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The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

May 2019

Established 1992
A non-profit organization

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you are reading this Kathryn and I are somewhere on the Atlantic Ocean with 139 club members, spouses, significant others and guests. **Bob Marks** has once again scored an outstanding trip on a brand-new cruise ship and our club members are receiving the benefit. We look forward to sharing our experiences. As a result of the timing of the cruise and the number of participants, the May general meeting will now be held on May 23rd rather than the second Thursday of the month. Be sure to mark your calendar for the change.

April was another busy month starting with the performance of "School of Rock" at the Artis Naples, thank you **Randle Grossman** for arranging. Next, we had Marco Island Police Chief **Al Schettino** speak at our April general meeting on the topic of dealing with an active shooter situation. Very interesting and unfortunately relevant in this day and age. Following the presentation, we provided a complementary lunch to all attendees. Thanks to **John Kernan, Derek Mullinder, Jerry Defibaugh, Richie Carlson** and **Don Lally** for setting this up. The fried chicken, sub sandwiches and sides were very tasty.

Next up was the couples scramble at the Glades country club hosted by **Tom McCollough**. **Randle Grossman** hosted another Artis presentation of "Veronica Swift-All that Jazz on April 24th. Next up was the annual Rock and Roll party at the Marco Island Brewery hosted by **Jerry Defibaugh**. Margaret Moores hosted a Marco Players presentation of "Black Tie". As I mentioned above the transatlantic cruise departed for Europe on Sunday April 28. Finally, **Steve Billmyer** hosted the men's golf scramble at Lely on April 29.

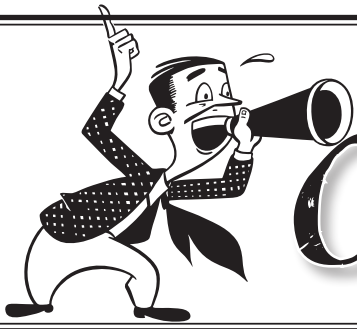
As you are aware, we are in the middle of dues renewal season and have implemented a payment option by credit card. So far almost one third of our members have accessed this method. Many thanks to Ed Crane, Don Zinner and Charlie Erker for implementing this system. You may of course still pay the old-fashioned way of printing out the renewal form and mailing your check to our PO Box.

This year's nominating committee was chaired by **Sam Miloro** together with **Jeff Dywan** co-chair. The nominating committee individuals from the general membership were **Silky Sullivan, Pat Thawley** and **Joe Varano**. We announced the nominees at the April general membership meeting. The committee's recommendations are included in this newsletter. The proposed slate will be voted on at the May general meeting. Thanks to the members of the committee for this important governance role.

A warm welcome to new member Edward Cain, we look forward to seeing you and Emi at future meetings and events.

Finally, this is my last newsletter as President. It has been an exciting and fulfilling year for me to serve in this capacity. This experience has provided me with an appreciation for all of the hard work of your fellow members who serve in leadership roles for the club. The variety and quality of events which are offered to our members is unmatched by any other regional membership organization. All of the board members together with the appointed committee chairmen devote a significant amount of time and effort to making the Marco Men's club unique and unmatched for fellowship and entertainment. My thanks and continuing gratitude to those all of those hardworking dedicated individuals.

Bill Rogers
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Club News

COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Contact **Charlie Erker** at 239-259-8054 or charles.a.erker@gmail.com.

Computer/Technology Club meets the 3rd Wednesday at the Community Room at The Mutual of Omaha Bank at 10:00 a.m. The club will suspend meetings until September. This is an informal round table discussion group. Beginners, experienced and in-between are all welcome. Reservations are not required. Just show up.

INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP

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 discussion group meets at 1:30PM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Community room at the Mutual of Omaha Bank (next to Ace Hardware). Contact **WARREN UHL** (uhlww@mindspring.com or 727-247-5167).

TRAVEL DISCUSSION GROUP

The Travel Discussion Group meets at 10:00AM on the 1st Wednesday of every month in the Community Room at the Mutual of Omaha Bank (next to Ace Hardware) There will be no meetings from May through September. This is a gathering of people that want to talk about and share travel experiences. Open discussions will be encouraged. Contact **SILKY SULLIVAN** (marcosilky@yahoo.com or 393-9125).

