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The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Pinch me, am I in New Zealand as I write this? I thought I would describe the beauty of the view, tree covered mountains and vast ocean to you in this letter. Alas, I have not

even left for the trip as I write this. There is no way I can wait, I'll be too busy touring, socializing, and doing a Sudoku with a cigar out back on the stern of the ship.

See you November 5th.

Nominations of club officers for the coming year is fast approaching. I would like to thank the Nominating Committee – **Jerry Swiacki, Jeff Kaczka, Arne Sandberg, Bill Rogers** and **Pat Thawley** for their efforts in putting together the list of club members who have indicated their willingness to accept nominations for election as MMC officers for the coming year.

Following, are the list of nominees:
Past President: Warren Uhl

President: Dave Tobiasz

VP: Mike Ballenger

VP: Steve Furlong

VP: Tom Kramer

VP: Rob Reiley

VP: Arne Sandberg

Treasurer: Rudi Landwaard

Secretary: Jeff Dywan

Jeff Dywan has agreed to fill the Secretary's position, but only because we can't find a willing individual. Jeff has "paid his dues" having been past president. I very much appreciate his continued club support. It is not a difficult job; someone "**new**" should fill the position, please step up. There's still time to be nominated at the December meeting by a secret friend... look out.

We have a **Bylaws change** coming this January. Most board positions have limits on them; in particular, the President and Treasurer have a restrictive two consecutive year

limit. The treasurer, generally is getting up to speed on his first year and a fount of knowledge in his second, only now having to quit. The board and I will be recommending this limit be set a maximum of 5 years. The exact wording will be posted in the December newsletter. I am asking for the Membership's support on this measure.

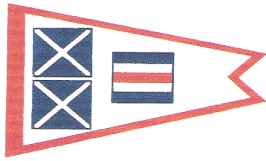
Just a note to Board and Committee members, the November Business meeting will be postponed until Nov. 10 (second Thursday). We will be unable to get a quorum with so many away.

Sixty of us danced the night away at the Hurricane Ball. **Mark Haynes** did a wonderful job of hosting his first event. The Yacht club did throw us a curve with a failed elevator and a need to use the lower floor "outside". The Classic II, entertained us on the dance floor. One thing we do right is dance. At least the ladies did. Linda Tobiasz was crowned as FEMA queen. And to top off the "themed event" a down pour, pre, during, and post party had the ladies' hair all messed up, but not their spirits. Our Octoberfest luncheon at Kretch's, though thinly attended, went well. **Don Lally** got it all correct and no one walked away wanting more food. Sadly, beer drinking, the bases for the event, was subdued; but I did my part.....!

Our theater events were scrambled by the "water event" last month. **Randle Grossman** pulled the last of his hair out dealing with cancellations and Hosts that could not accommodate the schedule changes. Check the events page on the club's website for theater changes for the next few months.

Bocce sign-up will be during the month of November; **Rick Johnson** (mmc.bocceleague@gmail.com) is running the show this year. See his update info in the "Bocce News" section of the Newsletter.

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.

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

INVESTMENT DISCUSSION CLUB



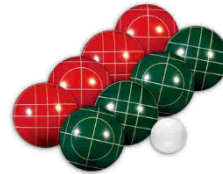
This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not

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



The 2023 Bocce Ball Season is upon us. The league will start in January. We have courts reserved on

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 and 5:00PM at Mackle Park. Registration will begin in mid-November. Look for more detailed information in the near future.

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

TRAVEL DISCUSSION CLUB



The Travel Discussion Club's next meeting will be in the Marco Lutheran Church choir room at 1:00PM on Wednesday

December 7th. 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 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 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 or 239-404-3249.
Co-Host **Tim Clune** tclune@gmail.com 248-980-6142

SPORTS UPDATE



Following is information obtained from the Miami Dolphins for the 2023 season. **“Our home games next year consist of Raiders, Broncos, Cowboys, Giants,**

Patriots, Jets, Bills and whoever we finish in the same ranking in as the AFC South and NFC South!”

We don't know dates or times yet, but I would like to get an idea of the members interest in attending one of these games. Please email me and let me know your preference. Thanks!

Jjtpm11697@yahoo.com

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 "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.
70 GUESTS BOOKED TO DATE.

