
THE BASELINE

Field Club News

April 2010



A Message from the President

Spring Greetings....and welcome to this year's second edition of *The Baseline*! Paddle season is winding down, and the last of the scheduled events will have already been played by the time this edition reaches your mailboxes. Thanks to **Scott Brindle** and **Leslie Haskins** (co-chairs of the Paddle Committee) and all of the Paddle Committee members for another successful season filled with a full schedule of paddle events and mixers for all playing abilities. This season, The Field Club (FC) hosted three APTA events and solidified its' place as a venue of choice in the region.

The end of paddle season means the active FC spring/summer season is right around the corner. The Tennis, Pool and Social Committees have been busy planning all the upcoming events with great anticipation. The FC *Guidebook* has been updated and will be mailed out this month. *The Guidebook* includes schedules for all of the busy spring/summer events. The events schedule can also be found on the FC's website (www.field-club.com), along with the monthly calendar. Thanks to **Rob Durfee** for his diligent work in putting together *The Guidebook*, as well as **John Abbott** and **Dick Forrest** for their work on the Communications Committee and FC website. Their concerted efforts continue to improve communications to our membership. So, click on the website to see what events and outings are planned, and sign up for those that interest you. It's that simple! The various committees representing Adult and Junior Tennis, Pool, Social, Beautification, Communications, Snuggery and Tot Lot have worked hard to put together a very exciting season.

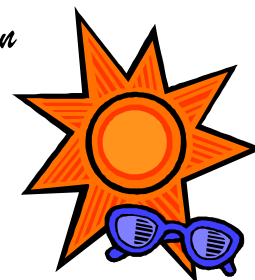
The **Spring Fling** is traditionally the marquee FC social event of the year, and the kick-off to the spring season. This year's event will be **Friday, April 9, at the Longmeadow Country Club**. Come on out for an evening of dinner, dancing and catching up with old FC friends who have been in hibernation all winter. **Sally Galluchi, Kris Gagne, Chris Nicholson** and the rest of the Social Committee have worked hard to put together a great event!

In the last issue of *The Baseline*, I informed you about the newly created Capital Planning Advisory Committee. This group of talented members is in the process of identifying and prioritizing the Club's short and long-term capital improvements, and they need your input. There will be three short surveys addressing the key facilities of our club: Tennis, Pool and Paddle. Your response will have a direct impact on the direction of the Club. Simply put, your feedback will identify and determine opportunities for improvement. Members can obtain the survey both electronically and the old-fashioned paper way. Look for it at the pool and tennis facilities, in your inbox online and on the FC's website (www.field-club.com).

I look forward to seeing everyone at the April 9th **Spring Fling!** Hello spring!!

Sincerely,

Dave Appleman



Get Set for Tennis Fun!

The 2010 Tennis Committee is pleased to announce this summer's schedule of events. There are some perennial favorites, as well as a few exciting, new offerings.

Event updates can always be found on the Field Club website, tennis bulletin board, monthly calendars and in *The Baseline*. If you are interested in helping to host an event, there is still time! New faces are always welcome. Please contact Co-Chairs Jackie Pleet and Tom O'Brien. See you on the courts!

— *Cathy Grayboff*

Mon., May 31	Adult Mixer
Sat., June 5	Welcome New Members Mixer
Sun., June 6	M/W Singles Kickoff
Sat., June 12	M/W Member Guest
Sat., June 19	Adult Mixer (Wine Theme)
Sat., June 26	Davis Cup
Sun., July 4	Mixed Couples Trouble
July 8-11	Super Seniors (USTA Event)
Sun., July 18	Adult Mixer (Daiquiri Doubles)
Fri., July 30	Adult Mixer
Sun., Aug. 15	Adult Mixer (International Wines)
Sat., Aug. 28	M/W Doubles Championship
Mon., Sept. 6	Adult Mixer
Sat., Sept. 11	Mixed Doubles Championship
Sun., Sept. 19	M/W Singles Championship
Sat., Sept. 25	September Fest

Garden Plot Availability

Garden fever is setting in with exuberance! There may be a few Field Club garden plots available for "adoption" The fee for a plot is \$10. Gardeners may also choose to have their plot rototilled in April by an outside service for an additional \$14.

