

The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Marco Men's Club!

As we read this month's newsletter, we are reminded that several of our members are beginning their fifteen day Black Sea Cruise hosted by **Bob Marks**. We will be anxious to hear a final report from Bob relative to the antics that occurred on this trip. If **Sal Soldano** attended, it will be necessary to get a head count upon debarkation in Fort Lauderdale! Bon Voyage!

Some good news to share. Last month I reported that Collier County was considering charging a \$75.00 fee for a parking permit for Collier County beaches. Recently, however, the county commissioners refused to support the fee and therefore beach parking permits will continue to be free for Collier County residents for another year. You can obtain your free passes for your car either at the **Marco Island Library** or at the **Caxambas Park Boat Ramp**.

Jerry Masters predicts that the **Jersey Boys** matinee at the **Barbara Mann Theater in Fort Myers** will be a success for our club. The **Jersey Boys** is the story of **Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons** and their rise to fame. This is a renowned, first class, musical experience for all, which will get your knees rocking and your eyes rolling! We initially ordered 60 tickets and in view of the committed verbal responses, we increased the total to 80 tickets. This was without a flier in the July Newsletter! In this month's Newsletter, you will find the flier and I highly recommend that you send your reservation in pronto! This event is not scheduled until February 18, 2010, and we expect it to be a sellout. The tickets are on a first come first served basis, dependent upon receipt of your reservation and payment. So those who verbally committed earlier must send in their money now to ensure that your tickets will be available for you. While we encourage guests to participate in our events, it will be necessary to put guests on a waiting list until which time all member requests have been filled.

Another new event that is scheduled in November 2009, which we think will be quite popular, is a bus trip to the **Ringling Brothers Museum in Sarasota**. We hired a 50 person capacity bus and purchased 50 tickets for this event. Details to follow in the attached flier. Once again, **Jerry Masters** has come up with another, different, fun event. I would also like to thank **Richie Carlsen** and **Ron Moores** for hosting our events in July. All were successful, judging by the very positive comments from the participants.

If you haven't attended a matinee play at the Sugden Theater followed by dinner at a nearby Naples restaurant, you are missing an enjoyable event. **Ron Moores** has another Sugden theater/ dinner event scheduled in October. See the attached flier. The casts at Sugden are such great performers that they can stand up against many of the big time, professional performers. We have a few more of these events coming up in the next few months, and will continue to search for similar events. **Bill Sullivan**, from his command post in New Hampshire, and his team are working diligently to bring you some new events in the coming months. I have asked them to think "out of the box" for fun events that appeal to our entire membership and perhaps eliminate some of the less popular from our agendas. We have some great ideas, and the right people to implement them!

Our slate of speakers is increasing as **Pat Thawley** combs the world for those who have an interesting message to deliver. Check out our Men's Club website for a listing of our scheduled speakers. At our August General Meeting, we will hear from **Rony Joel** relative to the Smokehouse Bay bridge design. This should be interesting!

FINAL NOTICE.... We are extending the deadline until August 31, 2009 for the collection of any dues outstanding. After that date, those who have not sent in their dues will be dropped from the club. Invoices can be printed from the marcomensclub.com website.

Stay cool and enjoy your summer.

Joe Varano

"Give a man a fish, and he eats for a day. Teach him how to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day"

SAVE THESE DATES

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

Thur. Sep. 10, 2009 Co-ed Lunch @ DaVinci's (booked)

Tues. Sep. 15, 2009 MMC Co-ed Dinner at Hoots (booked)

Thu. Sep. 24, 2009 – MMC Hurricane Ball @ *Hideaway Beach Club* (booked)

Thur. Oct. 8, 2009 Co-ed Lunch @ Mozart's (booked)

Fri. Oct. 16, 2009 Co-ed Cooking School Carrabba's (Naples) (booked)

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

Wed. Oct. 28, 2009— Four Man Scramble @ Lely Golf Resort (booked)

Fri. Oct. 30, 2009 – MMC Halloween Dinner Dance @ The Glades Golf &Country Club (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. Nov. 20, 2009 Bus Ride to Ringling Bros. Museum in Sarasota (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. 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)

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

Thu. Feb. 18, 2010 " The Jersey Boys" at Barbara Mann (Matinee 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 @ 239-821-1935 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

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. THO-
MAS.....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

63 Passengers are confirmed for this Cruise. Only two Staterooms remaining in Club's inventory at original pricing. All "2" are Balcony Staterooms... One 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.

