

# Shuttlecock

July 2007

Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

## *Presidentially Speaking...*

Let me start by thanking all the board members from last year. While not everyone continued on to this year's board, the work, dedication and enthusiasm from last years board should be noted. They did a tremendous job.

This year's board is already moving ahead full steam. We had our first meeting on June 5th and already we are planning for many club events. At the June meeting, a number of new members were brought into the club. We also held a New Members Social for all the members that joined the club within the last year. It was a great success and well attended by board members and new member families. This might become an annual event. It is a great way for new members to meet other new and existing members.

The final workday list from last year has been posted on the club's website.

Please look over your workdays and let us know if you've found any discrepancies. Since we are now in a NEW club year (June-May), everyone's workday commitments start over. Don't wait until the end of the year to fulfill your required days. The club can use your help throughout the year. If you have the time, please try to make one of our Saturday workdays this summer. With the club getting so much use with the warm weather, the summer workdays are a great way to keep the club looking and operating in top form.

The board is here to represent you the members. We would like to hear from you. If you've got ideas on projects you would like the board to address, if you see something at the club that you feel needs changing, please let us know.

On behalf of this year's board, we look forward to providing you with our best.

*President@MBBadmintonClub.com*



## Membership News

*Stephani Armstrong*

### Membership Status:

Associate Membership:	84
Intermediate Associate Membership:	36
Regular Members:	248
Provisional Members:	7
Legacy Members:	2
Instructor Members	10
Playing Members:	35
Honorary Members:	14
Jr. Playing Members:	29

For those of you looking for workday credits, the summer season offers plenty of opportunities to get them out of the way. The Junior International Tournament is always looking for help, whether it's flipping burgers in the kitchen or calling matches. And don't forget the Adult Pool Party. It's a great way to get a couple of workday credits while enjoying a party.

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The new MBBC board is now in place and we held our first board meeting last week. I will miss the board members that were on the board last year and did not come back, but you should know that the new members are very enthusiastic about their positions and I believe we will work well together to keep the MBBC running smoothly.

As I reported at the end of May, the finances of the MBBC are gradually recovering from the expense of the new court floors. If we are able to continue to minimize maintenance costs and defer large expenses, it looks like the Club bank account balance will be back to its nominal level by the beginning of Fall, and we will have enough to pay for the parking lot refurbishment.

We continue to examine ways to reduce costs and keep the member dues coming in on time. Currently we are studying the cost of utilities, especially for gas, since the monthly charges have increased significantly over the past year. We will let you know what we find out and what options we have. Please do your part to support the workdays and pay your dues on time since we are depending on you.

- Tue. July 10 MBBC Board Meeting 7pm*
- Sat. July 14 Club Workday: 8am-12pm*
- Sat. July 14 Adult Poolside Party*
- Aug 1—7 Junior International Championships*
- Tue. Aug 7 MBBC Board Meeting 7pm*
- Sat. Aug 11 Club Workday: 8am-12pm*

I'm happy to report that the Adult Badminton group is still humming along. I want to "THANK" Bob Davis and Stephani Armstrong for "strong arming" me into this position for this year. It was like pulling birds out of a hat.

For the past few weeks, the utilization on weekdays (excluding Wed) is as follows:

Mon	Tue	Thu	Fri
<u>5/21</u>	<u>5/22</u>	<u>5/24</u>	<u>5/25</u>
26	12	11	11
<u>5/28</u>	<u>5/29</u>	<u>5/31</u>	<u>6/1</u>
17	18	10	15
<u>6/4</u>	<u>6/5</u>	<u>6/7</u>	<u>6/8</u>
15	18	9	15

Currently, we are averaging 15 players a night, with a mix of 4 Associate members, 2 Honorary members, 2 Intermediate Associate members, 4 Instructor members, 1 Legacy member, 16 Playing members, 18 Regular members, and 9 Visitors.

We currently have 33 Playing members, and have had 9 resignations last year.

This year, as in previous years, we would like to get more adults involved enjoying/playing badminton. It is a fun

sport, and one of the best aerobic exercises around. Get involved with your younger children and start playing. Classes are periodically given, Monday nights are beginner's night, and our Club Pro Wei Zhong provides free lessons on Monday evenings (sign ups on bulletin board next to court 1). Former junior members who are now adult members are encouraged to use/renew their latent skills. It may not have been fun training then, but, you can now enjoy all your previous hard earned training efforts/sacrifices and sharpen up your rusty skills to enjoy the sport. You are encouraged to just come out and enjoy badminton.

One of our annual and fun tournaments will be held on June 22, the famous (infamous?) Pro Joe tournament, hosted by Joy Kitzmiller and Chris Costley. Also, Dean Schoppe and friends will kickoff the summer with a Badminton Techniques class starting June 11, for 3 weeks, a break for July 4th, and another week. The first class had 17 members, and increased technical skill was noted by all. Reports on both events will be in the next Shuttlecock.



HIGH SCHOOL BADMINTON NEWS - MBBC provides the training facilities for the 50-member MCHS team, so we take great pride in their accomplishments. Our support of the team is just one way that our club gives back to the community. This year six MCHS team members (all MBBC juniors) qualified for the CIF Southern Section Individual Championships. Congratulations to MCHS team members Victoria Bundy, Chris Schnack, Charlie Hsu, Allen Hsu, Isabel Zhong, and Susana Zhong. Isabel and Susana made us all extremely proud by advancing to the Finals in the Girls Doubles event. They fought to the end, but lost by a single point in the third game. By all accounts, this was a very successful MCHS season.

