



The Marco Men's Club Newsletter June 2009

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to take this opportunity to thank the membership for electing me President of the Marco Men's Club for 2009-2010. I am honored to accept this assignment and excited about the opportunities that lay ahead for the Club.

I accepted the position of President because I have a passion for inspiring our membership to become more involved in the Club. During my term as President, I plan to broaden and deepen the Club's exposure to the community and continue the focus on developing our future leaders. We are in the infancy of our mentoring program which, if successful, will give us a head start toward reaching that goal.

One of the challenges we face is a result of the current state of our economy. We have seen a significant reduction in member participation in some of our social events which is a signal for us to make some changes in our planning. There are many opportunities for us to provide cost effective programs and still continue to provide a high level of quality offered to you. With the recent input from our *open forum*, we gained insight on some new social activities which I believe will stimulate an increase in member participation. We encourage you to continue providing us with your ideas and feedback.

Relative to what I will call competition, there are so many clubs on Marco Island which, along with their subsidiaries can blind side us if our scheduling is not carefully planned. We will re-think the timing and selection of events to avoid conflicts and to ensure a better turnout.

Now that you have seen the vision, how will we execute the plan?

First, allow me to introduce the team.....

I am especially pleased with the results from the nominating committee in selecting qualified members to fill the vacancies on this year's Board of Directors. These vacancies have been filled by **Peter Clapp, V.P., Phil Kostelnik, V.P., Sam Miloro, Treasurer, and Pat Thawley**, who was previously a Board member, retired for a year and came back to us filling the position of **Member-At-Large**. By accepting this role, **Pat** will be responsible for enlisting the speakers for our general meetings. **Don't miss our speaker at the June General Meeting. Pat has invited Brig. General Donald Pettit, who**

will speak about his responsibilities at NASA. These gentlemen, along with the continuing Board members will constitute a very effective Board of Directors.

I am also pleased that the Vice Presidents voted by secret ballot to appoint **Bill Sullivan** as our **Senior Vice President**. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations **Bill**, I look forward to working with you.

As **Senior Vice President of Activities**, **Bill** will lead this dynamic bunch of **V.P.'s** to include **Jerry Masters, Mel Daly**, and our two new **V.P.'s Phil Kostelnik and Peter Clapp**. **Bill** will be directing them toward establishing new and interesting activities for the Club.

A special thanks to **Fred Stavola**, our outgoing **President** for his leadership and guidance during his tenure. **Fred** will remain on the Board for another year as **Past President**. I look forward to his advice and counsel this coming year. I also want to thank **Fred** for organizing and hosting the Installation Dinner at the Hideaway Beach Club last month. It was a first class event and I was honored to be part of the festivities.

And to those leaving the board, my sincere thanks for your contribution to the club. **Joe Rad, V.P., the Marco Island Yankee Clipper, Ron Moores V.P. our English Gentleman, Wayne Boose, Treasurer** who came back to ensure that we kept our books *clean*, and **Joe Cassidy our Past President**. I look forward to their continued support in the year ahead.

And there you have it! As I begin my tenure as President of the Marco Men's Club, I am hopeful that with the help and guidance of our Board of Directors, together we can bring to you a year of fun and excitement while keeping the tradition of the Club alive and well.

Joe Varano

"Good judgment comes from bad experience.....and most of that comes from bad judgment"

SAVE THESE DATES

The Event Planning Committee, chaired by Sr. V.P. Bill Sullivan, has put together a schedule of events for 2009 and into 2010. Listed below are some of the events and dates that are already booked or will be booked.

Sat. Aug. 1, 2009 – MMC Co-ed Dinner at *Sasso's Restaurant* (booked).

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

Sun. Oct. 25, 2009 – “Lend Me A Tenor” @ Sugden Theater (Matinee booked)

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

Sat. Nov. 7, 2009 - MMC Veteran's Day Picnic & Sarazen Park (in progress)

Sun. Nov. 15, 2009 – MMC Sock Hopp @ Hideaway Beach Club (booked)

Fri. Dec. ? , 2009 – Living Christmas Tree @ 1st Baptist Church (not booked).

Tues. Dec. 15, 2009 – Holiday Pops @ Naples Philharmonic (booked).

Thu. Dec. 10, 2009 – MMC Christmas Holiday co-ed lunch @ Olde Marco Inn (booked)

Jan 9 –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)

Sun. Feb. 14, 2010 - MMC Sweetheart Ball @ Marco Island Hilton (booked).

