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# THE BASELINE

## *Field Club News*

October 2007

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### A Message from the President

**T**he Field Club's summer officially ended with the Labor Day Tailgate on September 2. It was great to see the big turnout on a perfect summer evening and catch up with friends before all the busyness that a new school year brings. Social Committee Chair **Chris Nicholson** and her committee members did an outstanding job with the Tailgate and all of this year's social events. Next... on to platform tennis season! The *Guidebook* schedule of paddle events is included in this mailing.

With the end of summer comes the close of The Field Club's fiscal year (September 30). We have closed our 2007 year in great shape; the Club is financially healthy, we have an active and participating membership, the Club's waiting list continues to be full, and we have a stable, excellent staff. Thanks and congratulations go out to **Jim Girotti** and his staff for ensuring the success of another Field Club year. One important aspect of the continued success of The Field Club is the need to stay on top of long-range capital planning for a facility that is over 40 years old. Long-range capital items are constantly being balanced with the short-term needs of the Club. These long-range items include the maintenance and possible future upgrade of our tennis courts, expanding platform tennis, upgrading the paddle warm-up hut, the need for a second well to provide more water to the Club and increasing electrical capacity. Some long-range items have been addressed over the past several years, such as the addition of a fourth paddle court, new well pump and the rebuilding of the hard court and practice tennis areas. The Field Club will need to remain diligent about future long-term capital planning to ensure its continued success.

Please mark your calendars for the **Annual Meeting** to be held on **Friday, November 2**, at 6:30 p.m., at the Springfield Country Club. Last year, Field Club President **Mike Shields** proposed a new format for the Annual Meeting that was extremely successful. In an effort to increase attendance at the

event, the necessary business discussions were kept to a minimum and a social agenda was introduced, which included door prizes, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and time to catch up with friends. We will be continuing with this tradition again this year. Come help us kick off the new season.

At the annual meeting, I will be ending my three-year term on the Board, and Vice President **Lisa Doherty** will become the new Field Club Board President. She will bring plenty of enthusiasm, business acumen and Field Club history to the position. Along with me, **Kris Gagne** and **Melanie Gagnier** will be finishing their three-year terms. Kris has been the Social Committee liaison and Melanie the Paddle Committee liaison over the past three years. Thanks to both of these very dedicated people for all of their hard work and insight. It has also been my pleasure to work with continuing Board members **Bill Monks**, **Dick Forrest**, **Doug Jangraw**, **Craig Carr** and **Maria O'Reilly**, as well as past Board members **Mike Shields**, **Lynn Travers**, **Karen Appleman**, **Sue Megas** and **Dan O'Malley**.

As you know, the spirit of volunteerism has been the heart and soul of The Field Club for the past 43 years. The Club cannot run without its members' support. Much has been accomplished in the past, but there is still much more to do, and the Club will need everyone's help. Please continue to volunteer your time, talent and skills. Be a part of this special Field Club community.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting on November 2!

Best wishes,

*Tim Kenny*





## Snuggery Summer '07

We are extremely pleased to report that the Snuggery again had a successful summer. It was excellent in many respects – dedicated staffing, total sales, care in keeping the space pleasant, and the bottom line. Part of the explanation for financial success was the weather. On days when rain threatens, we have little or no sales, yet we have expense. There was only one rain day this summer.

At this point, the final numbers aren't in, but we did even better than we did last year. The Snuggery has definitely made the turn from a net loss to a significant contributor to the Club's cash flow.

Many thanks to our committee members, including **Katherine Charbonneau, Marie Cromwell, Mary O'Brien, Chris Nicholson, Carol Creelman** and **Marna Shields**, as well as to **Bill Monks**, Board liason. Special thanks to **Eileen Mason** for working so well with her staff, for her good relations with our kids, and for her care in watching the bottom line. — *Stew Creelman, Chair*

## Guidebook Update

Updated membership and email sections are included with this edition of *The Baseline*. Please replace sections IX and X in your green *Guidebook* binder. Also, please take a moment to verify that your address, family names, phone numbers and email are correct. Email Rob Durfee at [rdurfee@wgi.us](mailto:rdurfee@wgi.us) with questions or changes. The next *Guidebook* update/printing will be in the spring of 2008.

