

# Country Club Events

**THEY improv** leads the way for country club entertainment. With a selection of offerings to entertain member events, private parties for organizations that might hire your facility and team building and training programs for staff to enhance customer service, **THEY improv** stands ready to extend your capabilities and enhance your image.

**THEY improv** has earned a reputation throughout the country. Starting in a variety of localities and expanding throughout the nation, **THEY improv** has worked with over half of the Fortune 500 companies and is used to working with exacting standards that your members have come to expect. This means that they will receive a quality event that will make your staff and facility look great and help prove that you put them first. It's in our name: THEY. It's not about us, it's about what THEY need.

Though we have set offerings, you should not hesitate to contact us for any purpose. Even if not listed within our tear sheets, it's quite likely that we either already perform whatever you are looking for, or can customize something to meet your needs. We specialize in unique events and hope that you will give us a chance to prove ourselves.

Each show is individualized with elements adjusted to the audience. Our standard policy is that we remain one-level cleaner than the audience. So for country clubs we tend to have very clean events.

## **Some of Our Offerings Include:**

**Game Shows:** Loosely based on television's game shows, trivia nights, timed challenges or Audience Olympiads, we have a range of offerings to help your members to bond with one-another and to enhance their relationships.

**Comedy Nights:** With a variety of offerings including improv comedy shows, stand-up comedy, roasts, emcee services, comedy classes and talent shows, we have a variety of options that just bring laughter and fun to your group.

**Murder Mystery Dinners:** From small parties of ten people to huge galas, we have a variety of approaches that are best suited for most any group. Most of these are focused on getting people to laugh and for the members to bond. We can have individuals solve the crime, work as teams or even solve things on stage. We can work through dinners, during cocktail parties, work throughout the facility or even on a golf course with characters talking to your members at various refreshment facilities at selected tees.

**Customer Service:** We help with training and role playing to assist your staff to enhance their ability to serve your members and to improve the reputation of your facility.

**Concierge Services:** Through our Magic Moment program, we can take a member's special event and turn it into a full production creating an experience that will not be forgotten. Whether celebrating an anniversary or proposing marriage, or practically anything else, we can improve the experience and enhance the result.

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# Game Shows

**THEY improv** leads the way for country club entertainment with their Game Shows. These shows are designed to entertain club members, reward members working together and to generate a larger sense of community. Participants in the games have fun while reducing internal stress and enhance personal relationships.

Each show is individualized with elements adjusted based on the needs of the audience. This includes shifting from ratings G through NC-17, wholly audience-driven to packing participants with comedic performers, and from innocuous shows to shows that ambush unwitting audience members.

Most Game Shows are provided as a low-tech adventure for the audience members to increase the flexibility of performance. Additional set elements, equipment, scoreboards, etc. are available at an increased cost, but aren't often advisable since it reduces the human element. Besides the host, a "Vanna" is available at an increased fee, and is recommended for shows with larger audiences. Travel costs are often not needed as we usually operate locally, but if required, would be included in any quote that we offer.

Shows generally run from 30-45 minutes, but can be done in combination or in playoff formats for 60-90 minutes. Prices range based on length of show, required cast, size of audience, holiday seasons, prizes, etc.

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## Some of our Game Shows include:

**The Functional Feud:** Loosely based on television's popular *Family Feud*, the Functional Feud has competitors competing to come up with complete lists from popular knowledge. From naming the seven dwarves to the seven deadly sins, common knowledge is challenged for points and bragging rights in this battle of wits.

**The NewlyMet Game:** Loosely based on television's popular the *Newlywed Game*, the NewlyMet Game pairs contestants off to prove that they know more about each other than the other pairs. Audience members serve as the judges with bizarre and fun ways to show incorrect answers. Often entertaining and amusing, this brings knowledge of each other to a new level and enhances personal relationships in a fun and supportive atmosphere.

**Match Me If You Can:** Loosely based on television's popular *Match Game*, Match Me If You Can pits two contestants against one another trying to match answers with a panel of six audience members. Other audience members serve as judges with enjoyment of incorrect answers. This game helps people to see things through each other's eyes and so enhances relationships.

**Pass Me That Word:** Loosely based on television's popular *Password*, Pass Me That Word pairs audience members to compete trying to explain words using simple one-word clues. This forces the participants to use inflection, emotion and other non-verbal tools to get across the ideas.

**Get A Clue:** A murder mystery with our dedicated host walking your participants through the process of finding a murderer. Either a Clue Party with everyone as a suspect or a Cambridge Solution with the focus on a few members of the audience is a sure-fire way of bonding the partygoers in a fun atmosphere.

