

The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Marco Men's Club.

It has only been a few months since I became President of the Marco Men's Club, and I continue to take great pleasure in working together with my fellow members of our Board of Directors. The time and effort put in by these Board members as well as the numerous hosts of our events is an indication of their dedication to the success of the Club. This year, we have seen a drop in membership, which is above our normal attrition rate, and which I am convinced, is attributed primarily to the state of our economy. I am sure you have done your own assessment of the influence the economy has on our quality of life, which consequently has impacted attendance to some of our functions. However, short of another economic setback, there appears to be a light at the end of the tunnel. Believe me, I am not so optimistic that I believe this is a short tunnel, but the glimmer gives us some encouragement. For that reason, these aforementioned, dedicated individuals are working even harder to provide you with events that are affordable, interesting and different.

Last month, we enjoyed a luncheon at DaVinci's hosted by **Don LaPato**. Thank you **Don**. Also, over 100 attended our annual Hurricane Ball at the Hideaway Beach Club hosted by **David Fenelon**, and his creative advisor and master of ceremonies Vice President **Jerry Masters**. Nice job **Dave** and **Jerry** and especially thanks to **Joyce Fenelon** for providing the table favors! Let's hope that Mother Nature keeps up the good work by continuing her gymnastics in the Atlantic and by staying and away from our shore! Congratulations to our **FEMA Queen.....Gayle Thawley** and our **FEMA King Tom Traeger**.

In the September Newsletter, we inadvertently omitted the flier on the **Halloween Hoot**, scheduled on Friday October 30, 2009. Please look for the flier in this month's Newsletter and send in your reservations as soon as possible. This is one of our annual, fun events, which has been well attended in the past and with the lower entrée costs and the shorter travel distance to the Glades Golf and Country Club in Naples, it should be more appealing to our members.

A heads up on the Jersey Boys Concert. At the time of this writing, we have now sold over 170 tickets, and we will continue to take orders right up to the deadline. **Jerry Masters is just loving it!**

Vice President **Peter Clapp** is attempting to obtain 60 tickets for us to attend the Living Christmas Tree Pageant at the First Baptist Church in Naples. The tickets were not available when the Newsletter went to press. **Peter** will try to get tickets for an evening performance during the first two weekends in December, same as last year. Please look for the flier in the November Newsletter. This event sold out last year, and we had a waiting list.

Just the other day, I saw a car carrier crossing the Jolley Bridge onto Marco Island. What a welcome sight! That means they (our snowbird friends) are beginning to return to our beautiful Island after a long visit up North. Let's hope that some of these new arrivals are candidates for membership to our club. Got a friend or neighbor who has been procrastinating about joining us? Bring him along to our next meeting. I certainly would like to meet him! And if he and his wife or significant other would like to join us as your guest, bring them along to our Veteran's Day Picnic, scheduled for Saturday November 7th, at Sarazen Park.

I would also like to welcome **John Shewchuk** and **Michael Vignari** as new members to our club.

Joe Varano

Did you know that?

If there is a statue in the park, of a person on a horse with both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

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.

2009

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 (booked)
Fri. Oct. 30, 2009 – MMC Halloween Dinner Dance at the Glades CC (booked)
Sat. Nov. 7, 2009 - MMC Veteran's Day Picnic & Sarazen Park (in progress)
Sun. Nov. 15, 2009 – MMC Sock Hop @ 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)

2010

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)
Mar. 14-28, 2010 -- MMC “ Twenty Second Cruise” Fourteen Night Cruise to So. America, Panama Canal and the Caribbean (booked)
Sun. May 9, 2010 – The Importance of Being Earnest @ Sugden (Matinee booked)
Sun. Nov. 21, 2010 Luau & Pig Roast Poolside @ Marco Hilton with “ Hot Damn”

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

"SORRY, THIS CRUISE IS SOLD OUT "

MARCO MEN'S CLUB "TWENTY SECOND" CRUISE

FOURTEEN NIGHT CRUISE-MARCH 14-28, 2010
CRUISING SOUTH AMERICA, PANAMA CANAL AND
CARIBBEAN
SEVEN PORTS OF CALL ABOARD CELEBRITY CRUISES
"INFINITY"

SANTIAGO CHILE..... LA SERENA CHILE..... ARICA, CHILE.....

