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Dean Shoppe Honored by MBBC

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DEAN SHOPPE WAS INDUCTED AS AN HONORARY MEMBER of the Club at the November meeting. David Levin gave the honors and his speech follows.

Dean began his badminton career as a junior at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club before 1970. You can check out his picture in the Junior photos on the wall. Back when he had lots of hair.

Later he played for California State University - Dominguez Hills while in college under the tutelage of Dr Jim Poole (a distinguished MBBC member of many years).

Dean earned a place on the USA National Team from 1989-1993. He has been a member of the US Pan American team multiple years with international tournament experience throughout the Pan American zone.

He won the Sao Paolo, Brazil Open in 1998 & 2001 and has been a semifinalist or finalist in the Open tournaments in Peru, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Mexico and Guatemala.

He was a member of the US Thomas Cup team (same as Davis Cup in Tennis) in 2004 which won the American Zone title.

Dean has traveled extensively playing in badminton tournaments all over the world.

Possibly his most noteworthy achievement in his badminton career is that he qualified for 5 World Badminton Championships in 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009. Only 48 teams from all over the world qualify for this event. The World Championships is second only in stature to the Olympics. In 2003, with his partner Dr. Matt Fogarty, another MBBC member, he won the first ever match by a US at the World Championships in Birmingham England.

Competitive badminton at the highest level never came easy for Dean. It is a testament to his hard work and perseverance that he achieved his greatest DEAN



Dean Shoppe receives Honorary Membership status as announced at the November meeting.

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DEAN SHOPPE. . .

competitive success later in life in his forties when he was competing against athletes half his age.

But, this is not the reason Dean is being nominated for honorary membership to MBBC today. It is for his tireless work in the promotion and education of the sport of badminton for his entire adult life. Dean and badminton are synonymous. If Dean had an official title it would be Ambassador of Badminton. He represents Badminton and MBBC everywhere he goes.

As a coach, Dean began giving private lessons at age 17, and has worked 7 years with the Jim Poole Academy of Badminton, instructed with Dr. Don Paup for 10 years at the George Washington University badminton camps, coached the Colton High School team to a CIF Championship in 1986/87, instructed wheelchair badminton, served on the USA Badminton National Junior Development and Olympic Player Development committees. This in addition to always being involved with the coaching and development of our own Juniors here at MBBC and High School Badminton around the country.

Dean also served as the USA Badminton Pan American rep for 12 years, and PASO rep for the United States Olympic Committee.

Dean has been recognized and honored with the USA Badminton national Ken Davidson Memorial Sportsmanship Award in 1993 and the National Association for Girls and Women in Sports Presidents Award in 2000.

He continues to instruct at numerous national convention and association work shops and is an adjunct professor at CSU-Dominguez Hills. He has produced and authored instructional Books and Videos for badminton.

Dean is the President of HL Corp. since 1988. A manufacturer of badminton equipment with distribution in the whole of the Western Hemisphere. Before that he worked for his father, Wes Schoppe, supporting the development and growth of badminton in Southern California High Schools. Running numerous high school badminton tournaments and doing hundreds of clinics and demonstrations in local high schools.

Speaking of Dean's father Wes, Dean has continued Wes's legacy of Chairing and promoting high-quality competitive tournaments here at the club. Dean Chairs the MBBC Junior International Tournament held at our club every July since 1995. Take a look at the flags in the gym. This represents all the countries that have participated in the event since its inception. What a fantastic opportunity and experience Dean provides for our MBBC Juniors by hosting this event every year.

I have known Dean since the mid 1970's and have worked with him since 1986. It has been a privilege to share some of what I observe every day with you here today.

Thank You.

