In Memoriam: Dean Maurry and Spud Monahan

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MANHATTAN BEACH BADMINTON CLUB

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In Memoriam

Spud Monahan

The Board of Directors is sad to announce the passing of Spud Monahan. Spud was a member of MBBC for 64 years, joining the Club in 1951. Spud and his wife BL were well liked and socially active amongst a rather exclusive crowd that was very selective about who they allowed to join the “Club.”

Spud served as President in 1964 at a time when the Club was debating the benefits of improving the facility. The expansion would eventually include the lounge, bathrooms and downstairs kitchen. It also helped that his wife BL worked at the local Bank of America which, through her relationship, loaned the Club the money for this expansion. Spud was a loyal member, the last link to the original founders who built MBBC. For those who knew Spud, he was a real character and was still playing golf until fairly recently.

Spud was inducted as an “Honorary Member” in 2011.

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Dean Maurry

Dean Maurry, longtime member of the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club, passed away on December 20th, 2015 at the age of 80.

Born in Los Angeles in 1935, he was the son of Herm and Dorothy Maurry, founding members of the Club. Growing up in Manhattan Beach had it's advantages as Dean was part of the inaugural Junior Badminton program and became a legend in the sport.

Dean holds the unique distinction of being only one of two players ever to have won three Junior National Boys Doubles Championships in the 18 and under division. Dean also won several Senior Doubles titles at the Western States Open, an annual event held at MBBC.

Dean was in the first graduating class at Mira Costa High School. Upon graduation, he went to UCLA where his planned football career was cut short by a knee injury. Intense and highly competitive, Dean loved all sports and outdoor life. An avid scuba diver, boater, mountain climber, lifeguard, golfer, you name it, Dean enjoyed and excelled in it.

Dean leaves behind his wife Tina of 36 years and four children, Mike, Kelly, Craig and Brian. Funeral Services were held at American Martyrs Catholic Church on Friday evening, January 8, 2016.

--Pat Johnson
A message from the President

Gene Harbeck

The New Year has arrived. The pool, the BBQ areas and the Jacuzzi are all in good shape with noticeable improvements on the pool deck.

The pool deck construction project is now 95% complete and we are still working on plans to upgrade the main lobby entrance and to start this work after the rummage sale in March is over. The Board has approve the installation of new electronic chemical control systems to both the pool and spa. This will help eliminate any problem with our water treatment program. With that said, the construction committee continues to plan for upgrades to the playground area, landscaping and the restrooms. As you may have heard, we have hired Palos Verdes Engineering to examine the exterior wood post supports of our Badminton building. We noticed that the exterior supports are showing signs of termite and dry root erosion. We will keep you all posted.

I want to extend my thanks, again, to all members who continue to be good neighbors. It is important that we are all thoughtful about parking, traffic, and general congestion in the surrounding neighborhood as we arrive and depart the club. Thank you, also, to all those who take time to sign in their guests and for keeping noise levels down, especially in the early and late hours or during club activities. See you at the club!

A message from Adult Badminton Chair

Peter Steinbroner

There was no Friday Night Tournament this month due to the Olympic Trials.

The next Friday Night Tournament will be Feb. 19th at 7:30pm: $10= fun play & dinner.

Below is the Club's Press Release for the Olympics event.
Workday Credit Opportunity

To help the Olympic Qualifying Event run smoothly, we are looking for members to volunteer February 3-7, 2016. You will receive one workday credit for every spot you help out with—but hurry, because remaining
MBBC Seniors Struggle at 2016 U.S. Senior International Badminton Championships

The 2016 U.S. Senior International Badminton Championships were held in Miami Lakes, Florida from January 12th – 16th. It attracted 114 entrants, most of whom came from the United States and Canada. It did, however, have entrants from China, Denmark, Peru, Costa Rica, and Trinidad-Tobago. The tournament had multiple five-year age categories, starting at 35+ and ending at 80+. It was permissible for a player to play within his or her age category or to play in a lower age category (known as “playing down”).

