
THE BASELINE

Field Club News

February 2008



A Message from the NEW President

Welcome to a new year at the Longmeadow Field Club. I was very proud to be installed as the Club's 30th President at our annual meeting in November. I thought I would take this opportunity to share a little about the workings of our volunteer Board.

The Field Club is so fortunate to have a really committed Board. It is comprised of nine members, each serving a three-year term. The Board meets monthly to review the Club's operations. Each Board member assumes responsibility for oversight of an area of the Club and is the liaison to volunteer committee chairpersons. Each member reports on his or her area and identifies resource needs, resolves issues and assures that things are running smoothly.

As our Board members are so active in the Club's day-to-day operations, it is important for members to know who they are and to understand their responsibilities. They are as follows:

Board Member

David Appleman

Craig Carr

Lisa Doherty

Dick Forrest

Jim Girotti (Manager)

Doug Jangraw

Bill Monks

Chris Nicholson

Maria O'Reilly

Candy Weiner

Liaison

Paddle, Junior Paddle

Membership

Tot Lot

Communications

Gardens

Capital Planning, Jr Tennis

Treasurer

Social, Beautification

Pool

Tennis

These folks have volunteered their time because they want to make the Club a better place. If you have ideas, time or energy to offer them, please do. The success of the Club is due to the participation of its members. Please consider this your invitation to get involved.

I would like to extend my thanks to the three Board members who finished serving their three-year terms: **Melanie Gagnier**, **Kris Gagne** and outgoing President **Tim Kenny**. Kris did a terrific job overseeing all of the social activities, including our popular Spring Fling. Melanie adroitly managed the Field Club's paddle courts, which was not always an easy task, as demand often outpaces capacity. I feel very fortunate (and a little intimidated) to follow the very capable Tim Kenny. His stewardship has left the Club in a strong position, with solid financials, a full waiting list, and a corps of dedicated volunteers to keep the Club running smoothly. We will miss their contributions.

Sincerely,

Lisa Doherty



A Mid-Season Report: *Adult Platform Tennis*

*Below is an outline of **David Appleman's** report on platform tennis from the January Board meeting:*

Wanna Bee

Date: Saturday, December 12, 2007

Co-Chairs: **John Abbott** and **Alex Guardia**

- 32 players participated
- Each participant played a minimum of three matches
- Breakfast & lunch sandwiches were served, along with refreshments
- Participants enjoyed open play for the rest of the duration
- Co-Chair Alex Guardia stated, "It was a great tournament and a good time was had by all!"

Men's A/B Tournament

Date: Sunday, January 6, 2008

Co-Chairs: **Buzz Travers**, **Brad Hoffman** and **Brian Prast**

- 1st matches began at 8:30 a.m.
- 32 players (many last minute requests to join, some came later for "pick-up" matches)
- Each player had 3 official 8-game pro sets
- Breakfast was served, including coffee, donuts, bagels, juice, newspapers, etc.
- Lunch served at 12:30 p.m. and consisted of Peppa's pizza and beer
- Official matches concluded around 1 p.m.
- Many pick-up matches took place after (last matches ended close to 6 p.m.)
- The weather was great (low 30s to 40s)
- Participants were generally very pleased with match-ups

Winterfest Mixer

Date: Friday January 11, 2008

Co-Chairs: **The Conleys** and **Weiners**

Event postponed due to inclement weather

Maintenance Update

Jim Girotti and **Dave Appleman** continue to address some of the maintenance issues with

the courts, including the replacement of a few screens on courts two and three. Additionally, the main gutter and downspout on the paddle hut needs to be replaced. Jim Girotti is researching the cost and installation from a few local contractors. Jim is also investigating the cost of paving the parking area in front of the paddle hut. The concern is the large potholes that form. It seems that the stone dust continues to get displaced and creates a problem for vehicles in this immediate area. Jim will report to the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

Junior Paddle In Full Swing

Junior Paddle's first session was a success, with six out of six clinics completed.

In the earlier group, the following players had perfect attendance: **Jack Cove**, **Ryan Cove**, **Daniel Draymore**, **Adam Katz** and **Pierce Leveillee**. Their knowledge of the game and their ability to play has greatly improved. The later group also had five juniors with perfect attendance: **Sara Barnhart**, **Alec Draymore**, **Matt Draymore**, **Nick Luchessi** and **Tom Nilsson**. Congratulations to all!

