



Shuttlecock

January 2009

Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Presidentially Speaking...

Stephani Armstrong

Happy New Year and welcome to the first Shuttlecock via the Internet. It should look a lot like the paper one we've been getting for years. In the next few months, we will start adding more color and graphics and well. . . let's just leave it at that. I wouldn't want to spoil any surprises.

After November's General Meeting, I was asked to create a list of the major projects that need to be done around the Club, such as the 18th Street entry. We're working on that list and should have it published by next month. In the meantime, there are a number

of not-so-major projects where we need help. For instance, the bathroom doors in the men's locker room don't close, as the metal divider is broken. Anyone care to tackle that one? Here's another one – the courts need to be repainted before the Senior Nationals in March. Any takers?

These are just a few of the projects. Steve Snively has the official list. Please contact him if you can help. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. Take care.

President@MBBadmintonClub.com



Membership News

Peter Steinbronner

The month of December welcomes a new group of provisional members as interest in the Club remains strong. The wait list is approximately 2 – 2 1/2 years. and we'll be having an orientation for prospective members in late January.

Membership Status:

Associate Members:	88
Intermediate Associate Members:	34
Regular Members:	250
Provisional Members:	12
Legacy Members:	1
Honorary Members:	14
Instructor Members:	6
Playing Members:	36
Junior Playing Members:	33

Welcome New Provisional Members:

Buddy & Beth Bohn Kia Sinay & Beau Elwell

New Applications

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Co-Sponsor</u>
Christopher & Desiree' Brown	Real	Otto
Norm & Suzi Berens	McCarroll	Estes
Craig & Andrea Fodness	Paroczai	Miller
Allan & Carrie Cook	Merritt	Merkin

The workday report for 2008-2009 is on the web and at the Club. If you have any questions, please contact the Vice President.

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Secretary's Report

Alison Edwards

Dear Friends: The roster is underway as we speak. Have changes (in address, phone, email, etc.) we don't know about? Email me.

I'd try to guess, but my superhuman talents only extend to my badminton playing (HA!) Best wishes for a great 2009!

Entertainment

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MBBC Members! Hope all enjoyed a warm and wonderful holiday season!

Welcome to January 2009 Online! This is going to be a wonderful way to communicate with the membership AND be eco-friendly! Please watch your online shuttlecock for calendar updates AND check the website regularly to catch upcoming events this year!

I will keep you posted via email when possible on opportunities to get your workdays in... working parties or making calls. Please check your email regularly.

Looking forward to a great 2009! Happy New Year!

Around the House

Steve Snively

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Hope everyone had a great holiday season.

Our next workday is Saturday February 14th. There is plenty to do getting the 'ol club ready for another great year. Kick the new year off with a workday credit and avoid the spring scramble.

If you have trouble making workdays, but have handyman capabilities, let me know. There is always a need for minor (and some not so minor) maintenance that can be done at about any time.

Please remember to let me know about ANY planned gathering at the club to insure that the facility is available and there are no conflicts!

2008 Winter USBDF Jr International

Congratulations to the fourteen MBBC juniors who played in this year's USBDF Jr International tournament: Andrew & Audrey Chen, David Copeland, Allen Hsu, Brad & Russell Kong, Edward Linden, Beckie & David Neumann, Kevin Tsao, Shawn Whong, Shelby Yokote, Eric & Lulu Yu, Isabel & Susana Zhong.

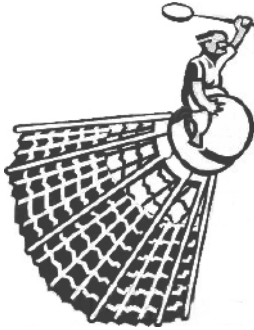
This was a HUGE tournament with 315 players. Twelve foreign countries were represented including Canada, China, Ecuador, England, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, the Philippines, Puerto Rico and Malaysia. The number of players, parents & spectators overwhelmed the OCBC facility, but the tournament organizers did their best to keep the matches flowing and handled the situation about as well as could be done. Some of the draws were so large that a Quarter Final finish put you in the top 25% or even 15% for that event!

