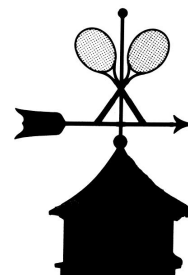

THE BASELINE

Field Club News

October 2009



A Message from the President

So we have say goodbye to the summer! And we did on Sunday, September 6. There was a great turnout for the Labor Day Tailgate, and many members and their guests turned out to enjoy this well-participated event. Thank you **Meralee Kratovil** and **Sandy Miller**!

No one hates to see the end of summer more than me, and I truly mean that! When I am playing tennis late on an August night and I see a formation of Canada geese flying south, I say to myself, “no, not yet!” It was a different kind of summer this year – slow to start with too much rain and then it went by too quickly. I hope that the many new members were able to acclimate themselves and enjoy all that the Club has to offer.

With the end of summer comes the end of the Field Club’s fiscal year. We have ended our 2009 fiscal year in great shape. The Club is financially healthy, we have an active and participating membership, and the Club’s waiting list continues to be full. We are lucky to have an excellent staff. I wish to thank **Jim Girotti** and his staff for ensuring the success of another Field Club year. Under the direction of **Buzz Travers**, our Treasurer, we will most likely finish the year within our budget. Our Capital Improvement Committee, led by Vice-President **Dave Appleman** is continuing the process of long-range planning, helping to ensure that our facilities will meet our future needs.

We welcomed many new families this year, and our waiting list is growing. Next time you see **Craig Carr**, thank her for all the hard work she has put in on the Membership Committee. Craig has graciously agreed to serve another year on the

Board, which is deeply appreciated by all. Thank you, Craig.

I would be remiss if I did not note the hard work of **Maria O’Reilly**, **Candy Weiner**, **Cathy Grayboff**, **Doug Jangraw** and **Sally Gallucchi**. Your Field Club Board is hard at work for you. Board members have dedicated time each week to the management of the Club’s business and social affairs. It must be recognized that everyone on the Board is a volunteer and that they dedicate a lot of personal time to their duties. I applaud them for their efforts and dedication to the Club.

Having had the honor of serving the Club as President for the last year, I have been a first-hand witness to the work and workings of Vice President **Dave Appleman**, who will become the new Field Club President at the Annual Meeting. He brings plenty of enthusiasm and ideas to this role, and I wish him the very best of luck in the next year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the **Annual Meeting on November 6** at the Springfield Country Club.

Sincerely,

Chris Nicholson





Welcome to our
newest members,
Esther & James Donahue.

Membership News and Notes

- Sadly, **Ann Sturtevant**, one of our charter members, passed away this summer. She will be much missed.
- **Jerry Schreiberstein's** last name was misspelled in the *Guidebook* update. Please note the correct spelling.
- Please remember that the first half of **membership dues** is payable without late fee by **November 15**. The second half of membership dues is payable without late fee by **January 15**. We must be advised of any membership changes by November 15 in order for you to avoid financial obligations: Please see By-Laws: Article VI Membership, Section 5, in your Guidebooks.

From the Club Manager

All of the “**Lost and Found**” items found in the pool, tennis and platform tennis areas have been gathered into the Tennis Pro Shop and are displayed on two tables.

Among the items are towels, bathing suits, t-shirts, sweat shirts, shoes, hats, a camera, watches, sunglasses, jackets, hats and gloves, etc. The items will be kept through **Columbus Day weekend** and anything remaining will go to charity.

— *Jim Girotti*



Next Deadline in 2010!

This marks the last issue of *The Baseline* for 2009. The deadline for the February issue will be **Friday, January 15**. Feel free to send news and info to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague any time at LSprague7@cox.net, and she will keep it on file.

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 wonderful job running events, including Junior Fun Day, Junior Member/Guest Day, the Junior Poolside Party, the Field Club Swim Championships and Weekly Kids' Crafts. These events offered lots of fun for the children, and the committee chairs did a great job planning, organizing and running the events. Thanks to Pool Committee Members **Ruth Griffiths, Melanie Rothstein, Kerri Lockhart, Meralee Kratovil, Dawn Hammett, Carolyn Marchese, Tricia Freedman, Lois Brooks, Elena Oundjian, Lauren Walt and Marge Magill**. Also, special thanks to Lifeguard **Maria Berthaume**, for sharing her creativity during her weekly Kid's Crafts Hour.

Swim lessons were awesome, as usual. Congratulations to the children who participated in the lessons, and thanks to the lifeguards for sharing their expertise. Thanks to Pool Manager **Dan Pulsford**, Assistant Pool Manager **Martin Gullberg**, and all of the lifeguards. None of these events or the success of the pool would have been possible without you.

Have a great fall, and we will see you next year at the pool! — *Maureen Dhamodharan and Elena Oundjian*

Mixed Doubles Championship a Success!

We started the September 12th Championship day with a very bleak weather forecast, but not only did the rain hold out for us, we completed the whole tournament in one day (a first)! Interestingly, for the third year in a row, we had 11 teams competing. Every team had two matches, since we had the feed-in consolation tournament following the first round. We had a wonderful variety of levels, highlighted by fast-paced, exciting matches in the semis and finals.

