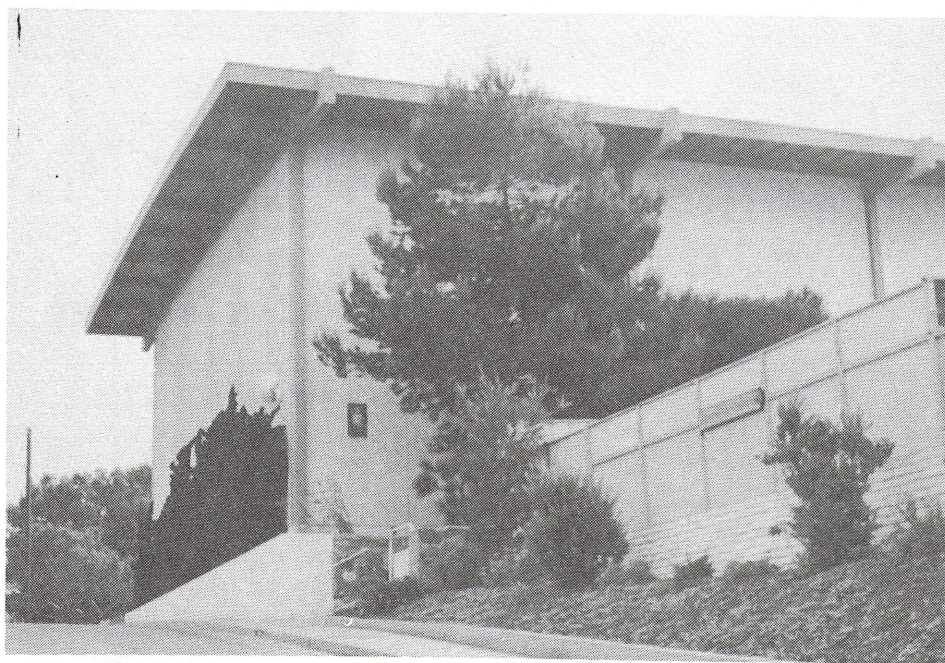

MANHATTAN BEACH BADMINTON CLUB



Manhattan Beach Badminton Club is proud to welcome U S OPEN-86. It is also proud of its first 50 years!

A few weeks ago the club celebrated a Golden Anniversary. It is still amazing that the founders of this institution were so well aware of what it would take to produce the best badminton facility - and rules to

encourage loyal membership through so many years.

In 1936, some avid exercise-seekers who had fallen under the spell of badminton decided they wanted a place of their own to play this game. An unused dance hall served as the first home for MBBC. The members soon realized they could play more and better with a proper gym. In 1940, with a growing membership, land was located, plans made, and that year in November the 18th Street club was complete and the dedication was held.

Through fund-raising activities, work days, parties, and tournaments, an amazing badminton club has developed. Many parts of the club have been added since the original sparse building. The pool came along in 1951. In the 60s cabanas were added, and a serious new building plan begun. 1969 saw the original gym replaced with the current, somewhat larger one. Through the years the old lounge was replaced with the current one and the lavish kitchen replaced the former tiny area. Of course, new dressing rooms, great barbeque area, jacuzzi and saunas are recent additions. Upgrading is never complete with the on-going improvement plans.

Meanwhile, the talent of players has also been rising. The list of the nationally ranked seniors, adults, and juniors has expanded well.

The support that this club has given to players and clubs in the area has helped badminton immeasurably. It has also made MBBC into the heart of Southern California badminton. We of the U S OPEN congratulate the club for being one of the best things that ever happened to Manhattan Beach and certainly to our favorite game. The club has been used for meetings, tournaments, team practices, international matches - many events that have increased the stature of the sport. Therefore, we hope you feel honored to be attending an international tournament as guests of the greatest - the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club.