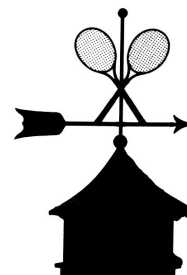

THE BASELINE

Field Club News

June 2007



A Message from the President

Well, The Field Club's busy season was officially christened with the Spring Fling on May 5th. The hard work of **Chris Nicholson, Sally Gallucci and Jim Girotti** in organizing the event resulted in a wonderful night filled with great friends, food, dancing and socializing at the Springfield Country Club. It was good to see members reacquainting themselves with one another after the long winter. The event was well attended by about 130 members, with a strong contingency staying around to dance and socialize late into the evening. The Spring Fling has historically been a cornerstone in the Club's social calendar, and it was great to see the event enthusiastically supported this year, as it has been in the past.

The final touches on getting The Field Club physically ready for the upcoming season are being completed as I sit to write you this message. **Jim Girotti** and his crew have been busy behind the scenes the past two months completing all of the little and big maintenance items needed to open the Club for our enjoyment. Tennis Pros **Ann Boisvert** (21st year) and **Brad Walulak** (3rd year) will be back running all of our Club's tennis programming. Now is a great time to get your game tuned up for the summer with a lesson (or two?) from one of our talented tennis professionals. **Erin Caprara**, who has been with us as a lifeguard for the past 4 years, assumes her new duties as Swimming Pool Manager this year. By the time this copy of *The Baseline* reaches your mailboxes, the pool will have been opened and Erin and her staff of lifeguards will have at least a few busy weekends under their belts. **Carolyn Talmadge** will be the new Tot Lot Director

this year, and we look forward to the fresh energy that she will bring to her duties. Coming off a successful 2006 year, **Eileen Mason** (10th year) will be back in charge of the Snuggery for 2007. Look for an early opening of the Snuggery, as well as more of the Thursday night extravaganza events that were so popular last season. If you are unfamiliar with individual staff members, don't hesitate to take the initiative to introduce yourself. They truly are the backbone of the Club.

By now, I am sure all of you have snapped opened your green Field Club *Guidebook* binders, removed and thrown away last year's material and inserted the new *Guidebook* material that was mailed to you. It's an annual tradition! Included in the new material is the 2007 summer schedule for adult tennis tournaments and mixers, junior tennis events, pool events and this summer's social events. Now is a great time to mark your household calendars with those events that peak your interest. The many different Field Club committees have done another great job putting together a summer schedule overflowing with activities for the membership. There is truly something for everybody.

So, whether it's at the Davis Cup Tennis event (June 23), the Junior Tennis Wimbledon (July 25), the Field Club Swim Championships (August 11) or one of the two Tailgate parties (July 4 and Labor Day), I look forward to seeing you all out at The Field Club over the next several months.

Sincerely,
Tim Kenny





Guidebook 2007

The Guidebook (the green binder that typically lies in a place near your phone book) is a useful resource for key information about the Club and its membership. Although generally opened only for an e-mail, phone number, address or remembering a name, it also contains information on by-laws, membership rules and regulations, committee and board members, various events and activities.

All members should now have the updated 2007 *Guidebook* sections. Please take a moment to verify that your family info, including address and e-mail, is correct and up to date. Please e-mail Rob Durfee

(rdurfee@wgi.us) with any questions or changes. The next *Guidebook* update will be in the fall.

Note: Do not assume that if your e-mail is on Dick Forrest's master (website) e-mail distribution list that it is updated or even in the *Guidebook*.

— Rob Durfee

Snuggery News

We're looking forward to another year "in the black" for the Snuggery! The menu is unchanged. What is different is that we'll be posting **specials**, and we'll offer a "quality dog" option for those who love Grote and Wiegel hotdogs and wish to purchase them for an extra 50 cents.

A **carry-out** option will also be available for those playing tennis around the lunch hour. Groups playing before noon will be able to order lunches before starting play, so that they'll be ready when they finish. The meals can be eaten in the Snuggery area or upstairs in the tennis house. We'll need a person from the group to get the orders to Eileen. I'd like to hear from your group's representative to work out the details.

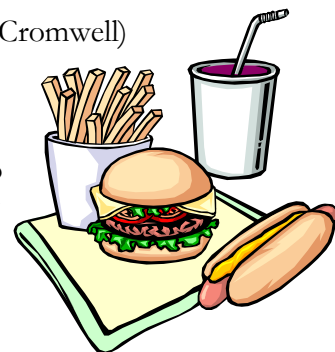
Be sure to mark your calendars for the following fun Thursday night events:

Take Me Out to the Ballgame — June 28, 6 p.m.
Wiffle ball for all ages and great grilled dogs, etc.

