



Shuttlecock

July 2009

Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

Okay...it was early June. First week into the new job. So far...so good. Besides those Badminton players who hum "Hail to the Chief" when I pass or others who shun me and the rest who think I'm in charge of "Customer Service"... I was looking forward to the New Member Social scheduled for Sunday, June 7th.

The weather was perfect. Clear skies. Bright sun. The pool looked gorgeous.

Presidentially Speaking...

That's when I got the Saturday afternoon call. The words "I'm a member...one of our guests...mishap...pool." I'll let you fill in the rest but for those who dislike guessing, let's just say, 'un bébé dans des couches-culottes, merde dans la piscine,' pardon my French.

It's not the end of the world but the pool was closed for 48 hours during a prime weekend and the Club was faced with an unexpected bill...which leads me to watching your kids. I know...that's why you joined. So you can get that nap in the sun that you've been dreaming about all week...while some other member keeps an eye on your kids.

I recently strolled onto the courts...and came upon two boys playing a variation of Badminton. With no parent in sight, they had dragged a bench onto court 2 and while one of them stood on it...the other swatted birds in his direction as he flailed away. It's not a game I'd recommend learning though I will give them credit. By the time I had located a parent...they had removed the bench and were acting like perfect angels when we appeared. But it goes without saying ...All Junior Players Under 18...must be watched by an Adult Member while on the courts.

That also means no swim suits or flip flops on the courts. We want everyone (including parents) to wear proper attire whether its for five minutes or five hours. For those recreational players...I know of no other program anywhere...at any Club where members enjoy free lessons, equipment and court time. All we ask in return is to show respect for the game by wearing tennis shoes, shorts and shirts.

And now...maybe I'll finally get that nap by the pool....

See you at the Club!

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Workday fines went out in this month's bills. We have heard from some of the members which led to corrections that have been reported to our accountant for reversal. If you think that you have been charged a workday fine in error, please send

Membership *News*

Leigh Noda

me an e-mail with the specific error or workday omission. We'll try to resolve quickly and get back to you. Note that the meeting fines will be bill in the next month and the same process for contesting the fines will apply. In both cases, the fines are non-contestable 90 days after billing.

Interest in our club remains high. Our waiting list is very healthy as we have been receiving about 40 applications per year and the new members that are joining the club today had originally applied in 2006. If you have sponsored someone, you might want to update them on the status of the waitlist.

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. Contact me at VicePresident@MBBadmintonClub.com.

Membership Status:

Associate Members:	90
Intermediate Associate Members:	38
Regular Members:	246
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>
Justin & Heidi Thompson	Parker	Revell
Jonathan Winter (Legacy)	Winter	Steinbroner

Resignations: George & Ellen Roese

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Secretary's Report

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Hello Members! I am excited about serving as your Club Secretary. My responsibilities for you are: e-mail,

phone and address changes; birth announcements. Ask me a question, and I will get an answer for you.

Entertainment

Tammy Lipps

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Summer is in full swing and we are looking for a chairperson/s for the Adult Poolside party....with a NEW DATE in August. Hopefully the reason no one has stepped up is because of scheduling, so now there is another opportunity for late August.

Please contact me asap if you are interested in getting this shindig going! I will do all I can to help you I just need someone to take the reins!!!! Looking forward to your great ideas!

Treasurer's Report

DeDe Davis

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I hope you're having a wonderful summer! The club's finances continue to be in good shape. We recently paid for our annual insurance policy, which as you can probably imagine is sizable! Also, please keep on top of your work days and, if you ever have questions regarding the club's finances, let me know.

The updated Club Calendar is posted on the club bulletin boards for members viewing. Our irrigation timers have been reset to meet the Cities new water conservation requirements and our sprinklers have been upgraded and adjusted to minimize any wasting of water.

I've had several people planning parties ask about Lifeguarding for their group and others who were not aware of what makes a bona fide lifeguard. I'm working with our board to establish consistent guidelines for our pool lifeguards. The minimum current certifications needed are Red Cross Lifeguard or water safety instructor, YMCA pool lifeguard certificate or a currently employed lifeguard whose service is recognized by the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA).

If any of our members or family members have any of these lifeguard certifications and want to be placed on a hiring list for club parties, please e-mail or phone me. Let's all have a safe summer around the pool and as we say in Lifeguarding, "watch the water".

