

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



ADELINE CHAN

Another year has come in the fall that brought with it a new Board of Volunteers (Committee) to MSBCA at the recent AGM. I am humbled by the confidence that the members have

in me, thank you for all your encouragement. The post of Presidency is indeed overwhelming but I must take a step of faith "to help build MSBCA Calgary" as we continue to grow in the downtown community.

The new Committee wish to express our appreciation and thankfulness to the leadership of Daniel Sario and his team, viz. Kim Roe, Jill Heng, Sherry Tay, Ken Preston, Eric Ng and Jesse Cheah for their awesome volunteer service for MSBCA in 2006/2007. We are also grateful to our auditor Paul Teoh in volunteering his services of bookkeeping and accounting towards the association. As I reflect back this will be the 18th year of building MSBCA. We must acknowledge all the time and efforts that the past committees have put forward to make MSBCA the great association it is today.

And so the baton is passed on. The heartbeat of MSBCA continues. I recognize that everyone within the association

wants to maintain the high standards that we have all come to appreciate. However, this success relies on members volunteering and I would like to request that members will consider helping out with our various functions held throughout the year. We certainly value your support and participation therefore just come and join in the fun with us.

One of my heart desires is to help bring back many past members who are friends to MSBCA. Therefore we need to have grace and build confidence in the members in order to encourage them back. I hope everyone will have the same vision to build a stronger MSBCA of trust, friendship and love.

We invite you out to join us on the 27th Oct. 2007 to come for an evening of family fun, food (potluck) and games at our "Halloween". The theme for the night is "Hero and Heroine" so dress your best for the costume contest and our Christmas Celebration will follow in December. Do keep yourself updated on our monthly newsletter and website on coming events from our new editor, Tracey Bong.

The committee and I look forward to serve you and your family in this new term. Let us unite together and work towards a better MSBCA!

Lastly, I would like to wish our Muslim friends "Selamat Hari Raya" (Happy New Year).

*Blessings,
Adeline Chan*



ooOoo Happy Halloweeeen! ooOoo

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Sunday Lunch

Date: Nov 11

Time: 11:30am-1:30pm

Place: Clubhouse

Menu: Char Kueh Teow

Chef: Ah Hock

Dialect: Hokkien

Secret: Father from
Ayer Hitam,
Penang

Would you like to share some great recipes, a great photo, or funny jokes?

Please send them in to editor@msbcacalgary.ca and I will publish it in the newsletter!

Membership Renewal

You may renew your membership by mailing your cheque to the MSBCA at:

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Having grown up with many childhood memories linked to the MSBCA, has made my experiences that much more memorable and enriching. Now, I am given the opportunity to contribute a little back to the community as the new editor of the monthly newsletter. Some of you may be familiar with the previous experiences I have had with the editor position – assistant to Yeuchuan Choo and co-editor with Rachel Wong.

I guess I should give you all a little background information about myself hey? Well, I am 22 years old; I am the daughter of Jimmy and Linda Bong, and sister to Tiffany Bong. On experience and skills, I currently attend the University of Calgary and finishing my degree for Bachelors of Communication Studies, which is a combined degree with a diploma from SAIT, and at SAIT, I took the Digital Graphics Communications program. I enjoy photography, so I will be taking some of your pictures soon! Some other things I also enjoy are graphic design, crafts, snowboarding, yoga and traveling (whenever I get the chance to).

My family and I have been part of this community for over 10 years now and I can proudly say that I feel very lucky to have been part of a great community. I have made many friends from my childhood and most of which I still keep in contact with today (“childhood friends”). What I remember about the MSBCA growing up is the wonderful community

spirit the association had. Everyone was eager to participate, and to lend a helping hand. The events were endless. Field trips like the Calgary Herald, the Water Treatment Centre, events like the annual Mount Kidd Camping trip and many more, which I enjoyed and learned a lot from. I wonder how the younger generations feel about the community? I hope that they have a great experience as well and I hope that we can pass along our heritage and cultures on to the next generations the – because they will one day be the future of MSBCA. I really believe that the MSBCA has a lot to offer and I am excited to be a part of the community spirit.

