



Shuttlecock

April 2009

Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Those of you who came by the Club during the last week of

Presidentially Speaking...

March were lucky enough to see some extraordinary badminton being played at the 2009 US Senior National Tournament. It was a fabulous tournament and to the many people who worked so hard to make it so, thank you.

We're still tackling the projects on our list. Unfortunately, it seems that the minute we scratch one off, two get added on. For

example, we have termites.

This really isn't that surprising.

After all, we live at the beach and the Club is a wooden structure.

We will have a report ready by the May General Meeting that will list all the things that have to be done.

For those of you who still need to pick up workdays, you only have until the end of May to get them all in. Please contact any of the Board Members who will be happy to point you in the right direction.

President@MBBadmintonClub.com



Membership News

Peter Steinbroner

Membership Status:

Associate Members:	90
Intermediate Associate Members:	36
Regular Members:	250
Provisional Members:	19
Legacy Members:	1
Honorary Members:	14
Instructor Members:	9
Playing Members:	33
Junior Playing Members:	27

Welcome New Provisional Members:

David & Monica Hirsch Tim & Lora Penczar
Dan Lemieux

New Applications

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Co-Sponsor</u>
Jim & Tami Viviani	Revell	Maloney

Resignations:

Doyle Pitts

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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MBBC Members! Just want to thank all those "Senior National Kitchen Volunteers" who stepped up to the plate, (so to speak) so I will name them all.... I couldn't have survived without.....Catherine Landis, Corinne Masucci, Lori Cordero, Lisa Taylor, Irene White, Gabriela Heffernan, Monica Hirsch, Julie Stauber, Stewart Gulland, Beau Elwell, Steve Fair and Juliet Jakosalem. You made it a success! Thanks again.

Please remember the May meeting date, and the June "Kids Movie by the Pool" on Saturday, June 13!

New Construction*Bob Lauson**NewConstruction@MBBadmintonClub.com*

The annual pool maintenance and main drain replacement was completed earlier this month. We did our best to get this done rapidly and inconvenience the least number of members.

We're purchasing our AED (automatic external defibrillator) and getting it installed in the wall in the lobby this month. The training class on use of the AED along with CPR given by the Manhattan Beach Fire Department is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 6th from 8 a.m. to about 11 a.m. at either the Joslym Center on or the MB Fire Dept. on 15th Street. Please mark your calendar and we ask that as many members as possible attend the class so that if the device is ever needed in the Club we have people around trained to assist. The AED also comes with an infant/child key to adjust the device if ever needed for a child, e.g. in rescuing a drowning swimmer. The California law requiring all fitness clubs to have an AED also includes a Good Samaritan provision such that anyone using the device helping someone else is not subject to being sued. Dr. John Hoying, a member of the club, has agreed to provide the required "physician oversight."

In the coming months we're looking at replacing all the Club doors and doing some cosmetic changes to the lobby.

March was a busy month for Adult Badminton!

Bob Davis and I hosted a very well attended Intra-Club tournament on the 20th. The top point getters (for all of you keeping track!) were Nick Fiore, Ronnie Chen, Ben Liang and Dave Acuna. Congratulations gentlemen!

Bob also hosted the Senior Nationals, which was a huge success. I was so impressed at the players who competed and their athleticism! I am also extremely proud of the club for hosting this tournament and for all of the members who

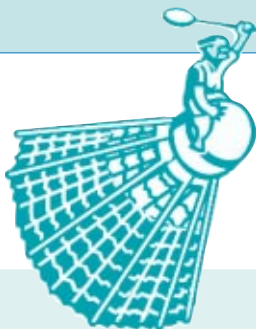
donated countless hours to make it such a fantastic tournament.

Sue Dommeyer is offering a great opportunity for any adult player who would like to improve their badminton skills. On May 7th, 8th and 9th Sue will be coordinating and coaching an intermediate badminton clinic. Club members are welcome to join, at no cost, and can sign up on the bulletin board on the courts.

Intra-Club Tournament: April 24th at 7 PM hosted by Peter Chen.

Welcome John Young – new Playing Member!

AdultBadminton@MBBadmintonClub.com



Are you interested in a fun international experience for the entire family? Would you like to support our Club's Junior program? AND would you like to receive workday credits without leaving the comfort of your own home? Volunteer to host players, coaches or referees for this summer's International Junior Tournament (July 13 - 19)! For more details and to sign up for this unique experience, please contact Noelle Merritt at nmerritt@alum.mit.edu or 310-545-8833.