— David Levin

MBBC's Fall Masters Classic Attracts the Scary Players

by Curt Dommeyer

DURING THE PAST HALLOWEEN WEEKEND (OCT. 31ST – NOV. 2ND), there were many scary looking players on the courts of the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club competing in the 2014 MBBC Fall Masters Badminton Classic, a tournament organized by David Levin and sponsored by the HL Corporation. This was the fifth consecutive running of the tournament and it attracted nearly 80 entrants, some of whom traveled from Hawaii, Georgia, Arizona, New Mexico, San Diego, or Northern California. Besides offering singles events from 40+ years to 80+, the tournament also offered "combined age" doubles events starting at 77+ and culminating at the 149+ mark. What the tournament lacked in quantity, it made up in quality. Since Manhattan Beach is located in Los Angeles County, it has the ability to attract high caliber players who otherwise might not travel to tournaments outside the Southern California Region. Any winner of a tournament in the Los Angeles area usually has to fight his or her way past players who are capable of winning national or international championships. A cursory examination of the entrants reveals players of impeccable badminton credentials. Among them are Tariq Wadood (formerly ranked as high as #2 in men's singles in the world), Linda Safarik-Tong (former U.S. champion in all three events), Bob Cook and Andy Gouw (65+ winners of the BWF World Senior Championships that were held in Richmond, Canada), and Peter Steinbroner and Creighton Van Horn (each of whom had won U.S. doubles championships as juniors).

The Manhattan Beach Badminton Club is one of the oldest badminton facilities in the country and its courts are a pleasure to play on. The wood floors have a soft "give" to them and the dark green walls offer perfect visibility of the



120+ Men's Doubles winners Tariq Wadood and Curt Dommeyer

shuttle. The acoustics of the hall allow everyone to hear the pop of the shuttle as it explodes from a smasher's racket. Amenities available at the club include a swimming pool, Jacuzzi, restroom and shower facilities, banquet hall, and a fully equipped kitchen. The tournament committee made good use of the kitchen on Saturday evening, providing entrants free hors d'oeuvres, pasta dishes, desserts, and drinks.

Win or lose, all entrants received an attractive Lycra playing shirt that displayed logos from the club and the sponsor. In addition, each winner of each event was provided with a new tube of HL shuttles. While most winners would have no problem making use of their winnings, it was questionable whether one of the winners would be able to use

his winnings by the time next year's tournament rolls around. **Tariq Wadood**, you see, had not lifted a racket since last year's tournament.

The winners of the various events are displayed below:

MEN'S SINGLES

40+: Sanjay Malde

52+: Sanjay Malde

60+: Russ Okuno

65+: David Carton

70+ Richard Warnock

80+ Raymond Pang

WOMEN'S SINGLES

50+ Mary Jane Schatzle

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Tournament organizer, David Levin and Sue Dommeyer



MEN'S DOUBLES

- 80+ Guy Chadwick & Budy Sumarli
- 100+ Guy Chadwick & Budy Sumarli
- 110+ Guy Chadwick & Tariq Wadood
- 120+ Curt Dommeyer & Tariq Wadood
- 130+ Jeff Fishback & Manny Lopez
- 139+ Bob Cook & Tom Peterson
- 149+ Djon Lim & Richard Warnock

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

- 77+ Irena Slavina & Lina Taft
- 90+ Bing Bing & Lina Taft
- 100+ Mary Jane Schatzle & Michiko Watanabe
- 119+ Mary Jane Schatzle & Andrea Weiss
- 129+ Judy Gray & Mary Jane Schatzle
- 140+ Lorna Hunter & Margot Hurst

MIXED DOUBLES

- 80+ Yan Budhyhartono & Jo Hipolito
- 100+ Roger Tong & Linda Safarik-Tong
- 110+ David Levin & Sue Dommeyer
- 130+ Curt Dommeyer & Sue Dommeyer
- 140+ Jeff Fishback & Roberta Peters



The Dommeyers — winners of the 130+ Mixed Doubles

A message from the President
Gary Penberthy



THANK YOU ALL WHO ATTENDED OR PROXIED THE NOVEMBER MEETING. You Board is pleased to have your support, and will work through the completion of our proposals.

I especially want to thank all of you who introduced yourselves to me, with offers to help with various projects. In particular, we are looking for help from those who are familiar with Excel spreadsheets. I did receive an offer and would like to hear from the woman who made that offer. You can email me at garyp@penberthy.com

In the past couple of weeks, we have had a flourish of activity and questions regarding contributions members can make to help make the Club a better place to bring your family and friends.

If you are interested in participating, drop John Kravec an email, and he may be able to direct you to several committees that are forming. (newconstruction@mbbadmintonclub.com)

As reported at our General meeting, we have had a productive first half, and I am proud of the Board for pushing ahead with our projects, programs and Club events.

Gary

president@mbbadmintonclub.com



“Thank you for your interest in helping make the Club an even better place...”

