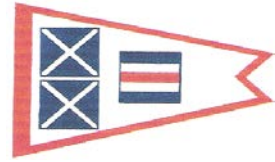


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Yeah!!! Hoorah!!! Welcome!!! Greetings!!!
Bienvenue!!! Salutations!!! Glad to see
you!!! And **FINALLY---AT LAST-----
2021**

2020 was an unprecedented year. Covid-19 turned everything upside down. Our lives changed from a free-wheeling society to one in which the pandemic has affected every aspect of our public and private lives. Business, politics, sports, recreation and even friendship and family interactions changed---perhaps forever. Only the future knows.

This past year demonstrated acts of courage and even heroism by our front-line workers in the medical field, the police and fire/rescue departments, the food industry and other essential providers. Great acts of charity both financial and participatory have appeared daily on local and national newscasts. Hopefully, what we have learned and accommodated to, because of the virus, will help us return to a new normal in which we are a more efficient society which is more appreciative, more tolerant and more understanding of our fellow citizens.

Despite all that has occurred this past year, the Marco Men's Club ended the year on many positive notes. Most of our members have chosen to renew their association with the Club. In spite of Covid, we were able to hold some club activities. Golf, though interrupted for a short time, has remained active and well attended. Bocce

Ball has resumed. Socially we were able to hold a Co-ed luncheon in September, a Hurricane Ball in October and a Welcome Back Party in November. Finally, with great thanks to **Ray and Candy Seward**, our Holiday Party at the Island Country Club was a resounding success.

Our **Annual General Meeting** in January will be held at **Sarazen Park on Thursday January 14 at 11:00 am**. This meeting will include a Free Lunch! Go to the website and reserve your spot. We will be holding our **General Meetings** for **February, March and April** at the **Marco YMCA Airnasium**. Those meetings will be held the **second Thursday of each month and will begin at Noon**.

Other important coming events:

Jan. 27th - Co-ed Dinner at DaVinci's

Feb. 6th - New Member Luncheon

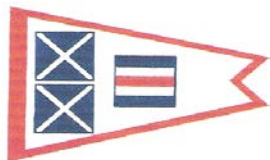
Feb. 21st - Sweetheart's Ball

Click [here](https://marcomensclub.com/ComingEvents-Social.htm) or copy and paste this link <https://marcomensclub.com/ComingEvents-Social.htm> into your browser to go to the club website and download the flyers for those events.

Remember, wear a mask, wash your hands, practice social distancing whenever possible and get your vaccine injection when you can.

Finally, Good Bye! Adieu! Farewell!
Au Revoir! So-long! Adios! So-long!
Sayonara! And-----*Good Riddance*----
2020

Jerry Swiacki



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Club News

COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Contact **Charlie Erker** at 239-259-8054

Or charles.a.erker@gmail.com.

Computer/Technology Club typically meets the 3rd Thursday at the Community Room at The Mutual of Omaha Bank at 10:30 a.m. This is an informal round table discussion group. Beginners, experienced and in-between are all welcome. Reservations are not required. Just show up.

Meetings are suspended until further notice due to lack of meeting space because of Covid-19.

INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP



This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not necessary, but prized. An open and broad discussion of topics relating to investment

raised by those present is conducted. The discussion group meets at 1:30PM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Under the shade tree in the parking lot is now off limits. I've been kicked out of much better places. Regardless, the property owner does not want us sitting on his property? To that end, until the bank can get their act together, we move on. **Contact WARREN UHL Ph: 727-247-5167. Meeting status will be through an e-mail blast the week before the meeting.**

TRAVEL DISCUSSION GROUP

The Travel Discussion Group meets at 10:00AM on the 1st Wednesday of every month in the Community Room at the Mutual of Omaha Bank (next to Ace Hardware). This is a gathering of people that want to talk about and share travel experiences. Open discussions will be encouraged. Contact **SILKY SULLIVAN**

(marcosilky@yahoo.com or 393-9125). **Meetings are suspended until further notice because of Covid-19 restrictions.**

BOCCE BALL



We have formed teams. Many are sitting it out, as we wait for a resolution to the "pelage". Tuesday is set with 6 teams. Thursday is set with 7, but 8 is better. I have one or two

players ready to form a team on Thursday to even things out. If interested in playing let me know ASAP. Play is January through April. (Schedule and playoff dependent).

