

President's Message



VINCENT CHIEW

Boo Hoo
Members,

It is a privilege to be re-elected as your president again along with more than half of the returning board members.

Although the AGM turn out was low, the whole process went pretty smoothly, with Philip being my trusty parliamentarian while I was chairing the AGM. I really enjoyed the home cooked food prepared by Jesse Son, Linda Bong, and Lily Chiew. You can see pictures of the AGM and the tasty food dishes on our Facebook site www.facebook.com/msbcalgary. You will also find pictures of our September social night event, which attracted a great turn out. Due to the last two successful pot-luck-style social night events, as well as the high demand from members calling for more of these family nights, the board has decided to make it a weekly event starting in November. We will monitor its turn out for a few months to see if we will do this for the rest of the year. Please note that many of our events are family oriented, MSBCA will not post pictures or videos of any child intentionally without parents' or guardians' consent.

In case you had not noticed, our membership has grown more than 20% in the last year. I look forward to seeing more returning and new members who want to join the big family

of MSBCA for our warm and generous hospitality.

We had our first board meeting and it is really **SCARY** how much we got accomplished. Some highlights from our meeting are provided below.

- I have volunteered to chair most of the MSBCA major events, groups or committees so I can better report back to members on our activities.
- This board will have a welcoming dinner at a restaurant for the board members to get to know each other, so we can better work together to serve MSBCA.
- We will provide monthly meeting minutes and financial summaries in our monthly newsletters.
- Members are still welcome to attend our meetings to view all our books and records, provided they email me (president@msbca.ca) or secretary (secretary@msbca.ca) no later than one week before the meeting.
- We have planned to have weekly family social nights on Fridays, starting in November, and quarterly senior and youth events (dates are still to be decided).
- Please email me your ideas for both senior and youth events.
- Default for all events will be pot-luck unless the board can find resources to help organize the events.
- Please mark down in your calendar for our upcoming Halloween

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Read about Tracey's adventure in Australia so far! Page 2 & 3. Also more to read at traceybong.blogspot.com



A great way to recycle old books!
<http://www.creationsbykara.com/2011/09/book-page-pumpkin-tutorial.html>

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travel editorial

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Membership Renewal? Change Member Info?

Please contact Cynthia Tung at
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to keep your details current!

Halloween is coming up, which is one of my favourite days to celebrate and to get into the spirit of things! I enjoy thinking up costumes and getting dressed up each year. This year, however, I am in Australia for Halloween, which isn't really celebrated here. I see a few flyers with Halloween costumes and such but I don't think it's that big of a deal here. It is kind of weird that it's October and the leaves are still green here, and there's no pumpkins in season (they were a couple months ago), and no costume ideas to get excited about, so it's a different October than what I am used to. I think there's going to be a lot of firsts this summer in Oz... no white Christmas, but instead a summery Christmas! And I hear Christmas is a pretty big celebration here. There is a ton of Christmas stuff in the shops now, I think even more than the stores back in Calgary! It will be a new and exciting experience! Well, I might even try to have a little Halloween celebration here though?

It was definitely refreshing to be able to fly back to Calgary for a few weeks to visit friends and family. It was really nice to see them all again. I found that it was very easy for me to get back into the swing of things, going to work, visiting friends, etc., etc. I realized that not much has really changed and you also see whom your real friends are, those that make an effort to meet up and catch up. I also realized that I really missed Australia and the enjoyment of discovering new places and experience different things. So even though it was lovely to be back home I

couldn't wait to get back and resume my working holiday visa. This time around, I will have to find some work since I am running low on funds now haha. Holiday time has to take a bit of a step back now!



Fresh water, crystal clear Lake McKenzie.

I would like to share more photos with you of Fraser Island, which I had mentioned in last month's editorial. I really enjoyed the island because it was full of adventure and so many different things to see and experience. If you ever find yourself in Australia, and you enjoy four-wheel driving then Fraser Island is must-visit place.

Here is a little blurb on Fraser Island from www.fraserisland.net website:

Fraser island is a place of exceptional beauty, with its long uninterrupted white beaches flanked by strikingly coloured sand cliffs, and over 100 freshwater lakes, some tea-coloured and others clear and blue all ringed by white sandy beaches. Ancient rainforests grow in sand along the banks of fast-flowing, crystal-clear creeks.

