



Shuttlecock

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Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Presidentially Speaking...

Can you feel it in the air? Summer is almost here. The weather has been gloriously warm; the days are longer... you gotta love it.

With summer like weather, that means the club is going to begin to be uses a lot more. Of course we'll have our regular badminton players playing everyday, but now the pool is going to be used, the BBQ's will be fired up, and I'm sure we'll see our fair share of parties being booked. With all of this going on, I'm asking everyone to please remember the club rules. If you want to plan a party, contact the club's Housechair. If you're inviting or bringing guests to the club, please sign them in. This is important for liability reasons, it's also part of the club's rules and regulations. Please be careful around the pool and BBQ areas. Keep an eye on your kids. Have fun and enjoy the facilities.

Bob Steinberg

Also, coming up in May will be our semi-annual meeting. While attending the semi-annual meetings are part of your membership obligations, they are a great way for you to find out about what the club is planning and to participate in your club. We always have appetizers and refreshments prior to the meeting and dinner will be served to the membership following the meeting. Please remember that this is for the membership only and please, no kids allowed.

The year has been flying by and I hope that everyone is current with your workday credits. The club's year officially ends May 31st. All your annual workday credits will need to be completed by then.

See you around the club.

President@MBBadmintonClub.com



Membership News

Stephani Armstrong

Membership Status:

Associate Members:	82
Intermediate Associate Members:	34
Regular Members:	248
Provisional Members:	22
Legacy Members:	1
Instructor Members:	6
Playing Members:	36
Honorary Members:	14
Junior Playing Members:	35

New Applications

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Co-</u>
Luis & Kimberly Petroni	McCaverty	Mondello
Scott & Dian Arnold	Hindle	McCarroll
Barb & Bob Long	Coppedge	Jones
Paul & Maureen Cunniff	Davis	Dixon

Resignations

Lisa Safarik & Tom Hutchinson

Remember, you only have until the end of May to complete your workdays. See you at the general meeting.

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IN PASSING

One of Badminton's greatest players passed away recently...Joe Alston graced the cover of Sports Illustrated, March 7, 1955...the only Badminton player ever to appear on the cover of SI.

In 1956, Joe won the All-England Doubles (World's Championships) with a pick up player, the only time that has ever happened. Joe won numerous US Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles titles. His career as an FBI agent sometimes interfered with his Badminton playing. Joe and his wife Lois, who was also a top-ranked player, were members of MBBC before they founded the Pasadena Badminton Club, and when he retired, they moved to the San Diego area.

His sons, Nick and Tony were top junior players. Tony has been a MBBC instructor member for many years and followed in his father's footsteps, becoming an FBI agent. Joe was a quiet and reserved man but when he stepped on the court, transformed into a fierce competitor with a wide selection of shots that he could use with pinpoint accuracy. As a member of Badminton's Hall of Fame, Joe ranks at the top of the list.

Thanks again for everyone who helped with the MBBC Silent Auction/Rummage Sale. They were a big success and raised close to \$5000 for our juniors. That will certainly help get our team to this year's Junior Nationals in Marblehead, Massachusetts. We'll be sending a strong team and hope to bring back a nice trove of medals.

Congratulations to the eleven MBBC juniors who competed in this year's USBDF and Jr International Team Trials (JITT) April 11 -14th at OCBC! The USBDF was a little smaller than usual but still a very strong tournament. We sent a lot of young players who demonstrated their growing ability by advancing to the Finals. The JITT was a grueling competition pitting the best players in the country against each other for the chance to represent the U.S. at the Pan Am Junior & World Junior competitions. It was a deep tournament where even a seventh or eighth place finish took strength! Shawn Whong competed in the U15 JITT for the chance to play in the Pan Am Individual Competitions. Isabel, Beckie, & Susana competed in the U19 JITT for spots on the U.S. team. Here are our results:

Brad Kong: 2nd in U9 BD w/Russell,
3rd in U9 BS
Russell Kong: 2nd in U9 BS, 2nd in U9 BD w/Brad
Carter Revell: 2nd in U9 GD w/Stephanie Yu
Sutton Revell: 2nd in U11 GD w/Shirleen;
Cons finalist in U11 XD w/Jacob
Shirleen Chen: 2nd in U11GD w/Sutton Revell,
Cons winner in both U11 GS &
U11 MX w/Jeffrey Susanto
Jacob Verket: 3rd in U11 BD w/Kevin Chun,
4th in U11 BS, Cons Finalist in
U11 XD w/ Sutton
Shawn Whong: 3rd in JITT U15 BD w/Kenneth Hui,
Sherman Chen: 4th in U15 BD w/Melchi Viado
Isabel Zhong: 4th in JITT U19 GD w/ Catherine
Chiu, 6th in JITT U19 GS,
7th in JITT U19 XD w/Zenas Lam
Beckie Neumann: 2nd in JITT U19 GD w/
Susana,
3rd in JITT U19 GS,
5th in JITT XD w/ Eric Kuo
Susana Zhong: 2nd in JITT U19 GD w/Beckie,
2nd in U22 GD w/ Cecilia Wong

