



Shuttlecock

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Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Presidentially Speaking...

Thanks to all the members who signed in their guests for the use of the pool and badminton courts. (And a not so gentle reminder to those of you who didn't...)

Another reminder—please don't let your children under 18 years of age into the club without adult supervision.

Thank you to Julia Tedesco and all the committee members and volunteers for a great 70th anniversary party. We had an even better turn out than anticipated, with around 350 RSVP. It was a great event for the club, and it was nice to see everyone there. As always, events like this just couldn't happen without everyone's help.

The vents on courts 1 and 2 will be replaced and the fan above the stove will be fixed. The lobby will be getting a face lift, planned for January 2007. Peter Steinbroner is taking care of all the above projects.

We are getting bids to replace courts 1, 4, and 5. Hopefully we can finish it all at one time, around January 2007.

The board has asked the Treasurer to get the monthly dues up to date and the Vice President to get work-days in order. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Be sure to visit the MBBC Booths at the Hometown Fair on October 7th and 8th. These booths help support our junior program.

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There has been a lot of membership activity over the last month. Several members moved up from Regular Membership status to Intermediate Associate Members, which happens after 15 years of consecutive membership.

Congratulations to Dave & Nancy Acuna, Bob & Pat Scholl, and Rod & Ann Kuhns.

We also had a number of resignations. Leaving the club are: Lumb's, Harris', Sommers', M. Bowen, Sisson's, Devereux's, and Reinhold/Rector.

We hope that you've enjoyed the club.

As a result of these changes, I'm sure you'll be seeing some new faces around the club as we move up the "waiting list", and start filling in the openings to our Provisional Membership list.

Remember workdays! Last month many members noticed that they were being billed for missed workdays from the 2005-2006 Club Year. It's easy not to get charged for missed workdays, simply plan ahead and volunteer. The club has many jobs that need to be done and, per the club bylaws, members need to perform. Don't find out at the end of the year that you still owe some workdays, schedule future workdays now!

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HELP WANTED! John Frisch has been taking care of the MBBC tax accounting for many years and has done an outstanding job for our club. We thank him heartily! John has told me that he wants to spend more time traveling and enjoying the good life, so he is retiring and will not be able to continue to handle the MBBC taxes. Please let us know if you are interested in taking over this responsibility for our club. Contact Wayne Bueltel, Bob Steinberg or Nancy Andreas.

Please continue to keep your dues and workdays up to date. We're depending on you!

Secretary's Report*Maureen Miller*

It is time to get your picture taken for the new Roster. Someone will be at the Club to take photos on Saturday and Sunday, October 7 & 8 from 11 am to 2 pm. So, if you are going to the Hometown Fair, please stop by the Club to have a quick family snapshot.

If those dates don't work for you, we will also have someone at the Club to take pictures on Sunday, October 15 and 22, from Noon to 4 pm.

If you can't make it to the Club, please email a photo to me at chrisandmaureen@att.net, or at secretary@mbbadmintonclub.com before Oct 22.

Anyone interested in taking digital pictures for the Roster at the above dates/times to earn workday credits, please contact me at 310-545-6252.

New Construction*Peter Steinbronner*

We will be fixing the two fans over Courts 1 & 2, which have leaked during the summer rains.

Due to heavy smoke in the kitchen during the International Tournament, it was discovered that modifications will need to be made. The Board has approved this fix so we'll be smoke free.

Looking for workday credits? Let me know and we'll put your talents to work.

2006 Junior International Recap

by Roy Skinner

Now that the 14th Junior Tournament is over, it's time to reflect on the tournament and the individuals involved. We can all thank Wes Schoppe for his foresight and determination to have a Jr. International tournament that has become the envy and premier offering to the badminton world. Wes always agonized until the entries started coming in and he would finally smile and say "we have a tournament." The hours he spent going over the entries and seedings with Jack Tarr were endless. Wes would make a run to Kinko's about 2 AM to have the draw sheets ready for the tournament. Now it was son Dean Shoppe's turn to massage the draws, running the coaches meeting with an amazing mix of Spanish, English and finesse. Then came Dean Romein's turn, with Terry Spazek, to make sense of the draws and put them into a manageable form. (Dean doesn't have any kids in the Jr. program, but says he does it for a polo shirt. He does have quite a collection from all over the World.)

At the registration desk the eager players line up to sign their release

forms, get their T shirts and pins plus a tournament program put together by Bobbi Skinner. With the help of Bea Enochs, Bertha Lucas, Diana Linden and others, registration finally ends on the first day of matches. Patti Neumann, who receives and supplies all this information for the draws, also designed the caps. An equally important Patti Bundy gets the ball rolling by emailing all the badminton clubs and players about the impending tournament. And Victoria Bundy, at the tender age of 14, took the responsibility of getting housing for several players that would not have come due to expenses. I can't thank Victoria enough for shouldering such an important position.

Now, the front desk, where Lee Calvert, Sue Dommeyer and many others made a difficult job look easy. The behind-the-scenes hours Lee spent securing and training the umpires can never be counted. As usual, Lee was there with a smile and eagerness that's amazing. Sue had the matches moving so smoothly that rarely were there any running late. Most umpires were mildly frustrated

with the new scoring system, but that soon smoothed out and each match had an umpire, which, for the younger kids, was a blessing.

