



Shuttlecock

June 2009

Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Early this spring at the club, I noticed that a small boy, about two was playing in the spa...unattended. In the water a foot away was a small blue chair. Yeah, the kind with the plastic strips. They can work like a fishing net with something small like a foot or arm. They're also the reason why the tiles are breaking off, creating our own "coral reef," cutting the skin of members...but that's another issue.

Concerned, I asked, "Who's child is this?"

A young father, dozing in a lounge chair about 15 feet away, looked at me sheepishly and said, "He's mine."

Presidentially Speaking...

Peter Steinbroner

"Did you see the sign that says no children under ten?"

"So? He's okay," he answered.

"You did read the warning sign?" I said, referring to the sign that mentions health problems in children associated with spa use, including ear infections due to micro bacteria found in pool water when chlorine breaks down after reaching hot temperatures.

"Yeah, what's the problem?" The father exhaled in a perturbed fashion, more mad at me than himself. He pulled his son out of the spa and walked back to the lounge chair but not before muttering a few things under his breath.

I managed to catch a few words like "stupid" and "idiot." Normally, I would let a comment like this pass but since the issued involved child safety, I couldn't help myself.

"You did read the sign about how hot water isn't good for children?" I asked.

The member glared at me and said, "You're Mister-in-Charge. Fine, I'll quit the Club."

I thought to myself, 'that's a little extreme to prove a point,' but I let my imagination run wild as I tried to put myself in his shoes...I get it. He's mad at me because I'm worried about his kid's safety and it's none of my business.'

Of course, if anything were to happen, he'd be calling me, demanding the Club do something to protect it's members.

I tried a pinch of reasoning. "It's not about quitting the club. It's about following the rules. If you don't like the rules, then you're welcome to come to the Board meeting and tell us why the rules don't work for you."

The member held his son and glared at me again. "I've been a swim instructor for many years and I don't believe there's a problem with having kids in a Jacuzzi."

"Well, I suggest you go on the internet and do a little research and find out for yourself. That's what's on the orange card," I replied.

Hopefully, I gave him something to think about. I've always followed the rule: Never argue with somebody who takes the position, "don't confuse me with the facts."

Just like you don't leave kids in a car on a hot day...you don't leave kids in a warm Jacuzzi. But for those skeptics out there...fill a sauce pan with water...raise the temp to 100 degrees...slice a carrot and see for yourself how long it takes to cook. Better safe than sorry.

See you at the Club!

President@MBBadmintonClub.com

It's a thrill be back on the Board again. It's a thrill since like a rollercoaster; it will be fun and stimulating. I am looking forward to our Board year with Peter at the helm. So far it looks like all of us on the Board will be advancing a number of initiatives to improve the governance and quality of the club.



Membership News

Leigh Noda

I welcome any ideas and thoughts that you might have in my scope of responsibilities. Some of these ideas we'll be able to act upon, some would take time to propose changes to the Bylaws, and we'll chose to table others and not pursue them.

The latest workday report for 2008-09 is on the web and at the Club. The reports will be soon updated with the workday credits include those earned through May 31st. Please be aware that May 31 is the end date for 2008-2009 year. Missed workdays will be included in the July or August bills. Members have a 60 day window from the billing day to contest workdays.

If you have any questions or thoughts, please contact me at VicePresident@MBBadmintonClub.com.

Membership Status:

Associate Members:	90
Intermediate Associate Members:	36
Regular Members:	250
Provisional Members:	20
Legacy Members:	1
Honorary Members:	14
Instructor Members:	9
Playing Members:	37
Junior Playing Members:	27

New Applications

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Co-Sponsor</u>
Raj & Carrie Dugel	Davis	Steinbroner
Barry & Kathy Fisher	Snively	White
Mary & Eric Kutsenda	Fraher	Lucenti
Heather & West Interian	Reilly	Meyer
Tim Champ & Crista Riccio	Revell	McCaverty
Susan & Scott Trout	Villani	Lipps

Resignations: Duffy

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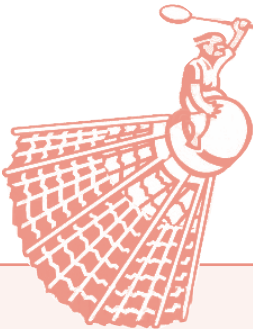
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A big thank you to Mike Revell for the wonderful job he did as Treasurer. It feels good to be following a person who took such good records, was extremely organized and knowledgeable.

One of the most important things that Mike did before he left was pay the contractor for the parking lot, which looks great! Even after that \$30,500 bill the club's finances look good. I am looking forward to a great year and the opportunity to work with a wonderful group of people!



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.

Entertainment

Tammy Lipps

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MBBC Members! I need a volunteer to help chair the Family Pool Party, Sunday, July 12th. The event is from 12 noon to 5pm. It is so much fun and very well attended. Please let me know if you can help me with that event.

Also, looking for a chair person for the Adult Poolside Party and/or some unique ideas for this summer poolside party for adult members and their guests! Get those creative juices flowing and give me a call (310-962-4597) or email!!!!

New Construction

Bob Lauson

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At least 12 MBBC members attended the CPR/AED training taught by Brian Yount of the Manhattan Beach Fire Department, from 8 a.m. until Noon on Saturday June 6th. We learned all the ABCs of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and how to use our new automatic external defibrillator that is now installed in the lobby of the Club. Those who participated included Coach Wei Zhong, Dean Schoppe, Peter Steinbroner, Bill Bundy, DeDe Davis, Bob Lauson, Dr. John Hoying, Tim Moore, Tracey Moore, George Murphy, Nate Hubbard and Donna Erie. My apologies if I inadvertently omitted anyone.

Around the House

Buddy Bohn

HouseChairman@MBBadmintonClub.com / 310-270-8957

As your new House Chairman, I hope to see you at the upcoming workdays.

We still need help with the new parking lot bumper installation coming up, if you need to get some work day credits, this would be a good one.

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Tue. July 7 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm

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

Sun. July 12 Family Pool Party: Noon- 5pm

July 13-19 Junior International Tournament

Tue. Aug 4 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm

Sat. Aug 8 Club Workday: 8am-12pm

Tue. Sep 1 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm

Calendar