

NEWSLETTER

December 2018



Email Edition



P.O. Box 746 - South Dennis, MA 02660

NEXT MEETING

January 10, 2019

Meetings are the second Thursday of each month (except during December, July & August) at the Dennis Senior Center, 1045 Rt. 134, E. Dennis at 1:30 PM.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a great meeting we had on November 8th with 129 members present. Rather than just singing God Bless America, Charlie Jones (retired Air Force) found a special video acknowledging four of the five branches of our military in honor of Veterans Day. Our members were able to sing along with the songs appropriate for the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force. Our speaker was also retired military from the Army who gave us a history of the formation of the Cape Cod National Seashore. Very informative program. Glad to see we continue to have a great turnout. At the last meeting of the year, the President has the pleasure of selecting the "Man of the Year" for our club. This is the prerogative of the President and is totally his selection. I had the privilege this year of selecting Charlie Jones as Man of the Year. Golf, as you all know, is an integral part of our membership and the reason that many of our members join. Our golf program has succeeded for years under the capable direction of Sal Mazzarini and Frank Melanson who both retired from the Golf Committee. Golf needed a new leader and Charlie assumed that position. He and his committee worked hard to put out an excellent product that our members continue to be pleased with. It was a seamless transition and one for which I feel Charlie deserves many thanks and the Man of the Year Award.



Our December Holiday luncheon at the Marshside on December 13th is filling up fast. In past years, this has been oversubscribed so don't wait too long. Gary Merton has put together a great time for us. This will be the last special event that Gary will be running for us. Gary will be stepping down from the Executive Committee to pursue some personal interests next year. Many thanks to Gary for a job well done. The Nominating Committee consisting of Bob Greiss, Chairman, along with Dan Penni and Bill Peters recommended and the members voted to approve John Fanara and Ernie Oliveira to join the Executive Committee in 2019. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee and a welcome to John and a welcome back to Ernie.

The Executive Committee accepted the recommendation of the Charitable Donations Committee at their November 8th meeting and awarded a total of \$1,300 in donations to the following charitable organizations. Yarmouth Food Pantry (\$250) recommended by Joe MacLelland, Wayne Newcomer, and Mark Steinkrauss; The Family Pantry of Cape Cod (\$250) recommended by Paul Fiset; Cape Cod Times Needy Fund (\$200) recommended by Jack Hudson; The Alzheimer's Family Support Center of Cape Cod (\$100) recommended by Ron Greene; Latham Centers (\$100) recommended by Jack Kelly; Team M25 Homeless Outreach Program (\$100) recommended by Richard McCullough; Duffy Health Center (\$100) recommended by Brian O'Toole; The Meals Program at St. David's Episcopal Church (\$100) recommended by Richard Banks; and the Friends of Dennis Senior Citizens (\$100) recommended by Charlie Jones. I want to thank the membership for their generosity in purchasing tickets for our 50/50 raffle each month to support these worthwhile charities. Keep it up in 2019 so we may continue with this rewarding endeavor.

In recognition of the holidays in December, I thought an appropriate message wishing everyone peace and goodwill would be appropriate. After much research, I found this message from D.M. Dellinger. I always like to get a little history of the writer but it was hard to find much. The only reference for D.M. Dellinger is that of a Light Artillery Captain for the Confederate side in the Civil War. His quote is: *"This is my wish for you: peace of mind, prosperity through the year, happiness that multiplies, health for you and yours, fun around every corner, energy to chase your dreams, joy to fill your holidays!"* It is also my wish to you.

Please remember there is no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 10th, 2019.

Dick Coughlin





Membership Report- December, 2018

With 2 new members joining and 4 terminations, we now have 341 members in the club.

NEW MEMBERS:

Paul Vaillette Linda 774-245-2253

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Paul Petell Nancy 508-694-6162

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TERMINATIONS:

Bill Thomas resigned for personal reasons

George Keefe passed away in November and was 86 years old and had been a member since 2006.

Jim McDermott passed away in November and was 82 years old.

He had been a member since 2000



Bob Cullen passed away on November 17 and was 88 years old and had been a member since 2004. We will miss them all.

ATTENDANCE: Jack Keating , who handles the attendance activity for the club has submitted his year-end report. Letters will be sent out to members who did not meet the minimum attendance requirement shortly.

