

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

Fellow Members

Here's to your good health and to that of your family and friends. We're fortunate to be here on Cape Cod, with our low rate of virus infections, virtually no COVID-19 hospitalizations as this newsletter is created and many of our club's traditional activities have become open and available to us.

Golf courses are open for play, the Cape's bowling alleys are regularly cleaned and sanitized and are open and ready for exercise and enjoyment. A wide array of restaurants and delis are serving full selections of eat-inside, eat-outside, pick up and delivery of everything from breakfast to late-night meals.

At RMC, we're getting going with our fall bowling and golf programs. Golf will begin on September 14th, the Monday after Labor Day. You will find Golf Chairman Paul DeSisto's latest news and details of how to register to play under the Sports Tab elsewhere in this Newsletter. Bowling will be starting on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 8th. Bowling Secretary Jack Puleo has provided news and details of how to join our Bowling League (if you haven't already). Safety procedures have been put in place at both golf and bowling facilities. Everything





from sanitizing golf carts to installation of air purifiers and complete facility sanitization at the bowling alley. New procedures are being put in place to keep golfers and bowlers safe. There's plenty of room for new golfers and new bowlers, so if you are interested, this is the time to go for it!

If you've been watching ESPN over the past couple of months, you have probably noticed how desperate everyone has become for some sort of live sports on TV. The evidence is overwhelming, when Cornhole is on live national TV in primetime, the situation is dire! Feel confident, the RMC will be doing its part to fill the void. Head Cornhole guy Jack Hudson has been tossing the bags back and forth with the people at the Dennis Highlands. All the usual COVID issues are in play, i.e., social distancing, sanitization of equipment, spectators and so forth. We'll keep you informed how it's going.

That's the good news. Here's the rest of the story. Our Monthly General Membership meetings are still on hold. Local senior centers are still restricted from opening to groups like ours (to anyone actually). No good estimate of when there will be some loosening of the rules. We have also been exploring the possibility of going ahead with our annual fall clambake or some sort of similar event in the fall. Sadly, the most recent guidance on gatherings to come from the Commonwealth has not been helpful. Stay tuned for any progress.

On August 27th the RMC broke new technological ground for the club when the Executive Committee held a virtual meeting. Committee members were able to join in using Zoom software provided by Club Secretary John Lynch. Video and audio quality were outstanding, enabling the full meeting agenda (and some bad jokes) to be discussed. We will be exploring other ways to leverage Zoom's capabilities as we go forward. Member's discussion groups, like football, gardening, antique cars or something else, without the need for dedicated meeting rooms might be examples.

Have you looked at our website lately? Take a look at the section webmaster Dennis Mascio has added under the Gallery Tab. It's called "Our Backyard". If you have pictures of Cape Cod that you would like to share, drop Dennis a note and get them posted. Contact him at < dennismascio@comcast.net >. The aerial photo of the Lower Cape reminded me of the oft-confusing Upper, Lower and Mid-Cape regions of Cape Cod. No matter how they look on a map, back in the day the sections of the Cape were associated with the human arm when it hangs by a person's side, not when it's making a muscle. Here the real map



Next month maybe we can discuss if Provincetown is really south of Orleans and if Chatham is really to its north. (For the record, on the map above Orleans is just below Wellfleet. The photo below was taken along Route 28 near Orleans Center.)



Before I close, a personal comment. Please understand I'm not intending any sort of political observation or statement. But I think sometimes with the abundance of bad news heaped upon us, we can easily forget how fortunate we are and how much we owe to so many who gave us so much. This year marks the end of a terrible time. Some seventy-five years ago, on May 8, 1945, Americans and our allies celebrated victory over the Nazi regime in Europe. And, on August 15, 1945 when it was announced the Japanese had unconditionally surrendered, World War II was over (formal signings came later). Over 650,000 American troops had been wounded and 405,399 killed fighting tyranny around the globe

The YouTube clip below is making the rounds again. I offer it to you in the hope you will play it and that it gives you as much enjoyment and pride as it does me every time I hear it.

Click on link, hit the "Skip Ads" button, turn up the volume and feel proud.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrMftm6Km3g>

Until next month, be safe

Charlie





Membership Report- September, 2020

With one new member in August, we now have 299 members in the club.

