



Shuttlecock

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Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Presidentially Speaking...

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Well summer is over, the kids are back in school, and now we can all get back into our regular routine. Does anyone feel like they need a vacation? I don't know for sure, but I think that the club was used more than usual this last summer. It's always good to see our members and their guests using the facilities.

In many ways, we've become an extension of your home. We are a great place to go for a swim, play a game of badminton, BBQ, celebrate an event, and just relax and read a good book by the pool. With such a high level of usage, there is also a responsibility to do our part to keep the club in top form.

Security is something that we all need to be aware of. If you're not sure who is a member, ask. I'll bet that other person is wondering the same thing. We are a private club and that means it is for the private use of our members and their invited guests. We also have certain age rules. If you are under 18 years old, you **MUST** be accompanied by your parent/member. As parent members, it is **NOT OK** to give your under 18 year old the key to the club

and let them use the facilities unsupervised. It is also **NOT OK** for your over 18 year old to chaperone the under 18 year old in the group. As parents and club members, we have a responsibility to make sure that the club rules are followed. If you're under 18 and unsupervised by a member, you will be asked to leave.

One thing that we can all do is be aware, be safe and be good stewards of the club. Keep the doors closed and locked. Members have keys to let them in. Closed and locked doors will help to keep non-members and uninvited guests out. If you're the last one to leave the club, **MAKE SURE** all the doors and windows are closed and locked and turn off the lights.

There are many fun events being planned at the club over the next several months. Make sure to check each month's Shuttlecock for events and activities. Use the club often, participate in the events, and most importantly, **HAVE FUN!** MBBC is a special place, let's all do our part to keep it that way.



Membership News

Stephani Armstrong

Membership Status:

Associate Members:	82
Intermediate Associate Members:	34
Regular Members:	246
Provisional Members:	18
Legacy Members:	1
Instructor Members:	10
Playing Members:	36
Honorary Members:	14
Junior Playing Members:	26

New Applications

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Co-Sponsor</u>
Beverly Mitchell	Bueltel	Ortiz
Glen & Annette Caplin	Teitelbaum	Snively
Kristin & John Schumacher	Sussman	Lastition
Rodney & Donna Mathis	Costopoulos	Lochtenberg
Michael & Jami Hopkins	Johnson	Muldoon/Sinclair
Thomas & Rochelle Calhoun	Wang	Chun/Ford

Thank you all for making the effort to keep the club clean. Considering how much use the club gets, your contribution keeps it manageable. Thank you.

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I am again happy to report that the Adult Badminton group is still humming along. We currently have 37 Playing Members, and have had no resignations this year. On 9/6/07, we "tried out" two new players who wanted to join for playing membership, one was too rusty, and we are considering the other one. Currently, there are four applications pending for Playing Membership.

We're currently averaging 15 players a night, with a mix of Associate, Intermediate Associate, Honorary, Instructor, Playing, Regular and Junior Members, plus guests .

We had a Friday night tournament on Sept. 14, hosted by Joy and Chris, and another is planned for Oct. 19, hosted by Steve Schwab. If you have not played in one yet, it really is a lot of fun! Details and results will be reported in a future edition.

Thanks to Joy Kitzmiller. She was able to find the email address of K.C. Steffan (former MBBC Member), and hopefully an old friendship will be renewed between former junior badminton players.

I happened to be at the Club on a Thursday afternoon (my home was being fumigated) right after lunch, and I was pleasantly surprised to see 12 to 15 senior players there. As I watched them play, there may not have been the old zip on the smashes, but they surely displayed excellent skill, techniques, and footwork. They were all enjoying themselves with finger pointing and bantering amongst themselves. It reminded me of watching "little kids" joking and playing around. Later, one of them stated to me that "he comes here religiously twice a week", and I say Amen to that. I thank them for letting me watch, learn, and enjoy their play.

On a more serious subject, we seem to have forgotten, and become lax about guests playing at our club. Please remember that you are responsible for the guests that you sign in. Since you are responsible for your guests, you **MUST** be there.

Do not sign any guests in and then leave. You cannot speak to a member on the phone and have him sign in your guest. If you are asked by guest to sign them in because they say they know a member, do not sign them in! A guest, is an invited person, and should not show up without a member.

