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# Shuttlecock

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## Presidentially Speaking

from [President@MBBadmintonClub.com](mailto:President@MBBadmintonClub.com)

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Summer has flown by but there is still a lot happening around the club. Thank you to Lynette Hilton and Megan Walmer for hosting the Family Pool Party on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. I am sorry I wasn't able to make it, my husband and I welcomed our daughter Karra Emily Tran on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and her timing was impeccable as I went into labor less than twelve hours after chairing our monthly Board meeting!

Speaking of parties, we are still looking for an Entertainment Chair. If you are interested, please contact me or Peter Steinbroner. If we do not find an Entertainment Chair soon, there is a possibility that some of the parties and events will not happen this year. This would be a loss not only of terrific club events but also of workday opportunities.

As you have probably already noticed from your recent billing statement, we have made the change to the three month billing cycle. The membership approved this by-law change at our Annual Meeting last May and it is intended to reduce the paperwork and cost of preparing and processing our monthly statements. We are also still working towards signing more members onto the automatic bill pay option. If you are interested in participating, please contact our Treasurer, Noel Chun. These are two separate activities, but both work to streamline and modernize our bookkeeping responsibilities. With these changes, we have also transitioned to a new bookkeeper. We appreciate the hard work that

Gail Rico offered the club these many years and we welcome Juliette Ortega as our new bookkeeper.

Please be aware that those members who owe workday and missed meeting fines, you will be receiving a separate invoice in the mail in the next month. Please remember you have thirty days to contest the fine should you wish to do so.

We are looking forward the club's 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11 am – 7 pm. It will be a fun filled day with family activities including a display of antique and classic cars, historical displays, children's badminton lessons, badminton exhibition games, cake cutting and casual dinner. RSVP is required by September 3<sup>rd</sup>; please see the insert in this edition of the Shuttlecock for more information.

Before summer officially ends, please continue to enjoy the club. I am so grateful that we have not had any accidents in the pool that would force us to close it and I would like remind all members that children must always be accompanied by an adult member when using the club. If your child is 18 or over they can sign up with Peter Chen to be a Junior Member which allows them to use the club unattended and invite one guest.

Looking forward to the Diamond Anniversary and hope to see you there!

# Membership News

from [vicepresident@mbbadmintonclub.com](mailto:vicepresident@mbbadmintonclub.com)

P e t e r C h e n

The MBBC membership is at full house right now. We have

- Honorary Members: 18
- Associate Members: 98
- Intermediate Associate Members: 20
- Regular Members 249
- Legacy Members: 5
- Provisional Members: 15
- Instructor Members: 6
- Playing Members: 50
- Junior Playing Members: 28

Promoted from Intermediate Associate member to associated member:

- Dave and Nancy Acuna,
- Pat and Bob Scholl.

Congratulations.

New applications:

<b>Name</b>	<b>sponsored by and</b>	
Lowell Anger Jennifer Anger	Steinbroner	Hodgman
Sandi and Mike Doell	Simoncini	Revell
Ronzhi Liu and Hong Mi Sun	Wang	Yu
Christ and Alex Sheehan	Simoncini	Meidroth
Tommy and Christine Torii	Barrera	Revell
Eric and Jennifer Mangali	Barrera	Scott

New Jr Members:

- Gina Alfandary,
- Jessica Bundy,
- Chris and Greg Schnack

Resignation:

- Colin and Sue Rigler

One of the more frequently asked question for club VP 'How much longer do we have to wait to become member?' The answer is, depends. The latest new members sent in their application back in late 2007. So that would be 3 and half years wait. Due to very low number of departure and higher than normal number of applications in 2008 and

2009, the waiting time will become much longer as we move forward. Anyone that puts an application right now, may have to wait around 9 years (sic!).

We are 3 months into new club year. The first quarterly workday list will be posted in the club in Mid September.

## Adult Badminton

from [adultbadminton@mbbadmintonclub.com](mailto:adultbadminton@mbbadmintonclub.com)

Peter Steinbroner

The Club wants to welcome Grace Tsai, Pat Pilouk and Chase Quinto as new playing members....please take a moment to introduce yourselves and make them feel comfortable.

### PLEASE NOTE:

The Club operates on the Honor System. We are not here to police you and your guests...but if we find a member who disregards the rules on a frequent basis....it will make for an unhappy Adult Badminton Chairperson...

The rules are simple: Please sign in your guests PRIOR to stepping onto the courts. A maximum of three guests at a time and guests may come only twice a month. Guests fee are \$10 after 8pm and all day Sunday.

I have noticed that some players arriving after 8pm are not writing in the correct amount. If you cannot afford the \$10 guest fee, please see me and we'll be glad to make other arrangements...