Congratulations to MBBC player Beckie Neumann, who also qualified for the CIF Individuals playing for Chadwick. Beckie is Chadwick's only player, and she trains with our Jr. program, so MBBC can take credit for Chadwick's badminton success as well!

MBBC JR TEAM TRIP - MBBC sent 13 juniors to Northern California to compete in the Smash City tournament over Memorial Day weekend. Justin Jem, Chris Schnack, Beckie Neumann, Victoria Bundy, Charlie Hsu, Allen Hsu, Yuan Wang, Lynn Wang, Isabel Zhong, Susana Zhong, Theo Spazek, Kevin Costopoulos, and Kevin Tsao represented MBBC at the tournament. Among our team accomplishments: Charlie won all three of his events: U19 Boys Singles, U19 Boys Doubles w/ Casey Yoneyama, and U19 Mixed w/ Susana). Chris was close behind with 2nd in U19 Boys Singles, 2nd in U19 Doubles w/ Allen, and was the Cons champion in U19 Mixed w/ Victoria). Kevin Costopoulos was a Cons Finalist in U15 Boys Doubles w/ Patrick Wen. Theo won 3rd in U19 Boys Doubles w/ Curtis Stensland and Victoria won 3rd in Girls Doubles. Beckie and Isabel (both U17 players) competed in the Jr. International Team Trials (JITT) for spots on the U.S. U19 international team, a separate competition held in conjunction with the Smashing Jrs. tournament. Beckie made 3rd and Isabel 4th alternate for the World Jrs., which will be held in Auckland, New Zealand this Fall. In all, it was a very successful trip for the Club's juniors. The one glitch in the tournament was the complete lack of restrooms due to

plumbing problems. The club didn't rent port-a-potties—they just sent players to the Burger King several blocks away. Still, the weather was nice, the play was challenging, and the team stayed together throughout the event. It was great preparation for the U.S. Jr. Nationals that will be held July 3rd thru 8th at Orange County Badminton Club. Thank you to outgoing Jr. Chair Bill Bundy for chaperoning the team.

#### MBBC JR INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Our own MBBC Jr. International Championships, the crown jewel of junior tournaments, will be held August 1-7. This is our 15th year hosting this event and we're expecting players from China, Chinese Taipei, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, and Canada, as well as two young players from Wales—and the list of participants and participating countries continues to grow! We hope everyone can stop by and enjoy the excitement.

WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF HOST FAMILIES for the players, coaches, and umpires. If you have ANY extra beds, couches, or even just floor space, please contact Victoria Bundy (310-545-1646 / [victoriabundy@verizon.net](mailto:victoriabundy@verizon.net)). There are few things at the club more rewarding than hosting a visiting foreign player—not only because of the generous workday credits offered (2 per guest for a max of 6 per household) but also because of the lasting friendships. I got hooked the first year I had a young Guatemalan boy stay with my family. We had a wonderful experience despite the fact that he didn't speak English and no one in my family spoke Spanish.

WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF SCOREKEEPERS! This is another wonderful way to earn your workday credits and feel a part of this unique MBBC tournament! Without scorekeepers we don't have a tournament so we really need your help. The tournament dates are August 2-7. If you can help any of those days, email or call Patti Neumann (email: [maps@graphics.usc.edu](mailto:maps@graphics.usc.edu); phone: 310-796-0910). We'll hold a training session for anyone who is new to scorekeeping or wants to brush up.

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## Around the House

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Summer is here and the Club is buzzing, especially around the pool and kitchen area. So, please, make sure if you use any part of the Club, you leave it in clean condition.

The Club should be thought of as an extension of your own home, so if you see a mess in the kitchen or you see a trash can that is overflowing, please, pitch in and take care of it.

Our next workday is July 14th.

If you cannot fit a Saturday workday into your schedule, I have some special projects around the Club which can earn you work day credits. I can be reached at housechairman@mbbadmintonclub.com.

## New Construction

Peter Steinbronner

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With school over...here are a few things I learned this year:

### GREAT TRUTHS LEARNED AS AN ADULT:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.

5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.

6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy

Working on installing the dishwasher before the Junior International Tournament and getting the new bbq working.....

Looking for workdays, contact me...

## Entertainment

*Tammy Lipps*

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MBBC Members! I am so excited about this new year and the members who are taking charge of our parties! Be sure to attend the Adult Poolside Luau!!! on July 14th. Sue Crain and her crew are planning a REALLY TERRIFIC event and you don't want to miss the fun! RSVP asap.

A Big thank you to Janie Hindle and her crew for the Kid's Movie by the Pool! I know they all had a great time. Keep coming to me with all your great ideas! You are the ones who make our events great! Mahalo!

## Secretary's Report

*Annie McQuitty*

Greetings from your new Secretary!

I am looking forward to a year of serving MBBC by taking notes!

We are planning to update the Club Roster and have it out to you before the first of the year. If you have any corrections you would like

made to the current Roster, please email me. We would also love to add everyone's email address to the roster. Here's mine if you need it... DEFestiva@aol.com.

Hope to see you at the club this summer!

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# **MBBC Poolside Luau**

**MAHALO**  
**Adult Members and Guests**

**Saturday, July 14th**

**6:30 pm - Cocktails and Appetizers**

**8 pm - Buffet Dinner**

**Tropical drinks, savory appetizers, fantastic dj playing  
your favorites authentic Hawaiian dinner menu,  
Limbo contests and much more!!!!**

**\$30 per person**

**Invite your friends and prospective members!!!**

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