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Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Presidentially Speaking...

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We had a great Senior Tournament. I wish more of our members would have played. I'd like to thank all of the volunteers and especially Duane Enochs, tournament director, and Stephani Armstrong, Bob Davis, and Peter Steinbronner for assisting in operations and to Tammy Lipps for the kitchen duty.

We also had a High School tournament at our club on March 6th. Several of our junior members played. Thanks to Rocky Wilson for a nice tournament.

The board is looking into making some minor updates in our by laws. We are having our attorney help us make the changes.

- Liability forms for non members.
- The issuing of stocks. (no stocks have been issued in several years)
- Having a \$10 fine for any dues not paid in 60 days and \$10 for each month thereafter until paid in full.
- Adjusting Junior and playing members fees.

We'll be sending all the information on all changes for the membership to look over.

Please, water only on our new courts. The sugar in most other drinks when spilled collects dirt and could damage the floors. Please wipe up all water spills.

Some groups have been having meetings without scheduling with the house chair. We want to avoid any more conflicts so for all meetings or events, please call the house chair and only the house chair. We will be making weekly lists of scheduled events and posting them at the club.

We'd like to thank Karen Davis and all her volunteers for the Wine Tasting and Silent Auction and Donna Gibbs and her volunteers for the Rummage Sale.

If you would like to join next years board please contact Bob Davis.

Everyone have a nice Spring Break!



Membership News

Bob Steinberg

Membership Status:

Associate Membership:	82
Intermediate Associate Membership:	33
Regular Members:	249
Provisional Members:	19
Legacy Members:	2
Instructor Members	10
Playing Members:	34
Honorary Members:	11
Jr. Playing Members:	35

New Applications: Nora and Cherene Unrau

I would like to thank the membership for really stepping up the pace on getting your workdays completed. You've only got until the end of May to complete the required number for this year.

Please keep track of all your workdays. In case there are any questions about missed workdays, you'll have a good idea of what has been completed.

If you haven't checked out the locker rooms you should, all new lockers and the floors have been cleaned and sealed. They are looking great.

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Treasurer's Report

Nancy Andreas

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MBBC financial status is recovering since making the large payment for court floor replacement at the beginning of the year. In this time of recovering resources, we continue to depend on each and every member of the Club paying their dues on time. We also need members to complete their workdays in order to control the maintenance costs. Keeping up with monthly dues and workdays are both requirements for continuing membership in the MBBC, as all of us know.

In an effort to improve the timeliness of the dues payments, we will propose a change to the Bylaws at the May meeting to introduce late fees if dues are late by more than two months. This proposal will be voted upon by the general membership, so please give this subject some thought and let me know if you have any other ideas to help us keep the flow of payments coming in on a regular basis and reduce the level of expenses for routine maintenance.

Secretary's Report

Maureen Miller

Several people have asked the whereabouts of the new Membership Roster. We have had several snags this year, so we are extremely tardy in getting the rosters published. However, we are in the process of getting the roster to the printer and you should have a new roster soon.

The annual meeting is scheduled for May 20th. If you want to help get the mailing out or work at the meeting, please leave me a message at 310-545-6252. Thank you!

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I have some good things and some not so good things to talk about this month. First the good things:

The Senior National Badminton Tournament turned out great! Matches were on time, the courts were praised (as we knew they would be) and the food was delicious. But a lot of work went on behind the scenes to make that all happen. First, a huge thank you to Duane Enochs for putting this whole thing together. It took a lot of time and effort on his part to make this thing come off as well as it did. And let's not forget Be Enochs who was here every day, signing in the players and hawking t-shirts.

Linda Proctor and Ursula Gee helped me run the tournament desk, which calls the matches and keeps the tournament on time. Lee Calvert worked her magic getting qualified people, like Dave Acuna and Phil Brunner who came all the way from Flagstaff, Arizona, to umpire. Lee was here everyday, all day, making sure that each game had an umpire to go with it. And trust me, that is no small feat. Terry Lira oversaw us all. Thank you Terry for getting us organized that first day.