A message from the Vice President Gene Harbeck



OUR LAST PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION

October was a busy month with all the new Provisional members joining our club. We also moved several existing Provisional members to our Regular membership category.

I have invited 5 new families to attend the next board meeting scheduled for December 2nd for Board approval. If all goes well, we will be signing up a total of 10 Provisional members to join the club. It is my goal to keep the MBBC at maximum membership throughout this year.

Recent resignations include: **Michael Welch & Candace Ford, Eric & Mary Kutsenda.** We wish them the best and hope to see them back at the club sometime in the future.

All workday credits have been posted through Oct for our club's calendar year. For all those who missed the November general membership meeting, please make sure to attend the next meeting in May as that will be the last meeting for this calendar year.

Please enjoy the club with your family and friends and remember to always sign in your guests and think safety first.

Gene

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A message from the Treasurer Terence Tchen



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED the November semi-annual meeting. It was quite a lively evening and I feel a lot was accomplished. There's nothing that a Treasurer likes more than putting debt on a clean balance sheet!

Fortunately, we are well positioned to repay the debt over the next decade.

An updated workday schedule has been posted on the bulletin board in the lobby. Please check it to ensure that you have been properly credited with workdays you have performed for this fiscal year.

For those of you who have been sending payments to **Juliette Ortega** (Cloud Smart Accounting), please update your address books and bill pay to reflect her new address, which is:

**608 Silver Spur Road, Suite 200
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274**

Please note that this new address is just down the street from the old one. There seems to be a little confusion about fees for out-of-town guests. Here's a brief summary (see the By-Laws for

additional details): For the occasional guest, an inviting member (21 years of age or older) may bring up to three guests to the club who must sign in; the sponsor is responsible for payment of the guest fee and must be present during the guests' time at the club.

For guests who are bona-fide non-kin house guests of yours, they be eligible for a temporary guest membership, which is a monthly membership. The sponsor is responsible for the dues and expenses associated with the temporary guest membership. The sponsor should make a request for a temporary guest membership well in advance of the guests' visits so that the Board has sufficient time to consider such request.

Finally, we are approaching the end of the year. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Junior Program. You can contact the junior chair, Yuko Kawasaki, for more details.

Terence

treasurer@mbbadmintonclub.com

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A message from the House Chairs Steve and Shiney Thomas



WE HAD SEVEN PEOPLE SHOW UP FOR THE NOVEMBER

WORKDAY, and they were joined by our own Club President, **Gary Penberthy**, who led a couple big projects. The first was installing a tarp over our garbage bins

in the parking lot to improve the appearance. The second was giving a major cleaning to the upstairs kitchen stove. **Andy Paroczai** deserves special mention for once again cleaning up after a major problem we had with some critters. We had some mice get into juice boxes that were stored in one of the outer sheds. As a result, we're going to provide large plastic bins to store beverages in. **Please properly dispose of leftovers and food sources for the pests so that they'll stop pestering us.**

Other tasks involved setting up for the meeting, landscaping in the parking lot, light replacement, and cleaning under wooden beams by the pool. You've probably seen those; they collect dust and debris until finally they are sticking up above the concrete causing a safety hazard. We cleaned out the grooves and those are sitting as they are supposed to now. This summer, all the pool chairs were re-straped. I've noticed several with a broken strap already. I have two stacks of chairs by the ping pong table. One is for fixed chairs, and one is for chairs that need 2 or more straps repaired. If you see a chair by the pool with straps broken, you can put it on the broken strap pile and get a new one from the good pile. Hopefully, it's obvious which is which. When the broken stack gets high enough, or before next spring, we'll plan to get those repaired at a workday.

There are two items I discussed at the November meeting that bear repeating. First, I've placed a **"kitchen clean-up sign-up sheet"** in the upstairs kitchen on a clipboard. The idea being that you can earn one half of a workday by cleaning one of the two kitchens. Clean both or return and clean one again and you can earn a full workday. Expectations for the task are listed on the sheet, but basically if you can spend 90 minutes to 2 hours cleaning twice before the

end of the club year, you can earn a workday on your own schedule. Just send me an email when you are done so I can grant you credit. We'll try this for a few months and see how it goes.

