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# The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

October 2022



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a finish to September! Hanging on with no power or internet, even the phones were largely down on the island. The weather service

was correct, we will have some hurricanes. Speaking of which; Oct 16 is our party time for the "Hurricane ball". Your host **Mark Haynes** is waiting for your reservation. We now have a storm to party about, Ian, which was the "water event of 2022." Share your experiences at the party.

In September **Jerry Swiacki** was selected by the board to head the Nominating Committee, which he accepted. With little effort Jerry put a team of 5 together forming the committee, **Jeff Kaczka, Arne Sandberg, Bill Rogers, and Pat Thawley**. They have filled most all vacancies, but we are still looking for a secretary. While **Tom Kramer** would

remain as secretary, he would prefer to move into a VP position. If you can take some notes and fill out the meeting form, you can fill the position. It's pretty easy. Like most positions it just takes a bit of time. Call Jerry or one of the nominating committee members and volunteer.

Just a note to board and committee members, the November business meeting will be postponed until Nov. 10 (second Thursday). We will be unable to get a quorum with so many on the Australian/New Zealand cruise.

September found us at CJ's, for a mens-only lunch hosted by **Arne Sandberg**. **Tom Kramer** hosted "Date Night" at Andre's Steak House, where he provided a rose to each "Date," including my date, as well as one of the two guys that came together. **Jack Martin** said Patrick was his date and **Patrick Joyce** said Jack was his date. It is still unclear if either one touched the rose. It may still be on the table.

Aside from the Hurricane Ball, we have much to do this month of October. **Don Lally** is hosting an Octoberfest at Kretch's. Theater event "26 Miles" scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> was **cancelled** due to "Ian" storm damage at Gulf Shore Playhouse. The 4-Man Golf Scramble is at Glades CC brought to you by Golf Chairman, **Chris Hansen**. Not too late to sign up. Meanwhile, some 70 of us will be on the high seas around New Zealand.

I'm pleased to report the Travel group is putting together ideas for some domestic travel, perhaps as early as this spring.

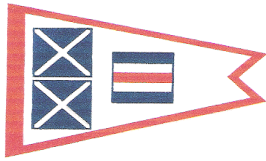
Let's all hope the hurricane season will wind down with a whimper.

Bocce sign-up will be during the month of November; more info will be available next month.

Our dues collection process is November 1 to December 31. However, because of the New Zealand Cruise many key individuals will be unavailable to "kick the process off" on time. We are making it available sooner. **Starting on October 15<sup>th</sup> you may go online to pay your 2023 dues.**

***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 November.**

Contact **Charlie Erker** at 239-259-8054  
Or [charles.a.erker@gmail.com](mailto:charles.a.erker@gmail.com).

## INVESTMENT DISCUSSION CLUB



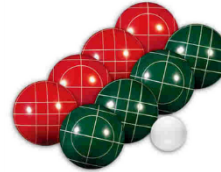
This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not

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



The 2023 Bocce Season is almost upon us. Our league will be held on two separate nights again this year at

Mackle Park. There will be room for 12 four person teams each night. I am working with Marco Island to finalize the days and times and will send out additional information as soon as it is available. I'm looking forward to another fun season. Signups in November, Team formation December, Play starting in January.

Contact **Rick Johnson** at 612-840-9723  
[MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com](mailto:MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com)

## TRAVEL DISCUSSION CLUB



The Travel Discussion Club will resume meetings. The next meeting will be in the Marco Lutheran Church

choir room at 1:00PM on Wednesday November 2nd. For those who have enjoyed having lunch together, some of us will have a quick lunch at CJ's at 11:30AM and will move across the street to the church for the 1:00PM meeting. Please come join us either for lunch or the lunch and meeting and tell us about your plans, your questions, and share with others, etc. As always spouses and significant others are always welcome. Send questions and

new ideas in advance and we'll put them on the agenda. Contact: **Silky Sullivan** [marcosilky@yahoo.com](mailto:marcosilky@yahoo.com) 239-404-3249.

### FUTURE TRAVEL TRIPS

We are planning to start travel trips run by a travel company that will take members to fun places in the US and around the world. Discussions are underway now with travel agents and we hope to announce future plans soon. Contact **Tim Clune** [tclune@gmail.com](mailto:tclune@gmail.com) 248-980-6142 with your suggestions for a future MMC group trip.

### 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](mailto:marcosilky@yahoo.com) or 239-404-3249.  
Co-Host **Tim Clune** [tclune@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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



It is with regret that I share with you that Tom Kraemer passed away on Sunday September 25, 2022. Tom is survived by his wife, Rose.