DUES: Walt Kangas, who handles the dues collection process, is still collecting dues for the 2019 year. Thus far, there are about 130 members who have still not paid their dues. A reminder e-mail will be sent out in January to delinquent members. Should payments not be made by the February meeting, termination letters will be sent out.

With the attendance check-in process now in place at the senior center, we no longer require the use of attendance checkers at each meeting. I would like to thank all of the men who have fulfilled that role over the past few years, especially those below who helped in 2018:

Tom Calise	Hartley Johnson	Ron Perrier
Brice Scott	Buzz Barry	Charlie Wells
Paul Genoa	Paul Bernard	Paul DeSisto
Fred Petti	Ken Roy	Dick Donovan
	Jack Coughlin	

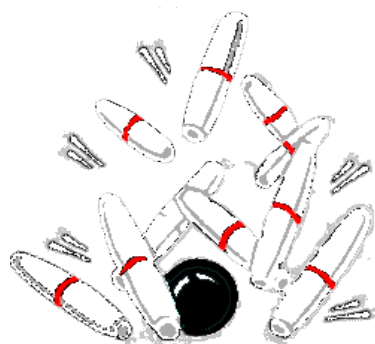
Ken Lyman, Membership Chairman



General Membership Meeting Minutes – November 11, 2018

- ♦ Meeting called to order by President Dick Coughlin at 1:38 p.m.
- ♦ VP Jones gave a brief history of Armistice Day (11th month, 11th day, 11th hour).
Ike changed it to Veteran's Day in 1954. Since the Revolutionary War, there have been 2.8 million injured or killed in conflicts. In Britain, it's called Remembrance Day. When Big Ben chimes, everyone stops what they are doing for two minutes. Charlie shared an online video that was a tribute to the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine military songs.
A poll was taken of the assembled group as to Purple Heart recipients. Bob Janeck was the only member present to receive this honor.
- ♦ A moment of silence was observed for recently deceased RMC members Jim McDermott and George Keefe.
- ♦ Treasurer Jack Hudson reported a balance of \$12,611.07. The club still needs to disperse \$1177 to local charities.
- ♦ The nomination committee (Bob Greiss, Dan Penni and Bill Peters) presented nominees or re-appointments for positions on the Executive Committee. Their recommendations were unanimously supported by the membership.
- ♦ Special Events Chair, Gary Merton reported that the Indian Princess Cruise was a success. The Annual RMC Christmas luncheon will be held at The Marshside on Thursday, December 13 from 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person.
- ♦ Ken Lyman, Membership Chair, introduced new member Paul Valette (sponsored by Lou Ferreira). He reminded the assembly that annual dues (\$20) need to be paid by February 2019 or face termination.
- ♦ Golf Chair, Charlie Jones, reviewed the 2019 Spring (April 29-June 3) and Fall (September 9 – October 7) schedule of outings. The year will culminate with a luncheon at The Captains. Mike Rhines was recognized for his hole-in-one at Pocasset and received a dozen premium golf balls.
- ♦ Bowling "commissioner" Jack Puleo reported that openings exist for substitutes and new bowlers. League standings will be now be published in the monthly newsletter.
- ♦ Fifty three members responded to the club survey. Suggestions and new ideas will be funneled to the appropriate committees.
- ♦ President Coughlin explained the rationale for the annual RMC "Man of the Year" Award. Charlie Jones was honored as this year's recipient. He joins a group of former honorees: Ken Lyman, Bob, Noyes, Steve Swindler, Paul Griffin, Jack Puleo, Skip Polio, Frank Melanson, Sal Mazarrini and Warren Brimblecom.
- ♦ Brian O'Toole introduced guest speaker Brent Ellis. For the last 15 years, he has been an interpretive ranger for the National Park Service. His presentation was very informative and based on the book "The Birth of the Cape Cod National Seashore" by Francis P. Burling.
- ♦ Winners of the 50/50 drawing were Tom Pakula (\$104) and Doug Bernard (\$52)
- ♦ Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. Next meeting January 10, 2019.

