

June 2023

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FATHERS DAY

June 18th



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



NEXT MEETING

June 8, 2023 @ 1 p.m.

St David's Episcopal Church



(There will be no general membership meeting in July or August)

President's Message

Good day to all on this wonderful day on Cape Cod. It's starting to look and feel as if we have passed the corner for better weather to come. Memorial Day weekend has now passed us and many families and friends came to the Cape to visit and have gone back home. I am not saying they are not welcome but Saturday and Sunday were busy and Monday and Tuesday were back to normal. The Indy 500 and the Coca Cola 600 races were held, and outcomes are in the record books. I want to commend our membership committee for a full effort on our members survey and they will hopefully give us a presentation at our next meeting to show what the results are and what direction we would like to lead the RMC in for the future. COVID has tremendously affected our membership numbers. On December 31, 2019, we had 319 members. Then COVID hit us in 2020 and as of May 31st this year we have 239 members. We have added a few this spring but that is still a reduction of 80 members. We want to reverse this trend and reinvigorate our membership. The membership committee has taken the first steps by conducting this survey to identify activities that our current members are interested in to help keep their interest in the club and attract new like-minded individuals.

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Our June 8th meeting will be our last for this part of the season as we take a break for July and August to be with family and friends this summer on the Cape. Monthly meetings will resume on September 14th (second Thursday of the month) at St. David's for the fall as well as the second half of our golf season and fall bowling will begin on the Tuesday after Labor Day.

I want to currently thank all of you for your continued support of the RMC and those who make this group possible. Also remember your requests and questions are always welcome and you can always bring a friend to any of our meeting to see who we are, what we do, and who we have as a guest speaker that might interest them as well.

Many of you that I have chatted with are getting your gardens and yards back to shape after this winter and spring. Apparently, some of the Cape's most beloved plants took a hit this year and require some nurturing this summer which will hopefully restore them for next year. We decided that everything went into the ground this weekend as my house was starting to look like a nursery as well as getting the deck ready for some relaxation and gatherings of good friends. Again, to all of you have a great summer with family and friends and see you on June 8th.



George Cappola

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RMC members are urged to regularly access our website.

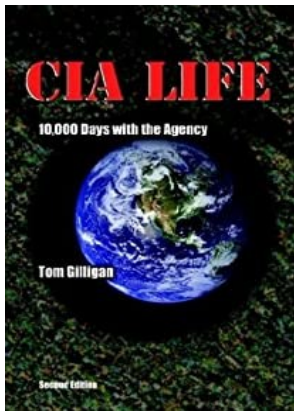
You can get the monthly newsletter, a membership application, golf news and a wealth of valuable information

Encourage those in your circle of friends to join us !



June Guest Speaker

Tom Gilligan

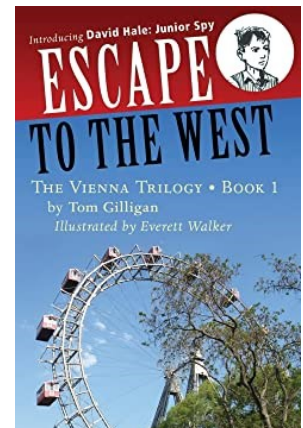


We are delighted to have Tom Gilligan, a fellow member of the Retired Men's Club, as our guest speaker at the June 8 meeting. Tom grew up in the Boston area and is an undergraduate of Boston College and holds a Master's Degree from Cornell University.

After college, Tom entered the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and spent almost 28 years in CIA's Operations Directorate both in Washington and overseas. During Tom's career he headed the Agency's overseas Clandestine Operations Training Course and oversaw personnel recruiting in New England colleges and universities. As an author, he wrote and published "CIA LIFE: 10,000 Days with the Agency." More recently, over the past two years, Tom has written a fictional spy story (for boys and girls in the middle school years), "The Vienna Trilogy," which is set in 1947 Cold War Vienna, Austria. The series features 11-year-old junior spy, David Hale. Book I is "Escape to the West." Book II is "Nazis on the Run." Book III is "Stopping the Russian Bear." The series is available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

In addition to discussing his books, Tom will speak to us about his experiences in the CIA and his views on current world affairs with a particular focus on Europe.

We hope that you can join us in hearing from Tom and learning more about his career journey and fascinating experiences.