# Game Shows – Audience Olympiad

**THEY improv's Audience Olympiad** involves dividing the members in the audience into 3-5 set teams. For a variety of fun Challenges, each team will select members to be their Champions. During the competition, each member can only be chosen to be a Champion for one activity. The team then cheers their Champions to victory in hopes of winning prizes or bragging rights for the entire team. This means that they can be divided into a variety of categories such as men vs. women, tennis players vs. golf players, etc. etc.

**THEY improv** leads the way for country club entertainment with their Game Shows. These shows are designed to entertain and to produce positive results. Participants in the games have fun while lowering their personal barriers and enhancing their personal relationships in a low-tech adventure focused on the human element to help enhance the communities we serve.

Each show is individualized with elements adjusted based on the needs of the audience. This includes shifting from ratings G through NC-17, wholly audience driven to packing participants with comedic performers, and from innocuous shows to shows that ambush unwitting audience members. The activities can include generic pieces or can include utilizing elements from the company involved to custom tailor it to your organization.

While this can be done like other game shows for 30-45 minutes, adding the time for choosing Champions can add additional time to the effort, and the activities can be spread throughout an evening with 3 or 4 ten-minute contests. This can also be expanded to 60-90 minutes. Prices range based on length of show, required cast, size of audience, prizes, etc. but doesn't include prizes as the groups can get quite large. Adding prizes is negotiable.

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## Some examples of Types of Challenges are:

**Relays:** One competitor conducts an activity and then has to pass that activity to the next as the team has to accomplish the goal as a group. An example for the holidays is using candy canes hanging from the mouths of participants to pass one candy cane between team mates. There are hundreds of options and methods of conducting these activities.

**Collaboration:** Teams work together to accomplish a goal such as building towers, constructing bridges, making paper airplanes, tossing items for collective distance, etc. but work as a team to prevent a break in the chain.

**Skill:** Individuals or pairs work together to perform some human trick such as moving cookies from their forehead to their mouth without touching it with their hands.

**Many Many More:** There are literally hundreds of these games that we can devise based on location, organization involved and people who are playing. We adjust to operate individually or in teams and with various measures of success. Simply contact us to challenge us creatively.

# Game Shows – Timed Challenges

Similar to TV's *Minute to Win It*, **THEY improv's Timed Challenges** involves country club members competing in a variety of challenges that can involve physical as well as mental effort.

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Most Game Shows are provided as a low-tech adventure to focus on the human element, though additional set elements, equipment, scoreboards, etc. are available at an increased cost. Besides the host, a "Vanna" is available at an increased fee for larger audiences.

While this can be done like other game shows for 30-45 minutes, timed challenges are often spaced throughout the event with 3 or 4 ten-minute contests. This can also be expanded to 60-90 minutes. Prices range based on length of show, required cast, size of audience, prizes, etc.

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## Some examples of Timed Challenges are:

**The Balloon Toss:** One competitor has to toss a series of balloons across a space to his teammate, who has a bucket to catch the balloon and where he has to maintain the position of his or her feet.

**The Shooting Gallery:** As it sounds, each contestant has to shoot at a number of targets and has a limited time to do it. Usually the rifle shoots foam darts and the targets are something goofy. For example, we once had a group of parents shoot at dolls of Dora the Explorer.

**The Paper Plane Challenge:** Contestants compete for the quickest, most accurate and furthest throw of paper airplanes. Sometimes contestants operate individually or in teams.

**The Construction:** Using identical tools, such as Legos, Lincoln Logs or Playing Cards, contestants attempt to build the best building. The best building can be judged objectively, such as by height, or by audience applause. This can be done individually or by teams, and is often done with the variety of contestants competing simultaneously side-by-side.

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# More Timed Challenges

## Some Additional Examples of Timed Challenges are:

**Cookie!:** Competitors side by side compete to move as many cookies from their forehead into their mouths while only using the contortions of their faces to maneuver the cookie. A variety of cookies can be used, depending on taste, though Oreos seem to be the standard.

**Beer Pong:** Competitors are challenged to bounce ping pong balls into a red cup. Based on the popular college game, most corporate clients prefer the non-beer variety. Variants include trying to hit multiple targets at various distances or teams requiring that all members accomplish the tasks.

**The Slow Juggle:** Contestants must keep three balloons in the air for a set period of time. Alternatively, a team has to keep a larger number of balloons in the air. It's not as easy as it sounds.

