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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

May be...

"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!" - Mark Twain



Spring fever. Cabin fever. Whatever you call it, Mr. Clemens was correct! We've been going a bit off the rails the past month or

two waiting for some warmth and sunshine. This winter, though not that much snow, was dark, raw, and dank. Now with the thought of snow and freezing temperatures hopefully gone until late this year, we're finding that May actually be Spring – maybe. There are patches of green shoots pushing through the earth and daffodils are starting to bloom! Yes, the body reaches for the sunlight as our souls say “thank you”.

Now these bright sunny mornings followed by darkening skies and rainy nights remind me of summer in the South, without the heat and humidity thank you. I hope this is just a passing trend that will lead us to some glorious days where we can actually enjoy being outside.

With the warmer temperatures the garden shops are must be happy as clams. It's almost like every morning they watch the clock tick down to opening time and then it's “look out here come the gardeners”! People are storming the doors, grabbing precious plants, soil, and tools. It's time to play outside! So far, I'm being cautious because we also know that May can turn on us and be very cool. I dared to plant some seeds and two hostas to see what happens. All other yard work will wait until the end

of May when there's a bit less risk. Plus, I don't remember what I planted last fall so whatever comes up this year will be a great surprise!

Our sure cure for spring fever is coming up in just a few days as we travel south to the turquoise blue waters, warm temperatures, white sand and trade winds of the Caribbean. I think thought I'd find a place where I can relax and just for a few days forget reality. I can almost say “aahhhh” and picture a cold, tropical drink in my hand. I feel it gives us the best of both worlds. We know when we return we'll be talking of the arrival of summer and looking forward to hopefully another glorious New England summer. This is what I try to explain to my friends who live in other climates. You have to endure and appreciate all four seasons to realize their purpose and not take them for granted. I may even try to learn how to fish this summer!

We know everyone is anxious to garden, boat, hike and all those wonderful warm weather activities but we've still got plenty waiting for you're here at the Gerry. The NHL and NBA playoffs are keeping us busy. The Red Sox are off to a good start and some nights we're watching three things at once!

Saturday is the Kentucky Derby – always a fun time here at the Club. This kicks off the Triple Crown of horse racing which will take us into June before we know if there will be a Triple winner or not.

April saw our last regularly scheduled Meat and Trivia Contest until September and what a great turnout we had. Thank you so much for a fun afternoon. Mark your calendars for September 15th. You never know, we may end up doing a “pop—up” event during the summer if the weather and stars align just right.

Did you attend the April Family Friday? What a great turnout! Vice President Morgan and crew are still tweaking the new menu but it's definitely a hit!

We don't schedule a Family Friday or a Muster Committee Fish Fry during May due to conflicting events. Look for some of these to return in June.

The Entertainment Committee is working on an event for June and the Club is working hard to get

things in order for a large event to be held later this year. Stay tuned for details. Remember to check your weekly event updates or the new web site information. Don't forget there's always sports on TV and our in-house activities – pool, golf, cribbage, Follow the 5 of Clubs, and the Lottery. There's also solitude should that be your need.

Remember you never need an excuse to visit. We highly recommend you visit regularly.

" Spring is God's way of saying, 'One more time!' ~ Robert Orben



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"Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love makes the ride worthwhile." ~Franklin P Jones

Beware! Instagram Impostor Account

It has come to our attention that a Gerry Instagram account has been established without our authorization named GerryFive05. We are working with Instagram to disable and delete this account.

Please do not follow this account or post any information to it. For reliable, up to date information please go to our web site at www.gerry5.com. Below is a snapshot of the bogus Instagram account.



Should you or any of your friends be or know the owner of this account, please contact the Gerry ASAP to ensure the purpose behind the account meets Gerry standards and to coordinate official, correct communications.

Comedy Night Laughs Itself to Success

"Once bitten, twice shy" was how we felt as we planned and publicized the April Spring Comedy Night. Being pessimistic has its rewards as it was a great success. We had close to the largest crowd ever and we've heard nothing but rave reviews in regard to the comedians. For all who participated thank you! A special thank you to Vice President Morgan and his kitchen crew as well as Manager Art Dodge and the bartenders, and the maintenance crew. And a big shout-out to the Entertainment Committee whose hard work made this happen!

