

The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marco Men's Club Dues were due on June 30, 2008. If you haven't paid your dues, you will be dropped from the Marco Men's Club Roster.

July has come and gone and the dog days of summer are amongst us. The City of Marco Island provided a great fireworks show on the 4th of July. The first hurricane of the season, Bertha, passed us by with no damage to Florida. Hello "Dolly", good-by "Bertha".

Bob Marks has booked another cruise for the Marco Men's Club. The cruise will leave July 30, 2009, for 15 days, and visit 6 countries and 7 ports of call on the new 2008 *MS Amacello*. Cruise information was included in the July Newsletter, and is also posted on the Marco Men's Club Web Site (www.marcomensclub.com).

The cruise will be open to *non-members* starting August 1, 2008.

Treasurer Wayne Boose, reported at the July Board meeting, that we have available funds of \$23,603.91.

On July 10, Wil Uhl, assisted by his wife Gloria, hosted a Co-ed Lunch at Cocomo's Restaurant. Thirty-five attended the luncheon. Thanks Wil for hosting the lunch.

On July 13, Ron Moores, assisted by his wife Margret, hosted "The Secret Garden" musical at the Sugden Community Theater. Forty-seven attended the show and dinner at Vergina's Restaurant. Thanks Ron for job well done.

On July 23, 2008 Ron & Margret Moores, hosted a dinner and Quiz Night at The English Pub. Thirty-five attended the event. Great job once again by Ron Moores and the staff of the English Pub.

THINGS THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Collier County Beach Parking Passes for you car can be had at the Marco Island Library as well as the Caxambas Park Boat Ramp off Collier Court. You will have to show both a Florida Drivers License and Vehicle Registration, each in the same name and address.

Visit Marco Men's Club Website, (www.marcomensclub.com) to read the Monthly Newsletter, download Event Flyers, Events List, pictures posted on the website, Golf information, MMC Procedures and MMC By-laws and MMC Special Announcements. *Revisions to the MMC Procedures will be updated and put on the website.*

The website is a great tool to use when your away from Marco Island.

The MMC Webmaster is Ed Crane. He can be reached through the website.

SAVE THESE DATES

The Event Planning Committee, chaired by Sr. V.P. Joe Varano, has put together a schedule of events through the end of the year 2008 and into 2009. Listed below are some of the events and dates that are already booked or will be booked.

- Nov. 15, 2008 - Veteran's Day Picnic at Sarazan Park.(booked)
- Nov. 30, 2008 - "Musical Comedy "Murders of 1940" - *Sunday Matinee @ Sugden Theater* (booked)
- Dec. 11, 2008 - Christmas Holiday Co-ed luncheon at *Old Marco Lodge* in Goodland. *Note: location change.*
- Dec. 16, 2008 - Holiday Pops Concert at the *Naples Philharmonic* (booked - 150 tickets ordered).
- Dec. ? 2008 - Living Christmas Tree at the First Baptist Church Of Naples (book in Oct.).
- Dec. 31, 2008 -New Year's Eve Party at Porky's with Myles Loud (booked)

- Jan. 14, 2009 - MMC 18th Anniversary Lunch @ *Carrabba's Restaurant* (booked)
- Jan. 22, 2009 - "Singing In The Rain" Matinee @ *Broadway Palm Dinner Theater* (booked)
- Feb. 4, 2009 - "Moon Over Brewery" Comedy - *Wed. Evening performance @ Sugden Theater* (booked)
- Feb. 7, 2009 - New Member Breakfast (in progress)
- Feb. 15, 2009 - Sweetheart Ball at the *Marco Island Hilton* (booked)
- Mar. ? 2009 - Baseball -Twins vs. Red Sox (not booked, awaiting 2009 Spring training schedule)
- Mar. ? 2009 - Baseball - Twins vs. Yankees (not booked, awaiting 2009 Spring training schedule)
- Mar. 17, 2009 - St. Patrick's Day Luncheon @ *Old Marco Inn* ? (booked) *Note: location may change.*
- Mar. 26, 2009 - "All Shook Up" Matinee @ *Broadway Palm Dinner Theater* (booked)

Fred Stavola

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

FIVE NIGHT CARIBBEAN CRUISE-JANUARY 3, 2009 ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S "NAVIGATOR OF THE SEAS"

January 3 to 8, 2009, 6 Days/5 Nights cruising the Caribbean with ports of call in Grand Caymans (Georgetown) and Jamaica (Ocho Rios). 122 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 it's "5" star rating. Cruise details with reservations form may be obtained at www.marocmensclub.com or contact Bob Marks at 239 642-0370. The ship's January 3rd sailing is sold out; however, RCCL currently allows us to replace cancellations. Wish to be placed on wait-list? Contact Bob.

