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Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Presidentially Speaking...

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Bob Steinberg

Another club year is coming to an end. I would like to thank all my fellow board members for doing such an outstanding job. It's not always easy, it takes dedication and time to volunteer, and everyone's participation and support is sincerely appreciated. You made this year fly by.

A new club year means that a new club board will be seated, workdays will start over, and the club will continue to be the fantastic place that it is. A quick review of last year shows that our membership has remained steady, we still have a very healthy "wait list" of families that want to join MBBC, our financial status is solid (we've built back our bank balance to the levels they were at prior to rebuilding the courts), and new projects like redoing the parking lot will be completed ASAP.

This time of year also means that summertime pool use will be as busy as ever and we've got lots of fun summertime activities planned. Already planned are our New Members Party, Dive-in-movie Nite, and our Annual Pool Party, along with the Jr. International Tournament featuring great players from around the world. With so much demand on the club's facilities it is important to remember a few of our club rules.

Plan ahead. If you want to plan a party, contact the Housechair and reserve a time and get permission. The Housechair will do their best to accommodate

your requests and help you make your party fun and safe.

Guests **MUST** be signed in. If you bring guests, and they use the pool/courts, they **MUST** be signed in. It is for their safety as well as the club's. When you don't sign your guests in, you put the club at risk.

Don't leave any alcoholic beverages behind when you leave. After the party, take all your beverages with you or dispose of them properly.

Toss your trash and clean up when you leave. Whether it's just your own family or a small party, please pick-up after yourselves when you leave. We don't have cleaning crews to do that, so it's up to everyone to leave the club clean and safe. Toss your trash in the large bin in the parking lot, please!

Don't run near or around the pool area. It gets slippery and falling is a great way to ruin your good time.

I know there is more but most importantly, **HAVE FUN!**

One final thought. To really enjoy all that is MBBC and if you want to help it continue to be the special place that it is, think about joining the board, or volunteering to committee a party or event. The work is never that difficult and the results are a club that is unique to Manhattan Beach and our community.

Thank you all and I'll see you on the courts or at the pool.



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Membership *News*

Stephani Armstrong

Membership Status:

Associate Members:	88
Intermediate Associate Members:	28
Regular Members:	250
Provisional Members:	20
Legacy Members:	1
Instructor Members	6
Playing Members:	36
Honorary Members:	14
Junior Playing Members:	35

The final workday report should be finalized by July. In the meantime, please check the current workday report on the website. If you have any questions, please contact me.

I am again happy to report that the Adult Badminton group is still humming along. We currently have 37 Playing Members, and have had two resignation this past year. We have “tried out” two players this month, and have offered one a Playing Membership. There are three Playing Membership applications pending.

Currently, we are averaging 14 players a night, with a mix of Associate members, Honorary members, Intermediate Associate members, Instructor members, Playing members, Regular members, Visitors and Junior Members.

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. 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.

I have been told I take this job too seriously. I am sorry, it will not happen again.

If you are signing in a guest 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. Be sure you sign them in before starting any play. Again, a same guest may play only twice a month, and a member can only sign in 3 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. If you feel the rules are not appropriate, instead of breaking them, please feel free to work for changing them.

I would like to thank everyone that has made this a very fruitful and pleasurable experience for me this year, especially the board, and the members of the Badminton Committee (Dean Schoppe, DeDe Davis, Gary Brockman, Joy Kitzmiller, Peter Steinbronner, and Stephani Armstrong).

Just remember, no matter what our age, when we are playing Badminton: *Gaudeamus igitur, dum iuvenes sumus.*¹

¹*Ed. note: “Let us rejoice, then, while we are young.”*

Kids' Movie by the Pool

Sat., June 14
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Bring a floating device and
watch a movie from the pool

\$8 per child (pay at the door)
Members and their guests:
9-13 yrs. (Drop Off OK)

Hot dogs, popcorn, popsicles

R.S.V.P. Janie Hindle 379-6029 (with number of children)

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| <i>Tue. June 3</i> | <i>MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm</i> |
| <i>Sat. June 7</i> | <i>Club Workday: 8am-12pm</i> |
| <i>Sun. June 8</i> | <i>New Member's Social</i> |
| <i>Sat. June 14</i> | <i>Kids' Movie by the Pool: 6:30- 9:30pm</i> |
| <i>Tue. July 1</i> | <i>MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm</i> |
| <i>July</i> | <i>Family Pool Party: Please check the website</i> |
| <i>Sat. July 12</i> | <i>Club Workday: 8am-12pm</i> |
| <i>July 29 - Aug 4</i> | <i>Junior International Championships</i> |

Calendar