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November 2007

Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Presidentially Speaking...

Bob Steinberg President@MBBadmintonClub.com

It's getting to be that time of year again—that time when we shift gears from summer to fall. The crowds around the pool have gone, the kids are back in school, we just had the Hometown Fair, and we're getting ready for all the end-of-the-year holidays and parties. For MBBC, that means we've got the Kids' Halloween Party, the Past Presidents' Party, and the Semi-Annual General Membership Meeting.

The Semi-Annual Membership Meeting is a great time to meet up with all our members, new and old. It's a time for everyone to have a voice in what goes on with our club. Every month the board meets and we try to deal with club's issues. What is really helpful is when you, the members, tell us what's important to you.

A couple of recurring items that come up frequently are club procedures and club security. We all need to do our part when it comes to Club security. It's as basic as keeping the club doors closed and locked. Keeping them propped open as a convenience

turns into a problem when we can't control who is gaining access to the club. Everyone has been issued keys, don't forget to bring them and please keep all the outside doors closed. If you're not sure if someone is a member or not, ask. This is also a great way to meet other members.

Club procedures are in place for the benefit of all our members. When bringing guests to swim or play badminton, **YOU MUST SIGN IN** all guests that are using our facilities. MBBC is a private membership club, and it's not fair when some members sign in their guests while others don't. The rules are quite specific on this matter. Sign your guests in, *please!*

We are working hard to make sure that the facilities are clean and safe to use. We are always looking for ways to make the club a better place. Please help us to do our job better by keeping the club secure and following the rules.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting.

Semiannual Meeting Reminder

Sunday, November 11th

Social Hour: 3 pm

Meeting: 4 pm



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Membership *News*

Stephani Armstrong

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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

Reprinted from the October Issue. The report will be updated in the next issue.

FOR SALE: Brand new KitchenAid Dishwasher

Black with stainless steel interior, \$650.
Please contact Stephani Armstrong at:
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Treasurer's Report

Nancy Andreas

I hope you are ready for Halloween. It is hard to believe how fast this year has gone by. This has certainly been an interesting year for the MBBC finances.

We recently had several immensely successful parties, fundraisers, and tournaments, where success is measured in fun, benefits to the families of the MBBC and the sport of badminton, as well as financial success. The Junior International Tournament was successful beyond our wildest imagination, thanks to the hard work and dedication of Roy Skinner, Patti Neumann, Debra Duncan, and their many helpers and generous donors. Thank you to all of you!

In addition to the tournament in August, the Junior program raised over \$3000 (including \$1000 from the general fund) in donations for Isabel Zhong and Becky Neumann to go to New Zealand to represent the MBBC in the World Junior Tournament. This is not just an honor for Isabel and Becky, but it also demonstrates the generosity of the membership in supporting their international trip.

The board is getting ready for the November general meeting and we are looking forward to seeing all of you there. Please remember to pay your dues on time (or ahead of time if that is easier for you) and keep up with your workdays. We are depending on you!

Treasurer@MBBadmintonClub.com / 310.812.4331

Secretary's Report

Annie McQuitty

Thanksgiving is around the corner - and so is the MBBC Semiannual Meeting! Sunday, November 11 - adults only please.

Social Hour (drinks and hors d'oeuvres) is from 3 - 4pm. The meeting begins at 4pm and runs until about 6pm. Please try to be prompt and plan to stay for the entire meeting.

Remember our club by-laws state that you must attend one meeting per year to get your meeting credits, and you must proxy a meeting if you can not attend. Agenda and proxy forms will be sent to you in the mail at the beginning of November.

See you there!

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OLD HOMETOWN FAIR THANKS

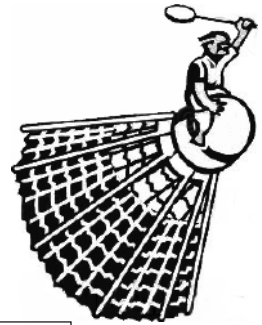
I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the MBBC Junior Program's Old Hometown Fair booths this year. The booths raised over \$1800 for our Junior Program this year. We'll use that to help offset the costs of our junior training and for our trip to the U.S. Junior Nationals in Marblehead, MA in June.

