



## The Marco Men's Club Newsletter November 2008

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Marco Men's Club guest speaker at the October 9, Membership Meeting was Kent Kyle. Kent gave a slide presentation about the Naples Botanical Gardens as it exists today and the changes that will be made to the Botanical Gardens prior to reopening in 2010.

**The Marco Men's club is proud to announce that our speaker for the November 13, 2008 meeting will be Mr. Bedford Biles, a Marco Island resident.** His topic will be "A Veteran's Perspective on Freedom". Mr. Biles is a WWII veteran, and served in the 101st Airborne Division and the 501st Parachute regiment. He was awarded 3 Purple Hearts, ESMET Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars and 1 Bronze Service Arrowhead, the American Defense Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, the French Legion of Honor Medal, Good Conduct Medal and many others.

Wayne Boose gave the October Treasurer's Report and reported that we have available funds of \$25,149.49.

Ed Vesely reported that we have 509 resident members and 25 non-resident members for a total of 534 members.

October 9, 2008: Jerry Masters assisted by his wife Mary Helen, hosted a Co-ed Luncheon and visit to the Naples Botanical Garden. Forty-six people enjoyed a box lunch and were given a tour of the Gardens.

October 13, 2008: Merle Otto hosted the Oktoberfest Coed Luncheon at Mozart's Restaurant. Fifty-one members and guests attended the luncheon. Thanks Merle for hosting this event.

October 23, 2008: Al Vacio hosted a Four Man Golf Scramble at Lely Golf and C.C. Sixty members played golf and had a great time. Information and results of the Scramble will be posted in the Newsletter and MMC Web Site.

October 25, 2008: Phil Kostelnik hosted a Picnic & Bingo at Porky's. Seventy-four people attended. Joe Varano did a great job in calling the bingo numbers. I thank all the members that helped set up at Porky's and the Management of Porky's (Toni Ison) for letting us use their facility. We all enjoyed playing under the air conditioned atmosphere. Future Bingo events will be held at Porky's.

October 30, 2008: Bob Gaffney assisted by his wife Kris, did a great job hosting the Halloween Dinner and Dance at the Everglades Seafood Depot. Fifty-eight members and guests enjoyed a great dinner and danced to the entertainment of Kelly & Shelly. They are one of the new entertainment groups that Joe Varano booked this year.

**New Members In October 2008 - Welcome To The Marco Men's Club.**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS RICHARD JAYNES and RANDLE GROSSMAN.**

The Marco Men's Club meets at 10:00 A.M., the second THURSDAY of the month, at Mackle Park. All members are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings and participate in the many social activities offered by the Marco Men's Club. 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. The website is a great tool to use when you are 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.**

- Jan. 24, 2009 - Lunch & Bingo @ Porky's (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 at Konrad's Restaurant (booked).**
- Feb. 15, 2009 – Sweetheart Ball @ the Marco Island Hilton (booked)**
- Feb. 21, 2009 - Lunch & Bingo @ Porky's (booked)**
- Feb. 27, 2008 - Co-ed Dinner & Seafood Buffet at Cedar Hammock C.C. (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. ? 2009 - Baseball -Twins vs. Rays (not booked awaiting Spring schedule)**
- Mar. 12, 2009– Coed Lunch @ C. J's on the Bay (booked)**
- Mar 17, 2009 –Mar. 17, 2009 – St. Patrick's Day Luncheon @ Old Marco Inne (booking in progress)**
- Mar. 21, 2009 – Lunch & Bingo @ Porky's (booked))**
- Mar. 26, 2009 – “All Shook Up” Matinee @ Broadway Palm Dinner Theater (booked)**
- Apr. 8, 2009 - Marco Players “The Love List” (booked)**
- Apr. 9, 2009 - Men's only Lunch @ Little Bar in Goodland (booked)**
- Apr. 18. 2009 - Lunch & Bingo @ Porky's (booked))**
- May 14, 2008 - Co-ed Luncheon at D'Amico's Restaurant in Naples (booked).**
- May 23, 2009 - MMC Installation Dinner @ Hideaway Beach Club (booked)**

