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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 13

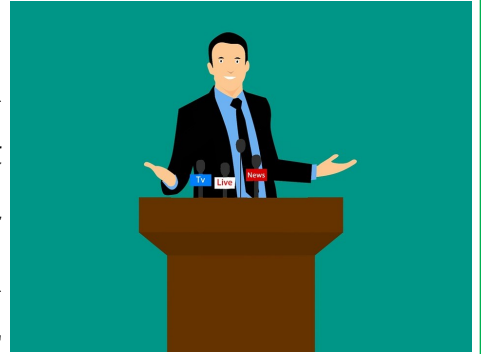
Meetings are the second Thursday of each month (except during December, July & August) at St. David's Episcopal Church. Meetings start at 1 p.m.

President's Message

Good afternoon RMC members from sunny Mt Pleasant, South Carolina. Well actually from my study looking out at a cool, rainy Saturday afternoon on Cape Cod. We just returned from a ten-day driving trip to South Carolina visiting our granddaughter. On our way down we stopped at Fredericksburg VA and other civil war sites, then on to Jamestown settlement, Yorktown, and Williamsburg VA for some revolutionary sites as well. I must admit a beautiful part of our country with a vast array of historical sites well protected for future generations. Then to Charleston, South Carolina and Mt Pleasant. All wonderful spots. I can see why many people are moving down to a more peaceful and slower pace of life. But as we headed back home and finally reached the Cape it was nice to be back home.

I see our golf season is now all set and golf registrations I expect will start to fill up soon. Our April guest speaker is all set which as well could open some opportunities for some of our members.

We always need more interesting speakers. Members are encouraged to recommend a speaker and we will then discuss it at the next Executive Committee meeting for appropriateness and make all the contacts. If you have a special relationship with a proposed speaker



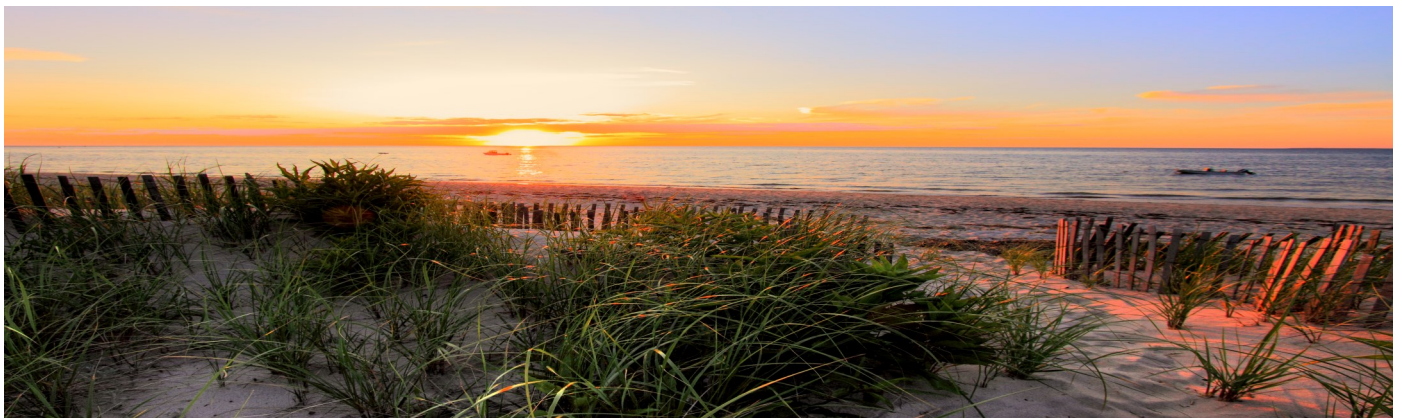
that is even better. Many of our speakers have come from member recommendations. March madness is also in full swing, and some great basketball has been played in both men's and women's competition. The days are starting to get a little warmer and a little longer daylight. The garden season will be upon us faster than we think, and the Cape will soon be blossoming getting ready for the summer season which comes much too quickly and ends even faster.

I leave you with a quote from the man who can see in the future.