MBBC’s representatives at the tournament were Terry Lira, Curt Dommeyer, and Susan Dommeyer. Due to the strength of the draws, all three players struggled throughout the tournament. In the first round of the 65 Mixed Doubles, Curt and Sue ran into a powerful, newly formed team composed of Tony Knott and Rose Lei. (Tony is a former winner of the BWF World Seniors 60+ Men’s Singles, while Rose recently won the 65+ Women’s Singles at the BWF World Seniors event in Turkey.) Tony and Rose defeated Curt and Sue in three games, and then went on to win the event. Curt and Sue easily won the consolation rounds of the 65+ mixed, giving them the Bronze medal. Sue also met Rose in the women’s singles and women’s doubles, losing narrowly in both events. Terry, meanwhile, was having her struggles while “playing down” in all four of her events. She and her respective partners lost in the first rounds of the 45+ Mixed Doubles and the 50+ Women’s Doubles. She managed, however, to atone for those loses by finishing “second” in the 50+ Mixed Doubles and winning the 55+ Mixed Doubles while playing those events with Dudley Chen.

Upcoming events for senior players include the Dave Freeman Open in San Diego (February 26 – 28), the Canadian Masters Badminton Championships in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (April 11 – 16), and the 2016 U.S. American Masters’ Badminton Championships in Fort Myers, Florida (September 14 -17).

--Curt Dommeyer
Gold Medal Winners of 60+ MX: Mary Ann Bowles & Curt Dommeyer (on right)

**Detailed Results**

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A message from Treasurer
Stephani Armstrong

If you remember my Treasurer’s Report way back in the November 2015 Shuttlecock, I talked about missed workdays and how those fines are calculated. I also told you that I would explain how we calculate the fines for missed meetings in the December’s Treasurer’s Report. I started to write it, but it got to be very difficult and convoluted and I decided it would be better to enjoy the holidays than to think about fines. But now we’re in January and I can’t come up with any more excuses.

To recap: Each regular member has two kinds of obligations to perform each fiscal year (May 1 to April 30). The first obligation is to perform 3 workdays. In addition, each member is obligated to attend both of the 2 semi-annual member meetings per year, 1 of which may be proxied. This brings the total obligations per regular member per fiscal year to 5. This concept is important because it’s the total number of obligations that are not performed by the individual member that triggers the amount of the fine for a missed meeting.

As you know, workdays can be performed by either spouse. Basically, we total the workdays of married members then split them between the 2 spouses, giving the odd day to the spouse who earned it. So if one spouse did 6 workdays, each is treated as having done 3 workdays. Unlike workday obligations, meetings must be attended by the individual member, or proxied. One spouse cannot cover for the other.

For the past couple of years, the Board has been charging a flat fine of just $50 per missed meeting, even if the member had missed workdays. This has been in error. Unlike the IRS, we are not going to back charge you the correct fines plus interest for a mistake we made. However, with the current fiscal year, missed meetings will be assessed in accordance with the terms of the By-Laws.

In determining the missed meeting fine, we look at all the obligations each regular member has per year (3 workdays plus 2 meetings for a total of 5), and see which are missed. At this point, it becomes pretty straight forward: If a member fails to perform 3 or more obligations, each failed obligation will be fined at $150 each.

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Here are a couple of examples that might (I said might) help:

1. Let’s assume both Art, my loving husband, and I perform all of our workday obligations but I miss 1 meeting and Art misses both and neither of us proxies a meeting. My fine would be $50 and Art’s fine would be $200 (same as 2 missed workdays).

2. I don’t perform any workdays, miss both meetings and do not proxy either of those meetings. Art, in a surprise move, performs 1 workday, misses both meetings and does not proxy either of them.

Because I failed to perform more than 3 of my obligations (actually all of my obligations), I am fined at the highest rate for each missed obligation. That’s 5 obligations times $150 per obligation or a whopping $750. Art’s total fine is $600. He failed to perform 4 out of his 5 obligations.

