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The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

Established 1992
A non-profit organization

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's December, snow and cold, the last month of the year, Christmas holidays, and all things family. No, it's the start of Marco winter season. MMC is in full swing.

The Island is filling up. We have 100 attending the Holiday Luncheon at Naples Lakes CC. I personally have never attended this event, but strangely, I will this year. **Steve Furlong** will be hosting; my personal thanks to him for his effort.

Two theater events in December are sold out, "A Christmas Carol" and "The Odd Couple"; my thanks to the hosts **Don Lally** and **Randle Grossman**.

Our November Welcome Back Luau Party was scrapped due to minimal reservations. However, it has been moved to Sunday, January 22, 2023. Join us on the Marco Princess for a luau-themed dinner and tropical

cocktails. **Mike Ballenger** is hosting. Speaking of January, the Annual Membership Meeting Jan 11th will have a free catered luncheon after the meeting. However, you must sign up with a refundable \$10 check reserving your spot.

Our Nominating Committee has a slate of officers for our January elections. I will ask for any additional nominations from the membership during the December General meeting and we will vote at the January Annual Membership Meeting.

President: Dave Tobiasz

Vice President: Mike Ballenger

Vice President: Steve Furlong

Vice President: Tom Kramer

Vice President: Rob Reiley

Vice President: Arne Sandberg

Treasurer: Rudi Landwaard

Secretary: Jeff Dywan

The Board of Directors has approved a Bylaws change. It raises the limit on the number of years the treasurer can serve, to five years, from

two consecutive years currently. It also permits other board members an additional year from 4 to 5 years in any one elected position. I will be asking for the Membership to approve this initiative at the January meeting. Please enjoy your December and, participate with the club when you can.

Ho Ho Ho

Warren Uhl

Notice to the membership.

The board of directors has initiated a change to the Bylaws. Any change to the bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present. This will be voted on at the January annual meeting. Below is the current text and the proposed text.

Current

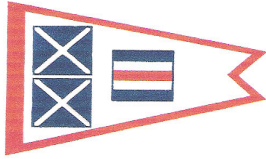
SECTION 7:

To encourage general participation of the members and also to gain the advantages of experience, neither the President nor the Treasurer shall hold the same position for more than two (2) consecutive terms. No Board member shall serve, more than four (4) consecutive terms in the same elected position on the Board.

Proposed

SECTION 7:

To encourage general participation of the members and also to gain the advantages of experience, the President shall not hold the position for more than two (2) consecutive terms. No other Board member shall serve more than Five (5) consecutive terms in the same elected position on the Board. (Amended January, 2023)



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COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLUB



Computer/Technology Club typically meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 12:00 PM 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



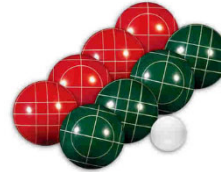
This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not

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



Come join us for Bocce at Mackle Park. The deadline for signing up for the 2023 Bocce league is December 15th. Tuesday is filling up fast but there is plenty of room to play on Thursday. Sign up by emailing **Rick Johnson** at 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 “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.**

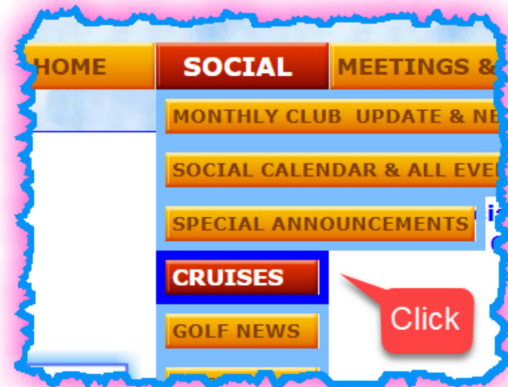
80 GUESTS BOOKED TO DATE.

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 topic... **Why did Marco Island stay undeveloped for over 40 years: from 1922 to 1965?** Craig's 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...

March 8, 2023
Tom Dussault
Chair, Revs Institute Membership
Committee
Member, Revs Institute Board of
Directors
Revs Institute Auto Museum and
Research Library

The Revs Institute and Research Library, located in Naples, FL is three stories of living automotive history. There, you will discover a mint collection of rare automotive treasures and related objects and artifacts that changed the course of human history. Within the Miles Collier Collections, you can see more than 100 automobiles that are divided into four thematic galleries: Automobility, Vitesse, Revs, and Porsche. The automobiles are fully operational and displayed free of protective barriers, allowing visitors intimate access.

As stated above, Tom Dussault is an active member of the Revs Institute. He is also one of their premier docents. Tom, a former attorney from the Boston, MA area, came to live in Naples, FL with his wife Mary eight years ago. In 2019, he joined a group of volunteers at the institute and the rest is history! (No pun intended!) His topic: Revs Institute - Preserving the Future of the Past.

In recent years, our club has visited this incredible facility! Perhaps those of you thinking about hosting an MMC event might consider a trip to the Revs Institute!

This will be a most informative and enjoyable presentation, replete with

photos and videos of some really classic automobiles! Don't miss it!

Please contact your Program Director, John DeMado, with any speaker recommendations or topics that you would like to have presented at the monthly meeting.

John DeMado

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Golf News



Chris Hansen, Golf Chairman

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Bob Bart is our Monday Coordinator for December. **Roger Smith** is Monday Coordinator for January and **Rick Babuka** has February on Monday. **Lou Makris** continues as TGIF Coordinator on Friday. Save their contact information into your phones. Many thanks to our Coordinators.

One of our new winter members, **Ron Hobson**, made a Hole-In-One on the 16th hole at Hibiscus GC Friday, November 25! Ron used his driver from the Gold Tee. Ron said he could not really see the flight of the ball because of the sun but he knew it was headed right towards the hole. Tough shot of 158 yards with a good breeze out of the southwest. **Congratulations Ron!**

Remember to send Monday scorecards to me, Chris Hansen and Friday scorecards to Lou Makris. Take a picture and send by text or email. Chrishansen16@icloud.com or 630-674-5565 and, loumak42@aol.com or 781-258-0456.

UPCOMING GOLF:

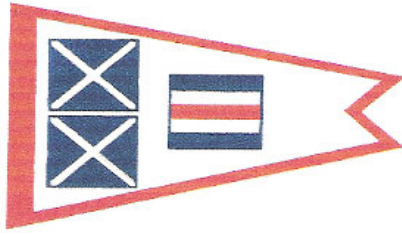
We will have our 3-day, low net Winter Championship at the end of February.

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

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS FALL/WINTER 2022-2023

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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