"To contract new debts is not the way to pay old ones."

- George Washington April 7, 1799 -

George Cappola





Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod

Our guest speakers for the April 13 meeting are Ginny Irving, Director of Resource Development and Tara Cronin, Volunteer Relations Manager.

Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod is a non-profit organization with an overall mission of building homes, changing lives, and preserving community. Partnering with families, Habitat has developed over 170 affordable homes on Cape Cod. With the support of Habitat and community involvement, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. \

Additionally, Habitat has two Restore home improvement stores (Yarmouth & Falmouth) and donation centers that sell new and gently used home goods to the public at a fraction of retail price. Proceeds are used to help support the building of houses in our community.

Ms. Irving and Ms. Cronin will provide greater insight into Habitat's fine work and the positive impact on our Cape Cod community.

Finally, as a means of further involving the community, Habitat offers Volunteer Service Days enabling individuals to participate in a house building project. We are hoping that 10 to 12 Retired Men's Club members will be interested in participating in a Service Day, which is a very rewarding experience.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

April 2023 Membership Report

New Members

This month we welcome two new members to the RMC. An official welcome to:
Andrew Laird. and James Burke

Membership Survey

Just giving you all a heads-up, sometime within the next month you will receive a survey prepared by the membership committee which will ask for your opinions on a variety of aspects of the RMC including your interest in some new activities. Kindly take the time to respond when you receive it. It will help determine the future direction for the club.

Reminder on Meeting Attendance Guideline

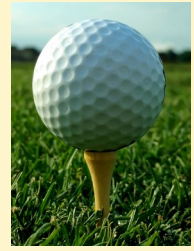
Friendly reminder on attendance. All members under the age of 80 will need to attend 3 meetings in 2023. All meetings will be held at St David's Episcopal Church (Nelson Hall) on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1pm unless otherwise specified.

Newly Designed RMC Hats for Sale - \$15

When you sign in for the April meeting, our new hats will be available for sale at the registration table. You'll be the talk of the town wearing it around town.



How RMC Golf does things



GOLF EVENTS:

Long before a golf event takes place, the Golf Committee solicits area golf courses for pricing of an outing.

Once a list of potential courses is developed, the Committee reviews pricing scenarios and selects the courses to be played in any given season (eg. Spring, Fall) . At that point a registration form (on the RMC website) is produced.

We have selected five courses for the Spring, and the cost to play will be \$70 per event. While the committee works hard to keep the prices low, many courses have raised their event fees, some to the point where we will not currently consider it.

So let's explain the fee charged:

The total an individual is charged for an event is comprised of the fees we are being charged by golf courses, prizes, administrative expenses (office supplies, postage, etc.), plus an amount to subsidize the charged fees at more expensive locations. This amount may, or may not, be the amount an individual would have to pay if he went to the course on his own to play. Typically, in any given season, there is one event that costs significantly more than the fee we charge to play, and one event is less than our charge. (Hence subsidizing the more expensive event.)

YOUR CLUB DUES:

As an RMC member that plays golf, paying \$20 annual dues, a portion of your dues (an average of \$10 per player) is supplied to the Golf Committee - to help offset the above golfing charges.

In addition the Club pays the \$6 software fee per person playing golf. So . . . currently, your net dues are \$4 per year (\$20 minus \$10, minus \$6) - subject to future change. Other portions of the annual dues also go to subsidize the annual holiday luncheon, bowling, and other events that the RMC may put on.

WHAT A DEAL !!!

RMC Golf

One week from today (April 1st) marks the beginning of the RMC Golf 2023 Spring Registration. The first event is at Ocean Edge on May 1st.

This week you can go to the RMC website(Link: Home retired-mensclub.com) select SPORTS and then GOLF. All of the five (5) events detail sheets are posted with dates, times, formats etc. This will give you the time to determine which events you will be able to play before registration begins. You can then return next week to the same site and select Registration, fill out the form, hit submit and then mail in the registration fee of \$20 per event selected to the post office box indicated. After you register, you can use the **Cancel/Change/Add** form also at the same location as the Registration form on the website to make any late changes

Remember your registration is not complete until both the form and fee are received. You also must have paid your 2023 membership fee, so get it in now. Worst case is you can pay it at the Thursday, April 13th RMC meeting.