I especially want to thank June & Chunming Wang who organized our Chinese Food booth and Bill Bundy who organized the Iced Tea & Powerade Booth and also organized the set up of both booths Friday night. We could not have done this without the hours of effort they contributed. Bill's "Arnold Palmer" lemonade ice tea was a tremendous success. It was not only delicious but also extremely profitable! Our orange chicken, fried rice and chow mein also proved very popular. We were happy to find a very supportive partner in Chong's restaurant. Not only did Chong's give us a nice discount on the food, they loaned us covered chaffing dishes, serving utensils, and a warm storage unit at no cost, and also supplied us with half of our plates. Still, this could not have been a success without our willing workers so I would also like to thank all the families and juniors who helped before and during the Fair. Our Chinese food crew

included our booth chair, June Wang and her husband, Chunming, Hong Zhao, Cecilia Verket, Jody Leventhal, Nancy, Isabel & Jennifer Zhong, Peter, Audrey & Andrew Chen, Fran Lauson, Millie Young, Merrick Chai, Daniel Liu, and Betty & Allen Hsu. The Iced Tea & Powerade crew included our booth chair, Bill Bundy and his wife Patti, Frank, Nicole & Eloise Belandres, Ann, Rod & William Kuhns, Tris & Jamie Dunn, Phil & Gina Alfandary, Lissen & Greg Schnack, and Alice & Justin Jem. I also want to thank Richard Whong and Stan Johnson who helped with set up Friday evening. Everyone did a tremendous job!

WORLD JUNIORS

I again want to thank all the generous MBBC members who helped raise the money to send our juniors, Isabel Zhong and Beckie Neumann to compete for the U.S. U19 team at the World Juniors in Auckland, New Zealand. We raised enough to cover all of their transportation and hotel costs. Thank you all so much! By the time you read this, the event will have just finished and the girls can give their own reports. As I write this though, it has not yet begun so I can only tell you that this year's competition involves 29 teams of the best junior badminton players in the world. The team competition runs from Oct 25th to Oct 28th, with the individual events following from Oct 30th to Nov 4th.



The U.S. is sending a team of just three girls and three boys selected from the results of the U.S.A. Badminton Association's Junior Intl. Team Trials (JITT) competition that was held Memorial Day weekend in San Francisco. Joining Beckie & Isabel on the team are fellow Californians, Chloe Chow of San Marino, Brendan Lum of San Francisco, Randy Hsia of Arcadia, and Eric Kuo of Fountain Valley. They are a young team—all 15 or 16 year olds. They are being sent to gain international experience in hopes that the U.S. can slowly work its way up the ranks of international badminton.

Needless to say, it's a huge honor to be selected to represent the U.S. at this event. Beckie, Isabel & their teammates are all very excited about the opportunity. Together they will play five events in the team competition: Boys Singles, Girls Singles, Boys Doubles, Girls Doubles and Mixed Doubles. In the First Rounds of pool play they will face Korea, Mongolia, India, New Zealand and Australia. If they make it through, they will face one of the top two teams in the pool comprised of China, Russia, England, Germany, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. Sounds pretty challenging!

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Adult *Badminton*

Bill Otoide

I am again happy to report that the Adult Badminton group is still humming along. We currently have 38 Playing Members, and have had no resignations this year. Please welcome Sandeep Gupta as a new Playing Member. He is an experienced player and has won tournaments in his younger days. We have not “tried out” any players this month. Currently, there are three applications pending for Playing Membership.

Currently, we are averaging 12 players a night, with a mix of Associate Members, Honorary Members, Intermediate Associate Members, Instructor Members, Playing Members, Regular Members, Visitors and Junior Members. There seems to be a slight dip in the amount of players on weekday evenings. It seems the start of school has cooled the attendance.