Secondly, we have a whole list of items that we would like to do to spruce up the club. If you see something in the list below that interests you, let me know. We can arrange to have the work done whenever you have time, it doesn't have to be on a regularly scheduled workday. And if the job is large enough, we can grant 2 or 3 workdays, or you can work on a task with a friend. Finally, there are several people who have opted to take on regular duties around the club in lieu of coming to workdays. If you are one of those people, please let me know how things are going.

Tasks Available for Workday Credits

- 1. Paint mismatched ceiling tiles to fit in with the rest of the ceiling.**
- 2. Paint conduit to match wall color (multiple places).**

Steve and Shiney
house@mbbadmintonclub.com

Next Workday:
Saturday, December 13th
8am-12 pm

Please be sure to RSVP to
house@mbbadmintonclub.com

A message from the New Construction Chair
John Kravec



Thank you for your continued support for the 18th St Project

at our Semi-Annual Meeting. I talked to the bidding contractors and we expect their updated bids later this week and next week.

Our selection committee will review the updates and select our construction contractor and move ahead to start the project. Pat informed our bank that we will be moving ahead with the loan. More to come.

Also thanks for approving the increase in the amount that the board may commit and spend.

That will give the present and future boards the ability to respond to significant maintenance issues in a timely manner.

John

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A message from Adult Badminton Chair
Peter D. Steinbroner



BADMINTON IS ALIVE AND WELL...as more people are playing the game then ever before here at the Club. If you're not playing Badminton...you're missing out on a lot of fun!

The InterClub Tournament has been wildly successful and we have one more tournament to determine a new Club champion.

Many thanks to **Nicole & Frank Belandres** and **Peter Chen** and volunteers at the

Hometown Fair. They lugged 1000 cans of sodas down to Live Oak Park....sat in the hot sun....and raised \$728 for the Junior Fund.

Kim Sussman and **Elizabeth Greskovics** have ordered a new batch of MBBC t-shirts and sweat shirts. They are on sale with all proceeds going to the Junior Program.

Peter

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A message from the Junior Badminton Chair
Yuko Kawasaki



OUR JUNIOR PROGRAM IS BUSY DEVELOPING 40-50 enthusiastic juniors, which consist of our membership's children as well as junior playing members.

Our juniors have been busy playing in local tournaments as well as Junior Nationals. They are already starting to train for next year's Junior Nationals in Florida. We are confident they will have improved results in 2015.

We appreciate everyone's support in our annual fundraising efforts which included our rummage sale (thank you **Donna Gibbs**), Junior International tournament (thank you tournament director **Stephani Armstrong**), and Masters' Tournament (thank you tournament director **Dave Levin**.)

Our most recent effort was the Hometown Fair. Thank you **Nicole Belandres** for applying

for the booth on behalf of MBBC. **Frank Belandres** and his helpers set up our MBBC tent, moved 1000+ cans of soda to and from our club. Thank you to **parents of junior players and members** who donated the soda and Snapple.

If any of you have children that haven't tried out the fastest sport on earth, please send them my way! I would love nothing more than to introduce them to my favorite sport.

Beginners meet Mondays & Wednesday (6-8p) and Fridays (4-5:30). The group lessons are included in your family membership!

Yuko

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A message from the Entertainment Chair
Mike Whitcombe



GREETINGS MEMBERS!

As mentioned in the Annual meeting, lots of ways to participate for 2015. See the attached calendar of events for 2015 — lend a hand and get involved.

Save the date on December 13th for the club's annual Holiday Party. This year just a gathering of club members for a festive time, music and food. Come enjoy the holiday and be prepared to have fun. You should have received an email from Paperless Post on how to RSVP in the next week!!

Still need volunteers to help work the event.
Volunteer for Holiday Party Planning
Sign up [HERE](#).

Tree Set Up - December 6th

MBBC Holiday Party - December 13th

Kid's Christmas Party - December 17th

As always, interested in getting involved and have party ideas that you would like to see happen....please send an email to me!

Mike

xxicdboy@mac.com



2015 Entertainment Calendar

Valentine's Day Party	February 14
Rummage Sale/	
White Elephant Party	March 11 - 13
Seis de Junio	June 6
Pool Party	August 15
Margarita's by the Pool . . .	September 5
80's Night	October 10
Kid's Halloween Party	October 28
Annual Holiday Party	December 5
Kid's Christmas Party	December 16

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A message from the Communications Chair
Lynn O'Connell



THANK YOU TO ALL who attended the Semi-Annual Meeting! I was the last Board Member to present, and as you can see, I really know how to clear a room!

