **DO IT NOW!** Send your money to Roger Hubley for the Couples event, and send Al Vacio the money for the Scramble Tournament. Please don't wait any longer if you plan to play. If you want to know whether I have received your check, go to [www.marcomensclub.com](http://www.marcomensclub.com), and click on the GOLF link at the top of the page. That will take you to the golf information page where you can check both your entry and your handicap.

The March 17th In-House Tournament was played at Hibiscus in very windy weather. It seems that the rainbow lead the following players to the 'pot of gold'. And some aren't even Irish. (Will someone tell Mike Callinan that St. Patrick's day is not a holiday). I guess 69 was a popular number. Hmm...nah, won't go there.

Flight I	Flight II	Flight III
1. Bob Hansen 69	1. Roy Zito 69	1. Ray Rathka 66
1. Dave Pettit 69	1. Ron Kelley 69	2. Dick Gady 69
3. T. Heffernan 70	3. Frank Sroka 71	2. P. Pransky 69

**SANDBAGGER OF THE MONTH:** Well Ray Rathka, it's your turn for the award. Let's see.... a 35 handicap shoots 101, not bad. However, in all fairness, Ray has been lowering his handicap every month. He was a 39 last month. Don't even think about it Zito, you are being watched closely. Your buddies from Jersey aren't going to let you out of the parking lot. They know you will run back to Canada.

**Golf Tidbits:** "Atta boy!" goes to 2 of our members who shot great rounds on March 3rd at Hibiscus. Erwin Stegmaier and Frank Sroka. Erwin shot a 91, for a net 62, and Frank shot a 92 for a net 63. Sorry guys, but it was not tournament day. If you haven't seen Joe Pucci, it's because he tore a rotator cuff in his shoulder and is having it repaired. Good luck, Joe.

**Golf Tip of the Month:** Pulling and Pushing Putts

Putts are influenced by several different factors.

1. The slope of the green.
2. The grain in the grass.
3. Strong winds.
4. Water and Setting Sun.
5. Spike or ball marks on the green
6. The idiot who is putting the ball.

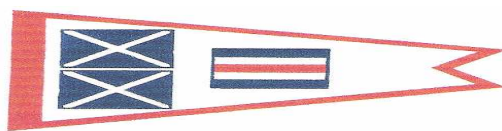
We all suffer from number 6. However, we blame the other 5 (whichever is more convenient). But in reality, 90% of your missed putts are due to putter face. Whichever direction your putter face is facing, when making contact with the ball, will determine the direction of its path. If your putter face is angled left when it meets the ball, the ball will go left, and vice versa. If the putter face is square to the ball on contact, the ball will go straight off the putter face, and then the other 5 factors can be calculated into the putt. If you keep your hands and wrists out of the putt, the tendency to flip or turn your hands while holding the putter, will be diminished. Your hands should only hold the putter. Your shoulders and feet should be square to the target line. Some golfers like an open stance so they can see the line. This is OK, but make sure you putt the ball down your intended line, and not in the direction your shoulders are facing. Also, where you place the ball in your stance will influence your putt. If the ball is too far forward, the putter may be closing by the time it reaches the ball, and the face is angled to the inside of your line. If you play the ball too far back, the putter may not reach its square position and will come in contact with the ball with an open face, and push the ball outside your line. The swing path of the putter is not as important as the angle of the putter face on contact.

**Golf Joke of the Month:** A threesome made up of two young guys and an older man are waiting on the tee when a gorgeous boxom blonde shows up and says, "Hi boys. "I am your fourth". Smiles come across all their faces as they tee off and proceed in trying to play golf. When they reach the 18th green, the blonde is lining up her putt and turns to the three men, who have been stepping on their tongues all day, and she says, "You boys have been so nice to me. So, the one who can give me the best tip on how to make this putt, will spend the night at my place." The first young guy steps up and says, "Play a 3 foot left break". The second young guy jumps in front of the first and says, "It is a downhill putt, so don't hit it hard." The blonde turns to the older guy, who is just standing there leaning on his putter and says, "Well, what do you think?" The guy looks at her and says, "It's good. What time do you want me at your place?"

That's all folks. Him 'em straight,

Al





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