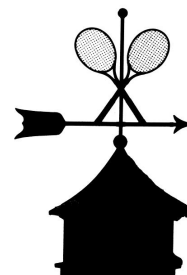


THE BASELINE

Field Club News

August 2007



A Message from the President

As this fourth edition of the 2007 *Baseline* hits your mailboxes, it's hard to believe that it's already August. It is a sure sign that we are well through the summer when you start to see Paddle Tennis articles appear in *The Baseline* (as you do in this edition).

It has been a busy summer so far for The Field Club, with the tennis courts, pool and Snuggery at high usage. We had a record participation at the Davis Cup tennis event and evening party on June 23. The **Guardias, Coughlins, Libbos, Santaniellos, Kuhrs**, not to mention all team captains, did a wonderful job organizing and putting on this huge tennis/social event. Many of the other scheduled events have also been well attended. I encourage you to see what is on the Club's schedule (pool/tennis/social/Snuggery) for the remaining summer months, and come out to participate.

The Club continues to be in great shape, both financially and physically. A quick update on some ongoing capital projects includes: (i) paddle courts will undergo their annual maintenance in the upcoming month in preparation for the fall season, (ii) metal poles holding the tennis lighting will be sanded and re-painted this fall, (iii) a new pool entrance gate area was installed to comply with state regulations, (iv) the tennis building's roof was replaced and new gutters installed and (v) work on the tennis practice area was delayed but should be complete by the end of summer.

Also, the Field Club's **Annual Meeting** will be held again this year at the Springfield Country Club on **Friday, November 2**. The success of last year's event convinced us to repeat the format again at this location. There is an article contained in this edition of the *Baseline* soliciting questions from the Field Club membership. We hope to publish answers to those questions in future issues of *The Baseline*.



Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Sincerely,
Tim Kenny

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Take a look at the events and activities referenced in this edition of The Baseline:

**Field Club Swim
Championships**
Friday, August 11

**KFC and Karaoke Night
at The Snuggery**
Thursday, August 16

Poolside Potluck
Saturday, August 18

Jr. Tennis Tot Party
Thursday, August 23

Jr. Tennis Awards Party
Friday, August 24

Field Club Campout
Friday, August 24

**Singles Club
Championship**
Labor Day Weekend

Labor Day Tailgate
Monday, September 3

Annual Meeting
Friday, November 2

**Paddle Contract
Time Begins**
Week of November 11

ARE YOU CHICKEN?!

The next family event by the Snuggery Committee will take place **Thursday, August 16**. Now is your chance to challenge your friends to get fun and creative! It's karaoke night at the Club, and we're looking for any and all talent to be exhibited. Karaoke night not only includes singing, but also any other antics you want to display/share/show or do.

At 6 p.m. the KFC chicken dinners will arrive. We'll have adult meals, as well as kids' meals. For this one, we'll need to know how many meals to order, so sign-up notices are at the courts and at the pool.

Please come... bring the whole family... eat good chicken (thanks Marie Cromwell)... and bring your talent. Should be much fun! — *Your Snuggery Committee*



Guidebook 2007

Membership and e-mail sections will be updated (printed) in September/October. Please take a moment to verify that your address, family names, phone numbers and e-mail are correct. E-mail Rob Durfee (rdurfee@wgi.us) with any questions or changes.

Note: Do not assume, just because your e-mail is in Dick Forrest's master (website) e-mail distribution list, that it is updated or even in *The Guidebook*. — *Rob Durfee*



Thanks to Our Beautification Volunteers!

The flowers and plants are thriving this summer, thanks to a hard-working group of volunteer waterers! There may still be dates in August that are available for watering. If you are available, please let John Abbott or Kris Gagne know, so that we can be sure the plants get a good drink daily!
— *Kris Gagne*

Ask the Board

The Board of Governors is the governing body of The Field Club. (*The names of the current Board members can be found in the Club Guidebook.*) From the Club bylaws: "The affairs of this Club [The Field Club of Longmeadow, Inc.] shall be managed by a board of nine Governors, each of whom shall be elected for a term of three years by the members at large, at the regular Annual Meeting, and who shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified."

The Board of Governors is in place to serve the Club membership, and the Board would like to solicit questions from the membership about anything related to the Field Club. Do you have a question or concern about the Field Club that you would like an answer to? If so, e-mail your question(s) to fieldclub@charter.net. In the e-mail subject line, please type "Attn: Board." Or if you would prefer to "Ask the Board" via U.S. mail, please send your questions to: The Field Club of Longmeadow, Inc., P.O. Box 444, East Longmeadow, MA 01028, Attn: Board. We, on the Board, hope to publish answers to your questions in future editions of *The Baseline*. — *Dick Forrest*

Deadline Sept. 14

The fifth and final *Baseline* of 2007 will be distributed in early October. Please send your submissions to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague by **Friday, September 14** via e-mail (lsprague7@cox.net) or fax (860-684-6163). She can also be reached via phone at 860-335-8793.