The Field Club provides a hose for watering and many tools to share – the rest is up to you! Because there is often a waiting list for gardens, gardeners are encouraged to take on a garden with serious intent to work it.

To put your name on the list for a garden, email Darcy Durfee at casadurfee@comcast.net. I will let you know in early April if plots are available. Happy Spring!

— *Darcy Durfee*



Membership Survey: *We Need Your Input!*

The Capital Improvement Advisory Committee is in the process of determining what short and long term improvements will provide best value for Field Club membership. This is the first of a series of surveys addressing key facilities of the Club, including tennis, pool and paddle. This first survey addresses the Paddle facilities, seeking input on questions like how many members play paddle and whether an additional court, enlarged warming hut and/or indoor bathrooms are desirable.

Your responses will have impact on the direction of the Club, so please take a moment to click on the following link to participate in this first survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9BY9XVC>

If you are unable to get to a computer and would like a hard copy of the survey, please call me at 567-3542. I will be more than happy to put one in the mail to you!

One of the qualities that makes the Field Club such a great place is that it is run BY the members, FOR the Members. EVERYONE'S opinion counts!!! – *Dave Appleman*

Help Wanted

The Field Club is seeking a creative individual who enjoys spending time with children and is willing to dedicate 10 days (one day a week for ten weeks) this summer to coordinate and run our Kids Krafts program. Candidates DO NOT need to be Field Club members.

In recent years, the Kids Krafts program has taken place from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoons, but this could be changed to Tuesday or Wednesday if necessary.

Please spread the word about this opportunity to anyone you know who may be interested. Letters of interest can be sent to Club Manager Jim Girotti at The Field Club, P.O. Box 444, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.



Kick off the summer at
the annual Field Club

Spring Fling

Friday, April 9, 2010

6: 30 p.m.

Longmeadow Country Club

\$65 per person

RSVP by contacting
Kristina Gagne.

Junior Tennis Is Coming!

It won't be long until the juniors hit the courts! The season typically kicks off with the Junior Opener. Look for the dates and schedule of events in the upcoming *Guidebook* and the next edition of *The Baseline*. **Mary Adler** and **Carolyn Marchese** are Co-Chairs for this summer's active Junior Tennis program. Contact them if you'd like to lend a hand. — *Cathy Grayboff*

From the Social Committee

It's going to be a busy summer! Mark your calendars for the following:

Spring Fling	Friday, April 9
Davis Cup Dinner	Saturday, June 26
July 4th Tailgate	Sunday, July 4
Poolside Potluck	Saturday, July 31
Family Campout	Friday, August 27
Labor Day Tailgate	Sunday, September 5

Fun for All at Oscar Event

What a perfect day for the 4th Annual Women's Oscar Paddle event on March 7! Participating ladies were decked out in their finest paddle/Oscar attire. All the courts were in full swing, as the women enjoyed an afternoon of sunshine, champagne and paddle. The paddle hut television was tuned to the fashions of the red carpet, while the women dined on dinner catered by Iron Chef. After the votes were tallied, the winner of our own little Oscar (for getting the most right on who the winners would be at the Academy Awards) was **Candy Weiner**.

Thank you, everyone, for playing in this year's event. — *Candy Weiner, Lynn Travers, Cathy Herchel*

Paddle Hut Lost and Found

Attention paddle players... Have you lost your gloves, hat or t-shirt? Are you missing a jacket, a water bottle, coffee cup or perhaps a plate? Please check the warming hut lost and found as soon as possible, as nothing will be carried over to the fall!
— *Jim Girotti*

A Juggling Act at the Snuggery

The tennis crowd queues up at the window
Eileen flips three sizzling eggs
She assembles some fabulous Snuggermuffins
According to exact Field Club regs.

Then she finishes mixing the tuna,
Assembles the cheese and ham
And reminds Mike, age 5½
To stop shoving and pushing at Sam.

Eileen gets out twelve frozen pizzas
To heat for the junior swim team,
Then she asks Mrs. Jones about allergies
And fills up the mustard and cream.

While adding bold coffee to the Keurig
She tallies diminishing bread
She calls out for the Smiths to pick up
And adds lettuce to a sandwich for Fred.

The smoothie machine keeps churning
So does the new freezer too
She gently she keeps the staff
learning
While they make burgers and
dogs for you.