Minutes of General Meeting – May 11, 2023

- ♦ Acting President George Cappola called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. George led all in the pledge to the flag and Jack Hudson led all in the singing of “God Bless America”. George requested a moment of silence for Ed McFadden who recently passed. The reading of the minutes from the previous meeting was waived. Again, George requested members come forward to volunteer for the various positions available to alleviate those who have been doing various functions for a long time.
- ♦ George asked the membership to fill out the new survey developed by the membership committee. The survey requests members their opinions on what they want to see and do in the future. Once this survey has been completed, the committee will publish results.
- ♦ Lou Ferriera gave the treasurer’s report...balance as of 4/30/23 is \$7903.92. The golf account is presently at \$7318.05. Motion to accept report as read was made and approved.
- ♦ Membership report made by Bob Badarocco standing in for Gary Gyss. Bob reported we have 3 new members: Ed Saunders, Craig Rockwood and Jerry Newman. Motion to accept the new members was accepted.
- ♦ Paul Desisto reported that there are three more Monday golf outings for the spring and there are openings for golfers. Good weather is coming so sign on.
- ♦ Jack Puleo stated that the new chairman for bowling is Dick Donovan. Next year’s teams are about set. Jack asked that all bowlers e-mail him to confirm they are planning to bowl.
- ♦ Brian O’Toole introduced the guest speaker, Aaron Lowe from *Bay to Sound Neighbors*. Aaron is a volunteer, as most of their people, and helps the elderly age in their homes by providing various services such as transportation to medical appointments, some in-home projects and tech assistance with PCs, printers, etc. Membership fees apply.
- ♦ 50/50 Winners are: Rene Guenette won \$43 while Don Bell won \$28
- ♦ Meeting adjourned at 1:45

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Fecteau for John Lynch





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Treasurer's Report

May 31, 2023



	<u>Available Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds for Donations</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Checking Account Balance (Beginning):	7,488.92	415.00	7,903.92
DEPOSITS:	265.00	83.00	348.00
CHECKS/WITHDRAWLS:	(525.37)		(525.37)
Net Change:	(260.37)	83.00	(177.37)
Ending Balance:	7,228.55	498.00	7,726.55



SUMMARY			
Receipts:			
Raffle	83.00		
Dues	80.00		
Apparel Sales	185.00	348.00	
Disbursements:			
Survey Printing	(25.37)		
Bowling Supplement	(500.00)	(525.37)	
Net Change:	(177.37)	(177.37)	

GOLF Account Balance (Beginning):	7,318.05
DEPOSITS:	
Golf Deposits	320.00
Game Day Funds	12,620.00
CHECKS/WITHDRAWLS:	
Green Fees	15,799.00
Software Expense	60.00
Net Change:	(2,919.00)
Ending Balance:	4,399.05

RMC Member Survey Results

We had a total of 125 members complete the survey, 52% of the membership - an outstanding completion rate. Here is a link if you want to look at the "raw" data: [\(Survey Results\)](#).

In order to assess interest in a specific "active or passive activity", we believe that the combined % from highly interested and somewhat interested should be at least 40% to be used as a benchmark for overall interest in that activity.



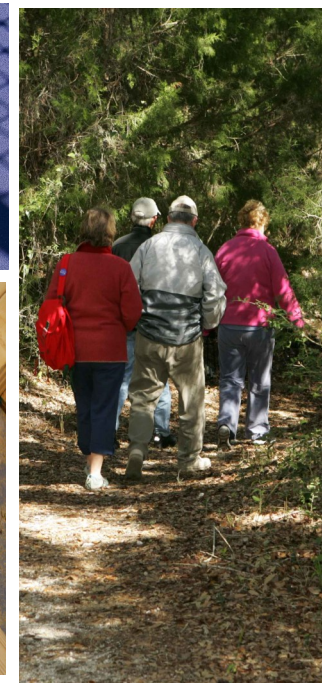
With that in mind you will find that there is interest in seeing the club expand the number of offerings. For example, Bocce, Investment Group and ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) were clear cut areas of interest. There are many others.

For the RMC to expand the key will be for members to step up, lead and take charge in activity areas that you have a passion for.

For example, we already have a committee member who has volunteered to head up, hiking and biking.

We all have time, be productive, be active and be involved.

If you have questions about the report, please contact me Gary Gyss at gjgyss@gmail.com or Bob Bacdaracco at badaraccor@yahoo.com





This month we are pleased to welcome one new member, **Richard Bevilacqua**.

We appreciate the overwhelming response to the RMC Membership Survey. 52% (125 members) completed the survey.

The Executive Board is reviewing the data and assessing which activities would be the best for the club to consider as we move forward in 2023 and 2024.

