



# The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Marco Men's Club!

The year is quickly flying by and October is already behind us! October brought us several enjoyable events filled with offerings of culinary delights. To begin with, **Pat Thawley** hosted our Co-ed Oktoberfest luncheon at the House of Mozart, followed later in the month by a delightful Italian luncheon treat at the Carrabbas Cooking School hosted by **Bob Terreri**. Thank you **Pat** and **Bob**. After a hilarious show at the Sugden Theater, we enjoyed another sumptuous meal at the Café Lurcat, hosted by **Ron Moores**. We ended the month at our traditional Halloween Hoot enjoying one of the areas best roast beef dinner entrees at the Glades Golf and Country Club in Naples. Our thanks to **Bob Richardson** for hosting this event and to **Ron Moores** for hosting the Sugden event.

Don't miss the opportunity for the bus ride and visit to the Ringling Museum in Sarasota on November 20<sup>th</sup>. There is still room on the bus for a few more. You also don't want to miss the Fabulous "50's" Sock Hop at the Hideaway Beach Club on November 15<sup>th</sup>. I have been told that the reservations are filling up rapidly.

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss an issue relative to beverages that are **not** included in our luncheon and dinner event fliers. We make every effort to include soft drinks; coffee and tea at most of these events, but occasionally, these items are not included. The same applies to alcoholic beverages. **This is a reminder that you are responsible for those non-inclusive beverages.** Please be sure to ask the hostess or wait staff for an individual bill, **before you leave the restaurant.** This is the responsible thing to do, instead of leaving the Men's Club host the difficult chore of reconciling a bar or dinner tab. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

November is a month for offering thanks and celebrating Thanksgiving Day, which is one of our most venerable and cherished American traditions. We give thanks for allowing us the privilege of living in the **paradise** offered here on Marco Island and for sharing this **paradise** with friends we

have met thru the Men's Club and many of the other fine organizations on the Island. On Thanksgiving this year and every year, in worship services and family celebration, Americans will carry on the tradition of giving, sharing not only with family and friends, but also to those in need. Let's make the effort this year to offer what we can to those who lost their jobs and to those who cannot afford to enjoy Thanksgiving thru their own means.

November also brings us the tradition of giving thanks and honoring all veterans who fought to preserve our freedom and to those service men and women currently facing battle with terrorists in Afghanistan and in Iraq. What veterans have given our country is beyond our power to fully repay, but on Veterans Day, we need to show our respect and gratitude to them. At our annual Veteran's Day Picnic, which will be held at Sarazen Park on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, please join me in honoring all these brave men and women who put their lives on the line to preserve our freedom. We have invited special guests and the local Marco Island Strummers to add to the festivities. Uniforms are optional.

Please join me in welcoming the following new members to our club:

**John Finlayson, Jack Warrenner, Ken Wood, Dan Barnes, John Bidder, Greg Glynn, Bud Breeding, Tom Fallon, Bob Burns, Colman Connelly**

From my family to yours, have a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Joe Varano**

"Always remember you're unique. Just like everyone else."



**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**

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

**Fri. Dec. 11, 2009 – Living Christmas Tree @ 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church (booked).**

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

**2010**

**Thu. Jan. 7, 2010 - 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon @ Forest Glen (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. (Sold out)**

**Sat. Jan. 16, 2010 - The Lippizzaner Stallions @ Gremain Arena (booked)**

**Sun. Jan. 31, 2010 - Swamp Buggy Races ( Men Only) (booked)**

**Thu. Feb. 11, 2010 - Men’s On;y Lunch @ Iron Rhino ( in progress)**

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

**Thu. Feb. 18, 2010 - “ The Jersey Boys” at Barbara Mann (Sold out)**

**Thu. Feb. 25, 2010 - Co-ed Lunch @ Konrads ( in progress)**

**Sun. March 7, 2010 – “ Fiddler on the Roof” @ Sugden (Matinee booked)**

**Mar. 14-28, 2010 -- MMC “ Twenty Second Cruise” Fourteen Night Cruise to So. America, Panama Canal and the Caribbean (Sold out)**

**Wed. March 17, 2010 - St. Patrick’s Day Lunch @ Porky’s (booked)**

**Sun. March 21, 2010—”The Jimmy Keys Show” @ the Jewish Community Center ( 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” (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.

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

#### 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.

#### PRE-HOLIDAY POP'S DINNER AT THE RED LOBSTER

This year we will again be able to accommodate up to 50 people for dinner at the Red Lobster in Naples prior to the Holiday Pops on Dec 15. Dinner is at 5:30 PM . You can choose from the regular menu. Separate checks will be provided. If you are interested please call Al or Dianne Wetjen at 970-2037 so we can reserve a spot for you on a first come, first served basis.

#### 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.

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.

#### CRUISING

See Fred Wojcik (389-0300) to order shirts and hats, at meetings.

