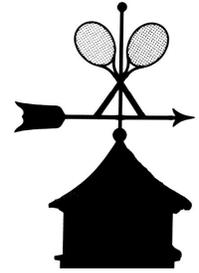

THE BASELINE

Field Club News

April 2013



A Message from the President

Happy spring to all of our members! While I write for this edition of *The Baseline*, there is still snow on the ground; however my anticipation of a spring/summer full of activities at the Field Club is giving me spring fever. Our annual kickoff Spring Fling will be Friday, April 5th at the Springfield Country Club. I hope to see many members in attendance. Good company, live music, food, and drink – it is not to be missed! Thank you to social chairs **Mona Swanson** and **Sonia Zeroogian** for coordinating this kickoff event.

On behalf of the Board, thank you to those who attended the grand opening of our new Paddle Hut in February. A steady crowd filled the new facility for conversation and a glimpse at the newest Field Club facility. We continue to get rave reviews on the hut! Thank you to Paddle Chairs **Kate Morneau** and **Jonathan Spencer** for keeping the interest in paddle going with some wonderful events and mixers. New members and old are getting involved and sharing the love for platform tennis! Paddle courts will continue to be used into the spring and summer.

During the busy paddle season, the tennis, pool and social committees have been planning upcoming events. The Guidebook has been updated and will be mailed out this month. Minor revisions have been made to the Guidebook rules & regulations section and will be highlighted in the next edition of *The Baseline*. Thank you to our Guidebook chairperson, **Carleen Eve Fischer Hoffman**. She tackles the Guidebook and directory changes that occur throughout the year, an important and detailed job. You will be receiving a revised copy by May, after the new Guidebook is printed. Please review the Guidebook. It is informative and covers hours, schedules, rules/regulations, directory listings and much more. The Board continues to look at options for a more “paperless” process in all that we do, so stay tuned...

Thank you to **Moira Murphy** and **Dick Forrest** for their work on the Communications Committee and the FC website. We are working to enhance

communication to our members and welcome ideas in this area. In the meantime, please utilize the Club’s website. Moira is keeping an updated calendar of Club events – a handy resource for a busy summer season! In addition, if you are not receiving FC emails, please notify Moira so you can stay informed, as much of our communication goes out in the form of email blasts.

Some housekeeping issues include email billing and guest slips. Don’t forget, if you have not yet signed up for email billing (newer members are added automatically), please consider it. It saves costs for your club. Look for an insert in an upcoming bill and fill it out. Also, now is a perfect time to review our guest fee rules and regulations printed in the Guidebook. Remember to sign guests in and follow the guidelines for guests. Should you have any questions, just ask. We welcome showcasing our Club to guests, but please remind your family members of the guest policies before the upcoming season.

Jim Girotti reports that summer staffing is set. We welcome back **Ann Corcoran Boisvert** as our tennis pro, supervising the tennis programs and staff. **Peter Nassar, Jr.** will be our new Jr. Tennis coordinator. **Caroline Murphy** will serve as pool manager, with Assistant Managers **Shea Anderson** and **Kellie Pennington**. **Eileen Mason** returns as our Snuggery food service director, with Assistant Manager **Morgan Bacon**. **Colleen Douglas** returns as Tot Lot director. These long-standing employees say a lot about our general manager, Jim Girotti, and the Field Club environment. We are fortunate to have these employees (and their respective staff members) back and look forward to a terrific summer season.

In closing, please enjoy your club and all it has to offer. Consider sponsoring new members and also volunteering. Looking forward to a season of fun and activity at the Field Club!

Sincerely,

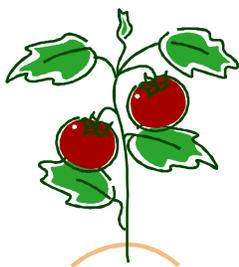
Carolyn Marchese

Season's Greetings...

.... Garden season, that is! There are two garden plots available this year for interested members. The "rental fee" is a nominal \$15, the water source provided, and the gratification is great! Some members choose to share a garden with a friend, and that is also an option for both extra fun and extra help.

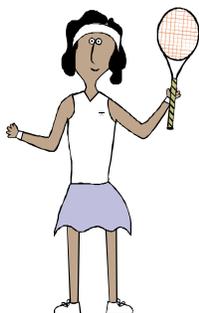
If you'd like to have a plot for the year, please email Darcy at dfdurfee@gmail.com.

— Darcy Durfee



Save the Date

A **New Member Orientation and Mixer** will be held on Memorial Day. Mark your calendars for **Monday, May 27**. Details and invitations to follow! Stay tuned...



Field Club Turning 50!