The long term forecast for the 1st Week in May is in the low 60's. However, this is the Cape, so who knows, but we can hope.

We are looking forward to getting back to the number of players we saw pre-COVID

Thank you.
Paul DeSisto

To Register:

Go to www.retiredmensclub.com

Sports > Golf > Registration

Send check to: RMC-Golf

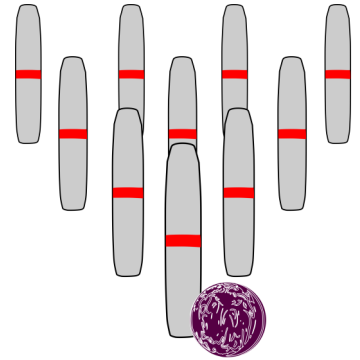
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RMC Bowling

After a small drought of red pin hits, March had 6. They were Dick Facticeau, Fred Emanuelson, Kevin Mulen, Pete Adams, Paul Rooney & Bob Ward. Congrats ! Attendance has been a bit sparse but I expect a few snowbirds back soon to help correct that. Keep 5/16 open for the Banquet/Luncheon at a place T.B.D.. Thanks to those who attended thus far.

Jack



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know any infirmed RMC members or in the case of a death, be sure to contact:

Frank Cloran (ssgcloran27@gmail.com)

Sunshine Committee Chairman.



- ♦ Visit the Retired Men's Club website each month for the latest club news.
- ♦ Get an RMC application for a friend.
- ♦ Talk2Us if you have any suggestions for activities or ways to improve our club.

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Treasurer's Report
March 31, 2023

Available Funds Restricted Total Finds

Checking Account Balance (Beginning):	8,094.17	285.00	8,379.17
DEPOSITS:	220.00		220.00
CHECKS/WITHDRAWLS:	<u>(1,254.52)</u>		<u>(1,254.52)</u>
Net Change:	(1,034.52)		(1,034.52)
Ending Balance:	7,059.65	285.00	7,344.65

SUMMARY		
Receipts:		
Raffle		
Dues	220.00	220.00
Disbursements:		
Apparel (Hats)	811.72	
Golf Software Supplement	300.00	
Website Fees	74.80	
P.O. Box rental	68.00	1,254.52
Net Change:	<u>(1,034.52)</u>	<u>(1,034.52)</u>

GOLF Account Balance (Beginning):	904.80	
DEPOSITS:		
Golf Software Supplement	300.00	300.00
CHECKS/WITHDRAWLS:		
Outing Deposits	200.00	
Prize Purchases	86.75	
Software Expense	180.00	466.75
Net Change:	<u>(166.75)</u>	<u>(166.75)</u>
Ending Balance:		738.05



RMC General Membership Meeting – March 9, 2023

- George Cappola called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. No 50/50 raffle today
- Jack Hudson and Jack Puleo led the assembly in singing *Gold Bless America*.
- Motion to waive the reading of the February meeting minutes. Passed
- Treasurer's Report (Jack Hudson filling in for Lou Ferreira). Balance - \$8379.17
Restricted funds for charities - \$285; Golf Account - \$904. Motion and vote to accept the report of the Treasurer. Passed
- Substituting for Gary Gyss, Bob Bodaracco gave the membership report. He asked members to extend an invitation to their neighbors and friends to join RMC. Nine new members have been added since January. He introduced new member Joseph Lawrence who shared his background and interests. New RMC hats will be available at the April meeting
- Jack Hudson, reviewed the timeline for the Spring golf outings and gave an explanation of how registration and payments are processed. (Details on the next page of this newsletter)
- Program Co-chair, Paul McDonough, introduced guest speaker, Ryan Castle, the CEO of Cape Cod & the Islands Association of Realtors. He gave a comprehensive review of the market fluctuations over the last five years and a forecast of the future housing market.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

John Lynch
Secretary

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