Lane Lines

We hope everyone has been enjoying the summer... it's hard to believe it's almost over! The poolside parties have been well attended and so much fun! Kids Crafts have been a wonderful addition on Thursdays. Mark your calendars for the Field Club **Swim Championships** to be held **Saturday, August 11**, at 11 am.

REMEMBER: please sign in when entering the pool area. This helps the lifeguards maintain a safe environment for everyone. Also remember that adult swim is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The baby pool is closed during this time, too.

The Board of Governors has approved a new guest policy for the **pool only**. For the months of July and August, on a trial basis, guests may be introduced to the pool twice a month by the same family. The new rule will be enforced, with lifeguard discretion, based on pool crowding and conditions. At the end of August, the Board will review and evaluate the trial period for possible future changes.

We hope you enjoy the remaining days of summer! — *Kerri Lockhart & Lauren Walt*

Junior Tennis Update

We are halfway through the 2007 season of Junior Tennis, and the courts are alive, thanks to our junior players! Clinics, tournaments, mixers and just hitting with friends have made for a busy tennis summer.

At the end of month, we will celebrate the end of the season with a **Tot Party on Thursday, August 23**, and the **Awards Party on Friday, August 24**. In the meantime, we'll keep juniors busy with the **Singles and Doubles Championships, Mix Doubles** and a **Parent/Child Mixer**. Keep swinging and checking the bulletin board for dates and signups.

— *Sally Gallucci & Denise Collins*



A "Sweet" Junior Fun Day

After only one rain delay this year, **Junior Fun Day** ended up earlier than most people realized was traditional – at the end of June.

This year, we had 41 four to twelve year olds enjoy the wonderful games the lifeguards lead, both inside the pool and out. Perennial favorites seem to be "Diving for Rocks" and the "Greasy Watermelon Push." The famous 1/2-pound Hershey chocolate bars were again awarded to age group winners for the rock dive and to the winner of the Founder's Rock Hunt.

Thanks to **Joe Walt** who donated the Hershey bars and the huge amount of candy for possibly the best goody bags ever! All children received a goody bag and popsicle. Also, thanks to the many **parents** who helped count rocks and otherwise monitor this fun event. Finally, a big thanks to the **lifeguards**, who do such an amazing job leading these games in a fun, fair and safe manner.

— *Ruth Griffiths*

Member/Guest Mixer

Rainy skies delayed our Member/Guest Tennis Mixer by 45 minutes, but we still had a great turnout. Ten ladies doubles teams competed in two groups for the coveted prizes on June 9th. Unfortunately, the men's portion was cancelled due to a lack of participants.

Pam Rovere and her guest, **Michelle Pratt**, and **Linda Boborodea** and her guest, **Jen Ayre**, won first place in each of their respective groups! Consolation prizes went to **Maria Markenson** and her guest, **Kasia Novak**, and also to **Melanie Gagnier** and her guest, **Leah Hewitt**.

Thanks to Tennis Pro **Brad Walulak** and Tennis Assistant **Dan Phelan** for help in scorekeeping and organizing our round-robin play. Thanks also to **Jim Girotti** for "all that he does!" Everyone enjoyed a delicious luncheon provided by Gus & Paul's to wrap up our morning event. — *Shirley & Bob Barnhart*

Singles Ladder

A lot of singles matches are being played around the Club this summer. The Men's & Women's Singles Ladder is in full swing. There's still time, however, to join the fun. Just contact Lynn Travers, and you're in.

The top eight on both the Men's & Women's ladder will compete for the Singles Club Championships on Labor Day weekend.

— *Lynn Travers*



Cancellation Etiquette

If you have signed up for a social or tennis event and suddenly find yourself unable to attend, please be sure to contact the event chair. Anyone who cancels after noontime on the Thursday prior to the event will be billed for the event. Your consideration and cooperation in this matter will be much appreciated!

Looking Ahead to Paddle Season

Please note that contract time requests for Paddle will be available beginning **September 15**. The deadline for submitting contract requests is **October 20**. Contract time begins the week of **November 11**.

In an effort to set forth guidelines for contract time, the Paddle Committee has established the following rules:

1. Time slot priority will be given to those same groups who previously had the same time slot the year before.
2. All contract time requests must be filed by the deadline or you will lose your time slot.
3. All contract times will require a minimum of 6 players per court.
4. All contract time requests must include a list of all names of players, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
5. We reserve the right to limit the contract time of some members who are already slotted to play two times (i.e. if they are slotted for a third time it cannot be to the detriment of other members).
6. Each contract request must provide a second choice.
7. If necessary, we will split the season (i.e. November – January/February – April), unless the parties agree to split the contract time.

