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# The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**How Quickly Things Can Change.** It seems like just yesterday we were enjoying all that Marco Island has to offer in the winter. Restaurants, shops, golf, fishing, theater, gatherings of all kinds. The Marco Men's Club had a calendar which was packed full with events.

Then we all learned the harsh realities of Coronavirus 19 and how deadly COVID-19 can be for people over age 60. In the past three weeks, daily living on the island has dramatically changed after the continuing updates from the CDC, NIH, and state and local governments. If you have been following their advice, you are now self-isolating, avoiding close social contacts, and being very cautious in general if you have to leave your home.

Thanks to **Jerry Swiacki**, our Program Chairman, our speaker at the March general meeting was **Dr. Gregory Poland**. He is the Director of the Mayo Vaccine Research Group in Rochester, MN. His specialty includes virology, vaccinology, and immunology. Dr. Poland's well-prepared presentation included much needed information about the origin of Coronavirus 19, its spread, the danger it poses to us living here in Florida, and things we can do to help prevent us from acquiring the disease.

I won't try to give medical advice to any of our members. If you have questions, you can get a lot of information about COVID-19 online from the CDC website. But I would be remiss if I didn't at least repeat simple warnings given by Dr. Poland and which are almost now part of our daily news stream:

- Wash your hands properly and frequently for 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your face
- Cover your cough or Cough into tissue and

- then throw away the tissue
- avoid close encounters with people
- avoid large groups

The CDC website information regarding Coronavirus 19 is at:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

If you would like to see Dr. Poland give instructions on washing your hands, go to YouTube and search for "Dr. Poland and Jimmie Kimmel". It should lighten your mood a bit, but it might also save your life.

### **MMC HAS HAD TO CANCEL EVENTS.**

Because of the threat posed by transmission of Coronavirus 19, the MMC has had to cancel most of the events planned for March and April. The latest updates on the status of events is on the club's website. Go to the home page  
<https://marcomensclub.com>

and you can get the most up to date information available on the status of coming events and meetings.

**Bocce and Golf Leagues.** The remainder of the Bocce League schedule was cancelled when the parks department stopped providing use of its equipment and the prohibitions against social gatherings strengthened. Let's all thank **Warren Uhl** for his work with the Bocce League when we next see him. The MMC board of directors voted to suspend play for any of the golf leagues until further notice. **Bill Horton** is wrapping up his time as golf chairman and we all owe him a big thanks as well. We are now looking for a new golf chairman.

**Theater Refunds.** The MMC board determined that the club would take on the responsibility to pursue refunds and/or credit for cancelled theater performances.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Continued

**Members should not individually contact the theater venues.** The club will refund money paid for tickets for our theater events as soon as it secures a refund or credit for a cancelled performance. As of this writing, refunds checks are in process for those who bought tickets to *Tusk -The Music of Fleetwood Mac* and *Come from Away*.

The Club just learned from the Sugden Theater that the 4/5/20 scheduled performance of *Bye Bye Birdie* is cancelled. Once MMC receives its refund or ticket credit, the club will begin refunding ticket payments to our members who hold tickets to that performance.

The club has just learned from Artis Naples that the 4/18/20 performance of *A Bronx Tale* and the 4/20/20 performance by *Chris Botti* are cancelled. Once cancellation is confirmed by Artis Naples and MMC receives a refund or credit the club will begin refunding ticket payments to our members who hold tickets for those events.

**MMC Board held a telephone conference board meeting on 4/2/20.** Fifth-Third Bank is not permitting groups as large as ours to use its conference room until further notice. The board voted unanimously to cancel the Mickey Mouse Club Party scheduled for 4/23/20, the General Meeting and the free installation lunch for members set for 5/14/20, and the planned Date Night set for 5/20/20. The New Board/Old Board luncheon, a club tradition, will also be rescheduled to a time later in autumn.

The board will of course be monitoring the Coronavirus 19 news and will continue to update our membership regarding club activities. Let's all hope that we'll be able to begin holding more of our fun events real soon. Look in your email inbox for email blasts from our Communications Chairman, **Randle Grossman**, and check our calendar on the MMC website from time to time for updates.

