



Shuttlecock

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Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Presidentially Speaking...

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August has been a very busy month around MBBC. We just held the Junior International Tournament and it was a huge success. We had players from around the world competing for a week right here on our own MBBC courts. It was very exciting to see the high level of play and sportsmanship that was demonstrated throughout this event. I was able to spend some time during the tournament talking with a number of players, coaches and members and they all had nothing but praise for how professional, courteous, and friendly we are as the host club. It is understandable why this is becoming one of the most desirable tournaments to attend.

Let me thank all the families that opened their homes to help house the players during their stay in Manhattan Beach. Let me thank our Junior Badminton Chairperson Patti

Neumann, who worked tirelessly throughout the tournament to make it the success that it is. This tournament could not have happened if it were not for all the hard work from our members.

It seems like the summer is just flying by. I've noticed that the pool and BBQ areas are really being used, which is a great thing. Again I'm finding that I need to remind some of our members to be mindful of how they clean-up after their finished using the downstairs kitchen. Toss all the trash into the bin located in the parking lot, clean the grills when done, sign-in your guests (Sign-in sheets are located by the jacuzzi).

Keep checking our website at www.mbbadmintonclub.com for future events and notices about the club. Enjoy the rest of summer and I hope to see you around the club.

Membership Status:

Associate Members:	82
Intermediate Associate Members:	34
Regular Members:	246
Provisional Members:	18
Legacy Members:	1
Instructor Members	10
Playing Members:	35
Honorary Members:	14
Junior Playing Members:	24

New Applications

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Co-Sponsor</u>
Mary Lee & Rob Morrow	Revell	Rigler
Diana Croft	Hindle	Banchik
Larry & Louise Hilby	Snively	Verketj
Greg & Kerri Peeke	Reilly	Lochtenberg
Amy & Deron Frank	Taylor	Pratt
Tim & Laura Shea	Lauson	Steinberg
Cori & Max Lagao	Taylor	Pratt
Laura & Dan Inlow	Otto	McCarroll

The Club gets a lot of use over the summer, not just on the weekends, but every day of the week. We need your help keeping it clean for the next visiting member.

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Nancy Andreas

It is hard to believe the summer is nearly over. I have spent the past two months tracking and depositing the many donations that have been made to the Junior International Tournament.

It is really incredible how generous all of you have been and how much hard work Roy Skinner (the tournament chair) and Patti Neumann (junior program chair) have done to make the tournament a huge success, not to mention the many people working in the kitchen with Debra Duncan and on the courts. The amount of money raised through patron donations and business ads is really remarkable.

I am still getting deposits, so I do not have the final tally on the net tournament proceeds. When all of the monies are counted, I will report this to you. The donations and Junior International Tournament proceeds benefit the MBBC as a whole, as well as the junior program, as with all MBBC events. Seeing all of the junior badminton players and their parents and sponsors work so hard and accomplish so much for the junior program makes me truly proud to be a member of the MBBC.summer!

New Construction

Peter Steinbronner

With summer winding down and school on the horizon...it makes one pause as we make move from one season to another...making a mad dash from one event to the next... which leads to this month's tidbit...

Recently, we called the PSYCHIATRIC HOTLINE...and this is what was heard:

- Hello; Welcome to the Psychiatric Hotline. If you are obsessive-compulsive, please press 1 repeatedly.
- If you are co-dependent, please ask someone to press 2.
- If you have multiple personalities, please press 3, 4, 5 and 6.

- If you are paranoid-delusional, we know who you are and what you want. Just stay on the line until we can trace the call.
- If you are a schizophrenic, listen carefully and a little voice will tell you which number to press.
- If you are a manic-depressive, it doesn't matter which number you press. No one will answer.
- Thank you for calling the Hotline!

Coming soon...the new parking lot!
Any questions...contact New Construction.

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Huge thanks to everyone who worked on the MBBC Junior International Tournament. It was a GREAT SUCCESS and hopefully raised a good amount of money for our Junior Program. We had 176 players from eleven countries: Denmark, Wales, Taiwan, Peru, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Canada, Mexico, Barbados, Philippines, and the U.S. We saw a lot of great badminton with many of the matches going to three games, and quite a few games going to multiple “overtime” points. It was wonderful to see the friendships forming among the participants and know that these juniors from different countries now stay in touch throughout the year. Wes Schoppe, the tournament founder, would have been very proud.