New Member:

Jack Clark Lorraine jalor93@comcast.net
21 Sea Spray Ave. 508-524-6442
Mashpee, MA 02649

We are in the process of revising our website to accommodate new applications, so we will be able to have new recruits complete the on-line application and get a confirmation letter for acceptance. In the meantime, recruits can still print out an app and still mail it to:

Ken Lyman
9 Kencomsett Circle
Yarmouth Port, MA 02675

New members will be required to send a check for \$20 made out to the Retired Mens Club. Annual dues for members have been suspended for the 2021 calendar year.

Ken Lyman
Membership Chairman





Fall Golf



As it is for every aspect of our lives, we need to make changes and accommodations for RMC Golf during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Golf Registration sheet is being posted with this September issue of the newsletter. The first event is Bay Pointe on 9/14, followed by the Hyannis Country Club on 9/21 and the September finale at Olde Barnstable on 9/28. There will be a separate Registration for October events at the Cape Club on 10/5 and Blue Rock on 10/19.

All fall events will be individual team tee times versus our usual shogun starts. The biggest challenge facing us is the number of carts available for single cart riders. Right now we have about 60 players who have indicated they would like to play. However, we will have only about 40 carts available which will be the limiting factor. Worse case this will impact the number of players we can have in the tournament.

The format of all the tournaments will be Quota where balancing of teams is not as important. This will allow any two players to ride together, or you can ride with someone specific with whom you would be more comfortable. This could also be a foursome if you have a group. In both cases, we will put you together. Another option is for a single rider to carry the bag of a player who will walk. This has the added benefit that the walker pays a smaller fee. The idea would be to put together two walkers with two single cart riders with two bags each as a foursome. And finally we will allow single cart riders and walkers with their own pushcarts. The Registration sheet will have these options available for selection. There will be a "COMMENT" block to specify if you have an agreement to ride with someone or a group.

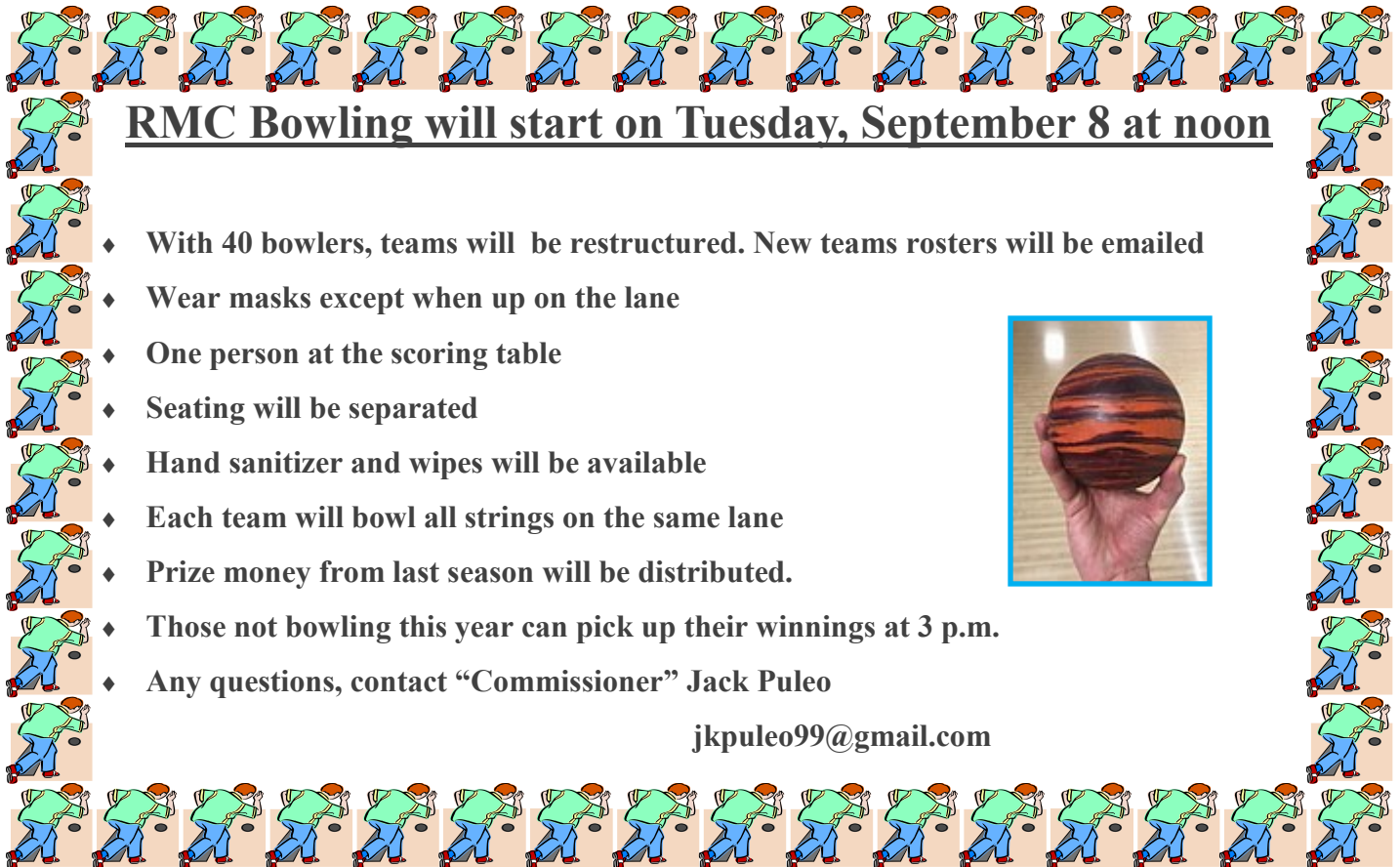
Carts will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. We will keep adding riding players until we run out of carts. Paying of fees will also be a bit different. When you send in your Registration form you will pay the entire fee for your first

