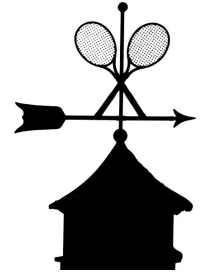

THE BASELINE

Field Club News

October 2008



A Message from the President

My year of service as Club President will come to a close in November. I have really enjoyed my time as President and have learned so much in that role. I thought I would take my final opportunity to share with you a little of the history.

The Field Club is an extraordinary place. Our staff and members feel passionately about the place and have since its founding 45 years ago. Sue Warner recently shared with me the process of finding the locale for the Club. They looked at an area around Blueberry Hill and the south end, off Longmeadow Street, but nothing was quite right. She, Ted Lincoln and others scouted sites for three years before learning that Western Mass Electric would sell the land we currently own. One hundred and thirty-three charter members each bought a \$500 bond to buy the land and, in return, got a 10% reduction on their dues for 10 years. Sue recounted standing outside Bliss pool, trying to recruit potential members. A member who was an architect drew the initial plans. They built four tennis courts and the pool. The area was gated, and each member had a key for entry. Power was provided by generator, which required a volunteer coming out each night to fill the gas tank. This pioneering spirit is alive and well at the Club today.

In my three years of service on the Board, I have seen amazing commitments and volunteerism. I would be remiss if I did not recognize some of the folks with whom I have had the pleasure of working. First are **Mike Shields** and **Tim Kenny**. Without these two fun and very persuasive guys, I never would have joined the Board. I am glad they convinced me, and urged me to sit at the helm. Next are the Board members

who joined with me three years ago, **Dick Forrest** and **Bill Monks**, two quiet but crucial assets of The Field Club. Dick manages all of our communications efforts and has done so much in that arena in just my tenure. He is also a wall at the net in paddle. Bill, a 6-year member because no Board wants to let him go, has so much history of the place and knowledge of our finances that I never worry. **Doug Jangraw** managed our capital expenditures this year, and as a result, we have some nice improvements. Craig Carr must also be down at Bliss pool recruiting, because our membership wait list is still full, and **Maria O'Reilly** has the pool almost more active than the tennis courts. Our newest members include **David Appleman**, who deserves kudos for getting those paddle courts in superb shape, **Candy Weiner**, who has put together a great season of tennis events, and our terrific social liaison, **Chris Nicholson**.

This is a talented group, and I am confident to be leaving the Club in great hands. I would also like to send my sincere thanks to **Jim Girotti**, **Renee Oliveri**, **Ann Boisvert**, **Dan Pulsford** and the rest of the staff, who have truly made my job easy and a pleasure. I am pleased to announce that **Chris Nicholson** will be the incoming president, with **David Appleman** as her vice president. This dynamic duo, perhaps the strongest ticket out there, will be great for the organization, and I wish them well.



Lisa Doherty



Lost and Found

Lost and Found items from the pool, tennis courts and paddle hut are on display in the Tennis Pro Shop until mid-October, after that they will be donated to Charity. — *Jim Girotti*



Demo Racquets

Tennis "Demo" racquets are currently on sale at a reduced price in the Tennis Pro Shop. Please stop by and see Ann or Jim G. if interested. — *Jim Girotti*

Annual Meeting Soon!

Please join us at the Annual Meeting on **Friday, November 7**, at the Springfield Country Club. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. We will provide an update on Club activities and finances and will also share the results of the recent survey. More than 150 members shared their opinions... come hear the feedback! Equally as important, come share an evening of fun with your FC friends! — *Lisa Doherty*

Labor Day Tailgate

Over 100 members enjoyed the annual Labor Day Tailgate Party. Although this event signifies the end of summer, it is a great way to celebrate with friends and honor our Club. It was great to see so many happy kids running around, hula hooping, playing catch and eating popcorn and ice cream. Actually, there were a lot of happy adults doing the same thing!

Thanks to **Jim Girotti, Chris Nicholson, Sally Gallucci, Sarah Lloyd** and to our young members, who helped make this such a memorable event! — *Jacqueline Kenny*

Family Camp-Out

Rain postponed the annual family camp-out, but it didn't cancel it! The event was held August 22, and the weather couldn't have been better. Everyone enjoyed the bonfire and s'mores, even some of the older campers! A delicious breakfast was provided by **Eileen** at the Snuggery. Once again, the family camp-out was enjoyed by all. Thanks to organizer **Jacquie Kenny**! — *Chris Nicholson*



The Poolside Potluck

On a cool Saturday evening in late August, some 70 members arrived with their favorite dishes ... and some brought food, too! This highly anticipated annual event has become a culinary extravaganza. After dining on salads, appetizers, entrees and desserts, members and friends enjoyed dancing on the pool deck under the stars.

