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# The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month, I started my message by saying “two steps forward and one step backward”. Well with the recent spike in the pandemic numbers for our state it seems that we are really just “treading water” or perhaps worse. I hope not.

Unfortunately, because of the spike of infections and because of some difficulties with our venue we were forced to cancel our August coed event “Hot August Night”. The good news is that **Mike Levine** has been making arrangements to hold our coed September luncheon at the Bonefish Grill in Naples on September 10<sup>th</sup>. You can find the flyer for the event in the Newsletter. Mike asks that you get your reservation in by August 20<sup>th</sup>. He assures me that the venue will be practicing CDC guidelines with staff wearing masks and appropriate distancing between tables.

In a similar vein, look at the coming events calendar for the flyer for the Hurricane Ball in October. Hosts **Don Zinner** and **Turk Tilev**, with the help of **Ray** and **Candy Seward**, have arranged an excellent event at the Island Country Club for a reasonable price. Also, I just received information from **Frank Romano** regarding our “Welcome Back” party in November. It will be held at the Speakeasy. The dates and menu are still being worked out. A word of caution!! These events are planned with the understanding that they could possibly be changed or cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. We continuously monitor events in the state and the community so that we can present a safe and affordable activity for our club members. We will keep you up to date for any changes that may occur. However, please participate in these events if you wish. I feel that with the precautions that we are taking that we will be able to socialize appropriately. I know that many members and their spouses are tired of staying at home and want to get out into the community-----safely.

We have been unable to hold a General Membership Meeting since March, since the United Church of Marco is not allowing “non- church” activities in its meeting hall. The next United Church Board meeting is in October. At that time, I will request that the church's board revise its directive and perhaps allow our group to meet there later this year.

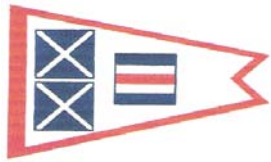
As an alternative, I had secured a meeting space in the Eagle Room at Mackle Park Activities Center for September through the rest of the year. However, the City created new regulations regarding meetings at the Center because of the pandemic. Unfortunately, those directives have severely limited the number of people that would be allowed in the room along with other restrictions. As a result, the Board of the Marco Men's Club elected to **not**

hold our meetings at Mackle Park. Consequently, we do not have a venue to hold our monthly meetings at this time. Meanwhile, our Board continues to hold monthly board meetings via the Zoom platform, thanks to Vice President **John Watson**.

Finally, I would like to thank **Bob Vanderselt and Jeff Dywan** for running the golf leagues on Monday and Fridays this past month. Also, thanks go to **Lou Makris**, who is running the TGIF league. It seems that golf is the lone “safe” activity that we can consistently enjoy this summer.

Please stay safe and healthy. As my father-in-law used to say--- “See You at the Next Big One”.

**Jerry Swiacki**



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## 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Community room at the Mutual of Omaha Bank (next to Ace Hardware). However, our **July** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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. Since we are not meeting, Men's logoed apparel can be ordered on-line.

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

## SICKNESS AND BEREAVEMENT

I am sad to report the passing of former long-time member of the Club, Dr **Merle Otto**. Merle, a decorated World War II veteran, passed away July 21, 2020 in Naples, he was 95 years old. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Merle's wife Geri and the Otto family. Please telephone **Lou Makris** 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.  
CURRENTLY 86 GUESTS RECEIVED  
CONFIRMED STATEROOMS WITH THE GROUP.  
**A SMALL NUMBER OF STATEROOMS WITH  
AIR ARE AVAILABLE IN EACH CATEGORY  
WITH ORIGINAL PRICES.**

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Celebrity opened operations and is currently  
accepting new reservations. Their plans are to have  
their fleet of ships sailing October 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:robertswinterhalter@gmail.com)

First, I would like to thank **Jeff Dywan** as the Friday “traveling team” coordinator for July, and **Bob Vanderselt** the Monday Lely coordinator. The “Members Only” position of many of our regular private club reciprocals is improving, especially for September and October.

August Mondays are being coordinated by **Bob Boland** at Lely for \$55 plus tax. If you have not received his email blast and want to play on Mondays please email him at [rboland@comcast.net](mailto:rboland@comcast.net).

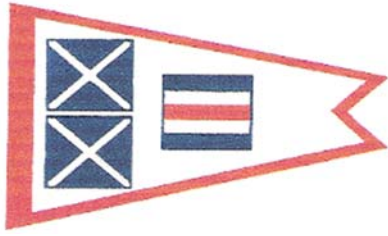
August Fridays will be coordinated by me at [robertswinterhalter@gmail.com](mailto:robertswinterhalter@gmail.com).

We will be playing Old Corkscrew on 8/14 and Glen Eagle on 8/21.

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

## MMC GOLF COORDINATORS SUMMER 2020

August	Monday	Bob Boland/F.Sroka	<a href="mailto:rboland@comcast.net">rboland@comcast.net</a>	239-595-8780
	Friday	Bob Winterhalter	<a href="mailto:robertswinterhalter@gmail.com">robertswinterhalter@gmail.com</a>	239-389-0825
September	Monday	Al Bozzo	<a href="mailto:dralboz@aol.com">dralboz@aol.com</a>	239-389-0037
	Friday	Ron Bales	<a href="mailto:rbpmi@comcast.net">rbpmi@comcast.net</a>	239-389-0825
October	Monday	Tony Tomassone	<a href="mailto:tonytom_52@msn.com">tonytom_52@msn.com</a>	610-937-2324
	Friday	Steve Billmyer	<a href="mailto:stevenjb@centurylink.net">stevenjb@centurylink.net</a>	360-378-4194



## THE MARCO MEN'S CLUB

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