
THE BASELINE

Field Club News

June 2009



A Message from the President

By the time you receive this 3rd *Baseline*, many of you will already have played a few games of tennis, enjoyed a swim in the newly painted pool, and had a “Stew-Dog” for lunch at the Snuggery. The Field Club is open and ready for another fun-filled summer!

Social Chairs **Denise Collins** and **Jacquie Kenney** organized the kick-off of the season with the annual Spring Fling. It was a beautiful night, and Hampden Country Club was the perfect setting to catch up with old members and to welcome new members. Thanks, girls, for organizing such a great evening.

As we begin the 2009 season, the Club could not be in better shape. **Jim Girotti**, our wonderful Club Manager, gave me a behind-the-scenes tour of the Club and showed me the improvements and repairs that have been made to the tennis courts and to the pool during the hibernation months. Thanks, Jim; I’ll speak for the Board and the members — we appreciate all your hard work and the Club couldn’t exist without you.

Ann Boisvert, our resident Tennis Pro, will be back on the courts for her 23rd season, and **Brad Walulak**, Assistant Tennis Pro, returns for his 5th season at The Field Club.

On the pool side, **Dan Pulsford** will be back as Pool Manager and **Daniel Gulberg**, Assistant Pool Manager, will also be returning.

We also welcome back Snuggery Manager **Eileen Mason**, who will provide us with excellent lunches from her extensive menu.

The Adult and Junior Tennis Committees have been hard at work planning a full season, with tournaments and mixers for young and old.

Dates of these events can be found in the recently updated *Guidebook* (thank you, **Rob Durfee**) and are posted on the notice board at the courts.

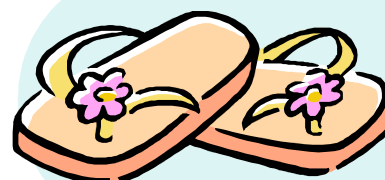
I would like to commend the members of the Board for their work and their contributions as they attend monthly Board meetings to prepare for the upcoming season and beyond.

I am pleased to report that, even in this uncertain economy, we have remained a strong club, both financially and in terms of membership. While we have had several members resign over the winter, we have replaced them with new members from the waiting list, and we are one of the few clubs in the area that has both a full membership and a healthy waiting list. I would like to welcome all of our new members and their families, and I encourage you to take advantage of all the Club has to offer and also to consider volunteering on the various committees that make our Club such a fun place to be.

So... I wish everyone a happy summer season. See you on the courts and by the pool!

Sincerely,

Chris Nicholson



Happy Summer!



Tot Lot Opening June 29

Attention moms/dads with young children! Looking for a safe, fun place for your children while you steal an hour or so of tennis this summer?

Look no further... the Field Club's Tot Lot will soon be open for business! The Tot Lot is the shady play area behind the pool and Snuggery that, for a small hourly fee, provides supervised childcare for members who are on the premises. Hours are **Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, June 29 through August 27.**

Director **Maria Berthaume** will skillfully care for your little ones between the ages of 1 and 7, with infant care available if arranged in advance. She will be assisted by Tot Lot **helpers** (between the ages of 11 and 15) who will play with your children and bring them to/from tennis and/or swimming lessons. Tot Lot helpers sign up for one week at a time and are then paid for 12 hours of work. Depending on level of interest, it may be possible to sign up for more than one week. If you are interested in being a paid helper, email Maria O'Reilly with your availability.

— *Maria O'Reilly*

2009 Guidebook

The Field Club *Guidebook* is a useful resource for key information about the Club and its membership. Although generally opened only for an email, phone number, address or remembering a name, it also contains information on bylaws, membership rules and regulations, committee and board members, various events and activities.

The updated 2009 packet (containing 11 updated sections) has been mailed to all members. It reflects change requests from April 1 2008 through April 15, 2009. Please note that a new section has been created separating the Bylaws (VIII) and Rules & Regulations (IX).