Are you Chicken? — August 16, 6 p.m.
Enjoy a delicious KFC dinner (thanks to Marie Cromwell) and **Karaoke**.

Remember... we serve delicious breakfast sandwiches until noon. Please also remember to bus and wipe your tables and to make sure your kids do likewise. Thanks!

— Stew Creelman, Snuggery Committee Chair



Tot Lot Helpers

The Tot Lot is seeking helpers! If you are between the ages of 11 and 15 and would like to be a paid helper in the Tot Lot, please contact Jacquie Kenny at 596-9964.

Tot Lot helpers assist the Tot Lot Director with crafts, stories and bringing children to and from swimming and/or tennis lessons. Sign up for one week of helping during the Tot Lot hours of Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Schedule details will be worked out in the beginning of June. — Jacquie Kenny

Save the Dates for Summertime Fun!

Don't miss out on this summer's hottest social events, as follows:

July 4th Tailgate
Wednesday, July 4

Poolside Potluck
Date to be determined

Family Campout
Friday, August 24

Labor Day Tailgate
Sunday, September 2

Tennis Season 2007

The summer sunshine is finally upon us, which means it's time to start playing some outdoor tennis. The Field Club courts are all in great shape (including the new hard courts), so dust off your racquets and come on out!

The first of several **adult mixers** took place **May 28**. The next mixer, on **June 17**, offers not only a good time on the courts, but a wine-tasting event (held off the courts after the tennis, for obvious reasons). Another adult mixer will take place **August 17**, and the last one will be held **September 16**. This is a night of fun tennis and martinis to top-off the summer.

Our **Singles Championship** will have a new format this year. Both men and women will participate in a singles ladder that will run from **June 4 - August 31**. Challenge anyone that is six rungs higher than you (or less), and play for that rung. On Labor Day weekend, the top eight men and women will play for the championship. This is a great way to practice your singles game all summer. To be included on the ladder, contact Lynn Travers (my3cubs@aol.com) by June 3.

The summer's biggest tennis event is always the **Davis Cup**, taking place **June 23**. Players are divided into four teams and play for the glory of the team. Players of all levels enjoy this annual event, which is followed by the Davis Cup Party at night. The party features great music, wonderful food, distribution of captain awards and, of course, an opportunity to swap war stories from earlier in the day. Sign up early, as there has been known to be a waiting list.

If you like to test your marriage on the tennis court, **Couples Troubles** is the event for you. On **July 7**, married couples will play together to determine who can hit the winners... and who will still be talking to each other by the end of the day!

The **Rambler/Gambler** is back for its second year. A dinner is held on **August 11**, during which small bets are placed on the various players to win, place or show. Then, partners are randomly picked. The next day (**August 12**), players take to the courts and play for both the glory and the money.

As summer winds down, the **Men's and Women's Doubles Championships** will take place **August 25 and 26**. Grab a doubles partner and join in the fun! No matter whose name ends up on the trophy, a lot of great tennis is played.

September 1 is **World Team Tennis** day. Can't wait until next summer to play team tennis in the Davis Cup again? Sign up for this event! Players of all levels are split into teams and compete for the team win.

The Club's **Mixed Doubles Championship** is set for **September 8**. This event always draws a lot of great teams, who have fun trying to knock-off the standing champions of the last several years.

As the leaves begin to turn, we wind up our summer with the **September Fest**. This **September 30th** tennis event has all the makings of an Oktoberfest, but we like to beat the rush and hold it in September. Come on out and enjoy good tennis, good food, good beer and good friends.

Whichever events appeal to you, the Tennis Committee welcomes you back to the Field Club courts and looks forward to a fun-filled summer. For your convenience, a schedule of tennis events is featured on page 6.

— *Candy Weiner and Alex Guardia, Tennis Co-Chairs*

Congratulations to Our Western MA Champions!

The Tennis Committee of The Field Club congratulates our two Western Massachusetts High School Singles Tennis Champions. **Matt Himmelsbach** and **Rebecca Kimmel** played wonderful, competitive tennis and won the Championship. We are all proud of you both!



Lane Lines

Meet the 2007 Pool Staff

Erin Caprara, Pool Director — Erin, a 2002 graduate of Springfield College, is a Physical Education teacher at Wolf Swamp Elementary School in Longmeadow. This will be Erin's 5th season at the FC, her 1st as manager.

Martin Gullberg — Martin will be a senior at Springfield College, where he is a member of the swim team. This is Martin's 4th year with the FC.

Ashley Bacon — Ashley returns for a 3rd year at the FC. She will be a sophomore at University of Vermont, and she swam for Minnechaug High.