LIMA, PERU, MANTA ECUADOR.....PANAMA CANAL.....CARTAGENA,
COLOMBIA "FIFTEEN DAY ITINERARY"

MARCH 14, 2010 TO MARCH 28, 2010

SUNDAY 14 TH.....FLY MIAMI/SANTIAGO, CHILE-TRANSFER TO

VALPARAISO TO BOARD THE INFINITY...SAILING AT 8 PM

MONDAY 15TH.....LA SERENA (COQUIMBO), CHILE 9AM TO 4 PM

TUESDAY 16TH.....AT SEA

WEDNESDAY 17TH.....ARICA, CHILE 7 AM TO 7 PM

THURSDAY 18TH.....AT SEA

FRIDAY 19TH.....LIMA (CALLAO), PERU 7AM TO 5:30 PM

SATURDAY 20TH..... AT SEA

SUNDAY 21ST.....MANTA, ECUADOR 8AM TO 5:30 PM

MONDAY 22 ND.....AT SEA

TUESDAY 23 RD.....PANAMA CANAL (CRUISING) 6AM TO 4 PM

TUESDAY 23 RD.....CRISTOBAL TOUR PICK-UP ONLY 4 PM TO 6 PM

WEDNESDAY 24TH.....AT SEA

THURSDAY 25TH.....CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA 7AM TO 5 PM

FRIDAY, 26TH..... AT SEA

SATURDAY 27 TH.....AT SEA

SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH.....FT LAUDERDALE, FL. 7 AM .

MMC GUARANTEED "THIRTY THREE" STATEROOMS TO OCTOBER 15TH

CRUISE PACKAGE INCLUDES: MARCO ISLAND GROUP BUS TRANSFER

MARCH 14TH TO MIAMI AIRPORT, MARCH 28TH LAUDERDALE PIER TO

MARCO, COACH AIRFARE FROM MIAMI TO SANTIAGO, CHILE,

14 NIGHT CRUISE, AIRPORT AND SHIP TRANSFERS, PORT CHARGES,

AND TAXES.

Go to www.marcomensclub.com for Cruise information

or form. Call Bob Marks (239-642-0370 for further assistance.

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**

Hi guys, long time no see (ha, ha). If you haven't heard, I had cataract surgery. Things are much clearer now. No more excuses for missed putts. We are now officially into fall. Sweaters, pullovers, long pants-----NOT. The guys have had a great time this summer playing twice a week. There have been some great courses, which we enjoyed. Too bad if you missed it. We probably will only be playing at Lely until the end of October. After that, the committee will decide where we will go for the season. Our choices are few, considering the prices and the courses available. If you have any suggestions, call me or a Committee member. All the Coordinators and Committee members' numbers are on the website:

www.marcomensclub.com. Check it out for info. Our Fall Scramble Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday October 28 at Lely Resort. If you haven't sent in your check, do it RIGHT NOW! Don't miss the golf, fun, food and prizes. Flyer is in this newsletter, or call David Pettit

In-House Tournament Results: Not available at press time.

SANDBAGGER OF THE MONTH: Sorry, but you will have to wait until next month. Of course, there are a few out there who have been taking some dead presidents off the guys. The Jersey Boys are still waiting for me to give them some names, but this last month has been slow. The JB trifecta has been a popular and successful method. You know---Knees, Knuckles and Nose. However, you really gotta go deep into the pockets of the Jersey Boys for that to happen. I haven't heard or seen (ha) any fleecing going on, so let me know.

GOLF TIP: Course Management.

Let's say you are in the fairway or rough or bunker. Which shot is the safest for the situation? Some guys just don't think, and they attempt a shot they see the pros try. Unless you are a pro, 'fugettaboutit'. The things that you should consider are: 1. How many times out of 10 can I hit this shot successfully? 2. Is there trouble long or short of the green? 3. Is there trouble left or right, or both? 4. Is there a golf rule that can be advantageous for you to use? 5. Laying up may cost you a stroke, but going for it (Tin Cup) will cost you a ton of strokes. 6. What does my lie look like, and should I putt it or chip it? I am sure you have faced these conundrums many times and said, "I shudda,

cudda" but didn't do the right thing. The answer----always take the shot you know you can hit at least 7 out of 10 times. Don't put yourself in a position to shoot a high score. Think, and don't just react. By laying up, or hitting away from trouble, or putting from 10 yards off the green, you could easily take 5 to 10 strokes off your game. Laying up to your favorite distance for your third shot on a par four may be the way to go. Play it like a par 5. A one putt and you have a chance for par. A two putt isn't a bad thing. Here is something to think about---Take any par 72 regulation golf course with four par 5's and four par 3's. Now, if you par all the par 5's and all the par 3's, and bogey the rest of the holes, you will shoot an 82. Yep, that's right!! That's only ten bogeys. Sounds easy! However, as long as your evil twin doesn't show up with the doubles and triples, you've got it made!! Easier said than done you say!

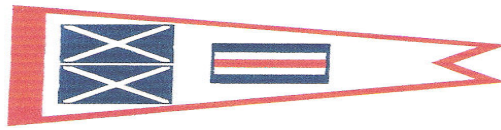
GOLF JOKE OF THE MONTH: A woman stands over her tee shot for what seems an eternity: looking up, looking down, measuring the distance, figuring the wind direction and speed. Finally her exasperated partner says, "What's taking you so long? Hit the ball!" The woman answers, "My ex-husband, Larry, is up there watching me from the clubhouse. I want to make this a perfect shot."

"Forget it, dearie," says her partner. "You'll never hit him from here."

That's all folks. Hit 'em straight.

Al





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