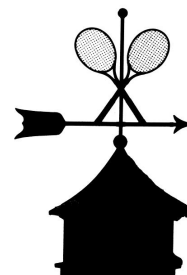

THE BASELINE

Field Club News

August 2010



A Message from the President

As the fourth edition of the 2010 *Baseline* hits your mailboxes, it's hard to believe it's August. The weather has been awesome, and that translates to a busy summer for The Field Club. The usage of the tennis courts, pool and Snuggery has been very high, both during the week and on the weekends. Families not on vacation seem to be flocking to the pool every weekend!

Participation has been very strong for many of the tennis events. The Davis Cup is always well attended, and several of the tennis mixers have been a big hit, including the Daiquiri Doubles hosted by **Dave and Jackie Pleet** and the Friday Night Margarita Mixer hosted by **Jamie and Elise Dunbar**. Thanks to both couples for stepping up to the plate (or blender) to chair these events!

The **Clem Easton USTA Super Seniors** was held Thursday, July 8 through Sunday, July 11, and went off without a hitch. It's a premier regional event, and I had the pleasure of speaking with several players and organizers who couldn't have been happier with the venue or hospitality. I received compliments from many who thought the FC grounds had never looked better, and I can't agree more!

Did you know the FC is **going green**? We are making an effort to save on our natural resources and ultimately save money. To start, we will begin to email your Membership Statement of Charges (your bill) to you. Less paper means we save on printing and mailing costs. Stay tuned for more info to follow.

As you may have heard, **Renee Oliveri**, the Club's long-time bookkeeper extraordinaire, retired this spring. Renee had worked with the FC for over 23 years, handling all the bookkeeping, payroll, banking and other financial-related matters. While **Jim Girotti** was handling the day to day operations, Renee was behind the scenes assisting him and the Board in numerous functions. Renee and Jim worked great together and formed a tremendous team. Renee will be

sorely missed. Please join me and my fellow Board of Governors in congratulating Renee on a tremendous career at the FC!

Membership Survey — Round 2! Thanks to all who participated in the paddle survey this past winter. Your responses are critical in our continuing effort to determine and prioritize improvements to the FC paddle facilities. With summer in full swing, we are now asking for your thoughts on the pool and tennis areas. Again, your input will be used to prioritize capital improvement projects in those areas. It only takes a few moments, and your opinions count! Please type the following address in your browser to access the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fieldclubpooltennisurvey2010>. Hard copies are available in the tennis hut and at the pool sign-in desk, so feel free to fill your survey out by hand if that's more convenient! Just return it to the tennis desk or pool sign-in table, or give to Manager Jim Girotti.

Three cheers for the **USTA Junior Tennis Team**! Did you know that our kids are two-time Western Mass finalists? At this writing, they are preparing for the end-of-season tournament held annually at the Forest Park courts. Good luck to the kids and special thanks to **Mike and Tricia Freedman** for donating their time to oversee the USTA events and prepare our team for competition!

Mark your calendars for the end-of-summer, can't-miss social events, including the **Family Campout on Friday, August 27**, and the **Labor Day Tailgate on Sunday, September 5**. Also, the FC's **Annual Meeting** will be held again this year at the Springfield Country Club on **Friday, November 5**.

So... enjoy the remaining days of summer at the Club. The FC is yours, and what you do with it can make all the difference!

See you out there,

Dave Appleman



Your opinion matters!
Please take a moment
to complete our new pool
and tennis survey.

Membership Survey

The Capital Improvement Committee thanks all of you who were kind enough to participate in the paddle survey this past winter. Your responses are critical in our continuing effort to determine and prioritize improvements to the Field Club paddle facilities. Now that summer is in full swing, we are asking members to give us your thoughts on the pool and tennis areas. Again, your input will be used to prioritize upcoming capital improvement projects in those areas.

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— *Maria and Dan O'Reilly*



Deadline for October Issue

The next edition of *The Baseline* will be distributed in October. The deadline will be **Friday, September 17**. Please send your submissions to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague at lsprague7@cox.net.

Summer Shines On...

