



The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR MARCO MEN'S CLUB.

The Marco Men's Club guest speaker at the December 11 Membership Meeting was Marco Island City Manager Steve Thompson. Mr. Thompson gave an informative talk on many of the topics that were of interest to all members. Steve spoke about the STRP, Financial Audit of Collier Blvd., Police and Fire Departments, Track "K" and the future plans for development of Veteran's Park. Mr. Thompson had a question and answer session after his talk and due to time limitations, only had time to answer four questions. I want to thank Mr. Thompson for taking time away from his City duties to speak at our meeting, it was very informative.

Wayne Boose gave the December Treasurer's Report and reported that we have available funds of \$14,290.74.

Ed Vesely reported that we have 518 resident members and 26 non-resident members for a total of 544 members.

December 11, 2008, Tony Mistretta assisted by his wife Ursula, hosted a Christmas Holiday Co-ed Lunch at the Old Marco Lodge in Goodland. One Hundred three people greeted Santa (John Richard) and had a very enjoyable lunch. Santa gave out gifts for us to enjoy during the Holiday Season. Tony did a great job for his first time at hosting an event for the Marco Men's Club.

December 12, 2008, Jerry and Mary Helen Masters hosted an outing to the First Baptist Church of Naples, to see "The Living Christmas Tree". Sixty members and guests attended the event. The event was such a success we may have to order more tickets next year. Thank you Jerry for a very enjoyable evening.

December 16, 2008, Alan and Dianne Wetjen hosted the Holiday Pops Concert at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts. One hundred thirty-five members and guests attended the event. Forty-three had dinner at the Red Lobster Restaurant before the concert. Thank you Alan, great job once again.

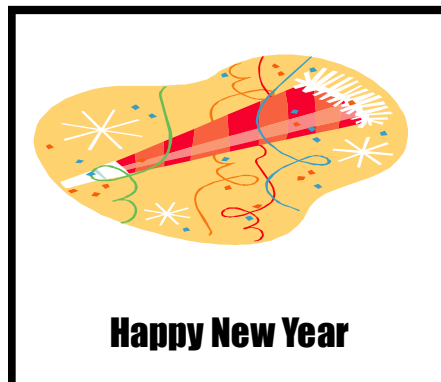
New Members December - January Welcome To The Marco Men's Club.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: *Tony D'agata, Bob Hughes, Bob Landis, Charlie Skillern*

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. Names of future guest speakers can be seen on the MMC Web Site, just click on the link.

The Marco Men's Club has a Member's Computer Club that meets once a month in the Marco Community Banks 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 of our collective experience we can solve your problems or let you know you are not alone. Printer, camera, hardware and software are all open for spirited discussion and debate.



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.

- Mar. 21, 2009 – Lunch & Bingo @ *Porky's* (booked))**
- Apr. 8, 2009 - *Marco Players* “The Love List” (booked)**
- Apr. 9, 2009 - Men’s only Lunch @ Little Bar in Goodland (booked)**
- Apr. 15, 2009– Mystery Train Dinner (in progress)**
- Apr. 18. 2009 - Lunch & Bingo @ *Porky's* (booked))**
- Apr. 27, 2009 - Marco Princess Cruise & Dinner (in progress)**
- May 1, 2009 - Buffet Dinner & Entertainment by Jimmy Keys @ Naples Hilton (in progress)**
- May 14, 2009 - Co-ed Luncheon at D’Amico’s Restaurant in Naples (booked).**
- May 16, 2009 - Patriotic Concert @ Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts (booked)**
- May 23, 2009 - MMC Installation Dinner @ *Hideaway Beach Club* (booked)**

HELP WANTED

The Marco Men’s Club expects having openings on the MMC Board next year.

If you would like to be considered for a position on the Board, please contact Sr. VP Joe Varano for information.

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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.

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

The golf weather has been quite fickle. But our hearty golfers don't care. "Damn the wind, damn the heat, damn the rain" are some of the chortles. Of course you also hear, "Damn this driver, damn this putter, damn this *%@&!#ing* course." We say it, but we really don't mean it. Yeah?? Says who!?!? Anyway, it's a new year and with all our new year's resolutions, we are determined to improve.

Golf Coordinators: January----Dave Moenkhaus February ---Ron Bales Check the website for all months.

Here are the results of last month's **In-House Tournament.**

Flight 1

- 1. Tom Heffernan 68
- 2. Mike Mueller 72
- Mike Callinan 72
- Jim Sullivan 72

Flight 11

- 1. Harry Weathers 70
- 2. Al Bozzo 71
- Dick Gady 71
- Jim Karter 71

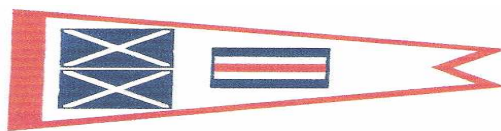
SANDBAGGER OF THE MONTH: Wait a minute! Whoa! Tell me that again! No one shot an unbelievable round. I guess no one wanted me to rake them over the coals. Darn, I was ready, too. However, Phil Ballou, 79 yrs young, got his **FIRST** hole in one at The Glades 14th hole. Atta boy, Phil.

GOLF NEWS: Eagle Lakes prices are now \$69 for our league play. If you want to play twice a week, we can play on Thursdays for the same price. Please let me know if you want to play Thursdays. Our Spring Tournament will be in late April. Everyone liked Lely, so I will talk to them for April. Hopefully, they will give us the same price as the October tournament. Stay tuned. It will also be on the website.

GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH: CHIPPING.

I see many of you chipping around the green with not much consistency. Just because some golfers use wedges to chip to short distances does not mean you have to use a wedge. Aha, but I have a tip for you where you can use a wedge to chip when you are very close or close to the green. Take your wedge, and hold it like you do your putter. Take the same stroke as a putting stroke and stroke the ball. Do not, I repeat, Do not try to lift the ball. Stoke it smoothly and with tempo. Take it back a little further than a putter, and follow through. Practice this with different wedges and throw in a 7, 8, or 9 iron and you will no longer see a "chunk" shot. The secret to this shot is "acceleration through the ball". The longer irons will allow the ball to run like a putt. This works for very long greens when you are just off and in the rough. Practice it and try it.

GOLF JOKE OF THE MONTH: A golfer finds his ball on the cement cart path. His cart partner, a 'Mr Know It All', says, "Hey man, don't take a drop, play it from there. You have a clearer shot to the green. All you have to do is....yadda, yadda". The guy says, "I get a drop, and I don't want to ruin my clubs." "Ah come on man, you can do it, have some guts, don't be a wussy!" says 'Mr. Know It All'. "OK, what the hell, I'll try it." He gets out of the cart and goes around to the back and pulls out a shiny new club, and flails away at the ball. Sparks fly, pieces of cement fly and the ball takes off like a rocket. "Wow, you sure chewed up that cart path, but see, I told you it could be done. "Man that ball flew. What club did you use?" The golfer looked at 'Mr. Know It All' and with a smile said, "I don't know, I grabbed one out of your bag!"



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