A General Paddle committee meeting will take place **Sunday, September 23**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Tennis Courts. Any questions? Contact Gary Weiner or David Appleman. — *Gary Weiner*

More Summer Fun On the Way...

It has been a beautiful summer, and there has been a lot of activity at The Field Club.

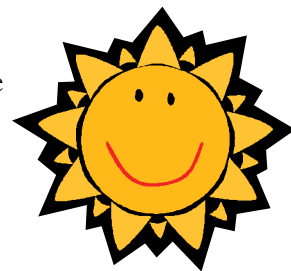
Unfortunately, the weather did not hold out for the 4th of July Tailgate, with the skies opening up just about the time we were to pull our cars into the field to celebrate. I hope folks found a good alternative in a dry spot to enjoy the holiday.

The **Annual Poolside Potluck** will take place on **Saturday, August 18**, so be sure to look for e-mail updates, as well as sign-ups at the pool and tennis courts. It is always a great way to get together with friends to eat and dance under the stars!

The **Annual Field Club Campout** will take place on **Friday, August 24**. BYOT (Bring Your Own Tent), food, and a log or two for the roaring fire. There is no need to sign-up, just show up! We will provide makings for s'mores and coffee, donuts and juice for the morning. We are wondering if the Travers boys will show up for Dad's sizzling pancakes and bacon. If not, we might be able to find some subs!

And then, sadly, it is "time to say good-bye" to the summer. The **Annual Labor Day Tailgate** will take place on **Sunday, September 3**. Watch for e-mails and posters with more details. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer!

— *Kris Gagne*



Board Corner

May 30, 2007 Board Meeting

- Vice President **Lisa Doherty** said that there was currently \$60,000 of approved maintenance. She mentioned several jobs on her capital projects list that have not been funded: \$21,000 to do a new well, \$8,000 for arbor vitae for the paddle courts, \$15,000 to replace tennis court fencing, and \$8,000 for air conditioning for the Snuggery. Concerning a 2nd well, Treasurer **Bill Monks** mentioned that there needs to be more planning in regard to the need for it. As for air conditioning for the Snuggery, Manager **Jim Girotti** said that **Eileen Mason** thought the air conditioning wouldn't be needed and that they could live without it, except for possibly 5 days during the summer when they might need it. Jim mentioned that **Dave Appleman** wants to sit down for short and long-term paddle court needs. No decisions were made on approving more capital expense items.
- Treasurer **Bill Monks** reported: Income is close to last year. Paddle income is 98% to the budget; paddle expenses are over budget. The cost of electricity is up, plowing expenses are down, and fuel costs are up. Our cash is within \$3600 of last year. We are currently in a good cash position.
- Manager **Jim Girotti** reported: The pool opened on time this year. A new rope strung for the flag pole was finally taken care of. The U.S. flag should be lit up at night. President **Tim Kenny** brought up the use of cell phones around the pool. Discussion ensued, and it was mentioned that kids are text messaging, not speaking into them. Jim said that water bottles on the pool deck are okay, but he will continue to prohibit the use of cell phones around the pool.
- Update on the Spring Fling: The Board supplemented the cost of the event by about \$900. The food was a great improvement over last year.
- **Kris Gagne, John Abbott, and the Beautification Committee** are about to beautify the FC grounds. John is buying the plants.

June 27, 2007 Board Meeting

- President **Tim Kenny** said that he will have some information from the bylaw subcommittee. **Paul Doherty**, who chairs the subcommittee, is on vacation. Paul suggested having a formal nominating committee for future Board positions. Discussion about term limits, with 3-year stints, up to 6 years. Usually, no one re-ups for a second term. Before the next Board meeting, Tim will e-mail the suggestions from the subcommittee.