**Measuring Down:** Contestants compete to roll ping pong balls down a length of measuring tape into various shot glasses at various distances. This can also be done in a team format where all members accomplish a distance before moving on to the next.

**Ready, Rubber, Fire:** Using rubber bands, the contestants shoot at a variety of targets. This can be done individually or by teams, and is often done with the variety of contestants competing simultaneously side-by-side in a firing range.

**Gone Fishing:** Using a stick, a string and either a paper clip as a hook or a small magnet, a contestant has to pick up a variety of items. This can also be done with a team blindfolded version where the others try to guide the blind fisherman to his or her catch.

**Balloon Toss:** A pair of contestants is provided with a bucket and a balloon. Standing about 10-15 feet apart, one throws a balloon that the other tries to catch in their bucket. The catcher can not move his or her feet. This is often done with three teams competing side by side and the first team to get one, or two, is the winner.

**House of Cards:** A contestant, or team, works to build a playing card house using a deck of cards. Within a time limit they work against other teams going at the same time with the winning team having the tallest structure that must also stand on its own for one minute.

**Human Horseshoes:** Contestants are paired off and separated by several feet. Contestants attempt to toss hula-hoops across the distance to 'hoop' their partner. The partner is not allowed to move their feet and must keep their hands over their head. The highest success rate wins!

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# Having Fun Is Not Trivial

**THEY improv** leads the way for country club entertainment with their Game Shows using Trivia. These shows are designed to entertain and to improve the communities we serve. Participants in the games have fun while lowering their personal barriers and enhancing their personal relationships.

Each show is individualized with elements adjusted based on the needs of the audience. This includes shifting from ratings G through NC-17, changing topics to fit the industry of our Clients, using a few members of the audience on stage or utilizing everyone in the place operating in teams to just about any configuration you can think of.

The style of show to be used is customized to the audience and venue. It's the questions that cross all versions of the game. The questions can be found from all kinds of sources. This includes using true trivia from all branches of human knowledge, using industry-specific knowledge, using lessons that were to be learned from training activities or company-specific information to help esprit de corps.

The points can either be a straight measurement of success, or can be weighted based on participant confidence. For example, usually we ask 10 questions with each a separate category. Each team ranks them in terms of your confidence in the answer. Thus each team can manage their risks as well as rewards and it adds to the strategy of the game. By discussing the categories the members at the table get to know one-another better, which is often the true goal of the country club.

Prices range based on the number of questions, required cast members, size of audience, prizes, etc. Most of our shows are designed without accompanying music or visual projection, but they can be added at an additional charge.

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## Our Game Shows include:

**The Trivia Happy Hour:** If your country club is looking for entertainment for after-hours, the Trivia Happy Hour brings the fun of trivia competition with the enjoyment of conversation with your fellow employees.

**The Trivia Dinner:** Sometimes a country club is having a dinner and wants to help members to get to know one another in a fun and competitive environment. A trivia dinner allows questions to be provided to the audience and each table works together to solve the trivia.

**The Trivia Game Show:** If you prefer a more traditional game show format, **THEY improv** can bring a few audience members on-stage to compete against one another for not very expensive prizes.

**Who Wants to Be The Trivia King:** Loosely based on television's popular *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*, this game has one person trying to answer a series of questions. The participant that gets the furthest through the trivia questions wins the prize.

# Murder Mystery Shows – Comedy Is Murder

**THEY improv** is the new leader for Country Club Murder Mystery Shows, providing a whole new and innovative approach to the medium. Every show is customized to the audience and venue, with many of the details improvised on the spot. Placing renewed emphasis on the entertainment of the shows and shifting the focus from the detective and back on the entertaining characters, **THEY improv** has earned a reputation for some of the best Murder Mystery Shows in the industry.

There are a variety of shows depending on the size of your group, the budget, the venue, desired length and special needs. **THEY improv** has proudly come up with a variety of solutions to meet almost any need.

**The Gala Murder:** For larger events, we provide a murder mystery with a large cast and possibly including dancers, musicians, etc. We create the fun event designed to parallel more of a standard event. These can include weddings, family gatherings, mob events, corporate retreats, etc. Though usually done as a mystery, this can also be done as a simple atmosphere event.

**The Straight Murder:** Pretty much the industry standard, our actors interact with your members during cocktails, provide scenes and arguments during the meal leading to a murder at dessert. Our detective takes over and provides a comedic investigation to solve the crime.

**Ambush Murder Mysteries:** This is a specialty item that is useful if your members would like a private event. The members in the audience won't know that there's a show until the murder happens at dessert, and instead believe that something is going wrong directly in front of them. This is an opportunity for them to play a prank on one another.

