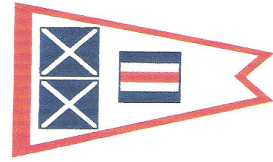


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# The Marco Men's Club Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, the first month of 2021 is behind us. We have had the inauguration of a new president in spite of the events of January the 6<sup>th</sup>. Mixed in with the large number of Executive Orders President Biden has issued are those pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic. The VIRUS remains the main entity around which everything else revolves.

The vaccine is available, but we are all having trouble getting vaccinated. I know that the federal, state, county and local governments are all working hard so that everyone who is eligible can receive the vaccine, but there is a palpable frustration in the general public. We have all called or attempted online access in order to obtain a reservation, only to find out that all available slots have been filled. These reservations appear to be gone in seconds. How can that happen? What is the secret in getting your reservation? How do you navigate the website? No one seems to have an answer. However, if you have been lucky enough to obtain a reservation you might not mind waiting in long lines in order to receive your injection. On the other hand, for some there's been hardly any waiting at all.

Having said all of that I am confident that all of us, who are now eligible, will receive our vaccine by the end of the first quarter of this year.

With all of this in mind the Marco Men's Club has tried to carry on with various social

opportunities for our members. Many activities and venues remain unavailable. According to our club survey, many of our members are unwilling to attend events until they themselves have been vaccinated. Following recommended safety protocols, we have been able to hold safe and fun events for those who wish to attend.

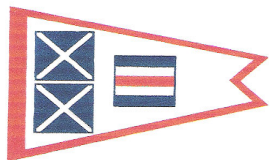
Our January "Annual" meeting at Sarazen Park which included a "Free Lunch" was well attended. **Peter Piro** gave an excellent presentation on "Memory". Our new Board was officially elected. They included: **President**—Jerry Swiacki; **Vice-Presidents**—Ray Seward, Warren Uhl, Dave Tobiasz, and Tim Clune; **Secretary**—Mike Levine; **Treasurer**—Rudy Landwaard; and **Past President**—Jeff Dywan. Because of the success of this event, we plan to have the "General Meetings" scheduled for February, March, April and May outside on the basketball courts at Mackle Park. This venue has a roof and is well shaded. Seating is provided by the park with appropriate distancing and everyone must wear a face mask. We plan to have more free lunches.

Thank you, **Dave Tobiasz** and **Jeff Dywan** for a fun evening which included a great, reasonably priced dinner at Davinci's on January 27<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to the **New Members Luncheon** on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, which has been moved to Mango's Dockside Bistro. Regrettably, the **Sweetheart's Ball**

scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Island Country Club had to be cancelled due to an insufficient number of people signing up. In March we plan to have an outdoor **St. Patrick's Day Party** on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Look for the flyer announcement in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, continue to play golf and bocce ball with your fellow members. Attend those meetings such as the "Investment Discussion Group" that remains active. Finally, there is some good news!! The club has purchased a year's subscription to **Zoom**, in order to have the various committees hold meetings virtually if they are not able to have them in person. Those wishing to use **Zoom**, please contact me or **Jeff Dywan**.  
Until next month,

**Jerry Swiacki**



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# The Marco Men's Club Club News

## COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLUB

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

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. We are meeting at CJ's by the Bay, in an outdoor environment. It will be moved indoors in the event of rain. The breeze can be a wind off the bay, dress appropriately. **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](mailto:marcosilky@yahoo.com) or 393-9125). **Meetings are suspended until further notice because of Covid-19 restrictions.**

## BOCCE BALL



Bocce is in full swing. We have an even number of teams. We can always use Subs, any one, or couple interested in subbing drop me a line. Play is January through April. The field has

"shaken out," revealing those there to play and those lucky or good.

**Tuesday:** After 4 weeks of play, Team "V" has reached sole top spot with a 6-2 record. Team "V"- Turk and Vicky Tilev, Glen and Carolyn Davis. Glen is a relatively new member and first time Bocce player.

**Thursday:** Team "D" has a target on their backs. They remain undefeated. That's really good, more than lucky. Team "D"- Ray and Kathy Davis, David and Maureen Hodgkinson.

**If you have any questions contact Warren Uhl at 727-247-5167 [MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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** header. Click on **CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES** to obtain **Order Form and Instructions**.

## SPORTS UPDATE

At this time, there are no plans to attend either **FGCU Basketball** or **Everblades Hockey**. Some events are TBA and subject to change making it almost impossible to plan a club event given the requirement of social distancing. Sports Chair Pat Wright will take a look at Spring Baseball as information becomes available. Contact **Pat Wright** at [pwright44@msn.com](mailto:pwright44@msn.com) or 518-369-6441

## SICKNESS AND BEREAVEMENT

Club member **Dan Dotterweich** having suffered serious health issues over the last couple of months is presently in Landmark Hospital for long term care. I am sure Dan and his wife **Lucille** would welcome any goodwill support at this time.