**Note:** Do not assume that if your email is in Dick Forrest's master (website) email distribution list that it is updated or even in *The Guidebook*. — *Rob Durfee*

## Are You Eligible For Senior Status?

According to our by-laws, if you have been a member for six consecutive years and are both sixty years of age, you are eligible for senior status. If you will be turning sixty during the next fiscal year, your membership can be pro rated.

“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.”

If you have any questions, please contact Craig Carr at 567-3941.

— *Craig Carr*

## Capital Improvement Project

Beginning Monday, October 15 and continuing for approximately two weeks, the 16 light poles that surround tennis courts one through eight are going to be refinished. This includes sandblasting, priming and painting. Courts one through eight will be closed during the day and lights will probably not be available on all or any courts at night. Please check the Pro Shop area for any night court time. It will be posted which courts, if any, are accessible.

— *The Board of Governors*

## From the Manager's Desk

### *Lost and Found:*

We have many items that were left behind this summer, either at the pool or on the tennis courts. Please come by the Tennis Pro Shop in the very near future and see if your favorite hat, t-shirt, bathing suit, watch, camera, sun glasses, etc., are there waiting for you! All items will be donated to charity at the season's end. Thank you.



## Lane Lines

It's hard to believe summer is over. With such beautiful weather, the pool was the place to be! The Pool Committee did a terrific job running all the pool events. Junior Fun Day, the Young Poolside Party, Middle School Fun Night, Junior Member-Guest Day, the Junior Poolside Party, the Field Club Swim Championships and weekly Kids Crafts offered lots of fun for the children. All events ran as scheduled, and committee chairs did an outstanding job planning, organizing and having fun!

Special thanks to Pool Committee Members **Ruth Griffiths, Melanie Rothstein, Mary Cieplik, Julie Graves, Norene Shea, Ellen McKenna, Violetta Grippo, Marie Draymore, Dawn Shea-Tallaksen** and **Marge Magill**. Another special thanks to lifeguard **Maria Berthaume** for sharing her creativity every Thursday during her Kids Crafts Hour. Great job, Maria!

Swim lessons ended with a pizza party and awards in the Snuggery. Congratulations to all the children who participated this season.

The Annual Field Club Swim Championships were held August 11. No records were broken, but everyone did a fantastic job. Thanks to **Marge Magill** for running this event!

Thank you to Pool Manager **Erin Caprara**, Assistant Pool Manager **Martin Gullberg** and the lifeguards, all of whom were very responsible, reliable, and well liked by both children and adults. None of these events or the success of the pool would have been possible without you.

We hope everyone enjoyed the pool this summer. Have a great fall... and see you next year!

— *Lauren Walt & Kerri Lockhart*

## CPR/AED Training

During the month of October, the Field Club Board of Governors is offering members the opportunity to participate in one of several classes on Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). The classes will be held just in time for the start of the Platform Tennis season, and **the Board is urging at least one member of each paddle contract time to become certified in CPR/AED**. Classes will be held at The Field Club during the following dates and times:

**Monday, October 15, 6 to 10 p.m.**  
**Saturday, October 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, October 23, 6 to 10 p.m.**

Please register by calling Jim Girotti at 478-5775 or emailing him at [Gitrotti23@aol.com](mailto:Gitrotti23@aol.com). A minimum of six members is needed for each class.  
— *The Board of Governors*



## Fun for All at Labor Day Tailgate

The Annual Labor Day Tailgate took place on Sunday, September 2. It was a beautiful late summer evening marked by loads of cars and kids and plenty of fun to go around. We look forward to next summer!  
— *Kris Gagne & Chris Nicholson*

## We're Kicking Off a New Year!

Mark Your Calendars for...

## The Field Club Annual Meeting

**Friday, November 2, 2007, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Springfield Country Club**

*See details included in this mailing!*

**\*\* If you are unable to attend, please complete and mail the Proxy Statement Form located on the last page of this Baseline. \*\***



## Junior Tennis

Another super season of Junior Tennis has drawn to a close. A huge thank you to **Ann, Brad, Will, Dan** and **Michelle** for working with our junior players. Thanks, as well, to our **Junior Tennis committee members and volunteers** for their help and support.

