



The Marco Men's Club Newsletter December 2008

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Officers and Board of Directors would like this take this opportunity to wish all our members a Happy Holiday and have a safe and prosperous New Year.

The Marco Men's Club guest speaker at the November 6, Membership Meeting was Bedford Biles. Mr. Biles gave a talk on "A Veteran's Perspective on Freedom". Mr. Biles is a WWII veteran serving with the 101st Airborne and the 501st Parachute Regiment. He was awarded many medals including three Purple Hearts, EAMET Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars and 1 Bronze Service Arrowhead, the American Defense Service Medal, the French Legion of Honor Medal and many others. Bedford and Faye Biles were our honored guests at the Annual Veteran's Day Picnic held on November 15th at Sarazan Park.

The Marco Men's Club is proud to announce that our speaker for the December 11, 2008 meeting will be Mr. Steve Thompson, Marco Island City Manager. His topic will be "Marco's Future".

Wayne Boose gave the November Treasurer's Report and reported that we have available funds of \$19,677.47.

Ed Vesely reported that we have 510 resident members and 26 non-resident members for a total of 536 members.

November 6, 2008, Bob Ray assisted by his wife Joan, hosted a Co-ed Luncheon at Ne Ne's Restaurant. Fifty people had enjoyable lunch and great service. Bob did a great job for his first time at hosting an event (Bob said that Joan did all the work). I hope he will volunteer again, "since it was *so easy*" the first time!

November 9, 2008, Bob Hopp assisted by his wife Carol hosted the first ever MMC Sock Hop at Hideaway Beach Club. One hundred - thirty two members and guests attended affair and had a great time with DJ "Jimmy G" and dancing to music from the 50's - 70's. Everyone I spoke to said that they had a "wonderful time". Congratulations Bob & Carol Hopp and their helpers, for a job well done, the decorations were just "SUPER".

November 15, 2008, Dave Walsh hosted the Annual Veteran's Day Picnic at Sarazan Park. One hundred sixty members and guests signed up for the event. Ed Crane and Dave Walsh handled refreshments. They both did great job as usual. Special Thanks to the Decorating Committee, Suzie Walsh, Cindy Crane, Barbara Markel and Carol Varano.

Many thanks to all that helped setup and clean up after the picnic. "Thank You" Peter Clapp, Gerry Gibbons and Gene Stillwell for handling the picnic tables, we couldn't have done it without your help.

Special recognition goes to Sr. VP Joe Varano for organizing the Veteran's Day Ceremony and all the MMC members that participated in representing the US Armed Forces. Army - Merle Otto, Marines - Fred Wojcik, Air Force - Bill Brennan, Navy - Gerry Gibbons and Coast Guard - Joe Rad.

November 30, 2008, Ron Moores hosted a Sunday Matinee to see a Murder Comedy at the Sugden Theater. Sixty-four people attended. Many enjoyed dinner at Café Lurcat, after the play. Great job Ron.

New Members In November - December 2008 - Welcome To The Marco Men's Club.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: RON AUSTIN, BRUCE HAYNE, MARVIN KLIEN, ED BADGER and FRANK DEGAETANO.

The Marco Men's Club meets at 10:00 A.M., the second THURSDAY of the month, at Mackle Park. 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. 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

*Happy Holidays
And
Happy New Year*

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.

- Feb. 5, 2009 - MMC - NCH Urgent Care Community Blood Drive**
- Feb. 21, 2009 - Lunch & Bingo @ *Porky's* (booked)**
- Feb. 27, 2009 - Co-ed Dinner & Seafood Buffet at *Cedar Hammock C.C.* (booked)**
- Mar. 8, 2009 - An Evening of Jewish Comedy & Music (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 @ *Porkys Restaurant* (booked)**
- 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, 2009 - Co-ed Luncheon at *D'Amico's Restaurant* in Naples (not booked).**
- May 18, 2009 - Patriotic Concert @ *Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts* (booked)**
- May 23, 2009 - MMC Installation Dinner @ *Hideaway Beach Club* (booked)**

MMC has a Member's Computer Club that meets once a month in the Marco Community Bank meeting room. The meeting begins at 10:00 AM on the third Wednesday of each month. The round table meeting encourages each member to ask for help in dealing with a systems or hardware issue they might be having. The collective group is often able to help them resolve their problems. Often a local expert attends our meeting, giving us additional help at no charge. With all our collective experience we can solve your problems or let you know you are not alone. Issues with printers, cameras, hardware and software are all open for spirited discussion and debate.

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 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 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 am sure all of you are convinced that a new club, or etc., will improve your game. If YOU think it will, it will. This game is mostly mental. And knowing most of you, I will definitely say you guys are "mental". Some more mental than others. Just remember Don Meredith's famous saying "When IFS and BUTS become candy and nuts, we'll all have a Merry Christmas!" Huh?!?!?? See, you are mental.

We are no longer playing at Lely on Thursday. We are playing Eagle Lakes every Monday with 10 to 12 foursomes. Our first tee time is at 10 am. If you wish to play twice a week, The Glades CC has offered us a summer rate of \$24 until Dec. 31.

December coordinator is Harry Nield. January coordinator will be Dave Moenkhaus.

Please check our website. www.marcomensclub.com. Go to the golf site and see the results of our tournaments, your handicap, and a lot more information.

GOLF: November In-House Tournament at Eagle Lakes.

| <u>Flight I</u> | | <u>Flight II</u> | |
|------------------|----|------------------|-----|
| 1. Dwight Goslee | 67 | 1. Don Boston | 64. |
| 2. Kip Zimmer | 70 | 2. Al Bozzo | 66 |
| 2. Ron Bales | 70 | 3. Bert Posner | 6 |

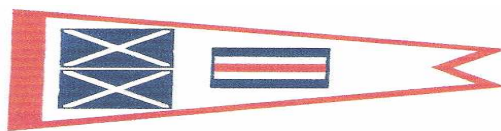


SANDBAGGER OF THE MONTH: Whoa! Does anybody know how Don Boston shot a 64 in our tournament? He got out of the parking lot before the Jersey Boys could get to him. Don wins this month's award. However, we have a few more guys who have been emptying out some wallets lately and running out of the parking lot before the Boys can get to them. The following names are on the Jersey Boys' watch list. These guys and their scores are: Jerry Oxborough 64; Al Bozzo 66; Bert Posner 66; Jim Karter 66; Tom Green 66; Dave Moenkhaus 66; Roy "Canuck" Zito 66. By the way Zito, have you told your new bride about the money you have been winning?? Be very wary of these guys. They may appear very harmless since they complain about how crappy they have been playing, or they need more strokes because their handicap is not correct, yadda, yadda, yadda. You have been forewarned!! If you think you have spotted John Weber on the golf course, you are not losing it. John is slowly coming back. He is playing golf by association. He drives the cart and putts a few balls. Hey, it's a start. It's also nice to see Bart Thompson playing with us again.

GOLF TIP: Always check the back of a scorecard for course rules. Eagle Lakes has a rule that all flower beds and landscaping is a "Free Drop" area. Also, some courses have out-of-bound markers for the outer borders of the course and no out-of-bounds markers in the inner part of the golf course. Knowing the course rules may save you several penalty strokes.

JOKE OF THE MONTH: A man gets up early one morning and his wife says, "You're not going to go and play golf again, are you?". The man replies smiling, "Well honey, I could play a round of golf with my buddies, or I could stay in bed and we could play around?". The wife looks pensively and says, "Well, It really is awfully cold outside.....you'd better take a sweater!".

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



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