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The Marco Men's Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Dog days of August are behind us. "Season" will be here soon, along with hurricanes that the National Weather Service insists are coming. For sure, we will have the Hurricane Ball this year. This event was near capacity last year with 78 in attendance, a big number since "COVID" doldrums. I'm hoping for a larger turnout this year as we have room to accommodate 88.

We lost **Ray Rosenberg** to a tragic fall in his RV last month. He had hosted the Hurricane Ball for several years, including last year and planned to do it again this year. His showmanship will be missed. Stepping in to host this

year's Ball is **Mark Haynes**, a relatively new member who has been with the club for just over a year. A bit of "trial by fire"! Can he top Ray's outfit? No pressure Mark.....and thank you. Come one, come all on October 16th and see for yourself! Entertainment will be by "The Classics II".

Unfortunately, the Halloween Party is again a victim of the Hurricane Ball's success. Due to the proximity to the Ball, the Halloween Party was "shelved" for this year. Save your costume for next year. I would like to see this event again on the schedule.

On the positive side we are resurrecting the LUAU concept for the Welcome Back Party scheduled for early November. There is still much planning

needed and a Host. **Mike Ballenger** (847-609-2238) is leading the charge as VP. Anyone wishing to go for free, in exchange for hosting, contact Mike and volunteer.

Silky Sullivan and **Tim Clune** are collaborating on an idea to plan, organize, and lead groups to destinations both foreign and domestic. Membership input is welcome and is being received in response to a recent blast on the subject. Pardon the pun, but I think it's going to take off. Membership interest is good.

Last month we had Hot August Nights Mexican Dinner at K-Rico. Your host was **Byron Farrell**. **Mike Ballenger** hosted a co-ed lunch at Mango's.

In September **Arne Sandberg** is hosting our men's only Lunch at CJ's By the Bay. Then, my personal favorite, hosted by **Tom Kramer**, Date Night at Andre's Steakhouse. And, you need to show up to see as I'm bringing a date, "our first date". My first date. She kind of "fell in my lap" with the help of a friend. But hey, it is a big first for me.....and she

likes steak. At least we have something in common.

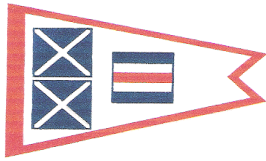
Next, we have our first theater event of the season hosted by **Steve Furlong**, *Broadway Thru the Ages*. Many have volunteered to host the extensive list of theater events that **Randle Grossman** has assembled. However, there are still opportunities for a "freebie" in exchange for hosting. Give Randle a buzz.... 973-220-5523

Lastly, for our non-regular golfers, you may not have heard, the Fall Scramble is set for October 24th. **Chris Hansen** indicates that a guest, spouse, or SO will be paired with the member, a bit of departure from the past. So, find your favorite "ringer" and bring them along. Handicaps will apply. We will play at the Glades CC. Lunch and prizes too. You have to be in it to win it.

Come and be social.....

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



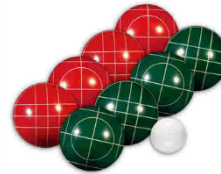
This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not

necessary, but prized. An open and broad discussion of topics relating to investment raised by those present, is conducted. The Club meets the 3rd 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 Chairman, 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 October 5th at

11:00AM at CJ's. 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 us know by phone or email if there are topics you'd like discussed at the October meeting.

Send questions in advance and we'll put them on the agenda. "Send new ideas to Silky or Tim to share".

TRAVEL PLANS / HINTS

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 Pre Check or Global Entry.
6. Pack multiple masks. (Pack hand sanitizer, Lysol spray, wipes, and water in your carryon bag).

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

Co-Host **Tim Clune** tclune@gmail.com
248-980-6142

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



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

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

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

THE MMC "53RD" CRUISE
'ITALY, CROATIA, GREECE,
MONTENEGRO"
JUNE 15 – JUNE 28, 2023

CELEBRITY SALE EXTENDED
BOOK BY 8/10/22 – SAVE \$500 PP
SEE FLYER ON WEBSITE.
68 GUESTS BOOKED TO DATE.

