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The Marco Men's Club

March 2023

Newsletter

Established 1992
A non-profit organization

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Another February is in the books, and again we did not get any snow. On the positive side, the pool is up to 77 degrees, another few weeks and I'll be sunning on the floatything. Anyone catch the song birds? Me neither, A/C was on and doors closed, too H/H.

We have a few Chairmen Position changes. **Bob Marks** is "retiring" as Cruise Director. He has handpicked **Bill Rogers** to follow in his stead. To that end Bill will be leading the charge with our next AMA river cruise "Essence of Burgundy & Provence". Bob will remain in the background working with S&K Travel to get us the best opportunities.

Bill Rogers is turning over his Membership Communications Chairmanship to **Les Konkoly**. Les will be putting out the Blasts we are so used to and dependent on.

One hundred of us danced the night away (Ok, 10pm, well past Marco midnight) at the Sweethearts Ball. **Tony and Joann Marco** did a bang-up job. **Sue and Dave Walsh** took the pictures and we got half a page spread in the Costal Breeze to showcase our premier event of the year. Sadly, **Jo** will not be available next year to put on the show. We will be looking for a party planner to take the job for next year.



Last month we filled the **Little Bar**; we had over 60 for lunch and all went well with **Rob Reiley** hosting. Great participation, it was a sold-out event.

March will see Spring Training Baseball game, **Sold Out** with 20 attending. **Jack Martin**, sports chairman, is also planning an

Everblades hockey night March 22. He is currently planning 14 VIP seats serviced by Breakaway Sports Pub. Food and beverage service available from your seat.

Contact Jack directly.

Jjtpm11697@yahoo.com



Put on your green and come for corned beef and cabbage at our Pre-St

Patrick's Day Luncheon hosted by **Dave Walsh**. We will be at Speakeasy's March 16th, sign up deadline is the 9th. If you have never been to a Dave Walsh Party, you should consider this one. Dave and Susie do a good job keeping the party interesting.

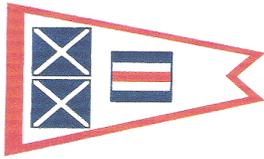
March has three scheduled theater events:

- "All that Jazz" hosted by **Don Koppel**
- "Jesus Christ Superstar" hosted by **Mike Levine**
- "Hollywood Arms" hosted by **Sal Soldano** and performed at Marco's Arts Center Theater.

April has Mini Golf outing being planned.

Warren Uhl

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COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLUB



Steve Furlong is now facilitating the club discussion. Thanks to **Charlie Erker** for all he did over the years for the club.

The goal remains the same, use the experience and wisdom of the group to help folks with technology. Need help with your new iPhone, Ring camera, iPad or other device? Having problems downloading a new App? Don't understand what this thing called WhatsApp is and how it can save you money on your next cruise trip? This is the place to get help! Please note the new time and place. We will now meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30 am at the Marco Lutheran Church Choir room.

Contact **Steve Furlong** at 309-662-9101

Or stevenrichardfurlong@gmail.com.

INVESTMENT DISCUSSION CLUB



This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not

necessary, but prized. An open and broad discussion of topics relating to investment raised by those present, is conducted. The Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30PM at the Marco Lutheran Church.

We will be meeting in the choir room, please enter through the administrative offices.

Contact Don Koppel Ph:856-906-4318. Meeting status will be through an eBlast the week before the meeting.

BOCCE BALL



The Bocce League season is nearing an end. League Champions will be crowned at the end of February. A Playoff Tournament will

follow, ending with a match between the Tuesday and Thursday groups to determine the overall winner.

Weekly schedules and standings will be posted on the MMC website at <https://marcomensclub.com/BocceBall.htm> Sign up by emailing **Rick Johnson** at MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com

TRAVEL DISCUSSION CLUB



The Travel Discussion Club which typically meets in the Marco Lutheran Church choir room at 12:00PM the first

Wednesday of the month, will be on hiatus until fall.

