

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

Happy New Year to all and to 2020, Good Night!

Who would have thought way back in February, as we sat in the Senior Center enjoying C.L. Fornari talking to us about spring flowers and summer soon to come, that that would be the last time in 2020 that we would be able to get together as a large group. Oh, we did play some golf and are doing some bowling, but the impact of COVID-19 was and still is, obvious. Here's hoping that the vaccines are successfully rolled out and life on Cape Cod returns to some sort of normalcy sometime soon.



Let's move on to a couple of good things that happened in 2020, starting with the announcement of the Club's Man of the Year. As you probably know, the Club President has sole authority to annually recognize a Club member for his special achievements and dedication to Club activities over the previous year. This recognition normally takes place at a Club General Membership Meeting at the end of the year. Sadly, conditions this year make in person recognition impossible, but they do not negate the need to recognize a member for his continuing contributions to the Club in 2020. Therefore, as Club President I'm honored to announce my selection of John Lynch as the Retired Men's Club of Cape Cod Man of the Year for 2020. John's activities supporting the Club are far reaching, from participation in our IT group, managing and distributing the Club newsletter, handling all short-notice communication requirements, acting as Club Secretary and always stepping up when out-of-the-ordinary needs must be met. John is also a regular in club events like

golf and bowling. Also, he brings recognition of the Club in local towns by his community involvement from helping the elderly in times of crisis to regular participation at his local church, and much, much more. Thank you John, for all you do.

Continuing with good things, our annual toy collection delivered in a big way. Some 200 toys and gifts along with over \$150 in cash for purchase of gift cards was donated by Club members for distribution by the Salvation Army to help make Christmas more enjoyable for the Cape's youth. But you weren't done! Some Club members piggy-backed on the toy drive and ended up donating an estimated \$300+ worth of grocery items and \$500 in Stop and Shop cards to needy local families. Distribution was handled by the Senior Center's Outreach program. If you were among the many RMC members that came forward, well done. You made a difference. Thank you.

Santa's Helpers



Charlie Jones, Jack Hudson, George Cappola and John Lynch collecting donations and getting them ready for later delivery to the Salvation Army facility.



**Feeding the
Community**



Charlie, Jack, John, George, and Salvation Army Major Doris Haggerty off-loading RMC gifts at the Salvation Army Hyannis Community Center



Salvation Army display of many of the over 200 gifts donated by RMC members

COVID-19 has affected how we carry out the Club's regular business. Executive Committee meetings were held via Zoom in November and December. In December, besides the Committee's routine business, voting procedures for four EC positions up for election were finalized. Member's nominations, collected by the committee, for the positions were: Tom Murphy, Bill Peters, George Cappola and Lou Ferreira.

Club By-Laws require a vote by the membership to accept the nominations as proposed or to add any additional nomination(s) prior to the members vote. The By-Laws further require a quorum of at least 20 members be present for the vote, which would normally take place at a regular General Membership Meeting. Due to the virus, that meeting could not be held. No fear – RMC bowlers came to the rescue! Twenty-five club members were present for bowling on December 15th, more than enough for a quorum. A special meeting was called to order, and after routine business was accepted, the above-named nominees were proposed to the members present for their vote. The election result was all four being elected by unanimous vote. The lucky four will begin their 3-year terms on January 1st, 2021. Congratulations to them all.

Our inability to hold monthly meetings has hit the RMC's Charitable Giving fund hard. The fund's principal source of income is its share of the 50/50 drawing held at each monthly meeting. In short, no meeting, no income. Consequently, Fund President Dick Coughlin and its directors have put donations on hold pending the restart of monthly meetings. You can review the fund's financial status in Club Treasurer Lou Ferreira's monthly financial report.

Worth mentioning are two sports activities available to club members. Bowling continues Tuesday afternoons with plenty of room available for new members to join in. See League Secretary Jack Puleo's update by clicking on the website's Sports Tab. And Indoor Golf at the Ten Pin Eatery's Golf Simulator is looking for players. Play on six consecutive Mondays starting January 18th. Respond to the survey email sent to all members on December 29th if you're interested.

A few members have asked about dues for 2021. As previously reported, the Executive Committee has waived 2021 dues for all members who previously paid their 2020 dues. The three-meeting minimum attendance requirement was also waived for 2020 and 2021.

Members should know their club is alive and moving forward. We're thinking ahead, looking for activities that might be possible a few months down the road. Spring golf is coming. Chairman Paul DeSisto has the golf schedule in the book. We're starting to think about other outdoor activities to enjoy when relief from COVID restrictions comes our way. Perhaps a spring picnic, or club walking sessions, or whatever. What do you think? Send us your ideas. Go to "Talk to Me" on the website homepage and drop us a line. We're listening.