Marco Men's Club expresses its sincere sympathy to the families of Don Oakey and Charles Daye who passed away in July

We wish a speedy recovery to Vic Bermeo who injured a vertebrae from a fall. At this time no surgery is required.

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 NEWSby **Al Vacio**

Boy, has it been dry. No rains have dried out the courses. However, we do get extra roll. We have been enjoying our summer golf, regardless. Every time I book Eagle Creek, we get rain. Maybe I should book Eagle Creek again so we can get some needed rain. Just a thought. Our October Scramble is scheduled for Lely on Wednesday, October 28th. Flyer should be in this edition. Don't miss it. Send your checks to Dave Pettit. Our In-House Tournament brought some good scores.

In-House Tournament Results:**Flight 1**

1. Ron Kelley 66
2. Dwight Goslee 68
3. Bob Hayward 69
3. Mike Mueller 69

Flight 11

1. Frank Sroka 63
2. D. Richardson 65
3. Fred Wojcik 65

SANDBAGGER OF THE MONTH: If you have ever played with Frank Sroka, you would see him miss shots, putts, fairways and greens. The only thing Frank would hit in regulation was the water stops. He has finally gotten his handicap so high, he decided that Monday's tournament would be a good time to stop sandbagging and fleece the Jersey Boys out of some Jacksons and Hamiltons. Not a good idea, Frank. The Boys "Don't like lawyers in da foist place. And now fleecing us on top of dat! Badda Bing, Baby. He's gonna get the Jersey Boys trifecta. Ya know, knees, hands, and da nose." That's right-Frank, your nose. Ooooooh! Ouch!

ATTA BOY: Chic DeGaetano (who?) shot a 63 and-fleeced Goslee, Hansen and Booth out of some cash. I heard those guys personally called up the Jersey Boys and reported the fleecing. Look out Chic, the Jersey Boys don't care how you spell your name. Kneecaps are kneecaps. However, they might do your fingers and knuckles if you really sandbagged. Hmmm...a 63?.... Close, but no guarantee, though.

GOLF TIP: Alignment-----What is it exactly?

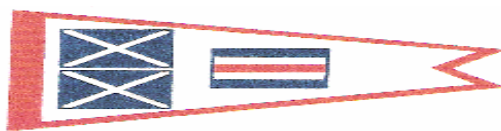
This means the direction your body is lined up to the target. In other words, are your shoulders and feet pointing left or right of your target. Are your feet in line and shoulders open? Or vice-versa. Some line up with feet closed and shoulders open. Most of the time, if your shoulders are open, you have atendency to cut across the ball and fade or slice. Lay a club down on the range and point it to a target. Put your feet in line with that club. Now align your shoulders with your feet. Now look at your target. I'll bet you think you are not aiming at the target. But you are. Trust it.

GOLF JOKE OF THE MONTH: Larry and his buddies were hanging out and planning a 5-day golf trip. Unfortunately, he had to tell them that he couldn't go because his wife wouldn't let him. After a lot of teasing and name calling, Larry headed home totally frustrated. The following week when Larry's buddies arrived at the golf resort, they were shocked to see Larry sitting in the lobby, drinking a beer, "How did you talk your wife into letting you go, Larry?"

"I didn't have to," Larry replied. "Last night I slumped down in my chair with a beer to drown my sorrows. Then, my wife snuck up behind me and covered my eyes and said, 'Surprise.' When I peeled her hands back, she was standing there in a beautiful see-through negligee and said, 'Carry me into the bedroom and tie me to the bed, and you can do whatever you want'.....SO HERE I AM !"

That's all folks, hit 'em straight.

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