**The Frick & Frack Show:** In more of a comedy show, **THEY improv's** detectives interact with the audience to create a murder mystery that is improvised based on audience input. Audience members are made into suspects, experts from a variety of fields and witnesses. They provide information leading to comedy and ultimately the identification of a culprit.

**The Cambridge Solution:** For parties on a budget, we have a murder mystery that uses 4-10 audience participants as suspects. Our detectives walk the audience through the interrogation process to determine the culprit. Prices vary based on the size of the event and the amount of customization.

**Get A Clue:** For smaller parties, we provide a murder mystery with your participants as the characters. Our dedicated host walks your participants through the process of finding a murderer. Each partygoer has their own unique character. The super sleuth and best actor win a prize. But if the murderer gets away with, he or she wins the prize! Prices vary based on the size of the party.

**The Dartmouth Plan:** For small groups of 4-10 people, this murder mystery uses everyone as a character in a nuanced murder mystery with everyone getting to know one-another. Our host walks them through the process and makes it an enjoyable and fun experience.

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## Murder Mystery Shows – The Gala Murders

For larger events that need a more elegant touch, **THEY improv** has created a whole new genre, the Gala Murder. This genre combines elements from more traditional themed events, such as a *“Tony and Tina’s Wedding”* or the *“Irish Wake”* with a murder mystery. Instead of simply immersing an audience within a scenario with funny things happening around them, **THEY improv** invites the audience to fall in with the bad crowd and become a part of the plot. The issues between the characters and their antics are all clues that help the audience determine the culprit.

The evenings begin during cocktails. This is the opportunity for the audience to get to know the characters involved in a pressure-free environment. The audience learns details about their lives and maybe can start to see where issues and conflicts might occur.

As the audience sits for dinner, they are then witnesses to some issues between the characters. This takes place in various locations around the room, often being repeated so that people in different locations all see the same information, or may happen on stage or from a dais. The conflicts and problems become more readily apparent and some audience members might be hooked into the mayhem. Peripheral characters may also indicate to others the problems that exist, may create red herrings and may simply energize the audience with activity.

After the tension has had time to build, at the beginning of dessert, the murder occurs. This can take many forms, though poisoning is often a favorite as it allows for more suspects and doesn't cause shock to the audience like a gunshot could.

Our detective then takes over and pulls up members of the audience to begin his investigation. He keys on people that had the opportunity to have valuable information, or maybe just important people to the organization we're performing for. The interrogations are light-hearted and designed to amuse rather than embarrass. Through these interrogations, the basic plot points are reiterated for the audience and the suspects walk around answering questions people may have. Either working as individuals, or by table, people provide their solutions to the crime, with the best and most accurate solution winning not-very-expensive prizes.

Throughout the evening, **THEY improv's** ability to adjust on the fly is unique. **THEY improv** is one of the few in the country that can change the murderer during the course of the evening to incorporate audience input and reactions. This leads the audience to appreciate the performance more and making the actors be “in the moment”.

Our Murder Mystery Shows run approximately 2½-3 hours and prices range depending on the number of cast members, required equipment and size of the audience. The time is generally inclusive of the cocktail hour, dinner, the murder happening at the beginning of dessert with the investigation lasting 45-90 minutes. This obviously adjusts on a case-by-case basis and there are many more options for the event.

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## Murder Mystery Shows – The Straight Murder

While **THEY improv** has created new and innovative approaches to Murder Mystery Dinners, the more traditional approaches are also available. This involves 4-7 actors entertaining a members of a country club by creating scenes that are never seen in real events. This can range from a slap in the face to screaming across the room that someone will pay for what they have done. Usually such confrontations are done with a comedic bent leading to the audience laughing at the conflict rather than acting out of genuine concern for the actors' safety.

But even within the standardized genre, we have our own unique approach and can actually perform a wide array of approaches depending on the changing circumstances of audience, venue and reactions. **THEY improv's** performers are trained improvisers and are prepared to adjust the plot lines to accept things that audience members say as fact and help get audience members directly involved in the action. This means that the traditional murder mysteries are at a whole new level.

This ability to adjust on the fly is unique, with **THEY improv** being one of the few in the country that can change the murderer during the course of the evening to incorporate audience reactions rather than spending an evening trying to get a plotline back to where it was supposed to be. This leads the audience to appreciating the performance more and making the actors be in the moment.