Please take a moment to verify that your family information, address and email are correct and up to date. ***Email Rob Durfee with any change requests.*** These changes will be incorporated in the 2010 printing. — *Rob Durfee*

Guidebook contacts:

Candy Weiner, Board Liaison

John Abbott, Communication Chairperson

Craig Carr, Membership Chairperson

Rob Durfee, Guidebook Chairperson

Field Club Wait List

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. Donahue, James & Esther | Beaver |
| 2. Neumann, Sandra | Ditomassi |

Regular Wait List

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| 1. Llewellyn, Christine & Bob | Griffiths |
| 2. Cranna, Mark & Beth | Trietsh |
| 3. Robinson, Peter & Katie | Harbision |
| 4. Schepps, Israel & Chris | Epstein/
McFarlin |
| 5. Wint, Jeff & Faith | Tapper-Pers |
| 6. Mazzuca, Michael & Krista | Lloyd |
| 7. Churchill, Neal & Nancy | Ulrich |
| 8. Starkman, Jonathan & Kim | Shaker |
| 9. Mikaelian, Julie & Mark | Rothstein |

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| 10. Fydenkevez, Barbara & Mark | O'Reilly |
| 11. Murphy, Moira & Peterson, Lars | Suchy |
| 12. Shanks, Lauren & Ryan | Leavitt |
| 13. Sinclair, Karen & John | Seefeld |
| 14. Mailloux, Patrick & Deirdre | Merchant |
| 15. Taylor, Stacy & Chandler | Hammett |
| 16. Thor, Maura & David | Stevens |
| 17. Brayton, Karen & Craig | Walt |
| 18. Brais, Tara & Matthew | Dhamodharan |
| 19. Stevens, Michelle | Gagne |
| 20. Mueller, Nancy & Stephen | Hutner |
| 21. Sanford, Christine & Gorrie, Scott | Meth |
| 22. Lewis, Kary & Greg | Grayboff |
| 23. Davis, Lauren & Andrew | Keiser |
| 24. Robbins, Maureen & Craig | Adler |
| 25. D'Angelo, Judy & Michael | Stewart |

To add your friends or family to the wait list, contact Membership Chair Craig Carr for an application packet. — *Craig Carr*

Ways to Spend the \$25 Family Minimum at the Snuggery this Season...

- ✓ Coffee
- ✓ Snuggermuffin
- ✓ Pink and Blue Smoothies
- ✓ “Intelligent” chips and snacks
- ✓ And presenting..... TA DA:
The Stew Dog

The Snuggery opens at 10:30 a.m. **Eileen Mason** has the coffee all brewed and waiting for you to stop in while the kids take swim lessons or when you and your group finish up morning tennis. Have some cereal and fruit. At that time of the morning, you might also enjoy a Snuggermuffin, an English muffin egg and cheese sandwich named by Snuggery committee member **Marna Shields**. Of course, you can get a Snuggermuffin with bacon if you prefer.

Then there are those delicious Blue Raspberry and Frozen Lemonade smoothies. It's the Ultra Gourmet Ice System that keeps them cold and at the ready to cool you off on warm summer days.

If you can't make it over to the Snuggery for breakfast, why don't you stop by at lunchtime and ask **Eileen** and helpers **Molly**, **Caroline** and **Madeline** to make you a *Stew Dog*? In honor of Past Snuggery Chair **Stew Creelman**, the Snuggery now offers a hot dog extravaganza called The Stew Dog. It is a Grote and Weigel, all-beef hot dog covered with Everything. According to Stew, it's all those fixins' that make it an official Stew Dog. The Stew Dog comes with mustard and ketchup and relish and onions and parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme. No. Just kidding about those last items. You can order any of the usual hot dog toppings on your Stew Dog for no extra charge.

And, don't worry, we still offer the lower-priced, regular-sized hot dogs that the kids love. And, yes, you can still get a Chili Dog or a Chili Cheese dog.

Because we have shiny new sandwich equipment, you will find that Snuggery food is better all around. The sandwiches this season are meatier and cheesier and tunafishier and eggier. They are just all around more deliciousier than they have ever been before

Since we want all our children to be above average, we are now offering a more intelligent selection of snacks, including dried fruit and Sun Chips. Well, okay, it's not exactly brain food, but it is very tasty and, best of all, it is lower in fat, sugar and salt than previous offerings.

