



Shuttlecock

March 2008

Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Presidentially Speaking...

I hope everyone is enjoying the club. Generally, this is a quieter time around the club, but this can be a great time to use the facilities. It might be a bit cold outside on most days for swimming (even though the pool is heated to nice 80 degrees), but it's still a great place for having a BBQ or working on a craft with the kids. Of course the badminton courts are always there and available, except during schedules play times.

We're quickly moving into our fun club event season. March is the time for our Rummage Sale and White Elephant Sale/ Wine Tasting. Every year, we attend these events and have a blast. You can't help but have a fun time. There are always some great buys and the wine tasting certainly makes the bidding more fun. We also get a tremendous amount of club support and volunteers for these events. These events are open to friends and family. Both of these events

help to support the Junior Badminton Program.

In May, there is going to be a new party event. I'd tell you all about it but it's a MYSTERY, REALLY! It's a night of great food and entertainment and seating will be limited. There will be more announcements coming.

The year is flying by. There are only a few more months for meeting your annual workday obligations. If you're still looking for something to do around the club, please feel free to contact any member of the board or volunteer for one of the parties, Saturday workdays, whatever. We can always use your help.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for keeping current with your club monthly dues. It really helps the club to operate efficiently.

Hope to see you around the club.

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Membership News

Stephani Armstrong

Membership Status:

Associate Members:	82
Intermediate Associate Members:	34
Regular Members:	238
Provisional Members:	22
Legacy Members:	1
Instructor Members:	6
Playing Members:	37
Honorary Members:	14
Junior Playing Members:	35

New Members

John & Christine Alexiades

New Applications

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Co-Sponsor</u>
Bergin, Timothy & Kate	Sussman	Lucenti
Hanna, Tony & Debbie	McKeegan	Banchik
Ballantyne, Ken & Sinan	Alfandary	Bundy
Mallory, Evette & Tim	Revell	Lucenti
Harbeck, Gene & Aileen	Hoying	Armstrong

Resignations

Roger Davidheiser & Janice Kroll, Hillel & Jenny Cohn.

Ed Muldoon & Amy Sinclair

Please remember that you only have a few months left to get your workday obligations completed for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. I'll update the schedule again next month.

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Winter is almost over and spring right around the corner....where did the time go? I hope you are enjoying our nice weather and clean air that remains after the recent rains. The MBBC financial health is continuing to improve. Our bank account balances are climbing back to their pre-court floor replacement levels.

Soon we will be replacing the parking lot. It will be wonderful to have a modern parking lot that is flat and clean, with a better organized space for the trash cans. This will hopefully be the big maintenance expense for 2008. We intend to have the parking lot remodeling work completed before the May General meeting so we have a better place for all of you to park.

Utilities remain a major expense for the MBBC. The MBBC board is looking at a few ideas to hold down expenses, including better choices for lighting to save electricity. Please continue to pay your dues on time and support the workdays. Call or e-mail me with any suggestions that might improve the financial status of the MBBC.

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- 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. May 3 Murder Mystery Dinner: 7-10:30pm*
- 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*



Don't forget to bring your unwanted 'treasures' for the MBBC Silent Auction / Rummage Sale and sign up to help. These events will be held March 14th and 15th. It's always so much fun shopping at these because you never know what you'll find! The juniors will also have baked goods for sale the morning of the rummage sale as an extra incentive to get you there. **DON'T MISS THESE!**

The juniors send thanks to Paula Fiore for organizing their 2007 MBBC Junior National Team photo. Look for that one on the wall soon.

Upcoming junior events:

Fri April 11 thru Sun Apr 13
OCBC will be hosting the annual USBDF tournament. This is a major regional tournament and should be quite fun. If you plan to enter, be sure to get your entry in. The entry deadline is Mar 12th.

Junior Badminton

Patti Neumann

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Sat Apr 12 thru Mon Apr 14th

The Jr International Team Trials tournament (JITT) will be held in combination with the USBDF at OCBC. The special tournament will decide who will represent the U.S. at the Pan Am Jr Championships (July 18-20 in Guatemala) and the BWF World Jrs (date & location TBD). A few of our MBBC juniors will be trying for these coveted spots. We'll all be pulling for their success.

June 27th – July 2nd:

The U.S. Jr Nationals will be held in Marblehead, Mass. Maybe the new Jet Blue service out of LAX will enable us to get great prices on the airfare....Please let me know if you have a junior interested in going.

July 29th – August 4th:

The MBBC Jr Intl! Mark your calendars. We'll need lots of umpires & kitchen help. Remember you can earn workday credits for housing players too. We could use help now in recruiting restaurant and business sponsors. If you can help, give me a call.

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, but we have had four inquires about Playing Membership. Currently, there are three applications pending for Playing Membership.

Currently, we are averaging 11.5 players a night, with a mix of Associate, Honorary, Intermediate Associate, Instructor, Playing, Regular, Junior Members and Visitors. There were a lot of holidays that caused a dip in the amount of players on weekday evenings, but it is on the rise.