Audience members are dragged unwittingly into the mystery with the characters weaving tales of deceit and murder. These audience members are identified through their willingness to play along and enjoy and the parts are written such that their denials of their identities play into the fun. These audience members can also be prime suspects and carried along with the investigation.

Our players sit and participate in the party just like your partygoers and entertain at the tables as well as when they take center stage, or alternatively our actors can present more of a stage performance. This flexibility helps **THEY improv** to be able to provide entertainment for events ranging from small family gatherings to large country club galas of 200 or more. Though we can serve any sized group, it is vital that we know the rough size of the audience in advance to ensure we are prepared to serve your group.

Our Murder Mystery Shows run approximately 2-3 hours and prices range depending on the number of cast members, required equipment and size of the audience. The time is generally inclusive of the cocktail hour, dinner, the murder happening at the beginning of dessert with the investigation lasting about 45 minutes. This obviously adjusts on a case by case basis and there are many more options for the event.

Every country club event tends to be customized directly to the members involved. We do have some more common theme such as a 1920s murder, mobsters, wedding parties, election celebrations, Hollywood, etc. We talk to you about your venue and attendees and try to come up with the best approach that works for you, whether it is one of our more standard plots or something unique that we develop just for your country club.

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## Get A Clue: Mix and Mingle Where All Are Suspects

For years, a popular small party gathering is to have everyone in the room as suspects in a crime. Everyone is provided with a certain amount of information and everyone talks to each other to determine the culprit. The murderer knows that they're the murderer and will lie to try to get away with the crime. Everyone else tells the truth and tries to piece together the clues.

**THEY improv** has come up with a professional approach to take these parties to a whole new level. Clue Parties are extremely flexible and have a broad selection of plotlines and approaches to best serve a variety of groups, The murderer had a gun, had a motive and was in the room at the time of the murder. Everyone had at least one of those, most will have had two, but only one had all three. By mixing and mingling everyone tries to put together the details. These work well for parties as small as 10 people and can work for large groups as well, though may become unwieldy for very large groups.

Our facilitators help to select characters to be given to each participant, explain the rules and help push the evening along. Our objective is to get everyone involved and to have people smiling at the end of the evening. We never lose sight on the main idea: This is for entertainment.

### **Question 1: How many facilitators?**

We prefer the term 'host' for our facilitator. Our host will allow you to make certain that the rules are explained, information disseminated and freeing you up to enjoy your own party.

With a second facilitator, you get another actor who serves to assist the host with all manner of issues. The second actor can play the victim with audience members being allowed to take pictures with the dead body like *Weekend at Bernie's*. After being awakened, the assistant then serves to play additional characters. Bouncing from character to character, this assistant helps to lighten the mood and serve as an example as to how to play the game.

### **Question 2: What theme for the party?**

**THEY improv** has a variety of themes to fit most every occasion. From themes taking place in various times in the past, such as a Speakeasy from the 20's, with big hair bands of the 80's, at a peace rally in the 70's to events taking place with celebrities, children's themes or simply at a millionaire's mansion, **THEY improv** has a variety of characters that can entertain almost any group. People can be told ahead about the theme so that they can come dressed appropriately, or even be assigned specific characters. Alternatively, we can inform people on the spur of the moment assigning characters along the way and entertaining people with the choices made.

### **Question 3: How long will the event take?**

The events vary in length depending on the size of the group and if we add additional elements. Larger events can be sped up by reducing the number of characters by halving the characters.

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# The Cambridge Solution: A Group Murder Mystery

**THEY improv** has come up with a special murder mystery that takes into account the budgetary needs of a smaller group and the need for more participants of a larger group. This event, which we consider to be Harvard-smart, is our Cambridge Solution.

Using four to ten participants from your group, the Cambridge Solution provides a unique opportunity to enjoy a murder mystery while allowing the leaders of any group to speak with everyone in the event. For country clubs, it's a great way to get members to interact with leaders in the community or staff of the facility.

Towards the end of cocktails, our host(s) introduce the murder and then ask people to sit down. The participants are then brought on stage, having been provided with some character information earlier. This includes information that they know about each other, that they know about themselves, and that they know about the murder. They answer some very basic questions in front of the group. During the course of the meal they move from table to table answering whatever questions people put to them. At dessert they are brought back in front of the group and asked some more pointed questions that they've been provided answers to.

Each table works together to try to solve the crime and answer questions that have been put to them. The table has to agree on their answers and also votes for which participant they thought did the best job of acting. Prizes are provided to each winner and the best actor.

## Question 1: How many facilitators?

We prefer the term 'host' for our facilitator. Our host will allow you to make certain that the rules are explained, information disseminated and freeing you up to enjoy your own party.