Ah, the aromas and crowds around the kitchen were appealing and appalling at times. I don't know how Debra Duncan, Bill Otoide, Lisa Safarik Hutchinson kept their cool. When the filters over the grill plugged and I could hardly tell who was doing the hamburgers with all the smoke.

Another behind-the-scenes event was Karren Davis and Donna Gibbs doing the tedious job of separating and filing the medals that are so important to all the players, especially the younger ones. Many wore their medals long after the match had been played.

Thanks to Nicole and Frank Belandres and Rick and Paula Fiore, the Jr. Monday night party came off without a hitch. The Hawaiian menu was superb as was the music.

With plenty of conversation, good food and drink, the adult party attracted many with only one thought in

mind—to have fun and intermingle. I can't thank Randy and Lissen Schnack enough for all their hard work before, during and after the party. (I think Randy does his weight training lifting MBBC tables).

In reading this, it's too long, but for all the people involved in making this tournament work, it's too short. Many did not get mentioned, people who have no kids in the program, yet show up each year to help. I can't thank you — this tournament would not come off without your efforts.

This being said, volunteers are seriously needed and it's a neat way to earn workday credits. Please contact Patti Neumann or Roy Skinner for more information.

A humorous sight was watching the kids warm up in that 80+ degree gym in their new sweat shirts, which Bill Bundy sold at pool side. Talk about being happy with a purchase. Sweet!!!

Thanks again! You are neat people and wonderful to work with.

Around the House

Tom Irvin

The last month was a busy time around our Club. Since the middle of August, we had numerous pool parties as families and groups of friends got together one last time before the end of the summer. The lounge was put to good use for meetings of various organizations getting started on new activities for the fall.

After all of that use, it's fortunate we had a great turnout for our workday on Saturday, September 16. Thanks go out to Lev Bruce, Steve Fair, Tom Lyons, Andy Paroczai, Mike Revell, Deborah Russell, Ray Russell and Steve Schwab. The team got a number of items repaired and gave our facilities a thorough clean-up so it looked in top notch condition for the MBBC 70th Anniversary Celebration.

Our next workday is scheduled for October 14. Hope to see you there.

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Please remember to sign up to work at the Hometown Fair booths—both parents and junior playing members. Parents earn workday credits, and juniors have fun. All profits will be used to fund trips to a tournament next year (BAJO or possibly on the East Coast). It really is a lot of fun, even for the parents. Chunming is running the nacho booth with his wife June, and I will be running the Powerade/ Propel booth. Typically our booths are near the main stage, so you are entertained throughout the event. Sign-up sheets are posted in the gym for parents and juniors.

As we start the school year, beginner's nights are quite busy, running around 20 beginners starting at the age of

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six up to fifteen or sixteen. Coach does a good job keeping everyone busy with drills or games. We have many new junior playing members from the Mira Costa High School badminton program playing on beginner nights.

Our advanced program is strong as well, with one new top-ranked player from Taipei; we have about 10-12 strong advanced players training. Our intermediate program is about the same size with players who have graduated out of the beginner program, and are transitioning to the advanced group.

Entertainment

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Hello Club Members! I trust everyone enjoyed the Anniversary celebration! Please make note of upcoming events and put the Children's Halloween Party, Thursday, October 19, on your calendar.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY! . Open to everyone, especially great for kids 10 and under. Kids will enjoy making

a Halloween craft, eating pizza, decorating cupcakes and the magician! Parents will enjoy their own adult beverages and food while their kids are entertained! Any questions, please call Kim and Jeff Sussman at 310-374-0891.

Thanks again for your support attending and working club events!

Communications

Neil Leventhal

Don't forget that you can find a lot of club information, as well as check the status of your workday credits online, at MBBAdmintonclub.com

Please send any announcements, information or calendar items to: Shuttlecock@MBBAdmintonclub.com

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- Sat. Oct. 7 Roster Photos: 11am-2pm & Hometown Fair 2006*
- Sun. Oct. 8 Roster Photos: 11am-2pm & Hometown Fair*
- Sat. Oct. 14 Club Workday: 8am-12pm*
- Sun. Oct. 15 Roster Photos: 12-2pm*
- Thu. Oct. 19 Children's Halloween Party: 4-8pm*
- Sun. Oct. 22 Roster Photos: 12-2pm Roster Update Deadline*
- Sat. Nov. 4 Club Workday: 8am-12pm*
- Sun. Nov. 12 Semi-Annual Meeting*
- Fri. Dec. 1 "Last Tournament of the Year" Tournament*



Past Presidents get together for a photo-op and presentation of the cake



Junior Badminton players Chris Schnack, Becky Neumann, Isabelle Zhong and Allen Hsu (not pictured) play a match for the 70th Anniversary Program



An historical timeline was displayed in the lounge, along with Past Presidents' "keep-sake" books.

70th Anniversary Party

by Julia Tedesco

Many thanks to all of the hard working people who helped make the 70th anniversary a huge success! We had over 350 people attend and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The day was perfect—nice and sunny, the food delicious and seeing the historical displays and books made us all feel proud of the great heritage of our Manhattan Beach Badminton Club! It was great to see people from years past.

Everyone enjoyed the badminton exhibitions! What a sport! What a great day! Party on!

For those of you who forgot to pick up a souvenir history book, we will have some available at the Semi-Annual Meeting in November.