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The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

June 2022



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“30 Years Strong”. Before I took on the Presidents roll, **Al Bozzo** informed me the club will be 30 years old on my watch and “we needed a gala”. I would have sailed through my year, oblivious had he not mentioned it. That is how the May 5, 2022, **30th Anniversary Gala** event got its start. **Tim Clune** acted as VP for the event, set up the venue and then we found new member **Tony Marco** and his wife **Joann** looking to get active in the club. They hosted a party, “Black & White”, who knew there was such a thing? And what a wonderful job they did. **It was great to see 9 past presidents attending.** Pictures are thanks to **Dave and Susie Walsh**. The pictures made the Coastal Breeze, and the event

was also reported in the Marco Eagle. It was a great showing for us. By any measure a good effort by all involved.



Dave Tobiasz has cooked up a schedule through December at this point. Many dates set; some are on hold. **Randle**, our theater chair, is meeting with Artis Naples and Marco Players to line up events for this coming year. Some

details need to be firmed up, but we are getting on track.

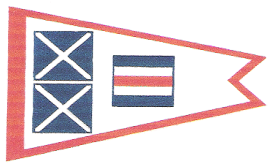
Rob Reiley was to host a men's-only lunch at Paradise Found last month. However, Paradise Found forgot to tell us they closed early for the season. With only two days before the event, Rob discovered they were closed. He dropped back 10 and punted. **Little Bar** came through and honored our pricing with "the other guy." I am sure we had 20 men attending, including the "last minute" few. Many thanks to **Little Bar** for covering for "what's their name", and to Rob for managing a tight spot.

What's on tap for June?

There will be a coed luncheon at Cocomos hosted by **Mike Levine**, a Father's Day Dinner at DaVinci's hosted by **Tim Clune**, and "Something Rotten" at the Sugden hosted by **Dave Tobiasz**. You can still sign up for the first two but the Sugden is sold out.

Let the summer activities begin!

Warren Uhl



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COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Computer/Technology Club typically meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30 AM at CJ's. This is an informal round table discussion group.

Beginners, experienced and in-between are all welcome. Reservations are not required. **Club will be on hiatus until October.**

Contact **Charlie Erker** at 239-259-8054
Or charles.a.erker@gmail.com .

INVESTMENT DISCUSSION CLUB

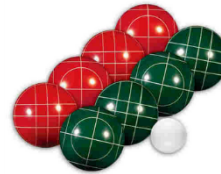


This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not

necessary, but prized. An open and broad discussion of topics relating to investment raised by those present, is conducted. The Club typically meets the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30PM at the Marco Lutheran Church. We will be meeting in the choir room, please enter through the administrative offices.

Contact Don Koppel Ph:856-906-4318. Meeting status will be through an eBlast the week before the meeting.

BOCCE BALL



Bocce season has ended. You will be hearing from the new Bocce Commissioner Rick Johnson in

November, with a call to sign-up for the 2023 season.

Contact **Rick Johnson** at 612-840-9723
MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com

TRAVEL DISCUSSION CLUB



The Travel Discussion Club will not be meeting during the summer months. **Meetings will resume in October.**

Typically, the Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at CJ's at 11:00AM. Lunch is optional. Spouses or significant others are always welcome and are encouraged to attend. The club discusses any country or option you'd like. You can get ideas for future travel and/or help others by giving them ideas. Let me know by phone or email if there are topic's you'd like discussed at the October meeting.

Hints for those planning trips:

1. Check online for specific requirements when you plan your trip.
2. Take proof of your vaccination status.
3. Consider purchasing travel insurance.
4. Double-check your passport early. It takes 4 ½ months to renew.
5. Apply for TSA PreCheck or Global Entry.
6. Pack multiple masks. (Pack hand sanitizer, Lysol spray, wipes, and water in your carryon bag).

Let me know if I can help in any way. Contact **SILKY SULLIVAN** marcosilky@yahoo.com or 239-404-3249.