FIFTEEN DAY "BLACK SEA VOYAGE" JULY 30, 2009

HUNGARY..CROATIA..ROMANIA..SERBIA..

BULGARIA AND TURKEY

July 30 to August 13, 2009 sailing "7" nights on the 2008 MS Amacello, visiting 7 ports of call, 6 nights in three "5" star Hotels: 2-Nights in Budapest,

Hungary, 1 Plovdiv, Bulgaria and 3 Istanbul, Turkey. Two day fully guided motor coach tour from Rouse to

Istanbul, with 1 night Hotel stay in route, at Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

As of July 26th, 80 passengers have reserved staterooms for this Cruise.

MMC Cruise package prices, from \$4,735 PP available for reservations confirmed to August 15th, after which a supplement cost of \$150.00 Per Person applies to all packages, with space subject to availability.

Trip itinerary, ports of call, included daily land excursions, Hotels and reservation form, available at www.marocmensclub.com or Bob, 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@embarqmail.com) regarding information on the above.

WANT TO SEE MORE PHOTOS?

The editor encourages submission of photos of Men's Club activities to the Webmaster, Ed Crane, at www.marocmensclub.com

We will publish those submitted in a timely manner.

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

GOLF NEWS

by Al Vacio

All I have to say is "Be careful what you ask for!". "Who said we need rain?". Well pal, you got it, we got it.....everyone got drenched, and one MMC golf day was canceled. Now, for all of you sugar cubes that did not want to play on our Thursday outing because you might have gotten wet, you missed a great day at Lely. Five of us (studs) showed up and had a great day. It was about 90 degrees sunny and no rain. The fairways were fairly dry. I think I used a casual water rule only once all day. My socks were dry at the end of the day. The Mustang course drains exceptionally well. Speaking of the Mustang Course, we will have our Fall 4 man Scramble at Lely Mustang on October 23. That is a Thursday, so your schedule will be the same for golf. Check out the flyer, and mail in your money. If you haven't played the Mustang, it is a regulation 18 hole course, quite open, and not too long. Please remember: If you invite a guest, **you may not necessarily be paired with him**. So sign up, and you will have a great time. All skill levels are welcome!

MONDAY GOLF COORDINATORS:

August---Mike Mueller -394-2629

Sept. -----Ron Bales - 389-5587

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY GOLF:

All summer:---Al Vacio- 393-0995

GOLF TIDBITS: 'Atta boy' awards go to **BOB HANSEN** for a net 63 at Hibiscus. Unfortunately, it was not tournament day. Our in-house tournament will be held after this newsletter comes out, so check the website for results. Not much news, many are on summer break and with our weather the way it has been, golf news has been slow.

GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH: CHIPPING AND PITCHING.

Some schools of golf may teach you to use only one club, and adjust your swing for different distances. This is called a "Feel Player" type of shot. He "feels" the distance and swings accordingly. A lot of pros are "feel" players, and many golfers who are low handicappers or were low handicappers, still play this way. However, I would venture to say that the majority of you are not "feel" players when you chip or pitch. It takes a lot of practice to become that precise. I think for the majority of you, you should practice using a different iron, but with the same tempo and swing. Let's say you have a long green, and it is uphill. You are five yards off the green. Take an iron other than your sand wedge and run it up to the hole. It could be a 7, 8,9, or a pitching wedge. Get the ball on the green as soon as possible and let the ball run to the hole.

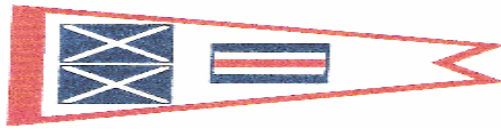
Try this: Take a SW, PW, 7, 8, and 9 iron. Place 10 balls down next to a practice green about 10 feet off the edge of the green. Now, using a swing that is smooth and with tempo, swing each club a 1/4 back and 1/4 follow through. (You have to think metro-nome here). Hit 2 balls with each club and record your distances with each club. Now change up and swing 1/2 back and 1/2 follow through and see what happens. Experiment with your swing until you can get a comfortable swing and tempo. When you have reached that stage, now you can use that swing every time, but all you have to do is change the club. You may surprise yourself. You may like your pitching wedge or 9 iron for chips and pitches, instead of chunking a sand wedge. Play the game to your ability and comfort zone. I can tell you that all pros don't always use their sand wedge around the green. Todd Hamilton won the British Open a few years back by using his utility wood around the green. He would hit it and let the ball roll up to the hole. No back spin needed. Florida golf is conducive to this kind of golf. Flat courses, no false fronts, bermuda greens, long rough, etc., etc., etc.

GOLF JOKE OF THE MONTH:

Golf is a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it, shank it, chunk it, hit into all the traps and hazards, miss every green, and miss every putt. But, the next day you'll go out and for no apparent reason, you'll really stink.

That's all folks, hit 'em straight, -----Al





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