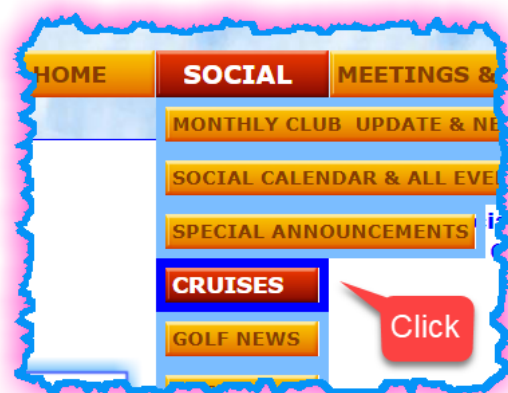
FIFTEEN DAYS, THIRTEEN NIGHTS,
VISITING "8" PORTS OF CALL IN "4"
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, SAILING

ABOARD CELEBRITY'S NEWEST "5" STAR SHIP THE "BEYOND", 10 NIGHTS DEPARTING ROME, ITALY, 2 NIGHTS POST CRUISE STAY IN ROME'S QUIRINALE HOTEL AND ROME TOURS, INCLUDING VATICAN. THE CRUISE PACKAGE INCLUDES: CELEBRITY'S ROUND TRIP MIAMI TO ROME ECONOMY AIR, 2 NIGHTS POST IN HOTEL QUIRINALE, EUROPEAN RATED FOUR STARS IN HEART OF ROME, DAILY HOTEL BREAKFAST AND TOURS, A \$150 STATEROOM ON BOARD CREDIT AND THREE PERKS: THE CLASSIC BEVERAGE PACKAGE. GRATUITIES, AND FREE WI-FI.

GO TO THE CLUBS WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EACH CRUISE. USE THE DROPDOWN MENU (See Image Below) ON ANY WEBPAGE TO GO TO THE CRUISE WEBPAGE FOR THE LATEST FLYER, TRAVELEX INSURANCE, COVID UPDATE AND MUCH MORE.

...OR FOLLOW THIS LINK:

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



Contact Bob Marks at:
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The Marco Men's Club
Speakers Calendar
John DeMado, Program Director

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.

October 12, 2022

Tyler Parrish

Computer, IT and Cyber Security Expert

CEO of Marco Island Computers

Gentlemen... I am truly pleased to present Tyler Parrish to the Marco Men's Club as our October 12, 2022 speaker. In a relatively short amount of time, Mr. Parrish has developed a FIVE STAR technology business right here on Marco. Blessed with enough energy for 3 people, Tyler's business deals with every aspect of computer technology ranging from sales to repairs to cyber security.

Given the expansion of the ‘Dark Web’ and its potential for serious damage to your computer, your mobile phone and your identity, Tyler’s presentation regarding self-protection is most timely.

Thanks to Randle Grossman for the recommendation! Please make a point of attending our October 12, 2022 meeting to learn more about your cyber safety.

November 9, 2022

Joe Ingwersen

Nuisance Wildlife Trapper

Humble Bumble Backyard, Garden & Wildlife

Gentlemen... I am truly pleased to present Joe Ingwersen to the Marco Men’s Club. As a kid, Joe was always fascinated with plants and wild animals and this is one of the reasons he was drawn to Southwest Florida! Joe’s business, **Humble Bumble Backyard, Garden & Wildlife**, specializes in a variety of services ranging from creating butterfly gardens to small landscape design and set up, backyard birding environments to nuisance wildlife removal. Got snakes, Iguanas, Racoons, Opossums, Coyotes, Bobcats, Rodents, Armadillos, Cane Toads?... Joe’s trapped and released them ALL!

