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The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

July 2020



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Two steps forward and one step backward. It seems that as soon as we make some progress during this pandemic we must assess where we are going and we are forced to take one step backwards. This also applies to our activities in the Marco Men's Club. As we attempt to provide more activities for our members we seem to run into some hiccups along the way.

Our golf program under the direction of **Bob Winterhalter** and with the assistance of coordinators **Tom McCullough** (Mondays-Lely) and **Mike Mueller** (Fridays- Traveling) seems to be going well. We are seeing that we have more members wanting to play than there are slots available (two steps forward and one backward).

Tim Clune, our theater chairperson, has announced that he has received all refunds and credits from those venues that had been forced to cancel their performances as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. However, we are unable to schedule new events at this time because of scheduling and availability. In addition, there appears to be some reluctance of our members as to what activities in which they are willing to participate. More on that later.

Ray and Candy Seward have been working diligently in obtaining the best venue at the best price for our upcoming main events such as the **Hurricane Ball**, the **Halloween Party**, the **Holiday Luncheon**, the **New Members Breakfast** and the **Sweethearts Ball**. It appears that the venues that we used last year are available on the dates that we want, but prices have changed significantly. The Board will be discussing our various options and in the near future we will be making commitments for the best venue at the best price. Again, just as we are about to move forward there is a bump in the road. On the bright side we will be having our first social activity with a Men's Only Luncheon at CJ's on July 9 and the Coed Hot August Nights at K-Rico Grill on August 12. **CHECK OUT THE FLIERS ON THE WEBSITE.**

We are still attempting to secure a place for our General Meetings. It may not be until August at the earliest and possibly not until September. Nothing is definite yet. As soon as we are able to secure a meeting room, we will let the membership know.

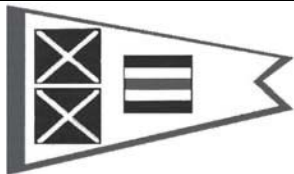
You all should have received an e-mail survey created and conducted by Vice President **John Watson**. I believe that he did an excellent job in an attempt to assess the level of interest in various club sponsored activities during these trying times. Preliminary results have shown that

there is interest in various activities but there is a high level of caution before our members are willing to commit to an activity. Once the results are tabulated, we will share them with you.

Finally, you all should have received your dues notice by now. I am pleased to announce that approximately 80% of you have renewed so far. Most of those have been through the web portal. If you have not renewed by July 1 you are technically no longer considered a member of the Marco Men's Club and therefore are unable to participate in various activities such as golf, dining and theater events and our major parties. WE DO NOT WANT THIS TO HAPPEN! Visit the home page of our website and follow the link "**Click here to see if you paid**" in the pink box. You can pay your dues by check or credit card. <https://marcomensclub.com/>. Under the direction of our membership chairman **Warren Uhl**, we will make every attempt to contact those gentlemen who have not yet renewed their membership, before we revoke those privileges. If you are aware of any of your friends who have not yet renewed, please urge them to go to **marcomensclub.com** or contact **Warren Uhl** (727-247-5167 or warren.uhl@gmail.com) to remain a part of our excellent club.

As I said in the beginning—Two steps forward and one step backward. We are progressing slowly and we can hardly wait for the New Normal. Meanwhile, stay healthy and I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Jerry Swiacki



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COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLUB

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

Or 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 due to lack of meeting space because of Covid-19.

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). However, our June meeting was held under a tree behind the bank because of Covid-19 restrictions. Contact **WARREN UHL** Ph: 727-247-5167. Meeting status will be through an e-mail blast the week before the meeting.

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 or 393-9125). Meetings are suspended until further notice because of Covid-19 restrictions.

