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Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Presidentially Speaking...

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The Club just held the annual Wine Tasting and Rummage Sale. These events continue to be successful, year after year. I was thinking about these events and was wondering why these events always seem to generate so much enthusiasm. A couple of things became very clear. First of all, we've got some great chairpersons organizing and running the events. Thanks to Karren Davis and Donna Gibbs. They also receive a tremendous amount of support from the membership. There never seems to be a shortage of members willing to volunteer and help set-up the events. It seems like the entire club knows about the Wine Tasting and the Rummage Sale and they participate.

The Friday night wine tasting brought out a good number of members and their friends. For a nominal fee, you could sample wines from around the world, bid on some treasures and nibble on some hors d'oeuvres. The garage sale has all types of items for sale at give away prices. Books, clothes, toys, electronics, and sporting goods can all be found in the rows of things for sale. There are even some delicious home baked goods, a perfect way to start your Saturday morning.

I mention all of this because the club is always looking for fun and entertaining events to bring the members together. Coming up in May, there will be a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre. For a reasonable fee, you can participate in a professionally produced murder mystery. We've got great chairpersons coordinating this event; we've got volunteers working on the club to ready for the fun. All we need are the members to check their calendars, make a reservation and plan on having a great meal with tons of fun. Seating will be limited and I know you'll have a great time.

The club year is also coming to an end. That means workdays need to be completed. There are always things that need to be done around the club and Mike Revell, the House Chair, can always use some extra hands on the remaining Saturday workdays. Don't get caught short on the workdays. They're everyone's responsibility and there is still time to get those credits completed.

The best part about MBBC is the members. Hope to see you around the club and at the fun events being planned.



Membership News

Stephani Armstrong

Membership Status:

Associate Members:	82
Intermediate Associate Members:	34
Regular Members:	250
Provisional Members:	22
Legacy Members:	1
Instructor Members	6
Playing Members:	36
Honorary Members:	14
Junior Playing Members:	35

New Members

Michael & Jamie Hopkins	John & Paula Parker
Sam & Jill Real	Bruce & Vanessa Franklin
Ronald & Audrey Estes	

New Applications

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Co-Sponsor</u>
Neil & Jennifer McTernan	Costopolis	Armstrong
Loralie Ogden & Dexter Taylor	Lyons	Snively
Kevin & Nancy Murray	Steinbroner	Buetel

Resignations

none

We would like to welcome two new members to the club: Ray Duerr, Donna Gibbs' husband, and Brian Heffernan, Gabriela Sanchez' husband.

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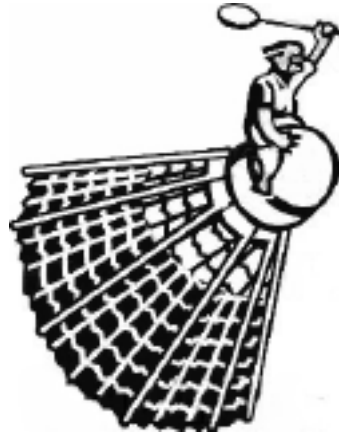
Can you believe that Spring is almost here, and school will be out in a couple of months? It seems like we need to slow down the clock and not allow even one more day to go by without taking time to enjoy our families and friends, maybe by playing badminton together or at one of the parties at the MBBC.

Speaking of time going by quickly, the May general meeting will be here soon. I intend to present an update of the financial information I presented in November. Please contact me if you would have ideas for additional information that would be of general interest. I am always trying to strike a balance between giving you information about the financial health of your MBBC, but not talking for too long. Thank you for continuing to support the workdays and paying your dues on time.

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- Tue. Apr. 1 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm*
- Sat. Apr. 12 Club Workday: 8am-12pm*
- Apr. 13-18 POOL CLOSED**
- 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*



Adult *Badminton*

Bill Otoide

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I am again happy to report that the Adult Badminton group is still humming along. We currently have 36 Playing Members, and have had two resignation this past year. We have not “tried out” any players this month, but we have had 1 inquire about Playing Membership. Currently, there are three applications pending for Playing Membership.

We are currently averaging 12.3 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 is a rise in the amount of players on weekday evenings.