This event was chaired by **Denise Collins, Suzy Hutchins and Gerrit Toebe**s, and an astounding job they did. Special thanks to **Jim Girotti** and lifeguard **Martin Gullberg and staff**, who helped set up and close up. Check out the photos of this event on the website and catch **Kris Gagne** blowing out all 50 candles on her birthday cake. — *Chris Nicholson*

See You Next Year!

This is the last *Baseline* of 2008. Watch for the next issue to be distributed in mid-February, just in time to update you on the paddle season and start gearing up for spring.

Please send your submissions to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague at LSprague7@cox.net by Tuesday, January 15.





Lane Lines

It's hard to believe the summer is over. Despite the rain, we had many wonderful days at the pool. 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 smoothly, and committee chairs did an excellent job planning, organizing and having fun!

Special thanks to Pool Committee Members running the events: **Ruth Griffiths, Melanie Rothstein, Mary Cieplik, Erin Fuller, Marie Draymore, Cynthia Leveillee, Noreen Shea, Maria O'Reilly, Lauren Walt, Meg Barry and Marge Magill.** Also, special thanks to lifeguard **Maria Berthaume** for sharing her creativity every week during her Kids Crafts Hour. Great job, Maria!

Swim lessons were enjoyable, educational and well-attended. Congratulations to the children who participated this season, and thank you to the lifeguards for sharing their expertise.

Thank you to Pool Manager **Dan Pulsford**, Assistant Pool Manager **Martin Gullberg**, and all of the **lifeguards**. All of you were very responsible, reliable and well-liked by both the 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 we will see you at the pool next year! — *Maureen Dhamodharan and Elena Oundjian*

Fun for All at Rambler/Gambler

All bets were off on August 8 and 9. Instead a round-robin format took center court on Saturday for a fun morning of tennis. Partners were randomly drawn, equaling six teams. Everyone played each team in an eight game pro set to determine the finals.

Bob Barnhart and partner **Eileen Wright** were the winners over **Buzz Travers** and **Sara Suchy** in a tight set finale. Then it was to the snuggery for lunch. Thank you to all those who participated: **Jay Pomeranz, Jon and Pam Rovere, Bob and Shirley Barnhart, Buzz and Lynn Travers, Marty and Eileen Wright, Sara Suchy** and **Mike and Linda Shields**. Everyone was a winner that day! — *Lynn Travers*

Welcome New Members!

The Field Club is pleased to welcome **Timothy, Mary and Molly McKenna** as its newest members.



New Event a Success!

Thanks to Keith Fuller's initiative, the First Annual Croquet/Tennis event occurred on Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. Over 20 people joined in the fun.

Some played tennis, while others tried to maneuver through a tough obstacle course that involved wickets and "poison." It was a learning experience for most, and fun was had by all! — *Lynn Travers*

New Singles Champions Crowned!

Overcast skies and warm air accompanied the players all day for the 2008 Singles Club Championships on Saturday, August 30. This summer, a lot of singles matches were played over the course of eight weeks. In the end, the top seven players on the men's ladder were: **Alex Seiler, Mike Freedman, Brad Hoffman, Alex Guardia, Kent Griffiths, Pete Mancuso** and new member **John Soares**. The top eight players on the women's side were: **Sue Kline, Candy Weiner, Sara Suchy, Kim Putnam, Nancy Rodriguez, Asa Nilsson** and **Angela Kuhr** and **Ruth Griffiths**.



The semi-final rounds for both the men and the women proved to be a good indication of what was in store for the finals on Sunday. **Mike Freedman** prevailed in a hard fought three-set battle over **Brad Hoffman**, while **Alex Seiler** played his second match of the day, beating **Alex Guardia** in two sets. **Asa Nilsson** and **Sara Suchy** slugged out a three setter, with Asa winning in the third set 7-5. **Candy Weiner** took the win over **Angela Kuhr** in two sets.