Session II began on Tuesday, January 15 and will draw to a close on February 12. — *Lynn Travers*



Participants in the earlier group of session I included (front, left to right) Noah Skole, Pierce Leveillee, Adam Katz, Collin Prast, Colin Lockhart, Daniel Draymore, Ryan Cove, Jack Cove, (back, left to right) Sarah Charbonneau and David Litte.



Those participating in the later group in session I included (front, left to right) Jimmy Barnhart, Shane Coughlin, Alec Draymore, Sarah Barnhart, (back, left to right) Tom Nilsson, Nick Lucchesi and Stephen Grow.

Board Corner

December 5, 2007 Board Meeting

President Lisa Doherty wanted to introduce the current Board members to the new Board members, have current Board members explain their ways of doing things, and assign undetermined liaison/committee responsibilities to Board members:

Doug Jangraw, Vice President, responsible for Capital Planning, as well as Assistant Treasurer. Capital planning is a vehicle for planning for the short and long-term needs of the Club. It includes understanding and overseeing the financials for short and long-term maintenance and enhancement projects.

Bill Monks, Treasurer, takes the financial numbers from Renee Oliveri, Financial Services Manager, and converts them into spreadsheet format. QuickBooks is used with a budget component. Makes recommendations to the Board based on those numbers and oversees the revenues and expenses of the Club.

Craig Carr, head of Membership, gives out and collects applications, organizes Meet & Greets, tracks candidates and where they stand in the membership process, offers memberships based on number of families currently allowed into the Club. The process of becoming a member is outlined in the bylaws.

Dick Forrest, Communications Committee liaison, as well as Clerk. The Communications Committee oversees the Club newsletter, called *The Baseline*, the *Guidebook*, Club emails, the Club website and external Club communications. John Abbott is the current Communications Committee Chairperson. As Clerk, Dick is responsible for taking minutes at each Board and Annual meeting.

Maria O'Reilly, liaison to Pool Committee, as well as Assistant Clerk. The Pool Committee oversees two pools, which are currently closed. As Assistant Clerk, Maria takes minutes when the Clerk is unable to attend a Board meeting.

Chris Nicholson, new Board member, will be the liaison to both the Social Committee and Beautification Committee.

Dave Appleman, new Board member. As Paddle liaison, Dave will work directly with Gary Weiner and Leslie Haskins, who are the Paddle Committee Co-Chairpersons. Dave has worked with them to establish a paddle social calendar and contract times. He will also

be responsible for paddle capital needs. In addition, Dave will be the Junior Paddle liaison.

Candy Weiner, new Board member. As Adult Tennis liaison, Candy will work directly with Alex Guardia and Cathy Grayboff, who are the Adult Tennis Committee Co-Chairpersons.

Doug Jangraw will be liaison to Junior Tennis.

Lisa Doherty will be liaison to the Tot Lot.

Jim Girotti, Field Club Manager, will be responsible for the Gardens.

January 17, 2008 Board Meeting

President Lisa Doherty asked for a motion for seven couples/candidates who attended the Meet & Greet (at her house) to be placed on the Voted-In Wait List from the regular wait list. The motion was made by Craig Carr, seconded by Lisa Doherty, and unanimously carried. The couples and their sponsors are:

1. Barbara & Bob Fitzpatrick

(Sponsor: Carlene & Jim Stephens)

2. Christopher & Margaret Messier

(Sponsor: Karen & David Appleman)

3. Barbara & Stephen Gelling

(Sponsor: Linda & John Glenn)

4. John Soares & Bernita Spagnoli

(Sponsor: Deborah Green & Ed Ballis)

5. Marilu & James Brennan

(Sponsor: Mary Anne & Larry Eagan)

6. Olga & Jonathan Slater

(Sponsor: Dawn & James Tallaksen)

7. Mollie & Daniel Plotkin

(Sponsor: Martha & Evan Plotkin)

Membership

Craig Carr said that in 2006, 25 new families became members. In 2007, 16 new families became members. There are 233 families currently, with one family being offered membership. As of this meeting, there are 7 couples on the Voted-In Wait List, and at least one more family will be offered membership to get the number up to the desired level of 235 families.

