



The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

February 2010

Established 1992 MMC is an independent, not for profit organization

It is not affiliated with any other organization

www.marcomensclub.com

mrvarano@aol.com

PO Box 5035,
Marco Island,
FL 34146

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Marco Men's Club!

Wow, what a month we had in January! Practically every event (cruise included) was sold out. By the way, let me bring you up to date on sold out events. As you know, a number of events, in addition to cruises, sell out since most have a limit to the number of people who can attend. You can always check the website before sending in your check to determine if the event is sold out. We do have a policy regarding fliers on the website. They become available on the website only after the web master gets a printed copy of our newsletter in the mail. This gives every member an equal opportunity to reserve an event.

The 18th Anniversary luncheon, held at the Forest Glen Country Club, hosted by **Joe Frates**, with **Bill Sullivan** as master of ceremonies, was a big hit. The Past Presidents were honored and I was especially proud to receive the traditional plaque, Men's Club shirt and special name tag. It seemed like graduation day at college or the military academy but in actuality, it served as a beginning for my continued tenure as an officer of the Marco Men's Club.

Our cruising members returned safely from the Eastern Caribbean. Thank you **Bob Marks** for your usual super job. Thanks to **Peter Clapp** for hosting the World Famous Lipizaner Stallions at Germain, to **Don Lally** for hosting the play at the Marco Players and to **Sal Soldano** for a fun event at the Famous Swamp Buggy Races. I understand that **Sal** camouflaged his RV to avoid our members from using it as an out house. Smart move **Sal!** I was especially pleased with the effort by **Pat Thawley** in putting together the very important and necessary CPR Training sessions last month. It was well attended, and I trust that the training was worthwhile and has built up a level of confidence in providing CPR if ever needed.

This month, we honor our new members (and their spouses or significant others) at the annual New Members Breakfast, to be held at the Forest Glen Country Club. At this event, Past Presidents, and the Board of Directors are invited with their spouses to introduce themselves to the new members. The new members also get an overview of the Men's Club and an historic presentation by a guest speaker.

Don't forget to honor your sweethearts on February 14th at our premier Sweetheart Ball to be held at the Hilton on Marco Island.

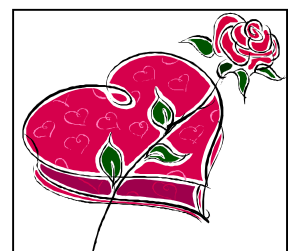
I also remind you to attend our General Meetings in the upcoming months. We have an interesting array of speakers lined up to stimulate interest and comment. This month, County Commissioner and Chairperson **Donna Fiala** will give us a state of the union message relative to Collier County. In March, we bring back **General Don Pettit**, who will give us an update on NASA's space exploration activities. **Pat Thawley** ensures us that subsequent speakers will be as informative and entertaining as those we have invited in the past.

At the February Board of Directors Meeting, I selected a Chairman to head up the nominating committee for the upcoming year. He in turn, will select three additional members for this committee from the general membership. The nominees that they select will be presented to the Board for their approval at the March Board Meeting, followed in April by a presentation to the Club membership. The President, at that time, will also ask for any nominations from the floor. If anyone has the desire to be considered as a candidate for the Board, please be sure to pass this information on to a Board member. This is a great opportunity for those who are interested in accepting a leadership position in the Club and are willing to share their skills and ideas for the benefit of our membership. The procedure for election of officers can be found in your Bylaws and Constitution under Article V.

Please join me in welcoming the following new members to our Club: **Ray Nutter, Rick Stever, Jim Machesney, and Joe Herrin**

Joe Varano

"We will be friends until were old and senile. Then we will be new friends again."



SAVE THESE DATES

The Event Planning Committee, chaired by Sr. V. P. Bill Sullivan, has put together a schedule of some activities beyond the 3 month calendar on page 6. Listed below are some of the events and dates that are already booked or will be booked. Flyers for these events will appear in future newsletters.

2010-2011

- Sun. May 9, 2010 Sugden Theatre “The Importance of Being Earnest” and Café Lurcat
(matinee booked)
- Thu. May 13, 2010 Men Only Lunch @ Capri Fish House (in progress)
- Sat. May 22, 2010 Installation Dinner Dance @ Hideaway Beach Club with “Cahlua and Cream” (booked)
- Fri. May 28, 2010 Patriotic Pops @ Naples Philharmonic (booked)
- Thu. June 10, 2010 Co-ed Lunch @ Paradise Café Marco Hilton (booked)
- Oct., 2010 Co-ed Lunch & Tour @ Naples Botanical Gardens (in progress)
- Sun. Nov. 21, 2010 Luau & Pig Roast Poolside @ Marco Hilton with “Hot Damn” (in progress)
- Sun. Feb. 13, 2011 Sweetheart Ball @ Marco Hilton with “Kelly & Shelly” (in progress)
- Fri. April 8—Thu. April 21 Twenty Third Cruise UA Emirates, Arabian Sea, India (booked)
RESERVATION FORM IS ENCLOSED
- Sat. May 21, 2011 Installation Dinner Dance @ Glades C.C. with “Billy Dean and Dawn” (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

"SORRY SPACE ON THIS CRUISE IS SOLD OUT"

*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
CELEBRITY'S "INFINITY"
SANTIAGO CHILE..... LA SERENA CHILE.....
ARICA, CHILE..... LIMA, PERU ,,,,CARTAGENA,
COLOMBIA*

ALL PASSENGERS RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED

**MMC TWENTY THIRD CRUISE PACKAGE
FOURTEEN DAY UNITED ARAB EMIRATES,
ARABIAN SEA, INDIA CRUISE**

APRIL 8TH TO APRIL 21, 2011

**DETAILS AND RESERVATION FORM INCLUDED
IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

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.