In addition to our certified umpires, a number of our playing members volunteered to help with score keeping. Ping Hao, Frank Chung, Ben Liang and Bruce Lamond, just to name a few, really helped out. Thank you.

Peter Boone and Bob Davis shared the computer duties, logging in each game, score by score, printing draws and updating the board on an hourly

basis. At least it seemed like an hourly basis.

And there were those helping Tammy Lipps in the kitchen. . . thank you all.

As you can see, a lot of people went into making this event happen. Trust me, there are even more that I don't know about. And we want to do it again. The Board is thinking of hosting this event every other year, or perhaps every year, making us a two-event club: The Junior International Tournament in the summer and the Senior National Tournament in the winter. We'll let you know.

Now the not so good things. . . .

Please pick up after you play. There's a lot of trash left after the evening play. Some of it is left over from the juniors, so juniors, pick up after yourselves, too.

Please don't leave dead birds all over the place. Either throw them away or toss them in Coach's bird can.

From now on, WATER ONLY on the courts. I had to mop the courts the night before the tournament began to get up all the sticky residue from spilled soda and juice. That wasn't the first time I have done it but I don't want to do it anymore. So – water only.

I'll recap who won what next month. And please check the bulletin board by Court 1. The April Fool's Tournament is scheduled for April 13 (7 pm), so we'll actually have the tournament in April this year!

Senior National 2007

by Duane Enochs

Thank you Big Time, MBBC, for providing the new courts in time for the 2007 U.S. Senior National Badminton Tournament! The courts were a big hit and deserve the many accolades they received. They are undoubtedly the finest courts in the United States and they are now the talk of the Badminton Community.

This was the second U.S. Senior National tournament to be held at MBBC in two years, with approximately 100 players - from 40 to 80 years of age participating. We received many compliments on how smoothly the tournament was run and the graciousness and courtesy of the MBBC men and women who made the tournament a success.

Our special thanks to the following club members:

STEPHANI ARMSTRONG for managing the Game Scheduling Desk so efficiently and, as always, with a smiling face.

LEE CALVERT for her help and support prior to and during the tournament. She did a super job organizing the Umpires for the tournament. In this regard, a special thanks to MBBC's DAVE ACUNA and PHIL BRUNNER, both of whom went beyond the call of duty by being there from morning 'til night doing excellent umpiring jobs.

PETER BOONE and BOB DAVIS, the Computer Magicians who mastered the "Tournament Software" program that was utilized for this tournament. They needed help with the learning curve and it was our Computer Consultant, BOB COOK, who kept them on the straight and narrow. After entering all the participants with the events they wished to play, our Computer Magicians used this computer to set up the draws and scheduling for each player and kept everything updated as the tournament proceeded. The USAB provided this Program along with a Laptop to MBBC for the

tournament. Funding for the purchase of the Laptop and Program was provided by the U.S. Badminton Education Foundation - thanks to both of these organizations for this support.

The tournament was played under the "Rally Point Rules" where each game is played to 21 points as opposed to the 15-points per game system. The Rally Point system was well received and considerably sped up the Tournament completion. We were finished by 3:00 PM on Saturday - under the 15-point system we would have had to continue into Sunday - all day.

TAMMY LIPPS for organizing the Wine and Cheese Party on Registration Night and for organizing the Kitchen which was open for the duration of the tournament. DAVID OGATA for being a great Bartender both for the Wine and Cheese Party and the Banquet Dinner on Saturday night. KARREN DAVIS and DONNA GIBBS for an outstanding job in organizing the medals - Gold, Silver and Bronze. BOBBI and ROY SKINNER for putting the Program together for the tournament. BERTHA LUCAS and BE ENOCHS handling the Registration Desk so well. SUE DOMMEYER - a very special thanks for putting all the entries into the Computer Program - a BIG JOB well done.