Keep your ear to the ground and reading the web site and event updates for more fun events (including more comedy) to come.

Life Membership Nomination

Dirk Martin, was nominated for Life Membership at the May meeting by *Mark Lausier* and *Joan Champlin*. The nomination reads as follows: "At this time I would like to nominate Dirk Martin for Life Membership. He has been an officer multiple times, bartender, volunteered his services for twenty years, and also ran the handtub when we needed him. His hard work, dedication and passion for this organization is outstanding."

A ballot vote will take place at the June member meeting. Be here to vote yea or nay!

GERRY NO. 5 EVENTS

Mother's Day Breakfast – Sunday, May 13th

Treat mom to a delicious Mother's Day breakfast at the Gerry 5! We will be holding the annual Mother's Day breakfast 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

on Sunday, May 13th. Price is \$10 for adults and children 11 and up, \$6.00 children ages 6-10, and free for children 5 and under. No tickets necessary - pay at the door.

This year's menu includes: scrambled eggs, hash browns, pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit salad, toasted English muffins and fried dough



Annual Gerry Five Charities Golf Tournament - June 1st



Organizer *Steve Shepard* announced the 2018 Gerry Scholarship Golf Tournament will take place on **Friday, June 1, 2018** (rain date is June 15th) at

The Meadow in Peabody, MA. The format is a scramble (four-person team). * The entry fee is \$125.00 person or \$500.00 per foursome. The fee includes golf, cart, steak and shrimp dinner and prizes for all entrants

If you would like to enjoy a day of golf with

friends and contribute to our many scholarships, please come and play in this year's tournament. After a rousing day of golf, players will be treated to an evening at the Gerry with hors d'oeuvres at 4:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 5:00 p.m. and awarding of prizes.

Sign-up forms are available at the Gerry or on the web site (www.gerry5.com/library or https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/4a2e6be7-0740-43e5-9fea-5eccc6b07c1f/downloads/1cbs52aqa_997221.pdf).

Tee times will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis. Mail or bring the entry form to the Gerry along with your check. Please make checks payable to Steve Shepard, NOT the Gerry. Please submit your entry form with payment by May 25th.

Tee times will be given once all members of your group have paid in full and will be on a first come, first served basis. So, get your money in early to reserve a Tee Time.

All groups MUST be paid by Friday May 25, 2018.

All proceeds go to the Gerry Charities and Scholarships.

GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE.

We have an opportunity for this year's Tournament to have a "Shotgun Start" which would allow us all to start at the same time. (Probably around 8:30 am). In order for this to happen we need to have your commitment to play **ASAP**. All teams will need to be registered and paid in full by the May 25th deadline. Please sign up early so we can move forward with the event planning

Golf Tournament - Looking for Hole Sponsors



The annual Gerry Scholarship Golf Tournament is being held on **Friday, June 1st**. Rain date is Friday, June 15th.

We are seeking sponsors for the 18 holes. Sponsorship is \$100 per hole. The sponsorship form is available on the web site (<http://gerry5.com/library> or https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/4a2e6be7-0740-43e5-9fea-5eccc6b07c1f/downloads/1cbs52aqd_621752.pdf). Those interested in sponsoring one or more holes may make checks payable to Gerry 5 VFA (If

mailing, mark envelope as Gerry Golf Sponsor)
Return to: Mark Lausier or Joan Champlin, Gerry 5
VFA, 210 Beacon Street, Marblehead MA 01945,
781-631-5214. Please contact Mark Lausier @ 781-
844-9836 or Joanie Champlin @ 781-631-5214 with
questions.

Please consider being a sponsor; share with your
friends and with your employers as well.

All proceeds go to the Gerry Charities and
Scholarships Funds.