As I mentioned at the meeting, a new initiative this year will be to deliver the directory digitally rather than printing books. We currently have a task force weighing our options and will decide on the best format very soon.

Take a look at the views from our rooftop! The pictures on the following page were shot while our roof repair was underway. And not too soon — it held up superbly in the “torrential” storm!

Speaking of which, on the last page is a reprint of an article about our own Lee Calvert. She is taking a new sport by storm!!

Lynn

shuttlecock@mbbadmintonclub.com



\$ Million views...



If you lost your Club key and
need a new one...
Contact Jen Roskin at
jenroskin@me.com

HELP WANTED

WHO:

A few good men and women who love the Badminton Club.

WHAT:

Become a Board member and make a difference in the operation of MBBC.

WHY:

Earn workday credits for an entire year plus an additional year after serving.

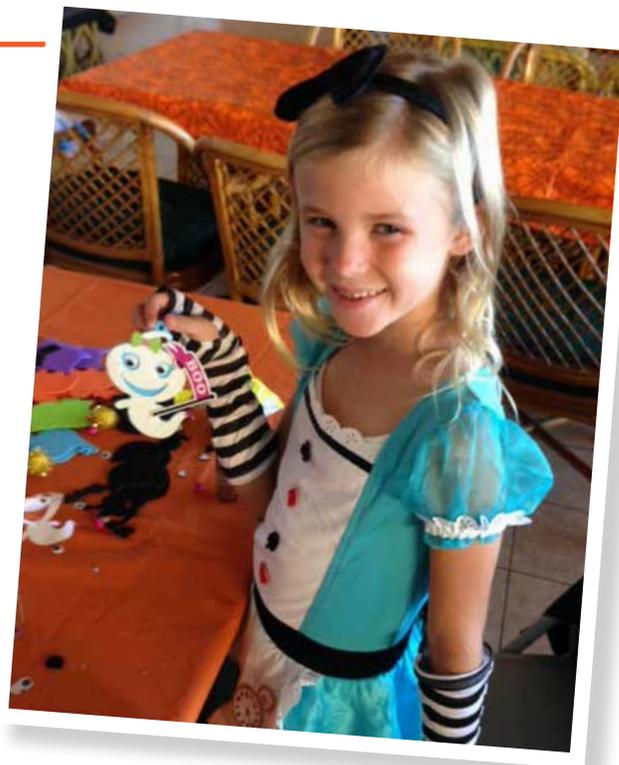
WHEN:

Now! Several of you raised your hand in interest! Contact Past President, Pat Johnson cardinals@gmail.com



Upcoming Dates:

Dec 5	Fri Nite Tourney 7:30 - 9:30
Dec 13	Workday 8:00-noon
Dec 13	Holiday Party 7:00 - 10:00
Dec 17	Kids Holiday Party Time TBD



A big, "thank you" to Kim Sussman and committee for hosting the Kids Halloween Party!

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014 ♦ PACIFIC PALISADES, CALIFORNIA

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Lee Calvert Tables More Medals

By STEVE GALLUZZO
Sports Editor

Lee Calvert is living proof that you are never too old to take up a new sport.

Having spent decades racking up medals in badminton, she decided to try her luck at table tennis at last week's Huntsman Senior Games in St. George, Utah. Sure enough, she returned home to the Palisades with not one, not two, but three medals around her neck.

"I'm the new girl on the block and partners are hard to find if you don't know anybody, but I'm hoping to do better next time," said Calvert, who turned 90 years young in August but has the energy and enthusiasm of a teenager. "If you don't have fun at my age, when are you going to?"

In the 90-and-over ladies singles final, Calvert beat Dorothy Peterson of Mankato, Minnesota, in three straight games. She partnered with Patty Thomas of San Antonio, Texas, to reach the finals of the 85+ ladies doubles and teamed with Woody Gove from Oakridge, Tennessee, to earn another silver in the 80-85 mixed doubles division.