Soon, The Field Club will mark its 50th Anniversary! Yes, the Club was founded in 1964 by a forward-thinking group of people that had a vision, acquired land and built The Field Club. Much planning will need to take place this year in order to properly celebrate this milestone in 2014. The Board would like to form a committee to brainstorm and generate ideas so that we celebrate in style!

Many thanks to our founding charter members; I know they will share early memories as we look forward to The Field Club's 50th anniversary in 2014.

If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Carolyn Marchese at carolynmarchese@comcast.net.

— Carolyn Marchese

Mark Your Calendars

Join in on all the social events for the 2013 season...

Spring Fling

Friday, April 5

Davis Cup Lunch

Saturday, June 22

Lobster Bake

Saturday, June 29

July 4th Tailgate

Sunday, June 30

Family Camp Night

Friday, August 23

Labor Day Tailgate

Sunday, September 1

Please contact social co-chairpersons

Sonia Zeroogian or **Mona**

Swanson if you are interested in helping with any of the events.

— Denise Collins

CPR/AED Class a Lesson in Lifesaving

On Monday, February 11, seventeen of our Club members participated in an American Heart Association CPR/AED class at our new paddle warming house. The class was designed to teach cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), as well as how to use the automated external defibrillators (AEDs) located in the tennis house and the paddle hut.

American Heart Association BLS Instructors **Kim Webb** and **Gail Stathis** led the class. The two women (Gail is a member of our Club) were fantastic and entertaining teachers. We participants had lots of fun while learning how to save a life.

Participants included **Trish Bloom, Darcy Durfee, Therese and Peter Eiff, Carol and John Cardinal, Nina Coughlin, Amy Wistreich, Jeff and Madeline Roberts, Carolyn Marchese, Kate and Jeff Morneau, Sue Monks, Marcia and Glenn Snyder, and Dave Fuller**. Therese, Carol and Marcia provided a winter soup supper to the group after the two-hour class concluded.

We plan to have another class in the spring, to accommodate those who were not able to make the February class. Any suggestions for time of day for the next class are welcome and can be sent to Marcia at glennmar12@charter.net. Possibly an afternoon class would be appealing?

— Marcia Snyder



Wait list on the Move

The Field Club Wait List is ever changing. New members are accepted and new candidates are added! Take a look to see where your candidate stands as of March 20, 2013:

1. Hutchins, Brendon & Jessica (Hutchins)
2. Porfilio, Pasquale & Diane (McKenna)
3. Thomas, Jim & Denise (Carroll)
4. Waddington, Craig & Kathy (Hoffman)
5. Mees, Andrew & Lori (Ehrenberg)

Attention Members

Do you know of someone who is interested in becoming a member of the Field Club? Now is an excellent time to submit an application for membership, as we have recently added many new families from our waiting list to our membership. Membership application packets can be requested from Membership Chairperson Karen Brayton at craig.brayton@verizon.net or by calling 567-8436.
— *Karen Brayton*

Tennis News

The start of the 2013 tennis season is almost here. Tennis Co-Chairs **Jamie Dunbar** and **Cathy Herchel** are planning some great events for this summer season. If you are interested in helping host an event, or have an idea for an event, please contact either Jamie or Cathy. New members are encouraged to help host an event with a veteran member of the Club. It's easy and a great way to get involved with The Field Club! — *Scott Brindle*

Davis Cup Tennis Event

The Davis Cup Tennis event is scheduled for Saturday, June 22. This is the Field Club's biggest event, so mark your calendars. It is a fun, competitive and team environment, welcoming players of all levels. This year's Davis cup promises to be even bigger and better than last year's. The event will take place from 8:30 a.m. to midday, followed by a huge lunch hosted by the Social Committee. — *Jamie Dunbar and Cathy Herchel*

2013 Tennis Event Schedule

Temperatures are warming up (or will be soon!), which means a full season of tennis excitement is on its way. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following events:

New Member Mixer

Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day)

Adult Mixer

Sunday, June 2

Adult Mixer

Saturday, June 8

Mixer

Sunday, June 16

Davis Cup

Saturday, June 22

Clem Easton U.S.T.A. Sr. Tournament

Thursday - Sunday, June 27 – 30

Mixer

Friday, July 12

Mixer

Saturday, July 20

Mixer

Sunday, August 4

Mixer

Sunday, August 11

M/W Doubles

Saturday, August 24

M/W Singles

Saturday & Sunday, August 31 & September 1

Mixed Doubles Championship

Saturday, September 7

Season End Mix-It-Up Session

Sunday, September 15

— *Scott Brindle*



Men's B Tournament

On March 9, under ideal weather conditions, the Men's B Tournament was held. Eight spirited and talented teams made up the field and play began at 8:30 a.m. with the teams being split into two pools. Round-robin play was set for each pool, with each match being the best 2 out of 3 sets. The winner of each pool then advanced to the Championship match.