Fraser Island is the only place in the world where tall rainforests are found



Lake Wabby, next to a sand dune. I didn't get a chance to walk down to the lake though.

president's message cont'd

growing on sand dunes at elevations of over 200 metres. The low "wallum" heaths on the island are of particular evolutionary and ecological significance, and provide magnificent wildflower displays in spring and summer.

The immense sand blows and cliffs of coloured sands are part of the longest and most complete age sequence of coastal dune systems in the world and they are still evolving.

This is a great place for people that enjoy fishing, and there were so many people out there with their big fishing rods for beach fishing and such. We tried our hand at a bit of fishing as well but no luck!



Shipwreck on the 75 mile beach.



Driving around the island, lots of different kinds of trees in different areas.



Central Station - lushy green forest where we camped one night

event on Oct 29. Hope to see all there in your costumes (not too scary in considerations of small children).

- We planned to work on our budget at our November meeting. Please email me your event ideas by end of October.
- To date, we have members requesting MSBCA to continue with badminton and this board is looking into a sustainable solution right now.
- We are getting close to finishing up our financial account for auditing. Hopefully it will be finished by the time you are reading this newsletter.
- We have decided that no member will be paid this term, with the exceptions of our newsletter editor, which we have approved fundings from AGLC according to our Treasurer, and DJ at our events because no one is willing to DJ for free.
- Major work items:
 - We will revisit our bylaws of 1999 (official version with the government) to bring it up to date to reflect MSBCA operation today and for a better tomorrow. Again, please email me your suggestions. I have requested our web editor, Tracey, to place our official by-laws on our website for your perusal.
 - We will start the process of reviewing the current state of our clubhouse and where we want our clubhouse to be in the future. Board members from last year are very concerned with the amount of major maintenance facing our clubhouse such as ceiling leaks and HVAC (heating, ventilation,

and air-conditioning) system.

- We failed our fire inspection back in September and currently are in the process of trying to meet fire safety code regulation by mid-November. Due to time constrain, I have approached Dennis Wong (Life member) to volunteer his project management skills to help us manage our fire safety code compliant projects. Thank you Dennis for accepting this assignment.

Over the summer, Tracey and Tiffany Bong have re-vamped our website, www.msbc.ca. If you have not visited our website lately, now is the time to visit it again for a new experience. Our official forms of communication will remain to be our monthly newsletter and website. We will continue to update our other communication channel, Facebook.

Board members picture will be coming soon. Now that is **SPOOKY**.

Have a safe and fun "Trick or treat-



ing". If you are new to Canada, please check out <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trick-or-treating>.

**Muahaha,
Vincent Chiew**

upcoming events

-----MSBCA CALENDAR----- of events proposed for 2010-2011

Please note that some dates are still to be announced and that the events/functions are not limited to this list. If you have any event ideas, bring them forward!

October 2011

- 29th - Halloween Potluck Party

November 2011

- 4, 11, 18, 25th - Social Night

December 2011

- 2, 16th - Social Night
- 10th - Family Christmas Party
- 31th - New Year's Eve Party & Dance



SUNDAY LUNCH

MSBCA Clubhouse
Our popular Sunday
Lunches will be back
in the fall.

Stay tuned with the
newsletter and website.

Halloween Potluck Party 2011

Saturday Oct 29, 2011

MSBCA Clubhouse

6:30pm to 10:30pm

Each family brings one main
dish, dessert is optional.
Lots of games, pumpkin
carving contest, costume
contest and more!

Contact: Jennie Soo 403-280-0327 / Joyce Yit 403-473-8812

Friday Night SOCIAL NIGHTS

Starts Nov. 2011

Every Friday Night the
clubhouse will be open for
Social Night!

6:30pm to 9:30pm

Each family is to bring 1 main
dish for potluck.

Come out and socialize, have
some fun and enjoy some
good company! Maybe we'll
karaoke, maybe a movie? It's
a night for our members!