"It's a whole new thing for me, but with table tennis I have no pain, no discomfort," said Calvert, who has had knee and hip surgery. "You still have to move

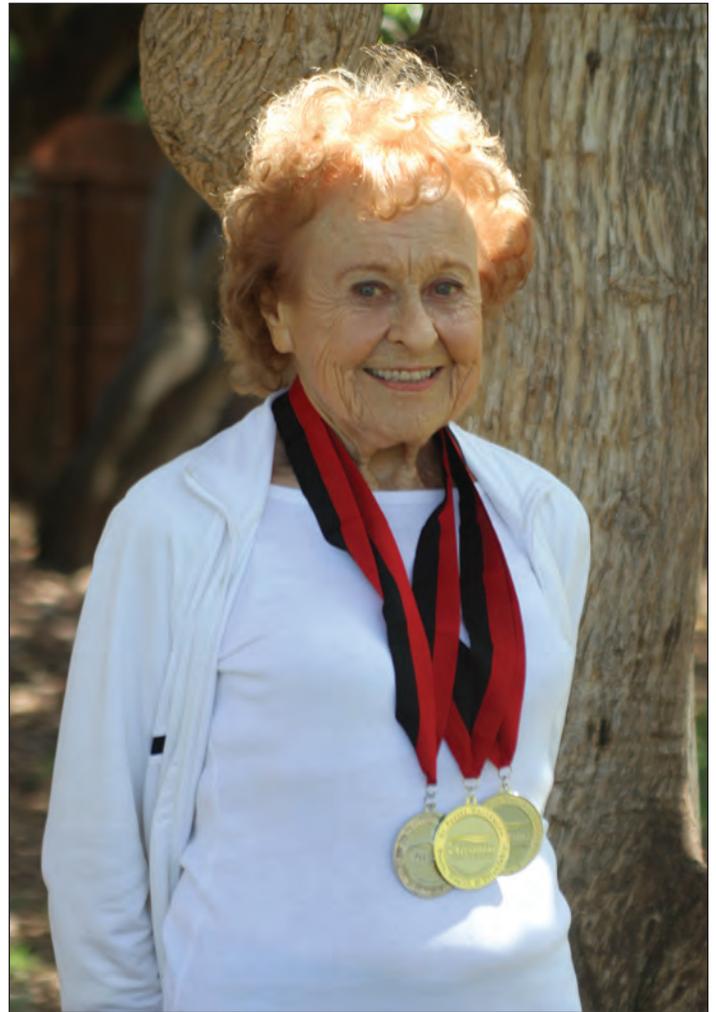
and make room for your partner in doubles, you have to serve with the ball in the palm of your hand. If you win, you win because you're good. The players use all sorts of cuts and spins. The ball is whizzing all over the place but it's a much smaller area to cover than badminton."

Calvert's medal count in badminton is staggering: 42 golds and 21 silvers in singles, 41 golds and 25 silvers in doubles and 35 golds and 21 silvers in mixed doubles for a total of 185 medals -- and those are just the ones she's kept from 1988 to 2010. She might have more stashed away somewhere.

"It's funny to be going around saying life begins at 90," she said, laughing. "People get to that age and think it's all over, but I need that adrenaline rush."

Calvert stays in tip-top shape by working out four times a week at the **Palisades-Malibu YMCA**, taking **Rita Ashton's** Fitness Forever class on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and a Core Fusion class on Tuesdays. "Life isn't over until you're in the ground."

Calvert has been an active member of the **Pacific Palisades Optimist Club** since joining eight months ago and didn't miss a meeting until last Tuesday. She practiced for her latest competition by playing weekly with friends and willing young



"Golden Girl" Lee Calvert won three medals in table tennis at the Huntsman Senior Games in St. George, Utah.

Photo: Steve Galluzzo

challengers at the **Tahitian Terrace** clubhouse.

While in Utah, Calvert roomed with fellow Palisadian **Cynthia Cuza**, who competed in the 70-74 age division. Cuza won a bronze medal in the same age category last year with doubles partner Rosemary Davi of Elsberry, Missouri.

"It was fun, we even went to the country dance together," said Calvert, a Palisadian since 1962. "I enjoy the travel."

Calvert's daughter Nancy attended Palisades High (Class of 1964) and had her 50th reunion in June.

Winning never gets old for Calvert and neither does she.