BOCCE BALL

The bocce ball league is suspended until the fall. Warren Uhl will be the next coordinator and will communicate with the membership with respect to the sign up process for the league.

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to the guys who set up the room this month: Chairman **DEREK MULLINDER, JERRY DEFIBAUGH, RICH CARLSEN** and **DON LALLY**. WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE CONTACT **DEREK MULLINDER** (derek.mullinder@comcast.net or PH: 642-0565) TO VOLUNTEER.

MMC HATS AND SHIRTS

Contact or see **Don Lally** or **Rich Carlsen** at the General Meeting to order MMC hats or Polo shirts.

SICKNESS AND BEREAVEMENT

Thankfully no sickness or bereavement notes this month!

Please telephone **LOU MAKRIS** at 781-258-0456 or email loumak42@aol.com regarding information of illness or death of members, their spouse, and immediate family. Lou will notify the MMC board.

CRUISES

MMC "46 " SAILING THE MEDITERRANEAN- MAY 4TH 2020 WITH "8" PORTS OF CALL ITALY... MONTENEGRO... CROATIA... GREECE... MALTA

"THIRTEEN DAYS - ELEVEN NIGHTS"

Sailing the Mediterranean on Celebrity's beautiful new ship "The Edge" with "8" ports of call: Rome, Italy...Kotor, Montenegro... Trieste, Italy... Split, Croatia... Corfu Greece... Dubrovnik, Croatia... Valletta, Malta... Naples, Italy. This sailing is a special itinerary limited to 2 sailing.

Cruise offer guest their choice of "2" nice free perks. Receiving lots of interest in this Cruise, with 82 people having booked 43 of our allocated staterooms. Complete Cruise details available in the cruise flyer updates on May1st.

MMC 44TH CRUISE - CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM-- MARCH 15, 2020

AmaWaterways "Riches of the Mekong" 19 days...18 nights..... 1st night Los Angeles Weston Hotel in route...1 day Hanoi flight..... 2 nights Hanoi, Vietnam...1 night long bay on an elegantly appointed cruise 3 nights Seim Reap, Cambodia.....7 night Prek Kdam Cruise aboard AmaDara.... 2 nights Ho Chi Mind City, Vietnam.....1 night Lax Westin Hotel on USA returning. Sixteen confirmed. Cruise flyer, reservation form available marcomensclub.com.

MMC 45TH CRUISE- AFRICA- "WILDLIFE AND THE FALLS - FEBRUARY 22, 2020

"SORRY, CRUISE SOLD OUT - WAIT-LIST AVAILABLE "

AmaWaterways "Wildlife and the falls"..... 15 Days.....14 nights... Johannesburg "3" nights... "4" night wildlife cruise aboard the "Zambezi Queen... "2" Nights at Victoria Falls... "3" nights "5" star Safari Lodge in the Greater Kruger National Park. Twenty-Two confirmed with MMC group booking 11 of the ships 14 total cabins.

Please contact bobmarksmi@hotmail.com 239-642-0370 for additional Cruise Information.

MMC 42ND - A TRANSATLANTIC CRUISE - APRIL 28, 2019 - ABOARD THE "EDGE"

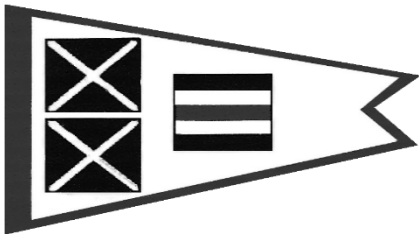
CRUISE SOLD OUT SORRY, WAIT-LIST NO LONGER AVAILABLE"

"BERMUDA.....AZORES.....PORTUGAL.....SPAIN.....FRANCE.... ENGLAND"

Our group space for this Cruise sold-out. An outstanding response with 146 people confirmed for an historic occasion "This new ships and Marco Men's Club "1st" United States to Europe

Transatlantic Cruise" sailing aboard Celebrities elegant, beautiful new class ship, the EDGE.

Marco Men's Club



THE MARCO MEN'S CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Newsletter is published by the Marco Men's Club.

The Board of Directors is the Editorial Board.

