

## The Marco Men's Club Newsletter September 2008

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to all the U.S. Athlete's that represented the United States at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, you made us all proud of your accomplishments!

The Marco Men's Club guest speaker at the August 14, Membership Meeting was Melissa Henning, County Coordinator of Natural Resources. Melissa gave a terrific presentation and slide show on OTTER MOUND, MARCO ISLAND FLORIDA. Members that were not at the August 14, 2008 meeting can Google the name Otter Mound then go to Youtube.com to see a short film presentation on Otter Mound.

Treasurer Wayne Boose, reported that we have available funds of \$27,227.75.

Ed Vesely reported that we have 573 resident members and 29 non-resident members for a total of 602.

We are starting to show our age! The Marco Men's Club has several members recovering from various surgeries and procedures this month:

Sal Sciarino – Hip replacement

Bob Hansen – Knee replacement

Walter Graefe – Hip replacement

Roger Pransky – Hernia surgery

John Weber – Back surgery

We wish you all a speedy recovery.

August 14, 2008, Mel Daly hosted a Co-ed Luncheon at the Capri Fish House on the Isle of Capri. Forty-seven people attended and were treated to great food and service. Great job Mel!

August 21, 2008, Joe Rad hosted a Co-ed Dinner and Myles Loud show at Porky's Restaurant. Fifty-eight people attended the event and were treated to a great evening of entertainment and the food wasn't that bad either! Thanks Joe for hosting the event, we all had a great time. We look forward to the 2008 New Year's Eve Party at Porky's

### THINGS THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Marco Men's Club sponsors an Annual Blood Drive for its Membership. All the blood that the members donate is credited to the MMC Blood Bank Account. Any MMC member or his spouse can draw blood from this account in time of need at no cost. Ed Saeks, Director of the MMC Blood Drive, requested the MMC Board of Directors approve the Marco Men's Club participation in the NCH -Urgent Care Community Blood Drive. The Community Blood Mobile will be at the Urgent Care Center on the first Thursday of each month. The first date for the Marco Men's Club will be February 5, 2009. Donation time is from 8:30 am to 4:30pm. If you can't make that date, you can donate blood on the first Thursday of any month. When you donate blood, just tell the technician that you want your blood to be credited to the MMC Blood Bank Account.

Collier County Beach Parking Passes for your 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](http://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.

Fred Stavola

## **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).  
Dec. ? 2008 - Living Christmas Tree at the First Baptist Church Of Naples (booked in Oct.).  
Dec. 31, 2008 -New Year's Eve Party at Porky's with Myles Loud (booked)  
Jan. 3 – 9 2009 MMC Caribbean Cruise - Sold Out. Wait list is available.  
Jan. 14, 2009 – MMC 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch @ *Carrabba's Restaurant* ( booked)  
Jan. 22, 2009 - "Singing In The Rain" Matinee @ Broadway Palm Dinner Theater  
Jan. 24, 2009 - Picnic & Bingo @ Sarazan Park (not booked)  
Jan.28, 2009 – Marco Players "A Bench In The Sun" (booked)  
Feb. 4, 2009 – "Moon Over Brewery" Comedy – *Wed. Evening performance @ Sugden Theater* (booked)  
Feb. 5, 2009 - MMC - NCH Urgent Care Community Blood Drive  
Feb. 7, 2009 - New Member's Breakfast @ Forest Glenn C.C. (booked)  
Feb. 12, 2009 – Valentine Co-ed Lunch (not booked)  
Feb. 15, 2009 – Sweetheart Ball @ the *Marco Island Hilton* (booked)  
Feb. 21, 2009 – Picnic & Bingo @ Sarazan Park (not booked)  
Mar. ? 2009 - Baseball -Twins vs. Red Sox (not booked awaiting Spring schedule)  
Mar. ? 2009 - Baseball -Twins vs. Yankees (not booked awaiting Spring schedule)  
Mar. 17, 2009 – St. Patrick's Day Luncheon @ Old Marco Inn ? (booked)  
location subject to change.  
Mar. 26, 2009 – "All Shook Up" Matinee @ *Broadway Palm Dinner Theater* (booked)  
Apr. 8, 2009 - Marco Players "The Love List" (booked)  
May 23, 2009 - MMC Installation Dinner @ *Hideaway Beach Club* (booked)

## 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](http://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](http://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 (marcoman357@aol.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**

Do you think golf is a little like a hurricane? A hurricane starts out in one direction and then decides on its own to turn in another direction. How many drives have you seen do that? How about putts? Well, now we can blame our game on Florida and its hurricane influence. We all know we are never to blame for our sub mediocre (cough, cough) play.

**GOLF: FALL SCRAMBLE WILL BE AT LELY MUSTANG ON OCTOBER 23, 2008.** Please send in your money ASAP. I will post your name and check # on the website when I receive it. Guests with handicap welcome. Monday golf has moved from Hibiscus to Eagle Lakes (Boyne South).

Monday Coordinator for September.

September -----Ron Bales -----389-5587

October -----Mike Callinan ---389-1458

Thursday golf----Al Vacio-----393-0995

**GOLF TIDBITS:** "Atta boys" go to the unbelievable **Harold Boston** who shot an 83 for a net 64. And **Frank Sroka** (who fleeced Bales and myself for a good chunk of change) with an 87 and a net 63. Do you think "Sandbagger" can be an appropriate title for these two? Let's ask Harold's playing partners. Yup, unanimous. Nice going guys. Now do it on tournament day.

**GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH: ETIQUETTE**

What is etiquette? Basically, it is the respect for your playing partner, the course,

the game itself. Here are a few rules about etiquette.

1. Respect the rules the golf course sets up. e.g., "cart path only", or "no carts".
2. Never drive a cart between a bunker and a green. (30 feet minimum from green.)

3. If you pull your ball out of the cup with your putter, check to see if your putter damaged the cup, and repair it for the next group.

4. Repair your ball mark . If you didn't make a mark, repair some other lazy golfer's ball mark on the green.

5. Do not talk or make noise while someone is addressing the ball, and keep still.

6. Be aware of everyone's place on the green. Look for markers and stay out of their line of sight, and don't walk on their line. Soft spikes or not.

7. The flag stick is not that heavy. Pick it up sometime. We are not your caddie.

8. Please shut off your cell phone. Cell phones and golf do not go together.

9. Know the rules of golf. If you don't know, ask.

10. Dress accordingly. You represent the MMC. Cargo shorts are a no-no!

11. When we travel to a Country Club, be courteous to the staff, and thank the Pro.

12. Slow play is an etiquette breach. Play ready golf. You are not on TV.

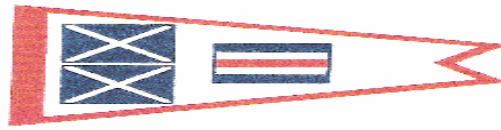
13. If there are golfers waiting for you on the tee box or fairway, take your clubs with you and get into the cart. You can put them into your bag later. You don't need to take time putting your clubs in your bag and then getting into the cart. Remember, every minute you can save on a hole, adds up.  $18 \times 1 \text{ min} = 18 \text{ minutes per round}$ .

14. Always mark your ball. After you putt, either finish or mark. Putting out is best.

**GOLF JOKE OF THE MONTH:**

1. A 'James Joyce' - a putt that's an impossible read.
2. A 'Saddam Hussein' - from one bunker into another.
3. A 'Redneck foursome' - Five golfers in tank tops .
4. A 'Quacker' --When you hit a "duck hook".
5. A 'Yankee Doodle' --When you really pull a shot (as in yank a shot).

That's all folks. Hit 'em straight -----Al



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