Our own MBBC juniors played very well. They emerged with four gold, four silver, seven bronze, and six Cons winner medals. Congratulations to all our medalists and all who played!

MBBC Junior International results:

Victoria Bundy 3rd/4th in U19GS
 Shirleen Chen 2nd in U11GD
 w/Jacquelyn Kan (USA)
 3rd in U11GS
 Kevin Costopoulos Cons Winner in U15BD
 w/Greg Schnack
 Cons Winner in U15MXD
 w/Mikeila Carrington (Barbados)

Cory Duncan 3rd/4th in U15BD
 w/Francis Sustache (Puerto Rico)
 Nick Fiore 3rd/4th in U11BD
 w/Jose Del Real (Mexico)
 Allen Hsu 3rd/4th in U17MXD
 w/Isabel Zhong
 Cons Winner in U17BD
 w/Jeff Tung (USA)
 Justin Jem 2nd in U11BD
 w/ Chris Kan (USA)
 David Neumann 2nd in U22BD
 w/Rene Faber (Denmark)
 Cons Winner in U22BS
 Cons Winner in U22MXD
 w/Susana Zhong
 Greg Schnack Cons Winner in U15BD
 w/Kevin Costopoulos
 Lynn Wang 3rd/4th in U13GD
 w/Katherine Pastewka (Can)
 Shawn Whong 2nd in U13BS
 Eric Yu 3rd/4th in U13BD
 w/Abhay Qureshi (USA)
 Isabel Zhong 1st in U17GD
 w/Katherine Winder (Peru)
 1st in U19BD
 w/Susana Zhong
 3rd/4th in U17GS
 3rd/4th in U17MXD
 w/Allen Hsu
 Susana Zhong 1st in U19GD
 w/Isabel Zhong
 1st in U22GD
 w/Victoria Montero (Mex)

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Full results are available on our club website at www.mbbadmintonclub.com. New this year is an online tournament photo gallery that Paul Verket set up at: <http://gallery.mac.com/paulverket#100013> with photos from Mark Costopoulos, our tournament photographer, and others. (If you have photos you would to add, send them to paulverket@mac.com.)

THANK YOU also to everyone who has contributed or helped raise money to send Beckie Neumann and Isabel Zhong to the 2007 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS in New Zealand. Beckie and Isabel have been selected for the U.S. U19 Team but USA Badminton did not budget funds for the athletes this year so our club has been pulling together to raise money to send them. Stephani Armstrong reports that we have raised nearly \$3000.00 to help cover their transportation and hotel costs. Wow! Thank you all so much! The girls are really excited and looking forward to this huge opportunity. The tournament dates are Oct. 25th through Nov 4th. We'll keep you updated on their progress. Last but not least, remember to look for our MBBC Booth(s) at the MANHATTAN BEACH OLD HOMETOWN FAIR. We will again be a presence there trying to raise money for our Junior Program.

AdultBadminton

Bill Otoide

I am again happy to report that the Adult Badminton group is humming along. We currently have 35 Playing Members, and have had no resignations this year. We have added one new Playing Member, Yaowu Zhao. He won our last Friday Night Club Tournament and will be a great addition to our playing members. On 8/14, we "tried out" 2 new players who wanted to join for playing membership, but were found to be lacking. Currently, there are 3 applications pending for Playing Membership.

Currently, we are averaging 17 players a night.

On July 28th, Stephani and Art Armstrong hosted one of our fun "Neighborhood Class" Friday Night Tournaments with all proceeds (~\$300) going to supporting our World Class Junior players Becky Neumann and Isabelle Zhong.

Does anyone remember K. C. Steffan (former MBBC Member)? If you do, please contact me. An old friend from Canada is trying to get in touch with him/her.

There is a request from the USBA for members who play badminton to sign up to join the USA Badminton Association. Applications are posted on the bulletin board as you enter the courts.