We have a special Children's Window for easy ordering by kids. It is a lower window with a step specially designed For Kids Only. Eileen has a good memory, so she encourages parents – especially new members – to drop back there with their kids to let her know what (and how many!) their kids can order. When they are finished eating, please remind your children to throw trash away and clean off their tables with Windex and paper towels, both of which are stored on the front counter against the wall. And, kids, please push in the chairs so others don't trip over them.

Kids, remember that the lunch tables right outside the Snuggery are reserved for adults only. Behind the kiddie pool, we also have picnic tables for everyone to enjoy. You are always welcome to bring your own lunch and eat it there or inside. And, to use up your family's \$25 minimum, you could always order just drinks and dessert. — *Katherine Charbonneau*

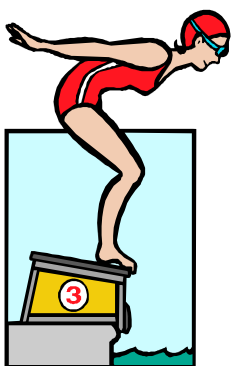


Welcome New Members

*A warm welcome to
the newest Field Club members:*

Cathy & Dennis Herchel
and their children,
William, Lindsey, Colby





Lane Lines

The pool is now officially open! During the pre-season period (Memorial Day weekend 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.

Summer Pool Hours (*End of School — Labor Day*)

Monday through Friday

10 a.m. to 12 noon: swimming lessons only
12 noon: opens for general use

Saturday and Sunday

10 a.m.: pool opens for general use

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.: Adult Swim
(Baby pool closed during adult swim.)

Thursday, Saturday and Sunday

5:30 to 7:45 p.m.: Family Swim

Snuggery Hours

Monday - Wednesday, Friday: 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday: 10:30 to 7 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday: 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Summer Social Events

You can look forward to many social events this summer, among them the **Davis Cup Social** on **Saturday, June 27**, a popular event with great food, music and friends. Other events include the **Fourth of July Tailgate, Poolside Party, Family Camp Out and Labor Day Tailgate**. Watch for more details in the weeks and months ahead. Have a great summer!



— Sally Galluchi

Tot Lot

Monday, June 29 - Thursday, August 27

Available Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

See article page 2.

Pool Events Schedule

Junior Fun Day (*Ages 4 - 12*)

Thursday, July 2, 2 to 4 p.m.

Junior Poolside Party (*Ages 8 - 10*)

Tuesday, July 7, 6 to 8 p.m.

Young Poolside Party (*Ages 4 - 7*)

Thursday, July 9, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Middle School Fun Night (*Entering grades 6 - 8*)

Friday, July 17, 6 to 8 p.m.

Junior/Member Guest Day (*Ages 4 - 12*)

Friday, July 24, 1 p.m.

FC Swim Championships (*Ages 16 and under*)

Sunday, August 16, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Swim Awards Ceremony (*presentation of swim lesson certificates and pizza in the Snuggery*)

Friday, August 21, 12 noon

Kids Krafts

Thursdays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Swimming Lessons

Session 1: June 29 – July 10

Session 2: July 13 – July 24

Session 3: July 27 – August 7

Session 4: August 10 – August 21

Please sign up for swimming lessons in the Pool Office prior to the start date. The pool staff can help with selecting the proper level for your child. Throughout the summer, odd levels (1, 3, 5 and 7) will meet at 10:15 a.m., and even levels (2, 4 and 6) will meet at 11:15 a.m.

Be sure to fill out an **Emergency Safety Card** for each of your children. They will be available at the pool check-in table.

Please see *The Baseline* and poolside notices for further information and sign-ups. New ideas, suggestions or assistance on event committees are welcomed and encouraged.

— Elena Oundjian & Maureen Dhamodharan

Meet the 2009 Pool Staff

Manager: Dan Pulsford – Dan is a 2007 graduate of Lyndon State College in Vermont. He was a 4-year varsity swimmer at Minnechaug Regional High School and previously worked at The Field Club as a lifeguard for 6 years. This will be Dan's 2nd year as our manager. Dan works for the Scantic Valley YMCA in the off season.

Assistant Manager: Martin Gullberg – A 2008 graduate of Springfield College, Martin was a 4-year member of the varsity swim team and captain during his senior year. This is Martin's 6th year with The Field Club and 3rd as assistant manager. He currently coaches at the high school level and also coaches US swimming.