SPORTS UPDATE

Based on the schedule issued by the Miami Dolphins, the Club has decided to **not** book a game in Miami this season. We will look into other events. Jjtpm11697@yahoo.com Thanks!
Jack Martin 347-837-2131

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to the guys who set up the room. Chairman **JERRY DEFIBAUGH, RICH CARLSEN, DON LALLY, DEREK MULLINDER AND DON KOPPEL.**

MMC HATS AND SHIRTS

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

Our friend and longtime club member, Richard 'Dick' Siska, passed away over the weekend of April 23rd, in Jacksonville, FL.

Dick's funeral mass will take place Friday, June 17, 2022 at 10:00AM at San Marco Catholic Church, burial ceremony in the Garden and reception following.

Please telephone **George Vitta** at 586-942-8056 or email

golflover3@yahoo.com regarding information of illness or death of members, their spouse, and immediate family. George will notify the MMC board.

CRUISES



**THE MMC "50th" CRUISE
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
OCTOBER 22 - November 5, 2022**

ABOARD CELEBRITIES 5 STAR SHIP, "THE ECLIPSE," 15 DAYS, 14 NIGHTS VISITING 7 PORTS, "2" NIGHTS HOTEL TO ENJOY SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA TOURING SYDNEY AND THE COUNTRY, ON CLUB'S PRIVATE COACH. **THREE FREE CELEBRITY PERKS.**

THE CLASSIC BEVERAGE PACKAGE, SHIP GRATUITIES AND WI-FI.

BOOKING FOR THIS CRUISE IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE. "THIS AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND ITINERARY IS A GO FOR OUR 87 CONFIRMED GUESTS"

ALL FLYERS WITH CRUISE DETAILS AVAILABLE ON CLUB'S WEBSITE.

**THE MMC "51st" CRUISE
CHINA, TAIWAN, JAPAN
FEBRUARY 17- MARCH 4, 2023**

CELEBRITY HAS CANCELLED THE JAPAN CRUISE

DEAR VALUED TRAVEL PARTNER, WE ARE CONTACTING YOU TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF YOUR CLIENT'S 2022/23 CRUISE VACATION.

DUE TO THE ONGOING UNCERTAINTY REGARDING THE RESTART OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS IN THE ASIA REGION, WE HAVE MADE THE DIFFICULT DECISION TO CANCEL OUR CELEBRITY SOLSTICE SAILINGS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD AND WILL BE RELOCATING THE SHIP TO THE MEXICAN RIVIERA.

AS A RESULT, WE WILL BE CANCELLING ALL CELEBRITY SOLSTICE ASIA SAILINGS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO DEPART SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 21, 2023. AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER GUEST CHOICE OF BEING RE-ACCOMMODATED ON ANOTHER CELEBRITY CRUISE OR A 100% REFUND. **CELEBRITY CRUISES.**

**THE MMC "53RD" CRUISE
'ITALY, CROATIA, GREECE,
MONTENEGRO"**

JUNE 15 – JUNE 28, 2023

A CELEBRITY TIME-LIMITED PROMOTION PROVIDES GUESTS A SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS WHEN CONFIRMING SPACE BY JUNE 8, 2022.

FIFTEEN DAYS, THIRTEEN NIGHTS, VISITING "8" PORTS OF CALL IN "4" EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, SAILING ABOARD CELEBRITY'S NEWEST "5"

STAR SHIP THE “**BEYOND**”, 10 NIGHTS DEPARTING ROME, ITALY, 2 NIGHTS POST CRUISE STAY IN ROME’S QUIRINALE HOTEL WITH INCLUSIVE DAILY BREAKFAST AND ROME TOURS.

THE CRUISE PACKAGE SAILING ABOARD CELEBRITY’S LUXURIOUS “THE BEYOND” WITH THE STATEROOM’S INFINITE BALCONIES INCLUDES: CELEBRITY’S ROUND TRIP MIAMI TO ROME ECONOMY AIR, 10 NIGHTS SAILING ABOARD CELEBRITY’S NEWEST LUXURIOUS “5” STAR THE “**BEYOND**”, 2 NIGHTS POST IN HOTEL QUIRINALE, EUROPEAN RATED FOUR STARS IN HEART OF ROME, DAILY HOTEL BREAKFAST AND TOURS, A \$200 STATEROOM ON BOARD CREDIT AND THREE PERKS: THE CLASSIC BEVERAGE PACKAGE. GRATUITIES, AND FREE WI-FI. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, GO TO CLUB’S WEBSITE AND CLICK ON CRUISES.