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Around the House

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As a reminder to all members:

1) All invited guests who use the pool/Jacuzzi or court facilities must be signed in BEFORE they swim or play badminton at the guest registry. (The pool registry is located between the Jacuzzi and the Coke machine; the court registry is located on your left before you step down onto the courts.) If a guest plays badminton and uses the pool/Jacuzzi, they must be signed in on BOTH registries. Remember, NO WET BATHING SUITS ON THE COURTS.

2) Children under the age of 18 must be supervised by an adult in the Club facility at all times. (This includes the courts, pool, etc)

3) All parties you may have at the Club must be approved by the House Chairman so they can be placed on the Club's Calendar.

The House Chairman alone cannot grant permission for parties of 20 or more, these events need to be presented to the Board for approval. The Board meets on the first Tuesday of every month so, please give me enough time (usually two months) to have the event approved.

All party requests should be sent to the House Chairman via email and should include the reason for the event, the number of people attending, activities that will take place and the age and number of children attending. A lifeguard is required when children are present at parties.

Private Parties require 1/3 invited guests be Club members.

4) If you notice any physical problems with the Club, please bring them to my attention with a call or preferably an email.

Thank you to all members who abide by the rules and policies of the Club. Remember we are all in this together.

The next Club Workday will be Saturday, September 8th, from 8am to 12pm; I hope to see you there!

Ed. note Omitted in last month's issue:

Thank you John Dzus, for a great job repairing the drywall on the courts!

Thanks to all of you who have attend the festivities this summer!

Please add the Family Pool Party to your calendar, on Sunday, September 23rd. This is a "can't miss" for some family fun and games. Please rsvp to me and you may pay at the door.

Also, watch the calendar on the web and in the shuttlecock for the Children's Halloween Party coming in October! Can you believe it? If you have some great ideas for events/parties, please let me know. I welcome all of your creative ideas. Thanks to all of you for your help!

It's sad to say goodbye to summer, but there are a few great days left, so see you at the pool!

Secretary's Report*Annie McQuitty*

Work is underway on the new Club Roster to be published by the November Meeting. If there is anything you would like included in the new edition, please let me know.

New Photos for the Roster!
Please come to the Club to have your photo taken on: Sept 8th 10AM - 2PM or Sept 23 12 - 5PM (during the Family Pool Party)

It would be great to have every member in the roster this year with an updated photo! Take a peek in the roster to see if you have a photo in there already. You'll see that the photos are small and horizontal... if you have a photo at home already that you would like to use and it will fit into this format, just email it to me at DEFestiva@aol.com... or come to the club for a quick click on Sept 8 or 23.

Let's include Email Addresses!

Thanks to those members who have already sent me their email addresses to be included in the new roster. If your email address is not currently in the roster, please take a moment to email it to me at DEFestiva@aol.com.

Two Opportunities for Work Day Credits!

- 1 Making calls regarding updating the Roster
- 2 Making calls and/or working the check-in table at the November Semi-Annual Meeting (It's not too soon to put this on your calendar - Sunday, November 11th)

Please email me to get info on these two workday opportunities.

See you at the Club for a few more days of summer fun!

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Family Pool Party

Games - Food - Fun!!!

Members & Guests Welcome

Sun., 9/23

noon - 5pm

\$10/adult, \$5/child or \$25/family, 3 and under FREE.

RSVP to: Tammy Lipps @310.962.4597 or tammyli@yahoo.com

<i>Tue. Sep. 4</i>	<i>MBBC Board Meeting 7pm</i>
<i>Sat. Sep. 8</i>	<i>Club Workday: 8am-12pm</i>
	<i>Roster Photos: 10am-2pm</i>
<i>Sun. Sep. 23</i>	<i>Family Pool Party & Roster Photos: 12pm-5pm</i>
<i>Tue. Oct. 2</i>	<i>MBBC Board Meeting 7pm</i>
<i>Sat.&Sun. Oct. 6-7</i>	<i>Hometown Fair</i>
<i>TBD Oct.</i>	<i>Children's Halloween Party</i>
<i>Tue. Nov. 2</i>	<i>MBBC Board Meeting 7pm</i>
<i>Sun. Nov. 11</i>	<i>Semi-Annual Meeting: 3pm Social / 4pm Mtg</i>

Calendar