



Shuttlecock

February 2008

Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Presidentially Speaking...

Well we're really getting into 2008 and there are plenty of exciting activities being planned at the badminton club. In March, we've got the nearly "world famous" Wine Tasting/White Elephant Sale and our ever popular Rummage Sale. It seems like we always get lots of help and support from the club members and I know that this year's events will be well attended.

As you know, we're always looking for fun ideas for club events from our membership. If you've got an idea for a great party or club event, please let us know. You can always email me or give me a call. Working the club events is a great way to meet other members and if you volunteer as an event chairperson, you can receive even more workday credits. The Chairperson helps to coordinate the event, get volunteers and take some of the party planning pressure off our Entertainment Chairperson.

We also have our monthly workdays coming up on the 2nd Saturday of each month. We can really use a few members to show-up and give the Housechair some much needed help in getting some easy fixes completed around the club. The work is generally pretty easy and I really think it's a great way to meet other, keep our club looking clean and safe.

We really depend upon the members to participate in club events and in meeting all of their workday obligations. Its part of our club responsibilities and it's also fun way to make MBBC such a great local club. The more we give to the club, the more we get out of it.

Hope to see you around the club and please feel free to share your ideas and comments.

President@MBBadmintonClub.com



Membership News

Stephani Armstrong

Membership Status:

Associate Members:	82
Intermediate Associate Members:	34
Regular Members:	243
Provisional Members:	20
Legacy Members:	1
Instructor Members:	6
Playing Members:	38
Honorary Members:	14
Junior Playing Members:	32

New Members

Fred & Mary Hayes	Darren & Melina Elliott
John & Kim Petri	Kevin & Lynn O'Connell
Phil & Mary Anthony	Tom & Shail Versfelt
Pat & Jackie Maloney	Dennis & Irene White
Art Merkin & Noelle Merritt	Marc & Jennifer Roskin

The workday credits for 2007-2008 through December 2007 have been published on the web site (www.MBBadmintonClub.com). This mid-year review will give you the opportunity to see where you stand. Each adult member has 3 workday obligations PLUS attendance at the general meetings held in November and May, one of which may be attended by proxy. Spouses may perform workdays for each other but each individual member must attend (or proxy) the general meetings. this club functioning.

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Nancy Andreas

Thank you to all of you who are getting your monthly dues in on time. There has been an noticeable improvement in the accounts receivables, and it is improving the financial strength of our MBBC. The bank balances of the club are continuing to increase. We are still looking for you at the workdays, however, since we need everyone to help with the maintenance of our aging facilities. It is a good way to meet other members, too!

Another area of possible improvement is related to the general meetings. We would certainly like to see all of you present at the meetings in November and May, but we understand that sometimes that is not possible. Please remember to send in a proxy before the meeting if you cannot attend. That makes our records easy to keep straight, and avoids incorrect billing for missed meetings.

In case you are wondering, we have postponed the driveway remodeling project for another month or so, but it will be completed before the general meeting in May. We are also continuing to look into ways to save money on utilities, since that is one of our major expenses. Please let us know if you have any good ideas!

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New Construction

Peter Steinbroner

Now that the weather has turned cold and sometimes wet, it reminds me of a old quote:

"Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon."

As far as the parking lot is concerned, we're holding out until it starts getting warm again and will start work sometime in April...will keep you posted.

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If you've stopped by the club during junior training, you've no doubt noticed how busy the courts have been. Some nights as many as 30 juniors show up! It's a pretty active group. The success of the Mira Costa H.S. team and the introduction of badminton as P.E. activity at MBMS are no doubt partly responsible.

Coach Wei Zhong gets a lot of credit too, for inspiring the juniors and making the training fun. Quite a few juniors have asked to join MBBC as junior playing members recently. We've filled all of our 35 junior playing member spots and now have seven players waiting to join as soon as spots become available. Wow!

The MCHS badminton team has grown so popular that this year coach Rocky Wilson held team tryouts for the first time in order to keep it a manageable size. Those tryouts were held in mid-January. Congratulations to everyone who made the team.