The team of **Jacquie Kenny** and **Jeff Morneau** bested the team of **Lynn Travers** and **Alex Seiler** in the Championship match, while on the next court **Kim and Lowell Putnam** were victorious over **Pam and Bill Low** in the consolation finals.

Anne Boisvert seamlessly ran the tournament, from the draws to keeping the matches going at a good clip without a hitch. The champions and finalists in both draws left with engraved trophies and a full day of tennis!
– *Connie Gould & Candy Weiner*



Champions Jacquie Kenny and Jeff Morneau with Finalists Lynn Travers and Alex Seiler



Consolation winners Kim and Lowell Putnam and Pam and Bill Low

Junior Tennis Awards Day

Junior Tennis drew to a close on August 28, as players gathered for Awards Day. A good time was had by all!



Head Pro Ann Boisvert with Jack Appleman



Jack Appleman, William Chen and Ross Kamin

Singles Championships 2009

Labor Day Weekend brought some of the best weather of the summer. With it, the Men's and Women's Singles Championships were played, wrapping up the Field Club's weekend of events. The tournament included both A and B levels.

Women participating included FC President **Chris Nicholson**, **Mona Swanson**, **Vivien Miller**, **Mary Adler**, **Celeste Benoit** and **Carolyn Marchese** in the B Division and A-level players **Stacie Mancuso**, **Candy Weiner**, **Kate Morneau** and **Divina Acker**. After a hard-fought, 3-set match with Vivien Miller, **Carolyn Marchese** became B champion. **Kate Morneau** took the A women's title in the final against former champion Stacie Mancuso.

Men included B-Division players **Ditmar Kuhr**, **Bill Swanson**, **David Appleman** and **Paul Marchese** and A-level players **Alex Seiler** and **Jeff Morneau**. **David Appleman** emerged the Men's B champion following a 3-set match with Ditmar Kuhr. **Jeff Morneau** became the men's A champion, defeating defending champion Alex Seiler.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this summer's singles play. – *Nancy Rodriguez*

Paddle Mania

2009-2010 Platform Tennis Events

Kick-Off Mixer

Buzz & Lynn Travers
October 16, 7 to 10 p.m.

101 Clinic

Dave Appleman/Candy Weiner
October 17, 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Rain date: October 18

Friday Night Mixer

Asa Nilsson/Sara Suchy
October 30, 7 to 10 p.m.

Do You Dare Mixer

(Must play with spouse or significant other)
Leslie Haskins
November 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday Night Mixer

Brian & Cathy Grayboff
November 20, 7 to 10 p.m.

Men's 95+ FC/LCC

Rob Durfee
November 21, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Men's Wanna B

Abbott/Brindle/Forrest/Dunbar
December 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday Afternoon Mixer

Asa Nilsson/Cathy Herchel
December 13, 3 to 6 p.m.

Men's A/B Tournament

Appleman/Herchel/Hoffman/Weiner
December 19, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday Afternoon Mixer

Jamie & Elise Dunbar
January 10, 3 to 6 p.m.

Sadie Hawkins Mixer

(women ask the men)
Jangraw/Toebes
January 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ladies Mixer

Lynn Travers
January 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Men's Big Easy Superbowl Event

O'Connor/Prast/K.Fuller/B.Barnhart/Abbott
February 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WNE Open FC/LCC

Dave Fuller
February 13, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Davis Cup FC/LCC

(Dinner that evening at LCC)
Hoffman/L.Travers/Toebes/O'Brien
February 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pioneer Valley B-Women

Leslie Haskins/Asa Nilsson
February 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Men's B & Women's Championship

Brindle/Prast/Haskins
March 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The OSCARS

(Women only)
L. Travers/C. Weiner/C. Herchel
March 7, 4 to 7 p.m.

Mixed Club Championship

B. Barnhart/Forrest/Toebes
March 13, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Men's Club Championship

P. Nilsson/M. Shields, Jr.
March 20, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Paddle News You Can Use...

- The deadline for **paddle contract forms** (attached in this issue of *The Baseline*) is **Thursday, October 15.**
- **Contract play** will begin **Monday, November 2.**
- **Reservations** can be made ahead one week or less by calling the reservation line (594-1230) starting October 15. Court time availability will be subject to change as the contract times are added. Get your group together and send your form in by the 15th!
- This years' Paddle co-chairs are **Leslie Haskins** and **Scott Brindle.**

Gearing Up for Another Great Paddle Season

Charles "Bullet" Brown, owner of Bulletworks Platform Tennis in Belmont, VT, arrived at the Field Club in mid August to address the annual maintenance of our four paddle courts and get them ready for the upcoming season. He and his crew have been our maintenance provider for many years and have served our Club well. This year was no exception, as Bullet works performed the following work:

- Courts 1 & 3 were resurfaced with fresh coats of Bulletworks Blue & Green paint
- Replacement of 3 screens and repair to the net post and crank were also completed on Court 1
- Court 3 saw 5 screens replaced and 4 girders
- All courts had their respective screens tightened and door closures were replaced
- Two brand new nets and straps were installed 18' cross braces were installed between Courts 3 & 4 to stabilize and support the court walls