With a second facilitator, you get another actor who serves to assist the host with all manner of issues and plays the victim, allowing members to take pictures with the dead body like *Weekend at Bernie's*. Afterwards this second host helps administer the party.

## Question 2: What theme for the party?

**THEY improv** customizes most of these events and can come up with a variety of themes to fit most every occasion. From themes taking place in various times in the past, such as a Speakeasy from the 20's, with big hair bands of the 80's, at a peace rally in the 70's, British spies, to events taking place with celebrities, children's themes or simply at a millionaire's mansion, **THEY improv** can get your group going and enjoying a night of murderous mayhem.

## Question 3: How long will the event take?

The events vary in length depending on how many tables there are but generally begin at the end of cocktails and end during dessert. We have some flexibility to allow the event to be longer or shorter depending on your needs by adjusting the time spent talking at each table. Generally they are between 45-60 minutes for very small groups, 60-90 for medium and 90-120 for very large groups.

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# The Providence Addendum to the Cambridge Solution: A Group Murder Mystery

**THEY improv** has come up with the Cambridge Solution that takes into account the budgetary needs of a smaller group and the need for more participants of a larger group. To this, we have added the Providence Addendum to enhance the interaction at the tables and to improve the feeling of participation for all involved.

Where the Cambridge Solution uses six to ten participants from your group that go table to table answering questions about a murder, the Providence Addendum provides characters for everyone at every table as well. This enables them to feel more a part of the proceedings, be more directly involved in the action and to interact with more directed questioning of the suspects.

Depending on the number of people at each table, up to ten additional characters are created. Each seat at the table has a unique character that has specific information that they know about one or two of the suspects. This enables them to ask questions more direct and piercing questions as the suspects come around. It also allows for a more in-depth discussion and comparison of notes at the table when there are no suspects to question.

## **Question 1: What kind of characters are these?**

The additional characters at the table are created as archetypes. They are types of people that might fit within the scenario that are readily identifiable by their category, such as the banker, the insurance agent, the doctor, the cab driver, etc. These characters are also generated to be gender neutral. This allows everyone to participate and for each table to have their own mix creating different experiences for everyone participating.

## **Question 2: What if one table has less people, are they at a disadvantage?**

The information is created to be shared. Those at the table will simply pass any extra characters to those at the table. While they won't play the characters, they will share the information. That way no table has additional information or advantage over any other table.

## **Question 3: Does this make the event take longer?**

The nature of the Cambridge Solution allows us to adjust the length easily by changing the amount of time spent at each table. By letting the suspects remain longer, we can easily extend the event. If we speed them up, we can make the event go quicker. That being said, usually it allows for more entertainment at the tables and thus clients generally allow these events an extra 15-30 minutes. These are also generally the larger events as it is even more valuable as an option when the tables outnumber the suspects. When there are tables without suspects talking, it's good to have other items to discuss during that time.

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# The Dartmouth Plan: A Micro Murder for Smaller Groups

For very small groups, with ten or less people, **THEY improv** has come up with a special murder mystery that takes into account the intimacy and small budgets of very small parties. This event is our Dartmouth Plan.

For parties of four to ten, everyone from your group is a suspect in the mystery. In a round-robin format, everyone from your group talks to everyone else from your group. This is done either one-on-one or in groups of two or three. They take turns asking each other questions and it leads to the people in the group determining the murder with the assistance of our facilitator.

Our host gathers everyone around and explains that there has been a murder. Each person in the room is a suspect and everyone will work to try to solve the case. Each will be assigned a character and will be given information that they know about the other suspects. After given a few minutes to review the information, the suspects will be shown how they will be aligned to speak with one another so that they will all get a chance to interrogate each of the others. During the course of the event, either during a meal or as a separate event, they move and talk to each other. At dessert, each will be given a moment to plead their case as to why they didn't commit the crime and deliver a funny line that they were given earlier.

Each person tries to solve the crime and answer questions that have been put to them as well as to choose someone as the best actor for the evening.

### **Question 1: How many facilitators?**

Just one. We wouldn't want to outnumber you! It's an intimate party and it needs an intimate host.

### **Question 2: With so few people, isn't it easy to figure it out?**

Actually no. We purposely make it to where each of the characters had the means, motive and opportunity to have committed the crime. Each show is different because people playing the characters are encouraged to make up details. Our host adjusts the final answer based on the details. If our host doesn't know the murderer there's no way that you could!

