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"To protest against injustice is the foundation of our democracy" - Thurgood Marshall

Newly minted president, **MICHAEL AMBROSINO**, opened the meeting by announcing his first Executive Order. He was renewing the custom of starting the first meeting of the month with the National Anthem. The tech crew responded by playing a recording of the anthem sung by Whitney Houston before the Super Bowl while Old Glory waved on our screens. After overcoming technical difficulties, **STEVEN MARINO** recited the pledge to the flag.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARNOLD GORDON reported that former member **HARRY TWITCHELL**, who had joined in August 1989, passed away on April 24th. **ARNOLD** asked **RUSS HARDEN** to deliver a memorial. **RUSS** presented a picture of a man who had lived life to its fullest. Link to obituary <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/greenwichtime/obituary.aspx?n=harry-gilhespie-twitchell&pid=198482287>. **SAM MARASSO** offered some additional comments, especially about Harry's prowess on the tennis court. **ARNOLD** then challenged the members to ponder a couple of serious problems before the next meeting: Where do houseflies go during the winter? Why is that only old men have hairy ears? Finally, he introduced **BOB LUCE** who told three quickies about the joys(?) of married life.

STEVE MARINO is giving away a wren house. Contact him at spmarino2008@gmail.com



COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: **PETER STERN** led off the committee reports

Attendance: 68 Guests: 1

David Waring - guest of **PETER BERG**

Birthdays: 

MARIO	BONAPARTE	96
JOHN	DENNE	82
MIKE	WARNER	78
ALAN	BARRY	70

A raucous Happy Birthday followed the announcement

VISITING: **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** happily noted that there was no news to report. He then asked for a volunteer to replace him as Visiting Chair; if interested contact him at brooklynoil@yahoo.com. On another note, he announced that plans were being formulated for RMA participation in the Greenwich Memorial Day Parade. Stay tuned.

TREASURY: **JEFF JUNKER** reported that the good news is that the RMA fiscal year started on May 1. The bad news is, it's time to pony up dues for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The procedure is the same as last year: Prepare a check for \$100, made out to RMA, include in the memo area "Dues" and snail mail to **Jeff Junker, 9 Tree Top Terrace, Greenwich, CT 06831**

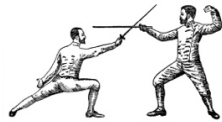
JEFF further reported that There was no activity in the RMA checking account the past two weeks and that our combined balance of funds is around \$72,000.



PROGRAM NOTES

Today: JERRY POLLACK gave a heads' up on today's speaker, Matthew West, a project coordinator for Doctors Without Borders who would share his experience in a talk entitled "A Voice From the Field"

Next Week: -GEORGE UBOGY prepared us for next weeks' speaker, Carl Steinitz PhD, who will enlighten us on GEODESIGN – Toward a Long Term Strategy for Local-to-Global Conservation and Development... and how it can be designed.



THE SPORTS PAGE

Outdoor Tennis: JOHN KNIGHT served up the info for the coming season: Summer outdoor tennis will start tomorrow May 6 at 9am at the Christiano Courts. We will be scheduling play Thursdays at 9am for the balance of the summer. The venues may change each week as the Town only allows us to reserve a court one day before desired play. We hope to be able to reserve two hours of play but the Town reservation system does not allow much flexibility for that. Please let **JOHN** know if you would be interested in playing and provide your tennis or senior park pass number to: JohnKnight7@gmail.com

Indoor Tennis: JOE MANCINELLI let out the news:

Court 1 Winners: **ANDRE MAZUREK** and **JOE MANCINELLI**

Court 1 Winners: **MIKE SMITH** and **RANDY MOTLAND**

JOE added that "We found a thoroughly smashed up racket laying on the court as a result of one very angry tennis player ... fortunately it was not one of the RMA members; we really do not take the game that seriously!"

Next Week's Captain for the final match of the season is **PETER DODGE**.

Pickleball: **TONY COCCCHI** reported “We had 6 players last Monday and as usual rotated people in so that everyone played. Starting this coming Monday, we will start play at 10 am... This should allow us to play during the warmer summer months. We play Mondays at 10am at Christiano Field. If you are interested in playing contact **TONY** at Anthony.Cocchi@Lehman.cuny.edu, or **JOHN KNIGHT** at JohnKnight7@gmail.com.

Golf: **PAUL CAMPION** reported that “16 golfers arrived ready for rain but nary a drop appeared. No spectacular scores to report. Most of the men felt that the course was too slippery. The single standout was **MARK FOX** who ‘chipped in’ on the backside for a ‘birdie’. The Best Dressed award went to **JOHN CRAINE** who had that nautical look. It was good to see the ‘early risers’.

