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The Marco Men's Club

February 2023

Newsletter

Established 1992
A non-profit organization

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to mid-winter, my favorite time of the year. Great weather as you can keep the doors open; and if you do, late in the month you will hear the first song

birds migrating north again. This is very different from the songs we hear from our snow bird friends. They tend to stay longer!

A note about sickness. As we all know, the older we get the greater the impact virus has on us. COVID and the Flu can kill. Lord knows we have our share of "senior" members too. A few of them believe they have caught COVID and/or the Flu at our events. In fact, I brought home the "kennel" cough from the Australia cruise and passed it on to my mom. It happens. The Board does not wish to set any "policy" on the issue in general or COVID in particular. For the sake of those around you, if you're sick or a

household member is sick, **Stay home!** I think I can speak for most; no one wants your germs, especially your flu and COVID germs. That said, it's a two-way street. If you have risk factors, maybe you don't want to travel on a plane or sit in a theater for hours either. Common sense and consideration for others, please.

We are a social group and "swapping spit" is inevitable, it's in the air. However, you can minimize it with a mask or distancing, and we will welcome you just the same.

Last month we Luau'd into the sunset and beyond on the Marco Princess. "Trace" sang and played Island tunes on the keyboard and steel drum throughout the night. A luau-themed dinner was not your usual Princess fare. I personally enjoyed the chicken, pineapple and sweet sauce, not to mention fall-apart cooking. I did an informal survey and found "pulled pork" was the most popular. It was a wonderful evening.

We held our Annual New Member Breakfast at La Tavola on Feb 4th; fifty-five new members invited, a sizeable group.

February will see us at a “sold out” Little Bar luncheon with host **Rob Reiley**. Then on February 18 the Sweetheart’s Ball will be hosted by **Jo and Tony Marco**.

Theater has three shows, Camelot, Plaza Suite, and the always popular Jersey Boys. Cut off dates have passed. Once again, you’re too late, if you want in. Thanks to **Pat Thawley, Dave Walsh, and Bruce Dahlquist** for hosting.

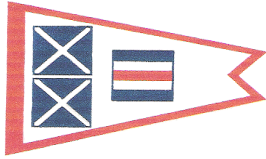
The Golf boys are at the range getting their slice under control for the Winter Golf Championship starting Feb 13th.

In Sports we have the baseball spring training game “Red Sox vs Yankees”. Later in March we will be attending a few Florida Everblades Hockey Playoff games.

Find something to enjoy and sign up, see you there.

Warren Uhl

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COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLUB



Steve Furlong is now facilitating the club discussion. Thanks to **Charlie Erker** for all he did over the years for the club.

The goal remains the same, use the experience and wisdom of the group to help folks with technology. Need help with your new iPhone, Ring camera, iPad or other device? Having problems downloading a new App? Don't understand what this thing called WhatsApp is and how it can save you money on your next cruise trip? This is the place to get help! Please note the new time and place. We will now meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30 am at the Marco Lutheran Church Choir room.

Contact **Steve Furlong** at 309-662-9101

Or stevenrichardfurlong@gmail.com.

INVESTMENT DISCUSSION CLUB



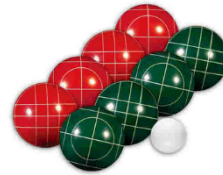
This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not

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 began on January 3rd and 5th. 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

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. Members and spouses are encouraged to bring their own lunch. Send questions and new ideas in

advance and we'll put them on the agenda. Contact: **Silky Sullivan**
marcosilky@yahoo.com 239-404-3249.

MMC TRAVEL CLUB



Marco Island Men's Club has added a new benefit to all members. We have been working on establishing a group travel activity

alongside our Cruise offerings. Future trips will include many destinations that club members have suggested: USA, Europe, South America etc. Our first trip is a 9 day classic tour of many of our National Parks; MT RUSHMORE, YELLOWSTONE AND GRAND TETON WITH BADLANDS. The Total Cost is \$3164 per person. The trip begins on September 19 from RSW and ends on September 27 departing from Salt Lake City. To view package details, refer to [Travel Club](#) on Club Website.

Contact **Tim Clune** 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

Spring Training Baseball

Red Sox vs Yankees

Sunday, March 12, 2023
Game Time: 1:05PM
Ticket \$31 (1 ticket remaining)
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



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.

CRUISES



THE MMC “53RD” CRUISE ‘ITALY, CROATIA, GREECE, MONTENEGRO’

JUNE 15 – JUNE 28, 2023

CRUISE SOLD OUT

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 WITH INCLUSIVE DAILY BREAKFAST AND TOURS.

THE **CRUISE PACKAGE INCLUDES**: CELEBRITY’S ROUND TRIP FT MYERS TO ROME ECONOMY AIR, 10 NIGHTS SAILING ABOARD CELEBRITY’S LUXURIOUS “5” STAR “**BEYOND**”. 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 WI-FI.

