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# The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow!!! How about that? What a St. Patrick's Day party we had at C.J.'s on the Bay. Thanks to our hosts **Dave and Susie Walsh** for organizing the event. There were **96** people signed up for a celebration of everything Irish. We were able to eat either inside or outside to enjoy an Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage. The entertainment was great. It was provided by **Rosetta Stone** (a/k/a Rose Kraemer) accompanied by her husband, club member, **Tom Kraemer**. Everyone came dressed in their Irish greens and had a good, pandemic-safe time.

Our golfing members had their annual winter tournament over three Mondays at Hibiscus Golf Club. It was hosted by our golf chairman **Bob Winterhalter**. Go to the golf page in this newsletter to learn who our champions are.

We had good attendance at our March General Meeting at Mackle Park. An excellent presentation was made by our speaker, **Dr. Larry Kalkstein**. He is an internationally known climatologist who spoke to us about "Cool City Solutions". Check out this month's speaker on the Speaker's Page in the newsletter. **Peter LeTendre** will discuss the national drug problem and addiction treatment. Our meeting will be held again at **Mackle Park** on **April 8 (Thursday) at 11AM**. It will include another free lunch. Please send a \$5 check to me to reserve a spot. Your check,

made out to the Marco Men's Club, will be returned to you prior to lunch. Mail the check to:

Jerry Swiacki  
667 Thrush Ct.  
Marco Island, FL 34145

We will also hold our May meeting at Mackle Park. At the present time, we are looking for a venue for our June, July and August meetings. Mackle Park is not available to us during those months because of the City's Parks and Recreation Department children's summer programs. If any of you reading this has a venue you can suggest, please let me know. (Email to [grswiacki@comcast.net](mailto:grswiacki@comcast.net))

During our St. Patrick's Day luncheon, I tried to visit all of the tables to welcome our members to the party. I had a second intention in doing that. I wanted to find out how many of our club members have been vaccinated. I was pleased to learn that almost everyone, save only 3 or 4 individuals, had received at least one if not both doses of the vaccine. This leads me to believe that our future club functions should be as safe as possible for our members to attend. Our next event will be an **Outdoor Pizza Party** at Joey's Pizza, Doreen's Cup of Joe on **Sunday, April 18**. Our host is **Dave Tobiasz**. Check out the flyer and sign up. We are limited to 100 people, so sign up quickly to secure your spot.

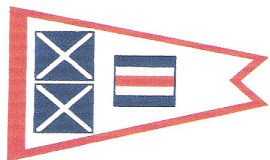
Finally, I would like to welcome our board members for the coming year. They are:

**Jerry Swiacki**---President  
**Jeff Dywan**---Past President  
**Warren Uhl**---Vice-President  
**Dave Tobiasz**---Vice-President  
**Tim Clune**---Vice-President  
**Ray Seward**---Vice-President  
**Rudy Landwaard**---Treasurer  
**Mike Levine**---Secretary

They will officially take office on May 1, 2021 and the VPs' first order of business will be to select a Senior Vice President. I'll have news for you about that in the May newsletter.

Until next month, remain healthy and safe, and enjoy our beautiful Southwest Florida weather.

**Jerry Swiacki**



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# Club News

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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



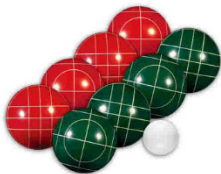
This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not necessary, but prized. An open and broad discussion of topics relating to investment

raised by those present is conducted. The discussion group meets at 1:30PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. We are moving again. Back to a shade tree. We will meet at a shade tree at Mackle Park. Bring a chair. **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 MMC Travel Club is getting started again. They will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. 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 239-404-3249 **Time and Place to be announced.**

## BOCCE BALL



Bocce is really rolling along. In fact, the winter season is almost over. Our last round is next week. It is all knotted up at the top, all points matter!

**Go to the Bocce page in this newsletter to view current standings. 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. 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.

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 & ACCESSORIES header. Click on CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES to obtain Order Form and Instructions.**

## SPORTS UPDATE

At this time, there are no plans to attend either **FGCU Basketball** or **Everblades Hockey**. Some events are TBA and subject to change making it almost impossible to plan a club event given the requirement of social distancing. Sports Chair Pat Wright will take a look at Spring Baseball as information becomes available. Contact **Pat Wright** at [pwright44@msn.com](mailto:pwright44@msn.com) or 518-369-6441

## SICKNESS AND BEREAVEMENT

I am saddened to report that Carol Varano, wife of club member and past club president Joe Varano, passed away on Saturday March 13, 2021.

Our prayers and heartfelt condolences go out to Joe and the Varano family.

We wish Derek Mullinder, club Hospitality Chairman, well in his recovery from recent medical problems.

Please telephone **George Vitta** at 586-942-8056 or email [golflover3@yahoo.com](mailto:golflover3@yahoo.com) regarding information of illness or death of members, their spouse, and immediate family. George will notify the MMC board.

# CRUISES



Currently, space continues available for our Japan cruise. Complete details and reservation form available in the cruise flyer, on Club's web site.