Remember that we are a private club, it is your club, and as such, we have rules that we all must adhere to. Just as a reminder, a guest may play only twice a month.

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With school back in session...it reminds me of two quotes:

1. "You know there is a problem with the education system when you realize out of the three "R's", only one begins with an "R."

New Construction

Peter Steinbroner

2. "A computer makes you make more mistakes faster than any invention in human history - with the possible exceptions of handguns and tequila."

Hopefully we'll be working on the parking lot soon....ironing out a few details like what to do with the dumpster enclosure....any ideas?
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2007 Junior International Recap

by Roy Skinner

For all of you volunteers that made the 15th Annual Junior International Tournament a reality, I extend my most gracious thanks and that includes our patron donors and advertisers. Without your help and donations this tournament would not have come off. Let me take you for a walk through the various committees and introduce you to the many people that made this all possible. I apologize if I have omitted anyone in the course of this tour.

The first station is the registration desk where names, birth certificates, money, T-shirts, programs and pins are checked and handed out. This desk ran like a well-oiled machine with Diana Linden, Nan McFarland, Bea Enochs, Bertha Lucas and Ruben Mejia. Ruben was invaluable as our interpreter. As we move along the next venue is the draw desk where all the matches are called and a referee is assigned to each match. This job is a never-ending source of questions from the kids, coaches and parents and was so ably handled by Lee Calvert, DeDe Davis, Sue Dommeyer, Bobbi Skinner and others. Ed Matanga, our official referee, was on hand to handle any questions and scored matches when there was a shortage of referees. This desk is the nerve center for the whole tournament especially when you are dealing with 180 players from 10 countries, many

of which cannot speak English. Medals are a big part of the tournament and these are sorted and cataloged by Karren Davis and Donna Gibbs. Some of the kids are so proud of these medals that they are hard pressed to take them off when they have to play another match.

The umpires were numerous but to name a few, we are indebted to Dave Acuna, Kristen Davis, Phil Brunner who drives in from Flagstaff, Arizona, Duane Enochs, and Diana Linden. These people stand for hours in a hot gym scoring the matches and all they get is a free lunch and workday credits if needed. That's dedication.

It needs to be said here that Dean Schoppe, Dean Romein and Terry Spazek are the engines that make this tournament work. Dean Schoppe's father Wes, started this tournament 15 years ago and Dean has continued to carry on the tradition in memory of his father. Dean Romein and Terry Spazek are our computer guys. They enter and print out the matches throughout the day and night enabling the players to see when their next matches are for that day and the next day. Dean Schoppe does all the draws, seeds and with his knowledge of Spanish he can move the draw meeting in the right direction.

Ah, here comes the kitchen with its many volunteers under the most able direction of Debra Duncan, Lisa Safarik Hutchinson and Bill Otoide. This year we could see the workers because Peter Steinbronner had the fans over the range fixed and smoke was no longer a problem. It's amazing how efficient the kitchen runs and the amount of food served. The menu is varied and delicious.

Among the highlights of the tournament are the junior and adult parties. The junior party was complete with Hawaiian food, DJ, strobe lights and a raffle. Richard and Paula Fiore chair this event along with Frank and Nicole Belandres and I know the kids really look forward to this evening of food, dance and talk.

The adult party is the product of Randy and Lissen Schnack and is a real blast with food, drink, awarding of plaques to the various badminton clubs and a raffle to boot. This party is a real hoot and people stick around til' all hours.

This year we held a pool party with a live band headed by junior player Edward Linden. I might add that even I liked the music. The kids really had a blast feasting on pizza and sodas. It was hard to tell them that time was up at 10PM. This event was under the guidance of Kelly Costopoulos, who took on this job without any coaxing. The results were fantastic.

This whole tournament begins with Patti Bundy sending out entries to 100's of players and individual invitations to

several badminton club throughout the world. This is followed up with reminders and updates as to schedules etc. The entries that come in are the responsibility of Patti Neumann and what a job that is to make sure that liability release forms are signed, birth certificates are verified and the partnering for doubles and mixed doubles is complete. Patti also designed the T-shirts and medals, and printed the spreadsheets for the sign in desk. Her position is so varied that it's hard to keep all the things she does in the memory banks. Talk about a girl Friday, she easily fill the bill.