Wine Tasting/White Elephant Silent Auction Wrap-up

The March 13th Wine Tasting/White Elephant Silent Auction party had 168 people attending, and raised \$3,300 for our Junior Badminton Program. Thanks to all of you who attended this special evening.

This is the 13th year (and held on the 13th!) that this annual Fund Raiser has had an entire “party committee” to make this event a true social occasion. Not only are the committee members a fantastic and creative group of people to work with, they are definitely the best appetizer-makers in town! Thanks to the Anthonys, Barretts, Brunner/Williamson, T. Connar, Durands, Farnhams, D. Grant, Hastings/Selway, P. Haught, Hoyings, S. Iskander, Maynards, E. McKeegan, Medicus/Todd, A. Peper, Perkins/Murphy, Petris, S.Reilly, Richards, Hall/Rollins, Teitelbaums, and Webbs for making this party such a pleasure to plan, implement, and enjoy!

John Conway, Ray Olsen and Mike Johnson again hosted the wine tasting portion of our party by opening, advising, recommending, and judging the wines. The Greg Newsoms and Laurie James were the winners of this year’s optional

wine contest. Our winners received gift certificates to THE BIG WOK donated by Pendar and Betty Hsu. None of our “wine masters” need work day credits, and we are deeply grateful for their continued enthusiasm and support.

In addition to the incredible quality and number of donations received, instructor member Ruby Peabody donated NINE of her original oil paintings for the auction, and member Jan Dennis donated her three books on Manhattan Beach’s history. Also, committee members John and Trish Hoying donated all the postage for sending out the invitations, and Ed McKeegan donated the printing of the bid sheets. We really appreciate all of you who saved those special items to donate to the silent auction.

A special thank you goes to Donna Gibbs and her rummage sale committee members who recognize and set aside those treasures for the silent auction . We had over 350 items in the auction.

Thank you for attending, for donating items to the rummage sale, and for purchasing the White Elephants.

Karren Davis
Silent Auction/Wine Tasting Chair

Annual Meeting Reminder

Sunday, May 17th

Social Hour: 3 pm

Meeting: 4 pm

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| <i>Tue. May 5</i> | <i>MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm</i> |
| <i>Sat. May 16</i> | <i>Club Workday: 8am-12pm</i> |
| <i>Sun. May 17</i> | <i>Annual Meeting: 3pm Social / 4pm Mtg</i> |
| <i>Tue. June 2</i> | <i>MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm</i> |
| <i>Sat. June 13</i> | <i>Club Workday: 8am-12pm</i> |
| <i>Sat. June 13</i> | <i>Kids' Movie by the Pool: 6:30- 9:30pm</i> |
| <i>Sun. July 12</i> | <i>Family Pool Party: Noon- 5:00pm</i> |
| <i>July 13-19</i> | <i>Junior International Tournament</i> |

Calendar

Board Opportunities

Interested in serving on the board? Please contact Bob Steinberg at 310-796-0145 or boberoo@earthlink.net

Kids' Movie by the Pool

Sat., June 13
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)

JOHN TRAVOLTA

Walt Disney
Presents

MILEY CYRUS

BOLT



USBA Senior National Championships

Bob Davis, Tournament Director

MBBC hosted the 2009 USBA Senior National Championships for five days at the end of March. 130 entrants from ages 35 to 91 competed in 5-year age groups in singles, doubles and mixed doubles; all regions of the United States were represented. An exception to the U.S.-resident rule was extended when we also allowed competitors from New Mexico. Our MBBC members rose to the task of hosting the Championships—our volunteers organized the event, operated the kitchen, conducted the draw and certified the results, umpired the matches, registered entrants, and sponsored a Luau around the pool. Not enough can be said about these volunteers, most of whom did not need MBBC workday credits to meet their yearly obligation. The Sr. National Committee organized and coordinated the Championships: Tammy Lipps was responsible for the kitchen from planning the menu, supplying the food, and directing the kitchen volunteers. Lee Calvert coordinated with the referees, recruited the umpires and staffed the umpires for each match. Duane Enochs provided invaluable counsel regarding organizing the event and coordinating with USAB. Peter Boone mastered the tournament software (a herculean task) and spent all five tournament days issuing the draws, re-scheduling matches/draws and recording the matches. DeDe Davis conducted the Luau

and prevented a crisis by obtaining commemorative canteens at the last moment when the original commemorative item failed to be delivered. Stephani Armstrong coordinated with the MBBC board and the club. As Associate Director of the tournament, Sue Dommeyer spent innumerable hours making it a success. She was the interface with the players, processed all of the entries, determined the draw seeding (an extremely sensitive task), developed the program and solicited raffle prizes.

