

NEWSLETTER

March 2020



Website Edition



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NEXT MEETING

March 12, 2020

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



President's Message - March 2020

Fellow members,

Winter or spring, what will it be? Will March arrive as the traditional "in like a lion and out like a lamb"? Perhaps not. No matter, your Club will be here whichever way it works out. February's guest speaker, legendary Cape Cod Garden Lady C.L. Fornari undoubtedly teased many spring thoughts

out of hibernation with a wide-ranging and thoroughly entertaining discussion of specific plants, organic and "just leave it to nature lawns" and much more. For the first time, spouses and guests were invited to a General Membership Meeting. They got the whole enchilada, from the Pledge of Allegiance to Jack Hudson's traditional bad joke and all topics in between, but mostly they turned out *en masse* to enjoy C.L.'s spectacular photographs of Cape gardens and hear her sage advice on how to grow one of their own. Check spring off the list of seasons as, "We got that done!"

If March turns out to be more lion than lamb, we've got that covered too, with member foursomes teeing it up for some winter play on Ten-Pin Eateries golf simulator. So far, Tiger-wannabes have chased the ball along virtual fairways at Hilton Head South Carolina's Harbour Town Golf Links, the Monterey

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Peninsula's Pebble Beach and San Diego's Torrey Pines. Still to be played are three world renowned U.S. courses and a winter season wrap up event on March 30th playing the birthplace of golf, St. Andrews Old Course. All this takes us to opening day of the RMC's Spring Season for "real golf". Golf commissioner Paul DeSisto and his team of duffers assistants have five great courses scheduled, starting with our traditional opener at Cape Cod's premiere Ocean Edge Resort and Golf Club on Monday, April 27th.

Speaking of golf, when the Club's new web site comes online later this month, club golfers will discover new ways to make it easier to register for golf this spring. In fact, members will be welcomed to exciting new or revamped pages for not only for golf, but for bowling and many other Club activities. The site will also offer easy opportunities to send suggestions to Club officials on ways to improve the RMC through a new "Talk to Us" capability, as well as a place to volunteer to help organize our many activities or to help Sunshine Chairman Tom Murphy with our expanding program. We know that a transitions like this one can sometimes be troublesome so, to make our move to the new web site go as smoothly as possible, our IT Team of Paul DeSisto, Dennis Mascio and John Lynch will be conducting a training session immediately following this month's General Membership Meeting. You'll see how to get the most from our new site and be able to participate in a follow-up question and answer period. Advance registration for the session is not required – just come to the meeting and stick around for the session afterwards.

Running alongside winter golf is our historic 70+ year-old Retired Men's Club Bowling League. Lead by League Secretary Jack Puleo (rumor has it he's also 70+) and his team of volunteer assistants, the league offers Candlepin Bowling every Tuesday afternoon at Ryan Family Amusements on Route 28 in South Yarmouth. In addition to camaraderie and friendly competition, the league offers prizes for individual and team achievements. New bowlers are always welcome; contact the staff at Ryan's any time or just come in and join us on Tuesday afternoons around noon.

Our speaker at this month's Membership Meeting will be Brendan Hayes. Brendan is a managing partner at the Armstrong Advisory Group (AAG). AAG is a well-known and highly respected investment firm located in Needham, Massachusetts. You might have heard Brendan speaking on WXTK 95.1's daily *Financial Exchange* radio program. He'll be talking about Financial and Estate planning and other considerations as well as wise strategies for managing money throughout retirement. Considering the current stock market turmoil, a result of all the coronavirus news being reported, Brendan's presentation couldn't be timelier. As always, 1:30pm on the second Thursday of the month (this month it's the 12th) at the Dennis Senior Center.

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Eighteen members and guests came out for our second Pub Stop, this time at Ardeo's restaurant in West Dennis. Our hosts graciously provided a plentiful assortment of delicious appetizers, all on the house. Good food, fine drinks and a friendly and attentive staff made for an excellent evening for all. Our Pub Stops are a work in progress as we try to improve the number of social activities available to members. Be sure to check the new website for March's date and location. If you have a suggestion for a venue we should consider, we're interested! Just contact our Pub Guy Dan Penni < depenni@comcast.net > and let him know about your idea. Alternatively, you can click on the "Talk to Us" button on our new web site and let us know that way.