OTHER EVENTS

Kentucky Derby – Saturday, May 5th
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**Marblehead Garden Club Plant Sale
Saturday, May 12th – 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**



Memorial Day – Monday, May 28th



“Memorial Day is our Nation's solemn reminder that
freedom is never free. It is a moment of collective
reflection on the noble sacrifices of those who gave
the last measure of devotion in service of our ideals
and in the defense of our Nation. On this
ceremonious day, we remember the fallen, we pray
for a lasting peace among nations, and we honor

these guardians of our inalienable rights.” ~
President Donald J Trump

**REMEMBER WE ARE CLOSED ON
MEMORIAL DAY.**

**Blood Drive,
Thursday, June 7th,
10:00 a.m. – 8:00
p.m.**



Mark your calendars and
make your appointments with
the American Red Cross for
the June 7th drive. Walk-ins are welcome.

All presenting donors will be treated breakfast
items in the morning or a light snack in the afternoon
and evening.

Membership Information

The following applicants were voted membership
at the May 2nd meeting: Susie Nicholas and William
Shevory of Marblehead.

The following applicants were read and will be
posted for voting in June given that all orientation
and sponsorship obligations are met: David Berner
of Marblehead and Frank Mazzoni of Wilmington.

*Reminder! At least one sponsor is required to be
in attendance at the meeting in order for a
candidate to be voted on.* We also ask our sponsors
to please ensure the applications are legible when
submitted.

Please note the members read and posted for April
voting does not include members previously read and
still being processed. Questions should be directed to
GerryMembership@gmail.com.

Passages

Carlton Laing, 85, father of members *Dennis,
Douglas,* and *Denna* Laing passed on March 30,
2018 in Naples, Florida. A USMC veteran, he spent
many years in Marblehead where he coached the
Marblehead Youth Hockey League prior to retiring to
Florida.

Our sympathies to the family and friends

“If you’re not making mistakes then you’re not making decisions” ~ John Wooden

Want to Share Gerry Member News?

Do you have any news to share with your fellow members? This could range from announcing an engagement or a new baby or grandchild, to tidbits about your vacation or recent activities or a funny story. “All the news that is fit to print” is our motto. We’ll gladly share as long as the information is not defamatory toward anyone. We do not charge for these but a small donation is always appreciated. Please contact the Secretary with any questions.

Sound Bites

“Did you hear the comedian do his bit about having a colonoscopy? It was so true and so funny!”

“Peanuts, popcorn, and cracker jacks. I don’t think I’ll ever come back.” “Yes, you will but you need to resuscitate the vacuum cleaner first.”

“Why the heck would anyone want my job?! Well I’m not going anywhere. Wonder if someone wants to fight for it. Geez!”

Suggestions Please!

We are looking for suggestions on ways to improve your experience at the Club. Members are welcome to submit their ideas to the Manager, Secretary, or any member of the Board. All categories of suggestions are welcome. Thank you!

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NOTICES & REMINDERS!!

MEMBERS ONLY - Meeting Night!

Please remember that member meeting tonight is Members Only and no guests may be in the Club between 7:00 p.m. and closing. Thank you!

Attention 50/50 Members!

Please note that all payments must be made in advance of the monthly member meeting. If payment is not received, you are not valid for competition that month. Please contact Joan Champlin to make payment or with any questions.



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RESPECT! Just a little respect please for your fellow members while you're on the premises. The Gerry has zero tolerance for disrespectful language and acts while at the Club. Discipline may be taken at the discretion of the bartender on duty per House Rules.

Family Events

Attending a Gerry family event such as the muster fish fry or Family Friday? Please remember these are multigenerational events that include all ages. Children are welcome but we ask parents to mind them. The Gerry wants all attendees to enjoy themselves but not at the detriment to others. We ask those without children to have patience as well. Teach your children well.

Working in the Kitchen? Thank you! *Otherwise, please do not enter the kitchen or pantry area* or use it as a shortcut to/from the Clubroom.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR! While enjoying our deck, please remember we do have neighbors and the general public passing by. Please be

respectful. Remember to smile - you're on candid camera!

Please ensure all **Function Hall events** are booked through the Manager, Arthur Dodge, or confirmed directly by him to ensure you do have a reservation.

Please be mindful of Club events. If you are *not* invited to a Function Hall event, please do not take advantage of the food or entertainment. Remember to use the Club Room bathroom facilities during these events.