### **Question 3: What theme for the party?**

Because of the small nature of these events and our striving to keep the cost minimal, there are a smaller number of options for these events. In general we have a 008 theme (not quite James Bond), a mobster theme and a murder in a millionaire's mansion. We can customize additional themes but this would be for an additional charge. Most people are extremely happy with our current themes and we're happy to help your small group have a great time!

### **Question 3: How long will the event take?**

The events vary in length depending on how many people are participating and we can change the interview times to speed up or slow down the event. These generally are for 30-45 minutes, but can be pushed shorter or longer depending on the client's desire.

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# The Frick and Frack Show: A Fully Interactive Improvised Murder Mystery

**THEY improv** has come up with a murder mystery that provides a fusion between a comedy duo and a murder mystery. Our Frick and Frack Detectives take audience members along on a journey where the audience creates the plot while interacting with our comedians. This creates unique shows that we couldn't repeat even if we tried.

At the beginning of the show, our detectives inform the audience of how the evening will work, explaining that if they confront people in the audience and state something as a fact, that audience member will agree with whatever the detectives say. This will likely include the character's name and occupation. After all, we wouldn't want people to think we're claiming that they might be murderers. For other details that our detectives ask about, whatever the audience members make up becomes the details of the case. This will include some information about the victim, their relationship, others in the room, etc.

Our detectives interact with the audience members in waves and introduce new characters as they go along. Towards the end, a final recap of the suspects is made and the suspects may or may not be invited to plead their case directly to other audience members. Often tables will then work together to come up with a group solution and the winning team along with some of the audience participants are provided small prizes.

The audience interactivity combined with the tables working together makes this a great choice for public shows, family gatherings and corporate team building. By keeping the number of actors to two, the budget can also be held down enabling shows for people who could not normally afford such an event, making it available to smaller restaurants looking to attract new patrons.

## **Question 1: What themes are there?**

Because the show is improvisational in nature, there are really no set themes. We have a variety that we are more familiar with, but creating new themes is quite easy and no show is ever repeated.

## **Question 2: What value is there for a restaurant?**

Murder Mystery Dinners can attract new patrons, get some publicity in local media, gain word of mouth and create a buzz at the activity in your venue. The only key element is to make certain that you can serve the entire area at set times allowing for the actors to interact without interruption at times while also having everyone served together.

## **Question 3: What if someone doesn't play along?**

Our professionals are pretty good at picking people from the audience who are more likely to play along, but if we run across an individual determined not to have a good time, we simply move on to someone else and adjust accordingly. Remember, the show is improvised, so we are used to making changes along the way.

## **Question 4: How much does it cost?**

Contact us and ask, every show is unique and it depends on the size of your audience and location.

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# Improv Comedy

**THEY improv** is the leader in improv comedy shows for country clubs throughout the country. With an extremely wide variety of formats that will fit almost any country club, **THEY improv** is the choice for your show. All the comedy is unique, made up on the spot based on audience input.

The pieces performed can provide for a variety of needs. This includes pieces that are strictly comedic, some that can show or demonstrate particular values, some that can incorporate your people in the performance or even to highlight a special someone.

Our shows vary from a single comedian to an ensemble working either with material that we receive from your group, material that has been prewritten to fully improvise shows. Some of the formats of the shows are listed below.

## Comedy Tonight

With an extremely wide variety of formats that will fit almost any venue or audience, **THEY improv** is the choice for your improv comedy show. Our formats can include complete audience participation, or simply spin from one suggestion into a flurry of comedic activity from our professionals. Similar to TV's *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, these shows are audience favorites and provide 'bang for buck'. All the comedy is unique, made up on the spot based on audience input.

## Sketch Comedy

**THEY improv** also leads the way for written comedic material. Utilizing their comedic skills, the writers of **THEY improv** hone scripts of sketch material to fit your needs. Either as a supplement to an improv comedy show or as a stand-alone, sketch comedy can be a great choice.

## Roasts

**THEY improv** can help your people roast one another in a bawdy night of comedy.

## Improv is Magic

Audience members are invited on stage and perform live comedy in front of the group. Magically regular audience members become comedians before your very eyes through our professional host providing a safe space and conditions for them to be funny.

## Improv Classes

**THEY improv** can teach your members in improv classes, possibly building to a graduation show.

## Contact Us

Technical requirements are usually provided by the country club. For larger audiences you may need a raised stage, stage lighting or even lapel or headset microphones depending on acoustics of the room. Our shows vary in length from 30-90 minutes or longer. Costs are based on the size of the cast, length of the show, the size of the audience and any technical requirements. Contact **THEY improv** to find out how hiring **THEY improv** is your quickest way to finding a comedy show that will exceed your expectations and enhance relationships within your community.