On the subject of social activities and having fun, our friends at the Senior Center are putting on two special events in March, and RMC members and their guests are invited. The first, from 1 to 3pm on March 5th, is a Cruise and Travel Show. You can get current information about up-coming cruises, as well as available discounts, including those for veterans. Even better, it includes lunch, refreshments and door prizes – all free! The second event is a St. Paddy's Day celebration on the 13th of March, starting at 2:30pm. There will be live entertainment, traditional Irish dinners, a best dressed contest and much more. Additional details on both events are available at the Center's front desk.

Many RMC members have been asking about the expected completion date for the new addition to the Senior Center. While the burst of progress with the new roof getting shingles is impressive, I'm told the current date for completion is still sometime around the first week of November. Patience is a virtue!

That's it for March news. I'll leave you with a smile— consider it payment for sticking it out all the way to the end of my message

Morris, an 82-year-old RMC member, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days after that, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor said, 'I didn't say that.. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

The next meeting is Thursday, March 12th at 1:30pm.

Be Safe,
Charlie



Retired Men's Club General Membership Meeting – February 13, 2020

- President Charlie Jones called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.
- God Bless America was led by Jack Puleo and sung by the assembly.
- A warm welcome was extended to wives & guests. Charlie spoke about increasing the social aspects of RMC and periodically having co-ed events.
- Motion made to waive the reading of the January minutes passed.
- Jack Hudson gave the treasurer's report. Balance of \$12,723.89
- Ken Lyman gave the membership report. We currently have 306 members. He thanked Walt Kangas for helping collect dues; Four new members were inducted: Tom Harvey, Rich Rudow, Jay Denmark and Joe Russo.
- Sunshine Committee Chair, Tom Murphy asked to be informed of any member who are ill, hospitalized or confined to a nursing home. Cards would be sent and visits scheduled.
- The bowling continues every week at Ryan Amusements @ 12:30
- Paul DeSisto reported that the new website will be presented at the March meeting. Golf registration will be online. The Spring golf outings will start April 27.
- Guest speaker and gardening guru, C.L. Fronari, entertained everyone with her humor and impressed the crowd with her knowledge. Among her topics were: hydrangeas, pruning, weeding, pest problems and repellents. For more information, listen to Garden Line on WXTK (Sundays 8-10 a.m.) or visit her website: [Garden Lady.com](http://GardenLady.com)
- The 50/50 drawing winners were: Ron Cherest (\$76) and Tom Ligowski (\$38)
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:58

Respectfully submitted,
John Lynch, Co-secretary

Be sure to attend the March 12th meeting to hear all about our new website.





Membership Report- March, 2020

As of the end of February, we now have 296 members in the club, down 10 from a year ago.

New Members:

Thomas Harvey Diane 781-864-0267
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Mashpee, MA 02649 tomharvey1976@gmail.com

James Dunbar 774-212-0175
3 Swordfish Drive
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Terminations:

There were 23 terminations this past month as follows:

Resignations (7):

Ruddy Goddard- unable to attend meetings

Steve Smith- personal

Jerry McAlhany- personal

Mike Marry- medical

Mitch McLaughlin- personal

Amadeous Giordano- moved off Cape

Hartley Johnson- moved off Cape

Unpaid Dues (10):

Dennis Callaghan ,Norm Cutler, Ed Donovan, Bob Gosselin, Bill Howland, Kostas Kefalas, Dan Kiley, Tom O'Leary, Francis Reilly, James Sullivan

Attendance (6):

Paul Fiset, Paul Bolte, James Kowal, Bill Cullen, Steve Kessler
Tom Tibault

Remember, current members are the best source of new members to the club. Here are some tips for you to consider:

1. Tell any new neighbors about the RMC.
2. If you volunteer at other Cape Cod organizations like Cape Cod Hospital, Food Pantry or American Cancer Society for example, suggest the RMC to other volunteers.
3. Tell fellow golfers in your town golf programs the benefit of playing with us at 10 other courses!
4. Invite someone you meet at a social event to be your guest at one of our upcoming meetings.
5. New parishioners at your church or synagogue are potential candidates.