MMC TRAVEL CLUB



Marco Island Men's Club has added a new benefit to all members. We have been working on establishing a group travel activity

alongside our Cruise offerings. Future trips will include many destinations that club members have suggested: USA, Europe, South America etc. Our first trip is a 9 day classic tour of many of our National Parks; MT RUSHMORE, YELLOWSTONE AND GRAND TETON WITH BADLANDS. The Total Cost is \$3164 per person. The trip begins on September 19 from RSW and ends on September 27 departing from Salt Lake City. To view package details, refer to [Travel Club](#) on Club Website.

Contact **Tim Clune** tclune@gmail.com 248-980-6142 with your suggestions for a future MMC group trip.

SPORTS UPDATE

Sunday March 12th, Spring Training Baseball, Red Sox vs Yankees, 20 attending (**SOLD OUT**).

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Contact **Jack Martin** Directly.

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See flyer on Club Website

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to the guys who set up the room. Chairman **JERRY DEFIBAUGH, RICH CARLSEN, DON LALLY, DEREK MULLINDER AND DON KOPPEL.**

MMC HATS AND SHIRTS

The order form for Hats and Shirts is available on-line on the MMC Website, under the **MISCELLANEOUS** header. Click on **CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES** to obtain Order Form and Instructions.

SICKNESS AND BEREAVEMENT



I am saddened to report the passing of club member Larry Feissner, who passed away on March 1, 2023.

Please telephone **George Vitta** at 586-942-8056 or email golflover3@yahoo.com regarding information of illness or death of members, their spouse, and immediate family.

CRUISES



THE MMC “53RD” CRUISE ‘ITALY, CROATIA, GREECE, MONTENEGRO’

JUNE 15 – JUNE 28, 2023

CRUISE SOLD OUT

FIFTEEN DAYS, THIRTEEN NIGHTS, VISITING “8” PORTS OF CALL IN “4” EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, SAILING ABOARD CELEBRITY’S NEWEST “5” STAR SHIP THE “**BEYOND**”, 10 NIGHTS DEPARTING ROME, ITALY, 2 NIGHTS POST CRUISE STAY IN ROME’S QUIRINALE HOTEL WITH INCLUSIVE DAILY BREAKFAST AND TOURS.

THE **CRUISE PACKAGE INCLUDES**: CELEBRITY’S ROUND TRIP FT MYERS TO ROME ECONOMY AIR, 10 NIGHTS SAILING ABOARD CELEBRITY’S LUXURIOUS “5” STAR “**BEYOND**”. 2 NIGHTS POST IN HOTEL MILTON, EUROPEAN RATED FOUR STARS IN HEART OF ROME, DAILY HOTEL BREAKFAST AND TOURS, A \$150 STATEROOM ON BOARD CREDIT AND THREE PERKS: THE CLASSIC BEVERAGE PACKAGE. GRATUITIES, AND WI-FI.