Lifeguards:

Kara Shea Anderson – "Shea" comes to us from Twin Hills Country Club with 2 years of life-guarding experience. She will be entering her sophomore year of college at Colby-Sawyer in the fall. Shea also has 3 year's experience as a ski instructor at Stratton, VT.

Ashley Bacon – Ashley is returning for her 5th summer with us here at The Field Club. She swam competitively at Minnechaug Regional High School and swims for the University of Vermont, where she is a senior. She will be spending her final semester in Washington, DC.

Angela Berthaume – Angela will be entering her senior year at Minnechaug Regional High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society. She has experience as a swim coach with the Junior Falcon Swim team and has been an outstanding competitive swimmer at Minnechaug, qualifying for WMASS and State Championships each year. Angela also plays field hockey and is a member of the track team. She worked part time here last summer in the Snuggery and as a substitute lifeguard.

Maria Berthaume – Maria just finished her 1st year of college at Wentworth University. She was a 4-year varsity swimmer in high school and

Spring Fling Wrap-Up

Close to 100 Field Club members turned out to enjoy a beautiful evening at the Hampden Country Club for the 2009 Annual Spring Fling! It was a great night to reconnect with friends, while enjoying a spectacular sunset over the Pioneer Valley, delicious food and drink, and a great DJ! The Spring Fling naturally gears us all up for a wonderful summer full of tennis, swimming, poolside parties and so much more.

Thank you all for attending the annual Spring Fling. We hope you enjoyed yourselves!
— *Jacquie Kenny and Denise Collins*



captained the MRHS girl's team her senior year. This will be Maria's 4th summer here as a life guard and 3rd summer as "Kids Crafts Director." Maria will also be the Tot Lot Director this summer.

Meaghan McCullough – This will be Meaghan's 2nd summer at The Field Club. She will be entering her junior year at Assumption College in Worcester, MA. She is a graduate of Minnechaug Regional High School and was a 4-year member of the Synchronized Swim Team.

Caroline Murphy – This will be Caroline's 3rd summer at The Field Club. She will be entering her sophomore year at Bridgewater State College in the fall. Caroline was a 4-year varsity swimmer at Minnechaug Regional High School, as well as a field hockey and lacrosse player.

Zike Trazian – Zike is a 3-year varsity swimmer at Minnechaug Regional High School and has been an assistant swim coach for the Junior Falcon Swim Team. He will be a senior at Minnechaug this fall. When asked about Zike, Minnechaug Swim Coach Erik Mandel wrote: "A great kid, exceptionally nice, would be super working with children."



Adult Tennis News

The first of our adult tennis mixers took place on Memorial Day. An enthusiastic group of 32 players turned out for a fun-filled afternoon of tennis and socializing. A warm welcome to all of our new members that attended. Thank you to **Jackie and Dave Pleet** for organizing!

The Field Club's largest tennis event, the **Davis Cup**, takes place on **Saturday, June 27**. Last year, nearly 100 players of all levels participated. The Davis Cup Party follows that same evening and promises wonderful food, great music and lots of stories of the day's tennis.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the events you wish to get involved in this summer. Sign-ups are posted courtside for all events. The courts are in great shape and are beckoning you to come play! – *Cathy Grayboff*



Mark Your Calendars for Tennis Excitement!

The 2009 tennis season is now in full swing. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following tennis events still to come:

Sat., June 20	Adult Mixer (Wine Theme)
Sat., June 27	Davis Cup
Sun., July 5	Mixed Couples Trouble
July 9 - 12	Super Seniors (USTA Event)
Sun., July 19	Adult Mixer
Fri., July 31	Adult Mixer
Sun., August 16	Women's Wanna B Event
Sat., August 29	M/W Doubles Championship
Sun., September 6	M/W Singles Championship
Sat., September 20	Adult Mixer
Sat., September 26	September Fest

Event information updates can be found on the Field Club website, tennis bulletin board and monthly calendars. For more info, contact Chairpersons Tom O'Brien or Jackie Pleet.

Field Club Breeds Junior Winners!

What do the following people have in common?