Recently, **Sue Marks**, wife of **Bob Marks** suffered a serious fall resulting in a broken hip, and after undergoing surgery and rehab, she is back home and doing well with therapy. Our thoughts, well wishes and support are with Sue in her recovery. Please telephone Lou Makris at 781-258-0456 or email [loumak42@aol.com](mailto:loumak42@aol.com) regarding information of illness or death of members, their spouse, and immediate family. Lou will notify the MMC board.

## CRUISES



### MMC “47<sup>th</sup>” 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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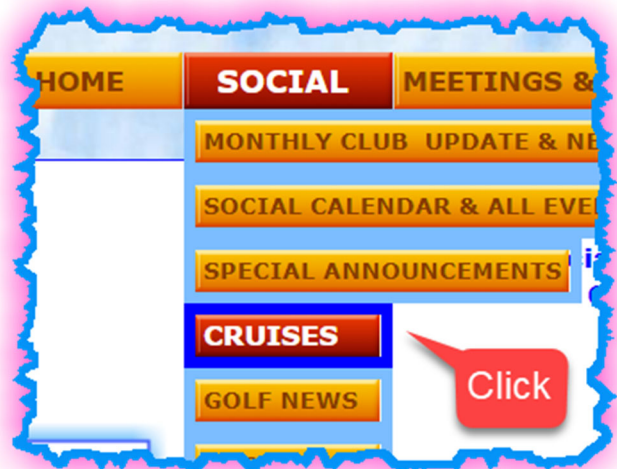
### THE MMC “48<sup>th</sup>” CRUISE JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA MARCH 27 – APRIL 10, 2022

“FIFTEEN DAYS..FOURTEEN NIGHTS  
VISITING “9” PORTS OF CALL IN “2”  
COUNTRIES ABOARD CELEBRITIES  
5 STAR SHIP “SOLSTICE”...

TOKYO (YOKOHAMA), JAPAN....MT  
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JAPAN  
KOCHI, JAPAN....HIROSHIMA, JAPAN,  
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SOUTH KOREA...HAKODATE, JAPAN.  
AOMORI, JAPAN.....AND TOKYO  
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# Speakers Calendar

Peter Piro, Program Director

**Dr. Al Tatarius**

**Stress Management**

**Dr. Al Tatarius received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Massachusetts, a Master's Degree in Education from Harvard University and a Doctorate in Education from Boston University.**

**He is an expert in hypnosis and the past president of the Greater New England Academy of Hypnosis. In 1984 he established the New England Stress Management Center. Besides stress management, Dr. Al works with clients to help with smoking cessation, weight loss, chronic pain management, sports hypnosis and cancer support. He is also an author having published the book: Nobody Drives You Crazy, You Do!! A Stress Management Primer.**

**Besides conducting many seminars on hypnosis and stress management in the United States, Canada and England, Dr. Tatarius had been a teacher and school administrator in Massachusetts Public Schools for 31 years.**

**Proposed Speakers for the coming year:**

**Geoff Fahringer:** Situation Awareness

**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

Bob Winterhalter, Golf Chair

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First, I would like to thank **Jeff Comeaux**, January Hibiscus Monday coordinator.  
February Monday's are being coordinated by **Bob Phelan** at Hibiscus.

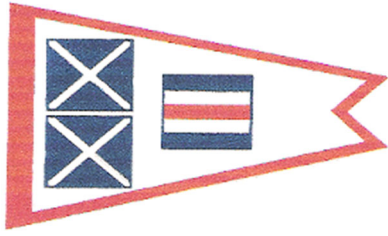
## MMC GOLF COORDINATORS WINTER/SPRING 2021

February	Monday	<b>Bob Phelan</b>	<a href="mailto:bobjphelan1@gmail.com">bobjphelan1@gmail.com</a>	239-272-4820
March	Monday	<b>Wes Shanks</b>	<a href="mailto:w.shanks@att.net">w.shanks@att.net</a>	973-903-4505
April	Monday	<b>Tony Tomassone</b>	<a href="mailto:tonytom_52@msn.com">tonytom_52@msn.com</a>	610-937-2324

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.

There will also be weekly winner's prizes (cash) as well. For 2021, I'm planning February 22 through March 8, 2021. More details to follow.

**Bob Winterhalter**



## THE MARCO MEN'S CLUB

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