



Shuttlecock

Aug 2009

Manhattan Beach Badminton Club

It's been a busy month...the Junior International Tournament was a resounding success...and special thanks to all the volunteers...as the Club once again played host to a mini-United Nations...with players from all over this world.

As for our advanced players...Matt Fogarty and Dean Schoppe winged their way to India for the World Championships...which is quite an accomplishment as these two vets can still wow 'em...against much younger competition or as the saying goes: experience and treachery will overcome youth and ambition.

Presidentially Speaking...

There were quite a few mini-dramas...including the fire alarm going off in the middle of play due to one too many cheeseburgers on the grill (at least we know the thing works and got everyone's attention)...to the Ghana player who got hit in the eye with a bird. Fortunately for him...he was able to find a doctor who performed surgery and repaired his other eye which was also bad...and did it gratis... wouldn't it be nice if health insurance didn't come with a bill?

Congratulations to our Junior Champions:
Isabel Zhong, Becky Neumann and
Susanna Zhong!

The InterClub Tournament on July 31st...saw over 30 players compete while outside... the pool and barbecue played host to over 75 members and guests... which made the Club the place to see and be seen.

The Workday on August 8th...though small in number, accomplished a lot as we move into the dog days of summer.

A few tips...sign in guests BEFORE using the courts and pool...and leave the Club exactly like you found it...AND...last one leaving...lock all the doors and turn off the lights.

See you at the Club!

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On behalf of all our badminton players, I'd like to thank Bob Davis and Bill Otoide for upgrading the lighting on the courts. They put in many hours of their time to get it right.

This past workday (Aug. 8th) was the best attended in some time. We were able to clean up and power wash the barbecue and pool areas, do some gardening, repair the jungle gym, and service the courtside drinking fountain; thanks gang. Gene Harbeck troubleshoot our ongoing electrical problems with our spa and we found more problems, so we're shutting down the spa for safety concerns until our electrician makes the needed repairs. Our "trial program" Party Reservation package has been going without incident, unless anyone has any feedback we've yet to hear. The updated schedule is posted at the club.

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ABOUT BADMINTON

Badminton is the world's fastest racket sport, with the shuttlecock traveling at speeds in excess of 200 mph.

500 B.C.

Earliest recorded history shows a game similar to badminton played in China around 500 B.C.

1870

Adapted in India and played for centuries, "poona" is brought back to England by British Army officers in 1870 where the sport is introduced to the Duke of Beaufort at his country estate, Badminton.



1900's

Badminton's popularity soars in the 1930's as many clubs form and offer instruction. Spurring on the sport's popularity are Hollywood stars, such as James Cagney, Bette Davis, Ginger Rogers, Joan Crawford and Douglas Fairbanks.

A small group of Manhattan Beach locals take up the sport, renting out the second floor of the Marine Pavilion (located at the beach on Marine Street)...and in 1940...decide to build their own club in the 'back country'... on a sand dune adjacent to Ardmore Avenue. The city refuses to build an access road, and members construct 18th Street...which ends just east of the court building.

MBBC Members! Thanks to all who helped to make the Family Pool Party a Successful Event and just a good time! I really appreciate everyone's "roll up your sleeves and pitch in" attitude.

Remember to submit your fabulous event ideas to me and I will do all I can to help get them off the ground for you! They don't just happen out of thin air, or let me know what type of events you would like to see at the club! Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you all at the next event this Fall!

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- Tue. Sep 1 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm*
- Sat. Sep 12 Club Workday: 8am-12pm*
- Sat. Oct. 3 MB Hometown Fair: 10am-6pm*
- Sun. Oct. 4 MB Hometown Fair: 10am-5pm*
- Tue. Oct 6 MBBC Board Meeting: 7pm*
- Sat. Oct 12 Club Workday: 8am-12pm*

Calendar