Our first Friday night tournament of the year was a great success, it was hosted by Bonnie and Gary Brockman. Out next

Friday night tournament is planned for March 28, sponsored by Sandeep Gupta. 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 28 of 36 re-applications forms for review. The dead line for the re-application form review was 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. I need the response from Ronnie Chen, Zhou Chen, Mathew Fogarty, Richard Lira, Matthew Mao, Firoze Musthafa, Alexander Shar, and Stephen Tan.

Sue Dommeyer Plays Flawless Mixed on Way to Gold at U.S. Senior National Badminton Championships

by Curt Dommeyer

Sue and I just returned from our trip to Shreveport, LA to compete in the U.S. Senior National Badminton Championships. Although the draw was small, most of those missing were from the younger (below 50) age groups. We surmised that the tournament got a low turnout due to the expense of getting there (no direct flights), its lack of attractions (its biggest claim to fame are the casinos, which fleece all who will come to donate their \$), and poor playing facilities. On the other hand, it does have the Southern charm and Cajun cooking.

Sue and I each entered four events. Sue saw nothing but gold, winning the 55+ Women's Singles, the 55+ and 50+ Women's Doubles, and 55+ Mixed Doubles. Not wanting to let Sue outperform me, I won all of my events as well, winning the 55+ and 60+ Men's Doubles along with the 55+ and 60+ Mixed Doubles. My most rewarding victory was winning the 55+ Mixed Doubles with Sue. We had been practicing all year, trying to work out the weaknesses in our game. Our opponents were strong and had our attention. (Our male opponent was my men's doubles partner, while the female was one who I had won many tournaments with in the past.) We and they both dominated all other teams on our way to the final. Once we got to the final, Sue put on her tournament toughness and played a flawless game. We trounced them, 21-15, 21-11. This was a rewarding victory for both of us.

Another exciting match for me to play (and for Sue to watch) was the 55+ Men's Doubles. My L.A. partner and I were playing an unbalanced team. One guy was probably better than either of us, while the other was below our ability. In a case like that, we try to work on the weaker player, but it's not always easy to get to him, especially if the stronger player knows how to protect him. We lost the first game, 23-21, and then won the second, 21-19. In the deciding third game, they had match point on us. As we were in an extended and long winded rally, my partner hit a weak, straight smash that they dumped crosscourt on my side of the net. Normally it would be a shot I might not even attempt to hit, but, given the critical nature of the point, I dove for it (something I rarely do). Our opponents didn't think I would touch the shuttle and "dropped their guard." I managed to reach the shuttle just about a foot above the floor and hit a crisp, crosscourt deep net shot that was muffed up by the opposing net man. It was a crowd pleaser. We then fought back and forth for the final game. My partner (Bob Cook) and I eventually won it, 29-27, about as close a game as you can get. (30-29 is as high as the score will go with the new scoring system.)

Our next stop is Calgary, Canada where the Canadian Masters will be played in late April. This will be our real test for the season, as the Canadians host tournaments that have a lot of depth and quality. Luckily, we're not too torn up from our Shreveport Tournament and should be able to get on our training track for Calgary.

Ed. Note: Both Curt & Sue Dommeyer are MBBC instructor members

Around the House

Mike Revell

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Thank you all who attended the March 8th work day. We got a lot accomplished, cleaning, painting and installing paper towel dispensers and a new bench in the Men's Locker room.

The next work day is April 12th from 8:00am to 12:00pm; hopefully we will have a large turnout on this date.

Remember the last workday for this year will be May 17th and only the first 20 members attending will be able to participate on that day.

Please note that the Pool area will be closed from Sunday, April 13th through Friday, April 18th. The pool will be drained and cleaned.

Entertainment

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Thank you to Donna Gibbs and Karren Davis for their fabulous work once again! I know everyone had a great time and went home with some great items!

Please remember to rsvp for the MYSTERY DINNER, May 3rd. It will be tons of fun and will sell out, so reserve a table for you and your friends OR make your reservation for a great "DATE NIGHT" with your significant other....Also, still needing volunteers for this event AND the May meeting. Please contact me OR Sean Banchik, if you need workday credits. Remember, the May meeting is May 18th, starts at 3pm with social hour, meeting at 4pm, and dinner for the membership, poolside, immediately following the meeting. We need volunteers to work both social hour and the dinner hour.