Sunday was a "10" weather wise, as the match-ups between **Alex Seiler/Mike Freedman** and **Asa Nilsson/Candy Weiner** began. Mike made Alex fight for every point, but in the end, Alex was too tough and won in two sets. Candy started slow, but came on strong in the second set. Asa held on, though, to win the match in two sets. Congratulations to this year's winners, Alex and Asa, and to all those who participated in the singles ladder throughout the summer. A special thanks to the officiating duo of **Buzz and Lynn Travers** for overseeing the finals upon "the high chair."

SPECIAL NOTE: Many thanks to Co-Chairs **Lynn Travers** and, especially, **Candy Weiner** for organizing the singles ladder format and championship. We thank **Nancy Rodriguez** for stepping up to run the singles ladder next year with our tennis pro, **Ann Corcoran Boisvert**. See you on the paddle courts! — *Lynn Travers*



Left: 2008 Men's Singles Champion Alex Seiler (left) and Runner-Up Mike Freedman

Above: 2008 Women's Singles Champion Asa Nilsson and Runner-Up Candy Weiner

Mixed Doubles 2008

Delayed a day due to forecasted rains, the annual Mixed Doubles Tournament was held on September 7. It was a great success, with 11 teams competing for the title. Last year's champions, **Per and Asa Nilsson**, were half represented by Asa, as Per was on the DL. This year, Asa teamed most successfully with **Naren Dhamodharan** to capture the title in an exciting and close championship match against runners-up **Sara Suchy** and **Alex Seiler**. Winners of the consolation finals were **Ruth and Kent Griffiths**, who beat out consolation finalists **Jackie Pleet** and **Gary Weiner**. The skies stayed clear, and the tennis was great all around!
— *Connie Gould and Candy Weiner*



(Left to right) Mixed Doubles Champions Naren Dhamodharan and Asa Nilsson and Runners-up Sara Suchy and Alex Seiler



(Left to right) Consolation Finalists Gary Weiner and Jackie Pleet, Ruth and Kent Griffiths

Junior Tennis Wrap Up

The Junior Tennis program finished with singles, doubles and mixed doubles championships, and trophies were presented at the end-of-season awards party on August 22. Champions and runners-up in each division were as follows:

Boy's Singles

16 and under

Sean Meunier and Ross Kamin

14 and under

Ben Wheeler and Jack Appleman

12 and under

Sam Freedman and Emmett Shea

Girl's Singles

14 and under

Heather Little and Ashley Toebe

Boys' Doubles

16 and under

Sean Meunier/Austin Little

Shane Coughlin/Nick Lucchesi

12 and under

David Little/Ben Wheeler

Ben Soder/Zack Meunier

Girls' Doubles

16 and under

Alexis Ditomassi/Erin O'Conner

Ashley Toebe/Hannah Epstein

12 and under

Stevie Eagan/Catherine Lucchesi

Moir Eagan/Mary O'Reilly

Mixed Doubles

16 and under

Elise Dhamodharan/Austin Little

Heather Little/Sean Meunier

12 and under

Hannah Epstein/David Little

Congratulations to all of our young players, and thanks to all who participated in Junior Tennis this summer. **Brad and the junior pros** did a great job with the clinics for the 10 and under crowd. Have a good winter, and keep on swinging! — *Mary Adler*



Ready, Set... Paddle!

The 2008/2009 schedule of Platform Tennis events is as follows:

October 17	7 p.m.	Kick-off Mixer	<i>G. Weiner, Plauts, B. Swanson</i>
October 26	9 a.m.	101 Clinic	<i>D. Appleman, S. Gallucci, C. Nicholson</i>
November 8	9 a.m.	Davis Cup w/LCC	<i>L. Travers, B. Hoffman, G. Weiner, A. Seiler</i>
November 18	9 a.m.	Do You Dare	<i>Haskins, Jangravs, Pleets</i>
November 22	8 a.m.	Men's 95+ @ FC & LCC	<i>R. Durfee, A. Nilsson, L. Haskins</i>
December 7	9 a.m.	Wanna She	<i>S. Suchy, C. Fischer-Hoffman</i>
December 13	9 a.m.	Wanne B	<i>A. Guardia, J. Abbott, T. O'Brien</i>
December 19	7 p.m.	Friday Night Mixer	<i>Haskins, Weiners</i>
January 3	8 a.m.	Men's A & B Tourney	<i>N. Dhamodharan, B. Hoffman, B. Prast, S. Brindle</i>
January 9	7 p.m.	Friday Night Mixer	<i>Nilssons, Plauts</i>
January 11	9 a.m.	2nd 101 Clinic – New Year's Resolution	<i>D. Appleman</i>
January 17	9 a.m.	Sadie Hawkins	<i>L. Haskins, G. Toebe</i>
January 25	9 a.m.	Women's Mixer	<i>L. Travers, P. Conley, C. Grayboff</i>
February 1	9 a.m.	The Big Easy (Superbowl)	<i>B. O'Connor, D. Brock, B. Barnhart</i>
February 14	8 a.m.	Men's WNE @ FC	<i>David Fuller</i>
February 22	4 p.m.	The Oscars	<i>C. Weiner, L. Travers</i>
February 27	7 p.m.	Friday Night Mixer	<i>Grayboff, Pleet, Jangrav</i>
March 7	9 a.m.	Men's B & Women's Championships	<i>E. Barbeau, B. Conley, K. Fuller</i>
March 14	9 a.m.	Mixed Club Championships	<i>G. Toebe, B. Barnhart, D. Forrest</i>
March 21	9 a.m.	Men's A Club Championships	<i>P. Nilsson, M. Shields, Jr.</i>

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

Contract Time Guidelines

Contract time requests for Paddle are now being accepted. The deadline for submitting contract requests is **October 15**. Contract time begins the week of **November 2**. Please review the contract time guidelines below:

- Time slot priority will be given to those same groups who previously had the same time slot the year before.
- All contract time requests must be filed by the deadline or you will lose your time slot.
- All contract times will require a minimum of 6 players per court.
- All contract time requests must include a list of all names of players, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
- 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).

- Each contract request must provide a second choice.
- If necessary, we will split the season (i.e. November – January/February – April), unless the parties agree to split the contract time.

For more information, contact Gary Weiner or David Appleman. — *Gary Weiner*

Mark Your Calendars!

This year's **Davis Cup**, in conjunction with the Longmeadow Country Club (LCC), will be **Saturday, November 8**. Look for the sign-up sheet mid-October. Everyone is placed on a team, and each team plays the other teams for the title. Then it's drinks and dinner at LCC that evening. Mark your calendar, and get ready for a day of paddle and an evening of fun! Questions? Contact Lynn Travers. See you on the courts!

— *Lynn Travers*

Hey, Junior Paddle Players!

Junior Paddle 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: October 28; November 4 (NO clinic on the 11th), 18, 25; December 2

Session II: December 9, 16 (NO clinic on the 23rd or 30th); January 6, 13, 20

Session III: January 27; February 3, 10 (NO clinic on the 17th or 24th); March 3, 10

Sign-ups will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Members must sign their children up on a weekly basis by contacting Lynn Travers .

NOTE TO PLAYERS: Please be sure to dress appropriately, especially as the days grow colder!

Congratulations...

...to The Field Club's 2008 Doubles Tennis Champions, shown below:



Left: Women's Champions Sara Suchy (left) and Jacquie Kenny



Right: Men's Champions Naren Dhamodharan (left) and Jason Smith



DON'T MISS THE FIELD CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, November 7, 2008

**6:30 p.m. - Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
7:00 - Meeting**

**Springfield Country Club
1375 Elm Street, West Springfield**

More details are included on page 2.

If you cannot attend, please be sure to return the proxy form included with this issue!

Board Corner

August 14, 2008, Board Meeting

Manager's Report (highlights of)