A Funeral Mass is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM at San Marco Catholic Church. Arrangements are being handled by Hodges-Josberger Funeral Home. Please refer to their website for further information. 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



**THE MMC "50<sup>th</sup>" 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"

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**THE MMC "51<sup>st</sup>" CRUISE**  
**CHINA, TAIWAN, JAPAN**  
**FEBRUARY 17- MARCH 4, 2023**  
**JAPAN CRUISE CANCELLED**

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**THE MMC "53<sup>RD</sup>" 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.  
70 GUESTS BOOKED TO DATE.

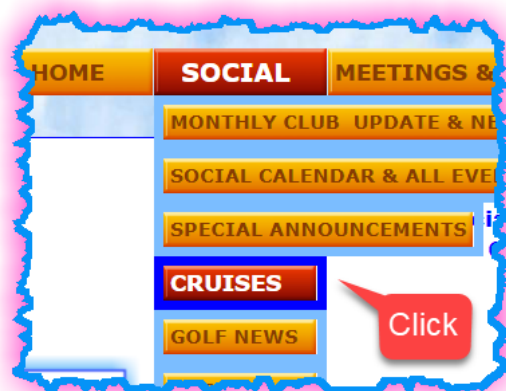
FIFTEEN DAYS, THIRTEEN NIGHTS,  
VISITING "8" PORTS OF CALL IN "4"  
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, SAILING

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

**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.**

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**January 11, 2023**

**Craig Woodward**

**Partner in Charge: Woodward, Pires & Lombardo**

**Respected Marco Island Historian**

Counselor Woodward specializes in real estate law, zoning issues, estate planning, probate, business law, and local government law. Accordingly, he represents hotels, restaurants, time-share projects, contractors, marinas, land developers, homeowner associations, real estate companies, banks, and private individuals. He also is a member of the Marco Men’s Club!

Active in the community, Craig was the keynote speaker for Marco’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2015. He was also awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce, and “Keys to the City” by the City of Marco Island, Marco City Council, both in 2010.

In January 2023, however, Mr. Woodward will assume his role as the celebrated Marco Island historian that he is. His knowledge of our island is vast and is, essentially, unrivaled! If you think you know Marco history, “you ain’t heard nothin’ yet!” **Please make every effort to attend!**

***John DeMado***



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# Golf News



Chris Hansen, Golf Chairman

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## October Golf News

Fall Scramble: We have 34 players signed up for the Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> event. The deadline is coming up in less than two weeks, Wednesday, October 12. The cost is \$80.00, which includes golf, cart, lunch, awards and prizes. **Sorry, no last-minute entries.**

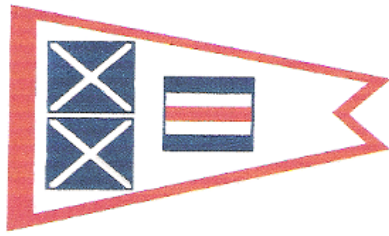
Our Monday group is transitioning to Hibiscus starting Monday, October 3. The greens fee will be \$35.00. Bob Phelan is the Monday October coordinator. Jeff Comeaux is going to be the coordinator Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Jeff has Naples Lakes lined up for Friday the 7<sup>th</sup>. I am going to pick up the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. A lot of our guys have been playing with the TGIF group at The Glades and Royal Wood on Fridays.

Thanks to Barry Gelfand and Glenn Davis, our September Coordinators. They did a great job.

## MMC GOLF COORDINATORS FALL/WINTER 2022-2023

October	Monday	<b>Bob Phelan</b>	<a href="mailto:bobphelan1@gmail.com">bobphelan1@gmail.com</a>	239-272-4820
October	Friday	<b>Jeff Comeaux</b>	<a href="mailto:Comeaux411@icloud.com">Comeaux411@icloud.com</a>	847-951-3400
November	Monday	<b>Ken Burnham</b>	<a href="mailto:burnham@umass.edu">burnham@umass.edu</a>	413-531-7799
November	Friday	<b>Lou Makris</b>	<a href="mailto:loumak42@aol.com">loumak42@aol.com</a>	781-258-0456
December	Monday	<b>Bob Bart</b>	<a href="mailto:Bobbart1@gmail.com">Bobbart1@gmail.com</a>	239-297-9930
December	Friday	<b>Lou Makris</b>	<a href="mailto:loumak42@aol.com">loumak42@aol.com</a>	781-258-0456
January	Monday	<b>NEED HELP</b>		
January	Friday	<b>Lou Makris</b>	<a href="mailto:loumak42@aol.com">loumak42@aol.com</a>	781-258-0456

**Chris Hansen**



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