Hoping to have our next Interclub tournament in September

Janet Hodgeman

## Post-It from the Secretary

from [secretary@mbbadmintonclub.com](mailto:secretary@mbbadmintonclub.com)

I'm glad to be your volunteer club secretary. As I learn my job, I am grateful that we are fortunate enough to have several board member volunteers serving you who really know the history of the club and know what to do on your

behalf. Our board cares about running the club in a way the helps you get the most out of your membership. I encourage you to make suggestions to make things better when you are tempted to complain.

Pat Johnson

## About the House Chair

from [house@mbbadmintonclub.com](mailto:house@mbbadmintonclub.com)

Well – technically – this is not a report from the House Chair – but rather about the House Chair.... Pat Johnson has been a club member about 40 years – probably does not need the workdays... but he loves this club – evidence the new landscaping put in by Pat and his crew this last month.... plants donated by Uni & Harry Mayesh. And if any of you need help in getting workdays, Pat's your guy.

# New Construction

from [newconstruction@mbbadmintonclub.com](mailto:newconstruction@mbbadmintonclub.com)

Lori Cordero

As your New Construction volunteer, sometime projects get done that members like and some things other members don't like it. Most people have expressed that they really like the look of the pool, but I received a couple comments that they don't think it matches the brick. This is a good time to explain to you why the pool tile is a natural color rather than a different color since there are so many tile colors out there.

There are fewer options for a *commercial* pool than there are for a *residential* pool. Also, the MBBC works from a *vendor* list that has been put together through the years and it makes it easier for a board member to work with the same person on the list. We have been using our pool service company for a quite some time. They know the pool, equipment, have a key to get in and are available at any time. We had two brochures to select from. Of the two choices, one brochure was more

economical for the club and within our budget. That brochure had two commercial tile color choices: blue or tan. I liked tan because it matches the color of the building. It is my goal to have the outside blue chairs either redone or replaced in a light tan. The brick coping around the pool will need updating someday but for now it suffices. Here is a website with a 1950's beach pool if you'd like to see a picture. <http://retro.photoshelter.com/gallery-image/Retro-Motels-Hotels-of-the-1950s-60s/G0000XmoQkCgoHwU/I00008RMWcN1M9y8>.

Remember, everything that is a big project is done in stages.

I am working on an update for the membership about the women's bathroom at the Semi-Annual meeting. In the meantime, I hope everyone is enjoying the end of your summer.

# And from the House Chair

from [house@mbbadmintonclub.com](mailto:house@mbbadmintonclub.com)

Pat Johnson

In addition to our standard workdays which take place once a month, we have many opportunities for people with special talents to earn workday credits during the month. We are looking for people with the following talents:

1. Staining and wood refinishing some of the patio furniture
2. Plumbing (small miscellaneous tasks)
3. Electrician (small miscellaneous tasks)

## JOBS WANTED FOR WORKDAY CREDITS

if you are looking for special workday opportunities, please send an email to the House Chair with your request, and I am sure that we can accommodate you. Contact Pat Johnson.

# R a m b l i n g s   f r o m   t h e   E d i t o r

from [shuttlecock@mbbadmintonclub.com](mailto:shuttlecock@mbbadmintonclub.com)

Phil Alfordary

Technically I have had this job for about three months – don't feel like I have done my part though... sent out a couple of newsletters – late... Sent out a couple of party invites – and this is funny – a lot of you think that because I sent out the invite, that I am hosting the party... this is way funny. What is going on is that because we want to control how many emails members get from our mailing list, all mailings come through me... ah – and here we have an issue... some of you are filtering me out and not getting the party invites or the shuttlecock. I don't know how to fix this – it has to happen on your end. Ok so here is what the rest of you have to do when you see your friends... tell them how neat the Shuttlecock was and ask them if they saw it. If they did not see it, have them call me and we will absolutely fix this. Please – I do need everyone's help here.

HELP - I have not really updated the website – I need someone to walk me through Dreamweaver – so if anyone out there needs a quick workday, I could use some hand holding.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUB – well there should be news – I seem to live at the club – I am there often enough... the only strange sight that I can recall is seeing Dave and Nancy Acuna playing badminton with their grandson... Those of you that know the Acunas know that Nancy is an A player – in hiding... and Dave used to be my favorite target (and I was his) and I miss playing with him. So I got really excited to see them on the courts... but that was only once. Oh well. Dave by the way was the inspiration for my diet. I last saw him at DeDe's wedding a year ago and he had lost a ton of weight and looking good. So the competitive spirit in me kicked in... and I think I have now lost two tons.

Hope to see a lot of you at the 75 year anniversary shindig – should be a good time to see old friends and make new ones. There is a DVD out – made by Hanon Sinay – I think it will be playing at the club on Sunday. You really should come by just to view it... very interesting stuff about how the club came about.

See you on the courts – and at the party....