Talking about community, leads to talking about an outlet in which this community can communicate to its members. The newsletter. The newsletter plays major role in representing what the club is all about. I hope that with my time as the editor, along side the new board of committees, I can help bring out more of that community spirit by getting the news and information, on upcoming events, to our members on time, so they are able to get involved and feel excited to get involved.

I am committed to what I do, and I hope to provide a rich and appealing newsletter to attract readership.

Tracey Bong

Event for the Canadian Indonesian Social Club The 2007 Pasar Malam Cultural Show / Evening Bazaar

**Enjoy Indonesian Traditional Dances and Cuisine,
Cash Bar and 50/50 Raffle, Dance with DJ**

When: Saturday November 17, 2007

Venue: Beddington Heights Community Centre
375 Bermuda Drive NW

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Ticket price is for admission only (does not include food): Member \$5,
Member-Family \$15, Non-Member \$8, Non-Member-Family \$20,
Children under 6 Free

Contact Maragret 241-2138, Ben 293-3760 for tickets

-----MSBCA CALENDAR of events-----

OCTOBER

- * 27th Halloween Party.

NOVEMBER :

- * 11th Sunday Lunch

DECEMBER :

- * TBA Family Christmas Dinner
- * 31st New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

JANUARY 2008:

- * Functions TBA

FEBRUARY 2008

- * 8th Chinese New Dinner @ the Regency Palace



HALLOWEEN PARTY

"Hero and Heroine Theme"

Saturday October 27
At the Clubhouse
Starts at 6:30 pm

- potluck dinner,
- pumpkin contest,
- costume contest
- prizes and more!

Get into the spirit of Halloween and put on your best costume! It's the one night of the year to become someone else!



MSBCA New Year's Eve Party

December 31st 2007

7:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

MSBCA Clubhouse

Member Cover Charge: (includes South-Asian Cuisine, Champagne, Juice, Coffee, Tea, Snacks and music by 'Alternative DJ')

- * \$26 for adults
- * \$10 for kids 6-12

PROGRAM:

- * Dinner
- * Games. Fun, Fun, & Fun
- * Door Prizes
- * Dance to DJ's music
- * New Year Toast &...more dancing

Seating capacity : 80-90

Contact Jesse Cheah @ 880-8885 or 274-3541

RSPV by: December 20th 2007.

*If you thought last year's party was "AWESOME & FUN!!"
Come and experience another one!*

MSBCA Family Christmas Party 2007

Date: TBA

MSBCA Clubhouse

6:30 p.m. - Midnight

- Potluck Dinner includes Turkey cooked by the Committee.
- Magic show.
- Games for adults and children. Lot of prizes to be won.
- Christmas crafts competition. Show off your best your handiwork and win a prize.
- Door Prizes
- Christmas carols
- A visit from SANTA CLAUS.