RMC Bowling



November 27 – week 13 of 35

League Standings

	Won	Lost
1. Condors	70	34
2. Cardinals	66	38
3. Owls	62	42
4. Hawks	55	49
5. Gulls	52	52
6. Falcons	51	53
7. Terns	50	54
8. Osprey	46	58
9. Robins	40	64
10. Eagles	28	76

<u>1. EAGLES</u>	<u>Pins</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>2. CONDORS</u>	<u>Pins</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Avg</u>
Bob Janek	2220	29	76	Vacant	0	0	74
Bob Dinapoli	1825	24	76	Dick Donovan	3231	39	82
John Smith	2592	33	75	Don Bell	2944	39	75
K. Kefalas	2775	33	84	Jim Barba	3062	39	78
Tod Kontaxis	3590	39	92	Lincoln Thurber	2968	36	82
G. Cappola	2679	27	99	A. Giordano	3179	33	96
<u>3. HAWKS</u>				<u>4. OSPREY</u>			
John Fanara	3136	39	80	Bruce Scott	2121	36	58
Peter Adams	2993	39	76	Rene Guennette	2993	39	76
Tom Hickey	3174	39	82	George Anastas	3068	36	85
Ron Perrier	2971	36	82	Bill Zellers	2589	30	86
T. Chiarelli	2532	30	84	W. Newcomer	2544	29	87
C. Merchant	3458	39	88	Frank Cloran	3577	39	91
<u>5. ROBINS</u>				<u>6. CARDINALS</u>			
Len Soloman	2265	36	62	Steve Williamson	2692	39	69
Tom Pakula	2022	27	74	F. Stramkowski	2341	33	70
Bob Casey	1796	21	85	Brian Glinski	3199	39	82
Tom Reardon	2901	33	87	Bob Greiss	2682	30	89
Charlie Jones	1721	21	81	Lou Amelia	2878	33	87
Gary Merton	2530	27	93	J. Vanderlinden	3640	39	93
<u>7. TERNs</u>				<u>8. GULLs</u>			
Frank Fields	2430	36	67	Vacant	0	0	74
Bill Duker	2741	39	70	Dick Coughlin	2433	36	67
Fred Petti	2950	36	81	Ron Steiner	2840	33	86
Ron Charette	2487	30	82	Ken Berg	3362	39	86
Tom Murphy	3475	39	89	Joe MacLelleand	3539	39	90
J. McMahon	3498	39	89	John Doherty	3512	39	90
<u>9. OWLS</u>				<u>10. FALCONS</u>			
Vacant	0	0	74	Charlie Mannia	3034	36	84
Bill Peters	1955	27	72	John Burrell	1961	27	72
Steve Aldrich	2779	39	71	John Lynch	3320	39	85
D. Proudman	3370	39	86	Bob Ward	2991	36	83
B. McElhaney	3394	39	87	Jack Puleo	3323	39	85
Joe Bioty	2999	33	90	Tony Pace	3421	39	87

Welcome to new bowlers Paul DeSist0 and next week Bob Tramondozzi (love those names ending in vowels). Congrats to November red pin strikers – Brian Glinski, John Doherty, Frank Fields and Ted Kontaxis (TWICE). Still have room for additional bowlers.

COME JOIN THE FUN ! JACK



Here's the latest golf news !

As usual, the RMC golf season will be played in two parts.

The 2019 Spring Season will run from April 29th to June 3rd, with Memorial Day off. The Fall Season will cover five consecutive weeks from September 9th to October 7th. All play will be on Mondays.

While it's too early to provide all the details, the following six of the ten courses for next year are firmly in the book: Kings Way, Blue Rock, Bayberry Hills, Ocean Edge, Cranberry Valley and The Captains.

The Cape Club, Pocasset, Old Barney and New Seabury are expected to confirm within the next week or two.

Regrettably, the courses are increasing the fees they pass along to us. So far, the increases have been relatively modest but if a similar trend continues with the last four courses still to confirm, we will likely have to make a small adjustment to our fee. More to come in future newsletters.

You may have heard that we've begun work on a new method of sharing our golf information. As part of the RMC's drive to improve and make better use of the Club's website, we'll be moving from the existing very-cumbersome and time-consuming email system of distributing team pairings, results and all the other golf news that gets shared (and often rejected) to new easy-to-access postings on a dedicated section on the website. Members of the golf committee will be working with a professional web-developer to make the transition a seamless one.

Finally, how about "The Match" between Tiger and Phil in Vega on the Friday after Thanksgiving? \$200,000 side bets and \$9 Million to the winner.

Tell me again about that four-foot putt you had to win a \$2 Nassau at Bass River!

