



# Shuttlecock

February 2009

Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

This report is a hodgepodge of items, related only in that they all involve the club and its members.

## *Presidentially Speaking...*

Beckie Neumann was invited by USA Badminton to represent the U.S. on a State Department-sponsored athletic event with Iran. She spent a day in DC with the State Dept., two days in Dubai being briefed, and would have spent six days in Iran for the actual tournament but for the fact that Iran did not process the visas. I'm sure she's disappointed she didn't get a chance to play but still, that must have been some trip!

Guy Chadwick (Bobbi & Roy Skinner's son-in-law) and Dean Schoppe ran the first National Badminton League Tournament last month at the Club. It reminded me of a bigger Friday Night Tournament – but with better players. Most of the really good players of the Club participated, juniors and adults—even Coach. I had never seen him play competitively before. We all know he can play but let me tell you . . . that guy can move!

Yes, our facility is aging. And like all aging houses, it is in constant need of repairs and fixes. So, as promised, and in no particular order, here are just some of the items on that “honey-do” list:

1. 18th Street remodel. This involves more than just the steps at 18th St., but may include the walkway up to the clubhouse and the steps down to the pool.
2. Lobby Remodel
3. Court Lighting
4. Roof & Drain Repair
5. New Entry Doors
6. New Fence
7. New Pool Drains (required by new law\_
8. Pool Deck Resurfacing.
9. Pool Interior Resurfacing
10. Exterior Painting

Remember, this is just a partial list, but it does contain most of the big-ticket items. On the smaller but no less important repair list, we were lucky enough to have Lenny Schoppe help us. For example gentlemen, you will notice that the stalls in the men's bathroom have been fixed. Thanks Lenny!

*President@MBBadmintonClub.com*



## Membership News

*Peter Steinbronner*

Congratulations to Mike & Kathleen Klineman who are new Intermediate Associate members.

### Membership Status:

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Associate Members:              | 90  |
| Intermediate Associate Members: | 36  |
| Regular Members:                | 250 |
| Provisional Members:            | 10  |
| Legacy Members:                 | 1   |
| Honorary Members:               | 14  |
| Instructor Members:             | 8   |
| Playing Members:                | 34  |
| Junior Playing Members:         | 28  |

### *Welcome New Provisional Members:*

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Kevin & Sheri Brady  | Dale & Grace Chase |
| Eric & Audra Steller | Ronnie & Judy Chen |

### *New Applications*

| <u>Applicant</u>   | <u>Sponsor</u> | <u>Co-Sponsor</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Tim & Lora Penczar | McCaverty      | Mondello          |

### *Resignations:*

Dzus

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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### *Board of Directors*

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## Secretary's Report

Alison Edwards

Secretary@MBBadmintonClub.com

LAST CALL! If you've changed your contact information recently (address, phone, e-mail...) or you

want to e-mail an updated family picture, do it! E-mail asap to: Secretary@MBBadmintonClub.com

## Entertainment

Tammy Lipps

Entertainment@MBBadmintonClub.com

MBBC Members! Please contact me if you need workday credits!

The Rummage Sale and Wine Tasting and White Elephant Parties are coming up as well as the Senior National Tournament where we will need help in the kitchen as well as the tournament. Watch the calendar for the specific dates. As always, please come to me with any ideas you have for new or improved events—your ideas are always welcomed!

## New Construction

Bob Lauson

NewConstruction@MBBadmintonClub.com

The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool And Spa Safety Act became U.S. law in December, 2008, requiring all public pools to have compliant main drains that preclude the possibility of suction entrapping a swimmer.

We shut off our main drain (which is used for circulating water through the filtration system, not for emptying the pool) and, according to Los Angeles County, the next time we empty the pool to change the water we need to split the drain into two making it unblockable and thus compliant with the VGB Act. Accordingly, as we change the water generally in March or April each year, this work will be done hopefully in early March and the Board has appropriated not to exceed \$2500 to accomplish same.

## **Place an advertisement in our program!**

*Would you like to reach an active, upscale senior population?  
Take advantage of the reasonable rates for advertising in the  
Senior National Badminton Championship program.*

### **Tournament Program Ad Rates**

**Full Page**                                 **\$250**

**Half Page**                                 **\$125**

**Quarter Page**                            **\$75**

**Business Card size**                    **\$45**

*Please contact Sue Dommeyer at  
badmintonlady@gmail.com or 310-937-5098*

## **Senior Nationals Update**

### **Volunteers needed!**

*Earn workday credits or just support the club  
by volunteering your time and talent at the March 25-29 Senior  
National Tournament hosted by MBBC. Openings for the Luau,  
the kitchen, officiating and for the tournament desk. This is a  
chance to see the best senior players in the US  
and have some fun supporting MBCC.*

*Contact Bob Davis 310-374-7217 / rcd47@aol.com, or  
Sue Dommeyer 310-937-5098 / badmintonlady@gmail.com*

There are some exciting things happening in the world of adult badminton that I would like to share with you.

First, MBBC hosted the first resurrected tournament of the National Badminton League on Saturday, January 24th. The tournament was well run with a lot of competitive play and a good time was had by all. MBBC had 23 players participate and won the team tournament! Congratulations to all of those who competed!

Also, March will be an important month for adult badminton as MBBC will be hosting the Senior Nationals on March 25th to March 29th. This is an exciting tournament which the Director, Bob Davis and his dedicated committee hope will bring 100 players from all over the nation. The tournament is a very important part of those members of the

club who play in the adult circuit. These members are some of the same who give countless hours to the club supporting the Juniors, the Board and the club in general. We could use your help in supporting the tournament and these members by volunteering in the kitchen, at the desk or at the tournament party. Please contact me at dededavis@gmail.com or Bob Davis at rcd47@aol.com. The courts will be closed during this time, for any availability check the club during this period.

Finally, Bob and I will be hosting an intraclub tournament on February 27th at 7 PM. Please send me an email if you would like to participate! That way we know how much food and drinks to get!

## Rummage Sale Reminder

**Clean out your cupboards,  
save those castaways!**

*The largest Junior fund raiser of the year  
is just around the corner.*

**Workday Credits still available March 12-15  
for sorting / pricing / selling, and March 14 for the  
Wine Tasting, Silent Auction / White Elephant Party**

**ANY QUESTIONS, CALL: DONNA GIBBS 310-374-0873**



You are invited to the annual  
Manhattan Beach Badminton Club's  
**Wine Tasting Party**  
White Elephant, Silent Auction  
(A Junior Program Fund Raising Event)

Open to non-member friends

**Friday, March 13, 2009**

7:00 p.m.

Incredible appetizers and soft drinks provided

**Rummage Pre-Sale**

Admission: \$10 per couple & a bottle of fine wine  
Or \$5 for one person & a bottle of fine wine



**Optional Wine Contest**

*Winners of the "best" bottles of wine will get a special prize.*

Reservations Call:

Mike Brunner (310) 546-5978 or Karren Davis (310) 374-7217

**Join the Fun**

*Remember –  
park west of the club*

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**MBBC ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**  
Sat March 14 8AM to 2PM



## IN PASSING

It is with sadness that the Club notes the passing of Lillian Wells, one of the early members of the Club. Her husband Ken was President in 1957 and both played badminton and were socially active, where they were the life of every party.

Lillian had a great sense of humor and an energy that infused the Club with her presence.

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- Fri. Feb. 27      Friday Night Tournament:    7pm*
- 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*