THE MMC “54TH” CRUISE ESSENCE OF BURGUNDY & PROVENCE

**RIVERBOAT CRUISE AND TOUR
ABOARD AMAWATERWAYS
“AMACELLO”.**

**GENEVA, SWITZERLAND – NICE,
FRANCE**

OCTOBER 15 – OCTOBER 26, 2023

**A “5” STAR CRUISE – HOTELS –
LAND TOURS – SERVICE –
ACCOMODATIONS.**

11 DAYS AND 10 NIGHTS.

3 NIGHTS IN GENEVA,

SWITZERLAND IN BOUTIQUE

HOTEL, 7 NIGHTS ON AMA

“AMACELLO” CHALONSUR-SAONE

TO ARLES, ROUNDRIP ECONOMY

AIR, SHIP OFFERS LARGE

STATEROOMS WITH FRENCH

BALCONY, EUROPEAN “4” STAR

HOTEL, DAILY BREAKFAST,

TRANSFERS, YOUR CHOICE OF A

VARIETY OF TOURS IN EACH PORT,

PORT CHARGES, TAXES AND FEES,

MEALS WHILE ONBOARD

“AMACELLO”, UNLIMITED QUALITY

RED AND WHITE WINE, BEER, AND

SOFT DRINKS WITH LUNCH AND

DINNER, CHEF’S TABLE SPECIALTY

RESTAURANT, WI-FI,

PROFESSIONAL CRUISE MANAGER

ENTIRE TRIP, ENGLISH SPEAKING

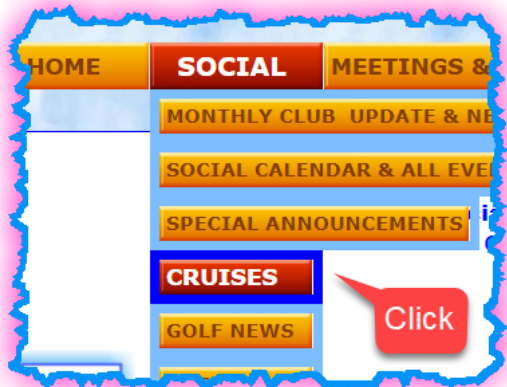
GUIDES AND AUTHENTIC LOCAL

ENCOUNTERS.

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 Bill Rogers at:

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The Marco Men's Club

Speakers Calendar

John DeMado, Program Director

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...

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!

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!

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!...

June 14, 2023

Tim Rose

Board Chairman

Marco Dementia Respite

Marco Dementia Respite (MDR):

For Marco, By Marco.

Tim Rose is the Board Chairman of Marco Dementia Respite (MDR). He and his wife, Denise, have been year-round residents on Marco for 16 years. Early in 2022, they formed a broad-based coalition that led to the creation of MDR, a new local charity for Marco area residents with early-stage Alzheimer's/Dementia and their caregivers... Services provided by Marco area residents.

Marco Dementia Respite (MDR) exists to provide a safe oasis for Marco-area residents with early-stage Alzheimer's/Dementia at no cost to the participant. They respond as well to a critical need for caregiver respite on Marco and formulating a more unified approach to senior care island wide. A ministry of Wesley United Methodist Church in partnership with the Marco-area community, MDR is held on

Mondays from 10:30 AM until 2:30 PM at Wesley United Methodist Church (Fellowship Hall). They will be adding a second day of programming (Fridays) in early 2023.

Tim will join us on June 14, 2023 to update MDR's progress to date... But even more important, he will provide us with their longer-term vision for senior care on Marco Island. **Please circle this date on your calendar!**

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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February Golf News

Our Winter Championship starts Monday, February 13th and runs the next two Mondays, the 20th and 27th. This is a low net event open to all members with an established handicap. All payments of \$10.00, whether by CASH or CHECK, are due by Monday, February 6. Last year's winners, **Ron Bales** in A Flight and **Tim Sullivan** in B Flight took home the traveling trophy.

Tony Tomassone is back and is going to be taking care of our group PGA GolfPass program this year. Be on the lookout for information from Tony.

The Spring Scramble is going to be Friday, April 28th at The Glades with an 8:30AM shotgun start.

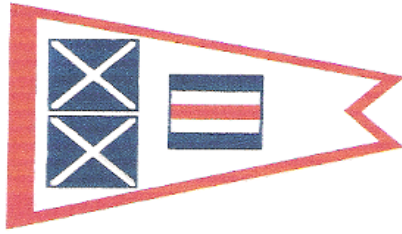
Our last date to be playing Hibiscus this spring will be March 31st. Hibiscus will be closed to install a new irrigation system and renovate tees and greens. A 5th tee will be added also. They anticipate reopening November 1st or sooner.

Our situation at Lely is currently unclear as far as late spring and summer. I spoke to Mark Canady on January 28th and he said he'd know more at the end of March, beginning of April. His boss has not made any decisions. Flamingo is open and there are no major projects going on.

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February	Monday	Lou Makris	loumak42@aol.com	781-258-0456
March	Monday	George Vitta	golflover3@yahoo.com	586-942-8056
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April	Friday	Mike Mueller	mikemfla@comcast.net	239-272-8695
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June	Monday	Bob Vanderselt	bvanderselt@stomaventures.com	314-378-0516
June	Friday	Frank Sroka	fsroka74@gmail.com	239-272-4328

Chris Hansen



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