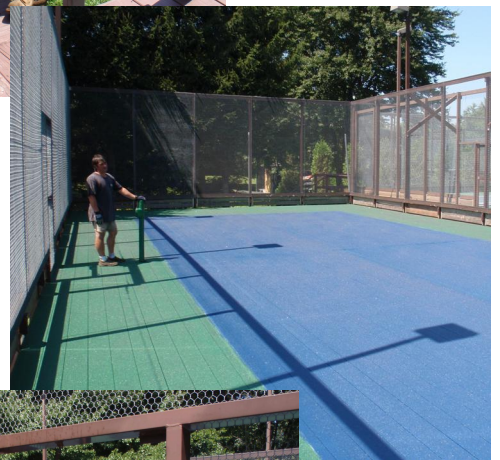
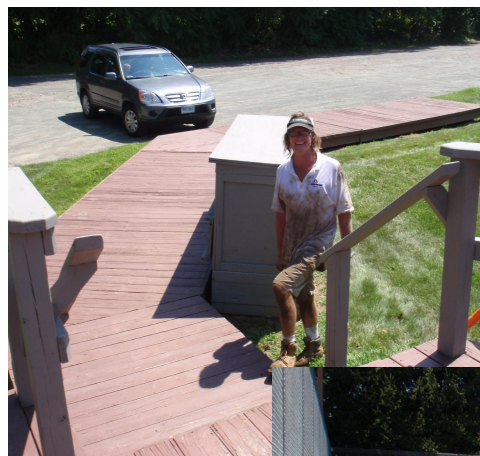
Additionally,

- We have contracted with Bay State Arrow Gas to install an additional gas line on the west-end of Court 4. This will allow us to install a 3rd heater under the court and help prevent the icing effect in the southwestern corner of Court 4.
- New snow shovels have been ordered from A.W. Brown in time for when the snow begins to fly
- Replacement of a section of walkway decking between Courts 1 & 2
- Durocher Painting was hired to stain all the walkway decking between the courts
- Annual carpet cleaning in the Paddle Hut was performed in September
- Overhanging tree branches were cut back on Court 1
- Poland Spring Water Service will begin in October

- The Handy House Sani-Can is scheduled for delivery for the 1st week of October
- Dish TV will be turned on for the 1st week of October
- Telephone Reservation System is scheduled to commence in early October

And, Paddle Play for all members is upon us! Get your Contract Form into Platform Tennis Co-Chairs Leslie Haskins and Scott Brindle before October 15th!! If you are seeking to get into a paddle group, please contact Leslie or Scott.

Enjoy the season, and I hope to see all of you on the Courts. – *Dave Appleman*



Attention All Juniors: Wanna Learn to Paddle?

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 ages 10+) and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (intermediate and better ages 12+).

Coach Travers returns for a third season and is anxious to get started. Space is limited to the first 12 players per clinic and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call or send a message via email to Lynn Travers each week a maximum of one week prior to the next clinic to sign up. If there are more than 12 players who sign up for a clinic, the overflow players will automatically be entered into the following week's clinic.

Session I: November 3, 10, 17, 24,
Session II: December 1, 8, 15, 22
Session III: January 5, 12, 19, 26,
Session IV: February 2, 9 (no clinic on 2/16 or
2/23), March 2, 9

See you on the courts! — *Lynn Travers*

First Paddle Event Oct. 16

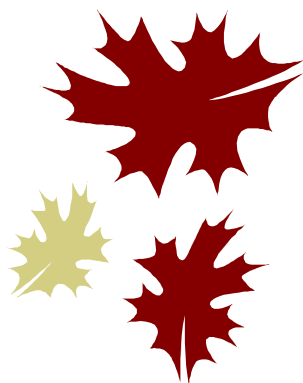
This year the paddle committee has put together a myriad of events for new players, advanced players and veteran players. We hope that many of you will join the fun as we embrace the upcoming winter season.

The first event is the "**Kick-Off Mixer**" on **Friday, October 16**, at 7 p.m. It is open to all members. Sign up at the hut or by emailing Lynn Travers. Please bring a food item to share and, as always, it's BYOB. The very next day (**October 17**) is the "**101 Clinic**" for those members who are new to paddle. There will be seasoned players there to teach you the fundamentals of the game and demonstrate how the game is played. Extra paddles will be available. Stop by anytime from 9 a.m. to 12 noon to get some pointers and meet others picking up the sport. If you have any questions, please call Co-Chairs Dave Appleman or Candy Weiner. The rain date is Sunday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

— *Lynn Travers*



Please join us for the...



FIELD CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, November 6, 2009

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

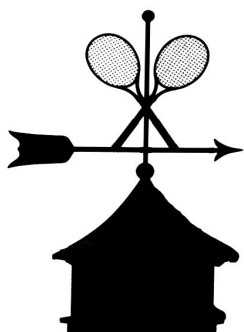
*Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 6:30 p.m.,
followed by the meeting at 7 p.m.*

Join us for an evening of fun with friends, while also learning more about Club activities and finances.

The Field Club of Longmeadow

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