As we move into the summer months, it's a great time to invite friends to join the RMC. This will enable them to take part in the fall golf program.

If you haven't purchased your golf hat, see the folks at the registration desk for the June meeting.

Gary Gyss

Membership Chair

Sunshine Committee



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

Frank Cloran

Sunshine Committee Chair

(ssgcloran27@gmail.com)

FINAL STANDINGS

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Tuesday 12:30 pm

Ryan Family Amusements-Yarmouth

Lanes 1 - 8

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	2	Lincoln	57.6	166	122		57.6	166	122	59	42480	45324
2	1	Cadillac	56.3	162	126		56.3	162	126	62	46198	46282
3	4	Buick	52.4	151	137	4	52.4	151	137	54½	42008	42674
4	7	Chevrolet	51.4	148	140		51.4	148	140	55	44094	45144
5	6	Ford	50.7	146	142		50.7	146	142	55	45931	46183
6	5	Dodge	46.2	133	155		46.2	133	155	49½	43264	43854
7	3	Newport	45.8	132	156		45.8	132	156	54	44223	44697
8	8	Pontiac	36.8	106	182	4	36.8	106	182	40	37104	37865

Thanks for bowling! We hope you had a good time. See you next season!

Season High Scores

Team Scratch Game	Team Scratch Series	Team Handicap Game	Team Handicap Series
493 Cadillac	1376 Cadillac	503 Lincoln	1430 Chevrolet
486 Buick	1373 Ford	501 Chevrolet	1387 Buick
469 Lincoln	1352 Chevrolet	499 Buick	1376 Cadillac
467 Ford	1348 Buick	493 Cadillac	1373 Ford
467 Chevrolet			
Bowlers must have completed a minimum of 70 games to be eligible for any league award.			
Scratch Game	Scratch Series	Handicap Game	Handicap Series
140 Chick Merchant	345 George Cappola	140 Chick Merchant	345 George Cappola
135 John Fanara	341 Jim McMahon	131 Frank Cloran	341 Jim McMahon
131 Frank Cloran	339 Chick Merchant	130 George Cappola	339 Chick Merchant
130 George Cappola	326 Wayne Newcomer	130 Jim McMahon	326 Wayne Newcomer
130 Jim McMahon			

Team Rosters

Name	Avg	Pins	Gms	High Game	High Sers	Name	Avg	Pins	Gms	High Game	High Sers
1 - Cadillac						2 - Lincoln					
Bob Maclean	75	4736	63	99	265	Len Soloman	58	4388	75	79	221
Chris Eldredge	83	7629	91	115	294	Wayne Hicks	75	7294	96	115	276
John Fanara	80	8438	105	135	284	Bob Ward	79	7828	99	109	286
Ted Kontaxis	92	9115	99	120	320	Don Bell	88	7684	87	118	322
George Cappola	98	9156	93	130	345	Joe Bioty	93	6660	71	120	317
3 - Newport						4 - Buick					
Frank Stramowski	67	5859	87	84	238	Paul Rooney	77	8151	105	97	274
Bob Janek	77	6655	86	101	257	Jim Barba	76	6925	90	98	259
Ron Perrier	85	8194	96	112	301	Jack Puleo	78	6943	88	104	280
Tom Murphy	84	9158	108	110	284	Bill Zellers	87	7617	87	114	294
Chick Merchant	95	10331	108	140	339	Frank Cloran	93	6752	72	131	325
5 - Dodge						6 - Ford					
Bob Begin	85	5871	69	110	288	Peter Adams	74	8058	108	102	254
John Burrell	74	4716	63	109	279	Fred Emanuelson	82	8711	105	111	279
Ron Steiner	82	7962	97	118	285	Brian Glinaki	82	6653	81	117	276
Dick Fecteau	87	7318	84	110	289	Lou Amelia	93	10082	108	123	325
Gary Merton	91	7917	87	112	298	Tony Pace	92	9982	108	117	307
7 - Chevrolet						8 - Pontiac					
Frank Fields	64	5629	87	103	235	George Anastas	78	6388	81	110	284
Wayne Newcomer	86	8010	93	121	326	Dick Coughlin	75	6124	81	102	257
Mike Roosa	84	5348	63	110	276	Dick Donovan	82	3388	41	101	286
Jim McMahon	91	7997	87	130	341	Bob Greiss	86	4128	48	116	309
Joe MacLelland	82	7662	93	109	300	Kevin Mullen	87	4206	48	113	296

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