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event (Bay Ponte), when you arrive at the course for that first event you will check-in with the RMC Registrar (not the Pro Shop), and pay the registrar the entire fee (checks only please) for your next event. If you cancel after Saturday at noon for any event which is the time we need to provide the information to the course, we will retain \$20 of your fee and rebate the remainder. Team Captains will pick-up the scorecard when they register. As in the past, if the course does not shut down, we play and pay.

To register for an event:


- Go the RMC website: retiredmensclub.com
- Place your cursor on the Sports tab
- The drop down menu will include Golf
- Select Registration , complete the form, hit submit
- Registration for the first event must be entered by Friday, September 4th.



RMC Bowling will start on Tuesday, September 8 at noon

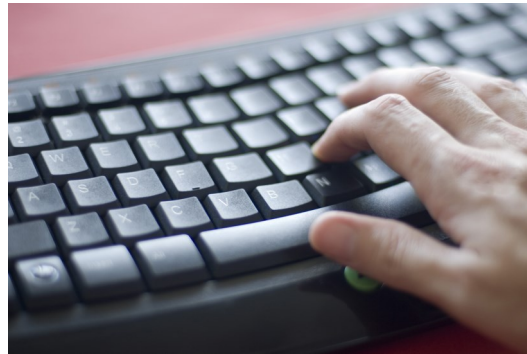
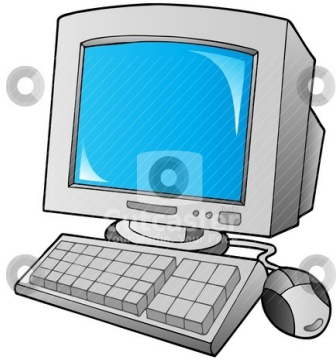
- ♦ With 40 bowlers, teams will be restructured. New teams rosters will be emailed
- ♦ Wear masks except when up on the lane
- ♦ One person at the scoring table
- ♦ Seating will be separated
- ♦ Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available
- ♦ Each team will bowl all strings on the same lane
- ♦ Prize money from last season will be distributed.
- ♦ Those not bowling this year can pick up their winnings at 3 p.m.
- ♦ Any questions, contact “Commissioner” Jack Puleo

jkpuleo99@gmail.com



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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).



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)

He will communicate with the individual or the family.



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