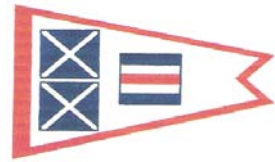


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The Marco Men's Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the COVID-19 roller coaster. We have not been able to hold a General Meeting for the Marco Men's Club since March. As the virus began to spread throughout the country in March, April and May, the state and country practically shut down. As cases decreased during June we began to open up. Unfortunately, after the 4th of July, the pandemic which never really went away re-emerged. Our economy restarted but sadly people continued to get sick and die. Our medical community continued to learn and understand more regarding the treatment of the infection and it seems more people were surviving. August and September looked promising but now in late October there has been another resurgence.

Your Board of Directors continued to meet via Zoom monthly through September. In October and November, we met in person at CJ's. We have been trying to find ways to schedule and conduct social activities with an eye on keeping our members safe and healthy.

Our golf group, managed by **Bob Winterhalter** with the able assistance of many of our golf members, has given our club a recreational outlet. Bob supervised a fun filled **Fall Golf Scramble** at Lely Mustang on October 26th. Due to the pandemic, modifications had to be made to our regular competitions, ceremonies, and rewards. Everyone had a great time. Check

out Bob's report on the Golf Page in this month's Newsletter. We are looking forward to having Bocce Ball return soon. Watch your email for announcements from **Warren Uhl**, our Bocce Ball chairman. Our social activities resumed with a **Co-ed Luncheon** at the Bonefish Grill in September. I believe because of the success of that event, our next event in October proved to be truly buoyant. The **Hurricane Ball**, chaired by **Turk Tilev** and **Don Zinner** with the invaluable assistance of **Ray and Candy Seward**, was a memorable night with many club members attending. To my knowledge we have had **NO** positive COVID tests as a result of our Board meeting, Co-ed Luncheon and Hurricane Ball. This speaks well of the participants and the venues in paying attention to CDC guidelines.

Our next event, the **Welcome Back Party** at the **Speakeasy**, is receiving a lot of reservations. If you have not yet made plans to attend contact **Frank Romano** or **Sam Miloro** ASAP, to see if there is still room for you and your date. Check out the flyer on our website. In December we will be having our **Holiday Luncheon at the Island Country Club**. Save your space soon. It promises to be a fun, traditional celebration.

Finally, there is some possibly good news. Although our regular meeting venue at the United Church of Marco is still

unavailable as of this date, I am working on holding a General Meeting with a Free Lunch in January on the second Thursday of the month. That will be on January 14th and you might want to save that date. If arrangements are successful, I will share the information with you as soon as I can.

Nominating Committee Report – as you may recall the club election schedule changed in 2020 and the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers now occurs at the Annual Meeting of Members each January. The coming election will be held on January 14th, 2021. A Nominating Committee was formed consisting of **Bill Rogers** (Chairman) and **Mike Levine, Ed Crane, Ray Seward** and **Sam Miloro**. The committee members talked to men interested in becoming club officers, then presented the following slate of candidates to the Board of Directors at the board meeting on November 5th, and the Board of Directors approved the slate of nominees:

President – **Jerry Swiacki**

Vice President – **Ray Seward**

Vice President – **Warren Uhl**

Vice President – **Dave Tobiasz**

Vice President – **Tim Clune**

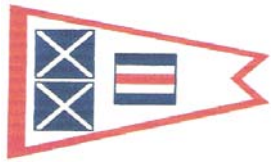
Secretary – **Mike Levine**

Treasurer – **Rudy Landwaard**

An email blast will soon be sent to membership to also announce this slate of candidates and they will be formally presented at the December meeting of members. We currently plan to hold the December meeting of members via Zoom web meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the December general meeting and nominations will be closed at the conclusion of the December meeting pursuant to the club By-Laws.

As this pandemic waxes and wanes, we will endeavor to explore fun opportunities for our members. Please stay safe and monitor your behavior so that we can keep club activities COVID free. From my family and all of the families of the Board of Directors, have a ***Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.***

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. Under the shade tree in the parking lot is now off limits. I've been kicked out of much better places. Regardless, the property owner does not want us sitting on his property? To that end, until the bank can get their act together, we move on. **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



The City Parks people have confirmed Bocce reservations are on. December 1 you will find me camped out at Mackle Park with a few other nuts at 5am in the morning. To that

end, Sign-Up will be this month of November. I plan the same Tuesday Thursday groups late afternoon, time to be determined, but likely similar to last year 3-4-5pm start times. **Drop me a note and identify the day of the week, you may play twice, and identify the individuals (names) you are speaking for.** Play is January through April. (Schedule and playoff dependent).