**MMC is looking for someone from the membership to take over hosting Bingo. Phil Kostelnik did a great job over the years and needs a break. If you would like to help out, please contact Sr.VP Joe Varano at 394-5099 or e-mail Joe at, [mrvarano@aol.com](mailto:mrvarano@aol.com). Joe will go over the details with you. You will have plenty of help!**

## 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). 125 Passengers have received confirmed space for this Cruise.*

*The Navigator is the same ship the 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.*

**"SORRY MMC SPACE FOR THIS CRUISE IS SOLD OUT."**

#### **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 Rousse to Istanbul, with 1 night Hotel stay in route, at Plovdiv, Bulgaria.*

*84 passengers have reserved staterooms for this Cruise. MMC Cruise package prices available from \$4,735 Per Person. Currently only 1 stateroom remains in our club Inventory.*

*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.

#### **PRE-HOLIDAY POP'S DINNER AT THE RED LOBSTER**

This year we will again be able to accommodate up to 50 people for dinner at the Red Lobster in Naples prior to the Holiday Pops on Dec 16. Dinner is at 5:30 PM . You can choose from the regular menu. Separate checks will be provided. If you are interested please call Al or Dianne Wetjen at 970-2037 so we can reserve a spot for you on a first come, first served basis.

#### **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**

I only have one page to report the golf news, so most of this months news will be about our in-house and fall scramble tournaments.

Tournaments: In-House held at Eagle Lakes.

**Flight I**

- 1. Ed Booth 67
- 2. Mike Mueller 69
- 2. Tom Heffernan 69
- 3. Harry Weathers 69

**Flight II**

- 1. Dick Siska 63
- 2. Tom Green 65
- 3. Gene Cislo 69

**SANDBAGGER OF THE MONTH:** Well, well, well. Lookie here. It is Mr. Hip operation himself. How many times do we have to hear about “Gee guys I just had one of those days” or “Hey, I shot a 10 the other day, today was a fluke” or “My handicap should be higher, you know my hip.....” Well Siska, it’s time for Dr. Bozzo’s exam. So take a deep breath and exhale slowly. He’s a professional, just like you, but in a different category. (If you get my drift). I guess the Jersey-Boys will have to try doing your knuckles. It seems the kneecaps held up the last time they met you in the parking lot. Somehow, we have to slow down Siska. The limping, drag the foot “gig” doesn’t work anymore, Siska.

**FALL TOURNAMENT**

Our Fall scramble tournament, held at Lely Golf Resort, had a great turnout of 60 golfers. We all enjoyed ourselves and bonded together with “oh sh--” shots, and “oh my god, I don’t believe it” putts. The weather was threatening all day with rain, but all we got was wind and an overcast but nice day. The food was excellent, and the camaraderie was great. Prizes and awards were won by many and shouts of “when is the next tournament” were expressed by many. I would like to thank the golf committee for all of their help, and to Joe Pucci, who set up the fabulous lunch. Kudos to Ron Bales and Mike Callinan who once again did a fantastic job of running the skins game and also tallying the scorecards. Tournaments like these are only as successful as the “behind the scenes” people. I would also like to thank the MMC Board for supporting our event.

**Results of 4 man Scramble:**

First Place Team: Captain Howard Dinsmore, Bill Horton, Harry Weathers and Phil “What did he say?” Ballou. 68

Second Place Team: Captain John “Philly” Gross, Al Bozzo, Silky Sullivan, and Richard Jaynes. 69

Third Place Team: Captain Ed Brown, Dick “My Hip” Siska, Gene Cislo, and Joseph Rueedi. 69

**Closest to the Pin Awards:**

Hole # 5 ----- Paul Oneill 12’ 4”

Hole # 8 ----- Harry Weathers 17’ 4”

Hole # 12----- Dave Gardner 7’ 0”

Hole #16 ----- Paul Pransky 16’ 10”

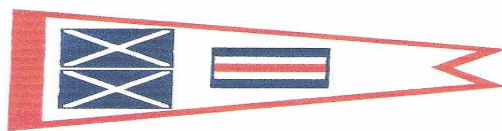
Isn’t it amazing that you can hit a moving baseball, but put a little ball on a tee.....???

That’s all folks, hit ‘em straight!

Al



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



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