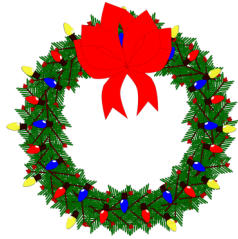


NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING

To Be Determined

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

Here's hoping this finds you and your families well and bearing up after all the lockdowns, quarantines, school closings, hand washings and worse of all, the never-ending stream of so-called medical experts pontificating on our televisions. No wonder there's a shortage of doctors in hospitals, they're all on TV! Hang in there, a few more weeks and 2020 will be behind us – makes me think of what the famous (or is it infamous) Russian Leon Trotsky was quoted as saying in 1917, “on the dust heap of history”. It was updated about seventy years later by our own Ronald Reagan when he said, “the ash heap of history.” No matter who said what, let's just leave it at “2020 is done, and good riddance!”



As I write on Thanksgiving weekend, it's too early to judge the success of our first-ever outdoor toy collection. Having said that, the membership's interest in making a kid's holiday as good as possible in this tough year has been more than just a little overwhelming.

Couple all that interest with great support from member volunteers, help from the folks at the Senior Center and what now appears to be a cooperating weather forecast – well, what more can we hope for?



Here are the details -

When – Wednesday, December 2nd, 9:00am until Noon.

**Where – Drive-thru in new parking lot behind the Dennis Senior Center, corner Route 134 and Setucket, South Dennis.
Look for signs.**

What – New, unwrapped, non-violent toys or other gifts suitable for infants to teens.

Who – RMC members and non-members are welcome to come by and drop off a gift (or two).

Hope to see you there.

Speaking of volunteers, we'll need a couple soon if we want to keep two of our winter programs going. Most urgent is for someone to help Jack Puleo manage our Tuesday afternoon bowling league. It's about keeping track of bowlers, collecting the money, and paying the bills. If this is something you would like to help with, contact Jack.

Not a bowler, but a golfer? Perfect. If you're a golfer looking to hit some balls on great golf courses this winter, what a deal we have for you. A volunteer is needed to help run our Monday golf program at the golf simulator in Ryan's Ten Pin Eatery on the mall. Ryan's simulator folks do all the heavy lifting, the Club's volunteer just assigns our pairings and tee times and pays the bill at the end of the day. If this sounds like something that fits in your golf bag, send me an email, or give me a call. The golf simulator season plays on Mondays in January and February and can be extended on either end if desired.

The latest rumor on the addition to the Dennis Senior Center is a February/March completion. Allowing time for moving the furniture in and technical setups, as well as getting all the town officials and local politicians together for photo opportunities and speeches, a May/June grand opening seems likely.

Did you know that in-person Driver's License renewal appointments are required for seniors 75 or over? I didn't. The good news is appointments on Wednesdays in December 2020 for are reserved just for drivers 75+. You can renew at the AAA in Patriot Square or the RMV in South Yarmouth. Visit www.aaa.com/appointments or www.mass.gov/rmv to schedule or learn more.

There's still no relaxation of the Governor's rules prohibiting large indoor meetings like our General Membership sessions. As is our custom, there was no meeting scheduled for December, but January's could be impacted. We'll keep you informed.

No progress on Cornhole. The logistics are just too tough. If you absolutely, positively need a Cornhole fix, check ESPN's primetime schedule for exciting professional competitions sponsored by a sausage company. (I'm joking, about the exciting part **anyway**.)

Sorry to report well-known Club member Fran Manzelli has passed. Fran was active in Cape politics and had been a member of the RMC for several years. Read his obituary at <https://www.capecodtimes.com/obituaries/story-obituaries-2020-11-25-francis-p-manzelli-79>



And finally, in these tough times it is more important than ever to keep a positive attitude. I leave you with this example.

"Life is not the way it's supposed to be - it's the way it is. The way you cope with it is what makes the difference."

After his plane was hit and he was forced to eject, the Marine Corps fighter pilot finally regained consciousness. He was in a hospital, in a lot of pain.

He found himself in the ICU with tubes/IV drips in both arms, a breathing mask, wires monitoring every function and a nurse hovering over him, looking worried. It was obvious he was in a life-threatening situation.

The nurse gave him a serious look, straight into his eyes. Knowing he was not only a fighter pilot, but a Marine, she spoke to him softly and slowly, enunciating each word: "You may not feel anything from the waist down."

Somehow, he managed to mumble in reply, "Can I feel your boobs, then?"

And that, my friends, is a real positive attitude.

That's it! Best wishes to you, your family, and your friends for a safe, happy, and healthy Holiday.

Charlie





December 2020 Membership Report

With 2 new members and no terminations, we now have a total of 305 members in the club.