PLEASE CONTACT

Jesse Cheah @ 274-3541 or 880-8885

Deadline to register is November 30 2007

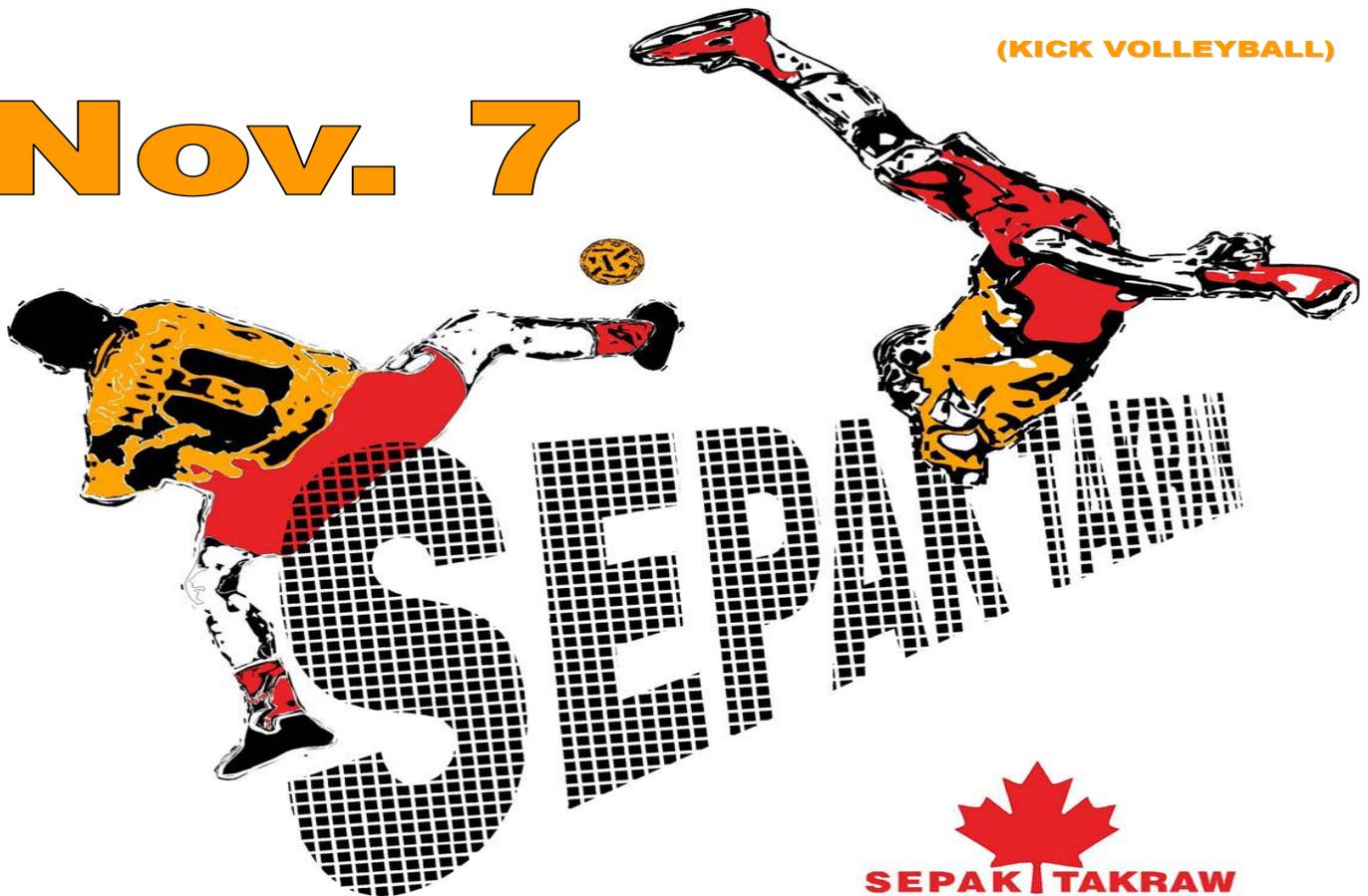
Seating capacity for 80 people only

*Come And Celebrate
The Spirit Of Christmas*

SEPAK TAKRAW

(KICK VOLLEYBALL)

Nov. 7



Exhibition Match

By MALAYSIA'S Finest Players

You Gotta' See it to Believe it!

Nov. 7 ONE NIGHT ONLY! Time: TBA

Location: TBA

Admission: \$2./person ("Toonie For Takraw!")

PRESENTED BY:



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highlights

The Annual General Meeting October 13, 2007



The board of committee for the 2007/2008 term. L-R: Jesse Cheah, Darren Lim, Peter Hawrylyshen, Joyce Wong, Stanley Vong, Adeline Chan, Tracey Bong, Nelson Chan, Jill Heng, Pei Lee, Missing: Ivan

Teo, Josephine Tse, Jade Tarbet, John Chin, Shanti S. James, Peter Chai, Tony Quek, Philip Chan

for having taken up this leadership role and time managing yourselves between family, work & MSBCA. Truly appreciated!

