

# Shuttlecock

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Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

## *Presidentially Speaking...*

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Well it's official; Summertime is here. We have all enjoyed the unseasonably warm weather in June. The club has been the happening place. We've had lots of members and their friends swimming in the pool, BBQing, and enjoying MBBC to the max. As soon as school was out, we held our 2nd annual Kid's Pool Party. I was there and let me tell you, it was great fun. I'm sure we'll be doing another one, perhaps later this summer. In June we also held our 1st New Members' Social. This was a great way for our newer members to mingle and get to know some of the other members.

There are a couple of items that I would like to mention for the benefit of some of our newer members and as a reminder to everyone. MBBC belongs to all of the members. We need to be extra thoughtful when it comes to using the facilities. It's those little things that make the club experience so great.

- When you've finished using the BBQ grills, really wipe the grills down. If you

leave the grills cleaned for the next member, you'll always have a clean place to cook.

- When your party is over, please pick-up after yourselves and toss the trash into the trash bin in the parking lot. We don't have cleaning crews that toss the trash out.
- Don't leave any alcoholic beverages behind. Please take it home with you. Also don't leave food that spoils in the fridge.
- Watch your kids. Don't let them run unsupervised around the club. We've already had an incident where unsupervised kids had a water balloon fight in the locker rooms.
- Don't let your under 18 yr olds just hang out unsupervised at the club. The children of members, under 18 MUST have at least one of the member parents with them.

This is not only a safety issue, but you put the club's liability at risk.

On behalf of the board we want our members to enjoy the club. Let's all do our part to keep it clean, safe and a fun place to go. There are lots of great events happening at the club this summer. Make plans to see how much fun MBBC is in the Summer of 2007.



## Membership News

Stephani Armstrong

### Membership Status:

Associate Membership:	82
Intermediate Associate Membership:	34
Regular Members:	246
Provisional Members:	18
Legacy Members:	3
Instructor Members	10
Playing Members:	35
Honorary Members:	14
Jr. Playing Members:	24

### *New Applications*

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Co-Sponsor</u>
Alice Jem	Britton	Lauson
Tim & Laura Shea	Lauson	Steinberg
Matt Fogarty	Steinbroner	Britton
David & Maria Curry	Britton	Steinbroner
Julie & Lee Oakes	Hindle	Rosenfeld
Richard & Susan Gebele	Schwartz	Revell

### *Resignations*

Cynthia & John Bartlett

A new "Club Year" and a new set of workday credits due. Does it never stop? Some of you got ahead of the curve by helping with the "Kids Movie by the Pool". Many thanks for helping make that a huge success. And for those of you that want to see some incredible badminton played while earning workday credits, please help out with the Junior International Tournament. There's a lot to do and your help will be greatly appreciated. Just call Patti Neumann or Roy Skinner.

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I hope you and your family are enjoying our beautiful summer as much as we are. The MBBC finances are improving, as planned. The bank account balances are still recovering from the expense of replacing the court floors, and on the way to the former steady state.

We continue to support the regular maintenance activities, as well as the occasional replacement of worn-out equipment, including the barbeques. Each non-routine expense is discussed by the board and voted on to make sure we agree that the expenditure is needed, and we have the lowest cost solution.

Please continue to pay your dues on time and support the workdays since we depend on you for this support. Also, please call or write to me if you have any good ideas to improve our club finances. We are always looking for good ideas. And, of course, continue to enjoy our beautiful summer!

*Treasurer@MBBadmintonClub.com / 310.812.4331*

I am again happy to report that the Adult Badminton group is humming along. There is a problem with black markings on the court from black soled shoes. Please remind members to use none marking shoes on the courts.

We currently have 36 Playing Members, and have had no resignations this year. We are averaging 16 players a night, with a mix of four Associate Members, two Honorary Members, two Intermediate Associate Members, four Instructor Members, one Legacy Member, 16 Playing members, 18 Regular Members, 9 Visitors and 12 Junior Members playing in our Pro/Joe Tournament.

One of our annual and fun tournaments was held on June 22, the famous (infamous?) Pro/Joe tournament, hosted by Joy Kitzmiller and Chris Costley. It was an awesome success due to the great planning and execution by Joy and Chris. There were 36 participants with some excellent play by both the "Pros" and the "Joes". Great FUN was had by all! Thanks to all participants.

### Results:

*Pros*

1. *Matt Fogerty*
2. *Steven Chen*
3. *Tie (Joy Kitzmiller, David Neumann, Allen Hsu)*

*Joes*

1. *Bill Bundy*
2. *Tie (Charles Chong, Stan Johnson)*
3. *Yuan Wang*

Dean Schoppe and friends kicked-off the summer with a Badminton Techniques class starting June 11, for three weeks, a break for July 4th, and another week. This past Monday, I saw some big improvements in the play of some of the participants of Dean's training. Dean will be contacted for the last week of instructions, and we will hold an end of training tournament, date to be determined.



Congratulations to the fourteen MBBC Jrs who participated in the U.S. JR NATIONALS that were held from July 2nd to July 8th at the Orange County Badminton Club. It was a very large tournament, with 260 entries.