World Junior and Pan Am Junior Team Selection

The U.S. Jr International Teams have not yet been announced, but with the fourth-highest point total among the girls at the JITT, Beckie should qualify for this year's World Junior Team and be first alternate for the smaller Pan Am Junior Team.

Susana should be right behind her as first alternate for the World Juniors and second alternate for the Pan Am Juniors. Both Beckie & Susana qualified for the Pan Am U19 GD Individual Competition and will have the opportunity to represent the United States in that event this July in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!

Upcoming Junior Events:

- May 10th: CIF High School Individuals Championships at OCBC
- June 27 th – July 2nd: U.S. Junior Nationals in Marblehead, MA
- July 29th – August 4th: MBBC Junior International - Mark your calendars!

We are looking for help for the MBBC Junior International. We especially need a Housing Chair! This is a fun and rewarding job that carries three workday credits. Please contact Roy Skinner or me for more details. We have guidelines to get you started and can offer help. Look for sign-ups for other MBBC Junior International jobs at the May Semi-Annual Meeting.



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 one inquire 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, Junior and Regular Members, plus visitors.

Our second Friday night tournament of the year was a great success, it was hosted by Sandeep Gupta. Surviving the grueling match play was Joy Kitzmiller and Ben Liang. Our next Friday night tournament is planned for April 25, 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. If you would like to sponsor a Friday Night Tournament, please contact the Adult Badminton Chair

Around the House

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Due to unforeseeable circumstances last month, we had to change the date of the pool closing for maintenance. The chemical levels took a turn for the worse and our pool service tech recommended the date be accelerated.

Thank you to everyone who showed up at the April 12th workday. We had a great turnout (almost 20 members) and got a lot accomplished. If you are in need of workday credits for 2007-08, the final Saturday workday will be May 17th from 8 – 12 pm. Remember, as this is the final workday, only the first 20 members who sign-in will be allowed to work this day and receive credit.

Who ever is turning the water off at the main valve at the north east corner of the pool, please cease and/or call me to let me know why you are doing this.

Entertainment

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Thanks to all of you who helped Amy Teitelbaum and Debby Webb pull off a fabulous "mystery dinner"! We actually had some new faces (some of our newest members) on the committee and a good time was had by all!

Speaking of our New Members, that is everyone that has been brought into the club during the clubs calendar year, June 2007 thru May/June 2008, we will be honoring you with a "New Members Social" on Sunday, June 8th, from 3pm to 5pm. Please join the board for some food, drink and family fun by the pool!

Speaking of pool....the Kids Movie by the Pool is set for June 14th....watch the club calendar and website for more info!!!!

Thanks again for all of you who step up to the plate and fulfill your workday credits! Please contact me with any questions, concerns or great ideas for gathering!!!

Secretary's Report

Annie McQuitty

Spring is here and that means it's time for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 18th.

Don't forget that our by-laws require that you must attend this May meeting if you "proxied" the November Semi-Annual meeting. If you can't remember if you attended, please call me at (310) 802-1414.

We need a few volunteers. If you wish to help with preparing the mailing of the proxies and agendas, making meeting reminder calls, or to work at the meeting (set up, sign in tables, and clean up) call me. These are terrific

(and easy) ways to fulfill your work day obligations.

There was a bit of confusion last November about who attended the meeting and who did not. When you attend the annual meeting (even if you are there to work) you MUST sign-in. The sign-in sheets and the signed proxy forms are the only record of your attendance. We want to give everyone credit for their attendance! Sign-in.

Thank you for your help this year. I look forward to seeing everyone May 18th!

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Semiannual Meeting Reminder

Sunday, May 18th

Social Hour: 3 pm
Meeting: 4 pm

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<i>Tue. May 6</i>	<i>MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm</i>
<i>Sat. May 17</i>	<i>Club Workday: 8am-12pm</i>
<i>Sun. May 18</i>	<i>Semiannual Meeting: 3pm Social / 4pm Mtg</i>
<i>Tue. June 3</i>	<i>MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm</i>
<i>Sun. June 8</i>	<i>MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm</i>
<i>Sat. June 14</i>	<i>Kids Movie by the Pool: 6:30- 9:30pm</i>

Calendar