Maria Berthaume — This is Maria's 2nd year at the FC. She is entering her senior year at Minnechaug High School, where she is a member of the swim team. Maria will be organizing our Thursday Kids Craft Hours.

Katie DeRose — This is Katie's 2nd year at the FC. She is a P.E. Health teacher in Avon, CT. She will be teaching daily swim lessons.

Leah Gernux — Leah joins us for her 2nd year at the FC. She swam for Minnechaug High and will be a sophomore at Eastern State.

Kellan O'Gara — Kellan will be entering her sophomore year at Boston College. She was a member of the Longmeadow High School swim team. This is Kellan's 2nd year at the FC.

Owen Burke — Owen was captain of the boys swim team at Minnechaug High School. He will be entering Hartwick College in the fall. This is Owen's first year at the FC.

Caroline Murphy — This is Caroline's first year at the FC. She is entering her senior year at Minnechaug High School, where she is a third-year varsity swimmer and plays both lacrosse and field hockey.

Christine Scanlon — A newcomer to the FC, Christine swam for East Longmeadow High. She will be a junior at Gordon College, where she swims and participates in track and field.

New Pool Entrance

A slight change has been made to the entrance of the pool area. A new walkway with self-closing gates has been added to the right side of the "old" entrance (see Jim Girotti's note page 5). *Please remember to sign in at the pool reception desk.*

Swimming Lessons

Session 1: June 25 Session 3: July 23
Session 2: July 9 Session 4: August 6

Pool Hours

Now through the end of school, the pool will be open weekdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Swim lessons — 10 a.m. to 12 noon weekdays

Open for general use — 12 noon weekdays and 10 a.m. weekends

Adult swim — 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (M - W, F)

Family swim — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (M - W, F)
and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Th, Sat, Sun)

Snuggery Hours

Monday through Friday – 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday – 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday – 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday – 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Special Pool Events Schedule

Junior Fun Day (Ages 4 - 12)

Wednesday, June 27, 2 to 4 p.m.

Young Poolside Party-(Ages 4 - 7)

Tuesday, July 10, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Middle School Fun Night-(Grades 6, 7, 8)

Wednesday, July 11, 6 to 8 p.m.

Junior/Member Guest Day (Ages 4 - 12)

Friday, July 20, 1 p.m.

Junior Poolside Party (Ages 8 - 10)

Monday, July 30, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Field Club Swim Championships (16 & under)

Saturday, August 11, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kids Crafts

Thursday, 12 noon to 1 p.m.

— Kerri Lockhart and Lauren Walt

Junior Tennis is Holding Court

The Junior Tennis season officially kicks off with the **Junior Opener** on **Friday, June 22**, followed by the **Tot Opener** on **Tuesday, June 26**. Be sure to bring your rackets for the clinics and play time.

There will be pizza and refreshments at the Junior Opener and snacks at the Tot Opener. Sign-ups and times will be posted on the bulletin board near the pro shop one week before the events. All clinics and events are also listed on the Field Club's website. Newcomers are always encouraged to participate, as it is a great way to meet new friends, learn tennis rules and etiquette, keep active and, most of all, have fun.

Tennis Pros **Anne Boisvert** and **Brad Walulak** and their assistants are back and anxious to see you all! Stop by and say hello. See you on the courts!

— *Sally Gallucci and Denise Collins, Junior Tennis Chairpersons*

Junior USTA Program



Again this summer, The Field Club will offer a Junior USTA Program for players age 14 and under (and possibly 14 and up). **Jeanine Little** has offered to run the program. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

With the help of **Coach Brad**, the junior players did very well last year and also had some fun. We are so thankful that Jeanine has offered to keep it going. Please contact Jeanine if your child is interested in playing on the team or if you would like to assist. She can be reached at 596-4684 or at notsolittle@charter.net. — *Sally Gallucci*

From the Manager's Desk: New Pool Entrance

Effective Saturday, May 26, anyone entering the pool must enter through a new gate that has been installed to the right of the existing double-wide "emergency gate."

We were notified last fall, by the Longmeadow Board of Health, that state law requires us to have self-closing/self-latching gates. Therefore, self-closing and latching gates have been installed on the two wading pool gates, as well.

I'm sure we will all get used to the new procedures very quickly. Looking forward to a great summer! — *Jim Girotti*

From the Editor's Desk: Next Deadline July 16

The next edition of *The Baseline* will be distributed in early August. Be sure to e-mail your articles and ideas to [Lee-Anne Sprague](mailto:lsprague7@cox.net) at lsprague7@cox.net by Monday, July 16. She can also be reached via phone at (860) 335-8793 or fax at (860) 684-6163.



