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# The Marco Men's Club Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year to all. Remember it, “2023” from now on for those MMC checks. We should be out of oil and flying around in our cars, if past predictions from our youth were correct. Alas, while Dick Tracy can now talk with his watch, not that much has changed with us really. Just another year to socialize, argue politics, and be “gay”. And, I mean that in the most positive way.

We have a New Member Breakfast planned for Saturday Feb 4 at LaTavola. The cut-off date is Jan 23. Come out and join me as we welcome the group of 2022, some 55 new members.

How much is too much for an event. Our Sweetheart Ball, our premier event of the year recently was priced and flyer issued. The price for the event is projected at \$140/PP, a significant sum, a record some may

say. We will have a five-piece band and all the formality we can muster. The Board appropriated \$4000 in subsidy to bring the ticket price down to \$120/PP for Members. Your dues at work. That, my fellow reveler, is the cost to put on a good formal party today. Do you think \$120/PP is TOO high? Do you think \$3.09 is too much for gas? Do you think \$6.69/lb. is too much for prime rib? Yes, but that's what it costs. So, no it's not “too” high, it just hurts more when you write out the check. On the other hand, we can reduce the cost, fewer or no flowers, smaller centerpieces, a DJ instead of a band, we can park our own cars and we can wear flip-flops. But then it's not the same party. I would appreciate feedback on this issue. Hand me a note, speak up at the next meeting, or send to the board your thoughts.

Our monthly meeting in January is our “Annual Membership Meeting.” We vote and we have a meal after. Our

speaker is Craig Woodward, Marco Lawyer and respected Marco Island Historian. Make a special effort to attend.

The Board of Directors has approved a Bylaws change. It raises the limit on the number of years the treasurer can serve to five 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 members to approve this initiative at the January meeting. We will be voting on officers for next year. With no particular competition, it is somewhat a formality this year. We posted the officers in last month's newsletter. **Jeff Dywan** originally agreed to run for Secretary but has since rescinded because of personal reasons. At our December meeting we took nominations from the floor as required by our rules. **Jerry Defibaugh** was "nominated" and agreed to fill the Secretary position. Thank you, Jerry for stepping up. So, the slate of individuals is below:

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:	Jerry Defibaugh

We start the 31<sup>st</sup> year of Marco Men's Club activities in January. We celebrate by suppling lunch to the

membership: chicken, salads, dessert and beverage. The meal is free but you must register with **Dave Tobiasz**. Slip him a ten with your name on it or send a check using the flyer. You will get it back when you show up for lunch. We also have the "Welcome Back Luau" on the Marco Princess, January 22<sup>nd</sup>; I hope to fill the boat. Jan 11th is the cutoff date.

Theater has two shows in January, "Mud Row" and a sold out "The Game's Afoot" with **Randle Grossman** and **George Whittman** hosting. **Glen Davis** is hosting "Singin Broadway" here on the Island at the Marco Presbyterian Church.

February has the Sweetheart Ball with host **Tony Marco**, a Co-Ed Luncheon hosted by **Rob Reiley**, and New Member Breakfast with host **Dave Tobiasz**.

Theater has three productions for our February calendar, "Camelot" The Musical, "Plaza Suite, and "Jersey Boys". All come with dinner options, see flyers online and contact appropriate host, **Pat Thawley**, **Dave Walsh**, or **Bruce Dahlquist**.

Finally, **Dave Walsh** is firming up the St Patrick's Day party. Island location is still up in the air. However, the date is set for March 16<sup>th</sup>. Flyer to follow.

***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:

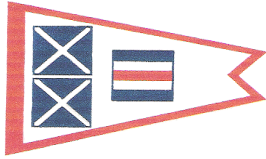
To encourage general participation of the members and also to gain the advantages of experience, neither the President nor the Treasurer shall hold the same position for more than two (2) consecutive terms. No Board member shall serve, more than four (4) consecutive terms in the same elected position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

## 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](mailto:charles.a.erker@gmail.com).

## INVESTMENT DISCUSSION CLUB



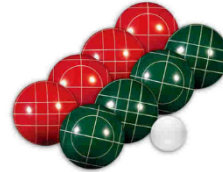
This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not

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



Come join us for Bocce at Mackle Park. The 2023 Bocce League begins on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Ten teams are playing on Tuesdays

and eleven teams on Thursdays. There will be a nine-week season followed by Playoffs.

Weekly schedules and standings will be posted on the MMC website at <https://marcomensclub.com/BocceBall.htm> Sign up by emailing **Rick Johnson** at [MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com](mailto:MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com)

## TRAVEL DISCUSSION CLUB



The Travel Discussion Club meets in the Marco Lutheran Church choir room at 12:00PM the first Wednesday of the month.

Please come join us for the 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.

## TRAVEL CLUB GROUP

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.

## 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](mailto:Jjtpm11697@yahoo.com)

## *Spring Training Baseball*

**Red Sox vs Yankees**

Sunday, March 12, 2023  
Game Time: 1:05PM  
Ticket \$31 (20 Tickets Available)  
Deadline: February 15, 2023  
See flyer on Club Website  
Any questions text **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



I am saddened to report the passing of club member **Ron Kelley** on December 11, 2022, after a brief illness. Information on memorial services will be provided after arrangements have been made. Our thoughts and prayers go out to wife Linda and family.  
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.