Another new event needs a chairperson, our June NEW MEMBERS' SOCIAL—a great way to welcome the newest members to our club, meet the board and hang by the pool! Last year we did an ice cream social that was loved by kids and adults alike. New members this year, watch for the date on the calendar for June.

See you soon!

Junior Guard Workouts

with Bob Scott 310-545-4489
5 -6 pm M-Th \$8 per session
Starting 4/21/08 4-6 weeks



Wine Tasting / White Elephant Silent Auction Wrap-up

The March 14th Wine Tasting/White Elephant Silent Auction party had 157 people attending, and raised \$2,900 for our Junior Badminton Program. Thanks to all of you who attended this special evening.

This is the 12th year that this annual Fund Raiser has had an entire “party committee” to make this event a true social occasion. Not only are the committee members a fantastic and creative group of people to work with, they are definitely the best appetizer-makers in town! Thanks to the Alfandarys, Brunner/Williamson, R.Davidheiser, Doyles, Durands, Farnhams, D. Grant, P. Haught, Hoyings, S. Iskander, Maynards, A. McKeagan, Medicus/Todd, Merkin/Merritt, K. Parks, A. Peper, Perkins/Murphy, Reillys, Richards, Hall/Rollins, Senas, J. Stone, Teilelbaums, and Whitakers for making this party such a pleasure to plan, implement, and enjoy. Again this year, resigned member Dorit Bollinger still brought her famous and sought-after deviled eggs!

John Conway, Ray Olsen and Mike Johnson again hosted the wine tasting portion of our party by opening, advising, recommending,

and judging the wines. We were honored this year by the presence of our Wine Master Emeritus Orris Cowgill! Phil Alfandary and Harry Andreas were the winners of this year’s optional wine contest. Our winners received gift certificates to THE BIG WOK donated by Pendar and Betty Hsu. None of our “wine masters” need work day credits, and are deeply grateful for their continued enthusiasm and support.

In addition to the incredible quality and number of donations received, former member Ruby Peabody donated SIX of her original oil paintings for the auction! We really appreciate all of you who saved those special items to donate to the silent auction.

A special thank you goes to Donna Gibbs and her rummage sale committee members who recognize and set aside those treasures for the silent auction . We had over 320 items in the auction.

Thank you for attending, for donating items to the rummage sale, and for purchasing the White Elephants.



Karren Davis, Silent Auction/Wine Tasting Chair

Rummage Sale Update

THE RUMMAGE SALE IS OVER — AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!!

I can only give you an approximate guess on the profits, but we are close to \$2,000. (This doesn't include the Silent Auction Party.) I want to thank all of you for your generous contributions. Without those treasures, there wouldn't be a Rummage Sale or a White Elephant – Silent Auction.

A special thanks to everyone who served on the committee and those who came out to help prepare for both events. I feel fortunate to be able to chair the Rummage Sale. Each year I have the privilege of working with a great number of wonderful members, both on my committee and those coming to help throughout the week. I look forward to this event each year. Thanks to all of you for making it happen.

A special thanks should be given to Karren Davis for chairing the White Elephant Silent Auction Wine Tasting Party each year. What a trooper. She has made the Party a huge success with the help of her committee. Thanks to all.

Donna Gibbs, Rummage Sale Chair



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

This will sell out!!

Space is limited. No reservations without payment!

Must be paid in full to hold your table.

Mail checks, made payable to MBBC to

Debby and Bruce Webb
457 33rd Street, MB 90266

Any questions? Call

Amy Teitelbaum 310-545-5920

Debby Webb 310-545-1937



...and don't forget to park west of the club.

Cut here and mail with payment _____

MBBC - Murder Mystery - Saturday, May 3, 2008 - begins promptly at 7pm

Contact Name M/M _____ Reserving Table for 10 _____ OR Reserving # _____ Seats

Contact Phone # _____ Check Amount \$ _____ Check # _____

Email address _____ Guest Names M/M _____

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