Jim Girotti reported: 94 people participated in the **Davis Cup Tennis Tournament**, there were questions about the price of the event, it was only \$1 higher than last year, 76 went to the cocktail party, Candy and Jim looked at the numbers, it was \$12.05 higher than last year, '07 to '08: \$1650 versus \$3200, 2 people out of 76 people questioned the price, the DJ was expensive, Bill Monks: next year, give them a range of potential costs, Candy Weiner: food costs are going up. **Tennis Court Watering:** a few problems, Ann Boisvert is pleased with it, courts #13 and #14 are very dry, I will put down calcium. 17 members participated in the **Tennis Mixer/Sunday Brunch** – Dave Olsen was severely dehydrated, but he's recovered well. July 19th & 20th – Ann ran the **Super Singles** event; 12 people participated in the **Rambler Gambler**. **Junior Tennis** has been very busy: there have been Junior Championships, which have included mixed doubles, the sectionals are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, which presents a problem because it's the first day of high school sports. We took in \$700 for **Clem Easton Tournament** and had \$619.44 in cash sales at the Snuggery as a result of the tournament. Both Ann and Brad want to start a **kid's clinic** in the fall on Tuesday and Thursday. 76 attended the **Poolside Potluck**, which amounted to approximately \$8 per person, the DJ was John O'Neal. The **Family Campout** is scheduled for tomorrow night, and breakfast will be served in the Snuggery from 6 to 9 a.m. The **Snuggery** has been very busy, but it is not meeting last year's gross sales – all of the rain has something to do with it, 67 people have not spent their \$25 minimum. **Platform tennis:** Accepted a proposal on cutting down on the fees for maintenance, paddle court maintenance will be complete by August 20 and 21, Arrow Gas will replace the line from the propane tank to the courts at a cost of \$1,345. **Capital Improvements:** Chilson's did a great job of getting the awnings completed before the Davis Cup. The lights on court #4 were sometimes not working, it's been resolved. There have been two huge groundhogs in the garden area, plus 3 rabbits, deer, and raccoons. **Pool:** A couple of events went well. If they get 10 people, it's a go for an event. One member wanted to discontinue the practice of clearing the pool and eliminate the adult swim. I explained that it is for safety reasons that we clear the pool. Also, the lifeguards get a break. As an added benefit, but not stated, the Snuggery gets supported. Other pools do the same thing, it's not unusual. **Kid's Crafts** – It's been largely successful, 10 to 15 kids every day since the first week. We've billed it

out and bought supplies. **Miscellaneous:** The book swap around the pool has been successful. 12 trees came down as a result of the major storm - John Whitney from Ryland Landscaping did the cleanup. The Snuggery closes the Monday of Labor Day. The Pool closes on Sunday, September 7th. Lights on courts #9 and #10 have to be done. The return line is broken at the pool. Jeanine Little wrote a letter congratulating the USTA team. The Longmeadow Fire Department has been here twice, and I spent a few hours with them. They recommended a backboard to be stationed with the lifeguards.

Tennis

Candy Weiner reported: There have been mixers and socials that have been good, although there have been some cancellations. The price of the Davis Cup was questioned. The singles ladder is taking place. Annie ran the A tournament. It's been detrimental, because not a lot of "A" players are playing it due to competing ladders. The age cutoff is 21 for the regular ladders. Some of the better men players are opting to play the high school kids, instead. The Doubles Championship is coming up shortly.

Communications

Dick Forrest reported: We can send the Club survey through a Constant Contact free trial account. Constant Contact gives you an unlimited number of questions and up to 250 responses for free for up to 60 days. There continues to be a good number of contributors to *The Baseline*. The August issue was a good one. The website has been updated from *The Baseline*. The Monthly Calendar (August/September), put together by Kim Conant, was an insert to *The Baseline*. Club emails are continuing to be distributed on a timely basis.

Social/Beautification

Chris Nicholson reported: There will be the annual campout this Friday night, Jacquie Kenny is heading it up. The Sunday before Labor Day will be the annual tailgate. Beautification: We suggest that we have the tennis assistants and the lifeguards water the plants, since they are at the Field Club every day. In regard to the appreciation of committee chairs at the Annual Meeting, we will have to have a note from each liaison and give each of the chairs an appreciation gift. There will be 3 baskets, like last year, as door prizes: 1 for pool, 1 for tennis, and 1 for platform tennis. I am recommending that the Field Club staff have uniforms, in the form of tee shirts.

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Board Corner *(continued from page 8)*

September 16, 2008, Board Meeting

Manager's Report (highlights of)