Each pool had several past champions in their midst. Pool 1 was made up of the 2012 Champions, **Gary Weiner** and **Kent Griffiths**, along with the teams of **Tom Kietzman** and **Bill Santinello**, **Dick Forrest** and **Gerrit Toebes**, and **Scott Brindle** and **Bob Bagge**. Pool 2 was made



The Men's B Tournament Champions and Runners Up included (left to right) Gary Weiner, Kent Griffiths, Glenn Snyder and Ned Fauteux.



up of the Champions from 2011, **Mike Doyle** and **Bill Seefeld**, along with **Tom O'Brien** and **Ken Vincunas**, **Glenn Snyder** and **Ned Fauteux**, and **Jamie Dunbar** and **Carl Wistreich**. In Pool 2, the teams of Snyder/ Fauteux and Doyle/ Seefeld each finished 2-1 after round robin play, but based on a three-set victory in a head-to-head match, Snyder/Fauteux emerged as the winners of Pool 2. In Pool 1, the returning champions, Weiner/Griffiths, emerged with a 3-0 record. In the Championship match, Weiner/Griffiths repeated as champions in two sets over Snyder/ Fauteux, and their names will once again go on the coveted B Championship plaque. While the championship match was being played, the remaining participants watched on the deck as they were enjoying lunch from Frigos and a refreshment or two... or three. — *Gary Weiner*

Ladies' Oscar Paddle Mixer

Thanks to all who made the season's most ravishing paddle event a great success again! Eighteen fierce competitors ignored the threat of "Storm Q" and showed up at the Palace decked to the nines for the Annual Women's Oscar Mixer on Sunday, February 24. Three rounds of paddle were followed by an Iron Chef luncheon, champagne punch, voting, and prizes. As a group, we successfully picked *Argo* for Best Movie, though the paddle scores selected *Lincoln*, and we can't blame them for that. Congratulations to our prize winners: **Ginger Reiter**, top scorer on the Oscar Trivia Quiz with a flattering score of 29%; **Asa Nilsson**, Edgy Costume Award; **Cathy Tavernier**, Best Hat; **Chris Nicholson**, Best Bling; **Margot Rowland**, Best Bag; and **Susanne Osofsky**, the coveted Glam Award.

Honorable mention to Bob Hope (**Margot Seefeld**) for giving us focus and keeping everyone's performances in check. Thank you, fun players, for maintaining the high fashion standards of this mixer! — *Darcy Durfee, Jenna Goodman, Jackie Pleet and Margot Seefeld*



Paddle Hut Grand Opening

Members celebrated with a champagne toast, lunch (provided by LaPlante Construction), and cake at the Paddle Hut Grand Opening held on February 2. In case you missed it, the *Longmeadow News* and the *Reminder* covered the ribbon-cutting event! Many members streamed in throughout the afternoon to get a look at the new facility.

Organizers of a recent APTA event hosted by members **Leslie Haskins** and **Asa Nilsson** said it best when they wrote: “*The Field Club members have enhanced their facility with a building that combines superb practical use of space with remarkable aesthetic sensibility. The lounge/dining area is anchored by a beautiful stone hearth, which is flanked toward the back by a kitchen on one side and restrooms on the other. Spectator viewing is accessible from three sides, and the ample decking surround adds plenty of fresh-air observation space. Completed just this January, the structure is nestled among the five paddle courts, already looking fully integrated. Three cheers for the Longmeadow Field Club membership!*”

If you have not yet visited the new Paddle Hut, please come on down. Check out the photos from the Grand Opening! — *Carolyn Marchese*



Men's and Women's Paddle Championships

March 23rd proved to be a great day for the Annual Men's and Women's Paddle Championship. It was a cold and sunny day for the eight Men's and five Women's teams participating. All five courts were used. Since it was our first championship played with the new, magnificent paddle “hut,” there were no complaints if someone had to wait for an open court.

The Women's Champions were the oh-so-happy and well-deserving **Sara Suchy** and **Jacque Kenny**, who beat the 2006 champions **Darcy Durfee** and **Asa Nilsson** in a tough match, 6-4, 6-2.

In the Men's Championship, the team of **Naren Dhamodharan** and **Ken Vincunas** won against **Rob Durfee** and **Mike Doyle** in an exciting and hard-fought match, 7-5, 6-4. The consolation final was won by **Ned Fauteux** and **Carl Wistreich** against **Bill Seefeld** and **Tom Kietzman**. In the consolation reprieve, the team of **Gary Weiner** and **Ken Griffiths** prevailed over **Tom O'Brien** and **Gerrit Toebes**.

Thanks to all who came out to play and enjoy a great day of paddle, competition and friendship, and to **Linda, Naren** and **Asa** for the scrumptious refreshments. — *Asa Nilsson*