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The Marco Men's Club

July 2023

Newsletter

Established 1992
A non-profit organization

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings!

Summer has started on the island! I know because I was able to go to dinner last week without a reservation. If you're not on the island currently, it has

been a bit toasty with the heat index regularly hitting 100 degrees. Good news, we still have regular daily breezes, although 3 of the breezes have already been named. Luckily, none have come on shore!

For those of you just returning from the Men's Club Mediterranean Cruise – welcome back! I hope you had a great vacation.

Your VP team, headed by SVP **Mike Ballenger**, have been busy planning dining events for the summer including a Bastille Week French dinner at Café Normandie on July 12th, and an August 9th after-meeting lunch at Sandbar. On

August 23rd there will be a dinner at Bistro 821 in Naples. On September 14th there will be a co-ed lunch held at the newly opened ORI's Bakery. Lastly, on Friday, September 15, we'll be headed back up to Andre's for steak night; expensive but worth it.

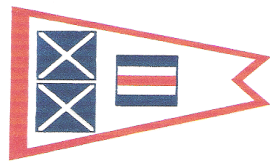
Save the date of Saturday, October 21st for our annual Hurricane Ball. This year it will be held at Bistro Soleil! In addition, save the date of Tuesday, December 12th for our annual Holiday Luncheon to be held at Naples Lakes. More information on these events and flyers will be on the website soon.

Also coming in July will be a special email blast announcing the 12-show Men's Club Theatre Season. While the position of Theatre Chair remains open, we have three assistant chairs each handling a single theater. **Tim Clune** will be managing the 4 shows at the Broadway Palm, **Don Koppel** will be managing 5 shows at

the ACT on Marco Island (formerly Marco Players); and **Don Lally** will handle 3 shows at Naples Players. There are plenty of opportunities for you to host one of these events. Watch for the mailing and then contact one of the theater program managers or me about hosting!

Stay cool, we still have quite a bit of summer ahead of us!

Dave Tobiasz



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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

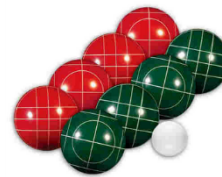


This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not necessary, but prized. An open and broad discussion of topics relating to investment raised by those present, is conducted. The Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30PM at the Marco Lutheran Church.

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

There are 10 tickets reserved for NY Jets vs Miami Dolphins on Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 1PM. Price is \$155 per ticket. Section 338 PT. **For information on seating arrangement, contact Jack Martin** at 347-837-2131 or jjtpm11697@yahoo.com

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



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 “54th” CRUISE

ESSENCE OF BURGUNDY & PROVENCE

RIVERBOAT CRUISE AND TOUR ABOARD AMAWATERWAYS “AMACELLO”.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND – NICE, FRANCE

OCTOBER 15 – OCTOBER 26, 2023

BURGUNDY & PROVENCE (GENEVA TO NICE) RIVERBOAT CRUISE AND TOUR ABOARD AMAWATERWAYS “AMACELLO”, GENEVA SWITZERLAND – NICE FRANCE – 11 DAYS AND 10 NIGHTS WITH 3 NT EXTENSION OPTION. A “5” STAR CRUISE...HOTELS...LAND TOURS SERVICE, GRATUITIES.... ACCOMODATIONS IN CRUISE FLYER. CURRENTLY “19” PEOPLE RESERVED SPACE. LIMITED STATEROOMS AVAILABLE. A RIVER CRUISE IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO ENJOY SMALL INLAND AREAS LARGE OCEAN LINERS CAN NOT SAIL. RIVER CRUISING IS A TREAT WITH ONLY 75 STATEROOMS.

THE MMC “55” CRUISE

CRUISING SAN JUAN, ST. MARTIN, ST. THOMAS, DOMINICAN REP.

MARCH 9 – MARCH 16, 2024

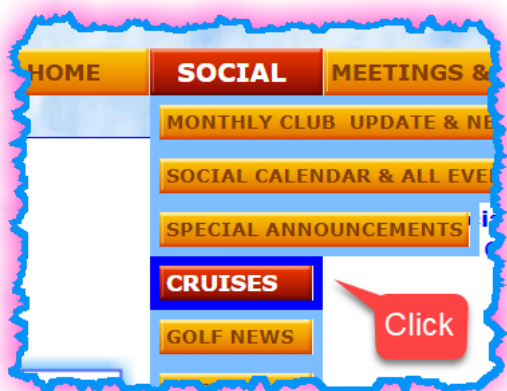
SEVEN NIGHTS ABOARD CELEBRITY’S NEW “APEX” 5 STAR RATED SHIP. THE NEWEST SECOND SHIP IN CELEBRITY’S “EDGE” CLASS. IN ADDITION TO ALL THE AMENITIES MMC EXPERIENCED ON THE “EDGE”, MAGIC CARPET, BEAUTIFUL DESIGN, DÉCOR, INFINITE VERANDAH, BLU ROOM DINING EXCLUSIVE FOR (AQUA CLASS A2) THE NEW ICED MARTINI 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. THIS MMC CRUISE PACKAGE, INCLUDES ROUND TRIP COACH FROM MARCO ISLAND TO SHIPS FT. LAUDERDALE, FL. PORT., “7” NIGHTS ABOARD CELEBRITY’S LUXURIOUS NEW SHIP, “THE APEX”, CLUB’S STATEROOMS HAVE THE INFINITY BALCONY, “3” FREE PERKS. 1-CLASSIC BEVERAGE PACKAGE. 2. GRATUITIES. 3. WI-FI, ALL TAXES, FEES, & PORT CHARGES. MMC HAS A SECURED EXCELLENT DISCOUNTS WITH OUR “GROUP RATE”. CURRENTLY “33” PEOPLE BOOKED. SAILING ABOARD A NEW CELEBRITY SHIP IS A WONDERFUL TREAT.

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:

239-259-8945

973-978-8884

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The Marco Men's Club

Speakers Calendar

John DeMado, Program Director

July 12, 2023

**Nancy Kot
President**

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry

‘Addressing the needs of those facing hunger in Collier County.’

Nancy Kot is currently the President of ODBFP and has been a volunteer for over 7 years. Her main focus area of responsibility is Operations, Volunteer Coordination, & Strategic Planning, which includes the search for a permanent location for The Pantry. 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.

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!**

October 11, 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 October 11, 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



John Laird, Golf Chairman

Cell: 920-366-4652

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July 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.

Our July Friday coordinator, **Bob Boland**, has scheduled the following courses:

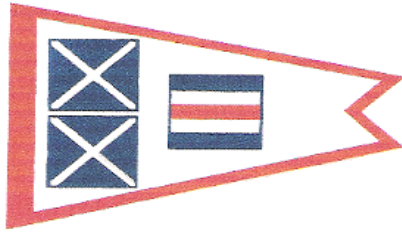
July 7	Forest Glen (\$45)
July 14	Countryside (\$40)
July 21	Rookery (\$79)
July 28	Treviso Bay (\$65)

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS SUMMER 2023

July	Monday	Tom McCullough	tamccullough@comcast.net	570-690-4055
July	Friday	Bob Boland	rboland@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
September	Monday	Tom McCullough	tamccullough@comcast.net	570-690-4055
September	Friday	Tony Tomassone	tonytom_52@msn.com	610-937-2324
October	Monday	Bob Phelan	bobjphelan1@gmail.com	239-272-4820
October	Friday	Rick Babuka	rickabcon@gmail.com	859-358-8618

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

John Laird



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