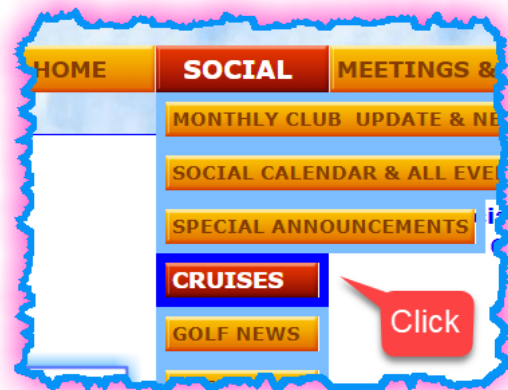
TO VIEW CELEBRITY CRUISE LINES HEALTHCARE GUIDELINES 2022 AND LATEST COVID-19 POLICY, PLEASE GO TO CLUB’S WEBSITE AND CLICK ON CRUISES FOR LATEST INFORMATION.

TO VIEW [TRAVELEX INSURANCE COMPANY POLICY](#)

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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The Marco Men's Club
Speakers Calendar
John DeMado, Program Director

June 8, 2022

Mr. Mike McNees

City Manager Marco Island

STAY INFORMED! Come learn more about your community and what it takes to run it! The Marco Men's Club welcomes Mr. Mike McNees, City Manager of Marco Island on Wednesday, June 8, 2022!

Mike McNees assumed the role of Marco Island City Manager on July 1, 2019. Before that he served as City Manager for Melbourne on Florida's Space Coast.

McNees started his thirty-plus year career in public service in the early 1980's when he moved from the private sector into an entry-level job in Collier County Government. 17 years later he left his position as Assistant Collier County Manager to become City Manager in Sarasota, Florida, a position he held for six years. He then moved to the mountains to become the first County Administrator of Blaine County, Idaho which covers 2800 square miles and includes the Sun Valley ski resort.

In 2009 Mike was recruited by a former associate to the position of Chief Operating Office for USA Track and Field, and a year later was unexpectedly thrust into the Chief Executive Officer's

role. In two years in that position, he took Team USA to the Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, and to World Championship events in Istanbul, Turkey and Daegu, South Korea, while negotiating the necessary contracts for the execution of the 2012 USA Olympic Track and Field Trials in Eugene, Oregon. McNees subsequently returned to public service in Melbourne in early 2013.

Mike is a native Hoosier who received a degree in Chemistry from Indiana University, where he was a Big Ten Conference Champion in track and field. He served as Assistant Track Coach at Louisiana Tech University while earning his Masters' Degree in Business Administration.

July 13, 2022

Steve (Stef) Stefanides

Writer/Columnist-Marco Island Coastal Breeze

Gentlemen... this is one not to miss! a great contributor to our island and a consummate weaver of tales!... Steve (Stef) Stefanides!

Steve Stefanides, better known throughout the island simply as "Stef"

has been a fulltime resident of Marco Island for 32 years, having arrived on Marco in 1990 from his home state of New Hampshire. He had originally purchased his first residence in 1986 and would visit often during the four years before making Marco his permanent residence.

Before moving to Marco, he attended public schools and would graduate from the University of New Hampshire system with a B.S. in Education and was very active within his community. He would serve in elective office as a City Councilor in Concord New Hampshire for two terms, as well as a term in the New Hampshire House of Representatives and the Merrimack County Delegation.

He would serve six years with the NH National Guard with the 397th Medical Detachment. He would obtain the rank of Staff Sergeant (E6) and would be in charge of the Detachment's Flight Medics on Huey Helicopters within the state.

