

July 2021

The Marco Men's Club

Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are in the middle of summer and things continue to improve. COVID related issues are definitely better. Vaccinations are up and deaths are down. Restaurants are open and entertainment opportunities are being scheduled. Our Vice Presidents, **Warren Uhl, Dave Tobiasz, Ray Seward and Tim Clune**, are in the process of planning a full slate of activities for the 2021-2022 season. **Bob Marks** has added a new cruise to our cruise schedule. We now have three opportunities to see far away and exotic places.

Our main challenge has been a venue for our general meetings. It has been difficult to hear our speakers and for the speakers to make good presentations because our meetings had been held outside from January to May. The only venue open to us in June and July has been CJ's. Our speakers cannot adequately make any type of presentation due to a lack of an appropriate sound and projection system. This problem will be solved when we return indoors to Mackle Park in August. However, when we do

return to Mackle Park, we cannot begin our meetings until 11:30 AM due to a conflict with other scheduled meetings. In spite of COVID and the problem of a meeting site, our club continues to function. I firmly believe that we will come out of this as a stronger organization.

I would like to thank **Glenn Davis** for organizing a fun event at the Broadway Palm Theater. All reports that I have received indicated that everyone enjoyed the food as well as the performance of "Beehive". **Tim Clune** chaired the Father's Day Dinner at Verdi's. I can personally report that the entrees were excellent. Everyone at our table concurred and had fun getting together and seeing each other after a long absence. If you did not go to either of these events you missed a good time.

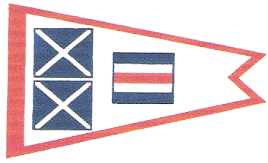
Looking forward, we have Bastille Day on July 14th hosted by **Mike Ballinger**. There will be a "Hot August Night" at K-Rico in August and a "Date Night" at the Continental in September. We are making plans for our Welcome Back Party,

Halloween Party, Holiday Party and Sweetheart Ball. Please go to the website-www.marcomensclub.com and check out the coming events page and the flyers. When theater events become available, they too will be posted there.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that we will again be offering a free Bloody Mary for everyone ordering lunch at our General Meeting on July 8th. It will be held at CJ's beginning at 11AM. As I have explained above there will be no speaker. However, this is an opportunity to sit and talk with your friends over a nice lunch.

I do need a head count for the restaurant, so please e-mail me (grswiacki@comcast.net) and let me know if you plan to come and if you plan to have lunch.

Jerry Swiacki



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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



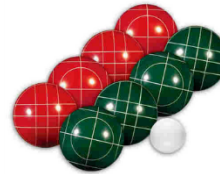
This is a gathering where opinions are valued, facts are appreciated and experience is not necessary, but prized. An open and broad discussion of topics relating to investment

raised by those present, is conducted. The discussion group meets at 1:30PM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We are moving again. Back to a shade tree. We will meet at a shade tree at Mackle Park. Bring a chair. **Contact Don Koppel Ph:856-906-4318. Meeting status will be through an e-mail blast the week before the meeting.**

TRAVEL DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Travel Discussion Club meeting will be on the 1st Wednesday of October (10/6) at 10AM. Location to be determined. In the meantime, it is recommended that you watch any of the Rick Steves' videos on Netflix or Prime. They focus in on Europe and are a wonderful balance of culture, history, food, etc. You can also get Rick Steves on PBS through his website. Another good TV show is American Treasures which highlights US National parks. Lastly, another one of our favorites is Legendary Cities which gives another look at cities around the world. Netflix or Prime. Let me know if I can help in any way. Contact **SILKY SULLIVAN** marcosilky@yahoo.com or 239-404-3249

BOCCE BALL



Look for a call for teams in the October newsletter. If you have any questions contact **Warren Uhl** at 727-247-5167 or

MMC.BocceLeague@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to the guys who set up the room. Chairman JERRY DEFIBAUGH, RICH CARLSEN, DON LALLY, DEREK MULLINDER AND DON KOPPEL.

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.

SPORTS UPDATE

Sports Chair Pat Wright will take a look at future sports events as information becomes available. Contact **Pat Wright** at pwright44@msn.com or 518-369-6441

SICKNESS AND BEREAVEMENT

I am saddened to report that Gayle Thawley, wife of club member Patrick Thawley, passed away on Saturday, June 12, 2021.

Our prayers and heartfelt condolences go out to Patrick and the entire Thawley family. Please telephone **George Vitta** at 586-942-8056 or email golflover3@yahoo.com regarding information of illness or death of members, their spouse, and immediate family. George will notify the MMC board.

CRUISES



THE MMC "48th" 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 FUJI (SHIMIZU), JAPAN, KOBE, JAPAN, KOCHI, JAPAN....HIROSHIMA, JAPAN, NAGASAKI, JAPAN.....BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA...HAKODATE, JAPAN, AOMORI, JAPAN.....AND TOKYO OVERNIGHT ABOARD SHIP.