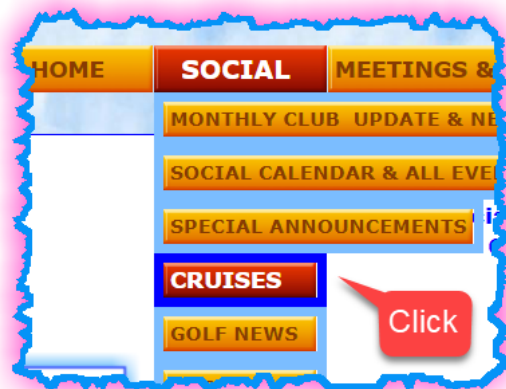
FIFTEEN DAYS, THIRTEEN NIGHTS,
VISITING "8" PORTS OF CALL IN "4"
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, SAILING
ABOARD CELEBRITY'S NEWEST "5"
STAR SHIP THE "**BEYOND**", 10
NIGHTS DEPARTING ROME, ITALY, 2
NIGHTS POST CRUISE STAY IN
ROME'S QUIRINALE HOTEL AND
ROME TOURS, INCLUDING VATICAN.
THE CRUISE PACKAGE INCLUDES:
CELEBRITY'S 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

December 14, 2022

Jack Mulvena
President & CEO of Naples Zoo

Jack Mulvena is the president and CEO of Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens in Naples, FL. Mr. Mulvena previously served for 20 years as the executive director of the Rhode Island Zoological Society and Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence, R.I.

Holding an MBA from the University of Rhode Island and a bachelor's degree from Boston College, Jack joined the Naples Zoo in May of 2013, a critical time in the Zoo's history, with attendance growing and major expansion planned. Attracted by the Naples Zoo's long-standing commitment to global, national, and local conservation, the foundation upon which the Getzlaff family built the zoo, Mr. Mulvena has developed programs that help conserve species such as cheetahs, tigers, giraffes, lions and leopards in their range countries.

This a rare occasion to learn about what it takes to manage and grow this incredible jewel located just north of us... The Naples Zoo.

Be sure not to miss it!

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 50th 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!**

February 8, 2023
Susan Suarez
President & CEO
Holocaust Museum & Cohen
Education Center

Our February speaker, Susan Suarez, joined The Holocaust Museum & Cohen Education Center in August 2017. Susan has more than 30 years of nonprofit experience. In 2021, Susan was named the Fundraising Executive of the Year by the local chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

The Holocaust Museum serves more than 30,000 students and visitors annually at the Museum, at schools, and in the community. The Museum is consistently ranked in the top 10 of best things to do in Naples on TripAdvisor.

During Susan's tenure, the Museum conducted a successful capital campaign, purchased, and moved to a larger facility. The new, larger Museum is nearly 10,000 square feet and includes its permanent collection with artifacts and stories from local Survivors and Liberators, special temporary exhibits, and classroom space for student programs and lectures. The Museum partners with many local groups in its mission to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to inspire action against bigotry, hatred and violence.

Ms. Suarez's topic: Lessons of the Holocaust: Where Unchecked Hatred Can Lead
Not to be missed, Gentlemen...

John DeMado

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Golf News



Chris Hansen, Golf Chairman

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November Golf News

Fall Golf Scramble Results: 11 Teams / 44 Players

Four teams tied for 1st place:

1. Andy Hayward, John Gross, Jim Malerba, CP Perfetti
2. Ron Bales, Dan Rathka, Bruce Dahlquist, Bob Winterhalter
3. John Laird, Scott Kelley, Al Bozzo, Roger Frederick
4. Chris Hansen, Karl Widy, Lou Makris, Doug Baillie

We had 4 closest to the pin prizes, a longest putt made and a longest drive, a gift card raffle as well as a competitive Skins Game.

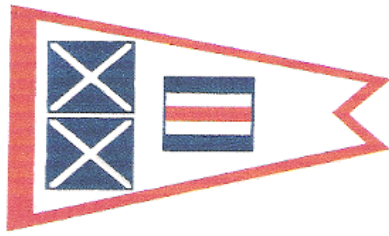
We will have our 3-day, low net Winter Championship at the end of February.

We will be returning to The Glades for our Spring Scramble Friday, April 28, 2023.

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS FALL/WINTER 2022-2023

November	Monday	Ken Burnham	burnham@umass.edu	413-531-7799
December	Monday	Bob Bart	Bobbart1@gmail.com	239-297-9930
January	Monday	Roger Smith	rsmith186@aol.com	910-975-5221
February	Monday	Rick Babuka	rickbabcon@gmail.com	859-358-8618
March	Monday	George Vitta	golflover3@yahoo.com	586-942-8056
TGIF	Fridays	Lou Makris	loumak42@aol.com	781-258-0456

Chris Hansen



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