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The Marco Men's Club

Newsletter

June 2024

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A non-profit organization

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings!

As our island begins to slow down and all the car carriers head north, we wish our members safe travels and we will look forward to their return in the fall. Now that doesn't mean the rest of us can't have a little fun!

In May, we had a co-ed lunch at the Glades Country Club. This event was over-sold and everyone enjoyed themselves with good food and good friends. Great job to our new VP and host, **Don Koppel**. We also enjoyed a themed event, "Springtime in Paris" at Café Normandie. Our honorary Frenchman for the night, **Rudi Landwaard**, put on a great party. Thanks, Rudi, well done!

By the time you read this, a flyer is out for the men's only lunch at Cocomo's. The cut-off date is June 8th, so hurry and get your reservation in.

In July, we have a group going to see "42nd Street." Always a fun afternoon at the theater and after the performance, they will head over to Alberto's on 5th for dinner.

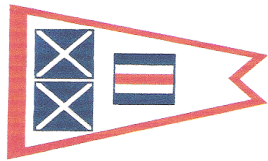
For the July general meeting we are going to try something different for an after-meeting lunch. We have made arrangements with a couple of restaurants that can handle a group of 15-20. We will send out an email blast a few days before the meeting as to which restaurant we have picked. At the beginning of the meeting, we will take a count of who will be joining us for lunch and let the restaurant know the count. You will order off the entire menu and be responsible for your own bill. If you can't make the meeting but would want to join us for lunch just let myself or one of the VP's know that you are coming and we will add you to the list.

Bill Rogers our cruise director has some news of an upcoming Asia Cruise; look for more information in the cruise section of the newsletter and on the club website.

Also, there are still openings for the St Augustine Christmas Lights trip. My wife and I have done it and it's a lot of fun and a wonderful historic town.

Fun Facts: On June 12 ,1880 Worcester Ruby Legs pitcher, Lee Richmond, threw the first perfect game in MLB history in a 1-0 win over the Cleveland Blues. 😊

Mike Ballenger



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COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLUB



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! In past meetings we spoke about Chat GPT and AI tools; we will continue that discussion. Bring your topics to discuss! Spouses and significant others are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Club meetings on hiatus until fall.

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 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.

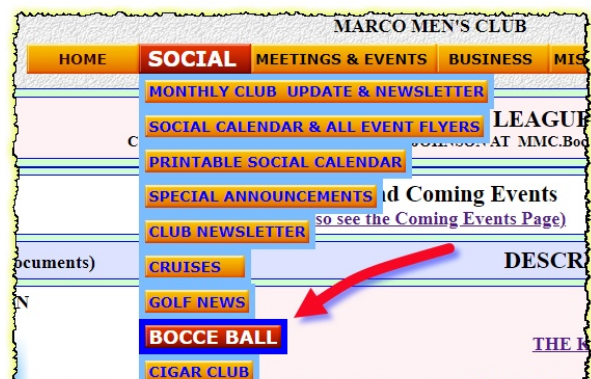
BOCCE BALL



The 2024 MMC Bocce league completed another successful season with 23 teams participating. Team Rhoads won the Tuesday league and Team Davis

won the Thursday league. Both regular season winners were upset in the playoffs. Tuesday Playoffs were won by team Dave and Thursday Playoffs were won by team Melka. Team Dave went on to win Overall Playoff Championship. An awards luncheon was held Thursday April 4th with almost forty attending.

You can always find the latest Bocce information from any page in the website by following the dropdown menu link shown in the image below.



Contact **Rick Johnson** at
MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com

TRAVEL DISCUSSION GROUP



This is a gathering of those interested in discussing and sharing travel experiences and tips. We also want to provide

backup information on upcoming trips and tours. Add your input, ask any questions. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00PM. Next meeting will be September 4th, at the Lutheran Church Choir Room. If you have any questions or suggestions for upcoming meetings, please contact me prior to the meeting. **Travel Discussion Group meetings on hiatus until September.**

Contact **Bruce Dahlquist** 847-815-9474 or dahlquistbruce@gmail.com

SPORTS UPDATE

We had a successful close to the Sports Season with a great hockey game on March 6th and a beautiful day at Jet Blue Park on March 24th.