The **Family Camp Out** (Friday, August 27) and the **Labor Day Tailgate** (Sunday, September 5) will keep summertime alive at The Field Club. These are two of our cherished and fun events. Look for e-mails and further information at the pool and tennis hut bulletin boards this August. If you have any questions or would like to help the chairpersons of either event, please contact Sally Gallucci. — *Sally Gallucci*

Garden News

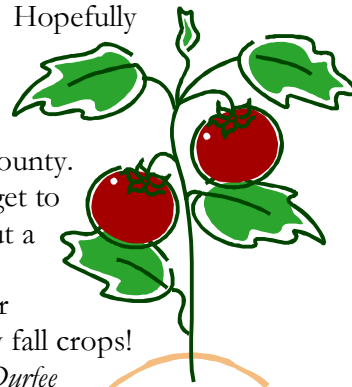
It's mid-summer and the plot thickens, as they say. Recent newcomers to the garden scene include a deer and a frog (a frog!). But despite a month of baking heat, virtually no rain, and an exponential increase in the rabbit population, the gardens are looking mighty impressive!

Seven new families joined the dedicated group of stubborn gardeners for 2010, bringing plenty of energy and enthusiasm to the plots (and, a remarkable makeover to the tool shed!). Welcome, gardeners – we are so happy to have you!

Through the generosity of our proactive president, **Dave Appleman**, and the Board, the Field Club supplied fencing materials this spring to gardeners interested in fortifying their defenses against the four-legged populations. Five gardens (and a couple halves) were newly fenced at great personal toil (the fencing needed to be sunk one foot). An added benefit of the fencing project is a nice tidy appearance of the garden area, which can be appreciated by all as they pass by. Thank you, Field Club, for the garden support, and thank you, **Jim Girotti**, for your substantial help with the garden facelift and dogged perseverance procuring the fencing supplies.

Keep up the great efforts, gardeners! Hopefully you are enjoying your summer bounty. Don't forget to think about a little re-seeding for some early fall crops!

— *Darcy Durfee*





Going Green

The Field Club is making every effort to go green and do its part to save our natural resources and save money for the Club. Accordingly, we would like to begin emailing your membership statement of charges. Please email Joanna Smigiel at Aaron Smith, P.C. (the Club's accounting firm) if you are willing to receive your copy of membership charges via email. We hope to begin this as soon as possible.

In addition, we would like to save printing and mailing costs of *The Baseline* and want to know if you will forego receiving your printed version of *The Baseline* and instead use the Club's website to access this information. Unless we hear from you affirmatively (either by email or by receiving the form below), we will continue to mail your copy of *The Baseline* to you. Copies of prior *Baseline's* are out on the Club's website now for you to review at www.field-club.com/newsletter.html.

Please respond to the questions below via email to jsmigiel@aaron-smith-cpa.com or, by mail to: The Field Club of Longmeadow, Inc., PO Box 444, East Longmeadow, MA 01028. You may also call Joanna Smigiel with questions at 413-525-0009, extension 221. — *Buz Travers*



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Retirement of Renee Oliveri, Club Bookkeeper

As you may have heard, Renee Oliveri, the Club's long-time bookkeeper extraordinaire, retired this spring. Renee had worked with The Field Club for over 23 years, handling all the bookkeeping, payroll, banking and other financial-related matters for the Club.

In addition, Renee worked closely with the Board of Governors to make sure each new Board understood the various rules and regulations and procedures. While someone in her position might get tired of having to work with a new boss every few years due to our transient Board, Renee embraced this and was happy to teach new Board members the ropes.

In short, while Jim Girotti was on location handling the day-to-day operations of the Club, Renee was behind the scenes assisting him and the Board in numerous functions. Renee and Jim worked great together and formed a tremendous team. When I came on as Treasurer, I was amazed at how little day-to-day activity I was involved in. This was because Renee had everything working so smoothly. Now that she has left, I have learned far more about the day-to-day operations of *The Field Club* than I ever wanted to know.

Renee also developed a great rapport with the members, and she has told me that she will really miss speaking to them.

Renee's retirement came about because her other job (which was originally part-time) became full-time as she continued to gain more and more responsibilities. In addition, she and her husband, Rick, decided they wanted to spend more time together in the summer at their house in Maine and enjoy their family and grandchildren. Who can blame them for that?

