



Shuttlecock

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Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Presidentially Speaking...

Stephani Armstrong

With the rising cost of energy, we are looking into making the club more “green.” We met with Lisa Coppedge, who gave us some great ideas and have taken steps to implement a few of them. And for both green and cost-saving reasons, we are also working on ideas to make the Club less paper intensive, such as sending the Shuttlecock by E-Mail. Early indications are that we could save as much as \$1300 a year by getting away from snail mail. I'll keep you posted as these ideas progress.

With that in mind, please make sure we have your current email address. We would like the ability to send emails to our members of upcoming events, such as the Octoberfest party on Saturday, October 18 and the 2009 Senior Nationals in March.

We would also like to update some of the pictures in our roster. If you have any photos you would like to share with us, please send them to anyone on the Board and we will make sure they get to the right people.

President@MBBadmintonClub.com



Membership *News*

Peter Steinbronner

With politics on the minds of everyone (remember to vote...early and often)...people go to Washington believing it is the center of power but it is only much later that they learn that Washington is a steering wheel that's not connected to the engine! Or as H.L. Mencken described it...Democracy is the art and science of running the circus from the monkey cage.

Now that I have your attention....here is the Vice President's Report:

Membership Status:

Associate Members:	92
Intermediate Associate Members:	38
Regular Members:	250
Provisional Members:	8
Legacy Members:	1
Instructor Members	6
Playing Members:	36
Honorary Members:	14
Junior Playing Members:	35

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I would like to inform all members as to the proper way to request a reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the Club or requesting a check for payment to a vendor.

Reimbursement: You must use an "Expense Reimbursement" form and include the original invoices/receipts; include a description of the purchase and what event or reason for the purchase or rental on the form. Make sure your current address is on the form.

Invoices/receipts must be taped to an 8 _ x 11 inch piece of paper and stapled to reimbursement form. (Please try to recycle...instead of throwing away junk mail, you could use it as the paper you tape your receipts on.)

The form must be approved by the Chairman of the event or task for which the expense was incurred.

After the Chairman has approved, you or the Chairman should submit the form and invoices/receipts, to me in an envelope and place them in my mail box at: 628 19th Street (around the corner from the Club.

Check Request: You must use a "Check Request" form and include the original invoice or proposal.

If the check is paying for services or rental from a company or individual, a "W-9" form must be completed by the vendor and included with the check request.

The form must be approved by the Chairman of the event or task for which the expense was incurred.

After the Chairman has approved, you or the Chairman should submit the form and invoices/proposal, to me in an envelope and place them in my mail box at: 628 19th Street (around the corner from the Club.

All of the forms mentioned above can be found on the Club's website at mbbadmintonclub.com.

Thank you in advance for following these procedures.

M.B. OLD HOMETOWN FAIR

October 4-5

Remember to look for our MBBC Booths at the MANHATTAN BEACH OLD HOMETOWN FAIR. We will again be running both a Chinese Food booth and a Lemon Iced-Tea one. Please come support our junior program and enjoy some great food and drink! If you want something a little stronger to imbibe, stop by the Beer Garden on Saturday to support the Mira Costa Badminton Boosters. The MCHS team is comprised mostly of MBBC juniors. The funds raised at the Fair will be used to help support their training & team efforts. Many thanks to all those who are working the booths this year! I don't know what we'd do without you! Seriously I don't!

PAN AM JR WRAP-UP

For those who haven't heard, MBBC sent three of our juniors to represent the U.S. at the Pan Am Junior Championship in Guatemala this past summer. Beckie Neumann went as part of the U.S. U19 team and Susana and Isabel Zhong travelled down for the individual events that followed.