We had a Friday night tournament on October 19, hosted by Steve and Jill Schwab. We will probably not have a Friday night tournament in November, but we will plan one in early December. If you have not played in one yet, it really is a lot of fun! Players of all levels are welcomed. Details and results will be reported in a future edition.

Around the House

Mike Revell

Thank you to Ray and Deborah Russell who showed their support for the Club by showing up for the October workday

There are only seven more workdays left in this year, so don't wait until the last minute to fulfill your required workdays. We have some painting and other jobs that can be done at your own pace if you cannot make the Saturday workdays.

The next workday is November 10th starting at 8:00am.

I hope to see a lot of you there. HouseChairman@MBBadmintonClub.com / 310.546.4758

RUMMAGE SALE BULLETIN

As you probably know, the Rummage Sale was another huge success this year. It continues to grow due to all of your help and contributions. The whole club, specifically the Junior Program, benefits from the proceeds. We thoroughly appreciate all of your help and participation.

HOWEVER, there are only THREE of us who monitor the items deposited in the south shed throughout the year. It is getting increasingly harder to keep the south shed safe and orderly. Only a few of MBBC members have a key to the south shed, but the amount of plastic and paper

bags already being deposited in the shed is becoming overwhelming. Please don't get me wrong, I really appreciate the membership keeping the Rummage Sale in their thoughts, but we need your help and cooperation in keeping the shed safe.

We have established RULES FOR STORAGE that have been posted at strategic places throughout the club. Please read and abide by them. Our safety has been jeopardized by trying to move these heavy bulky bags. Broken glass and sharp items do cut and scratch. If we are to continue to use the shed for rummage sale storage, we need to keep it safe and orderly.

Donna Gibbs 310 374 0873

In case you didn't know, Mahatma Gandhi, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (this is so bad, it's good)..... A super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