The tournament lived up to the MBBC Charter's requirements for Badminton "Social Intercourse" of the first order. It was great to have Nancy Acuna, Art Armstrong, Phil Brunner, Lee Calvert, Sue and Curt Dommeyer, Ed and Joy Kitzmiller, Gary Higgins, Teri Lira, Nan McFarland, Wally Miglin, Dan Reuben, Paul Reuben, Ernie Shimmer, Bobbi and Roy Skinner and Bernie Steenson participate in the tournament. It was a much larger group from MBBC than we had two years ago. And, as we all know, your game really improves by playing in tournaments.

Around the House

Tom Irvin

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As we go into the Spring season and daylight savings time, we will see more activity around the Club. As a reminder, I want to recap the requirements for using the MBBC lounge, pool, BBQ area and grounds. All members sponsoring parties or get-togethers for or with guests for purposes other than visiting the Club or playing badminton must write to the House Chairman, asking permission to use the Club and giving details as to date and times, purpose, number in party, and if for the pool, ages of the children. That way we can keep all club events on a master calendar and the master calendar will be posted at the Club to avoid any confusion.

If the event is for up to 9 people, a simple request to me will do. If the event is for 10 to 19 people, you will need permission from me. If the event is for 20 or more people, you will need the Board's approval so please allow sufficient time before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting so the Board can consider your request. The quickest and easiest way to contact me is via e-mail.

If we all follow these few guidelines, everyone can have access to the Club for planned events. Our intention is for just one group to use specific areas of the Club at any one time, thereby avoiding member disappointment and maintaining safe conditions.

Also when planning to use the pool in April, be aware that the pool will be closed from April 16 until April 19 for cleaning.

Passing News

The Club lost two former members. **Forest Riegel** was President of the Club in 1968 and a driving force in developing the cabana and pool area. In addition, former Councilwoman **Joan Dontanville** passed away. Joan was an active member of the Club until she decided to enter politics on a dare and won! Her husband Marv was an active player as well.

Entertainment

Tammy Lipps

Thanks to everyone who assisted in the kitchen during the senior national tournament last month. You really dug in and did a great job! Thanks so much! Also, thanks to those of you who "jumped in" to help when we were very busy. We couldn't have done it without you.

If you need workday credits, you still have the opportunity to work the May meeting, so please give me a call and sign up if you haven't already.

We are adding a new event to the calendar this year: A new members social. It's a chance for all the new members to meet each other and a chance to get to know the club, and it's scheduled for June 10, 2-4 pm.

Keep watching the calendar for upcoming events and most of all, have fun!

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New Construction

Peter Steinbroner

May is getting closer and now is the time to complete your workday credits or face the music...which means paying fines. Don't get caught in the end of the year crunch. We always have special projects for members interested in making a contribution to the Club.

Let me know.

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Junior Guard Workouts

with Bob Scott

5 -6 pm M-Th

Starting 4/23/07, 4-6 weeks

\$7 per session

Semiannual Meeting Reminder

Sunday, May 20th

Social Hour: 3 pm

Meeting: 4 pm

<i>Tue. Apr. 3</i>	<i>MBBC Board Meeting 7pm</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>Fri. Apr. 13</i>	<i>April Fool's Tournament 7pm</i>	
<i>Sat. Apr. 14</i>	<i>Club Workday: 8am-12pm</i>	
<i>Apr. 16-19</i>	<i>Pool Closed for Maintenance</i>	
<i>Tue. May 1</i>	<i>MBBC Board Meeting 7pm</i>	
<i>Sat. May 19</i>	<i>Club Workday: 8am-12pm</i>	
<i>Sun. May 20</i>	<i>Semiannual Meeting: 3pm Social / 4pm Mtg</i>	
<i>Sun. June 10</i>	<i>New Members Social: 2-4pm</i>	

Calendar