It seems like almost every month that the subject of volunteers comes up. As you can see from my message this month, volunteers are what makes the club run. We have lots of needs, so if you would like to help, head on over to the website's Sunshine tab and click on the Volunteer tab behind it. Tell us what you would like to do to help and we'll get back to you. Fresh ideas welcome.

Enough already, Before I finish, I'll leave you with this story.

Three nurses arrive at the Pearly Gates.

St. Peter asks the first why he should admit her. She replies that she has been an emergency room nurse and has saved thousands and thousands of lives.

"Okay," he says, "Come on in!"

The second reports that he has been an ICU nurse and he, too, has saved thousands and thousands of lives. St. Peter lets him in, too.

St. Peter asks the third nurse the same question.

She replies that she has been a managed care nurse and has saved thousands and thousands of dollars for the insurance company.

St. Peter replies, "Okay, come on in, but you can only stay three days."

That's it.

Wishing you and yours a safe healthy ...
andHappyNew Year !

Charlie





Membership Report– January 2021

With the addition of one new member and no terminations this month, we now have 306 members in the club.

New Member:

James Puleo Wendy

19 Capt. Weiler Rd.

So. Yarmouth, MA 02664

Don't forget to keep referring prospective members to the club. Have them check out the club website and follow directions for membership.

Ken Lyman

Membership Chairman

Did you know...

- ⇒ The average age of a RMC member is 77 years old.
- ⇒ The oldest member of the club is 104; the youngest is 54.
- ⇒ Most popular birthday month is August (32 members)
- ⇒ Best year for inducting members was 2019 (29 new members)
- ⇒ Two towns comprise 84% of membership (Yarmouth 51% & Dennis (33%)
- ⇒ The following towns have one RMC member: Buzzards Bay, Centerville, Cummaquid, East Sandwich, Orleans, Osterville, South Chatham, South Harwich, West Barnstable.



RMC Bowling News

Last month we had only one **red pin** strike and it went o John Vanderlinden.

With the virus causing problems, we have had to make some changes. The old season is over (Sept. to Dec.). A new season will start January 5, 2021. A few changes had to be made to the lineups. Four teams and players were effected. See the next page. ➡

Jack



R.M.C. Bowling 2020/21 Season



TEAM 1

G.CAPPOLA	99
L.AMELIA	86
J.BURRELL	67
S.WILLIAMSON	<u>67</u>
	318

TEAM 3

J.VANDERLINDEN	90
J.LYNCH	85
J.BARBA	79
R.TUCCIARONE	<u>69</u>
	331

TEAM 5

T.PACE	88
B.GLINSKI	83
VACANT	75
P.GONYEA	<u>72</u>
	322

TEAM 7

B.GREISS	88
R.KRUPP	76
F.STONE	79
D.COUGHLIN	<u>74</u>
	323

TEAM 2

F.CLORAN	93
B.ZELLERS	86
BLIND	70
L.SOLOMON	<u>60</u>
	322

TEAM 4

J.BIOTY	89
VACANT	75
P.ADAMS	80
F.FIELDS	<u>72</u>
	317

TEAM 6

J.DOHERTY	86
R.STEINER	83
B.JANEK	77
J.PULEO	<u>80</u>
	318

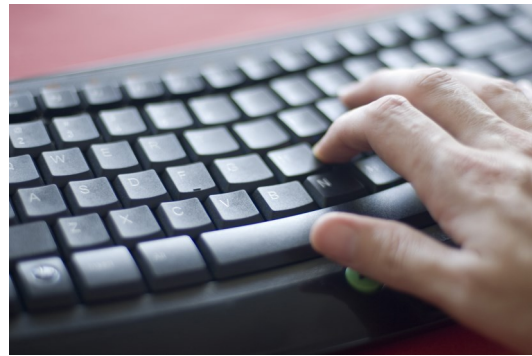
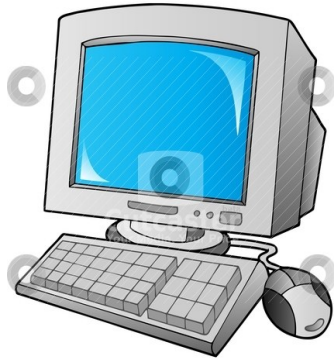
TEAM 8

D.PROUDMAN	82
M.ROOSA	81
J.FANARA	80
G.ANASTAS	<u>79</u>
	320

Happy New Year

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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).



The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot

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.

Go to the "Sunshine" tab on the RMC website to summit a request or to volunteer to join this committee.

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