If you have any questions contact Warren Uhl at 727-247-5167 MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to the guys who set up the room. Chairman DEREK MULLINDER, JERRY DEFIBAUGH, RICH CARLSEN, DON LALLY AND DON KOPPEL. To volunteer, contact DEREK MULLINDER (derek.mullinder@comcast.net or PH: 642-0565).

MMC HATS AND SHIRTS.

Since we are not yet holding general meetings, Men's logoed apparel can be ordered on-line.

The order form for Hats and Shirts is available on-line on the MMC Website, under the MISCELLANEOUS & ACCESSORIES header. Click on CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES to obtain Order Form and Instructions.

SICKNESS AND BEREAVEMENT

I am sad to report the passing of Ava Nell Tonney, who passed away on Saturday December 19, 2020. Ava is the mother of Virginia Vacio, wife of club member Al Vacio. Our sincere condolences go out to the families.

Please telephone **Lou Makris** at 781-258-0456 or email loumak42@aol.com regarding information of illness or death of members, their spouse, and immediate family. **Lou** will notify the MMC board.

RESERVATION FORM AND CRUISE
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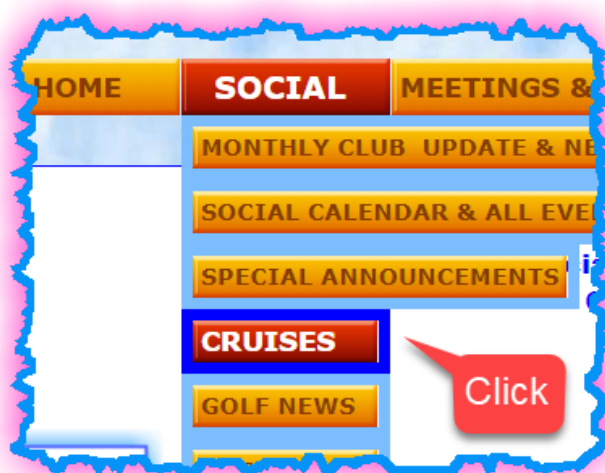
CRUISES



Please go to the MMC Website & use the Dropdown Menu, available on almost every page, for all the latest information on MMC **CRUISES**.

...or follow this link:

<https://marcomensclub.com/Cruises.htm>



**MMC “47th” CRUISE
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND,
MARCH 6 – 18, 2021
CANCELLED**

Australia closed borders to enter their country, requiring **Celebrity** to cancel our March 2021 Australia – New Zealand Cruise.

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**THE MMC “48th” CRUISE
JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA
MARCH 27 – APRIL 10, 2022**

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Speakers Calendar

Peter Piro, Program Director

Peter Piro

Memory:

Peter will give a talk on the major theory of memory, which will include some techniques to improve short-term and long-term memory. He will also touch on Dementia.

Proposed Speakers for the coming year:

Geoff Fahringer: Situation Awareness

Dr. Al Tatarius: Stress Management

Craig Keeling: Nuclear Armament

Dr. James Faremouth: Medical Marijuana

Darcie Guerin: Understanding Finances

This is all tentative given start-up date and their schedules.

Peter Piro

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Golf News

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First, I would like to thank **Lou Makris**, December Hibiscus Monday coordinator.

Lou had double duty; also organizing the TGIF group.

January Monday's are being coordinated by **Jeff Comeaux** at Hibiscus.

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS FALL/WINTER 2020/2021

January	Monday	Jeff Comeaux	comeaux411@icloud.com	847-951-3400
February	Monday	Bob Phelan	bobjphelan1@gmail.com	239-272-4820
March	Monday	Wes Shanks	w.shanks@att.net	973-903-4505
April Coordinator – Open				

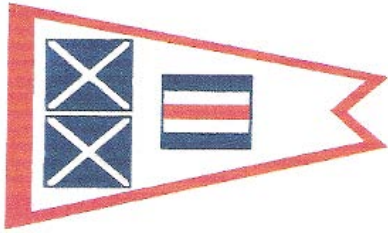
I still need 1 more coordinator for monthly duty in April.

It is a great way to better know your fellow MMC golf buddies and get a few tips to improve your game and life.

Also, I have been planning The Winter Championships; 3 Mondays in a row, usually February or March, with an A&B flight champion and traveling engraved trophy. Entry fees and rules yet to be determined.

This year I have tentatively set February 22 through March 7, 2021. Please reply to me if you have alternate dates.

Bob Winterhalter



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