I saw a number of phenomenal matches. Players battled to the very end-- to the verge of exhaustion and beyond. Every age group had top talent and big draws—even the Under 9's! The fourteen MBBC juniors who participated got a great opportunity to meet and play against the best. Some had the misfortune of meeting top

players in the 1st or 2nd round and got knocked out but others won their way to the Semifinals & Finals or battled their way through to the Cons Finals. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO PLAYED AND GAVE IT THEIR BEST!

MBBC Winter USBDF Jr Finalists & Semifinalists

- Edward Linden: Cons Finalist in U22 BD (w/David Neumann)
- David Neumann: Cons Winner in U22 BS
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- Susana Zhong: Semifinalist U19/U22 GD (w/Beckie Neumann)
Semifinalist in U22 MXD (w/Jack Dinh)
- Beckie Neumann: Semifinalist U19/U22 GD (w/Susana Zhong)
Semifinalist in U19 MXD (w/Eric Kuo)
- Isabel Zhong: 2nd Place U17GD (w/Tracy Chan)
Semifinalist in U17GS
- Brad Kong: 2nd place U9 BS
2nd place U9 BD (w/Russell Kong)
- Russell Kong: 2nd place U9 BD (w/Brad Kong)
Semifinalist in U9BS
Cons Winner in U9 MXD (w/Charissa Chow)
- LuLu Yu: Semifinalist in U9GD (w/Jessica Chang)



Jr International Team Trials (JIT)

This year's Jr International Team Trials will be held Feb 14-16th at the Affinity Badminton Club in San Carlos, CA. The Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles event winners will be eligible for this year's Pan Am Jr and World Jr teams. Remaining spots on the U.S. team will go to the Singles event runners-up and players with the highest event-point finishes. Several of our juniors will be attending in hopes of making the team.

Upcoming Junior Events:

***MBBC Silent Auction/Rummage Sale
Fundraisers: March 13-14***

***MBBC Jr. International Tournament:
July 13th-19th***

***U.S. Jr. Nationals (at OCBC):
July 21st -26th***

Adult *Badminton*

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I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! We at MBBC are very excited to be the first club to host a National Badminton League (NBL) tournament in the League's reorganized resurrection. The idea of the league is to have teams from various clubs compete against each other to promote sportsmanship, badminton clubs and the sport itself. The teams are formed by a combination of juniors, adults and seniors. Both men and women play on the teams.

The National Badminton League will be hosting a tournament at MBBC on Friday, January 23 through Sunday January 25. The courts will be closed for those days but if you can, come down to the club and see some exciting play.

I would like to organize an intra-club tournament for January so please watch the board in the club for details! I email a reminder to those who have asked to be on the email list, so if you would like to be a part of that list please email me at: dededavis@gmail.com.

Court Closing Notice

The courts will be closed starting at 5 pm Friday, January 23 through Sunday, January 25 for the National Badminton League Tournament. Please come by to watch some incredible badminton!

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1/23 - 1/25 NBL Tournament Courts Closed Fri 5pm - Sun 3pm

Tue. Feb. 3 MBBC Board Meeting 7pm

Sat. Feb. 14 Club Workday: 8am-12pm

Tue. Mar. 3 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm

Sat. Mar. 7 Club Workday: 8am-12pm

Tue. Mar. 10 Courts use limited thru Sat 3/14 due to Rummage Sale

Fri. Mar. 13 Wine Tasting Party / White Elephant Sale

Sat. Mar. 14 Rummage Sale

3/25 - 3/29 Senior Nationals

Tue. Apr. 7 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm

Sat. Apr. 11 Club Workday: 8am-12pm

Tue. May 5 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm

Sat. May 16 Club Workday: 8am-12pm

Sun. May 17 Semiannual Meeting: 3pm Social / 4pm Mtg

Tue. June 2 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm

Calendar