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Beckie, Susana and Isabel were selected to represent the U.S. as a result of their strong performance in last year's Jr International Team Trials. The girls were joined in Guatemala by Joy Kitzmiller, who selflessly took time off work to serve as coach for both the team and individual events. (Thank you Joy!) It was a great experience for all of them. Eleven countries participated in the team competition. I'm happy to report that Beckie won all the matches that she played for the U.S. team J although in the end our team was edged out of gold by Peru in an amazingly close semi-final match-up. It was unfortunate that the draw had the winners of the two strongest of three pools facing each other in the semis. Peru went on to take the gold and we came home with 3rd place behind the Mexican team we had soundly defeated in pool play. Oh well. We'll get them next time! The U.S. did very well in the individual competitions too and came home with quite a few medals. Beckie & Susana captured the silver in U19 Girls Doubles and Isabel won the bronze

in U17 Girls Doubles playing with Catherine Chiu from OCBC. Beckie got to stay an extra week and participate in the Pan Am Jr Academy-- a training camp for selected participants nominated by their countries. The girls are very grateful for the sponsorship that MBBC provided. This was a very enriching experience and an opportunity that will be long remembered.



UPCOMING JR TOURNAMENTS:

***New England Jr Open:
Nov 15-16 in Marblehead, MA***

(Entry & details available at:
www.usjrbadminton.com)

***USBDF Winter Jr International:
Dec 19-21 at OCBC***

(Entry & details available at:
www.usjrbadminton.com)

***2009 U.S. Jr Int'l Team Trials:
scheduled for President's Day
weekend this Feb***

(Details & location are still TBD)

Adult *Badminton*

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At the time this article was written, we had not yet had our Friday King of the Court Tournament on September 26th, but I am sure it was great! Thanks to Chris Costley and Joy Kitzmiller for hosting that tournament.

We will be having an adult badminton tournament open to all on the first Friday of November, November 7th. Look for sign ups on the club bulletin board or alternately, e-mail me to sign up.

See you on the courts!

Bob Lauson

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In addition to Peter Steinbroner completing the re-paving of the parking lot, we have several other projects in mind for this year and in the planning stages for the future as funds become available.

Immediately we are going to have the fire alarm system checked which apparently hasn't been done in a while. Following Tim Russert's death this summer I also wondered if the club should have a defibrillator. Although we are only minutes from the fire station, we have many members, some older, engaged in physical activity and these devices are supposed to save lives and have become less expensive and easy to operate.

Another near term project is replacement of the court lights with more energy efficient fixtures which will also better light the courts.

Longer term we are considering ideas to improve the look of the "lobby" area of the club and the north entry and north wall.

If you have any opinions regarding the above, or any suggestions of any kind as to how we can improve our facilities or other special projects that would benefit the club, please let us know.

MBBC MEMBERS AND GUESTS are invited to OCTOBERFEST, Saturday, October 18th, 6:30 pm in the Club Lounge! Live Entertainment/Dinner/Dancing/OFF COURSE BEER and Fun! Please check the website and shuttlecock for more details AND/OR just rsvp to me and mail your check made out to:

MBBC, C/O Tammy Lipps, 628 35th St., MB, CA 90266

Brush up on your "chicken dance and polka steps", dust off your lederhosen and join the fun!

Please make your reservations asap, this will fill up fast!

IF YOU NEED SOME WORKDAY CREDITS, CALL AND WE WILL PUT YOU TO WORK ON THE PARTY!

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- Sat. Oct. 4 MB Hometown Fair: 10am-6pm*
- Sun. Oct. 5 MB Hometown Fair: 10am-5pm*
- Tue. Oct. 7 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm*
- Sat. Oct. 11 Club Workday: 8am-12pm*
- Sat. Oct. 18 Octoberfest: 8:30pm*
- Tue. Nov. 4 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm*
- Sat. Nov. 8 Club Workday: 8am-12pm*

OCTOBERFEST

It's time to

"Roll out the Barrel"...



Who: MBBC Adult members and guests

When: Saturday, Oct 18, 2008 6:30 pm

Where: MBBC Lounge

Attire: Lederhosen and frivolity greatly encouraged!

Live Entertainment/Dancing/Food/Beverages

\$30 per person/Commemorative Beer Stein included

RSVP to: Tammy Lipps 310.962.4597 OR tammyli@yahoo.com

Please make check payable to: MBBC

Mail to: Tammy Lipps 628 35th St. MB, Ca 90266

******Check must be received to confirm your reservation***