Contact, **Jack Martin** at 347-837-2131 or jtjpm11697@yahoo.com

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to the guys who set up the room. Chairman, **DON KOPPEL, RICH CARLSEN, DON LALLY, and LOU MAKRIS.**

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.

MMC TRAVEL CLUB

Saint Augustine Christmas Trip



December 8 to December 10

Trip includes round trip coach from Marco Island to St Augustine. Two nights Holiday Inn Express Vilano Beach. Two breakfasts and one dinner from Old City House including taxes and gratuities.

Package Includes: Castillo de San Marcos Fort Tour. Flagler Memorial Presbyterian Church. Fountains of Youth Archeological Park. Lightener Museum. Nights of Lights Riding Tour. Lighthouse and Maritime Museum. Villa Zorayda. Ximenez Patio House.

Price per person for double occupancy is \$858. Single price is \$1158. Final payment due September 2, 2024. Cancellation fee is \$100pp before final payment. Travel insurance is additional.

There are only 3 or 4 more rooms available for the St Augustine trip. Deadline for signing-up will be June 30th.

Contact **Jerry Poulin** 508-868-1716 or gpsp@aol.com to sign up.

SICKNESS AND BEREAVEMENT



Our friend, beloved husband, father and grandfather, John De Mado, 77, of Marco Island, FL and Port Clyde, ME passed away April 22, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer. John leaves behind his wife Jane Eyre of 55 years, sons Timothy, Andrew, and Matthew, three grandchildren, Jackson, Gavin and Tanner and three daughters-in-law, Kim, Sharon and Emily. He was predeceased by son, Adam John De Mado. A celebration of John's life will be held on Saturday July 27, 2024, at 1 p.m. at The First Congregational Church of Washington, CT. All are welcome.

I am saddened to report the passing of club member Dennis MacDonald who passed away on Monday, June 3, 2024. No additional information available at this time.

My Best Regards,
George Vitta

Please contact George Vitta at 586-942-8056 or email golflover3@yahoo.com regarding information of illness or death of members, their spouse, and immediate family. George will notify the MMC board.

CRUISES



THE MMC “57TH” CRUISE **CRUISING BRITISH ISLE PASSAGE** **VISITING AMSTERDAM AND “10”** **PORTS OF CALL** **OCTOBER 22 – NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

“10” PORTS OF CALL... AMSTERDAM,
NETHERLANDS...EDINBURGH,
SCOTLAND...KIRKWALL,
SCOTLAND...ULLAPOOL,
SCOTLAND...BELFAST, NORTHERN
IRELAND...HOLYHEAD,
WALES...CORNWALL,
ENGLAND...PORTSMOUTH,
ENGLAND...HON FLEUR (PARIS)
FRANCE...BRUGES, BELGIUM.
CRUISE PACKAGE INCLUDES: 11NTS
ABOARD OCEANIA’S “5.5” STAR SHIP
“SIRENA”, TAXES, PORT CHARGES,
GRATUITIES, TRANSFERS, \$1000 AIR
ALLOWANCE, \$400 PER PERSON
EXCURSION CREDIT, UNLIMITED
“HOUSE SELECT” BEVERAGE
PACKAGE WHICH INCLUDES
UNLIMITED CHAMPAGNE, WINE AND
BEER DURING LUNCH AND DINNER
AT DINING VENUES OR IN ROOM***,
AND SPECIALTY DINING.

THE MMC “58TH” CRUISE **FAR EAST CRUISE, INCLUDES** **SINGAPORE, THAILAND, VIETNAM** **AND CHINA** **FEBRUARY 27, 2025 – MARCH 15, 2025**

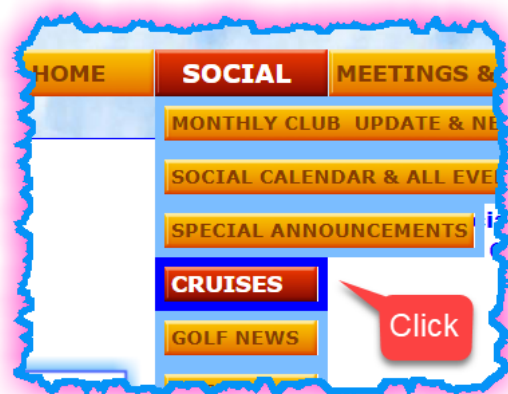
16+ NIGHTS – 13 NIGHTS CRUISING
FAR EAST ON CELEBRITY’S “5.5”
STAR SHIP “SOLSTICE”.

