



Shuttlecock

January 2008

Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Presidentially Speaking...

Happy New Year to everyone at MBBC. 2007 was a fantastic year for the club. The facilities have been upgraded, including the completion of three new courts. Many parties were celebrated, the pool was used, tournaments held, and now it's 2008!

Can you believe how quickly the year flew by? For 2008, MBBC is planning on continuing with club improvements and membership participation. The approved parking lot changes are going to be made early in the year, we're looking to improve some of the security issues we've faced in recent

years, and we're also asking the membership to remember to volunteer.

In 2008, there are many exciting parties and events being planned. We are always looking for people to chair the parties and events. It's a great way to meet other members, have some fun, and you get workday credits. The more club participation, the more fun for everyone!

I hope everyone a very happy holiday season and I would like to wish everyone an exciting 2008!

President@MBBadmintonClub.com



Membership News

Stephani Armstrong

Membership Status:

Associate Members:	82
Intermediate Associate Members:	34
Regular Members:	242
Provisional Members:	12
Legacy Members:	1
Instructor Members:	6
Playing Members:	38
Honorary Members:	14
Junior Playing Members:	34

New Applications

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Co-Sponsor</u>
Janet & Michael Hall	Lumb	Banchik

Resignations

none

Later this month, please check out the MBBC web site at www.MBBadmintonClub.com. We will be publishing the workday credits through the end of 2007. This will give you a chance to make sure all your workdays to date have been credited. A number of members have already met their workday requirements, and some have even exceeded them! To all of you, a most heartfelt thank you. You are the real backbone that keeps this club functioning.

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Nancy Andreas

It is hard to believe that 2007 is over and we are moving on to 2008. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends and that you have more time for playing badminton and going to MBBC parties in the New Year!

The MBBC finances are healthy. We are increasing our bank balances by making frugal decisions regarding expenses in preparation for the parking lot refurbishment in January. Thank you to all of you for making an extra effort to pay your dues on time. This really helps us to keep going.

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Entertainment

Tammy Lipps

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I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends! It is a new year and we are up and running with events happening at the club! Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Rummage Sale/Silent Auction Wine Tasting. Contact me or Donna Gibbs if you would like to help with those events.

We have a new event this year in place of the "House of Blues" themed party....the mystery will be revealed in the February Shuttlecock, so mark your calendars for an April event!!!

I am still in need of chairpersons for the May meeting Dinner and the New Members Social in June. Please contact me ASAP if you are interested.

Looking forward to a great 2008!

Happy New Year from the Junior Program. January is normally a quiet time for us with the regional tournaments finished for the moment and the high school ones still a month away. It's a good time to start your kids in the sport if you've been thinking of it. Beginner nights are busy and active but we always have room for club member children who are age 6 and older. Bring them to the club any Monday or Wednesday night from 6 to 8 pm and get them started in our group training. We have a great coach and the training is free. It doesn't get better than that!

MBBC sent 24 players to the USBDF tournament at OCBC in Orange County. It was a big tournament with about 200 players ranging in age from 7 to 21. A surprising number of foreign players came including some from Malaysia, the Philippines, Peru, Sweden, Canada, Mexico, & Guatemala. It was a very strong tournament and gave our players an

excellent opportunity to flex their developing skills.

Congratulations to Bradford & Russell Kong, Jacob Verket, Carter & Sutton Revel, William Kuhn, Charlie McQuitty, and Michael Ballantyne for braving their very first tournament. The first one is always a hard one and they represented us very well. Brad, Russell, and Charlie even came away with medals! Russell & Brad took 3rd and 4th in U9 Boys Singles and together took 2nd in U9 Boys Doubles. Charlie surprised everyone by winning the U15 Boys Doubles Cons bracket with Melchi Viado. Our more seasoned players came away with some coveted awards too. Shawn Whong captured 1st in U13 Boys Doubles with Kenneth Hui, and Susana & Isabel Zhong took 2nd in the combined U19/U22 Girls Doubles event. Isabel also won Cons in U17 Girls Singles after she was edged out of the main bracket in a very close match vs. Cheryl Chow.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The inter-club team competition that was planned for mid January has been postponed for the moment. The organizers at OCBC need a little more time to recover from the USBDF. Look for that one later this spring or summer. There's a possibility it will be combined with Junior Nationals.

Dates for the 2008 Junior Nationals are June 27 to July 2nd. Those will be held in Marblehead Massachusetts. If you are planning to go, please let me know. I'd like to organize this year's trip a little earlier than usual to ensure that we get to stay together in the town of Marblehead, which doesn't have a lot of hotels.

Tryouts for the Mira Costa badminton team will be held at MBBC in mid January. Check with MCHS or Rocky Wilson if you are interested. Mira Costa is expecting another great year. Rocky is organizing one of the CIF tournaments to be held at MBBC. That should be a lot of fun!

Last, but not least, don't forget to save things for our MBBC SILENT AUCTION / RUMMAGE SALE fundraiser. We count on that every year to help pay for our program expenses and offset the cost of our tournament travel.



Any members interested in joining the board, please contact Wayne Bueltel, Past President, at WandM1952@aol.com, or 310-546-3503.

Around the House

Mike Revell

I wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year and as a reminder to all members:

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)

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 guest be Club members.

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

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

HouseChairman@MBBadmintonClub.com / 310.546.4758

FOR SALE: Brand new KitchenAid Dishwasher

Black with stainless steel interior, \$650.

Please contact Stephani Armstrong at:

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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. We have not “tried out” any players this month. Currently, there are three applications pending for Playing Membership.

We’re currently averaging 11 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 the “back to school/early holiday” dip in the amount of players on weekday evenings.

We had one of our Friday Night Tournaments on Oct. 19, hosted by Steve and Jill Schwab. It was a very successful and fun tournament. There were 18 players with lots of birds flying. In the end, the finalists were Chuck Linden, Chumming Wang, David Ogata, and Peter Steinbroner. Congratulations to all.

Our Friday Night Tournament on November 30, hosted by Stephani and Art Armstrong, will be our last Friday Night Tournament for the year. 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.

The USC Badminton Club has used our facilities to hold inter-collegiate tournaments, and we have scheduled another for January 19. If you have time, they are very skilled and are a pleasure to watch.

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- Tue. Jan. 8 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm*
- Sat. Jan. 12 Club Workday: 8am-12pm*
- Sat. Jan. 19 Inter-Collegiate Tournament*
- Tue. Feb. 5 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm*
- Sat. Feb. 9 Club Workday: 8am-12pm*
- Tue. Mar. 4 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm*
- Sat. Mar. 8 Club Workday: 8am-12pm*
- Fri. Mar. 14 Wine Tasting Party / White Elephant Sale*
- Sat. Mar. 15 Rummage Sale*
- Tue. Apr. 1 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm*
- Sat. Apr. 12 Club Workday: 8am-12pm*
- Sat. Apr. 12 Murder Mystery Party*
- Tue. May 6 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm*
- Sat. May 17 Club Workday: 8am-12pm*
- Sun. May 18 Semiannual Meeting: 3pm Social / 4pm Mtg*
- Tue. June 3 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm*

Calendar