22 PEOPLE BOOKED TO DATE.
MMC WEB SITE CONTAINS FLYERS WITH DETAILED INFORMATION AND RESERVATION FORMS FOR EACH CRUISE.

THE MMC "49th" CRUISE AMAWATERWAYS "MAGNA ON THE DANUBE" NOVEMBER 3 - 10, 2021

EMBARK ON A 7NIGHT RIVER CRUISE ABOARD THE MAGNIFICENT AMAMAGNA, FROM BUDAPEST,

HUNGARY TO VILSHOFEN, GERMANY. VISITING --- BUDAPEST-----BRATISLAVA----- VIENNA-----KREMS-----LINZ----- PASSAU-----VILSHOFEN.

THE "**AMAMAGNA**" LARGEST SHIP SAILING DANUBE (BUILT 2019) LARGE BALCONY, UNLIMITED WINES, ELEGANT ACCOMMODATIONS.

16 PEOPLE BOOKED TO DATE.
FLYER CONTAINS INFORMATION AND RESERVATION FORM.

THE MMC "50th" CRUISE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND OCTOBER 22 - November 3, 2022

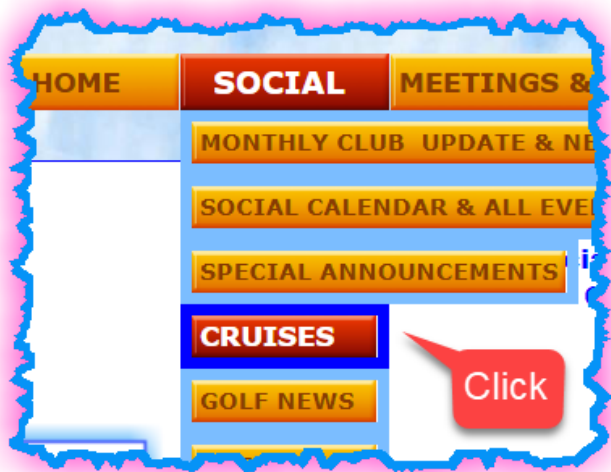
ABOARD CELEBRITIES 5 STAR SHIP, **THE ECLIPSE**, 15 DAYS, 14 NIGHTS VISITING 7 PORTS, "2" NIGHTS HOTEL TO ENJOY SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA TOURING SYDNEY AND THE COUNTRY, ON CLUB'S PRIVATE COACH. **THREE FREE CELEBRITY PERKS.**

THE CLASSIC BEVERAGE PACKAGE, SHIP GRATUITIES AND WI-FI. CLUB IS RECEIVING A LARGE REQUEST FOR THIS CRUISE SPACE. **CURRENTLY 78 PEOPLE CONFIRMED IN 42 STATEROOMS.** WITH SPACE STILL AVAILABLE IN EACH OF OUR CATEGORIES FOR NEW BOOKINGS, GROUP WILL LIKELY EXCEED 100 PEOPLE.

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>



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Speakers Calendar

Peter Piro, Program Director

There will be no guest speaker at the July General Meeting.

Proposed Speakers for the coming year:

August: Craig Keeling – Middle East

September: Geoff Fahringer – Situational Awareness

October: Darcey Guerin - Financial Acumen

November: Dr. James Faremouth – Medicinal Marijuana

Peter Piro

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Golf News

Bob Winterhalter, Golf Chair
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Thanks to **Mike Mueller** for coordinating Mondays at Lely Mustang in June, as well as **Frank Sroka** for scheduling reciprocal courses for the Friday traveling players.

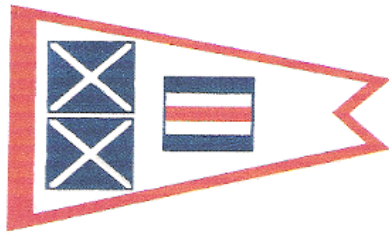
Tom McCullough is the Monday coordinator at Lely in July.

As you can see below our most urgent need is a **July Friday Coordinator**, if we want to play golf then. If you can only help for one or two weeks, I can arrange the rest of the month.

MMC GOLF COORDINATORS SPRING/SUMMER 2021

July	Monday	Tom McCullough	tamccullough@comcast.net	239-970-2088
July	Friday	need volunteer now		
August	Monday	Bob Boland	RLBoland@comcast.net	239-595-8780
August	Friday	Chris Hansen	chrishansen16@icloud.com	630-674-5565
September	Monday	Bob Hansen	rhansen4@aol.com	239-394-7775
September	Friday	Tony Tomassone	tonytom_52@msn.com	610-937-2324
October	Monday	Bob Phelan	bobjphelan1@gmail.com	239-272-4820
October	Friday	Bob Winterhalter	robertswinterhalter@gmail.com	239-389-0825

Bob Winterhalter



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