Our auditor Paul Teoh did a very thorough job explaining to us about our annual financial report for 2006/07. It is always very satisfying to see year after year our financial record is sound and our objective every year is to help make sure we maintain a positive financial record. Our positive financial record is one of the 4 key foundation blocks that keeps MSBCA as a solid association that is an envy to others. It takes teamwork & good leadership to make it happen.



Members enjoying their curry chicken and vegetables followed with desserts.



Auditor's report of MSBCA financial statement by Paul Teoh.

Although we did not have a full quorum at 1 p.m., we were able to proceed with the nomination/election based on a minimum requirement of attendees, in which the actual election started at 2 p.m. The responsibility of the ship was passed on the Adeline Chan our...[CONT'D on p. 7]

Our 19th annual general meeting falls on a very beautiful fall day on Saturday, October 13th 2007. Many thanks to all members who made the effort to attend. The format of the luncheon meeting was simple yet very effective. Our goal was to take minimum time from members away from a Saturday with family & friends. Thanks to Julia Sario and team who prepared a very delicious curry rice lunch. Many including myself had to have 2nd rounds. Meeting started on time @ 1 pm. with an opening speech by our fearless leader Mr. Daniel Sario who had done the club a wonderful job in steering the ship once again on a very exciting and pleasant journey. We had journeyed on uncharted waters but like past years it takes a captain to ensure we stay on the right course. We are grateful to you – Daniel & Julia

MSBCA Dancers helped the Buddhist Temple celebrate their anniversary by entertaining seniors and guests with the Tarian Inang on October 7, 2007



MSBCA First "Oisillon" Badminton Tournament On September 28, 2007

Oisillon No. 1 Report

On behalf of MSBCA, it was a pleasure and honor to have set the stage for the first invitation badminton tournament on the last Friday of September on the 28th. MSBCA coined this tournament "Oisillon" (pronounced Wa-Zi-Yon), a French term, which stands for "birdie". We intend to have Oisillon No. 2 and so forth in the following years. Thanks again to the players for filling out the survey form.

The players played with their hearts, which was really nice to witness. I believed all players within the 3 hour period had enough games to play to sweat it out and be challenged. The new 21 rally system best out of 3 was confusing for some in the beginning but eventually players got used to it. Having 4 courts available from 7-8pm and 8 courts available after 8pm, because of proper planning by the organizers and officials, allowed us to finish the tournament on time. Many thanks to Ken, Kai, Peter & George for their brain storming sessions, e-mails and for officiating on game day to ensure players follow our schedules. Besides the reward of competing with quality players, the other reward was the prize money. Kim Loo and Tim Carter both shared the \$250 prize for 1st place. Ken Lee and Ken Yeung both shared the \$150 for the runner-up. Andry Chien, Mark Chan, John Soo &



Winners of the first Oisillon tourney, Kim Loo and Tim Carter won 1st place prize of \$250.

Thomas Tran were the other semi-finalist who each received a reward of \$50.

I just want to conclude by saying, we should be proud of ourselves because being part of the MSBCA, as a community, had just helped put badminton on the map in Calgary in a small way. Badminton isn't in our face everyday either via the media or any other sports news compared to basketball, hockey, golf or soccer. More than likely each one of us has once held a badminton racket. Thinking back to the days of just passing the birdie across the fence with our neighbors when some of us were growing up in Malaysia, Singapore or Brunei. Some may disagree, but I believe it is almost our duty as a community to continue to promote the sport at a competitive level here in Calgary, Canada.

For the love of the game.....PR dude



Group shot of competitors in the tournament coined "Oisillon" [Wa-Zi-Yon] — a French term for "birdie."

MSBCA Fall 2007 Badminton Schedule

- 14 Sep to 14 Dec (13 sessions)
- Every Friday night 8 pm - 10 pm
- Venue: Talisman Centre

Cost:

- \$39/\$65 — single*
- \$117/\$195 — family*

MSBCA Winter 2008 Badminton Schedule (excludes 8 Feb & 21 Mar)

- 11 Jan to 27 June (23 sessions)
- Every Friday night, 8 pm - 10 pm
- Venue: Talisman Centre

Cost:

- \$103.50 — single*
- \$310.50 — family*

Sunday Martial Arts & Tai Chi Classes

Every Sunday.