Competition was really fierce in all the age groups. The medals were quite hard to get this year. Eight of our fourteen juniors did manage to snag one though and even those that didn't played some fantastic matches. Wish you all could have seen them.

*MBBC 2007 U.S. Jr. National Results*

*Lulu Yu: 1st (and only) in U7 Girls Singles J*

*Susana Zhong and Beckie Neumann:  
2nd place in U19 Girls Doubles*

*Isabel Zhong and Beckie Neumann 3rd  
in U17 Girls Doubles*

*Shawn Whong: 4th in U13 Boys Singles*

*Justin Jem (w/ Albert Li): 4th in U11  
Boys Doubles*

*Victoria Bundy (w/Cindy Tam): 4th in  
U22 Girls Doubles*

*Beckie Neumann 5th in U17GS*

*David Neumann (w/Tiffany Kimura): 5th  
in U22 Mixed Doubles*

**BIG NEWS! Two of our juniors, Beckie Neumann and Isabel Zhong, have been selected to represent the U.S. at the 2007 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

The U.S. can send only five girls and five boys to this team competition, so it is a huge honor to be selected. This year's World Juniors will be held in Auckland, New Zealand from Oct. 25th through Nov 4th. The USA Badminton association has not budgeted funds for the athletes, so we will be trying to raise money to enable the girls to participate. Beckie will already be in New Zealand for a six month high school study program, but we need to raise airfare for Isabel. Anything extra that we can raise will go toward their hotel costs. The MBBC Adult Badminton Program has generously just finished hosting a July 27th tournament in support of the girls and Stephanie Armstrong has volunteered to coordinate an MBBC effort in support of the girls. If you would like to contribute, please contact Stephanie at [satarmstrong@yahoo.com](mailto:satarmstrong@yahoo.com).

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## *Around the House*

*Mike Revell*

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If other Club Members have a special talent in home repair that they can apply around the Club, it's a great way to achieve workday credits on your own schedule. Contact me at [housechairman@mbbadmintonclub.com](mailto:housechairman@mbbadmintonclub.com).

Speaking of workdays, I would also like to thank John Hoying, Jim Keifer, Wei-Chung Peng, Gregg Scott and John Kunesh for attending the monthly workday on July 14th. You guys did a fantastic job sprucing up the Club for the Adult Pool Party that night.

Saturday, August 11th, is the next scheduled workday...I hope to see a lot of you there!

Remember it's your Club, keep it clean.

## *New Construction*

*Peter Steinbroner*

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Two players were overheard on the courts recently talking about a young player and his flat stomach. "His abs look like a six pack!" Patting his stomach, one player said, "I'm more like a mini-keg, what about you?" The other player, patting his ample gut replied, "Whenever I show up, they start humming 'roll out the barrel!'"

Another busy July...fixing termite issues, new bbq's, and getting the ovens for our guests next month.... always looking for members in need of workday credits....have I got a deal for you!

Thanks so much to those of you who were able to attend our Poolside Luau! It was great fun and everyone on the committees did a really great job! Sue Crain and her crew did their job and had fun doing it! Thanks to all our volunteers!

Watch for flyers around the club for another kids movie by the pool in August, before school starts. It was so popular, we want to do it again and expand the age range a bit more, with lifeguards included. Also, watch for the family pool party in early September, another great poolside event for MBBC families to attend.

Please come to me with all of your great ideas for existing and NEW events. I am open and would love to help expand our horizons with an also growing and expanding membership! There's always some reason to have a party!!!!!!

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### **THE MBBC JR INTERNATIONAL**

**TOURNAMENT** will be held August 1st through August 7th. Depending on when this issue of the Shuttlecock arrives, the tournament may have just ended or may be in full swing. I hope you have a chance to come watch some of the matches. This year promises to be an exceptional year. We have a huge number of international athletes coming from Denmark, Wales, Taiwan, Peru, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Canada, Mexico and many parts of the U.S. We will even

*Patti Neumann*

**Junior** *Badminton*

have players from Africa if they are able to get visas. Our MBBC Jr International tournament is a very rare and fun opportunity for junior badminton players to get international experience. They meet and play with juniors from other countries and learn about each other cultures. Every year the players tell me how much they love our tournament. I would like to extend a huge thanks to all those who helped make this tournament possible! Next month I'll let you know how it went.

## Summer Pool Reminders

- **Sign your guests in!**
- **Pick-up after yourselves and your guests. Put the trash into the trash bin in the parking lot, put chairs and tables back where they belong.**
- **Don't leave any alcoholic beverages behind.**
- **Clean the BBQ Grill after use.**
- **Supervise your kids. Under 18 must have at least one member parents with them.**
- **Parties of 10-20 must be scheduled with the House Chairman. Larger parties require board approval.**

<i>Fri.</i>	<i>July 27</i>	<i>“Send the Juniors to Worlds” Tournament</i>
<i>Aug</i>	<i>1—7</i>	<i>Junior International Championships</i>
<i>Tue.</i>	<i>Aug 7</i>	<i>MBBC Board Meeting</i> <i>7pm</i>
<i>Sat.</i>	<i>Aug 11</i>	<i>Club Workday: 8am-12pm</i>