Volunteerism

The Board would like to recognize all members who volunteered their time above and beyond and completed more than 10 workdays:

Dave & Nancy Acuna

Peter & Dona Boone

Bill & Pat Bundy

Lee Calvert

Bob & Karren Davis

Curt & Sue Dommeyer

Wayne & Debra Duncan

Richard & Paula Fiore

Donna Gibbs

Randy & Catherine Landis

Art & Noelle Merkin

Chuck & Amy Meyer

Tim & Tracey Moore

Bill & Pat Nault

Robert & Jennifer Rosenfeld

Ray & Deborah Russell

Randy & Lissen Schnack

Dean Schoppe

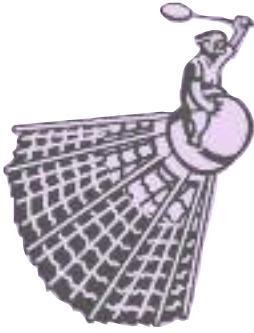
Roy Skinner

Dean Schoppe has agreed to provide adult badminton classes this fall to all members of the club who are interested. These usually lasts two to three weeks and are a great way to learn the game for beginners and to improve technical skills and strategy for beginners and intermediates alike. I will work with Dean to schedule the sessions to be consecutive, and to minimize interference with other natural holidays.

This month our Friday night tournaments will continue on the last Friday of the month, and the last Friday of every month for the foreseeable future. Scores will continue to aggregate for the full year, with the yearly winner's name placed on our memorial plaque. These tournaments start at 7:00 PM, cost \$10 for food and drink, and are open to all players of all abilities. Balancing of the teams is performed in an attempt to

maintain competitiveness, and the tournaments are a lot of fun for all competitors. Food and drink are provided, and socializing after the competition is the rule, not the exception. Some of our junior team members will play from time to time.

I want to encourage ALL members of the club to come out on Mondays and try badminton. I started playing at the age of 57, and fell in love with the sport, and the aerobic workout you receive when you play. Free lessons are available or members, and on Mondays beginners have priority on the courts. I am there most Mondays to help encourage new beginners, and to get you involved in some games. And if you do come out and try badminton, please realize that except for the highly skilled natural athletes (which I for one am not) it is a highly technical sport that can take a while to master.



Junior Badminton

On Saturday, June 20th, an all-star team of high school badminton players from the San Diego area traveled to Manhattan Beach to play friendly matches against MBBC juniors. The team was comprised of the best current high school players and recent graduates of Mission Bay, Sera, Hoover, Scripps Ranch, and San Diego High Schools. The MBBC juniors present that day represented a wider age group, including middle school, high school, and college students.

The meet replaced our regular training session from 10am to 1pm and extended it an hour into the afternoon. During that time, players on both sides participated in many competitive doubles matches. Although the San Diego team far outnumbered the MBBC juniors, each team represented a similar range

of playing levels, and the San Diego coach matched players well to produce close games.

From a player's perspective, I can say that it was a positive and valuable experience all-around. I personally enjoyed the opportunity to meet and play against new people, and I'm sure the feeling was mutual. The San Diego team came here hoping to find fun, challenging games, and I think they went home satisfied, having gotten what they wanted out of the trip. Hopefully the success of this past friendly meet will encourage more like it in the future and contribute to the development of players from both San Diego and Manhattan Beach.

Beckie Neumann

What's happening at the Club...?

Now that the parking lot is completed (we're working on constructing doors and a roof for the trash enclosure)...you may have noticed a lot of brush around the Club has been cut back. We removed dead trees to the south in the play area and have ordered a tennis fence to give the Club some privacy.

As far as the rest of the property, we cut back bushes and shrubs...no trees. This was done because of reports that kids and young adults were using our property to hang out...and was the perfect hiding place for it's dense jungle. Once we cut back everything, we found bottles, cans and lots of junk littering our property...a real mess.

As far as the trees pushing down our fence in the play area....we have to do something about it sooner or later...or risk having no more fence. We plan to add a tennis fence to the west and north areas as well...but in order to do that...we have to cut back the overgrowth that is there.

The weekend of June 27th...caught on video camera...showed a group enjoying themselves in our pool and spa from midnight to 3am! No member used their key at that time....which leaves only one conclusion. The melaleuca tree growing against the fence near the 18th Street entrance seems to be the preferred entry point into the Club by our non-members...who unfortunately...don't sign in as guests either!

We are in the process of working on a landscaping plan for the property and 18th Street entrance which will enhance the look, beautify the Club and provide privacy and security for all our members.

Hope this answers your questions.

It is with sadness we report that Tillie Bushman passed away on July 4, 2009 after a long illness.

Tillie was an Honorary Member and along with her husband Jack, were a wonderful couple who worked tirelessly for the Club. It was Jack, a contractor who championed the rebuilding of MBBC in the 1960's, and spearheaded the construction of the lounge and new court building from 1967-70. Jack served as President of the Club in 1970.

Tillie was actively involved in the Junior Program and the center of the social activities as well. She will be missed.

PASSING - JEAN DIXON

Long time member, Jean Dixon passed away after a long battle with cancer.

Jean, along with her late husband Bill were very active in the Club for many years, living only a few houses away. Jean had many interesting chapters in her life, including serving in World War II off the coast of Africa.

She was very bright....and was an active Bridge player...and booster for the junior badminton program.

Jean will be missed.

Calendar

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Tue. Aug 4 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm

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

Sat. Aug 22? Adult Poolside Party (tentative)

Tue. Sep 1 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm

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