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The Marco Men's Club

May 2023

Newsletter

Established 1992
A non-profit organization

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings!
Thank you for trusting me to be your president for the coming year. If you had not heard, a funny thing happened on the way to the big chair.

Shortly after being elected at the January meeting, my cardiologist ordered another test and a couple of weeks later I was in for a double bypass and a valve job. Warren was concerned that this could lead to him being president for another term. Now, almost three months after the surgery, the doctors are happy with my progress. So here we go!

I want to thank **Warren** for handing off the club smoothly, having recruited members to step up or step in to take various openings on the board and chairing committees. Regarding the board for this year; first thanks to **Rudi Landwaard** for staying on as

treasurer. **Tom Kramer** moved from secretary to one of the VP roles, joining returning VP's **Arne Sandberg** and **Rob Reiley** and welcoming the other new VP – **Steve Furlong**. **Mike Ballenger** is stepping up to be the new Senior VP. **Jerry Defibaugh** is stepping into the secretary's role.

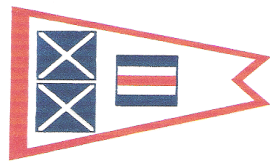
Theatre will be changing a bit for the coming year. **Randle Grossman** is stepping away from being the theatre chair. Currently we have individual leaders: for Naples Players (**Don Lally**), the ACT, formerly Marco Players (**Don Koppel**), and Broadway Palm (**Tim Clune**) and Artis Naples. Overall, I expect another great season of shows!

The VP team is already planning a fun year of events from monthly lunches, some co-ed, to the dinners and parties that bring us all together. They are working hard to balance great

social gatherings despite the higher prices all restaurants and venues are charging. Flyers will soon be out for a co-ed lunch in June at Kretch's and a return to Café Normandie for a Bastille week French dinner in July. Hosting opportunities for future events are always available including lunches, dinners, and theatre; see **Mike Ballenger** if interested.

Hope to see you at the May meeting!

Dave Tobiasz



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The Marco Men's Club Club News

COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLUB



Steve Furlong is now facilitating the club discussion. 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. The club, which typically meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30 am at the Marco Lutheran Church Choir room is currently on hiatus until Fall.

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

Or stevenrichardfurlong@gmail.com.

INVESTMENT DISCUSSION CLUB



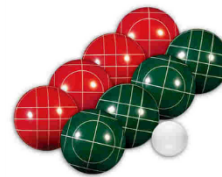
This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not

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



The Bocce season has ended, 21 teams (84 people) participated. I look forward to seeing you all in October.

To view the season

standings / photos click on

<https://marcomensclub.com/BocceBall.htm>

Contact **Rick Johnson** at
MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com

TRAVEL DISCUSSION GROUP



The Travel Discussion Club which typically meets in the Marco Lutheran Church choir room at 12:00PM the first

Wednesday of the month, is currently on hiatus until September.

Contact Joe Covelli at 412-527-5876 or
jeffersonjoe@comcast.net



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

Waiting on the Miami Dolphins season schedule to be released.

For Info Contact **Jack Martin**

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HOSPITALITY

Thanks to the guys who set up the room. Chairman, **DON KOPPEL**, **RICH CARLSEN**, **DON LALLY**, and **DEREK MULLINDER**.

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



An update on club member Ron Sperring who was involved in a serious car accident on Friday, March 31st. Ron continues to be treated for his severe injuries. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ron and his wife Pamela.

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.

THERE'S A NEW FEATURE ON OUR WEBSITE

Do you visit our website on a small screen device like a cell phone or tablet? Do you find the drop-down menus at the top of each page difficult to manage? Then this feature is designed just for you!

Go to the HOME PAGE (<https://marcomensclub.com/>) from anywhere in the website and look for this image on the left, near the top of the page.



Touch or click the image and you will be quickly scrolled down the same page to our new and improved MMC HOT LINKS table. This Table contains BIG BUTTONS that provide 'finger sized' access to all the same pages as the drop-down menus. The links are grouped in the same categories and are in the same order as the drop-down menus, so you can quickly find what you are looking for.

Touch or click the BIG BUTTON and you will be transported instantly to the webpage of your choice.

Here's a sample of the new MMC HOT LINKS Table.