THE MMC “54TH” CRUISE ESSENCE OF BURGUNDY & PROVENCE

**RIVERBOAT CRUISE AND TOUR
ABOARD AMA WATERWAYS
“AMACELLO”.**

**GENEVA, SWITZERLAND – NICE,
FRANCE**

OCTOBER 15 – OCTOBER 26, 2023

**A “5” STAR CRUISE – HOTELS –
LAND TOURS – SERVICE –
ACCOMMODATIONS.**

11 DAYS AND 10 NIGHTS.

3 NIGHTS IN GENEVA,

SWITZERLAND IN BOUTIQUE

HOTEL, 7 NIGHTS ON AMA

“AMACELLO” CHALONSUR-SAONE

TO ARLES, ROUNDTrip ECONOMY

AIR, SHIP OFFERS LARGE

STATEROOMS WITH FRENCH

BALCONY, EUROPEAN “4” STAR

HOTEL, DAILY BREAKFAST,

TRANSFERS, YOUR CHOICE OF A

VARIETY OF TOURS IN EACH PORT,

PORT CHARGES, TAXES AND FEES,

MEALS WHILE ONBOARD

“AMACELLO”, UNLIMITED QUALITY

RED AND WHITE WINE, BEER, AND

SOFT DRINKS WITH LUNCH AND

DINNER, CHEF’S TABLE SPECIALTY

RESTAURANT, WI-FI,

PROFESSIONAL CRUISE MANAGER

ENTIRE TRIP, ENGLISH SPEAKING

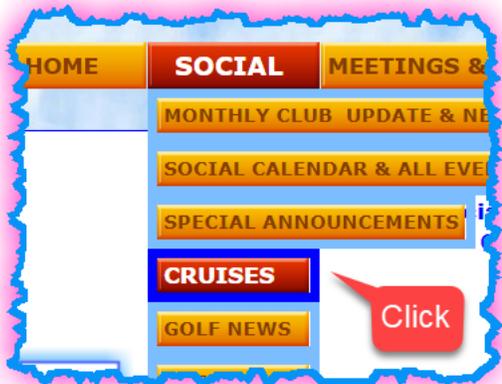
GUIDES AND AUTHENTIC LOCAL

ENCOUNTERS.

GO TO THE CLUBS WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EACH CRUISE. USE THE DROPDOWN MENU (See Image Below) ON ANY WEBPAGE TO GO TO THE CRUISE WEBPAGE FOR THE LATEST FLYER, TRAVELEX INSURANCE, COVID UPDATE AND MUCH MORE.

...OR FOLLOW THIS LINK:

<https://marcomensclub.com/Cruises.htm>



Contact Bill Rogers at:

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Comments?

Please contact Webmaster Ed Crane at MarcoMan357@aol.com

WEBSITE NEWS



Do you view the MMC Website on a device with a small screen, like a cellphone or tablet? There's a new feature on our website just for you! **Go to the Home Page and click or touch the Green/Yellow button shown above.** It will quickly scroll you down the Home Page to the "MMC Hot Links"

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Speakers Calendar

John DeMado, Program Director

March 8, 2023

Tom Dussault

Chair, Revs Institute Membership Committee

Member, Revs Institute Board of Directors

Revs Institute Auto Museum and Research Library

The Revs Institute and Research Library, located in Naples, FL is three stories of living automotive history. There, you will discover a mint collection of rare automotive treasures and related objects and artifacts that changed the course of human history. Within the Miles Collier Collections, you can see more than 100 automobiles that are divided into four thematic galleries: Automobility, Vitesse, Revs, and Porsche. The automobiles are fully operational and displayed free of protective barriers, allowing visitors intimate access.

As stated above, Tom Dussault is an active member of the Revs Institute. He is also one of their premier docents. Tom, a former attorney from the Boston, MA area, came to live in Naples, FL with his wife Mary eight years ago. In 2019, he joined a group of volunteers at the institute and the rest is history!

(No pun intended!) His topic: Revs Institute - Preserving the Future of the Past.

In recent years, our club has visited this incredible facility! Perhaps those of you thinking about hosting an MMC event might consider a trip to the Revs Institute!

This will be a most informative and enjoyable presentation, replete with photos and videos of some really classic automobiles!

Don't miss it!

April 12, 2023

Tom Williams

Author, Featured Writer, Marco Beach Boy

Among other things, Tom Williams is a novelist and creative writer. He is the author of the Beach Boy Chronicles featured as a weekly column in Marco Island's Coastal Breeze.

In 2023, Tom is celebrating 38 years as a US Coast Guard licensed sailboat captain on Marco Island. He is a veteran scuba diver specializing in shipwreck diving with a keen interest in deep-sea archeology. Also known as Capt. Tom, Williams has skippered guests for sailing excursions out of the Marriott

Island Beach Resort aboard a 9-meter catamaran for 3 decades.

As an author, Mr. Williams lists the following books to his credit:

- Lost and Found: Exploring the high-tech possibilities that a satellite orbiting from above the earth could detect a super conductor, such as gold, and potentially find all the lost shipwrecks around the globe.
- Surrounded by Thunder—The Story of Darrell Loan and the Rocket Men: Though reading like an adventure novel, the characters, timeline, and incredible achievements of the early days of space exploration are true.