Hang in there, there's just five months to go to our first tournament!

*The Retired Men's Club of Cape
Cod Annual Holiday Luncheon*

at

The Marshside Restaurant

Thursday, December 13, 2018

2:30 to 5:00 pm



\$30 per person

Choice of entrees Cash Bar



****Bring a new non-violent unwrapped toy to donate and
help make a child happy this holiday season ****



To make a reservation complete the enclosed sign-up sheet

RMC

Annual Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 13, 2018

2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

\$30 per person (includes tax and tip)

Sign-up sheet

Member's name _____ ()

First guest _____ ()

Additional guest(s) _____ ()

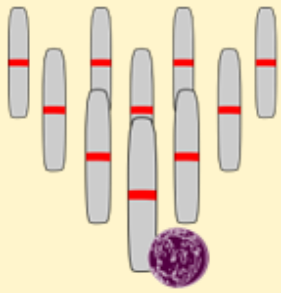
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Select entree: Fish(F) Turkey(T) Ham(H) Greek(G)

Checks payable to : Retired Men's Club

Send to: RMC, P.O. Box 746, South Dennis, MA

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Retired Men's Club Bowling Social
Monday, Jan. 14, 2019 @ Ryan Amusements
Rt. 28 South Yarmouth

This is an RMC social event for couples.

We will be bowling two strings of candlepins. Bowling shoes will be provided, along with pizza and soft drinks. (Adult beverages are available).

The price is \$30.00 per couple and reservations are accepted on a first come basis. Singles are welcome at a cost of \$15.00. If you want to bowl and your spouse/significant other does not, please feel free to bring them along to enjoy the fun and have some pizza. Cost for a bowler and non-bowler is \$20.

There are nine candlepin lanes available and we can accommodate up to six people per lane. Therefore, we can have a maximum of 54 people or 27 couples.

If you would like to bowl with another couple, please specify that on your reservation so that lane assignments can be completed prior to the event.

Bowling will start at 5 PM and should be complete by 7 PM. There will be various prizes and some surprises that we think you will enjoy

Please mail your reservation and checks to:

Retired Men's Club Bowling Social P. O. Box 746 South Dennis, MA 02660

Member _____ Guest _____

I would prefer to bowl with _____

*Checks and reservations must be received by January 10th to allow time to make up teams.

Special Events Summary 2018

Special Thanks to all the members that attended our events this year.

We had a great time !!

Bowling and Pizza

Mohegan Sun

Dinner at The Loft

Swan River Clam Bake

The Indian Princess Cruise

Annual Holiday Luncheon at The Marshside

Toys for Tots / Salvation Army

Remember to bring your gift December 13th

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

And A Happy New Year

Thanks Again,

Gary Merton

Retired Men's Club of Cape Cod

Coming Attractions 2019!

Mark Your Calendar

RMC – Monthly Speakers Program

January 10, 2019



Focus: Cape Wild Life Center

Speaker: Zak Mertz, Executive Director Recommending
RMC Member: MarkSteinkrauss

February 14, 2019



Focus: Atlantic White Shark Conservancy Speaker: Mari-
anne Long, Executive Director Recommending RMC
Member: Paul McDonough

Please participate in the 50/50 drawing each month.

Proceeds go to local charities.



Happy
Holidays




REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED RMC MEMBERS

2018

Ed Eckland 2/2/18 Doug Ide 2/11/18 Ed Guiliani 2/15/18
Frank Melanson 3/14/18 Gerry Daly 3/31/18 George Keefe 11/2018
Jim McDermott 11/2018 Charles Austin 12/3/2018



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know any infirmed RMC members or in the case of a death, be sure to contact Tom Murphy, Sunshine Committee Chairman.

(tfmurph23@gmail.com or 508-397-4351).

He will communicate with the individual or the family.



Retiredmensclub.com

RMC members are urged to access our website.

You can get the monthly newsletter, a calendar of activities, a membership application, a listing of officers & committees and a club histo-

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Honor

Teach



Wreaths

Across

America

REMEMBER

Our fallen U.S Veterans

HONOR

Those who serve

TEACH

Your children the value of Freedom

National Wreath Across America Day
December 15th

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

For more background information and how you can sponsor a wreath this Christmas go to:

www.wreathsacrossamerica.org

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