— *Katherine Charbonneau*





Lane Lines

Another fun filled summer by the pool is almost here!

Opening day will be Saturday, May 22, at 10 a.m.

During the pre-season (May 22 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.

Pool Events Schedule

Junior Fun Day (*Ages 4 - 12*)

Thursday, July 1, 2 to 4 p.m.

Junior Poolside Party (*Ages 8 - 10*)

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

Young Poolside Party (*Ages 4 - 7*)

Tuesday, July 13, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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

Friday, July 16, 6 to 8 p.m.

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

Friday, July 23, 1 p.m.

FC Swim Championships (*Ages 16 and under*)

Sunday, August 15, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

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

Friday, August 20, 12 noon

Kids Krafts

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

Swimming Lessons

Session 1: June 28

Session 2: July 12

Session 3: July 26

Session 4: August 9

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 10:45 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 and Sherri Ebrenberg, Pool Co-Chairs, and Chris Nicholson, Board Liaison*

Coming Soon...

Women's Summer Book Club

Enjoy dinner and discussion of light summer reading with your Field Club friends. The group will meet in July and August (dates to follow). Watch for more details! — *Krstina Gagne*



Mixed Paddle Championship

Saturday, March 27th, the re-scheduled day (due to rain) of the Mixed Paddle Championship, was a beautiful day for paddle. The weather was sunny with no wind, and the temperature warmed up into the mid-40s. Four teams competed for posterity, for their names on the paddle hut plaque, and for prizes. There was a round-robin format, so all teams played each other, with the top two playing in the final and the bottom two playing in the consolation final.

Jeff and Kate Morneau came out on top in the final, taking 2 out 3 sets from **Alex Seiler** and **Kelly Hellstein**. **Dick Forrest** and **Sara Suchy** squeaked out the consolation final win over **Hans Doup** and **Leslie Haskins** in an 8-game pro set. Bottles of wine were the prizes for all four finalists, and the four runners-up were given lottery tickets, as consolation.

Special thanks to **Leslie Haskins** for getting most of the women involved and for bringing all of the nutritious breakfast food. Also, special thanks go to **Bob Barnhart**, **Gerrit Toebe**s, and **Sue and Dick Forrest**, all of whom helped out with the planning and implementation of a successful day of championship paddle. — *Dick Forrest*



2010 Mixed Paddle Champions Jeff and Kate Morneau



The Mixed Paddle competitors gather for a snapshot (missing from photo is Hans Doup).

Denmark Takes the Lead at Davis Cup

The ever-popular Davis Cup Tournament took place at The Field Club on Saturday, February 20. After some last minute "trades" and replacements, captains **Brad Hoffman**, **Lynn Travers**, **Tom O' Brien** and **Gerrit Toebe**s had their respective teams (Greece, Sweden, Denmark and Italy) lined up for a great day of competitive and fun paddle. Each team consisted of five men and three women, making for two men's double teams, a mixed team and a women's double team for each round of play. Every team member could only play once with each other.

Each match was an eight game pro set. After many very close and exciting matches, it turned out to be a "photo finish." Team Denmark ultimately prevailed with eight wins, and teams Greece and Italy came in with seven wins.

Greece captain Brad Hoffman claimed second place, since Greece did beat Italy. However, since this was not established as a rule up front, Italy claims a joint silver medal. The case is headed for international arbitration.

A healthy breakfast with plenty of fruit was served, and many participants also enjoyed lunch. Afterwards, 25 people attended the Davis Cup Dinner at the Longmeadow Country Club. An excellent menu featuring a choice of Parmesan Crusted Swordfish, Chicken Marsala and Grilled Greater Omaha Filet Mignon was offered. It was the perfect end to a wonderful day. — *Gerrit Toebe*s



In Memoriam

Sadly, **Charles "Chuck" Warner**, one of The Field Club's charter members, passed away on March 26. We are saddened by this loss and extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Congrats to the Men's B Champions!

Ten teams set out to become the 2010 Men's "B" Champion on Saturday, March 6. After every team had completed four preliminary eight-game pro-sets, the four teams with the highest point totals (**Conley/Forrest, Guardia/Santaniello, Jangraw/Weiner and Doyle/Hauser**) qualified for the semi-finals. Before the semis began, all participants were treated to a lunch of grinders from Frigo's, and for the non-semi-finalists, some refreshments from the Bottle Shop.