Megan Appleman	Amanda Fitzpatrick
Chris Barnhart	Neal Freyman
Jimmy Barnhart	Raquel Guardia
Brooke Brindle	Katie McKenna
Alexis Ditomassi	Tom Nilsson

Give up? They are all members of The Field Club, and they all play tennis for Longmeadow High School. Thanks to **Anne Boisvert** and her teaching staff, these talented players have been taught how to play the game and are now a huge asset to the school's tennis teams.

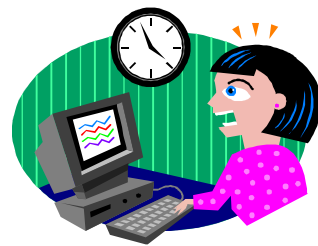
The Western Massachusetts Individuals Tennis Tournament was held over two weekends in May. On the boy's side, freshmen No. 2 seed **Jimmy Barnhart** lost a tight match (6-4, 7-5) in the singles finals to a senior from Saint Mary High School in Westfield. Meanwhile, the No. 1-seeded boy's doubles team of **Neal Freyman** and Chandler Morehardt won their second straight sectional crown in three sets (4-6, 6-3, 6-4), defeating Mount Greylock.

On the girl's side, the top-seeded girl's first doubles team of **Brooke Brindle** and Jillian Bertuzzi reached the final match by defeating the second doubles team of **Katie McKenna** and **Raquel Guardia** in two sets (6-3, 6-3). Brindle and Bertuzzi went on to win the tournament and become the Western Mass Champs after defeating a team from Minnechaug in two sets (6-0, 6-0).

Congratulations to all. **GO LANCERS!**
– *Lynn Travers*

Next *Baseline* Deadline July 20

Send your news and information to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague at LSprague7@cox.net.





School's Out, Tennis is In... Junior Fun Begins!

The Junior Tennis season officially kicks off on **Friday, June 26**, with the **Junior Opener** at 9 a.m., followed by the **Tot Opener** on **Tuesday, June 30**, at 9:15 a.m. Be sure to bring your rackets for the clinics. There will be munchkins and juice at the two openers.

Junior tennis clinic times are as follows:

4 to 7 year olds

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday/Thursday

8 and 9 year olds

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

10 to 12 year olds

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday

13+ year olds

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Monday/Wednesday

On Tuesdays in July and August there will be a **Junior Mixer** at 1:00 p.m.

For young tennis players who want more playing experience, **matches will be held every Wednesday afternoon** starting with the **US Open on Wednesday, July 1**. Anybody who can serve and keep score is welcome. There is a \$20 fee for each child participating in afternoon Junior Tennis program events/matches to help cover expenses incurred (awards, trophies, beverages, snacks, etc.). Sign-ups and times will be posted on the bulletin board near the pro shop for all events. All clinics and events are also listed on the Field Club's website (www.field-club.com).

The Field Club will also sponsor a **Junior USTA team** this summer for boys and girls ages 10 - 14 as of August 31, 2009 (15 players maximum). Matches are held at various western

Mass sites in the early evening. Look for more information on the pro shop bulletin board or speak with Brad Walulak.

Newcomers are always encouraged to participate, as it's a great way to meet new friends, keep physically active, learn tennis rules and etiquette, and most of all, have fun. Many teens stop playing if they don't play for their high school team and don't consider themselves "competitive" tennis players. We would love to get a group of teens together this summer for fun, not-so-competitive, tennis mixers. It's not about winning, it's about having fun! If you are interested, please call Beth Ryan at 567-0343.

This year we welcome back tennis pros **Anne Boisvert** and **Brad Walulak** and tennis assistants **Michelle Boisvert** and **Chris Moskal**. We are also pleased to welcome our new tennis assistant, **Brandon Ford**. Please stop by the pro shop to welcome and say hello to them.

See you on the courts! — *Mary Adler*

Make the Most of Your Summer!

Be sure to visit The Field Club
online at www.field-club.com
for an updated listing of
all this summer's
fun tennis, pool and
social events.

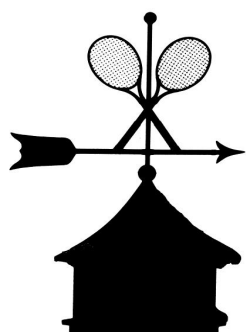
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