Renee will be sorely missed. Please join me and my fellow Board of Governors in congratulating Renee on a tremendous career at The Field Club!

— *Buz Travers*





Fun for All at June Adult Mixer

An Adult Mixer was held on Saturday, June 12. A dozen players braved the on-and-off-again rain and managed to fit in three rounds of fun and exciting tennis! Lunch and beverages followed.

It's great to see some of our new members taking advantage of these mixers. It's a terrific way to get to know them and also to make some tennis match-ups.
— *Cathy and Brian Grayboff*



Change of Date

The Men's/Women's Singles Championship will now be held on Saturday, September 4, and Sunday, September 5. Ann will oversee play. Please note the change of date and come out and play! There will be an Adult Mixer on September 19.
— *Cathy Grayboff*

Couples' Troubles

The Couples' Troubles mixer was played Sunday afternoon, preceding the July Fourth Tailgate. After playing a sparkling first round together, a legal separation split the couples for the rest of the day.

Fireworks appear to have been limited to the actual play of the games: the **Braytons, Dunbars, Ehrenbergs, Griffiths, O'Reillys, Piersons, Shanks** and **Weiners** all refused the services of the court-side attorneys provided on retainer.

After three rounds in the hot sun, players were remanded to the balcony, where the prosecution rested.

Carol and Rick Plaut have been given probation after having pleaded *Nolo Contendere* to hosting the mixer.
— *Rick and Carol Plaut*

Davis Cup Tourney

Sixty four players participated in the Annual Davis Cup tournament on June 26. The day started with light breakfast and team photos. Players were divided into four teams: USA, UK, Ireland and Sweden.

Competition was fierce, but friendly. In the end, Team USA, led by captains **Gerrit Toebe**s and **Grazyna Vincunas**, was victorious!

The weather was sunny and beautiful and not as hot as in previous years. Lunch brought well-deserved respite from the sun and a chance to chat with old and new friends.

Things ran very smoothly, thanks to wonderful planning by the Tennis Committee. Many thanks to **Brian Grayboff, Sue and Dick Forrest, Brad Hoffman, Tom O'Brien, Rob Durfee** and **Dave and Mary Ann Olsen** for their hard work.

More people joined the tennis players at night for the party. **Carolyn**

Marchese, who was also in charge of the breakfast and lunch, made sure that there was delicious dinner and music for the evening event.

The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful evening of good food, fun conversation and a chance to dance all night. What a wonderful way to kick off the summer and new tennis season! — *Grazyna Vincunas*

Daiquiri Doubles

DD Day, July 18, was hosted by the **Pleets**. It was a scorcher, but fun was had by an excellent turnout of 32 eager players for the tennis and liquor. This was a combination of fun competition, as well as a social mixer.

New and old members endured the heat and three sets of tennis and were rewarded by unlimited delicious strawberry, peach and banana daiquiris prepared by mixologist **David Pleet** with his special recipe — available on request. This sure was a “spirited” group of Field Club tennis enthusiasts. Both balls and players were smashed on and off the court. This could become a yearly event!!
— *Jacqueline Pleet*



Wines of Argentina

Glenn and Maria Markenson hosted this fun, June Adult Mixer. It was a perfect evening for tennis, followed by a sampling of wines from Argentina. The favorites were from the Malbec region, which Table and Vine has in plentiful supply.

The evening was a tremendous success. The play was enjoyable and the event lasted well into the night as guests enjoyed appetizers and cheeses with a Spanish flair.
— *Maria Markenson*



Junior Tennis in Full Swing

The tennis staff has been busy keeping our young tennis players on the courts this summer. Many new players are participating in the Wednesday tournaments, as well as the clinics. Ann has also instituted a Monday afternoon singles ladder and some additional mixers and matches to keep our eager players on the courts and out of the pro-shop!