MAY 2019

President: Bill Rogers

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Vice President: Ray Seward

Vice President: Engin "Turk" Tilev

Vice President: Dave Walsh

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Treasurer: Don Zinner

APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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Newsletter Editor: Sam Miloro

Membership Communications: Randle Grossman

Investment Group: Warren Uhl

Computer/Technology Club: Steve Ehrhorn

Travel Discussion Club: Silky Sullivan

Webmaster: Ed Crane

MMC website: www.marcomensclub.com

PAST PRESIDENTS (*deceased)

1992: Paul Kurtzman

1996: George Kuntz*

2000: Jerry Stought

2004: Bob Gaffney

2008: Fred Stavola

2012: Randle Grossman

2016: Dan Flynn

1993: Bill Perdichizzi

1997: Alan Wetjen*

2001: Ned Wright

2005: Wayne Boose

2009: Joe Varano

2013: Jack DeHanas

2017 Silky Sullivan

1994: Harold Penn*

1998: George Godfrey

2002: Al Bozzo

2006: Tom Traeger*

2010: Bill Sullivan

2014: John Superits

1995: Bob Marks

1999: Jerry Stought

2003: Ken Molander

2007: Joe Cassidy*

2011: Sam Miloro

2015: Warren Dettinger

The Marco Men's Club

Speakers Calendar

JERRY SWIACKI, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

▶ MAY 2019

AMANDA CURBELO

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Amanda worked for Camelot Community Care for three years and served as their Foster Parent Liaison for Circuit 20. Her responsibilities included public relations, foster parent recruitment, foster parent training and placement of children in the foster care system. For the past four years Amanda has built strong relationships in the Southwest Florida Community.

Her current position is the Community Resource and Outreach Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters. She oversees fundraising efforts and development in Collier County. She also actively recruits volunteers to be Mentors.

Amanda is married and has two children. She is passionate about working for such an important non-profit which involves advocating for children. She spends her volunteer time coaching an elementary girls' basketball team and mentors youths involved in the foster care system.

▶ JUNE 2019

MARTIN C. BECKER

HEALTH AND WELLNESS COACHING

Martin was trained at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota and is a Mayo Clinic Certified Wellness Coach. For the past 40 years he has worked with major organizations and with the executives who lead them, to help resolve critical people issues to improve the performance and productivity of individuals and teams. His work has involved Fortune 500 companies both nationally and internationally.

Martin's coaching method is based in behavioral science and evidence-based research practices. The Mayo Clinic Wellness Coaching Model is based on the principles of Positive Psychology to actualize the potential within every person. Each person is an expert in his own life and the wellness coach will work to find a balance in life by developing behavior and strategies for creating lasting changes in nutrition, physical activity, sleep habits and emotional wellness to become the best possible self.

▶ JULY 2019

CAROL BORDEN

MEDICAL SERVICE DOGS

▶ Carol Borden is the Founder and CEO of Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc. She has spent years managing big box stores and decades training dogs. She is a licensed American Kennel Club dog handler and an approved Canine Good Citizen Evaluator with the American Kennel Club.

She has taught hundreds of obedience classes and competed with her dogs in dozens of dog events. She had developed a service dog training curriculum which has been accredited by the Florida Department of Education. Service dogs trained under her curriculum have been approved to work for the Department of Defense. She has consulted for service dogs at the Tampa International Airport, the Gainesville Regional Airport, several police departments, the Florida Department of Transportation and participated with therapists for psychiatric care of victims following tragedies. She is a noted speaker having appeared before many national and local organizations. Ms. Borden has received multiple national awards and donated over 300 service dogs to date. National statistics report that 20-22 Veterans commit suicide daily for a total of 8000 per year. Carol is proud of her success of placing nearly 300 Paired Teams over 10 years resulting in "O" suicides.

▶ AUGUST 2019

DEBRA FRENKEL

FREEDOM WATERS FOUNDATION

Debra has been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker since 1994. Prior to her move to Florida, she had worked in an inner city high school in Chicago. She has also maintained a private practice to the present time.

▶ Debra is the Founder and Executive Director of Freedom Waters Foundation which was incorporated in 2006. The Foundation is a non-profit that enhances lives by providing boating opportunities and marine related activities for people with disabilities, life threatening illness, youth at risk and others with special needs. Her work has led her to be Chairman of the US Disabled Sailing Championship Committee from 2008-2012. She has been involved in this national regatta since 1999.

