

## MBT Poker Club

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Those who think seniors sit in their rockers and lazy boys watching TV all day should meet the residents of Marina Bay Towers, a senior living complex in North Wildwood. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, poker players excitedly await 7PM game time when it's two-hour Dealer's Choice.

Resident Rose Piccolo initiated the MBT Poker game seven years ago as a way of socializing and making friends. Because everyone gets along so well, she believes it has become the best social group. The comradery has grown strong (provided everyone is sitting in their own chair and the dealer doesn't forget to anti-up!)

The games are stimulating, yet relaxing and therapeutic. With so many different personalities taking part, the conversations are always entertaining and interesting. A sense of humor goes a long way!

Enjoying a pleasant social evening without leaving the building is especially appreciated during bad weather. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose, but at MBT Poker, everyone feels like a winner, enjoying much more than a poker game. While the names and faces may change over the years, the evenings of friendship play on.

Our photographer, Rob, took his grandmother (Mary Kulisek) up on an invitation to capture one of the games on film. The residents happily commented on his professionalism and ability to make them all camera ready!