***DON'T FORGET THE SWEETHEART
BALL FEBRUARY 14 !!!!!!!!!!!***

GOLF NEWS**by Al Vacio**

Hey! What's going on?!? As soon as the guys from up North get into town, it turns cold. We don't mind you guys coming into town, but please leave the cold weather back home. Man, it's tough playing with frozen balls. The putts are even tough with them. Maybe I should buy a hand warmer for my balls. Maybe they are called ball warmers. Of course you are thinking of golf balls, right? Our Spring Golf Tournament will be held at **Hibiscus on Monday, April 26, 2010**. The course is in great shape, and the new Clubhouse is beautiful. They have added a lot of new trees and shrubbery and the new greens keeper is doing a great job. If you haven't played Hibiscus in the last 6 months, you will be surprised. The entry form is in this Newsletter. Sign up now before you forget. Below are the In-House tournament results:

January In-House Tournament Results:Flight I

1. D. Moenkhaus ---67
2. Ed Booth -----69
3. Jim Sullivan-----71

Flight II

1. Frank Sroka----67
2. Frank Prainito --69
3. Roy Zito -----72

SANDBAGGER OF THE MONTH: Hey! Hold on here!! Do you remember who the monthly coordinator was for January? If you remember, you would raise your eyebrows. That's right, it was and is **Dave Moenkhaus**. How could that happen? Is he Good? Clever? Smart? Good Looking? A Cheater? C'mon we are talking about **Moenkhaus**. None of the above fits. He's from St. Louis. The Rams can't even win a football game. Well, maybe one game. We usually have to line up Dave and point him in the right direction. However, that "Golly Gee, Shucks and Mayberry" persona ain't fooling the Jersey Boys. They don't care. They can't wait. I don't think Barney Fife will be able to protect you this time, **Moenkhaus**. So look out! Hey **Sroka and Sullivan**, the Jersey Boys remember you. You are not flying under the radar. You both have been collecting some dead Presidents more than once. You are on the short list! Yes, I did misspell it. You caught that, huh?

GOLF TIP: Fixing ball marks on the green. I know this is not a golf tip, but I would like to address the problem of unrepaired ball marks on the the green. If all of us would just repair two ball marks including your own, the greens would be smoother and nicer when we play again.

Many unthinking golfers don't even bother to fix their own ball marks. Please, use a tee or a tool to fix a mark. It really isn't that much trouble. Hibiscus has spent a lot of money refurbishing their course. It is really in great shape. Let's do our part and fix our divots and ball marks. And on that note, I will throw in slow play. You should be ready to play all the time. Play ready golf. Have your cart partner drop you off at your ball and then he can go to his ball and come back for you. It really does speed up play. Thanks.

GOLF JOKE OF THE MONTH:

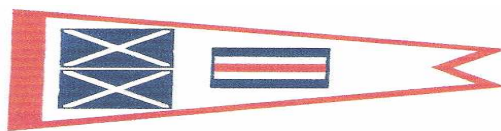
(Taken from a true story, I swear.)

At a Naples golf course, a MMC foursome approached the tee of the 380-yard, par-4 hole. The long, straight fairway ran along a road that was fenced on the right. The green was slightly to the left of the straightaway with another road paralleling the green from which golfers often received heckler calls. Dave Moenkhaus teed off with a long ball slice in the direction of the road. The ball went over the fence, bounced 150 yards down the road, where it hit the tire of a moving city bus and was knocked back on to the golf course stopping just 10 yards short of the green.

As we all stood in amazement, Mike Callinan asked, "Jeeze Dave, how you do that?" Moenkhaus said without hesitation, (in his Mayberry persona) "It's easy Mike, you just gotta know the bus schedule." (Now do you believe me about Dave!!)

That's all folks. Hit 'em straight.

Al



The Newsletter

is published monthly by the *Marco Men's Club*

The Board of Directors is the Editorial Board

2008-2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President.....Joe Varano

(mrvarano@aol.com)

Sr Vice Pres ...Bill Sullivan (lspmarco@aol.com)

V Pres...Peter Clapp (pdcbbc@earthlink.net)

V Pres.. Mel Daly (mdaly55@embarqmail.com)

V Pres... Phil Kostelnik (marilynkostelnik@juno.com)

V Pres... Jerry Masters (gmmasters@aol.com)

Secretary...Norm Terreri (nterreri@comcast.net)

Treasurer...Sam Miloro (samiamfla@aol.com)

Immediate Past President...Fred Stavola

(pfstavola@aol.com)

Appointed Board Members

Membership Chm...Ed Vesely (evesely@aol.com)

Meeting Setup Chm...Gerry Gibbons (ggibbon@attglobal.net)

Member at Large... Pat Thawley(marco203@aol.com)

Newsletter Editor...Alan Wetjen (rainbodial@aol.com)

Webmaster ...Ed Crane (marcoman357@aol.com)

Sgt. at Arms.. Bob Hopp (hopp951@aol.com)

Past Presidents

1992- Paul Kurtzman

1993- Bill Perdichizzi

1994- Harold Penn*

1995- Bob Marks

1996- George Kuntz

1997- Al Wetjen

1998- George Godfrey

1999- Jerry Stought

2000- Jerry Stought

2001- Ned Wright

2002- Al Bozzo

2003- Ken Molander

2004- Bob Gaffney

2005- Wayne Boose

2006- Tom Traeger

2007- Joe Cassidy

2008- Fred Stavola

*deceased

YOUR MMC WEB CONNECTION

MarcoMensClub.com