“**JIM BOARDMAN**, **TOM HEALY** and **GEOFFERY BURGE** were still taunting each other, and it was good to see **BOB FRISHMAN** once again. Next Tuesday, May 11th, we will start around 8:20 am; so, get those names into me, ASAP, because we have ‘snow birds’ returning to the fold. Also let me know if there is any member who wishes to join with you next week.”

Tai Chi: **WILL MORRISON** has been chilling out on the Left Coast and will return anon with Tai Chi info.

Walkers: **TAD LARRABEE** informed all that the walkers were rained out last Thursday. Things look good for this week. He will be in touch by email.

Hearts: **DON CONWAY** dealt the results for Monday, May 3.

Game Winners: **MICHAEL AMBROSINO 2, JOHN STANKUNAS 2, GRANT PERKINS 1**

Moon Shots: **GRANT PERKINS & JOHN STANKUNAS – 1 each**

Bridge: **ANDRE MAZUREK** dealt out the results of last week’s games.

- 1) **TONY COCCHI** 3,720
- 2) **RON FRIEDMAN** 2,840
- 3) **ED MASTOLONI** 2,330



TODAY'S SPEAKER

JERRY POLLACK introduced Matthew West, a Project Coordinator for Doctors Without Borders who shared his experience providing logistic support to this dedicated group of medical professionals.

Mr. West started his talk with a short video on Doctors Without Borders, or as it is known MSF (the acronym for the “Doctors Without Borders” in French). MSF is a nonprofit medical and humanitarian organization. Its mission is to provide emergency aid to people in developing countries affected by wars, epidemics, natural disasters or in areas where medical care is not available. Currently they have 450 programs on-going in 76 countries. There are 40,000 field workers, medical and support, and 90% of the field workers are locals. In addition to a myriad of medical services MSF provides infrastructure projects including building clinics and other medical facilities, providing clean water and waste systems. They also supply medical and administrative training. It is a very impressive organization. West’s role in logistics provided huge challenges in places without roads, electricity or adequate communication facilities. He shared some specific experiences from his six years in the field for MSF. The talk was inspiring as well as informative. For more information go to www.doctorswithoutborders.org.

A lively RMA Q&A followed.

Next Week’s ‘s Speaker:  Carl Steinitz PhD

“GEODESIGN – Toward a Long-Term Strategy for Local-to-Global Conservation and Development...and how it can be designed.”

Reminder: 2021-2022 dues are due – send a check for \$100, made out to RMA, memo: “Dues” to: **JEFF JUNKER**, 9 Tree Top Terrace, Greenwich 06831

REMINDER: Don't forget to report all your inside and outside volunteer hours to **JOHN FEBLES** at jfebles13@gmail.com.

NOTE TO CBB CONTRIBUTORS: next week's CBB scribe will be **ARNOLD GORDON**. Please send a copy of any remarks you want included in the CBB to **ARNOLD** at ajgordo@verizon.net.

NOTE TO RMA Members: The CBB Team works every week to write and publish an informative and concise bulletin for our members' enjoyment. We can truly use new members to join the CBB Team. Please contact **TIM BROOKS** at tbroo@aol.com if you are willing to support this continuing effort.

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RMA 2021 CALENDAR

Weekly Repetitive Activities			
Date	Time	Activity	Contact
Mondays	11:00am	Outdoor Pickle Ball at Christiano Park	Tony Cocchi - anthony.cocchi@lehman.cuny.edu
Tuesdays	Various tee times	RMA Golf, "The Griff Golf Course," Greenwich	Paul Campion – paulcampion1@optonline.net
Wednesdays	10:00 to 11:00 am	RMA Weekly Zoom Meeting	Horst Tebbe - onehorst@optimum.net or Len Carusi @ lencarusi@gmail.com
Wednesdays	1:00 to 3:00 pm	On-Line Bridge	Andre Mazurek - mazurek.a.g@gmail.com
Wednesdays	4:00 to 5:00 pm	"Tai Chi New Joiners" – Greenwich Commons	Will Morrison - wdmorrison@gmail.com
Thursdays	9:00 am	RMA Walking	Tad Larrabee - tadlarra@optonline.net
Fridays	Various times TBD	On-Line Hearts	Don Conway - spiderduck4@gmail.com
Fridays	1:30 to 3:00pm	Indoor Tennis	Andy Holmes - andyholmes56@gmail.com