The second season for our Junior USTA team was another success. We hope to have a USTA team as part of Junior Tennis every year. Thank you to **Jeanine Little** and **Brad** for keeping it going this year.

Last but not least, we applaud all of our junior players who came out this year and participated in clinics, tournaments and just hitting the ball. We look forward to next season! — *Sally Gallucci*

## Men's and Women's Doubles Champions

The Men's and Women's Doubles Championship this year was blessed with warm weather and a strong turnout. We had an exciting men's final, with **Alex Seiler** pairing up with **Brad Hoffman** against **Per Nilsson** and **Naren Dhamodharan**. After splitting sets, the power of Brad's serve was just too much for the 2006 champions. Reluctantly, Per and Naren had to turn in their trophies. **Congratulations Alex and Brad!**

The women's final was just as exciting, with **Carol Plaut** and **Asa Nilsson** defeating **Nancy Rodriguez** and **Sara Suchy**. Nancy and Sara had been in a three-hour slugfest against **Lynn Travers** and **Stacy Mancuso** in the semi finals and may have just run out of steam. **Congratulations Carol and Asa!**

This year we also had a men's "B" division championship. In the finals, **Angelo Teixeira** and **Dave Olsen** defeated **Tom O'Brien** and **Bill Santaniello** in two sets. Bill and Tom never recovered after Angelo took an hour break in between sets to go home and bake a pot of beans. **Congratulations to Angelo and Dave.** We hope you enjoyed the beer. — *Tom O'Brien*



Asa Nilsson and Carol Plaut

## New Mixed Doubles Champions Crowned!

The amazing *six-year reign* of T.J. Megas and Michelle Ditomassi as the Field Club Mixed Doubles champions has finally come to an end. A record-breaking draw of twelve teams competed on September 8 and 9 (during record-breaking heat) to provide spectacular mixed doubles for players and spectators.

We are happy to congratulate our new champions, **Asa and Per Nilsson**, who played some very tough teams on their way to besting **Carol Beaver** and **Hans Doup** in the final. The consolation winners were **Jacquie Kenny** and **Mike Shields**, with **Candy Weiner** and **Brian Grayboff** as the consolation runners-up.

— *Connie Gould & Candy Weiner*



Brad Hoffman and Alex Seiler



## Singles Summer Tennis Summary

A new format for the Field Club Singles Championships was put into place this year. The ladder format began in June, with over twenty women and thirty men participating. The concept was well received, and there was a visible increase in singles play at the Club as a result.

At the end of August, the top eight men and top eight women played in the Singles Championships over Labor Day weekend. Men's participants were **Alex Seiler, Bruce Leshine, Jason Smith, Jay Kimmel, Larry Eagan, Per Nilsson, Mike Shields** and **Rick Steele**. Women's participants included **Candy Weiner, Stacie Mancuso, Lynn Travers, Divina Acker, Sara Suchy, Asa Nilsson, Nancy Rodriguez** and **Laurel Grow**.

The tournament began on Saturday with the quarter finals. Four players from each side moved onto the semi-finals on Sunday. After many hours and some excellent tennis, **Alex Seiler** was to play **Jason Smith** in the men's finals, and **Sara Suchy** was to play **Stacie Mancuso** on the women's side.

Both matches went three sets, with Jason Smith beating Alex 5-7, 7-5, 6-4 and Stacie Mancuso beating Sara in a long match 6-4, 4-6, 6-1. **Congratulations to Alex and Stacie for a job well done!**

NOTE: we would like to give special mention to **Sara Suchy** for her play in these championships. All of her matches went to three sets, and each took over three hours. Her sportsmanship on and off the court was exceptional, and she played with a lot of heart.

The women did not have a consolation round, but the men did. Participating were **Steve McKenna, Cary Dash, Rob Little** and **T.J. Megas**. After a semi-final round, **Steve McKenna** ultimately prevailed over **T.J. Megas** in a three setter to win the finals of the consolations.

Congratulations to all who participated in this year's ladder! — *Candy Weiner & Lynn Travers, Co-Chairs*



Men's Singles Championship Participants



Women's Singles Championship Participants



Jason Smith beat Alex Seiler to become the Men's Single Champion.