Among the many who contributed their talent and time, Stan Johnson, Peter Chen, Bill Otoide, Lenny Schoppe, Dave Acuna, Bea Enochs, Nan McFarland, Amy Hanrahan, John Young, Jack and Karen Frisch deserve special mention. Forgive me for not having the space to list everyone who cheerfully committed themselves to the tournament.

The tournament committee and the club received many accolades for our facilities and for the running of the tournament: one such was received from Don Clopas, the CEO for USAB who attended on Saturday. More than one player stated that our courts are unsurpassed. Our Southern California weather compared to the rest of the nation could also have been a factor in engendering good feelings. In all the tournament was a huge success, it provided a wonderful facility and great atmosphere for competitive badminton, was well run and organized and in the end raised over \$4,000 for the club. What an accomplishment!

2009 Jr International Team Trials

Congratulations to Isabel Zhong and Beckie Neumann who participated in the 2009 Jr. International Trials (JIT) held in San Carlos, CA on Feb 14-15. Both girls made the U.S. World Junior Team and will be eligible to represent the U.S. in Malaysia at the World Jrs this Oct/Nov. Isabel earned enough overall points to make the smaller U.S. Pan Am Jr. team with Beckie right behind as first alternate.

Both girls qualified to play in the Pan Am Jr. individual events. This year's Pan Am Jrs will be held in Puerto Rico from Aug 17th to 23rd. Special congratulations are really in order because both Isabel and Beckie were sick during the trials. Isabel was getting over a stomach flu and Beckie had just come down with a bad cold when the trials began. The Trials are always a grueling event involving the

best players from throughout the U.S. To finish this well while playing sick is truly an amazing accomplishment.

JIT finishes:

Isabel:	4th Singles 2nd Mixed Doubles 2nd Girls Doubles
Beckie:	3rd Singles 2nd Girls Doubles 3rd Mixed Doubles

MBBC Jr Intl Tournament

This year's MBBC Jr International Tournament will be July 13-19th. We will need a lot of help running the tournament. We'll especially need umpires and help with housing. Both are great ways to earn workday credits! Sign-ups will be available at the General Meeting in May.

Junior Guard Workouts

with **Bob Scott** 310-545-4489
5 -6 pm **M-Th** \$8 per session

Around the House

Steve Snively

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The activity level of the club is ramping up as summer approaches. It looks to be another busy one; full of tournaments, parties and recreation at the club.

We now have new life in the planter along the 18th street side of the club house. Thanks to a generous donation from Harry and Uni Mayesh and hard work from numerous members to get this done.

May 16th is the last chance for completing your work day requirements! There is plenty to be done in preparation for summer. The work day is limited to the 20 people, Get out early!

As we move into peak season be courteous to your fellow members and adhere to the rules we have established for ourselves:

- All private parties require approval of the House Chairman and parties over 20 people require board approval.
- Membership rules currently in place state that at least 1/3 of party invitees must be club members. (For parties involving juniors, it is still 1/3 total consisting of 1/6 adult members and 1/6 junior members.)
- Private parties are not allowed Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- Guests must be signed in and liability waivers completed upon arrival at the club.
- A paid lifeguard is strongly recommended and may be an approval requirement for swim parties involving children.
- Leave the club cleaned than you found it. This includes removing all pool side trash to the dumpster and wire brushing of the grills.
- Consider parking along Valley when the club is busy.

Experienced Rummage Sale workers needed!!

Have you worked the MBBC Rummage Sale in past years? If so, please sign up to help at the *Save Our Teachers Rummage Sale* May 1st and 2nd to benefit the MBEF Crisis Campaign. Go to their website to volunteer for shifts 5/1 and 5/2.

<http://www.mbsaveourteachers.org/>