**February-March Events.** I am happy to report that our **New Members' Breakfast** on Feb. 1st at Forest Glen CC was well-attended and a big success. Thanks to **Ray Seward** for hosting. **Dave Randall** hosted a

group for **Hello Dolly** at Artis-Naples of Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and also hosted a group going to **Making God Laugh** at Sugden Theater on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Dave! A Thank You also goes to **Dave Walsh** for hosting **lunch at Pinchers** on Feb.13<sup>th</sup>.

Our year's biggest event, **The Sweetheart Ball**, was held on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at the Island CC and it was a wonderful evening. The food was excellent, as was the musical entertainment – The Wendy Renee Band. Thanks to **Ray and Candy Seward** for making the evening so nice.

We finished February with a group attending **Tango at Two Thirty** at Marco Players, hosted by **Margaret Moores**. Thanks go to Margaret for all her work with Marco Players.

**New Members.** We want to welcome our newest members who joined the club in March: **Hunter Marshall, Ralph Murat, Bob Wiebe and Harry Hattenbach**. We hope to see them soon at one of our general meetings or events. Don't forget to say hello to them and introduce yourselves when you see them at club events.

**The Dues-Paying Period Begins in May.** The time for paying dues to the MMC will begin on May 1<sup>st</sup> and run for 60 days. Notices about how you can pay will be included on the club's website in late April and in the May newsletter. Remember, that this spring you will be paying dues for 1 ½ years since we're changing the membership year to an annual year. Once you've paid this spring (for the rest of 2020 and all of 2021), you won't owe dues again until the end of 2021.

**PROMOTE THE MMC!** When you are able to be among friends and neighbors again, we hope you put in a few good words about our club. Your kind comments about the club might be just enough to encourage them to join.

**Let us Know.** If you have any ideas for activities you would like the club to explore, a special restaurant or entertainment venue, just let us know. You can click on the "Contact Us" link on the club's home page and share your ideas with the board. We

welcome your input!

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED**

**End of Term Thought.** This is my last monthly message as president of the MMC, and I just wanted to say that it has been my privilege to serve in that capacity for the past year and to work with all the committee chairmen and men on the board of directors. We've had some difficult things to deal with, and we've had some fun times too. I hope they all think it time and work well spent. Thanks for all the help from all of you guys (and gals) who make this club work so well.

*Jeff Dywan*  
President



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## CLUB NEWS

### COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Contact **Charlie Erker** at 239-259-8054

Or [charles.a.erker@gmail.com](mailto:charles.a.erker@gmail.com).

Computer/Technology Club typically meets the 3rd Thursday at the Community Room at The Mutual of Omaha Bank at 10:30 a.m. This is an informal round table discussion group. Beginners, experienced and in-between are all welcome. Reservations are not required. Just show up.

**Meetings are suspended until further notice.**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Community room at the Mutual of Omaha Bank (next to Ace Hardware). Contact **WARREN UHL** Ph: 727-247-5167. **Meetings are suspended until further notice.**

**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). 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](mailto:marcosilky@yahoo.com) or 393-9125). **Meetings are suspended until further notice.**

### Bocce Ball



Bocce balls stopped rolling when the Marco Island Parks Department stopped allowing us to use their equipment for our league at Mackle Park.

We were having a great time until the Coronavirus 19 pandemic shut us down.

Congratulations to the two first place teams: Tuesday team "T" – **Lou & Peg Makris** with

**John & Karla Kunzeman** with a 10-1 record.

Thursday team "B" **Rod & Anne Link with Dennis & Peggy Hoelzel** with an 8-2 record.

Many thanks to the captains that made this work. We look forward to the league resuming next winter, and we will explore the possibility of forming a league for a short summer-fall season if possible. If you have any questions, Contact Warren Uhl at

[MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com](mailto:MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com)

or by phone at 727-247-5167.