In the semis, Conley/Forrest defeated Doyle/Hauser in two sets and Guardia/Santaniello got by Jangraw/Weiner in three sets, leaving the two unbeaten teams to battle for the championship. With the beautiful weather and strong competition, almost all of the losers (the teams that were not in the semi's or the final) stuck around to watch. Relaxing in the hazy sunshine and 50-degree heat, it felt more like an afternoon in Havana, Cuba, than the first weekend in March in New England.

Conley/Forrest beat Guardia/Santaniello in a 7-5 tiebreaker in the first set and went on to also win the second set, taking home the "B" championship, as well as a couple bottles of wine. Congratulations again to our Field Club 2010 "B" Paddle Champions, Bobby Conley and Dick Forrest! — *Brian Prast*



Finalists Dick Forrest, Bob Conley, Alex Guardia and Bill Santaniello

Men's Club Championships

Eight teams showed up on March 20, ready to battle for bragging rights as the Club's best platform tennis duo. Unseasonably warm temperatures and bright sunshine (since when is this a bad thing) made for some interesting play, as the balls seemed to play a little spongier and bounce a little higher than usual.

The finals paired **Naren Dhamodharan** and **Gary "TTM" Ulrich** vs. **Rodney Larsen** and **Alex "Never too intense" Seiler**. The match was



Platform Tennis Champions Alex Seiler and Rodney Larson

awesome, and almost went three sets. In the end, Rod and Alex pulled out a second set tie-break victory to seal the deal. In the consolation bracket, **Bob Conley** and **Dick Forrest** upended **Bill Santaniello** and **Alex Guardia**.

Thanks to Alex for supplying the tunes and many thanks to **Per, Asa, Leslie** and **Mike** for helping drive the food, drink and tournament layout.

We look forward to finishing up another successful platform tennis season and thank all those who participated in this year's Club championship. — *Mike Shields*

Field Club Waiting List on the Move

The Field Club Waiting List is ever changing, as new members join and others express an interest in membership. Please see the list below to see where your candidate now stands (as of January). If someone you know is interested in membership and you would like to sponsor them, please contact Membership Chair **Craig Carr** for an application packet. Now's a great time to add their name to the list, before it grows too long!

Voted-In Waiting List

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| 1. Lewis, Kary & Greg | Grayboff |
| 2. D'Angelo, Judy & Michael | Stewart |

Waiting List

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| 1. Bruns, Gwen & Jay | Rovere |
| 2. Schepps, Israel & Chris | Epstein/McFarlin |
| 3. Mazzucca, Michael & Krista | Lloyd |
| 4. Churchill, Neal & Nancy | Ulrich |
| 5. Davis, Andrew & Lauren | Keiser |
| 6. Robbins, Maureen & C | Adler |
| 7. Fauteax, Lillian & Edgar (Ned) | Appleman |
| 8. McNair, Kevin & Stephanie | Dohert/Deliso |
| 9. Salvon, Jennifer & Michael | Putnam |
| 10. Berg, Margie & Eric | Dash-Miller |
| 11. Percy, Susan & David | Paleologopoulos |
| 12. Cianfaglione, Amy & Rick | Gagne |
| 13. Keyser, Anne & Tom | Pyers |
| 14. Corrigan, Sarah & Tim | Carr |
| 15. Burns, Kimberly & Bennet | Friedberg |
| 16. Kelleher, Louise & Timothy | Lockhart |
| 17. Mirkin, Susan & Andrew | Hammet |
| 18. Barr, Marja & Paul | Nilsson |
| 19. Kroon, Katie & Eric | Grayboff |
| 20. Wistreich, Amy & Carl | Steele |

There are four families who have deferred their acceptances for a year who will be offered membership as the anniversary of their acceptances arises. — *Craig Carr*



Happy Spring!

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

See you at the Club!



Next Baseline Deadline May 17

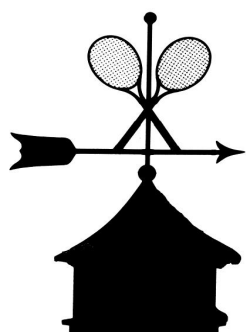
The deadline for the June
edition of *The Baseline* will
be Monday, May 17.

Please send your
submissions to Editor
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