Ken Lyman, Membership Chairman



Retired Men's Club Bowling League

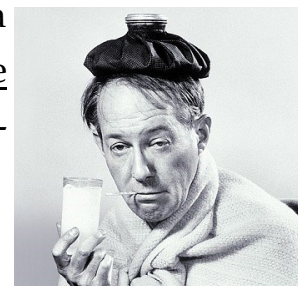


Team Standings

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	7	Coasters	57.3	110	82		57.3	110	82	41	33725	35207
2	8	Spare Parts	55.7	107	85		55.7	107	85	39½	34962	35400
3	4	Where's Jack?	55.2	106	86		55.2	106	86	40	35071	35389
4	9	Steak & Cheese	53.6	103	89		53.6	103	89	38½	35462	35747
5	10	Barracudas	53.1	102	90		53.1	102	90	37	34662	35061
6	5	Wannabees	51.0	98	94		51.0	98	94	37½	34983	35364
7	2	Avengers	51.0	98	94		51.0	98	94	36	34214	35069
8	3	Sandbaggers	45.8	88	104		45.8	88	104	33½	34776	35073
9	6	Senior Sharks	42.7	82	110		42.7	82	110	32	34890	35172
10	1	Great White	34.4	66	126		34.4	66	126	25	35751	35751

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). His committee will communicate or visit with the individual.



Volunteers are welcome to help with this committee



Please consider participating in the 50/50
drawing at each monthly meeting.
Undistributed funds go to local charities



WIVES/PARTNERS

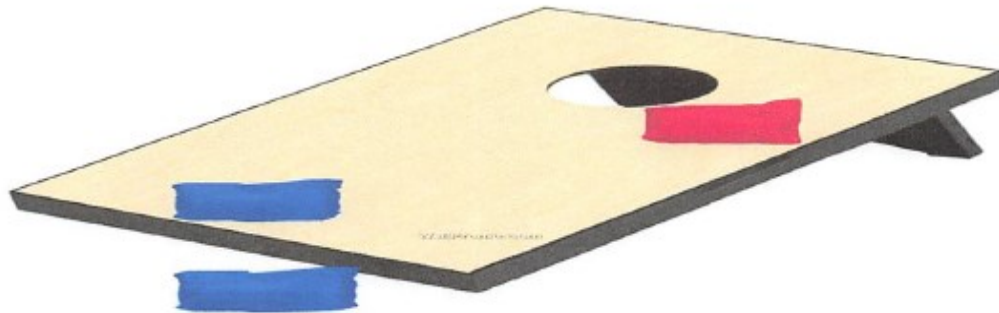
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(to PLAY or WATCH)

Only \$ 2.00

Per person to Play

Watching is FREE



Due to Popular Demand:

RETIRED MENS CLUB of CAPE COD

WEEKLY CORNHOLE

Will continue

Where: Dennis Highlands Golf Course Clubhouse

Eagles Nest Bar & Grille

When: Wednesday afternoons, 4:00 to 6:00pm

Through the end of March

No experience necessary. Equipment provided.

PRE-REGISTER: by contacting Jack Hudson at:

jackhudson49@hotmail.com

RMC Charitable Giving

Every year, the Retired Men's Club deposits half the proceeds from the monthly 50/50 monthly drawing into a charitable giving account. A designated committee then reviews recommendations from the membership and decides on how to disperse these funds to local entities. On the following pages are letters of appreciation from some of organizations that received funds for our club in 2019.



Dear Mr. Coughlin,

1-20-20

Thanks so much to you and the members of the Retired Men's Club at Cape Cod for your generous donation of \$200 (at the recommendation of Jack Kelly). I know that there are many wonderful charities on Cape Cod working to improve the lives of those in our community. It means so much to all of us at Latham to know that our mission is valued by your organization on behalf of the children and adults we serve. Thank you!

Sincerely, Heather Kelsey, Dir. of Learning



Executive Director

Susan Martin

December 31, 2019

President

Hollie Handrahan

Retired Men's Club
PO Box 746
South Dennis, MA 02660

Vice President

Bill Strong

Attention: Richard Coughlin, President

Treasurer

Jill Albright

Dear Mr. Coughlin,

We are so grateful for your donation of \$250.00. The funds will be put to good use.