Jim Girotti reported: The **Campout** was rescheduled, and the Snuggery took in \$198 worth of food for breakfast the next morning. Dave Appleman: Ellen needs help next year – she was all alone getting breakfast. **Labor Day Picnic** – 250 members and guests. It was a nice time. For adult tennis, doubles and singles, all **trophies** have been engraved and returned. There are still some **demo racquets** to be sold. There's been a written request to reserve July 9-12, 2009, for the **Clem Easton Super Seniors event**. We have updated our **USTA membership**. **Platform tennis**: Charles Brown, on August 23, did a lot of paddle court maintenance. The four courts are ready to play. The paddle hut rug was washed today. The telephone reservation system for paddle will be in effect as of September 15. The SaniCan has been ordered, the heaters are installed, and Arrow Gas has dug the trench for the propane line. Dave Appleman: The latticework on the east side of the paddle courts is almost complete, and Barry O'Connor will finish it. Jim Girotti: I purchased 2 cases of paddle balls. We need a new TV stand for the paddle hut to hold the paddle balls. Jim G.: The **pool** closed for the season on September 7th at 5:00 p.m. The return lines are to be pressurized. The electric lights on the **tennis courts** have been started. They will be halogen lights and will be much better than what we currently have. Under capital **improvements**, we have 2 estimates for fencing. We have chosen Hastie Fence, and they will provide a bottom rail all the way around the fence and other improvements. We have a **Lost & Found** for tennis, pool and platform tennis items. The **Snuggery** is closed, and we ended up on a positive side. We take the **awnings** down from the pool this week. Chilson's takes them down and stores them. We will send **Allen Lawnmower** a bill for the lawnmower that they sold for us.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Monks reported: In regard to the 2009 budget, Jim and Bill went through it using last year's budget numbers. This was the first look at it, and it's pretty darn level. I plugged in the numbers, and have less than a 1% increase in revenues with a \$3,500 increase. Dues are staying flat. We have a 6% budget over the actuals in expenses. We always budget a little more than we spend. The actuals from '08 to '09: There was a 6 ½ % increase. Salaries in the budget are increased 3 ½ to 4%. In regard to capital expenditures, we need to know what year they will fall in. We are budgeting for an \$18,000 deficit this year. In budgeting, we take into account a

3-year cycle: first year: a surplus, second year: break even, and third year: a loss. Renee Oliveri: In regard to the line of credit (that Renee was told to investigate for the Board), TD BankNorth is fine with a line of credit that we can use to tap into some cash for our emergency cash flow needs. They gave us stipulations for the loan of \$75,000. The Board has to agree to these stipulations. Lisa Doherty offered to call the bank. Bill Monks stated that there is no rush and that we don't need the cash right now.

Membership

Craig Carr reported: The Field Club provides the best bang for the buck, and therefore, our waiting list is very healthy. From Craig's report: Membership categories: 235 families total, 5 single adults, 102 seniors, 2 out-of-state, and 1 associate; a membership offered to the McKenna family, a legacy candidate, and accepted; 9 couples on the Voted-In Wait List; 34 couples on the Regular Wait List; 43 couples on the Total Wait List.

Platform Tennis

Dave Appleman reported: Gary Weiner and Leslie Haskins and committee have done a wonderful job putting together a schedule of events for the new season. A contract reservation form is complete, and the phone reservation system will be in place. Lynn Travers has agreed to be the Junior Paddle Instructor again this year. Dave received the Board's approval for Club membership in the APTA. Dave would like to include Fran Johnson's in the Paddle Clinic 101 so that they will be aware of our Club's paddle needs and also have an understanding on how to supply our Club with paddle equipment. The Board gave Dave approval to include them.

Pool (highlights of)

Maria O'Reilly reported: Thanks to Jim Girotti and staff another blissful summer has passed. The Swim Championships were well-attended. An increased number of lap swimmers this year, so pool hours may have to be adjusted next year to accommodate them. Three generous FC families have donated cameras. Many thanks to all of the event chairs and especially to the Pool Committee Co-Chairs, Maureen Dhamodharan and Elena Oundjian.

— Dick Forrest

Proxy Statement Form

Proxy form for use at the Annual Meeting on Friday, November 7, 2008, 6:30 p.m., at Springfield Country Club, West Springfield, MA.

If unable to attend the meeting, sign and return this form to:

Dick Forrest
Clerk of the Field Club of Longmeadow
PO Box 444
East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Note: A majority of the members in person or by signed proxy is required for approval of items. At all Annual Meetings of the Club, ten percent of the membership in attendance or by signed proxy shall constitute a quorum.

I (We) are unable to attend the Annual Meeting of the Field Club on Friday, November 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Springfield Country Club in West Springfield.

I (We) do hereby authorize the Clerk of the Board of Governors, Dick Forrest, to vote by proxy on any matters brought up at the meeting, in accordance with the consensus of the Board and other members attending the meeting.

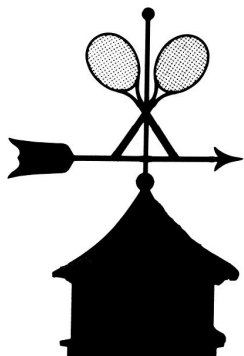
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