### HOSPITALITY

Thanks to the guys who set up the room in March: Chairman **DEREK MULLINDER, JERRY DEFIBAUGH, RICH CARLSEN, DON LALLY AND DON KOPPEL**. To volunteer, contact **DEREK MULLINDER** ([derek.mullinder@comcast.net](mailto:derek.mullinder@comcast.net) or PH: 642-0565).

### 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

**Lou Makris** is sad to report the death of Martha Pierce, who passed away on March 8, 2020 in Naples. Martha was the wife of Hal Pierce.

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

### CRUISES

**THE MARCO ISLAND MEN'S CLUB "47th" CRUISE**  
**AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, MARCH**  
**6- MARCH 18, 2021**

“FIFTEEN DAYS.....THIRTEEN  
NIGHTS....VISITING “8” PORTS OF CALL  
ABOARD CELEBRITIES 5 STAR SHIP  
“SOLSTICE” –  
AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND...  
TAURANGA, NEW ZEALAND....  
NAPIER, NEW ZEALAND.....  
WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND...  
CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.....  
DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND.....  
DUSKY SOUND.....DOUBTFUL SOUND .....  
MILFORD SOUND.....  
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA  
“2” NIGHTS AT SYDNEY’S AMORA “5” STAR  
HOTEL. “2” FULL DAYS MMC PRIVATE SYDNEY  
TOURS. FLYER CONTAINS CRUISE/TOUR  
ITINERARIES, COST, FREE PERKS.

*CRUISE WILL BE ANOTHER SELL OUT-100  
PEOPLE BOOKED FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>.*

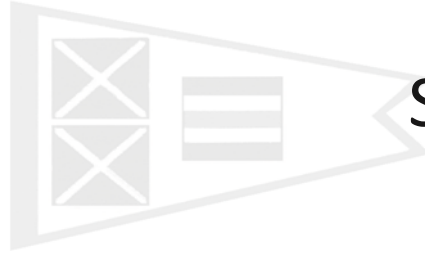
*A SMALL NUMBER OF STATEROOMS IS  
AVAILABLE IN EACH CATEGORY*

***An updated flyer is on the club’s website.***

The coronavirus virtually closed down the Cruise Industry. Fortunately, our Next Cruise above sailing March 2021 is one year away, when conditions should be safe to sail. Once safe travel returns to Ocean and River cruising, we will organize additional cruises. Very likely, when the Cruise Lines once again began accepting reservations, we may find them offerings exceptional group fares, values and perks.

*Regards, Bob*

*[Please contact](mailto:bobmarksmi@hotmail.com)  
[bobmarksmi@hotmail.com-](mailto:bobmarksmi@hotmail.com)  
239-642-0370  
for additional Cruise information.*



# SPEAKERS CALENDAR

## THE Marco Men's Club

*JERRY SWIACKI, PROGRAM DIRECTOR*

### **APRIL 9, 2020 (MEETING CANCELLED)**

**GEOFF FAHRINGER**

#### **SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**

Geoff is a reserve officer for the Collier County Sheriff's office. From 1973 to 1994 he served with the Syracuse, NY Police Department. In 1994 he came to Florida to join the Collier County Sheriff's Department. He has worked as a patrolman, a Patrol Supervisor, a Detective in the Organized Crime Division, the Criminal Intelligence Bureau, SWAT Team and Dive Team and Major Crimes Vice Narcotic Bureau.

Mr. Fahringer has Advanced Sniper Certification, Florida SWAT Association Dignitary Protection, Advanced Diver Certification with Instructor Certification and Intelligence Training and membership for Terrorism Operational Planning, Global Terrorism, Islamic Terrorism, and Intelligence Analysis.

He brings his vast experience and knowledge to our group to help us understand and be aware of the dangers that surround us.

### **MAY 14, 2020 (MEETING CANCELLED)**

**DR. AL TARTARUS'S**

#### **STRESS MANAGEMENT**

Dr. Al has received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Massachusetts, a Master's Degree in Education from Harvard University and a Doctorate in Education from Boston University.

