



# Shuttlecock

September 2009

Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

One of the pleasures of serving as President of the Club are all the people I get a chance to interact with and fall into two general categories: Those who previously ignored me, and those who passed by with nothing more than a nodding glance.

Suddenly I'm the "go-to" guy... as everyone approaches me with their questions and concerns. Now I know how the pope must feel (no comparison to his piety, but being married is a bit like taking a vow of poverty,

## *Presidentially Speaking...*

chastity and obedience) and so I've been thinking of giving my term in office one of those fancy Latin phrases and came up with "Quis Tunc?" – the literal translation for the phrase "Now What?" It certainly sums up some of the surprises that have come my way.

Having survived the summer...I had the wonderful opportunity to meet all sorts of interesting people at the Club, including those non-members who use the facility because: A) They work as a nanny for a member; B) Are somehow related to a member which allows them to use the Club; and C) Live in the neighborhood and like our pool!

So don't feel bashful to introduce yourself to the person in that lounge chair if they don't look familiar. If they aren't members, ask them to leave, or at least get their

names and we'll track them down. Manhattan Beach is not a big town. If somebody gives you a hard time for asking them to follow the rules...let the Board know and we'll send an invitation to appear before us to explain why the rules don't apply to them.

For those members who don't sign in their guests BEFORE using the pool...a change may be coming... as I'll be proposing fines for members who haven't signed in their guests prior to use. Also...for those members with children over 18 who want to use the Club, they are not allowed to bring guests (contrary to popular folklore.) This too may change, as I'm proposing that all juniors over 18 register with the Club by filling out an application and release form. Those who register will be allowed to use the Club free of charge until they turn 23. Those who don't will be turned away and member parents will be notified of the rule violation. This way, we have a way of keeping track of those junior members who use the Club, instead of the current system which allows anyone wearing a swimsuit and a smile to stroll in like they own the place. Anyone opposed can contact me directly and you can address the Board to make your case on why the current system works so well.

As we head into the Fall and our busy season of holidays, please leave the Club exactly like you found it...AND... last one out...lock all the doors and turn off the lights!

See you at the Club!

*President@MBBadmintonClub.com*



I was gone most of August and missed a July report, so this covers both months and catches up on past business.

Interest in our club remains high with 12 applicants in July and August. Our waiting list is at 135 applications and the new members that are joining the club today had originally applied in mid-2006. Normally, 15 to 25 new members are invited to join the club each year. So doing the math means a long wait on the wait list. If you have sponsored someone, you might want to update them on the status of the waitlist.

The long waitlist is indicative of the great Club we have and the fact that it is a great bargain.

## Membership News

*Leigh Noda*

### Membership Status:

Associate Members:	90
Intermediate Associate Members:	36
Regular Members:	247
Provisional Members:	27
Legacy Members:	2
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>
Kim & Brian Antley	Sinay	Steinbronner
Victor & Julie Arizpe	Barrett	Steinbronner
John & Cynthia Bartlett*	Ortiz	Stauber
Conan & Janiece Cotrell	Barrett	Greskovics
Ed & Julie Hyer	Welch/Ford	
Schuchard/Edwards		
Jim & Kathleen Keifer*	Muldoon	Chun
Neil Keohane Shelley O'Brien	Steinbronner	Armstrong
Cathy & Lee Kissal	Barrett	Maynard
David & Leah Niehaus	Banchik	Petri
David Nuemann**Steinbronner	Nuemann	
Jeff & Stephanie Streader	Bohn	Villani
Terence Tohen & Emily Breckenridge	Davis	Armstrong

\*prior members \*\*legacy

**Resignations:** Paul Shakstadt & Deborah Kinzer, Jan Dennis, Len Schoppe (playing), Frank Chung (playing)

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# AN “OVER THE SHOULDER” LOOK AT THE 17TH ANNUAL JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

*Roy Skinner*

Each year when I write this piece on the tournament, I try to present a different slant on the overall functions of the many people involved, all volunteers, many of whom do not have children in the program, but volunteer their time with some getting workday credits. This year was no exception, and the expertise of the people working the different venues is amazing and necessary. We had only two meetings this year and they were mainly involved in selecting the design for the T-shirts, which are handed out to the players, and tying up some loose ends. The final touches to the tournament were made using email and asking if any one had a problem that needed solving, none did.

This year's tournament was smaller than usual due, in part, to the economy. In addition, Mexico was able to get visas for only a small number of players and that dropped our numbers. They often send around 15 players. We were able to get 121 entries, but the countries represented were numerous and varied. We hosted and housed several of them through the efforts of Noelle Merritt, housing chair supreme. To list the countries we need to start with the Barbados, Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Denmark, Indonesia, Great Britain, Canada and Ghana. The play from these kids was outstanding and a real pleasure to watch. The sportsmanship shown made you proud of them and to the integrity of the sport.