CRUISE INCLUDES 2 NIGHTS PRE
STAY IN SINGAPORE AND AN
OPTIONAL 2 NIGHT STAY IN HONG
KONG.

FOR CRUISE DETAILS, FORMS AND
INFORMATION, PLEASE ACCESS MMC
WEBSITE.

**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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Speakers Calendar

Program Director "OPEN"

June 12, 2024

Thomas Lockyear

Manager-Museum of the Everglades

Thomas Lockyear has been a museum professional for 19 years, having served as manager of the Shipwreck Treasures Museum in Key West, Museum Curator at Historic Pigeon Key, and Executive Director of the History of Diving Museum in Islamorada before accepting his current position as manager of Museum of the Everglades in Everglades City where he has served the community for the past seven years. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Madison (BS Art), Mr. Lockyear also recently completed a master's degree in Educational Technology at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Mr. Lockyear has dedicated himself to sharing his passion for Florida history, performing outreach work at schools and civic organizations as well as providing monthly lectures on poignant topics and creating trimesterly temporary exhibits discussing lesser-known chapters of our region's diverse culture and heritage.

July 10, 2024

Tracy Frazzano

Marco Island Police Chief

Education:

Tracy Frazzano holds two Master of Arts degrees and a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Sports Management from Rutgers University. She earned her first Master's in 2003 in Human Resources Training development from Seton Hall University; and her second, in 2010 in Security Studies (Homeland Security and Defense) from the United States Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense & Security (CHDS).

Professional Experience:

Tracy L. Frazzano was appointed the Chief of Police for the Marco Island Police department in August of 2019 based on a national search. Prior to her selection, she was a 25-year member of the Montclair Police Department (New Jersey) serving as Deputy Chief. Her police career includes varied assignments in patrol, investigative, and community policing. Within the Montclair Police Department, she made history as its first female Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and Deputy Chief.

Chief Frazzano is a graduate of the FBI National Academy (Session 261) and

received the distinguished graduate award, given to the top 1% of the class. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors for the Southwest Florida Police Chiefs Association, she also serves on the board for The Shelter for Abused Women and Children and the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Policy Board.

Program Director “Open”

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Golf News



John Laird, Golf Chairman

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June Golf News

Results of Spring Scramble held Monday, April 29th at The Glades CC in Naples. A great turnout with 52 golfers competing in the event. Congratulations to all the winners!

Scramble Team Results:

1. Ed Gerri, Mark Prather, Dennis Rosene, Bob VanderSelt: -11
2. Andy Hayward, Jeff Kazcka, Garland Kight, Harry Weathers: -8
3. Vito Iacovazzi, Tracy Juels, Reggie Gabriel, Bob Bergen: -7

On Course Prizes:

Longest Putt – Ron Bales

Long Drive – Vito Iacovazzi

Closest to the Pin-

Hole 2- Jeff Kazcka, 6 feet 3 inches

Hole 8 – Chris Hansen, 11 feet, 1 inch

Hole 10 - TK Rao, 15 feet

Hole 14 – Henry Olivera, 10 feet, one inch

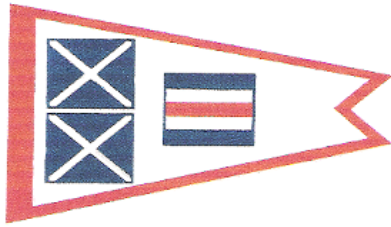
Holes 16 – Henry Olivera, 5 feet, seven inches

We will be at Royal Wood in Naples on Most Mondays this summer. The Rate is \$45.00 plus tax. Our Friday monthly coordinators will book the traveling group at various nice courses around the area.

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS SUMMER 2024

June	Monday	Bob Vanderselt	bvanderselt@stomaventures.com	314-378-0516
June	Friday	Frank Sroka	fsroka74@gmail.com	239-272-4328
July	Monday	Barry Gelfand	bcgelfand@comcast.net	978-302-9961
July	Friday	Bob Boland	rlboland@comcast.net	239-595-8780
August	Monday	Steve Billmyer	stevenjb@centurylink.net	360-378-7860
August	Friday	Glenn Davis	gdavis@apexpkg.com	215-872-1779

John Laird



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