Stacie Mancuso prevailed over Sara Suchy to become the Women's Single Champion.

# Ready, Set... Paddle!

The 2007/2008 schedule of Platform Tennis events is as follows:

<b>Friday, October 19</b>	7 pm	<b>Paddle Kickoff Mixer</b>	S. Gallucci & C. Nicholson
<b>Sunday, October 28</b>	9 am to 4 pm	<b>Paddle 101—All Day Clinic</b>	C. Nicholson/S. Gallucci/D. Appleman
<b>Saturday, November 3</b>	8 am to 3 pm	<b>Davis Cup (FC &amp; LCC)</b>	S. Brindle/G. Toebe/D. J. Angraw/P. Bagge
<b>Saturday, November 17</b>	9 am to 4 pm	<b>95+ APTA</b>	R. Durfee/A. Nilsson/L. Haskins
<b>Sunday, December 2</b>	9 am to 2 pm	<b>Wanna Shee</b>	C. Nicholson/S. Gallucci/P. Low
<b>Saturday, December 8</b>	8 am to 3 pm	<b>Wanna Bee</b>	K. Fuller/J. Abbott/A. Guardia
<b>Saturday, January 5</b>	8 am to 3 pm	<b>Men's A/B Tournament</b>	B. Hoffman/B. Traver/B. Prast
<b>Friday, January 11</b>	7 pm	<b>Winterfest Mixer</b>	The Conleys & The Weiners
<b>Friday &amp; Saturday, January 18 &amp; 19</b>	9 am to 2 pm	<b>Rambler Gambler</b> <i>(Friday evening potluck/Saturday paddle)</i>	The Traverses
<b>Sunday, February 3</b>	8 am to 3 pm	<b>The Big Barry</b>	B. O'Connor & E. Barbeau
<b>Saturday, February 9</b>	9 am to 4 pm	<b>Western NE Open (FC &amp; LCC)</b>	Dave Fuller
<b>Sunday, February 24</b>	4 to 10 pm	<b>The "Oscars" (Women only)</b>	Lynn Travers & Candy Weiner
<b>Saturday, March 1</b>	6 pm	<b>The March Mixer</b>	The Plauts & The Haskins
<b>Saturday, March 8</b>	8 am to 3 pm	<b>Men's/Women's A/B Club Championship</b>	Pete & Stacy Mancuso
<b>Saturday, March 15</b>	9 am to 3 pm	<b>Mixed Club Championship</b>	Alex Seiler & Leslie Haskins
			D. Forrest/B. Barnhart/G. Toebe

— Gary Weiner & Leslie Haskins, Platform Tennis Co-Chairs

## Consider APTA Membership

Yes... there is a paddle world outside of The Field Club. In fact, there is an organization called the American Platform Tennis Association (APTA) that provides information on paddle activity around the country, including tournaments, history, instruction and strategy, and important contacts.

**Please consider an annual APTA membership (\$50), which will help support and grow a racquet sport that is fun, easy to learn and challenging at all levels.** The membership allows you to participate in APTA-sanctioned tournaments and receive six APTA magazines filled with news, instruction and colorful stories.

There will be a **95+ Men's APTA Tournament** at The Field Club on **Saturday November 17**. This is one of a series of regional tournaments in which the combined age of the players must equal or exceed 95 years. Field Club members are encouraged to play. (Note: Draw will be limited to 16 teams.)

APTA membership info, equipment, tournaments and other paddle info can be found on the following two websites:

**APTA website:**

<http://www.platformtennis.org/home/index.shtml>

**PaddlePro website:**

<http://www.paddlepro.com/news/index.shtml>

Thanks for considering a membership this year. See you on the courts! — Rob Durfee

## APTA at a Glance

The American Platform Tennis Association (APTA) is the governing body of the sport of Platform Tennis. The APTA's professional staff coordinates the efforts of APTA volunteers, players, tournament directors and Board members. They have knowledge of how to play the game, where to purchase paddles and balls, where to play and where to seek instruction. The APTA works to promote and develop the sport at all levels. It supports local, regional, and national participation and sanctions and promotes over 100 platform tennis tournaments a year, including juniors, men's, women's, and mixed doubles.