He is an expert in hypnosis and the past president of the Greater New England Academy of Hypnosis. In 1984 he established the New England Stress Management Center. Besides stress management, Dr. Al works with clients to help with smoking cessation, weight loss, chronic pain management, sports hypnosis and cancer support. He is also an author having published the book: Nobody Drives You Crazy, You Do!! A Stress Management Primer.

Besides conducting many seminars on hypnosis and stress management in the United States, Canada and England, Dr. Tatarunis had been a teacher and school administrator in Massachusetts Public Schools for 31 years.

### **JUNE 2020**

**DR. JAKE BERMAN**

#### **PHYSICAL THERAPY**

Dr. Berman graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Health Sciences. He went on to earn a doctorate at the same institution in the Physical Therapy program.

Dr. Berman's philosophy is based on natural solutions which treat certain medical problems that do not involve the use of painkillers or surgery. He is interested in treating the problem and not the symptom. His use of manual medicine enables him to diagnose and treat his patients with techniques that allow them to return to efficiency in a more timely manner. He opened his practice in October 2015.

**JERRY  
SWIACKI  
Program  
Director**



4/2020 MMC GOLF NEWS

Bill Horton Golf Chairman  
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It's good to see some new members joining our golf group, Welcome. Unfortunately, due to the precautions advised to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus, the Marco Men's Club board of directors voted to suspend play in the club golf league until further notice. Individuals are free to arrange tee times and the monthly coordinators may be able to help with that. But the club does not recommend golf for our members until further notice. We all need to work together to hold down the spread of the virus.

*We are hopeful that golf will resume in a month or two. We are trying to get summer golfers to buy the PGA Golf Pass for discounted golf this summer season, it will really help the coordinators. Last season quite a few of the courses requested that we have the card.*

**Cost is \$40.00 per golfer for a group our size.**  
**Contact Jeff Dywan ASAP as he is purchasing them in April.**  
**Phone # 219-718-9615 email [j.j.dywan@gmail.com](mailto:j.j.dywan@gmail.com)**

As you have heard with the concerns of the COVID-19 and the restaurant closing for groups our annual April golf scramble at the Mustang course has been cancelled. We can still play there on Mondays but will be playing the Mustang course, Flamingo will be closed. Cost will be \$50.00.

For information about the 9 hole group that plays on Wednesdays contact **Peter Way** at 508-330-9231 or email [pgway@hotmail.com](mailto:pgway@hotmail.com).

For more information on the TGIF group that we are welcome to play with contact **Lou Makris** at phone # 781-258-0456 or email [loumak42@aol.com](mailto:loumak42@aol.com).

Last month was our club championship, we had 2 flights with 12 golfers in each flight. It was a close tournament with some position changes on the last day for A flight: 1<sup>st</sup> place **Bob Vanderselt** -17, 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Mike Mueller** - 14, 3<sup>rd</sup> place **Al Vacio** -12, B flight: 1<sup>st</sup> place **Jim Malerba** -22, 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Doug Ballie** -21, 3<sup>rd</sup> place **Steve Billmyer** -11.

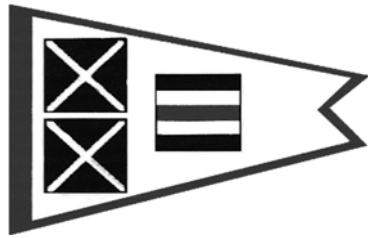
Good going everybody!!

I want to say a special thanks to **Al Vacio** for handling the tournament and being the coordinator for March. Also **Frank Sroka** for getting our coordinators lined up for this summer season. **Doug Ballie** will be our April Monday coordinator. Thanks everyone for all your help, Bill Horton. Let's all hope we can get back to playing golf real soon!

#### MMC GOLF SUMMER SCHEDULE COORDINATORS 2020

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	FRIDAYS	Jeff Dywan	j.j.dywan@gmail.com	219-718-9615
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## THE MARCO MEN'S CLUB

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