New Members:

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Harwich, MA 02645

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Arthur Bedard

508-432-0716

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So. Chatham, MA 02659

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Remember, when referring prospective new members to the club, direct them to the website and the membership tab in order to complete an application. If anyone has questions about the process, have them call Ken Lyman at 508-744-7189.

Ken Lyman

Membership Chairman

BOWLING NEWS

Well, through November we are maintaining 23 to 35 players. It will reduce the size of the banquet and prizes. If you want to do something different, let me know. The only red pin payout last month was John Doherty.

New bowlers for team assignments still wanted and anyone available to sub (not the sandwich). Those who will not be present for bowling please contact me via phone or email. It will help George with team attendance and me with the collections of dues.

Hope all had a good Thanksgiving despite the mandates from the pols who know as little as we do about the pandemic.

See you Tuesday.....*Jack*



Team Standings

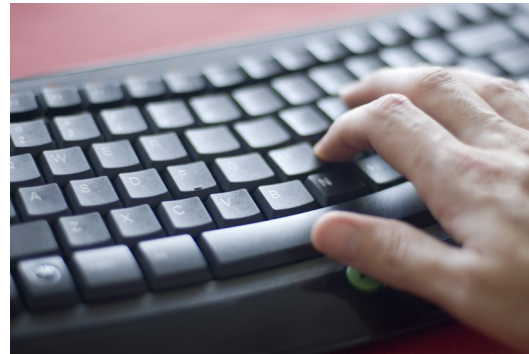
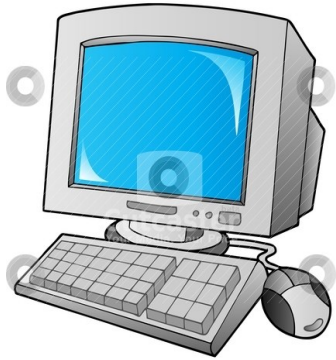
Place	#	Team Name	%Won	Points Won	Points Lost	UnEarned Points	Y-T-D % WON	Year-To-Date WON	Y-T-D LOST	Games Won	Scratch Pins	Pins + HDCP
1	6	Veterans	66.7	48	24		66.7	48	24	17	9207	9249
2	1	Rockets	56.9	41	31		56.9	41	31	14½	8933	9002
3	5	Pacers	55.6	40	32		55.5	40	32	15	8831	8846
4	7	Sox	54.2	39	33		54.2	39	33	14½	8485	8734
5	3	J.V. Team	47.2	34	38		47.2	34	38	13	8928	8952
6	8	No Names	45.8	33	39		45.8	33	39	12½	8343	8691
7	2	Last Ston	44.4	32	40		44.4	32	40	13	8444	8882

Team Rosters

Name	Avg	Pins	Gms	High Game	High Sers	Name	Avg	Pins	Gms	High Game	High Sers
1 - Rockets						2 - Last Stop					
George Cappola	103	2802	27	129	346	Frank Cloran	96	2613	27	124	328
Lou amelia	87	2354	27	103	275	Bill Zellers	86	2338	27	100	275
John Burrell	72	1735	24	91	261	Len Soloman	53	1182	22	76	200
Steve Williamson	68	1841	27	81	224	VACANT	75	0	0	0	0
3 - J.V. Team						4 - Steak & Cheese					
John Vanderlinden	93	1953	21	112	309	Joe Bioty	91	550	6	106	280
John Lynch	87	2088	24	103	284	John Fanara	79	2142	27	96	257
Jim Barba	84	2021	24	114	267	Peter Adams	77	2094	27	90	257
Richard Tucciarone	66	1606	24	90	234	Frank Fields	66	1791	27	85	221
5 - Pacers						6 - Veterans					
Tony Pace	92	2495	27	112	323	Ron Steiner	84	2286	27	111	274
Brian Glinski	81	1960	24	99	270	Bob Janek	76	2078	27	103	268
George Anastas	78	2112	27	103	250	Jack Puleo	82	2217	27	103	268
Paul Gonyea	71	215	3	81	215	John Doherty	89	2416	27	120	291
7 - Sox						8 - No Names					
Bob Greiss	86	1300	15	105	286	Don Proudman	82	739	9	96	272
Rob Krupp	80	1937	24	105	264	Mike Roosa	82	2228	27	100	263
Frank Stone	75	0	0	0	0	Tom Hickey	69	417	6	82	227
Dick Coughlin	72	1531	21	89	234	Francis Salewski	73	1329	18	87	236

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RMC members are urged to explore our website. You can get the monthly newsletter, a membership application, a listing of officers & committees, RMC Site Help and submit your suggestions (Talk2Us).



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.**



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