Our first Friday night tournament of the year is planned for February 22, 2008, hosted by Bonnie and Gary Brockman. We have also planned a March 28 tournament sponsored by Sandeep Gupta. 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 am in the process of the once a year reviewing of all the playing members per our By Laws. I have asked for, but have so

far received only 15 of 37 re-applications forms for review. The dead line for the re-application form review is Feb. 15. If you are a playing member and have not done so yet, please be sure to send in the form ASAP so I can present it to the Board of Directors for approval.

We have placed our Friday Night Tournament yearly Champions above the bulletin board on the courts, please stop by and admire the plaque and champions.

If you are signing in a quest player, please be sure to have them print their name and then sign their name. There have been a lot of printed names with no signatures. Again, a same guest may play only twice a month, and a member can only sign in three guests at one event. The guest fee for playing badminton during the weekdays, and all day on Saturday, is \$5. For evening play after 8pm and all day Sundays, the guest fee is \$10.

I hate to be a stickler, but, please remember that if you break a rule and there is no perceived consequence, and you and others break rules, then we have no rules. It is up to you to acknowledge and abide by the current rules. We are trying to be consistent to all.

Around the House

Mike Revell

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If anyone has any knowledge of the workings of the Club's heating system I would love to talk to you.

The pilot lights but when you crank the heat up on the thermostat nothing happens. There seems to be a timer associated with the unit and I am not sure if it has any bearing on the system not heating.

Remember there are only three workdays left in this year—the next one is March 8th.

New Construction

Peter Steinbronner

With the election in full swing....it reminds me of what Ben Franklin once said:

"Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote."

Waiting for spring....dry weather... and a new parking lot!

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Entertainment

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Greetings MBBC Members!

I hope all of you have marked your calendars for the rummage sale and Wine Tasting/ Silent Auction. These are both very fun events and a good opportunity for our newest members to get a taste of one of our successful events! Kudos to Donna Gibbs and Karren Davis for their flawless management and hours of effort.

Don't forget our newest event, A Mystery Dinner on Saturday, May 3rd. The evening begins at 7pm with cocktails and appetizers w/seated dinner and entertainment to follow. Don't miss this one! I am very excited about this event but can't reveal too many secrets. This is an adult member evening of great fun and your non member friends/family and neighbors are invited to attend as well! Watch the shuttlecock, the website and the snail mail for more information.

Last but not least, please contact me if interested in working the May meeting social hour/dinner. This is a great way to get some credits in before the end of the year. Enjoy!



Join us for "An Evening to Die For"

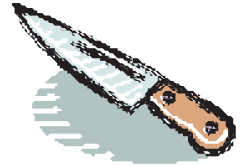
A MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Sat., May 3 7-10:30pm

At the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Reserve a table of 10 for \$450, or Individual RSVP's @\$50

Entertainment by Professional Murder Mystery Acting Company
Cocktails, Full Dinner, Dessert PRIZES



RSVP - ASAP

Space is limited. This will sell out!!

Reservations must be paid in full to hold your table.

Mail checks, payable to MBBC to: Debby and Bruce Webb 457 33rd Street, MB 90266

Questions? Call Amy Teitelbaum 310-545-5920 or Debby Webb 310-545-1937

Download the reservation form @ www.MBBadmintonclub.com



Secretary's Report

Annie McQuitty

Happy Spring!

There are many things coming up this spring to look forward to at the club!

Please put the Annual Meeting on your calendar - May 18th!

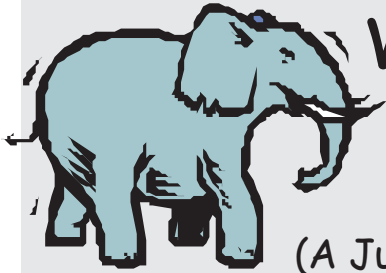
Remember that when you attend a meeting or a workday, your personal signature on the sign-in sheet is your proof of attendance. Even if you are working the event, your signature

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must be on the sign-in sheet - and is your attendance verification for meeting attendance credit. Your next opportunity to sign-in is Sunday, May 18th!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at my favorite club event of the year - the Wine Tasting/White Elephant Auction on March 14th. We have so many new members at the club - this is a fun evening you won't want to miss!

Please Join Us for the Annual
Manhattan Beach Badminton Club



Wine Tasting Party White Elephant Silent Auction

(A Junior Program Fund Raising Event)

Please invite your non-member friends to this fun-filled event
Friday, March 14 — 7 pm

Delicious appetizers and soft drinks provided

Rummage Pre-Sale

Admission: \$10 per couple & a bottle of fine wine, or
\$5 for one person & a bottle of fine wine

Optional Wine Contest

Prizes given for best wines

Reservations Call:
Karren Davis 310-374-7217



Join the Fun

Please remember to park west of the club