2007 Tennis Event Schedule

Welcome New Member Mixer, Saturday, June 2

Cathy & Brian Grayboff

M/W Singles Championship Kickoff, Sunday, June 3

Lynn Travers & Candy Weiner

M/W Member Guest, Saturday, June 9

Shirley & Bob Barnhart

Adult Mixer (Wine Theme), Sunday, June 17

Jackie & David Pleet

Davis Cup, Saturday, June 23

Karen & Kevin Coughlin, Sue & Tom Libbos, Janice & Bill Santaniello, Angela Kuhr, Leslie Haskins, Catherine Guardia

Mixed Couples Trouble, Saturday, July 7

Carol & Rick Plaut

Super Seniors (USTA Event), Thurs. - Sun., July 12 - 15

Angelo Teixeira

Adult Mixer, Sunday, July 15

Candy Weiner & Pam Stewart

Rambler/Gambler, Sat. & Sun., August 11 - 12

Lynn & Buzz Travers

Rambler/Gambler, Friday, August 17

Cathy & Brian Grayboff

M/W Doubles Championship, Sat. & Sun., August 25 - 26

Mary & Tom O'Brien, Kathleen & Scott Brindle

World Team Tennis, Saturday, September 1

Gary Weiner, John Abbott, Catherine & Alex Guardia

M/W Singles Championship Finals (Kickoff 6/3)

Sunday, September 2

Candy & Gary Weiner, Lynn & Buzz Travers

Mixed Doubles Championship, Saturday, September 8

Connie Gould & Alex Guardia

Martini's, Sunday, September 16

Peggy & Bob Conley, Jane & Gerrit Toebes

September Fest, Sunday, September 30

Ken Vincunas & Tom O'Brien

Field Club Wait List On the Move...

Where Does Your Candidate Stand?

Voted-In Wait List

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| 1. Poole, Stephen & Carrie | B. Coughlin |
| 2. Frank, David & Diane | Barnhart |
| 3. Turkel, William & Beaudoin, Barbara | Plaut |
| 4. Swanson, Bill & Mona | Shaker |
| 5. Swinton, Neil & Gianturco, Laurie | Weiner |
| 6. Cove, Christopher & Joy | Keizer |

Wait List

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| 7. Marcus, Ben & Ann | Birtwell |
| 8. Schwartz, Donald & Tina | D. Collins |
| 9. Winn, Gerard & Pat | Ditomassi |
| 10. Broadbent, Mark & Renee | C. Berry |
| 11. Brault, Michael & Filios, Elena | Griggs |
| 12. Miller, Ken & Sandy | Snyder |
| 13. Engleman, Dan & Bonnie | Korn |
| 14. Daboul, Vinnie & Mary | Kalman |
| 15. Fitzpatrick, Bob & Barbara | Stephens |
| 16. Messier, Christopher & Margaret | Appleman |
| 17. Bagge, Bill & Joanne | Bagge |
| 18. Freedman, Michael & Tricia | Rahn |
| 19. Kosiorek, David & Penny | Kreitzer |
| 20. Kratovil, Brian & Meralce | Epstein & McFarlin |

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| 21. Gelling, Stephen & Barbara | Glenn |
| 22. Marchese, Paul & Carolyn | Abbott |
| 23. Soares, John & Spagnoli, Berrita | Ballis |
| 24. Brennan, James & Marilu | Eagan |
| 25. Madore, Dalton & Kathryn | Brindle |
| 26. Crews, Richard & Kathleen | Korn |
| 27. Blumberg, Mark & Jenny | Sher |
| 28. Slater, Jonathan & Olga | Tallaksen |
| 29. Plotkin, Daniel & Mollie | Plotkin |
| 30. Low, Holland & Mernie | McKenna |
| 31. Parasad, Rajeer & Santwana | Freeman |
| 32. Sanford, Christine | Meth |
| 33. Hellstein, Mark & Kelly | Nilsson |
| 34. Corrigan, Tim & Sarah | Carr |
| 35. Foster, Brad & Jodi | Brooks |
| 36. Zeroogian, John & Sonia | Pleet |
| 37. Ehrenberg, Steve & Sherri | O'Reilly |
| 38. Llewellyn, Bob & Christine | Griffiths |
| 39. Corsetti, John & Amy | Appleman |
| 40. Dickinson, Stephen & Denise | Santiniello |
| 41. Spencer, Jonathon & Mindy | Cohen |
| 42. Ruffalo, Dick & Tina | Korn |
| 43. Stathis, Gail & Steven | Coughlin |