# CRUISES

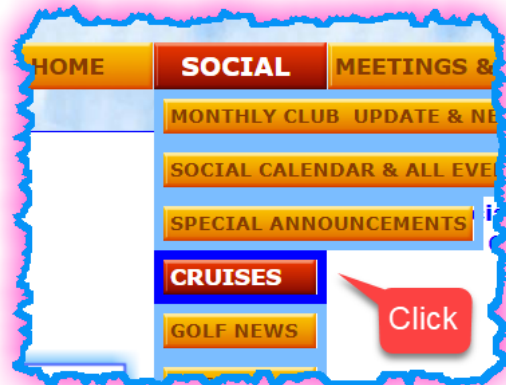


**THE MMC “53<sup>RD</sup>” CRUISE  
‘ITALY, CROATIA, GREECE,  
MONTENEGRO’  
JUNE 15 – JUNE 28, 2023**

**CELEBRITY SALE EXTENDED  
BOOK BY 8/10/22 – SAVE \$500 PP  
SEE FLYER ON WEBSITE.  
76 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>



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# Speakers Calendar

John DeMado, Program Director

**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 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!**

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**February 8, 2023**

**Barry Lewin**

**Docent**

**Holocaust Museum & Cohen Education Center**

Our February speaker, Barry Lewin, has first-hand knowledge of the Holocaust, having family that fell victim to it. Mr. Lewin will provide an intimate account, replete with video, of the suffering.

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 best places to visit in Naples on TripAdvisor.

With an eye to the future, 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.

Mr. Lewin's topic: **A Personal Recounting of the Holocaust**

**Not to be missed, Gentlemen...**

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**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!**

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**April 12, 2023**

**Tom Williams**

**Author, Featured Writer, Marco Beach Boy**

Among other things, Tom Williams is a novelist and creative writer. He is the author of the **Beach Boy Chronicles** featured as a weekly column in Marco Island's **Coastal Breeze**.

In 2023, Tom is celebrating 38 years as a US Coast Guard licensed sailboat captain on Marco Island. He is a veteran scuba diver specializing in shipwreck diving with a keen interest in deep-sea archeology. Also known as Capt. Tom, Williams has skippered guests for sailing excursions out of the Marriott Island Beach Resort aboard a 9-meter catamaran for 3 decades.

As an author, Mr. Williams lists the following books to his credit:

- **Lost and Found**: Exploring the high-tech possibilities that a satellite orbiting from above the earth could detect a super conductor, such as gold, and



potentially find all the lost shipwrecks around the globe.

- Surrounded by Thunder—The Story of Darrell Loan and the Rocket Men: Though reading like an adventure novel, the characters, timeline, and incredible achievements of the early days of space exploration are true.

Topic: Adventures of a Marco Beach Boy!...

If you like storytelling, this talk is definitely a MUST!

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**May 10, 2023**

**Sarah Falkowski**

**Docent**

**Rookery Bay National Estuarine  
Research Reserve**

I am pleased to announce that our April speaker will be Ms. Sarah Falkowski, one of the fine docents that educate thousands of visitors each year for the Rookery Bay Reserve. She comes to us with vast experience and knowledge of the natural environment that surrounds us. I want to personally thank Dave Walsh for this wonderful speaker recommendation!

Managed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in partnership with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and Florida International University, the Reserve is responsible for managing wildlife and habitat within its 110,000 acres boundary, which stretches from downtown Naples eastward through the Western Everglades, encompassing 40 percent of Collier County's coastline!

The Reserve operates programs in coastal research and monitoring, land and water resource management, and environmental learning and decision-maker training at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center.

**Come learn more about the world around you!...**

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**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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## January Golf News

By my count we have welcomed twelve (12) new members into our golf group this year. For that we are grateful.

**Roger Smith** is our January coordinator on Mondays at Hibiscus.

**Lou Makris** continues as Friday TGIF coordinator.

Thanks to **Bob Bart** who was Monday coordinator in December.

Our Winter League rate starting on December 26, 2022 for those with a Frequent Player Card at Hibiscus will be \$82.00 a round.

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](mailto:Chrishansen16@icloud.com) or 630-674-5565 and, [loumak42@aol.com](mailto:loumak42@aol.com) or 781-258-0456.

### UPCOMING GOLF:

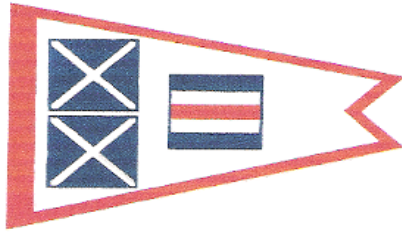
The Winter Championship is coming up in February on three consecutive Mondays. This is a handicap event with winners in two flights. Last years winners were **Ron Bales** and **Tim Sullivan**.

### MMC GOLF COORDINATORS WINTER 2023

January	Monday	<b>Roger Smith</b>	<a href="mailto:rsmith186@aol.com">rsmith186@aol.com</a>	910-975-5221
February	Monday	<b>Rick Babuka</b>	<a href="mailto:rickbabcon@gmail.com">rickbabcon@gmail.com</a>	859-358-8618
March	Monday	<b>George Vitta</b>	<a href="mailto:golflover3@yahoo.com">golflover3@yahoo.com</a>	586-942-8056
April	Monday	<b>Ron Bales</b>	<a href="mailto:RPBMI@comcast.net">RPBMI@comcast.net</a>	239-389-5587
April	Friday	<b>Mike Mueller</b>	<a href="mailto:mikemfla@comcast.net">mikemfla@comcast.net</a>	239-272-8695
TGIF	Fridays	<b>Lou Makris</b>	<a href="mailto:loumak42@aol.com">loumak42@aol.com</a>	781-258-0456

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Chris Hansen**



## THE MARCO MEN'S CLUB

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2008: Fred Stavola

2012: Randle Grossman

2016: Dan Flynn

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2011: Sam Miloro

2015: Warren Dettinger\*

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