MMC HOT LINKS	
Click on these "LARGE BUTTON" links to supplement the drop-down menus for quick	
SOCIAL	
MONTHLY WEBSITE UPDATE	COMING EVENT FLYERS
CLUB NEWSLETTER	CRUISE INFORMATION
BOCCE BALL	TRAVEL CLUB
PHOTO ALBUM	JOIN THE CLUB

If you find yourself lost on the website, you can always click on the HOME button in the drop-down menu on any page and repeat the process above to get to the MSC HOT LINKS table.

CRUISES



THE MMC “53RD” CRUISE
‘ITALY, CROATIA, GREECE,
MONTENEGRO”
JUNE 15 – JUNE 28, 2023

CRUISE SOLD OUT

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.

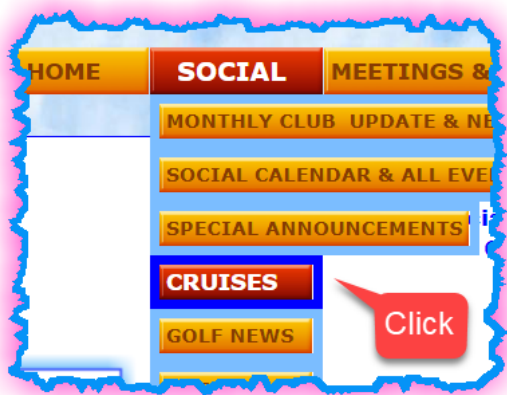
THE MMC “55” CRUISE
CRUISING SAN JUAN, ST. MARTIN,
ST. THOMAS, DOMINICAN REP.
MARCH 9 – MARCH 16, 2024

SEVEN NIGHTS ABOARD
CELEBRITY’S NEW “APEX” 5 STAR
RATED SHIP. THE NEWEST SECOND
SHIP IN CELEBRITY’S “EDGE” CLASS.
IN ADDITION TO ALL THE AMENITIES
MMC EXPERIENCED ON THE “EDGE”,
MAGIC CARPET, BEAUTIFUL
DESIGN, DÉCOR, INFINITE
VERANDAH, BLU ROOM DINING
EXCLUSIVE FOR (AQUA CLASS A2)
THE NEW ICED MARTINI BAR, A
CRAFTED SOCIAL BAR WHERE
GUESTS CAN EXPERIENCE DRAFT
BEERS FROM ALL OVER THE
WORLD. THIS SHIP OFFERS FINEST
ACCOMODATIONS, “4” CARIBBEAN
PORTS OF CALL, EXCLUSIVE OF
MEXICO PORTS IN VIEW OF
COUNTRIES PRESENT PROBLEMS.
CRUISE “7” NIGHTS ABOARD NEW
APEX, REQUIRING NO AIR, ONLY
ENJOY A MMC ROUND TRIP MARCO
COACH TO SHIPS FT. LAUDERDALE,
FL, PORT

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

May 10, 2023

Sarah Falkowski

Docent

**Rookery Bay National Estuarine
Research Reserve**

I am pleased to announce that our May 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!**

July 12, 2023

Amanda Nelson

Executive Director

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry

'Addressing the needs of those facing hunger in Collier County.'

Amanda Nelson is the Executive Director of Our Daily Bread Food Pantry. Ms. Nelson has over 30 years of Non-Profit leadership experience, most recently serving as the Executive Director of a Breast Cancer organization in Sacramento, CA. From AIDS to the arts to the environment, Amanda has made a career out of taking organizations to the next level, improving programs, mentoring staff, strengthening boards and growing donations and fundraising efforts.

Launched in 2016, The Pantry began serving the needs of school children on weekends by providing backpacks stuffed with food on Fridays. Since then, it has grown its services to include:

- A Saturday drive-through food pantry on Winterberry Drive.
- 15 mobile outreaches.
- A monthly Senior luncheon (Lunch with Friends) in partnership with the YMCA of Collier County.
- A *Backpack Program* for Manatee Elementary and Middle School as well as Marco Island Charter Middle School.
- A weekly Breakfast program for Marco Island Charter Middle School.
- Other strategic partnerships to provide for needs beyond nourishment.