Sun. March 14, 2010 – Broadway Musical @ Sugden (Matinee booked)

Sun. May 9, 2010 – ‘The Importance of Being Earnest ’@ Sugden (Matinee Booked)

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

"SORRY THIS CRUISE IS SOLD OUT"

MMC "TWENTY FIRST" CRUISE -JANUARY 9 TO 17, 2010 ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S "5 STAR+ INDEPENDENCE OF THE SEAS"

*ST. MAARTEN... ST. THOMAS...PUERTO RICO...AND HAITI
"NINE DAY ITINERARY "*

SATURDAY 9.....FT. LAUDERDALE- SAILING.....
5:00 PM
SUNDAY, 10.....CRUISING
MONDAY, 11.....CRUISING
TUESDAY ,12.....PHILIPSBURG, ST.
MAARTEN..... 8:00. AM TO 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, 13.....CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS.....7:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
THURSDAY, 14.....SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO..... 7:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
FRIDAY, 15.....LABADEE, HAITI...(RCCL PRIVATE ISLAND)...9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
SATURDAY, 16.....CRUISING
SUNDAY, 17.....FT. LAUDERDALE.....7:00 AM
61 Passengers are confirmed for this Cruise. Only three Staterooms remaining in Club's inventory at original pricing. All "3" are Balcony Staterooms... Two in Category D-1 and One in D-2 category pricing for this sailing

Go to www.marcomensclub.com for Cruise information and reservation form. Wish more information or assistance please contact

Bob Marks @ (239)642-0370.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of MMC Member Mel Kelley on his death. Also to Ray Paret who grandson passed away in May.

Please telephone Joe Pucci at 732-5606 or e-mail him (jpucci11@embarqmail.com) regarding information on sick members..

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**

“Spring has sprung and fall has fell. Now it’s summer and it’s hotter than.....” you know the rest. The heat and humidity have arrived, and the guys are hot and going low. I guess the arthritic parts in our bodies like the heat. The swings are looser and so are the conversations. We are now playing at Lely on Mondays and traveling to other courses on Fridays.

So far we have played at Naples Beach, Forest Glen (boy, has it changed!!) Eagle Creek, Cedar Hammock, and Tiburon. Sign up with the monthly coordinators for Mondays, and with me for Fridays. Check out the website for information about monthly coordinators. Our In-House Tournament last month was an unbelievable tournament. The scores were so low that I got excited about being able to trash the sandbaggers. Harry Weathers can breathe a sigh of relief. He was not even in the running. Relax Harry. However, look at these scores:

In-House Tournament.**Flight 1**

1. Fred Wojcik 62
2. Ron Kelley 66
3. Ron Bales 67

Flight II

1. Erwin Stegmaier 68
2. Shuji Uchiyama 70
3. Paul Pransky 71

SANDBAGGER OF THE MONTH: Well, where do I

begin? Of course..... its Wojcik. He and Stegmaier played in the same foursome. Do you notice anything peculiar? Fred keeps score, and Erwin attests. Hmmmmmm..... I’m just letting you know that the Jersey Boys really raised their eyebrows at these scores. All those guys shooting low!??

However, it was great to see some new names. It helps out the local knee doctors when they get new patients. Hey, Bales showed up again. The Jersey Boys know that Bales has a bum knee, so this will be easy. Bales can’t out run them. (By the way, when the Jersey Boys show up, don’t expect “Frankie Valle and The Four Seasons”)! Badda Bing, Baby!

GOLF TIP: Speeding up Play.

If you are hitting your next shot, and the foursome behind you is waiting to hit, please don’t take time to clean your club and put it back in your bag. Hit your shot, get in the cart (with the club) and go on. When you get to your next shot, you can clean your club and put it away and get your next club (all at the same time). This allows the group behind you to hit away. It may not seem like you take a long time to put your club away, but if it takes you 30 seconds after every shot, and you have an average of 2 shots

per hole, thats $30\text{sec} \times 2\text{shots} \times 18 = 18$ minutes. That’s a lot of time you can save the rest of us behind you. Please tell your foursome about this.

GOLF JOKE OF THE MONTH:**The Wedding**

A man is getting married, and is standing by His bride at the church. Standing by him are his golf clubs and bag. His bride whispers: "What are Your golf clubs doing here?" The man whispered, "This is not going to take all day is it?"

Tidbits

“After all these years, it's still embarrassing for me to play on the American golf tour. Like the time I asked my caddie for a sand wedge and he came back ten minutes later with a ham on rye.”

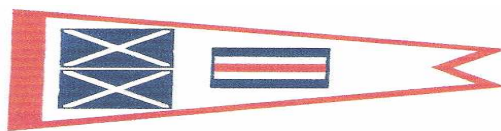
~ Chi Chi Rodriguez ~

A gushy reporter told Phil Mickelson, "You are spectacular, your name is synonymous with the game of golf. You really know your way around the course. What's your secret?"

Mickelson replied, "The holes are numbered".
“While playing golf today I hit two good balls. I stepped on a rake.”

~ Henny Youngman ~

That’s all folks. Hit ‘em straight-----Al



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*deceased

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