▶ SEPTEMBER 2019

LARRY KALKSTEIN

THE IMPACT OF WEATHER ON HUMANS

Dr. Larry Kalkstein received his Bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and his Masters and Ph.D. degrees from Louisiana State University in climatology with a minor in forestry.

Larry is a bio-dimatologist who specializes in the impact of weather on human beings. For the past 40 years he has dealt with weather's impact on heat related illnesses as well as the recommending appropriate sites for power plants to prevent pollution to humans and prevent injury to national parks. He has been the principal investigator and researcher for projects that develop and implement heat/health warning systems for major cities worldwide. His work has led him to collaborate with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the 3M Company, various NGO's, the Los Angeles Urban and Cooling Collaborative and the Korean government.

Dr. Kalkstein has published over 140 manuscripts, book chapters and monographs. He has served as a professor for 30 Masters students and 10 Ph.D. students. His work has led him to develop numerous weather indices for applied climatology and create air mass-based synoptic classifications to be used worldwide by a variety of climate and health practitioners.

▶ OCTOBER 29

LIZ PECORA

OUR DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY

Liz Pecora has had a professional background in working for Delta Airlines and as a national Sales & Marketing manager for the hotel and hospitality industry. She serves as Vice Chair of the Greater Marco Long Term Recovery Group formed as the result of Hurricane Irma. The group's purpose is to maximize the effectiveness of relief efforts in dealing with natural disasters. She also serves as an officer on the Executive Board of the Disaster Alliance of Collier County. In 2016, Liz was one of the founding members of Our Daily Bread Food Pantry of Marco Island and serves as Director of Communications and Donor Relations. Along with the other founders she received the Marco Island Civic Association's 2017 Humanitarian of the Year award.

JERRY SWIACKI

Program Director

2019-2020 MARCO MEN'S CLUB NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Appointed by the President:

Nominating Committee Chairman: **Sam Miloro**, (Current Newsletter Editor)

Nominating Committee Co-Chair: **Jeff Dywan**, (Current Senior Vice President)

Nominating Committee Members from the General Membership:

Silky Sullivan

Pat Thawley

Joe Varano

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2019-2020

NOTE: Members attending the May General Meeting will vote on these nominees and any members nominated from the floor at the April General Meeting.

President: **Jeff Dywan** (Current Senior Vice President)

Vice President: **Ray Seward** (Current Vice President)

Vice President: **Don Zinner** (Current Treasurer)

Vice President: **Dave Walsh** (Current Vice President and Publicity Chair)

Vice President: **John Kernan** (Past Host)

Vice President: **Frank Romano** (Past Host)

Secretary: **Tim Clune** (Current Secretary)

Treasurer: **Engin (Turk) Tilev** (Current Vice President)

May 2019 MMC Golf News

Steven J Billmyer Chair

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MMC Monday AM play is at Lely Mustang May through October. **Nine Hole League** plays 7:30 AM Wed at Eagle Lakes. Soon will move to Hibiscus. **Friday AM play** is in different private clubs each week. **See Coordinator page for more!**

SPRING SCRAMBLE was held 4/29 at Lely's Mustang Course with 52 players. Congratulations for the 2nd Scramble in a row to **Mike Mueller!** 1st Place @62 by tiebreaker- **Mike Mueller, Bill Horton, John Cunningham, Tom Krepelka.** 2nd Place @62 **Ron Kelly, Ralph Sieja, Roger Frederick, Doug Baillie.** 3rd Place @65 by tiebreaker **Frank Sroka, Bob Bart, Dan Rathka, Ray Rathka.** The remaining team scores were; 65, 66, and 67, four at 68, a 69, and two 70s. Very competitive Scramble with all winners settled by tiebreaker rules! Other winners; Longest Drive **Gerry Swiacki,** Longest Putt **Ed Booth, Closest to par 3 pins **Lou Makris #16 , Ed Booth#8, Rusty Roe#12, and Rod Lashley#5.** **Unbelievably, no Skins were won!** Every hole birdied or eagled had at least 2 teams accomplishing it! **This has never****

happened in the 15year history of MMC Golf! The Skins pot was distributed back to players in 6 random drawings. Finally, there were also 3 planned random cash prize drawings. Over one half of all participants won something! All participants received \$20 in PGA store gift cards! Great weather and a fun competitive tournament!