We regret the Cruise industry has been virtually closed down for over a year. The latest information is, many group bookings with Cruise lines will be available the last half of 2021. We have confirmed a special club group pricing and space on Ama Waterways elegant new largest river cruise ship sailing Europe rivers, November 3 to 10, 2021. If all continues to go well receiving favorable information from the cruise lines regarding final guest requirements for boarding, excluding any new European restrictions and CDC guidelines, travel restrictions, we should be in a position to publish Club's flyer with detailed information, itinerary and the reservation form in May's newsletter.

Best Regards,  
Bob Marks

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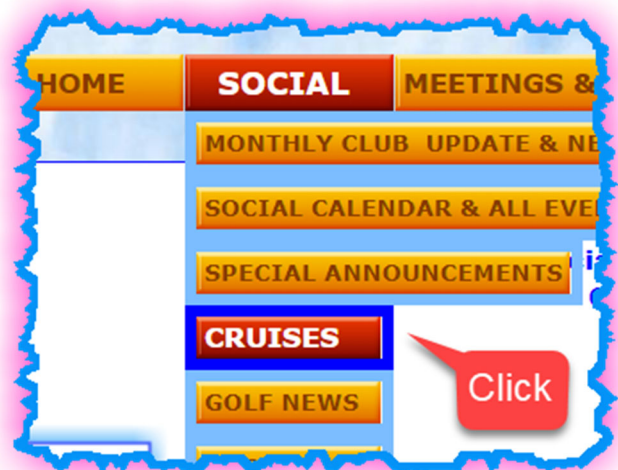
**THE MMC "48<sup>th</sup>" CRUISE  
JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA  
MARCH 27 – APRIL 10, 2022**

**"FIFTEEN DAYS..FOURTEEN NIGHTS**

VISITING "9" PORTS OF CALL IN "2" COUNTRIES ABOARD CELEBRITIES 5 STAR SHIP "SOLSTICE"... TOKYO (YOKOHAMA), JAPAN...MT FUJI (SHIMIZU), JAPAN.....KOBE, JAPAN KOCHI, JAPAN...HIROSHIMA, JAPAN, NAGASAKI, JAPAN.....BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA...HAKODATE, JAPAN. AOMORI, JAPAN.....AND TOKYO OVERNIGHT ABOARD SHIP.

**CRUISE FLYER** PROVIDES DAILY ITINERARY, PRICING, FREE PERKS, RESERVATION FORM AND CRUISE DETAILS.

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:  
<https://marcomensclub.com/Cruises.htm>



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239-642-0370

## 2021 Bocce

### Team TUESDAY

Z Joe Calzone  
Audrey Calzone  
Tom Brancaleone  
Paul Rhoads

Y Tony Buckun  
Jay Terzis  
John De Mado  
Roger Frederick

X Don Koppel  
Christine Koppel  
Marvin Constanzer  
Dolores Constanzer

W Victor Bermeo  
Patricia Bermeo  
Dave Tobiasz  
Leesa Tobiasz

V Turk Tilev  
Vicky Tilev  
Glen Davis  
Carolyn Davis

U Joseph Rassiccia  
Jean Rassiccia  
John Moyer  
Mary Moyer

Week 11 of 15 results.

TUESDAY			
Team	Point	Wins	Place
Z	281	14	1
V	277	14	2
W	274	14	3
Y	251	11	4
U	245	8	5
X	228	6	6

THURSDAY			
Team	Points	Wins	Place
B	154	9	1
G	156	8	2
D	155	8	3
F	136	5	4
C	102	5	5
H	107	4	6
E	84	3	7
A	123	1	8

### Team THURSDAY

A Leroy Fishleigh  
Maryanne Fishleigh  
Gene Pall  
Irene Pall

B Dennis Hoelzel  
Penny Hoelzel  
Terry Anderson  
Mary Anderson

C Anthony Meilan  
Adele Meilan  
Warren Uhl  
Owen O'Shaughnessy

D Ray Davis  
Kathy Davis  
David Hodgkinson  
Maureen Hodgkinson

E Kenneth Burnham  
Barbara Adams  
Bob Phelan  
Joan DePaolis

F Gary Vanic  
Anne Vanic  
Dave Fuhrman  
Sandy Fuhrman

G Bruce Kirschner  
Diane Pastore  
Rick Johnson  
Penelope Johnson

H Dave Walsh  
Susie Walsh  
Marvin Constanzer  
Dolores Constanzer

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# Speakers Calendar

Peter Piro, Program Director

## Drugs / Addiction

Peter Le Tendre will be speaking on the drug issues and state of drug therapy here in Florida. Peter is CEO of Big Cypress Counseling in Naples and previously was CEO of American Addictions Center in Rhode Island.

Peter has 25 years of clinical and Senior Management experience and has developed substance abuse treatment programs and provided leadership and oversight for multiple treatment centers.

## Proposed Speakers for the coming year:

**Geoff Fahringer:** Situation Awareness

**Craig Keeling:** Nuclear Armament

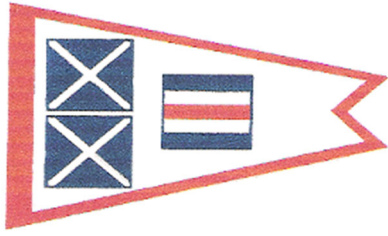
**Dr. James Faremouth:** Medical Marijuana

**Darcie Guerin:** Understanding Finances

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

**Peter Piro**





## THE MARCO MEN'S CLUB

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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