Secretary/Clerk

Gloria Roth

The Yarmouth Food Pantry, an official partner of the Greater Boston Food Bank, was formed in August of 2010 to help meet the growing needs of those struggling to make ends meet. We started serving just 6 families. Over nine years later, as of December 31, we have 3,725 families registered, consisting of 7,956 individuals. The Pantry is staffed completely by volunteers who, like you, feel the necessity to help our neighbors in their time of need by offering a local outlet for free nutritious food.

Directors

Stephen Albright
Rachel Arroyo
Robert Boucher
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Joseph MacLelland
Carrie Moore
Terry Cote Vizard, CPA
Michael Wells
Becky White

Your friendship and participation continue to be crucial in providing much needed food and necessities for our families. On behalf of our many grateful clients, we thank you again.

Sincerely,

Hollie Handrahan, President
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December 17, 2019

Retired Men's Club Of Cape Cod
P.O. Box 746
S. Dennis, MA 02660

Dear Retired Men's Club Of Cape Cod,

Thank you for your most recent contribution in the amount of \$200 to the Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, Inc. Your donation was received on 11/23/19.

Your contribution to the Needy Fund is deeply appreciated by those who most need temporary financial assistance on Cape Cod and the islands - thank you. Over a twelve-month period, the Needy Fund puts your generosity to work by answering approximately 7,000 phone calls for help and extending financial assistance to over 3,500 Cape Codders. Your gift gives those in need a chance to recover from unexpected hardships by providing food, medicine, housing and other critical support and helps keep your neighbors employed, housed, healthy, warm and safe.

Our community is stronger thanks to you, and I assure you that the Needy Fund will direct your support in smart and impactful ways to best help Cape Codders in need. On behalf of all the individuals and families on Cape Cod and the Islands who will receive much-needed assistance from the Needy Fund during the coming year, I extend a heartfelt thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Peter Meyer
President

The Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. Gifts are tax-deductible. No goods or services were given for this contribution.



Supporters of the Dennis COA

you are not alone

January 23, 2020

Charlie Jones
President
The Retired Men's Club of Cape Cod
PO Box 746
South Dennis, MA 02660-0746

Dear Charlie:

Thank you for your organization's \$200 donation to the Supporters. Your gift allows us to continue our support of the very valuable services and programs brought to Dennis seniors through the Dennis Senior Center.

As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization comprised solely of volunteers, the Supporters of the Dennis COA raise funds exclusively in support of the Dennis Senior Center's programs and services. By sponsoring fund-raising events, formulating grant requests and appealing to local businesses and residents, we've been able to sponsor community events as well as attendance at the Golden Age Adult Day Care Program, provide emergency funding for our Dennis seniors in crisis through the Outreach Department, arrange for extra transportation to and from the Center, fund trips to museums and publish the bi-monthly publication "The Cranberry Scoop."

Thanks again,

Gary Barber, President
Supporters of the Dennis COA

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cc: Sherrie Jones



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December 31, 2019

Retired Men's Club of Cape Cod
PO Box 746
South Dennis, MA 02660

Dear Club Members:

Thank you **so very much** for your check donation of \$200.00 dated November 14, 2019.

Your generosity allows us to continue to tell the story of the United States Coast Guard and its proud heritage. We truly appreciate your support and hope you will visit us soon. You can also visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CGHeritageMuseum/> or our newly-revised website at <http://www.coastguardheritagemuseum.org>.

The Coast Guard Heritage Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed under IRS regulations.

Sincerely,

H. Gregory Ketchen
Captain, USCG (Retired)
President, CG Heritage Museum

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Office: 508-394-4222

Rev. Andrea Suess Taylor - Rector
Mr. Charlie Jones, President
Retired Men's Club of Cape Cod
C/O Dennis Senior Center
1045 Route 134
Dennis, MA



Dear Mr. Jones,

On behalf of all of the participants in the St. David's Takeaway Meal Program, I would like to extend to you our heartfelt gratitude for your club's donation.

We provide a free meal to over 170 individuals each month and your support will help to pay for many of those meals. Please note that all donations go directly towards obtaining food and supplies for the program. There are no salaries or administrative costs associated with the program, and St. David's covers the costs for heating and electric.

We distribute our meal on the third Wednesday of every month between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Your members are welcome to stop in and meet our volunteers and clients.

Thank you again for your generous support.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Banks'.

Richard

Richard Banks, Warden
St. David's Episcopal
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