Committee Chairs

Lisa Doherty asked the Board members who the committee chairs were for their areas of responsibility:

Tennis Co-Chairs: Alex Guardia/Cathy Grayboff

Social Co-Chairs: Jacquie Kenny/Sarah Lloyd

Junior Paddle: Laura O'Connor

Adult Paddle Co-Chairs: Gary Weiner/Leslie Haskins

Communications: John Abbott

Junior Tennis Co-Chairs: TBD

— Dick Forrest

Junior Tennis Chairs Needed

Two parent volunteers are needed to chair the Junior Tennis program for this coming summer. **Sally Galluci** and **Denise Collins** have stepped down from this position, due to the fact that their children no longer participate in Junior Tennis. If you have a young child in Junior Tennis, now is the perfect time to get involved in this capacity! Once the coordinators are in place, they will be seeking assistance from other parents to organize individual events. To learn more or to volunteer, please call Denise Collins at (413) 567-1593.

Guidebook 2008

The Guidebook is a useful resource for key information about The Field Club and its membership. Although generally opened only for an email, 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.

The updated guidebook for 2008 will be sent to printers in March. Please take a moment to confirm your family information, including address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. E-mail any change requests to rdurfee@wgi.us. The **deadline to make changes is March 1.**

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

Do You Like Food?!

How about volunteering to serve on the Snuggery Committee? We'd love to have a couple of new members. We will be meeting in another month or so to discuss menu ideas and Snuggery operation. If interested, call 567-5528. — *Stew & Carol Creelman*

Next Deadline March 17

The next edition of *The Baseline* will be distributed in early April. The deadline will be Monday, March 17. Please send your submissions to Lee-Anne Sprague at lsprague7@cox.net.

Field Club Wait List

Voted-In Wait List

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| 1. Messier, Christopher & Margaret | Appleman |
| 2. Gelling, Stephen & Barbara | Glenn |
| 3. Soares, John & Spagnoli, Berrita | Ballis & Greene |
| 4. Brennan, James & Marilu | Eagan |
| 5. Slater, Jonathan & Olga | Tallaksen |
| 6. Plotkin, Daniel & Mollie | Plotkin |

Wait List

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| 1. McKenna, Timothy & Mary Ellen | McKenna |
| 2. Madore, Dalton & Kathryn | Brindle |
| 3. Crews, Richard & Kathleen | Korn |
| 4. Blumberg, Mark & Jenny | Sher |
| 5. Hellstein, Mark & Kelly | Nilsson |
| 6. Corrigan, Tim & Sarah | Carr |
| 7. Foster, Brad & Jodi | Brooks |
| 8. Zeroogian, John & Sonia | Pleet |
| 9. Ehrenberg, Steve & Sherri | O'Reilly |
| 10. Llewellyn, Bob & Christine | Griffiths |
| 11. Corsetti, John & Amy | Appleman |
| 12. Dickinson, Stephen & Denise | Santinello |
| 13. Spencer, Jonathon & Mindy | Cohen |
| 14. Ruffalo, Dick & Tina | Korn |
| 15. Stathis, Steven & Gail | Coughlin |
| 16. Morneau, Jeff & Kate | Gallucci |
| 17. Cranna, Beth & Mark | Trietsch |
| 18. Ceccotti, Eric & Mollie | Doup |
| 19. Seiler, Richard & Eleanor | Larsen |
| 20. Ginsburg, Harlene & Schreiberstein, Jerry | Korn |
| 21. Robinson, Peter & Katie | Harbison |
| 22. Miller, Arlene & David | Glenn |
| 23. Dunbar, Alyse & Jaime | Fuller |
| 24. Lamon, Michell | Tavernier |
| 25. Dulchinos, Michelle & Dean | Little |

Currently, the waiting list is not as long as it has been in the recent past. If you have someone in mind to propose, now may be the time to get that family or person onto the waiting list. Contact Craig Carr at 567-3941/ CMTCARR@aol.com.

Fond Farewell

The following members have resigned in the past year:

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| Harry & Karen Auerbach | William & Joanne Murphy |
| Ned & Peggy Barry | Robert & Jane Newman |
| Dan & Penny Boyle | Bill Rowe |
| David & Angelica Deaton | The Skole Family |
| Mimi Fleming | Scott Smith |
| Dr. Lester Frank | Heidi Teixeira |
| Wayne & Mary MacDonald | Len & Robin Wagner |