

NEWSLETTER

January 2020



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

Website Edition



NEXT MEETING

January 9, 2020

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



Fellow members,

As the Retired Men's Club begins a new year and a new decade, it's worth a brief look back on the Club's history. The RMC was founded in March 1952 by the Reverend Carl F. Schultz, with just 37 charter members. During the early years, the principle activity was singing in "The Retired Men's Club Chorus". The chorus separated from the rest of the Club in 1988 and The Retired Men's Club as we now know it was born. Meetings were held in area churches until 2002, when the Club moved to the Dennis Senior Center where it remains to this day.

After separating from the chorus, membership reached a low point of about 130 in August 1994. Since then, membership has risen steadily, reaching our current total of about 325 members.

Today, some 68 years since its founding, the Club's basic goals remain pretty much the same. Whether you are a life-long resident of Cape Cod or a recent "wash-ashore", if you're looking for friendship and comradery, an active selection of social activities in which to participate alone or with your spouse or guest, or a broad range of informative, entertaining speakers at club meetings, the Retired Men's Club of Cape Cod is the place for you.

I'm honored to have been elected as the Club's 38th President, and I'm confident that I can say, not only for myself but for the entire incoming Executive Committee, that our foremost goal will be to continue those traditions that make the Retired Men's Club of Cape Cod the retired man's club of choice.

Also, I'd like to extend my personal thanks to President Dick Coughlin and out-going board members Mitch McLaughlin, Brian O'Toole, Ernie Olivera and John Fanara for their hard work and dedication to our Club's continued success. As club members, we owe a debt of gratitude to each of them.

Okay, so what's ahead in 2020? Try these: Spring and Fall golf tournaments played at some of the finest courses in the Commonwealth at greatly discounted playing fees; a ten-team candlepin bowling league that meets weekly from September to May; the Club's annual clambake and a special Holiday Luncheon that supports Cape Cod's "Toys for Tots" program are especially popular events for members and their guests.

If none of those are to your liking, how about some social activities that are under consideration for 2020: "Pub nights" at local pubs, lunches at various Cape restaurants, in-season weekly bocce ball and corn-toss competitions, boat and sightseeing trips, hospital and nursing home visits and many more. All RMC activities, with the exceptions of golf, bowling and some monthly General Membership Meetings are open to members and their guests.

As you can imagine, all the afore-mentioned activities don't just magically happen. If you would like to grow your involvement in your Club by volunteering to help on one of more of them, it's easy. Just speak to any Executive Committee member.

With thanks to Paul DeSisto, Dennis Mascio and John Lynch for their efforts, we'll soon be rolling out a new and improved web site that will make it easier for members to find and join in upcoming activities. We're also working to improve communication between members and the club's leadership. The new web site will include a "Talk to Us" capability for club members to provide their opinions, recommendations or suggestions anonymously or self-identified at the touch of a button. And, continuing on that theme, a new Suggestion Box will be available at every General Membership Meeting for use by members preferring that method of communicating with the board. Your inputs will come to me personally, and I pledge to you that every one of them will be brought forth for consideration by your Executive Committee. Before leaving this subject, let me reaffirm our previous practice encouraging members to speak to any Committee member on any issues of concern. Members will soon have three avenues to choose from; web site, suggestion box or in person. It's your club – "Talk to Us!" No excuses!

Monthly General Membership Meetings are held at the Dennis Senior Center on Route 134 in South Dennis at 1:30pm on the second Thursday of every month (but not July, August or December). If you are already a member, why not bring a friend to a monthly meeting.

Let them see for themselves what a great club we are. Of course, prospective members are always welcome to come to a meeting on their own. New members may join at any monthly meeting by contacting any current member or through the Club's existing web-site at www.retiredmensclub.com (just click on the Membership tab).

So, mark your calendar, our next monthly meeting is at 1:30pm on Thursday, January 9th, at the Dennis Senior Center. I hope to see you there.

All the best to you and yours for a safe, healthy and especially Happy New Year,

Charlie



January 2020 General Membership Meeting Program

- The new RMC officers and Executive Committee members will be introduced and explain their responsibilities.
- Presentation of ongoing programs and new ideas.
- Feedback/questions from the membership.
- Refreshments





MEMBERSHIP REPORT-JANUARY, 2020

As of this report, we now have 319 members in the club. There were no new members and there was one termination since last month.

Termination:

Joe Connolly passed away on December 9, 2019. Joe was an honorary member at age 92 and had been with the club since 2013. He will be missed by all of us.