Topic: Adventures of a Marco Beach Boy!...

If you like storytelling, this talk is definitely a MUST!

May 10, 2023

Sarah Falkowski

Docent

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

I am pleased to announce that our April speaker will be Ms. Sarah Falkowski, one of the fine docents that educate thousands of visitors each year for the Rookery Bay Reserve. She comes to us with vast experience and knowledge of the natural environment that surrounds us. I want to personally thank Dave Walsh for this wonderful speaker recommendation!

Managed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in partnership

with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and Florida International University, the Reserve is responsible for managing wildlife and habitat within its 110,000 acres boundary, which stretches from downtown Naples eastward through the Western Everglades, encompassing 40 percent of Collier County's coastline!

The Reserve operates programs in coastal research and monitoring, land and water resource management, and environmental learning and decision-maker training at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center.

Come learn more about the world around you!...

June 14, 2023

Tim Rose

Board Chairman

Marco Dementia Respite

Marco Dementia Respite (MDR):

For Marco, By Marco.

Tim Rose is the Board Chairman of Marco Dementia Respite (MDR). He and his wife, Denise, have been year-round residents on Marco for 16 years. Early in 2022, they formed a broad-based coalition that led to the creation of MDR, a new local charity for Marco area residents with early-stage Alzheimer's/Dementia and their caregivers... Services provided by Marco area residents.

Marco Dementia Respite (MDR) exists to provide a safe oasis for Marco-area residents with early-stage Alzheimer's/Dementia at no cost to the participant. They respond as well to a critical need for caregiver respite on

Marco and formulating a more unified approach to senior care island wide. A ministry of Wesley United Methodist Church in partnership with the Marco-area community, MDR is held on Mondays from 10:30 AM until 2:30 PM at Wesley United Methodist Church (Fellowship Hall). They will be adding a second day of programming (Fridays) in early 2023.

Tim will join us on June 14, 2023 to update MDR's progress to date... But even more important, he will provide us with their longer-term vision for senior care on Marco Island. **Please circle this date on your calendar!**

Please contact your Program Director, John DeMado, with any speaker recommendations or topics that you would like to have presented at the monthly meeting.

John DeMado

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Golf News



Chris Hansen, Golf Chairman

Cell: 630-674-5565

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March Golf News

Our Winter Championship ended on February 27th. We had 31 players competing in two flights. A Flight winner **Alan Hoffmann** +8 and B Flight winner **Danny Stanard** -5

PGA GOLFPASS: contact **Tony Tomassone** if you want to be a part of this discounted program. Contact Information: tonytom_54@msn.com 610-937-2324

The Spring Scramble is going to be Friday, April 28th at the Glades with an 8:30AM shotgun start. Details to follow as we get closer.

Our last date at Hibiscus this spring will be March 31st. The golf course will be closed to install a new irrigation system and to renovate the tees and greens. They anticipate reopening November 1.

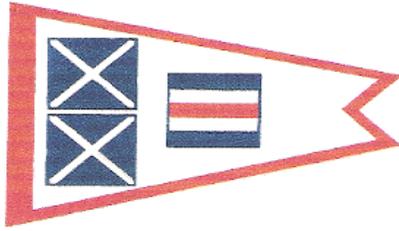
This month I have addressed the issue of golfers bringing food and beverages onto golf course property, which is against Hibiscus policy. In addition, I've learned we need to get back to observing the rules at the Hibiscus driving range which in some cases has been an issue.

With hibiscus undergoing renovations starting April 1, we need a course to play at. Eagle Lakes will give us tee times Monday and Friday, starting at noon. The price will be \$97.23, includes tax and \$2.50 tip. We continue to look for better alternatives. From **Mike Mueller**: Lely in the morning \$170, afternoon \$140. Price may improve in May.

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS SPRING 2023

March	Monday	George Vitta	golflover3@yahoo.com	586-942-8056
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June	Monday	Bob Vanderselt	bvanderselt@stomaventures.com	314-378-0516
June	Friday	Frank Sroka	fsroka74@gmail.com	239-272-4328

Chris Hansen



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