Kids' martial arts classes
(11:45 am-12:45 pm)

Adults' Tai Chi classes
(12:45 pm-1:45 pm)

Instructor: Tan Chin Hock
Venue: MSBCA clubhouse

All members are welcome!

Dance group photo with Honorable, Jim Prentice, PC, QC, MP. Left to Right: Adrine, Melissa, Kim, Jade, Khoo, Jim Prentice, Stanley, Bin & Daniel



MSBCA Ambassador Dance Group

As we wrap up MSBCA's dance activities for the year (listed below) and vote in another group of dedicated volunteers to manage MSBCA for the 2007/2008 term, I would like to say thank you to all the dancers for an excellent show. To the young adults dancers led by Rachel Wong, Rachel Chien, Cassandra Wong, Jerome Tan and Anthony Sario you were all magnificent and have made a name for yourself in the city.

To my beloved older adult dancers, Adrine our dance choreographer, Jade, Bin, Melissa, Kim, Jill, Khoo, Ivan, Stanley and newly joined dancer Kathy, thank you for the support and I hope you continue to have as much fun as I do at practice.

The dancers performed:

- April 14 Songkran – ATCA
- June 2 Asia Night Market – Olympic Plaza
- June 17 Cross Cultural Community Gala and Welcome Premier, Ed Stelmach
- June 23 Cultural Night
- Sept 16 Community Picnic Rotary Park
- Sept 23 Mid Autumn Festival – Devonian Garden
- Oct 7 Buddhist Temple
- Nov 17 Indonesian Bazaar Event

Daniel Sario

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First ever-female president on record. It makes MSBCA history to have a 1st lady president and we are very excited and again very grateful to Adeline & Philip to have taken this leadership role. The team itself currently has 16 people and we thank all 16 individuals who have stepped forward. The ship is set once again to sail on yet another fun, entertaining and challenging journey.

PR dude

How to Advance in Your Company

October 27 (Saturday) 7:30 pm
Bow Valley Christian Church

保惠基督教會
5300, 53 Ave, Varsity, NW, Calgary
(adjacent to Dalhousie C-Train Station)



Free Career Seminar: How to Advance in Your Company

Bow Valley Christian Church will hold a free career seminar for those who want to excel in their job, and to be recognized by the employer. Whether you are already employed, looking for a job, or a student waiting to enter the job market, you will find this seminar very valuable. No registration required. Seminar will be conducted in English.

Speaker: Ken Law. Mr. Law was the manager of an engineering department with an oil company before he resigned his position to become the Pastor of Chinese Ministries with Bow Valley Christian Church.

For more information go to the web: <http://www.bvccweb.ca/chinese/event.html>

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Rental Rates & Terms (with effect 1 May 2006):

Rental Hours: 9 am to midnight

Members (including sound system):

Mon-Fri: \$120
Sat-Sun, Holidays: \$150

Non-members (excluding sound system):

Mon-Fri: \$160
Sat-Sun, Holidays: \$200

An additional \$100 is chargeable for the use of the sound system

Damage Deposit *Mandatory for ALL (refundable if there is no damage or loss to property):

- Building rental \$100
- Sound system \$400

With immediate effect, there will be a cleaning surcharge of \$50.00 if the clubhouse is not properly cleaned after each rental. If applicable, this will be deducted from the damage deposit.

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Photo of the month



By Tiffany Bong — Harvestman that was on my deck one evening.

Do you have a story to tell us? An interest to share? Questions or Concerns?

We are always looking for stories to feature in our MSBCA newsletter!

Send your questions, comments or articles to: editor@msbcacalgary.ca

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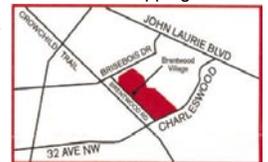
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