So that’s it. It’s more complicated that it needs to be but not nearly as
2016 MBBC ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

MARCH 9th THROUGH 11th
DONATION DROP OFFS
COURTS COME DOWN. SETUP BEGINS.

Proceeds benefit the MBBC Juniors team! They need it all... appliances, bikes, books, CDs, clothing, cookware, dinnerware, dishes, electronics, furniture, jewelry, linens, sports gear, tools, toys, videos, whatever. If you no longer need it, bring it on over!

FRIDAY MARCH 11th
WHITE ELEPHANT SILENT AUCTION & WINE TASTING PARTY

SATURDAY MARCH 12th
RUMMAGE SALE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WORKDAY CREDITS, EARLY DROP OFFS, QUESTIONS, CONTACT:
DONNA GIBBS 310-374-0873
MARY KAY KELLY 310-545-4839

Here is a nice card from former Playing Member Eddy Hashikawa—Greetings from Japan.
Construction Update

A message from New Construction Chair

John Kravec

We continue progress on the 18th St Entry Project, but still are not at completion. First for the things accomplished.

The fence around the Spa equipment area has been completed and the Spa controls installed on the lower corner of the fence closest to the Spa. This includes the timer for the jets and the emergency shutoff.
The 18th St Entry and door is essentially complete and tied into the key swipe entry system. The remaining work for the doorway is to add the exterior handle and adjust the closer position of the door to be parallel with the wall. Also, our general contractor has cleaned up the debris in the parking lot and in the construction area.
The main area that still remains to be completed is finishing the handrail installation. Some of the handrails have been installed but the subcontractor says as a small business, he is having a hard time getting the priority to get the remaining railings completed at the galvanizing company. So we continue waiting to get the remainder of the required handrails installed and then complete the final MB city inspection.

In addition to the railings, I am maintaining a "Finish List" of things the contractor has to do to complete the job and get his full payment. The "Finish List" has a lot of the items closed out but among the remaining things are reinstalling the handicap lift next to the Spa, installing the handle on the 18th St door, touching up the paint on the east (parking lot) entry doors, and providing proof of lien satisfaction from the subcontractors. The Construction Committee meets with the contractor every Monday morning to review project progress and review completing tasks on the "Finish List."

One additional topic needs to be covered, the vote of the membership at the November 2015 semi-Annual meeting to raise the amount of our construction loan to the full $500,000 and address other improvements to the club. The Board has followed through on taking the loan as voted by the membership and has those funds in an account pending final payment of our contractor and potential additional improvement projects. We also discussed potential improvements, including bathroom improvements and improved access and play equipment for the lower play yard. However, after the clearing of the vegetation to add the auxiliary drain line between the parking lot and the court building, we noticed significant dry rot damage to several pillars supporting the east side of the court building. Fixing this damage has moved to the top of our project list and we have a structural engineer reviewing the damage to make a recommendation on the corrective action. So between the still ongoing work of the 18th St Entry and the uncertainty of the scope of the corrective action on the court support structure, we are holding off on other actions.

We feel the lobby refresh is a small enough task to move ahead with but with the upcoming Olympic
Qualifying and the Annual Rummage sale, we decided to defer the lobby refresh until after the Rummage Sale. That also applies to buying furniture for the new terrace area and landscaping. We want to continue to move the club ahead but we also need to maintain and support the present facilities and current activities without appreciable disruption. So our progress continues to be a balance of the new with the present.

Junior Internationals Workday Credits Opportunity!

Are you interested in a fun international experience for the entire family? Would you like to support our Club's Junior program? AND would you like to receive workday credits without leaving the comfort of your own home? Volunteer to host players or referees for this summer's International Junior Tournament (August 4 - 7)! For more details and to sign up for this unique experience, please contact Noelle Merritt (nmerritt@alum.mit.edu or 310-545-8833). Thanks!