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# Customer Service Workshops

Success in dealing with your members requires that each and every point of contact with your members within your country club result in a positive experience. This requires that your entire staff be properly prepared to reflect well upon your facility and instill a confidence in your staff's ability and desire to meet the needs of your members. **THEY improv** leads the way with workshops designed to improve customer service through enhancing skills of your employees.

Our approach begins with an assessment of the contact points that you have with your members and providing workshops with the employees that will be exposed to your members. We're able to adjust the workshops to the individual employee's needs. This allows for the most efficient use of time and to help keep your people focused. Taking this information, and combining it with information obtained during the workshops themselves, **THEY improv** puts together the exercises to best achieve your goals. This all involves handling a variety of skills development and simply creating a culture of customer service.

## **Developing People Skills**

Good customer service begins with simply improving interpersonal skills. One negative experience can reduce the likelihood of a member wanting to maintain a relationship. And this can be from just one employee that the customer associates with your facility. Having your employees communicate in a more likable manner makes each contact point a positive experience.

We have a variety of exercises that get your employees to enhance their tone of voice, to reduce the stress of members, to increase efficiency of speech and to work on presentation skills.

## **Electronic Communication Training**

With new technologies for communication have come whole new varieties of miscommunication. Whether it is an email that is misread, a text that has an inappropriate typo or social media presence that sends the wrong signal, actions must be taken to prevent problems before they become problems. As country clubs enhance their online presence, this becomes even more important.

**THEY improv** helps employees recognize the problems and pitfalls of all forms of communication.

## **Internal Communication and Customer Relationship Management**

Taking care of members is a team effort. Everyone who communicates with a member should have access to the information and knowledge of everyone else. After all, members generally presume that this is the case and repeating information can add to frustration. They like being catered to. A little extra knowledge or tag teaming customer service can help engender trust and can portray an image of a unified country club.

**THEY improv** provides games and exercises that can improve the interconnectedness of your team and help them to feel the trust and reliability of each other.

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## This Magic Moment: Special Moments Enhanced Through Facilitation

Life is filled with celebrations. Whether it's a special anniversary with the true love of your life, a proposal of marriage that you wish to be unique, a non-traditional wedding that is truly non-traditional, a birthday of a family patriarch or any other moment that we use as a milestone in the road of life, **THEY improv** has a variety of options to take these to the next level, assisting the staff of a country club to meet the customized needs of their members.

Using our actors and creative services, allow us to come up with enhancements for your member's special events. Our professionals will speak to you about the people and concerns involved, and come up with recommendations. Early on we will ask you about where you would like the event, how long you have available, your budget and any special considerations that we should take into account. We'll then make a variety of loose recommendations that will become the basis for our initial proposal, or we can deal directly with your members if you prefer.

We can provide violinists, orchestras, a cheering section, catering staffs, gambling equipment, magicians, floral arrangements, limousine services, helicopter rides and just about anything else that you could think of. Our staff creates a single point of contact for you, making the event as simple and easy as possible while still achieving the exacting results that you desire.

Obviously these events tend to be much more expensive than events that are not customized, and the exacting attention to detail requires a higher level of service than lesser programs. You will have to contact us directly to come up with any sort of quote as there are too many options to contemplate.

**That Special Moment:** Creating an afternoon or evening event where we take a small group along for the ride to enjoy themselves and to enhance the romantic or platonic love for someone is our goal. We can give the appearance of you having spent days or weeks planning the series of events that **THEY improv** will prepare for you. This can include everything from their most popular activities to custom events that only the greatest of concierges can conceive of. Let us work on achieving these things for you, whether it's cooking in a popular restaurant kitchen or throwing a ball at a professional sports stadium, or even with a celebrity.

**This is Your Life:** Actors from **THEY improv** can take on the personae of a variety of people from the past of an individual and get the person talking about their life. Usually they are simply tools to help draw the information out of the honoree of the day, with them serving as living reminders of another time or place. We could also do additional research and provide more specific information or even hunt down actual people from the honoree's past.

**The Fantastic Voyage:** Similar to TV's popular *The Amazing Race*, groups can be asked to take clues to discover little adventures along the way. While the TV show is more randomized, our challenges and clues can be more specific to the honoree and lead to the combination of answers to give a lead to a greater challenge. Each challenge would likely take on a different period in the honoree's life and ultimately all the participants appreciate his or her life's voyage all the more.

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