Please make a point of attending our November 9, 2022 meeting! This man knows his STUFF!...

December 14, 2022

Ray C. Huther

Navy Veteran / Navy League Member

Ray C. Huther is a Navy veteran and has been an active Navy League member for many years.

Counted among his many accomplishments, you will find the following:

- Graduated from SUNY Maritime College with a BS in Marine Transportation, a U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Marine Officer License (Third Mate - any gross tons – oceans) and a USNR commission with an 8-year active/reserve commitment.
- Active-duty Navy: Gunnery Officer – picket ship. NROTC Instructor.
- Xerox Corporation – Operations Manager Latin America Group. Prime focus on Brazil. Extensive travel – overseas 130 times from Italy to China and Canada to Argentina and to numerous countries in between. Retired at age 54.
- Post-corporate world - self-employed business consultant and management trainer.

Ray writes in his cover letter to MMC, “As citizens, we receive very little, if any, information on everyday happenings with our armed forces. As an active member of the Navy League of the United States, Daytona Council, I am fortunate – I do receive a little bit of information. Many times, I have heard first hand from

ship officers and enlisted personnel, some interesting stories that I like to pass on to the public to strike up interest and support for our sea services. The latter is one of the responsibilities of Navy Leaguers that I cherish.”

Please make a point of attending our December 14, 2022 meeting as Ray C. Huther regales us with several interesting and unpublicized events pertaining to our Navy ships and personnel during their deployments.

John DeMado

September 2022

Golf News



Chris Hansen, Golf Chairman
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September Golf News

Thanks to **Steve Billmyer** and **Ron Kelley**, our Monday and Friday coordinators for the month of August. Steve and Ron did a stellar job lining up interesting and challenging local courses for us to play in August. **Barry Gelfand** and **Glenn Davis** will be the Monday and Friday coordinators for **September**.

We want to be invited back. Each of us represents the Marco Men's Club every time we play golf as a group. It is a privilege for us to play at these golf clubs and our coordinators do spend significant time and energy booking clubs and setting pairings. Please, do not book a tee time at more than one course and then cancel one or both at the last minute. **Do** make it a point to arrive at least one-half hour before your scheduled tee time. **Do** dress appropriately-no cargo shorts. **Do** tip the person at the bag drop who unloads your golf bag or cleans your clubs. **Do** drive your golf cart responsibly staying well clear of bunkers, tees and greens. Thank you.

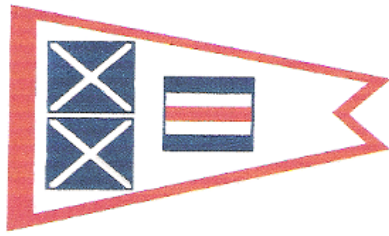
Our **Fall Scramble** will be Monday, October 24, at The Glades CC with a shotgun start at 8:30AM sharp. Lunch in the club restaurant with awards and prizes will follow immediately after the event. Teams will be balanced by handicap to ensure a competitive event. Please get your checks in now as the event is fast approaching: \$80 for members and \$90 for guests.

It appears doubtful we will be at Lely in October on Mondays as per a message from Mark at Lely. Hibiscus will be closing by April 1, 2023 to begin installation of a new irrigation system plus renovation of tees and greens. The process will take six – seven months.

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS FALL/WINTER 2022-2023

September	Monday	Barry Gelfand	bcgelfand@comcast.net	978-302-9961
September	Friday	Glenn Davis	gdavis@apexpkg.com	215-872-1779
October	Monday	Bob Phelan	bobphelan1@gmail.com	239-272-4820
October	Friday	Jeff Comeaux	Comeaux411@icloud.com	847-951-3400
November	Monday	Ken Burnham	burnham@umass.edu	413-531-7799
December	Monday	Bob Bart	Bobbart1@gmail.com	239-297-9930

Chris Hansen



THE MARCO MEN'S CLUB

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