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. 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.

Since we are not yet holding general meetings, 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 header. Click on CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES to obtain Order Form and Instructions.**

SICKNESS AND BEREAVEMENT

I am saddened to report the passing of three of our members in October; **George Reuling, Charlie Kracht** and **Jerry Stought**. Information regarding Bereavements and Obituaries, please contact Lou Makris.

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.

RESERVATION FORM AND CRUISE
DETAILS.

CRUISES



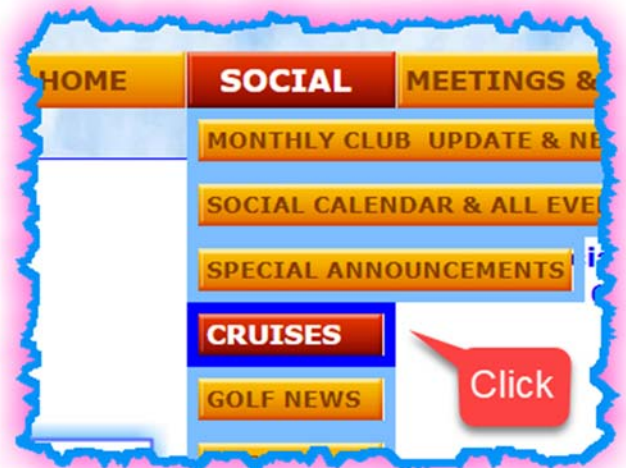
**MMC “47th” CRUISE
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND,
MARCH 6 – 18, 2021
CANCELLED**

Australia closed borders to enter their country, requiring **Celebrity** to cancel our March 2021 Australia – New Zealand Cruise.

Please go to the MMC Website & use the Dropdown Menu, available on almost every page, for all the latest information on MMC **CRUISES**.

...or follow this link:

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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

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First, I would like to thank **Steve Billmyer** as the Friday “traveling team coordinator” for October and **Tony Tomassone** the Monday Lely coordinator.
November Mondays at Hibiscus coordinated by **Ken Burnham** burnham@finaid.umass.edu

Further kudos to **Mike Mueller** who shot even par at **Raptor Bay** on 10/9!

Fall Scramble at Lely

The Fall Scramble held on Monday October 26, 2020 @ Lely Mustang was a **success**. A few rule changes allowed us to finish in under 4 hours. Thankfully, the rain held off until 30 minutes after our finish. Although our turnout was lower than normal (39 players); what we lacked in quantity, we made up for in quality shots and players. We created 13 3-man teams whose results were within 6 shots of the winning team.

1st place (\$50/player) **Chris Hansen, Bob Bergen, Doug Baillie -7**

2nd place (\$40/player) **Jeff Dywan, Jeff Kasczka, Henry Stanley -6**

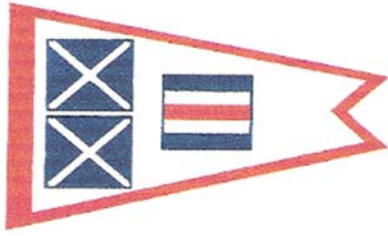
3rd place tie between **Bob Boland, Austin Gross, Dave Pritchard, Jerry Swiacki, Tom McCullough** and **Glen Davis**. -6 Tiebreaker was determined by lowest score on #1 handicap hole and went to **Boland's** team who collected \$30 / player.

Longest drive (\$50) to **Geoff Walker**
Closest to pin (\$50) to **Bob Vanderselt**

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS FALL/WINTER 2020/2021

November	Monday	Ken Burnham	burnham@finaid.umass.edu	413-531-7799
December	Monday	Lou Makris	loumak42@aol.com	781-258-0456
January	Monday	Jeff Comeaux	comeaux411@icloud.com	847-951-3400

Need 3 more Monday coordinators for monthly duty, February, March and April



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