In the Davis Cup, the U.S. defeated Ireland. Much fun was had by all with both singles and doubles play in this popular tournament. Other winners in tournament play are as follows:

US Open

Winners

Ross Kamin
Jeffrey Thor
Dominic Ruffolo
Danielle Ruffolo
Mary O'Reilly

Runners-up

Tyler Lucey
Robbie Ruffolo
Matthew Adler
Joe Swanson
Sarah Marchese

French Open

Winners

Ross Kamin
Tia Stathis
Maddie Hatch
Matthew Adler
Jeffrey Mueller
Sam Freedman

Runners-up

Jacob Freedman
Sara Corsetti
Maddie Shields
Dominic Ruffolo
Peter Marchese
Michael Mueller

Australian Open

Winners

Will Chen
Jeff Mueller
Sara Corsetti
Danielle Ruffolo
Maddie Hatch
Mike Mueller

Runners-up

Sam Adler
Peter Marchese
Maura Eagan
Connor Rush
Joe Swanson
Dominic Ruffolo

Great job to all who participated! Many new friendships are being formed and new passions for tennis are developing.

This year's junior pros, **Michelle, Dan, John** and **Chris** are very busy with all the avid young tennis players. When they're not helping with the clinics, they're busy organizing games and hitting with the kids. If you haven't been to any clinics or Wednesday afternoon matches, it's not too late to get involved! See you on the courts! — *Mary Adler*



Junior Tennis in action!

High School Only Mixer

When asked if the Club would have time in the busy tennis schedule to try an experimental High School Only Mixer, Tennis Pro Ann Boisvert was the perfect facilitator. A free night was penciled in and on Friday, July 2, a new concept was formed.

The list filled quickly and Annie realized that she was on to something. The tennis was fun, competitive and followed by a pizza social for the players. What a great way for our young adults to spend time together. Tennis and pizza... it doesn't get better than that!

— *Maria Markenson*



Junior Pool Fun Day

Over 35 members participated on the coolest day of the summer so far. So, in honor of The FIELD Club, we played lots of fun "field" games, including rolling the watermelon, railroad tracks and Frisbee relay. All the kids, ages 4-12, were great sports and demonstrated great teamwork. Despite the cool weather, the kids still dove for rocks and ate popsicles. Many thanks to our lifeguards who proved to be just as helpful and encouraging on the field as they are poolside.

— *Karen Brayton & Sherri Ehrenberg*

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. 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.*

Waiting List

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| 1. Bruns, Gwen & Jay | Rovere (Legacy) |
| 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 | Doherty/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 |
| 21. Lemay, Kati & Chris | Gagne |
| 22. Kollias, Elizabeth & George | Megas |
| 23. Leone, Donna & Jamie | Little |
| 24. Oh, May & Dennis | Merchant |
| 25. Jermyn, Amanda & Isadore | Plaut |
| 26. Hornyak, Erin & Aaron | Kirkpatrick |
| 27. Tyler, Amy & Jeremy | Kratovil |
| 28. Duffelmeyer, Michelle & Durkin, Louis | Griffiths |

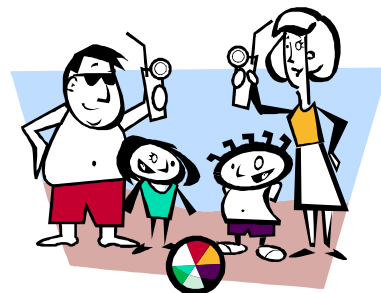
Note: There are two families who have deferred their acceptances for a year who will be offered membership as the anniversary of their acceptances arises. — *Craig Carr*



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Welcome New Members!

Judy & Michael D'Angelo
Children: Mia, Samantha, Ava

Kary & Gregg Lewis
Children: Aidan, Meaghan,
Brendan

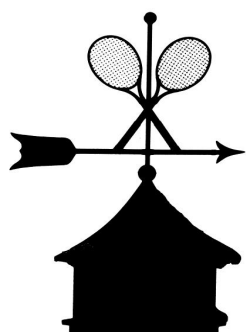
Fond Farewell

Please note that due to their recent move, **Julie and Dean Graves** have resigned from The Field Club. In addition, **Vera and John McManus** will be resigning as of the end of this season. We wish them all the best!

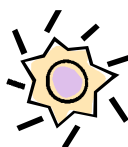
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