



The Marco Men's Club Newsletter March 2009

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Marco Men's Club guest speaker at the February membership meeting was Bob Montanaro. Mr. Montanaro is the Pelican Island Audubon Society Office Manager. Bob gave a power point presentation on "Exploring the Life of the Osprey". His talk was very informative and his candid photos of the Osprey were amazing. A visit to the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge would be a great place to visit with our grandchildren. For more information visit their web site at www.fws.gov/pelicanisland. Tel.# 772-562-3909.

Wayne Boose gave the Treasurer's Report and reported that we have available funds of \$21,843.80.

Ed Vesely reported that we have 531 resident members and 26 non-resident members for a total of 557 members..

February 4, 2009 Ron and Margret Moores hosted "Moon Over The Brewery" at the Sugden Community Theater. Forty-four attended the show. *Great job once again Ron!*

February 5, 2009 Ed Saeks conducted the Annual Marco Men's Club Blood Drive. Thirty-five members donated blood. The blood donated will be credited to the Marco Men's Club Blood Bank account. Any member or their immediate family can draw blood from the MMC Blood Bank account in time of need.

February 7, 2009, Sr. VP Joe Varano hosted the New Member Breakfast at Forest Glen C.C. Eighty members and their guests attended the breakfast. Eleven Past Presidents were present at the luncheon and Paul Kurtzman gave a talk on how he started the Men's Club seventeen years ago.

February 12, 2009, Pat Thawley filled in for Don Oakey to host the Valentines Co-ed Luncheon at Konrad's Restaurant. One Hundred members and their guests attended the luncheon. Every woman was presented with a rose for Valentines Day. **Thanks Pat, for hosting the event. Great job as usual.**

February 15, 2009 George Godfrey and Joe Varano co-hosted the Sweet Heart Ball at the Marco Island Hilton Beach Resort. One hundred thirty-four members and guests attended the event. The "Double Dare Band" provided the music and entertainment. *The food and the service at the Hilton was a surprising treat.* **Thanks Joe and George for a wonderful evening. Maybe smaller is better!**

February 21, 2009, Mel and Cindy Daly hosted Lunch and Bingo at Porky's Restaurant. Fifty members and guests enjoyed a buffet lunch and played ten rounds of bingo. **Thanks Mel, for once again hosting this event.**

February 27, 2009 Dino Janis hosted a co-ed dinner at the Cedar Hammock Golf & C.C. Fifty-six people enjoyed the Seafood & Prime Rib Buffet. This was Dino's first time hosting an event for the Club. *Thanks Dino for a job well done.*

New Members in February - Welcome To The Marco Men's Club. Emil Fischer.

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

Fred Stavola

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Sat. May 23, 2009 - MMC Installation Dinner @ *Hideaway Beach Club* (booked).

Thurs. June 11, 2009– Coed Lunch @ The Islander Restaurant (in progress)

Sat. Aug. 1, 2009 – MMC Co-ed Dinner at *Sasso’s Restaurant* (in progress).

Thurs. Sep. 24, 2009 – MMC Fall Dinner Dance @ *Hideaway Beach Club* (booked)

Fri. Oct. 30, 2009 – MMC Halloween Dinner Dance @ Old Marco Lodge (booked)

Jan. 10 –17, 2010 - MMC “Twenty First Cruise”. Eight Night Eastern Caribbean Cruise on Royal Caribbean’s “Independence Of The Seas”, sailing from Ft. Lauderdale with four Ports Of Call. St. Marten, St. Thomas, Puerto Rico and Haiti. (booked)

NOTICE

MMC Members interested in playing couples bridge, one night a month, please contact Bob Marks for information. Bob’s e-mail address is : bob-marksmi@hotmail.com.

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 Complete/Air/Hotel/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.

NEW CRUISE !!!!!

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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**

Get your game ready for April. Our Spring Tournament is set for Friday, April 24, 2009. Then, the following week is the Couples' Tournament. Check this newsletter for both flyers. Both tournaments will be held at The Glades CC. Sign up ASAP, as they need an exact number (in advance) of players for food and carts, etc. Please don't wait until the deadline. Ed Crane is doing a great job on our website. Check it out. Look under SOCIAL at the top and then go to "Golf News". There is a lot of information about golf, e.g. handicaps, tournaments, results, committee members, and monthly coordinators. If there are other things that you may wish to see on the golf website, let me know. We try to update it frequently.

Important note; Eagle Lakes has a no show policy. If you sign up to play, and can't make it, call the golf coordinator and the course and let them know. The course has a maximum 3 "no show" policy. After that, privileges are cancelled. We also have a MMC golf rule.

Rule: A golfer must take no higher than a 10 on any hole at any time, tournaments included. After 10, pick it up, and hold the flag stick for those who patiently waited through your ordeal. Here are the results of last month's In-House Tournament.

Flight 1	Flight 11
1. Dave Pettit 61	1. Bob Dolan 64
2. Ed Booth 65	2. Harry Nield 66
3. Jim Sullivan 69	3. Bob Flugger 67

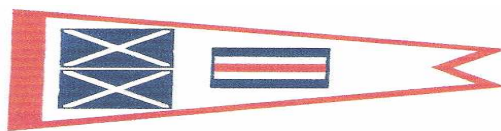
SANDBAGGER OF THE MONTH: Man, this one is so easy I can't resist. Dave Pettit, yes that's right, the guy that was going to give up golf. He was only sandbagging. He really was taking lessons and lurking in the shadows. The whining (Chardonnay and Cabernet) wasn't too bad, until he dropped that 61 on us. OUCH! No more for you Dave. You want strokes? Strokes? Yeah right Dave. You had better look over your shoulder for the Jersey Boys.

They said they don't like losing those greenbacks. Hey Bob Dolan, you're on the 'watch list', so if you shoot low again, you won't make it out of the parking lot, without limping. Just ask Siska, he still limps. **ATTA BOY:** By the way, I was only kidding when I said Mike Mueller bought iced tea to celebrate his hole in one. He bought all of us some tall cold ones to celebrate. Thanks Mike.

GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH: If you are struggling with your game, and you are about to give it up, here's a tip: Take a lesson. Find a Pro who will work with your swing and type of game, and not one that wants to change your whole swing, etc. If that doesn't work, Harry Nield is starting a knitting club. That could be your salvation. What the heck, you can't play golf!

GOLF JOKE OF THE MONTH:**Things To Ponder:**

1. There are two things you can learn from stopping your backswing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which hand is wearing the glove.
2. If you are afraid that your shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up or you can wait until the green clears and top or chunk the ball halfway there.
3. It takes longer to learn to be a good golfer than it does to become a brain surgeon. However, you don't get to ride around in a golf cart, drink beer, eat hot dogs, flirt with the beer cart girl, and pass gas whenever you feel like it, when you are performing Brain Surgery!!!
4. Golf is a true Love/Hate relationship.
That's all folks. Hit 'em straight.



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