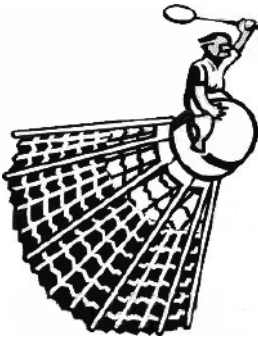
We'll see them on our courts this spring from 4-6 pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays just before our own junior training.

Good luck to the many MBBC players on the team. MCHS will be hosting the first CIF tournament of the season here at MBBC on February 29th-March 30. We'd like to set up a small tournament kitchen as a fundraiser and could use some assistance. Please let Rocky or me know if you can help.

Last but not least, don't forget to save your items for the MBBC Silent Auction / Rummage Sale and sign up to help. These events will be held March 14th and 15th. They are arguably our most popular and fun club fundraisers and are **NOT TO BE MISSED!** Many thanks to Karren Davis and Donna Gibbs who have been organizing and running these ever since I can remember.

By tradition, the nicest and most unique of the donated articles are

spruced up and brought to the lounge the night before the Rummage Sale and auctioned off at our famous MBBC Silent Auction/Wine Tasting Party. Great deals and great fun are both to be had!



FOR SALE: Brand new KitchenAid Dishwasher

Black with stainless steel interior, \$650.
Please contact Stephani Armstrong at:
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USAB HIGH SCHOOL ALL AMERICANS

Congratulations to MBBC players Chris Schnack and Victoria Bundy who won this year's prestigious USAB High School All American award! Chris & Victoria, both current seniors at Mira Costa H.S. are two of three high school scholar athletes to win the national award this year. Richard She of Seattle, Washington was the third winner.

This year's High School All American competition was open to all students who had completed their junior or senior year of high school in 2007. Winners were selected on the basis of both their academic and athletic achievement. It's a wonderful honor. We are very proud of both Chris and Victoria!

Around the House

Mike Revell

It is hard to believe that February is here...that means that there are only four more workdays left, if you need them to fulfill your work credits. Yikes!

I have requested Southern California Edison to come out and visit the Club to review our power usage and see if there are any improvements that we can make to reduce our monthly bill and conserve some energy.

Also, remember any gathering you want to have at the Club must be presented to the House Chairman in the form of email and approved before it is allowed.

The next workday is Saturday February 9th from 8:00am to 12:00pm. I hope to see you there.

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Entertainment

Tammy Lipps

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Hello to you all! I trust your new year is shaping up well!

I am still looking for help for Donna Gibbs with the Rummage Sale and Silent Auction. Please contact her or me if you can get some work day time in at that event. Donna has some flyers up at the club, so grab one and give her a call. Mark your calendars for those back to back March events. The Wine tasting/Silent Auction is always a big hit! See you there!

Watch for more details regarding the "mysterious" adult member event in May! We had to change the slot from April to May to avoid some spring breaks. You won't want to miss this one so watch for info in the shuttlecock and on the website. As always, I welcome your creative ideas for new and existing events at the club. I look forward to working with you!

I am again happy to report that the Adult Badminton group is still humming along. We currently have 37 Playing Members, and have had one resignation this past year. We have not “tried out” any players this month. Currently, there are 3 applications pending for Playing Membership.

Currently, we are 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 were a lot of holidays that caused a dip in the amount of players on weekday evenings, but it is on the rise a little.

Our first Friday night tournament of the year is planned for February 22, 2008, hosted by Bonnie and Gary Brockman. There were no Friday dates available for January. Again, 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.

I would like to reiterate an earlier message, and hope all members will abide by them, even if they feel they do not have to because no one else does. We seem to have forgotten, and become lax about guest(s) playing at our club. Please remember that you are responsible for the guest(s) that you sign in. Since you are responsible for your guest(s), you **MUST** be there. Do not sign any guest(s) 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(s) to sign them in because they say they know a member, do not sign that person(s) in! A guest, in my context, is implied to be 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 same guest may play only twice a month, and a member can only sign in three guests at one event.

Rummage Sale Update

The Rummage Sale is March 15th!

Need workday credits ?

**Workdays are available March 12-15,
sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.**

This is the largest Junior fund raiser of the year.

We need your stuff!

**Furniture, Sporting Goods, Clothes,
Household Items, Tools, Appliances, etc.**

ANY QUESTIONS, CALL: DONNA GIBBS 310-374-0873

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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
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