As I wind down, I want to thank the pool monitors, T- and sweat shirts salespersons. Sounds like Oscar night in Hollywood. I also want to thank Wei Zhong, our coach, for his on court presence instructing our players and giving them a kind word.

Finally, I want to thank Victoria Bundy for another outstanding job of securing housing for several players. Without her help several of these players could not have come due to financial reasons. Victoria is a student at Mira Costa High School in her senior year and an organizer personified.

I know that this tournament is a labor of love for many volunteers since several have no children in the junior program. But, having read this, I ask any of you, if you are interested in a fruitful area of volunteering, please think about the Junior International Tournament and call Roy at 310-545-2841.

Around the House

Mike Revell

PARTIES

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If you are planning a party at the Club, please, remember that all requests must be in writing or preferably email to the House Chairman at HouseChairman@MBBadmintonClub.com.

The Board needs to approve parties with 20 attendees or above, I can approve parties of 19 or below without Board approval. Please note that the Board only meets on the first Tuesday of the month, so plan accordingly.

Also, one third of the invited guests must be Club members.

WORKDAYS

If you are looking for workday credits and have trouble attend the monthly scheduled Saturdays, here are a few projects you can do to earn credits:

- Refinish the outdoor wooden furniture
- Install new benches in the locker rooms
- Dust and clean the light fixtures on the courts.

If you are interested in any of these projects, or can think of other projects you may have seen around the Club, please contact me at the email address above.

The next scheduled workday is Saturday, October 13th.

Junior Badminton

Patti Neumann

Remember to stop by the M.B.

Old Hometown Fair and support the MBBC Junior Badminton Program's Powerade/Lemon Ice Tea booth and Chinese Dumpling booth. (Look for them near Dorsey Field.) The profits will help send our juniors to the U.S. Junior Nationals in Marblehead, Massachusetts. Many thanks to all the juniors, junior parents, and club members who are volunteering their time to staff these booths!

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Nancy Andreas

Thank you to all of you for your dedication to the MBBC! The dues are being paid more regularly lately, and almost everybody is satisfying their workday obligations. There are so many volunteers that contribute their time and energy to the MBBC, especially in support of the junior program, that it would be hard to list them here. Thank you to all of you! We couldn't make it without you!!

We have completed our tax year and big thanks go to Tom Lyons for taking care of completing the IRS paperwork for us. Other financial matters are in good order, too. The bank balances are still recovering from the big purchase of the new court floors earlier this year, although the rate of increase has been a little slower than planned.

Our next big project will be the parking lot replacement. Fortunately, this will be much less expensive than the court floors. Please continue to pay your dues on time and support the workdays.

Secretary's Report

Annie McQuitty

Thanks to all who had their new photos taken for the MBBC Roster. You are a good-looking bunch!

I have received many email addresses to include and a few corrections from our current directory - and new members we are happy to welcome and include. We want to have all of the new information to Jan for publishing by October 1st - so if you have changes you'd like to get in print, call or email me right away.

I had a few offers to help with the phone calls and check-in tables for the upcoming Semi-annual meeting. If you want to get some workday credits, give me a shout as I could use a few more volunteers. If you are planning to attend anyway, you might as well get a workday credit for it! See you at the meeting.

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Kid's Halloween Party

Wed., 10/24 4:30 – 7pm

<i>Sat. Oct. 13</i>	<i>Club Workday: 8am-12pm</i>
<i>Tue. Oct. 2</i>	<i>MBBC Board Meeting 7pm</i>
<i>Sat.&Sun. Oct. 6-7</i>	<i>Hometown Fair</i>
<i>Fri. Oct. 19</i>	<i>Friday Night Tournament</i>
<i>Wed. Oct. 24</i>	<i>Kid's Halloween Party 4:30-7pm</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

FOR SALE: Brand new KitchenAid Dishwasher

Black with stainless steel interior, \$650. Please contact
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