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. We plan to resume normal activity in the fall. Watch for appropriate e-mail blasts. If you have any questions contact **Warren Uhl** at 727-247-5167
MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to the guys who set up the room. We look forward to our next general meeting. Chairman **DEREK MULLINDER**, **JERRY DEFIBAUGH**, **RICH CARLSEN**, **DON LALLY** AND **DON KOPPEL**. To volunteer, contact **DEREK MULLINDER** (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

I am sad to report the passing of the father of long time club member and past president Jack DeHanas. Jack's father passed away on Monday, June 29, 2020. Jack's dad was 101 years old. Our prayers go out to the DeHanas family. Please telephone **Lou Makris** at 781-258-0456 or email joumak42@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. CURRENTLY 86 GUESTS RECEIVED CONFIRMED STATEROOMS WITH THE GROUP.

A SMALL NUMBER OF STATEROOMS WITH AIR ARE AVAILABLE IN EACH CATEGORY WITH ORIGINAL PRICES.

Celebrity opened operations and is currently accepting new reservations. Their plans are to have their fleet of ships sailing October 31st. Celebrity made no changes in our groups Australia/New Zealand sailing. Celebrity continues implementing changes with all their ships to insure and improve safe conditions for guests required by the CDC. Once we receive details, we send booked guests the information. In the event conditions not safe for travel or cruising and Celebrity cancels the sailing, guests receive "2" Celebrity new options:
A full cash refund of funds paid Celebrity or a future cruise certificate for 125% credit applicable on any cruise of guest choice sailing through 2021.

*Regards,
Bob Marks*

[Please contact bobmarksmi@hotmail.com-](mailto:bobmarksmi@hotmail.com)

239-642-0370

for additional Cruise information.

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Speakers Calendar

Peter Piro, Program Director

Given the disruption caused by the Virus, this is an update on guest speakers for the coming year.

Geoff Fahringer: Situation Awareness

He is ready to go as soon as we begin monthly meetings.

Dr. Al Tatarius: Stress Management

Will be available when he returns in October.

Proposed speakers:

Craig Keeling: Nuclear Armament

Dr. Kames Faremouth: Medicinal Marijuana

Darcie Guerin: Understanding Finances (more specifics to come)

This is all tentative given start-up date and their schedules.

Peter Piro

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Golf News

Bob Winterhalter, Golf Chair

Phone: 239-389-0825 (preferred #)

Cell: 614-264-0021

Email: robertswinterhalter@gmail.com

First, I would like to thank **Mike Mueller** as the Friday “traveling team” coordinator for June, and **Tom McCullough** the Monday Lely coordinator. The “Members Only” position of many of our regular private club reciprocals is slightly opening; albeit with projected later T times with only a 2 Day in advance booking. While our member sign-ups remain high, some members are concerned about lack of social distancing guidelines.

July Mondays are being coordinated by **Bob Vanderselt** (Reigning A flight Champion) at Lely for \$55 plus tax. If you have not received his email blast and want to play on Mondays please email him at bvanderselt@stomadventures.com

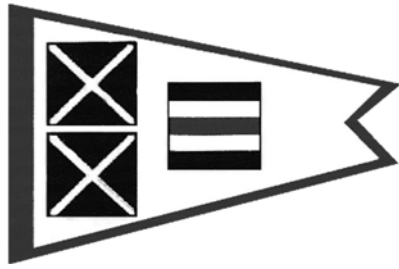
July Fridays will be organized by **Jeff Dywan** at j.j.dywan@gmail.com

Ron Bales, who was originally scheduled for July Fridays, has been moved to September Fridays. I will move from September Fridays to August Fridays.

If anyone needs to switch months, please notify me ASAP.

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS SUMMER 2020

July	Monday	Bob Vanderselt	bvanderselt@stomadventures.com	314-378-0516
	Friday	Jeff Dywan	j.j.dywan@gmail.com	219-718-9615
August	Monday	Bob Boland/F.Sroka	rboland@comcast.net	239-595-8780
	Friday	Bob Winterhalter	robertswinterhalter@gmail.com	239-389-0825
September	Monday	Al Bozzo	dralboz@aol.com	239-389-0037
	Friday	Ron Bales	rbpmi@comcast.net	239-389-0825
October	Monday	Tony Tomassone	tonytom_52@msn.com	610-937-2324
	Friday	Steve Billmyer	stevenjb@centurylink.net	360-378-4194



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