The APTA divides North America into six regions of play. Region II covers Connecticut (North of Fairfield County), New England and Upstate New York.



## Hey, Junior Paddle Players!

The Junior Paddle program is gearing up for another great season. The format will be the same as last year, with clinics on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (beginners and advanced beginners) and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (intermediate and better). Three sessions will be held, as listed below.

**Session I:** November 6, 13, 27,  
December 4, 11, 18

**Session II:** January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12

**Session III:** March 4, 11, 18, 25 & a finale  
mixer/pizza party on April 1

The first twelve players to call or email Lynn Travers a maximum of one week prior to the next session can sign their child up on a first-come, first-serve basis: [my3cubs@aol.com](mailto:my3cubs@aol.com). If there are more than twelve who sign up for a particular day, the overflow players will automatically be entered into the following week's clinic.

Please note: Doris Costello has retired as the Paddle Pro and will be replaced by Coach Travers. See you on the courts!

— *Laura O'Connor & Sara Suchy, Co-Chairs*



## Field Club Wait List

*The Field Club Wait List is constantly changing. Take a look at where your candidate now stands:*

### Voted-In Wait List

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| 1. Swinton, Neil & Gianturco, Laurie | Weiner |
| 2. Cove, Christopher & Joy           | Keizer |

### Wait List

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| 3. Schwartz, Donald & Tina                    | D. Collins  |
| 4. Broadbent, Mark & Renee                    | C. Berry    |
| 5. Brault, Michael & Filios, Elena            | Griggs      |
| 6. Miller, Ken & Sandy                        | Snyder      |
| 7. Engelman, Dan & Bonnie                     | Korn        |
| 8. Daboul, Vinnie & Mary                      | Kalman      |
| 9. Fitzpatrick, Bob & Barbara                 | Stephens    |
| 10. Messier, Christopher & Margaret           | Appleman    |
| 11. Bagge, Bill & Joanne                      | Bagge       |
| 12. Freedman, Michael & Tricia                | Rahn        |
| 13. Kosiorek, David & Penny                   | Kreitzer    |
| 14. Kratovil, Brian & Meralee<br>McFarlin     | Epstein &   |
| 15. Gelling, Stephen & Barbara                | Glenn       |
| 16. Marchese, Paul & Carolyn                  | Abbott      |
| 17. Soares, John & Spagnoli, Berrita          | Ballis      |
| 18. Brennan, James & Marilu                   | Eagan       |
| 19. Madore, Dalton & Kathryn                  | Brindle     |
| 20. Crews, Richard & Kathleen                 | Korn        |
| 21. Blumberg, Mark & Jenny                    | Sher        |
| 22. Slater, Jonathan & Olga                   | Tallaksen   |
| 23. Plotkin, Daniel & Mollie                  | Plotkin     |
| 24. Low, Holland & Mernie                     | McKenna     |
| 25. Prasad, Rajeer & Santwana                 | Freeman     |
| 26. Sanford, Christine                        | Meth        |
| 27. Hellstein, Mark & Kelly                   | Nilsson     |
| 28. Corrigan, Tim & Sarah                     | Carr        |
| 29. Foster, Brad & Jodi                       | Brooks      |
| 30. Zeroogian, John & Sonia                   | Pleet       |
| 31. Ehrenberg, Steve & Sherri                 | O'Reilly    |
| 32. Llewellyn, Bob & Christine                | Griffiths   |
| 33. Corsetti, John & Amy                      | Appleman    |
| 34. Dickinson, Stepphen & Denise              | Santaniello |
| 35. Spencer, Jonathon & Mindy                 | Cohen       |
| 36. Ruffalo, Dick & Tina                      | Korn        |
| 37. Stathis, Steven & Gail                    | Coughlin    |
| 38. Morneau, Jeff & Kate                      | Gallucci    |
| 39. Cranna, Beth & Mark                       | Trietsch    |
| 40. Ceccotti, Eric & Mollie                   | Doup        |
| 41. Seiler, Richard & Eleanor                 | Larsen      |
| 42. Ginsburg, Harlene & Schreiberstein, Jerry | Korn        |
| 43. Robinson, Peter & Katie                   | Harbison    |
| 44. Miller, Arlene & David                    | Glenn       |