MOST IMPROVED GOLFER trophy winner **Ron Kelly** with a 22.4% improvement in HC index. Frank Sroka came in second with a 20.2%. Six other Golfers with more than 80 rounds in each year that had solid HC improvement were Bob Bergen, Ken Burnham, Bob Hansen, Bill Horton, Tom McCullough and, Mike Mueller.

MOST VALUABLE GOLFER trophy awarded by our Handicap Chair **Al Vacio** to our Handicap programmer and computer operator **Roger Frederick.** Thank you for your years of service and hard work Roger. It is great to have you golfing with us.

Regarding Summer Play at Local Private Courses. **Please bring your "dress code & course respect A game"**. We want to be invited back!

Lastly, thank you for the opportunity to serve as MMC Golf Chair the last 3 years. I truly enjoyed working with you. It has been a great experience!

2019 Golf Coordinators @ MAY 2019

**Monday AM MMC play is at Lely Mustang through October.
 Wednesday Nine Hole AM MMC play is at Eagle Lakes
 through May then moves to Hibiscus... date To Be
 Announced. TGIF League plays at Glades through October.
 MMC Friday AM play is at Private Clubs through October.**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
May 2019- Mondays	Doug Baillie	239-394-6700	flbails39@gmail.com
May 2019- Fridays	Mike Mueller	239-272-8695	mikemfla@icloud.com
June 2019- Mondays	Tom McCullough	239-970-2088	tamccullough@comcast.net
June 2019- Fridays	Ron Kelley	239-970-0263	kelleys205@comcast.net
July 2019- Monday	Bill Horton	239-206-0856	bhorton1103@gmail.com
July 2019- Fridays	Frank Sroka	239-389-1087	f.sroka@hotmail.com
August 2019- Monday	Lou Makris	781-258-0456	loumak42@aol.com
August 2019- Fridays	Rusty Roe	908-675-7317	russler@aol.com
Sept 2019-Monday	Bob Hansen	239-394-7775	rhansen4@aol.com
Sept 2019- Fridays	Jeff Kaczka	239-389-8156	jkaczka1@comcast.net
Oct 2019- Monday	*Bob Bergen	218-530-0099	bob.bergen17@gmail.com
Oct 2019- Fridays	Bob Winterhalter	614-264-0021	robertswinterhalter@gmail.com
Nov 2019- Mondays	Ken Burnham	413-531-7799	kwburnham47@gmail.com
Dec 2019- Mondays	Bob Phelan	239-272-4820	bobjphelan1@gmail.com
Jan 2020- Mondays	Kent Hobby	908-334-3137	kenthobby@aol.com
	* = not confirmed		
Wed Nine Hole			
Nov-April	Greg Glynn	239-642-3421	giglynn1@earthlink.net
May -October	Peter Way	508-330-9231	pgway@hotmail.com
Friday TGIF League			
All Year	Silky Sullivan Alt. Coordinators For TGIF TBA.	239-393-9125	marcosilky@yahoo.com

Marco Men's Club

Bocce

Marco Men's Club Bocce League's second annual awards "dinner banquet" was held at the Brewery. Well, actually a lunch. Okay it was 2 in the afternoon. We enjoyed lunch and dinner depending on your point of view.

We recognized the top teams.

In the two years running we have expanded from 8 to 20 teams involving over 100 members and wives. We spend an hour a week, out in the sun doing the best we can, all having a good time, playing with friends, and meeting new friends. Let's just say it's a rewarding "low impact sport".

Later this year we will put out a "call for players" in September through November Newsletter. December we apply for courts from the city then form our teams. We start play in January finishing in April. City permitting we will play Tuesday and Thursday.

This year's winning teams:

Tuesday "Team Campbell"



Pictured John and Marline Campbell with team mates Dave and Maureen Hodgkinson 11-2

Thursday "Team Wrona"



Pictured Gary Wrona, Ray and Kathy Davis, Aida Wrona with team mate Yvette Wrona 11-2

11-2 record is a high mark. Congratulations to all!

Thanks to Marvin Klein for kicking off the season, Dave Scarborough helping through the season and Ray Davis for putting the luncheon together.

Best wishes, and see you again next season.

Warren Uhl