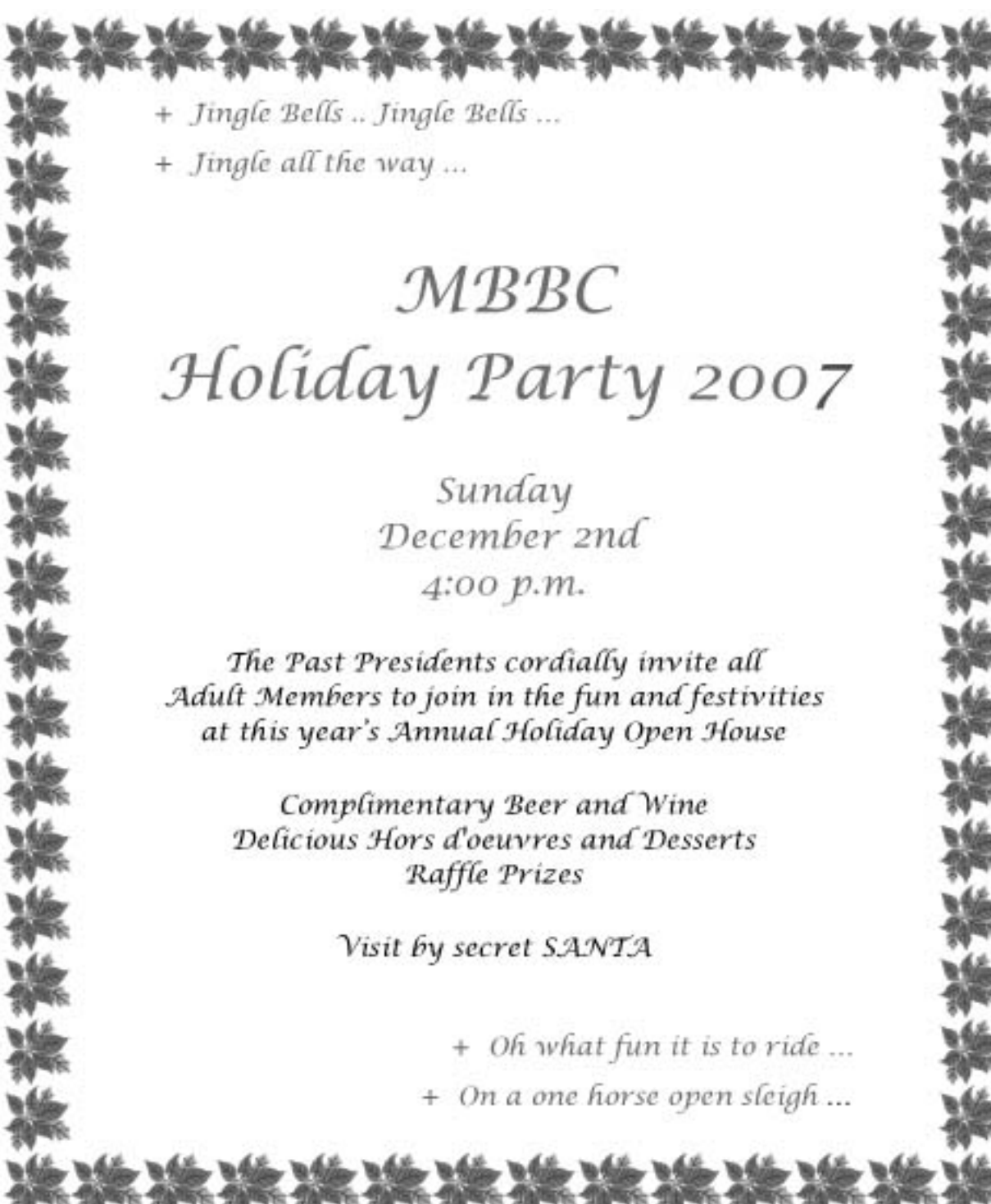
Peter Steinbroner

New Construction

What does this have to do with

New Construction at the Club? Nothing. But now that I've got your attention...still working on the plans for the new parking lot...and looking for members experienced with building a block wall for the dumpster. Contact me!

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+ *Jingle Bells .. Jingle Bells ...*

+ *Jingle all the way ...*

MBBC
Holiday Party 2007

Sunday
December 2nd
4:00 p.m.

*The Past Presidents cordially invite all
Adult Members to join in the fun and festivities
at this year's Annual Holiday Open House*

Complimentary Beer and Wine
Delicious Hors d'oeuvres and Desserts
Raffle Prizes

Visit by secret SANTA

+ *Oh what fun it is to ride ...*

+ *On a one horse open sleigh ...*

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to help with the November meeting! Couldn't do it without you, so thanks for stepping up to the plate!

I am looking for a chairperson for the HOUSE OF BLUES PARTY, which is slated for April of 2008. You can make this party your own and I will do all I can to get you going!!!! It can even have a different theme altogether. Please come to me with your creative ideas! Also remember, we do need people to commit to chairing these parties or they just don't happen. I hate to have to cancel parties for lack of support.

Be sure to watch the calendar for upcoming events. Mark your calendar for the Children's Holiday Party, Thursday, December 6th.

Thanks again to all of you who tirelessly lend a hand.

<i>Tue. Nov. 2</i>	<i>MBBC Board Meeting 7pm</i>
<i>Sat. Nov. 10</i>	<i>Club Workday: 8am-12pm</i>
<i>Sun. Nov. 11</i>	<i>Semiannual Meeting: 3pm Social / 4pm Mtg</i>
<i>Sun. Dec. 2</i>	<i>Past-President's Holiday Party: 4pm</i>
<i>Tue. Dec. 4</i>	<i>MBBC Board Meeting 7pm</i>
<i>Thu. Dec. 6</i>	<i>Children's Holiday Party: 4:30-7pm</i>