Beginning in 2022, Our Daily Bread Food Pantry began fundraising to expand to a second location in order to continue providing critical food assistance to the over 152,000 individuals served in 2021.

Learn about the nutrition realities of our neighbors... Maybe you can help!

August 9, 2023

Richard Heinrich

Docent

The Naples Museum of Military History

'MY BROTHER'S CLOSET'

We are honored to host Mr. Richard Heinrich, today!... Richard, a long-time Marco resident, is of the many fine docents you encounter upon entering The Naples Museum of Military History. Imbued with thousands of military artifacts from all branches of the US

Military, the museum is located on the grounds of the Naples Municipal Airport. The airport was originally constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers to train pilots for the Pacific theater in WWII. The museum displays military photos, medals, leather flight jackets, uniforms, field equipment, aircraft, ship and vehicle models, helmets, weapons, trench-art, newspaper clippings and much more. As many as 5,000 of the museum's 12,000 artifacts honor veterans and create a greater understanding of military conflicts among present and future generations. What began as a museum honoring military aviation in World War II, has evolved into so much more. You can now see historical artifacts dating back to the Revolutionary War all the way up to the Iraq & Afghanistan conflicts.

I am sure this talk will stir many memories in those of you who served or have family and friends that served. Please be sure to show your support by attending this special presentation.

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

May 2023

Golf News



John Laird, Golf Chairman

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May Golf News

Chris Hansen has officially retired as Marco Men's Club Golf Chairman and I'm the lucky one who will be assuming the role. We all owe Chris a very big thank you for everything he has done as golf chair over the last sixteen months! When you see Chris, please take the time to thank him in person!

The Spring Scramble was held on April 28 at The Glades G & CC in Naples. We had a great turnout with 54 golfers competing in the event. Congratulations to all the winners!

Scramble Results:

1. Ken Burnham/ Austin Gross/John Kunzeman: -12
2. Andy Hayward/ Al Vacio/ Joe Atkin/ Scott Cooke: -11
3. Brian Propp/Roger Smith/Bob Phelan/ John W. Cunningham: -9

Skins:

Andy Hayward/ Al Vacio/ Joe Atkin/ Scott Cooke – Eagle on 1, Birdie on 8

Ken Burnham/ Austin Gross/John Kunzeman – Eagle on 17

Chris Brenner/ John J. Cunningham/ Rick Babuka/ Roger Frederick – Birdie on 7

On Course Prizes:

Longest Putt – Joe Atkin, 36 feet 1 inch

Long Drive – Roger Smith

Closest to the Pin-

Hole 2- Ed Gerri, 8 feet 2 inches

Hole 8 – Al Vacio, around 10 feet

Hole 10- Tom McCullough, 4 feet 5 inches

Hole 14- Scott Kelley, 10 inches

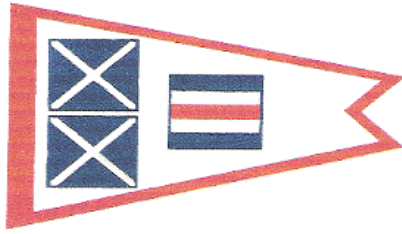
We will be at Lely on Most Mondays this summer playing the Mustang & Flamingo courses. The Rate is \$70.09 plus tax which works out to an even \$75.00 per round. Lou Makris will continue to run the Friday group at the Glades Country Club. Our monthly coordinators will book the traveling group at various nice courses around the area as our other Friday playing option.

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS SUMMER 2023

May	Monday	Dan Wolfe	wolf@joink.com	812-239-3353
May	Friday	Bob Winterhalter	robertswinterhalter@gmail.com	614-264-0021
June	Monday	Bob Vanderselt	bvanderselt@stomaventures.com	314-378-0516
June	Friday	Frank Sroka	fsroka74@gmail.com	239-272-4328
July	Monday	Tom McCullough	tamccullough@comcast.net	570-690-4055
July	Friday	Bob Boland	rlboland@comcast.net	239-595-8780
August	Monday	Steve Billmyer	stevenjb@centurylink.net	360-378-7860
August	Friday	Glenn Davis	gdavis@apexpkg.com	215-872-1779

Thank you to all of the coordinators! Our group would not function without you.

John Laird



THE MARCO MEN'S CLUB

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