Dues:

Members have been making payments at the October and November meetings as well as sending checks in. **Members are required to pay their annual dues by the January meeting and shall be delinquent if not paid by the February 13 meeting. Please avoid getting a termination letter! You still have time to send your \$20 check to:**

Walt Kangas

122 Indian Memorial Drive

So. Yarmouth, MA 02664

As promised at the November meeting, here are some club statistics for your perusal:

<u>Total Membership</u>	319	100%
Associate Members (over80)	81	25%
Honorary Members (over90)	17	5%
Past Presidents	6	2%

Age of members

50 to 59 years old	0	0
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(Membership Report continued)

Age of members

60 to 69	42	13%
70 to 79	179	56%
80 to 89	81	25%
90 and up	18	5%

Activity during 2019:

New members- 26

Resignations- 14

Reinstatements- 4

>Relocations - 3

Terminations- 46

>Medical/Health - 6

>Deaths- 6

>Other - 5

>Attendance- 15

>Dues- 11

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my committee who helped me with all the membership activity during the year:

Walt Kangas Ron Perrier Paul Desisto

Jack Keating Buzz Barry Jack Coughlin

Ken Lyman,

Membership Chairman



BOWLING NEWS

The league is at the half way point and I hope everyone is having and had a great holiday season.



Red pin strikes for December were Tom Murphy, Bud Jensen and Steve Williamson.

The big winners for the over average day (Dec. 10) for 3 strings and \$15 were: John Smith, Dick Coughlin, Brian Glinski, Bud Jensen, Len Solomon, Bob Casey, Don Bell, Frank Fields, Pete Adams, Bob Janek. The one string over average winners of \$10 are: John Burrell, Rob Krupp, John Doherty, Johnny Van (too long to spell) Tom Murphy, Wayne Newcomer, Joe Bioty, Frank Stone Steve Williamson, Chic Merchant.

Thanks for the first half attendance hoping for more participation in the second half.

Don't forget the new 2020 starting time:

Check in by 11:45 a.m.

Practice at 12 noon

Bowl at 12:15.



Jack

Please participate in the 50/50 drawing each month.

Proceeds go to local charities.



HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR





Let's Roll the Rock !

Retired Men's Club
Bowling Social
Monday, Jan. 27, 2020
Ryan Amusements
Rt.28, South Yarmouth

This is an RMC social event for members and guests.

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 \$15.00 per bowler and reservations are accepted on a first come basis. The maximum is 60 people...so sign up early.

If you want to bowl and your spouse/date does not, please feel free to bring them along. Cost is \$10 for a non-bowler.

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

Bowling will start at 5:00 PM and should be complete by 7:00 PM. There will be various prizes and some surprises.

To make a reservation, please mail the bowler's name (s) and checks to:

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

*Checks must be received by January 23rd to allow time to make up teams

(Payment can also be made at the RMC meeting on Jan.9 or at the RMC Bowling league on January 7,14,21.)

If you can "spare" the time come out and have a "ball" !

RMC's Inaugural 2020 Pub Stop

On Friday January 17, 2020 6-9 p.m.

at Cape Cod Beer



How good an axe thrower are you?

Come join other RMC members and their guests and find out!

Haul-N-Axe are bringing their fun axe throwing set up.

Come along, make new friends and have some fun

enjoy live music by Graham Hempstead

and JP'S Twisted BBQ & Grille at the

at

Cape Cod Beer

1336 Phinney's Lane

Hyannis

(no cover charge or advance payment. \$10 for 5 throws)

- IMPORTANT -

Let Dan Penni know if you're coming and number of guests by January 12th

Tell Dan at < depenni@comcast.net > or (561) 309-5073



Don't worry, spring will be here soon!

2019 Golf

It's done....finished over pick it up, it's good

On October 7th, RMC Golf wrapped up 2019 with an End-of-Season Scramble and Barbeque at the Captains Golf Course

Check out the Captains and all the other results from the 2019 Fall Season under the RMC website Golf Tab. Click on "Scores"

Are you looking ahead to 2020

the Spring Season starts on

Monday, April 27th

at

**The Ocean Edge Resort and Golf
Club**

Mark your calendars now





Thursday, December 12, 2019

Reflections



The annual RMC Christmas luncheon put all 120 attendees in the holiday mood. The spirit of giving was evident in numerous toys donated to Toys for Tots . The delicious food, seasonal beverages and chrysanthemum centerpieces added to the enjoyment.

Talented local singer, Siobhan Magnus, thoroughly entertained everyone with an eclectic mix of new and traditional songs.

Thanks to members and guests who contributed to making this a wonderful, festive event.



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