



The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Marco Men's Club guest speaker at the January membership meeting was Mike Barry. Mr. Barry is a biologist who works statewide with the Institute for Regional Conservation. He is an expert on in local iguana issues and was also once a green iguana breeder. Mike gave a thirty-minute slide presentation on the iguana and explained some of the things that we can do to prevent them from invading our property. What it comes down to is to call the City of Marco Island for help and they will send someone to trap the iguana. If you want more information on iguanas, e-mail Mike Barry at barry@regionalconservation.org.

Wayne Boose gave the January Treasurer's Report and reported that we have available funds of \$19,357.60.

Ed Vesely reported that we have 525 resident members and 26 non-resident members for a total of 551 members.

December 31, 2008, Joe Rad assisted by his wife Rhoda, hosted a New Year's Dinner at Porky's Restaurant. Forty-four people greeted attended and had great dinner, good service and danced to the entertainment of Myles Loud (he never took a break). Porky's supplied noise makers, hats and a Champaign Toast at midnight. **Joe did a great job in setting up this event up. Once again, Porky's Manager, Toni Ison, did everything possible to insure that the Marco Men's Club had a great time.**

January 3, 2009 Bob Marks hosted a five night Caribbean Cruise on Royal Caribbean's "Navigator of the Sea's. One hundred twenty-five people left on Saturday, January 3 and returned to Marco on January 8, 2009. **Thanks Bob, for all your time and effort you have put into making all the MMC Cruises successful. Great job as usual.**

January 14, 2009, Sam Miloro hosted the 17th Anniversary Luncheon at Carrabba's Restaurant. One hundred twenty members and guests attended the event. The MMC Board presented the Past Presidents with new MMC shirts to wear at the meetings and included their name and year that they were President Club. They were also given new gold name-tags to wear at events. **Thank you Sam for hosting your first event. Great job.**

January 22, 2009, Peter and Brenda Clapp hosted "Singing In The Rain" at the Broadway Palm Theater. Thirty-five members and guests attended the event. **Thank you Peter, for hosting the event.**

January 24, 2009, Phil and Marilyn Kostelnik hosted Lunch and Bingo at Porky's Restaurant. Fifty-four members and guests enjoyed a buffet lunch and played seven rounds of bingo. **Thanks Phil, for once again hosting this event.**

New Members in January - Welcome To The Marco Men's Club. Richard Boulanger, Tom Eck, Henry Hubbard, Jim Keenen, Jerry Lawrence and Steve Moore.

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.

Fred Stavola

SAVE THESE DATES

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

Apr. 15, 2009 – Mystery Train Dinner (booked)

Apr. 18. 2009 - Lunch & Bingo @ Porky's (booked))

Apr. 24. 2009 - Four Man Golf Scramble @ Glades C.C. (in progress)

Apr. 27, 2009 – Marco Princess Cruise & Dinner (in progress)

Apr. 29, 2009 – Couples Golf @ Glades C.C. (in progress)

May 8, 2009 - Buffet Dinner & Entertainment by Jimmy Keys @ Naples Hilton (booked)

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)

MMC Computer Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM in the Marco Community Bank Conference Room. All are welcome to participate.

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

**2009 CRUISE DEPARTING JULY 30TH
FIFTEEN DAY "BLACK SEA VOYAGE"
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.

80 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.

**Marco Men's Club
expresses its sincere
sympathy to the
families of deceased
MMC member
Andrew Kopon and
to MMC member
Jack Barnes whose
wife, Mariam, passed
away in last week**

GOLF NEWSby **Al Vacio**

Well, you would think this weather was brought down by all the snowbirds. It seems that they brought winds, cold, wet and crappy golf games. However, we still have some brave souls, mostly northerners, in their shorts and short sleeve polo shirts, out there slashing at the little white ball. The rest of us Florida chickens (snowbirds become Florida chickens after they get acclimated), wear wind pants, sweaters, hats, and still we complain about the cold weather. Go figure! Of course if you're from Jersey, you simply say "Fuh get about it." What the %&!#! So we play on.

Here are the results of last month's

In-House Tournament.**Flight 1**1. **Tom Heffernan 67**2. **Fuzz Fazakes 68****T3. Dwight Goslee 73****Al Vacio 73****Kip Zimmer 73****Flight 11**1. **Jim Karter 67****T2. Al Bozzo 68****Bill Horton 68****GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH: PUTTING**

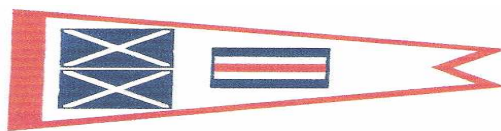
I have addressed this subject before, but I still see a lot of common errors golfers make when putting. They pull or push their putts, they come up short, or blast it past the hole. Of course the hardest putt is always that short distance. What distance is that, you ask? It is the distance between your ears. If you don't think you can make it, you won't. Confident putters will make more putts, because nothing is distracting their thought process. Breaking your wrists on the putt will change the path. Moving your head will move your intended path. Not having a square putter face when it contacts the ball is the main reason the ball will go off line. Figure out at what spot during your putt your putter face becomes square. That is where your ball should be placed in your stance. Too far forward and you pull. Too far back in your stance and you push. Now do you get it? And last, do not jab at the ball. Tempo, tempo, tempo. Swing the putter head smoothly.

GOLF JOKE OF THE MONTH: A man staggers into an emergency room with two black eyes and a five iron wrapped around his neck. He explains to the doctor that he was playing golf with his wife when she sliced her shot over a fence into a cow pasture. "We both went to look for her ball, when I noticed a ball stuck in the rear of a cow. I lifted up the tail and looked closer and saw that it was my wife's golf ball stuck in the middle of the cow's butt. That's when I made my mistake." "What mistake?" the Doctor asked. "Well, with the tail in my hand, I lifted it up and yelled to my wife. Hey, this looks like yours!" That's the last thing I remember."

That's all folks. Hit 'em straight.

SANDBAGGER OF THE MONTH: Hey guys, it looks like we have three guys trying to sneak under the "Sandbagging" radar. If you look at last month's results on our website, you will see **Tom Heffernan**, **Jim Karter**, and **Al Bozzo** were all in the money. Hmmm, talk about chutzpah (ask a Jewish friend if you don't know). Theirs are as big as watermelons.

ATTA BOY: Congratulations to **Fuzz Fazekas** who shot his age with a gross (not net) score of 75 at Eagle Lakes. Hey wait a minute, isn't he a "supposedly" 15 handicapper. Time to check the home club roster in Indianapolis for his handicap. The Jersey Boys are looking for Fuzz as we speak. Hey, I don't see the big deal. I know a lot of guys who have shot Fuzz's age. Mueller, Bales, and some others. Speaking of **Mike Mueller**, he shot his first HOLE-IN-ONE at Eagle Lakes 15th hole last month. He bought **everyone** in the clubhouse a round of drinks. What a guy. Of course if you weren't one of the six people who happened to stick around you missed out. We had a hard time convincing Mike that a pitcher of iced tea was not an accepted drink for a hole-in-one celebration.



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