“Stef” would spend four years as a career firefighter with the City of Concord Department before teaching history two years before beginning an almost 40-year career in sales and marketing for two U.S. manufacturers of fire and EMS apparatus and equipment.

Over the years he has been very active within the community serving on a number of committees and boards throughout Marco, including the YMCA's Board of Directors, Transition Committee for Facilities for the City, Master Planning Committee for the

Veterans Community Park, City of Marco Island Budget Review Committee, the Disaster Relief Fund Raising Committee for Hurricane Katrina Victims, the Marco Island Sunrise Rotary, Board of Directors for Sunrise Rotary, the Original Veterans Memorial Planning Committee, President of the Board of Directors for the Town House Square Condo Association and for 16 years the Chairman of Christmas Island Style.

Up until two years ago Stef was an avid motorcyclist, having traveled by two wheels throughout the country and writing blogs while on those trips. Golf and boating have also been great loves of his.

August 10, 2022
Bob McConville
Master Naturalist
2-time national award-winning columnist/Marco Island Coastal Breeze

Gentlemen... I am truly pleased to present Bob McConville, once again, to the Marco Men's Club. When it comes to the natural beauty that surrounds us here in Southwest Florida, as well as the animals, reptiles and birds that live within it, this is the man to reference. On this visit to the MMC, Mr. McConville will focus his attention on a resident of our local waters... The Bottlenose Dolphin.

Bob McConville is a Master Naturalist, certified through the University of Florida and has been studying the

Bottlenose Dolphin population around Marco Island for more than 10 years. He is the author of 2 books and a 2-time national award-winning columnist for Coastal Breeze News. His quarterly reports regarding the team's dolphin study reach around the world, including colleges, universities, NOAA, FWC, and other dolphin study programs.

Please make a point of attending our August 10, 2022 meeting to learn more about the wonders of the environment around you!

September 14, 2022

Keith Pershing

ASE Master Certified Automotive Technician Island Automotive, Marco Island, FL

Topic: The Impact of Ethanol Fuel on Your Engine.

Keith Pershing, has been a Marco Island resident since 1972 as well as a member of Wesley United Methodist. Notably, Mr. Pershing has been recognized as an ASE Master Certified Automotive Technician since 1977. ASE is the abbreviation for the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. Since the early 1970's, this independent, non-profit organization has worked to improve the quality of vehicle repair and service by testing and certifying automotive professionals.

As a member of the Naples and Marco chapter of the Antique Auto Club of America for approximately 40 years, Keith has also served as its Vice President and is a former member and

officer in Collier County Auto Service Association.

Mr. Pershing has owned and operated Island Automotive since 1979. Along with his Island Automotive staff, he provides a full range of automotive services... From routine maintenance and repair of your daily driver to complete restoration services of antique and classic automobiles. Many of his restored cars have gone on to win local, state, and even national car show awards.

John DeMado

June 2022

Golf News



Chris Hansen, Golf Chairman

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HOLE-IN-ONE

On April 18th, **Garland Kight** made a hole-in-one on #12 at Hibiscus using a 6 iron.

The hole played 158 yards that day. Congratulations Garland.

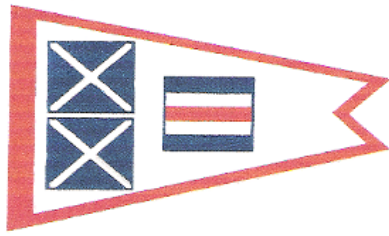
On Mondays in June, we will be playing at several different courses due to work being done on Lely Flamingo and The Classics. We will be back to Lely June 27th.

Fridays in June will be split between The Glades, Royal Wood and local public courses and country clubs. Contact coordinators if you are interested in playing.

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS SUMMER 2022

June	Monday	Bob Vanderselt	BVanderselt@stomaventures.com	314-378-0516
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August	Friday	Ron Kelley	kelleys205@comcast.net	239-304-6267
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September	Friday	Need Help		

Chris Hansen



THE MARCO MEN'S CLUB

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