

October 2020

The Marco Men's Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another month has passed. It seems that it has been an eternity since our lives were “normal”. This pandemic has done a number on all of us. Unfortunately, it has drastically affected our club activities. Our usual monthly meeting site at the United Church of Marco is still unavailable to us. I contacted Church officials in July prior to their Board of Trustees meeting asking that they rescind their ban on outside groups using their facilities. At that time, they indicated that they would not change their policy but that I should check back in September prior to their next meeting to see how the COVID-19 pandemic was doing. I did just that. Unfortunately, despite a decrease in the rate of infection and mortality rate and the increased opening of businesses, the Board of Trustees elected to **not** change their policy. They indicated that I should contact them again in December.

In the meantime I have had communication with the City of Marco Island, Parks and Recreation Department. We could hold a meeting at Mackle Park but we would be limited to **25** people. By the time we included all of our Board of Directors as well as the Committee Chairmen we would not have room for many other members.

All other venues on the Island are unavailable for large meetings at this time. Therefore, it seems that the earliest that we can have a General Meeting may be January of 2021.

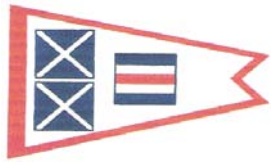
For the past six months the Board of Directors of the Marco Men's Club and some selected Committee Chairmen have been meeting monthly via Zoom hosted by Vice President **John Watson**. We have attempted to

create a schedule of events in which members could attend an event each month. Our first Coed Luncheon at the Bonefish Grill on September 10th, hosted by **Mike Levine**, was a definite success. All members and wives who attended certainly enjoyed the social exchange and had an excellent meal. As of this writing we look forward to the Hurricane Ball in October and the Welcome Back Party in November. Please check our website for the event flyers to sign up. Also, our Golf Committee Chairman, **Bob Winterhalter**, is organizing a “Fall Scramble” at Lely on the last Monday in October. That flyer is now available on the website. In December we are planning the “Holiday Party” at the Island Country Club. The flyer is on the website.

Our Board of Directors as well as almost all of the various Committee Chairmen met on October 1st at CJ’s for a lunch board meeting. We hope to find some ways to offer more activities to our membership during this unprecedented time. An E-blast will be sent out notifying the membership of any changes to activity schedule.

Finally, I would like to thank the September Golf Coordinators, **Al Bozzo** and **Ron Bales**, as well as **Lou Makris** for all of the work that they do.

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, the **September** meeting was our first rain out, where it is usually 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



November is the month to sign-up for Bocce. Form your teams now, pick your day to play (or both) and report same to me in November.

The Parks department will confirm times and days first week in December. We will start rolling in January, right now likely to be the 6th. 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. 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 club member **Gerry Lawrence**. Gerry passed away on Thursday October 1, 2020 in Pennsylvania. Please keep Rita and the Lawrence family in your thoughts and prayers. 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



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.

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.**

For more details click on **Cruise
Information** on Club Website.

Contact Bob Marks at:

bobmarksmi@hotmail.com

239-642-0370

MMC “47th” CRUISE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, MARCH 6 – 18, 2021

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NAPIER, NEW ZEALAND.....

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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. James 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 **Ron Bales** as the Friday “traveling team coordinator” for September and **Al Bozzo** the Monday Lely coordinator.

October Mondays are being coordinated by **Tony Tomassone** at Lely for \$55 plus tax. If you have not received his email blast and want to play on Mondays please email him at Tonytom_52@msn.com

October Fridays will be coordinated by **Steve Billmyer** at stevenjb@centurylink.net

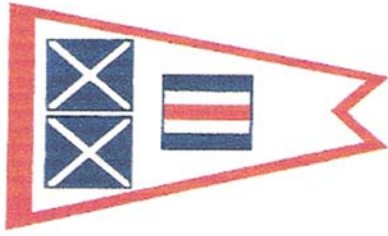
I am the coordinator for the Fall Scramble on Monday October 26, 2020 at Lely Mustang. There will be no food service and the usual prizes will be announced later that week and a determination of \$ distribution (PGA Store cards) announced at the Scramble. I have not announced the “rules” for this event, so please feel free to send in your recommendations.

As October is the last month of reciprocals, we will be returning to Hibiscus on November Mondays. **Ken Burnham** is the November coordinator. I need 4 more “Volunteers” for monthly duty, as **Bob Phelan** has again agreed to host a month.

Tournament flier is posted on the club website.

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS FALL 2020

October	Monday	Tony Tomassone	tonytom_52@msn.com	610-937-2324
	Friday	Steve Billmyer	stevenjb@centurylink.net	360-378-4194
November	Monday	Ken Burnham	burnham@finaid.umass.edu	413-531-7799
December	Monday	Lou Makris	loumak42@aol.com	781-258-0456



THE MARCO MEN'S CLUB

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