Contact:

Jennie Soo 403-280-0327 or
Joyce Yit 403-473-8812
for more information

proposed events 2011/2012

1. Halloween Potluck Party 2011

Venue: MSBCA Clubhouse

Date: Sat., 29 October 2011

Time: 6:30pm – 10:30pm

Food: Each family bring 1 main dish, dessert optional

Games: Costume & pumpkin carving contest

Contact: Jennie Soo (Tel: 403-280-0327) or Joyce Yit (Tel: 403-473-8812)

2. Family Christmas

Celebration 2011

Venue: MSBCA Clubhouse

Date: Sat. 10 December 2011

Time: 6:30pm – 10:30pm

Food: Clubhouse turkey. Each family bring 1 main dish, dessert optional

Special Appearance: Santa Claus. Each family bring X'mas gift for own child

Contact: Cynthia Tung (Tel: 403-289-6625)

3. New Year's Eve Party & Dance 2011

Venue: MSBCA Clubhouse

Date: Sat. 31 December 2011

Time: 6:30pm – 12:00am

Food: Each family bring 1 main dish, dessert optional

Program: Dinner & Dance. Countdown to 2012

Contact: Jennie Soo (Tel: 403-280-0327) or Joyce Yit (Tel: 403-473-8812)

4. Chinese New Year Banquet 2012

Venue: Regency Palace Restaurant

Date: Friday, 3 February 2012

Time: 6:30pm

Cost: TBA

Program: Lion Dance spectacular, Hong Bao, Scholarship award

Contact: Jennie Soo (Tel: 403-280-0327) or Adeline Chan (Tel: 403-383-1689)

5. Bruneian Night 2012

Venue: MSBCA Clubhouse

Date: February

Time: 6:30pm – 10:30pm

Food: Each family bring 1 main dish, dessert optional

Program: TBA

Contact: Cliff Son (403-295-3825)

6. Seniors (60+) & Youth Night

Venue: MSBCA Clubhouse

Date: Every 3 months on a Sunday

Time: 6:30pm – 10:30pm

Food: Each family bring 1 main dish, dessert optional

Program: Kopitiam Chit Chat

Contact: Jennie Soo (Tel: 403-280-0327) or Vincent Chiew (Tel: 403-730-5688)

7. Social Night

Venue: MSBCA Clubhouse

Date: Every Fri. starting Nov. 2011

Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Food: Each family bring 1 main dish, dessert optional

Program: Movie, Karaoke, Socializing

Contact: Jennie Soo (Tel: 403-280-0327) or Joyce Yit (Tel: 403-473-8812)

8. Makan Sedap (Sunday Lunch)

Venue: MSBCA Clubhouse

Date: TBA

Time: 12:00pm – 2:30pm

Food: TBA

Contact: TBA

9. Singapore Night 2012

Venue: MSBCA Clubhouse

Date: August

Time: 6:30pm – 10:30pm

Food: Each family bring 1 main dish, dessert optional

Program: TBA

Contact: Cynthia Tung (Tel: 403-289-6625) or Joyce Yit (Tel: 403-473-8812)

10. Malaysia Night 2012

Venue: MSBCA Clubhouse

Date: August

Time: 6:30pm – 10:30pm

Food: Each family bring 1 main dish, dessert optional

Program: TBA

Contact: Kenneth Ang (Tel: 403-288-2184)

11. AGM 2012

Venue: MSBCA Clubhouse

Date: September / October

Time: 11:30am – 2:30pm

Food: Clubhouse food

Program: TBA

Contact: Philip Chan (Tel: 403-263-3883)

Our Condolences...

Ken Ning Law, beloved son of Irwin & Sue Law, passed away peacefully at the Foothills Hospital on September 9 2011 aged 28 years.

Daisy & John Kielhorn's mother, Mrs Constance Brooks passed away peacefully in Winnipeg on September 26 2011 aged 90 years.

Nelson & Daisy Chan's mother, Madam Wong Ah Nghoh passed away peacefully at the AGAPE Hospice on September 27 2011 aged 73 years.

Our condolences to the family of the bereaved.

NB. Lots of Clubhouse Potluck Events. Events subject to change.

