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The Marco Men's Club

June 2023

# Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings!  
We can tell that the season is coming to a close with the many car carriers seen on the island recently. Safe travels to all of you that will be

heading north for the summer. Summer also brings vacation travel for many. This month I thought I would update everyone on the many Men's Club travel opportunities.

**CRUISES:** Many of you are preparing for the 53<sup>rd</sup> cruise aboard the Celebrity BEYOND to Italy, Croatia, Greece and Montenegro coming up in just a couple of weeks.

The 54<sup>th</sup> cruise aboard AMA Waterways AMACELLO is in the works for this October. This river cruise visits the Burgundy and Provence areas of France with a pre-

cruise in Geneva, Switzerland and an optional post-cruise in Nice, France.

Additionally, the recently announced 55<sup>th</sup> cruise heads to the Caribbean in March of 2024 aboard the Celebrity APEX.

**Bill Rogers** has taken over as Cruise Director.

**TRAVEL CLUB:** **Tim Clune** along with **Jerry Poulin** have created the Travel Club to plan non-cruise trips. The first trip is a National Park Bus Tour of Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone, Grand Teton and the Badlands in September of this year. Watch for announcements regarding the 2024 schedule!

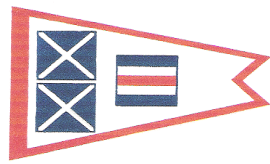
**TRAVEL DISCUSSION GROUP:** After several years of great discussions, **Silky Sullivan** is turning over the reins to **Joe Covelli**. These discussions, open to all members and

the spouses/significant others, will resume meeting in September (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at Noon at the Lutheran Church). The group discusses travel plans and seeks to answer questions to help members with the trip planning.

Overall, no matter where or how you like to travel, the Marco Men's Club has something for you!

Enjoy your next vacation!

***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](mailto:stevenrichardfurlong@gmail.com).

## INVESTMENT DISCUSSION CLUB



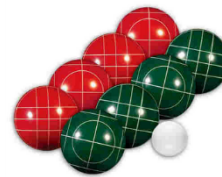
This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:tclune@gmail.com) 248-980-6142 with your suggestions for a future MMC group trip.

## SPORTS UPDATE

In the process of finalizing plans for a Miami Dolphin's / New York Jets game on Sunday, December 17, 2023. Hopefully, we will have more information soon.

For Info Contact **Jack Martin**  
[Jjtpm11697@yahoo.com](mailto:Jjtpm11697@yahoo.com)  
347-837-2131

## 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



I am saddened to report the passing of long-time club member Tony Meilan who passed away on Saturday, May 20, 2023.

Our thoughts and prayers are with wife Adele and their family.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in his honor at 11AM on June 17, 2023 at San Marco Catholic Church.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.hodgesjosberger.com](http://www.hodgesjosberger.com) or, cards may be sent to Adele Meilan, 433 S. Barfield Drive, Marco Island.

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**

**CRUISE SOLD OUT**

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**THE MMC “54<sup>th</sup>” 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.

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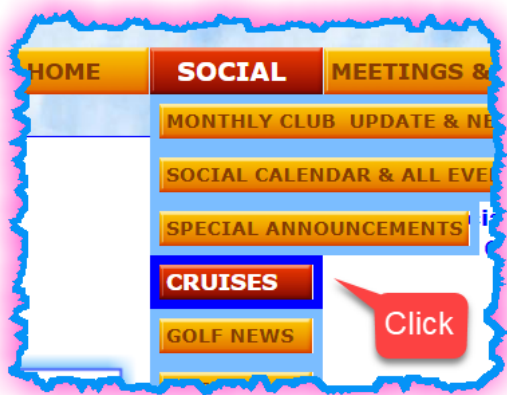
**THE MMC “55” CRUISE**  
**CRUISING SAN JUAN, ST. MARTIN,**  
**ST. THOMAS, DOMINICAN REP.**  
**MARCH 9 – MARCH 16, 2024**

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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973-978-8884

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# Speakers Calendar

John DeMado, Program Director

**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!**

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**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!**

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**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.

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**September 13, 2023**  
**Kevin Rambosk**  
**Collier County Sheriff**

### **‘STATE OF THE COUNTY’**

I am pleased to report that Collier County Sheriff, Kevin Rambosk, will be addressing the Marco Men’s Club



membership on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

Sheriff Rambosk comes to us with considerable experience in Florida public service, ranging from his first appointment as a Naples, FL police officer in 1978, to Naples, FL City Manager in 1999, to his present position as ‘top cop’ in Collier County since 2009.

The Sheriff will inform us, in detail, regarding the realities of combatting crime in our county. He has the inside information, the statistics and the experience. Please be certain to attend this important opportunity... **AND BE SURE TO BRING YOUR QUESTIONS!**

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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



John Laird, Golf Chairman

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## June Golf News

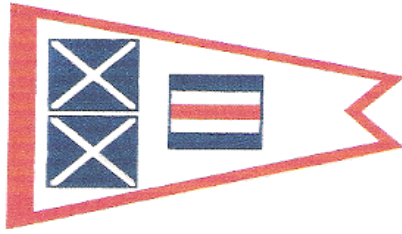
We will be at Lely on Most Mondays this summer playing the Mustang & Flamingo courses. The Rate is \$70.09 plus tax which works out to an even \$75.00 per round. Lou Makris will continue to run the Friday group at the Glades Country Club. Our monthly coordinators will book the traveling group at various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

### MMC GOLF COORDINATORS SUMMER 2023

June	Monday	<b>Bob Vanderselt</b>	<a href="mailto:bvanderselt@stomaventures.com">bvanderselt@stomaventures.com</a>	314-378-0516
June	Friday	<b>Frank Sroka</b>	<a href="mailto:fsroka74@gmail.com">fsroka74@gmail.com</a>	239-272-4328
July	Monday	<b>Tom McCullough</b>	<a href="mailto:tamccullough@comcast.net">tamccullough@comcast.net</a>	570-690-4055
July	Friday	<b>Bob Boland</b>	<a href="mailto:rlboland@comcast.net">rlboland@comcast.net</a>	239-595-8780
August	Monday	<b>Steve Billmyer</b>	<a href="mailto:stevenjb@centurylink.net">stevenjb@centurylink.net</a>	360-378-7860
August	Friday	<b>Glenn Davis</b>	<a href="mailto:gdavis@apexpkg.com">gdavis@apexpkg.com</a>	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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