This Annual Junior International tournament is the premier junior tournament held within the United States and MBBC has opened its doors for the last 17 years to this festival of play. We have MBBC to thank for their continuing support and to the late

Wes Schoppe who started these games—and let's not forget Dean Schoppe, who continues this tournament in Wes' memory.

Little has been said in the past of the club patrons and the club advertisers. The money we collect is necessary to off set this fairly expensive tournament and without you and them this tournament would barely survive. I, we, can't thank you enough for your generous support year after year and as we start to gear up for the 18th Annual, we hope this generous support will continue.

To wrap up, I feel it necessary to list the Chair people even though they do not seek recognition they certainly deserve it. I take my hat off to Patti Neumann, Debra Duncan, Jack Tarr, Bobbi Skinner, Stephani Armstrong, Dean Romein. Lee Calvert, Dean Schoppe, Rick and Paula Fiore, Randy and Lissen Schnack Ed Matanga, Karren Davis, Donna Gibbs. Bruce Franklin, Noelle Merritt and Patti Bundy. These are dedicated people and put on one heck of a tournament. Too numerous to mention are those who score the matches, work the draw desk, labor in the kitchen, monitor the swimming pool and work the registration desk. Last, but not least, is our coach, Wei Zhong, who, along with his coaching skills, keeps the club looking clean for the next day's use.

I hope you can get a feeling for this tournament through this article and if you want to become a part of the action please contact me @ [rskinr@verizon.net](mailto:rskinr@verizon.net) or call 545-2841. You won't be sorry.

THANK YOU ALL.

## ***Around the House***

*Buddy Bohn*

When you receive this, the September 12th work day will have taken place. It has been great seeing more members show up. Peter Steinbroner has been patching up the spas missing tiles and we should have it in operation very soon; thanks Peter. Anyone needing work day credits please contact me or our president.

Please, anyone planning an event that needs approval, make your requests well in advance. All in all our scheduling of events and parties is going pretty smoothly, with few complaints.

*HouseChairman@MBBadmintonClub.com / 310-270-8957*

## ***Entertainment***

*Tammy Lipps*

MBBC Members! It's time to put those wonderful Fall events on your calendar! Don't miss the "Square Dance Party", Saturday, September 26th, invite info should be included in the Shuttlecock and rsvp..ASAP! This will be a lot of fun and maybe something new to try for a few of us!

Also....get ready for it....October is for dressing in costumes, but not just for children...put on your best "50's" attire and come to the SOCK HOP!!!! This is an adult members and their guests event. Join us for a little retro fun.....50's style food, appetizers, beverages and MUSIC! We are gonna rock around the clock!!!! Watch the website, club bulletin board, and Shuttlecock for details and rsvp info! If you would like to help with this event, please contact me asap for more info. DUST OFF THOSE POODLE SKIRTS GALS!!!!!

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# Caller – Lloyd Lewis

## End-of-Summer Square Dance Party



Fun Level with demo @ break

Line dancing between tips

**Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009**

7:00 to 10:30 pm <sup>Donation</sup> \$ 10 per person

\$5 discount with Square Dance Club badge

Snacks, Drinks, plus Dessert @ break

Casual Western Wear

MEMBER



***At the Badminton Club***

516 Eighteenth St,  
Manhattan Beach

18<sup>th</sup> & Ardmore

***RSVP:***

Phil & Linda Alfandary  
310-545-1568

*Reserve your spot – send email*  
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**Secretary's** Report

Lori Cordero

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It's back to school time for many of us and it's a good time to remind members of a few items to put on your agenda. Please turn in your Liability Waivers if you haven't done it already. If you need a copy, look on the website or contact me.

MBBC is going Green!!! I will remind you prior to the Semi-Annual to fill out a Proxy if you cannot make the meeting. You will be able to access

the Proxy on the website. You'll save the Club costs and save our environment! Proxies will be posted on the website making it much easier for members to sign and return. Please remember to send one in if you are not able to make one of the Semi-Annual Meetings. Minutes will be sent to you also e-mail. Contact me with any questions. If you would prefer to receive a paper product instead of an e-mail, please let me know.

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<i>Sat. Sep 26</i>	<i>Square Dance Party: 7pm-10:30pm</i>
<i>Sat. Oct. 3</i>	<i>MB Hometown Fair: 10am-6pm</i>
<i>Sun. Oct. 4</i>	<i>MB Hometown Fair: 10am-5pm</i>
<i>Tue. Oct 6</i>	<i>MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm</i>
<i>Sat. Oct 12</i>	<i>Club Workday: 8am-12pm</i>
<i>Sat. Oct ??</i>	<i>Sock Hop: Date/Time TBD</i>

Calendar