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#### **NEXT MEETING**

*June 11, 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



Fellow members,

Here is hoping my message this month finds you and your families well and coping with the pressures of not going out unless necessary, being careful about taking safety measures when you do go out and managing the general frustration involved in having to stay at home more than we're accustomed to doing.

As most of you are probably aware, the Governor has decided to extend the Massachusetts lockdown for at least another two weeks, making May 18<sup>th</sup> the new target date for easing restrictions. And even then, some businesses like restaurants, sports places and similar establishments where large numbers of participants congregate, could find tough sledding the norm.

Governor Baker's decision has had a significant impact on May RMC activities. Our monthly General Membership Meeting scheduled for 1:30pm on May 13<sup>th</sup> is canceled and will not be rescheduled. So too the May Executive Committee meeting scheduled for earlier the same day.

#### (President's message continued)

The remainder of our Spring Golf schedule has also been canceled. While technically two tournaments fall after May 18<sup>th</sup>, anticipated restrictions on golf course activities would make events like ours impossible to conduct. Be sure to read Golf Commissioner Paul DeSisto's expanded discussion of our current situation and his encouraging plans for future RMC golf elsewhere in this newsletter and on the Club website. Bowling alleys, including Ryan Amusements in South Yarmouth, have a tough road ahead, especially where league bowling is concerned. It has been suggested they may have to remain closed for a lengthy period. Finding a suitable venue to host our 60+ league bowlers for our end-of-season luncheon may also be a difficult task. Check out League Secretary Jack Puleo's article, also in this newsletter and on the Club website.

On a more positive note, June is just around the corner and May 18<sup>th</sup> might even turn out to be just a distant memory. Good weather, outdoor activities – who knows? Our meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> might just be the tonic we need to get us all back into the swing of things. We deserve it. Stay tuned!

Speaking of positive things, it's May Day (May 1<sup>st</sup>)! A day rich in tradition, in years past it was celebrated in much of the world signifying that summer was just around the corner. Dances around a May Pole, baskets filled with flowers and treats – all meant to lift the spirits. Got someone in your lockdown? How about a giving them a May basket to cheer them up? And how about a May Day good deed to make yourself feel good. Call a fellow member or a friend and check on them. Make sure they are okay and lift their spirits with a little conversation. And, if you find someone who you think might need a little help beyond your call, let me or another of the Club officers know. We will make sure of a little more formal help by a professional that specializes in helping.

Finally, I close by reporting with much sadness that the Retired Men's Club of Cape Cod lost a loyal and devoted member last week with the passing of Stan Samuelson due to complications from COVID-19. Stan is survived by his wife

Elinor and sons Michael and Seth. Elinor is honoring Stan's wishes that he be cremated and under the circumstances of the pandemic there will not be a service. A future family event will be private.

Until next month, be safe, Charlie

Be SAFE from coronavirus infection

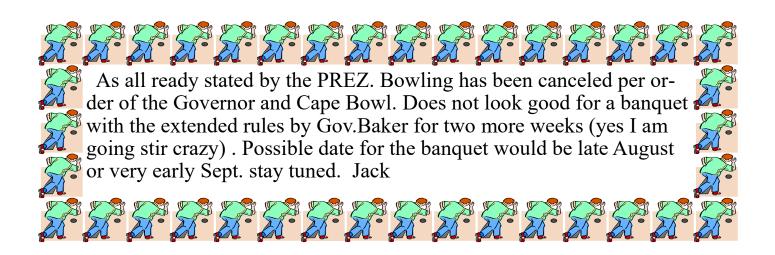
Be SMART & inform yourself about it

Be KIND & support one another

RMC Spring Golf is officially cancelled. We are still hoping we can have the fall season, but obviously we will not know for awhile. It is a possibility that if some time during the July/ August time frame and things turn around, we may be able to re-schedule one or two of the spring events. However, I suspect there will be limitations such as no shotgun starts, limited cart availability per foursome, no congregating, and social distancing. In addition the courses we play in general are not very "walker" friendly.

If we will play delayed Spring event(s), there will be a new registration period.

Please stay well, The Golf Committee



#### **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)



### May, 2020 Membership Report

As of today, we have 299 members in the club.

While the social aspects of life on Cape Cod as we know it has changed dramatically, our membership activity has also reflected this trend.

We had one reinstatement (Dan Kiley) and two terminations during the past month.

#### **Terminations:**

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Don Loring, a long term member for over 20 years, resigned due to personal reasons.

Stan Samuelson, who had been ill with the Covid-19 virus, passed away in April. Stan was 72 years old and had been a member since 2018. He will be greatly missed.

We are looking forward to getting back to normal when we can start having meetings again and introducing new members to the club!

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Ken Lyman

Membership Chairman

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