*"SORRY SPACE ON BOTH CRUISES SOLD OUT"*

*EIGHT NIGHT-CARIBBEAN*

*CRUISE*

*MMC "TWENTY FIRST" CRUISE  
-JANUARY 9 TO 17, 2010  
ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S "5 STAR+ IN-  
DEPENDENCE OF THE SEAS"  
ST. MAARTEN. ST. THOMAS.  
PUERTO RICO AND HAITI*

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*FOURTEEN NIGHT-SOUTH  
AMERICA-CHILE CRUISE*

*MMC TWENTY-SECOND  
CRUISE-MARCH 14-28, 2010*

*CRUISING SOUTH AMERICA, PA-  
NAMA CANAL AND CARIBBEAN*

*SEVEN PORTS OF CALL ON CE-  
LEBRITY'S "INFINITY"*

*SANTIAGO CHILE..... LA SERENA CHILE..... ARICA,  
CHILE..... LIMA, PERU ,,,,, CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA*

*110 PASSENGERS RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED*

We have no deaths to report this month. However, we have three sicknesses , all are wives of our members. Bob Terreri's wife, **Patty** and Ron Moore's wife **Margaret** are recovering from surgery, and **Patsy Ann** , wife of Ken Coffey is doing well at home and beginning treatment for lung disease. Please get well soon ladies!!!!

# GOLF NEWS

by Al Vacio

If you missed our Fall 4-man Scramble at Lely, you missed a great time. The weather was perfect and the course was in great shape. We had 52 players, and we missed some of you who have played in the past. Your next chance is in April. Marc Canaday did a great job with our tournament. Marc is the Tournament Director of Golf at Lely Resort and also grew up on Marco Island. Alex Galiana of Marco Community Bank put together a great golf package. So, if you see Marc or Alex, say hi and thanks for all they did for us. A special thank you to the **Marco Mens' Club Board of Directors**, for supporting our event. Without them, we could not have had such great prizes.

Here are the results: **Four Man Scramble @ Lely Resort Mustang**

**First Place**--Cpt. Dave Moenkhaus, Larry Rachel, Jack Enfield and Shuji Uchiyama, with 5 under **67**.

**Second Place** -- Cpt. Mike Mueller, Roy Zito, Gene Cislo and Erwin Stegmaier, with a 3 under **69**.

**Third Place**--Cpt. Al Bozzo, Frank Prainito, Mike Green and Tom Green, with a 3 under **69**. The tie breaker of matching scores on the number one handicap hole was used in deciding 2nd Place and third place.

Other winners were the closest to the hole:

Hole #5 -----Ray Yodlow

Hole # 8 -----Mike Green

Hole # 12 -----Ron Kelley

Hole # 16----- Ron Bales

Congratulations to the winners. And thanks to all of you who participated. A special thanks to the golf committee and Dave Pettit who stepped up to the plate and helped me out while I was away.

**September In-House Tournament Results:** Not held due to poor playing conditions, high winds and rain

**October In-House Tournament Results:**

Flight I	Flight II
1. M. Mueller ----72	1. P. Pransky ----65
2. H. Boston -----73	2. B. Vassolo ----- 70
3. C. DeGaetano--74	3. S. Uchiyama --- 71
3. T. Green ----- 71	3. T. Green ----- 71

**SANDBAGGER OF THE MONTH:** You know the Jersey Boys have been waiting for this day. I mean **really** waiting for the chance to pull a trifecta on a

Bronx Bum. Now they've got the green light to go after this guy. You realize this bum has shot 65 two weeks in a row. If that's not a true trifecta waiting to happen, then what the !#@&? Yes, guys, it is none other than Paul Pransky. Maybe we should move him back to the middle tees?? Or, maybe we should move him back to the Bronx!?

### GOLF TIP: Poor Contact

You ask yourself, "Why do I catch the ball on the toe of my club?" There are several reasons other than being a crappy golfer. Right now, I can't think of any! Just kidding! One of the reasons is falling away from the ball and losing balance. Another is coming over the top and cutting across the ball. A simple thought would be to think about reaching for the ball while keeping your balance. If you try to swing too hard, all kinds of sh\_\_ happens and mostly poor contact. Swinging under control with tempo will solve a lot of problems.

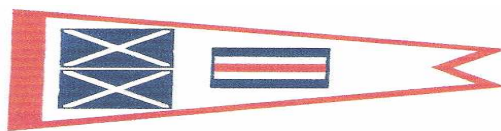
### GOLF JOKE OF THE MONTH:

A circus owner runs an ad for a lion tamer, and two people show up. One is an old retired golfer in his late 60's, and the other is a gorgeous blonde in her mid twenties. The circus owner tells them, "Here's your equipment— chair, whip, and a gun. Who wants to try out first?" The girl says, "I'll go first." She walks past the chair, the whip and the gun and steps right into the lions cage. The lion starts to snarl and begins to charge her. About half way there, she throws open her coat revealing her beautiful naked body. The lion stops dead in his tracks, sheepishly crawls up to her and starts licking her feet and ankles. He continues to lick and kiss her entire body for several minutes and then rests his head at her feet. The circus owner's jaw is on the floor. He says, "I've never seen a display like that in my life." He then turns to the retired golfer and asks "Can you top that?" The tough old golfer replies, "No problem, just get that damn lion out of the cage!"

That's all folks. Hit 'em straight.

Al





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