- Treasurer **Bill Monks** reported a lot of activity. Comparative operating expenses from this year to the last are \$204,000 versus \$175,000. Cash is very close to last year. We've been able to preserve quite a bit of cash. We are with healthy cash balances. The capital projects list should be reviewed, so that a new budget can be determined for September. The first membership billing goes out October 1.
- Membership Chairperson **Craig Carr** reported that all candidates offered membership have accepted: **Carrie and Stephen Poole** and **Diane and David Frank** have been added to the membership. **Pat and Jerry Winn** have been added to senior status membership. Craig has received four new applications. There are currently 43 couples on the wait list. Craig would like to have a Meet & Greet as soon as possible. It was decided that **Tim Kenny** would host the next Meet & Greet in October.
- A discussion centered on the FC cookbook, the purpose of the printing/fundraising, and whether we want to continue it, since practically all of the cookbooks that have been printed have been sold. There was a proposal to do additional fundraising for additional charitable projects, similar to the cookbook project.
- Manager **Jim Girotti** brought up a question about children being around the pool for Adult Swim. The lifeguards need clarification from the Board in order to enforce the Club rules. Jim asked the Board if **Dan Handzel** could fill in from time to time as needed, as Assistant Manager, in Jim's place. The Board agreed.
- Pool Liaison **Maria O'Reilly** reported the Pool Committee tackled the pool guest policy. Members want to bring guests to pool more often than what's allowed. The current policy is that no guest is allowed more than once every four weeks. The Committee proposes that no guest may be introduced more than two times per month by one family. After much discussion (including, i.e., what happens if a child is brought to the FC pool by more than one family), the Board agreed to this proposal. The rule change applies only to the pool, not for tennis or paddle. It was mentioned that other clubs allow unlimited guest access to the pool, but have higher guest fees than the FC, which alleviates the problem.
- **Dick Forrest** reported that Club e-mail was being used a lot recently. The deadline for the August *Baseline* is July 15. A combined July/August monthly calendar was created by **Kim Conant**, Renee's daughter. **Jim Girotti** helped by providing accurate information and suggestions for the calendar.
— *Dick Forrest*

Do You Qualify for Senior Membership?

One of our Club bylaws states:

“Any FAMILY or ADULT who have been members for at least six consecutive years and are both 60 years of age are eligible for this category. Written notification received and approved by the membership chairperson prior to April 1 will result in dues adjustment on a monthly pro rata basis plus one month for the current year. Written notification after April 1 will result in dues adjustment starting in the following year. This membership is optional.”

If you or your family qualify for the Field Club’s Senior Membership category, your annual membership dues are half price. — *The Board of Governors*

And the List Goes On...

The Field Club wait list is ever-changing. Take a look to see where your candidate now stands.

Voted-In Wait List

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| 1. Turkel, William & Beaudoin, Barbara | Plaut |
| 2. Swanson, Bill & Mona | Shaker |
| 3. Swinton, Neil & Gianturco, Laurie | Weiner |
| 4. Cove, Christopher & Joy | Keizer |

Wait List

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| 5. Schwartz, Donald & Tina | D. Collins |
| 6. Broadbent, Mark & Renee | C. Berry |
| 7. Brault, Michael & Filios, Elena | Griggs |
| 8. Miller, Ken & Sandy | Snyder |
| 9. Engleman, Dan & Bonnie | Korn |
| 10. Daboul, Vinnie & Mary | Kalman |
| 11. Fitzpatrick, Bob & Barbara | Stephens |
| 12. Messier, Christopher & Margaret | Appleman |
| 13. Bagge, Bill & Joanne | Bagge |
| 14. Freedman, Michael & Tricia | Rahn |
| 15. Kosiorek, David & Penny | Kreitzer |
| 16. Kratovil, Brian & Meralee | Epstein & McFarlin |
| 17. Gelling, Stephen & Barbara | Glenn |
| 18. Marchese, Paul & Carolyn | Abbott |
| 19. Soares, John & Spagnoli, Berrita | Ballis |
| 20. Brennan, James & Marilu | Eagan |
| 21. Madore, Dalton & Kathryn | Brindle |
| 22. Crews, Richard & Kathleen | Korn |
| 23. Blumberg, Mark & Jenny | Sher |
| 24. Slater, Jonathan & Olga | Tallaksen |
| 25. Plotkin, Daniel & Mollie | Plotkin |
| 26. Low, Holland & Mernie | McKenna |

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| 27. Parasad, Rajeer & Santwana | Freeman |
| 28. Sanford, Christine | Meth |
| 29. Hellstein, Mark & Kelly | Nilsson |
| 30. Corrigan, Tim & Sarah | Carr |
| 31. Foster, Brad & Jodi | Brooks |
| 32. Zeroogian, John & Sonia | Pleet |
| 33. Ehrenberg, Steve & Sherri | O'Reilly |
| 34. Llewellyn, Bob & Christine | Griffiths |
| 35. Corsetti, John & Amy | Appleman |
| 36. Dickinson, Stephen & Denise | Santaniello |
| 37. Spencer, Jonathon & Mindy | Cohen |
| 38. Ruffalo, Dick & Tina | Korn |
| 39. Stathis, Steven & Gail | Coughlin |
| 40. Morneau, Jeff & Kate | Gallucci |
| 41. Cranna, Beth & Mark | Trietsch |
| 42. Ceccotti, Eric & Mollie | Doup |
| 43. Seiler, Eleanor & Richard | Larsen |