Mark Down Your Calendars!!

highlights

Report of the 2011 Annual General Meeting



Story by Philip Chan
Photos by Vincent Chiew

The Annual General Meeting went smoothly in the clubhouse on September 24, 2011. Although it was a quieter and sober meeting, there was a quorum to hold the election of the new 2011/2012 Committee.

There were more than enough home-cooked Malaysian Singaporean and Bruneian food to wet the appetite of those who attended the AGM. Food and dessert were served at 11:00 am to 1:00pm. Thanks to the trio master chefs who prepared and cooked the food the evening before and the following morning.

At about 1:20pm the quorum was met to begin the AGM. The past Committee was introduced, followed by the President address and the Treasurer Report.

The President, Vincent Chiew, thanked the past Committee and members for their support in making the year a challenging, yet rewarding, year for MSBCA. The President presented the past Committee and volunteers with a certificate of appreciation for their dedication and hard work. He also encouraged members

to become involved with MSBCA and to volunteer or participate in the committee. The President further highlighted his experiences over the year with the Committee in the area of transparency, the Bylaws, budgeting, membership, house-keeping, clubhouse maintenance and new building acquisition.

The President expressed his thanks and appreciation to the volunteers – Jessie Son, Linda Bong, Lily Chiew and their families for preparing and cooking the delicious foods for the AGM.



The Treasurer, Yeuchuan Choo, made an announcement on the delay in the auditor's report due to the late submission of the MSBCA book. The Treasurer provided a summary of MSBCA funds and intimated that MSBCA is on a sure



financial footing. An audited report will be forthcoming from the auditor and this will be presented at the Special General Meeting to be announced at a later date.

The floor was then open to the members for the election of the new 2011/2012 Committee. Several nominations were given for all positions with the final committee members elected to serve in the new term.

Vincent Chiew was re-elected as the President. The new VP Malaysia is Kenneth Ang. Cynthia Tung is the new VP for Singapore. Cliff Son, Philip Chan and Choo Yeu Chuan remains as VP Brunei, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. There are some new faces to the general committee including Angie Kerr, Joyce Yit, Jennie Soo and Adeline Chan.

Congratulations to the new Committee who will continue to serve MSBCA diligently for another term of office. As the Committee organizes and hold your favourite events, we look forward to your participation and enjoyment throughout the year. The Committee will endeavour to meet your request wherever it best serves the interest of MSBCA.



badminton highlights

MSBCA Badminton Briefing: Jul – Sept, 2011 Friday Nights 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

The revitalization of MSBCA badminton in Sunridge Badminton Centre is a great success. This is not possible without the hard work of Hoy Peng who coordinates with the Centre and players, members and non-members alike. Special thanks also goes to the Board of Committee for the support and approving the program.

On average, there are roughly 24 to 30 players occupying 3 to 4 courts on a busy Friday night. The Centre provides a perfect condition for badminton in Calgary thus far. There are showers/washrooms for both genders, a small snack bar and a gift shop, which provides shoe rentals and racquet re-stringing on location.

Mr. Richard Ong is a partner who operates the Centre and is himself a badminton enthusiast. It is fitting that he came from Kuala Lumpur and making Calgary his home. Richard is very accommodating to MSBCA and happy that our club has signed up with the Centre.

September 30th was the last night for the summer session. Most players enjoyed playing at the Centre and hoping that this badminton program will live on.



Happy Halloween Everyone!

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Send your questions, comments or articles to:

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Photo by Tracey Bong. Taken at Galatea Creek, Kananaskis. I got a chance to go hiking while back in Canada! I love the colours of fall and the colourful leaves. Lucky me, I got to experience fall twice in one year. One in Australia and one in Canada!

PLACE YOUR
AD HERE

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@msbca.ca

Note: the newsletter is a monthly publication.

Club House Rental

Holding a meeting, presentation or social event?

For more inquiries, contact

One of the Committee Members

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

Rental Hours: 9 am to midnight

Members (including sound system):

Mon-Fri: \$132

Sat-Sun, Holidays: \$165

Non-members (excluding sound system):

Mon-Fri: \$180

Sat-Sun, Holidays: \$220

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 \$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.