Complaints? Please put your complaint in writing or attend a Board of Directors meeting to present it in person. Date and time of specific events are greatly appreciated.

FUNCTION HALL RENTAL - Remember the Function Hall is available at reduced prices for members - parties, meetings, dances, celebrations, funerals, weddings, dinners...Contact Art Dodge at 781-631-5214.



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Just because marijuana for recreational use is now legal, doesn't mean you can light up on the deck. Remember we have neighbors, please take it elsewhere.

Looking for a Gift Idea? How about a Gerry 5 Gift card?! Gift cards are available for purchase at the Club.

Gerry 5 Member Business Sponsorships and Classified Ads

Advertise your business or skills! We offer business sponsorships for the monthly newsletter, both electronic and print editions. This includes all event updates, the Gerry website, and G5TV. Rates are by the year as follows:

Member	Non-Member
Prime - \$100.00	Prime - \$200.00
Regular - \$50.00	Regular - \$100.00

A prime location is within the body of the newsletter. A regular sponsorship is a listing under the members' services section. Size is limited to that of a standard business card. Please fill out a sponsor form [G5 Business Sponsor Form](#) with contact information and attach a business card or your particulars.

Classified ads are run on a monthly basis at the following rates:

Member	Non-Member
\$20.00	\$40.00

. A description of the item(s) or service(s) being offered including any pictures, the seller's contact information, and how many months they want to run the ad should be submitted to the Gerry to the attention of the Manager or Secretary. Submission must include payment in advance. Please use this form: [classified ad](#).

Need help with a business card or classified ad? The Secretary will gladly assist in providing a proof for your review. We look forward to doing business with you!

Contact the Manager, Art Dodge, or Secretary, Kathy Tankersley Bernier with questions.

Moved? Changed your e-mail address or phone number? Please let us know! We need to keep our member records as up to date as possible. Leave your information at the Club or e-mail gerry5vfa@yahoo.com or ziggyii@comcast.net with changes. Thank you!

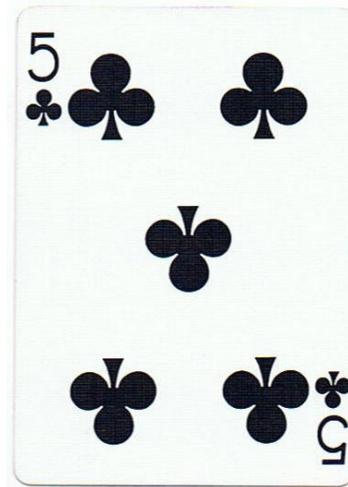
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Embroidery items (wind shirts, polos, vests, jackets) may be special ordered. Be aware there is a minimum order of 6 items for embroidery, 12 items for screen print!

Please place your order at the Club or email the Secretary. A \$5.00 deposit is required and is non-refundable. View the catalog for other items at: <https://www.sportswearcollection.com/Default.aspx?site=CRGHPGYDZS>

Don't forget - these make great gifts any time of year. See the bartender, manager, or Secretary.



Don't forget to Follow the 5 of Clubs!



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Thank you for reading! ~Kathy Tankersley Bernier, Secretary

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Calendar of Events

May 2018

May 1	Orientation	7:30 p.m.
May 2	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Member Meeting	8:00 p.m.
May 5	Kentucky Derby NESVFL Meeting	
May 9	By-Law Committee Meeting	5:00 p.m.
May 12	Marblehead Garden Club Plant Sale	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
May 13	Mother's Day Breakfast	

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May 16	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
May 19	The Preakness	
May 25	Goff Tournament Payment Deadline!	
May 28	Memorial Day!!! We are CLOSED	

June 2018		
June 1	Annual Charity Golf Tournament	
June 5	Orientation	7:30 p.m.
June 6	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Member Meeting	8:00 p.m.
	Life Member Vote	
June 7	Blood Drive	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
June 10	Belmont Stakes	
June 16	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
June 17	Father's Day Breakfast	
June 21	Paint & Sip	7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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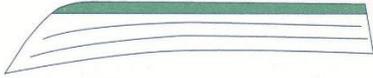
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