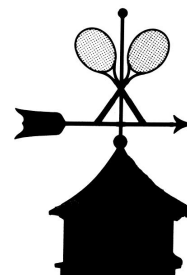

THE BASELINE

Field Club News

June 2011



A Message from the President

April showers bring May Flowers. While we have had a rainy spring here at The Field Club, everything was up and running for Memorial Day and the unofficial start of summer. The pool is filled, the tennis courts are lined, the Snuggery is being stocked with provisions, the staff is hired and the gardens are being planted. Soon the schools will be out and the Club will be alive with activity.

Already the Club has seen tennis action on the warm days and evenings. The Tennis Co-Chairs, **Jamie Dunbar** and **Cathy Herchel**, have a great schedule of events for adult players of all abilities to enjoy, including the recent **Memorial Day Mixer**, chaired by **Alex and Kathy Guardia**, **Bill and Janice Santaniello** and **Tom and Sue Libbos**, and the perennial favorite **Davis Cup** scheduled for **June 18**, among many others. Be sure to review the tennis schedule and sign up for the events.

We also have the **New Member Orientation** on **Saturday, June 4, 2011**. This great event, coordinated by Membership Chairperson **Carolyn Marchese** and Tennis Co-Chairs **Cathy Herchel** and **Jamie Dunbar**, is designed to acquaint our new members with the Club and introduce them to various key personnel at the Club. Following the orientation, those who wish may play some tennis and have some lunch.

The Social Committee Co-Chairs, **Chris Nicholson** and **Elyse Dunbar**, have some great events planned, including the **Davis Cup Poolside Party** on **June 18**, the **Family Campout** on **August 19** and, of course, the popular **Labor Day Tailgate**.

And for all of our children, the tennis and swimming programs are all set with many events,

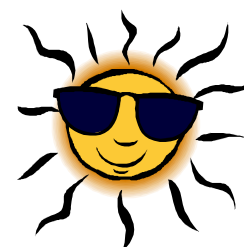
including the **Junior Tennis Opener** on **Friday, June 24**, the **Tot Tennis Opener** on **June 28**, and the traditional grand slam events and family round robins. While the pool is now open, the first scheduled event will be on June 30, when the Club has the **Middle School Fun Night**. We also plan a Teen Movie Night at the pool and many more events. Please review the schedule of events for all the details.

The *Guidebook* inserts have been printed and will soon be arriving at your homes. These contain an updated directory of members and revisions to the Club's Rules and Regulations. Be sure to read **Brad Hoffman's** article within, which summarizes the changes to membership classifications, guest fees, etc. Key among these is to notify the Membership Chair of any changes in membership before September 15 for the changes to take effect in the next fiscal year.

As we enter our busy season, I am happy to report that the Club has a very stable and balanced membership. We are at our family limit and have a waiting list of 11 families (5 of which have already been voted in and will be accepted as soon as a spot becomes available – probably not until fall). This leaves 6 others, and there has been activity in members taking out applications for prospective members. I would urge you to consider this also. Have a pleasant, fun-filled summer at your club!

Sincerely,

Buzz Travers





Snuggery News

A new electronic charge POS (Point of Sale) system will be up and running at the Snuggery this summer. We are very excited about this system, which replaces the old manual system and will help increase efficiency by allowing us to take customer orders, track inventory, order supplies and more. As of this printing, staff members were being trained to use the system, in preparation for our busy summer season!

In other news, two open positions have recently been filled at the Snuggery. We are pleased to welcome **Colleen Douglas** and **Savannah Halket** on board. Colleen will be a junior at Salve Regina College in Newport, RI, this fall. In addition to helping to staff the Snuggery, she will also serve as Tot Lot and Kids Crafts Director. Savannah, a field hockey player, will be a senior at Holyoke High School. We are also pleased to welcome **Morgan Bacon** back for a second summer at the Snuggery. Morgan will serve as our assistant manager. She will return to Chicago in the fall, where she is pursuing a career in acting.

Last, but certainly not least, many thanks to **Eileen Mason** for all her hard work in cleaning, setting up and stocking the Snuggery in the days leading up to our May 28th opening. As always, she did a fabulous job.

The Snuggery is now officially up and running, so be sure to stop by to enjoy some “good eats” and friendly service!

Thank You...

...to Paddle Chairs **Asa Nilsson** and **Scott Brindle** and all of the volunteers who arranged a wide variety of paddle events during the 2010-2011 season. The efforts of those volunteers ensured that members had a wide variety of events throughout the season in which to participate. From short fun events to representation at Nationals, the Club fielded players and volunteers to help keep growing interest in the sport.

— *Brad Hoffman*

Our Bouquets are Blossoming

The Beautification Committee has worked very hard planting flowers around the tennis hut and pool area. Our parade of flowers not only welcomes summer, but brightens up our club. Many thanks to **Chris Nicholson, John Abbott** and **Mike Brault** for their green thumbs and arduous care of the Field Club's beautification. Also, thanks go out to the pool and tennis staff for watering our blooming bouquets throughout the summer. — *Sally Gallucci*



Rules & Regulations Updated

The new Field Club *Guidebook* should be arriving in your mail soon. The Board wants to thank **Rob Durfee** and everyone else assisting him in preparing the latest version. One of the sections that contains changes relates to our Rules and Regulations. The Board has made changes to those rules and wants to highlight the most significant of those changes for you.

1. Any Notification of Change in Membership status is now due (to Carolyn Marchese) by September 15th.
2. The definitions of the different Memberships have been slightly changed, with the most significant change impacting the Senior Membership (which now includes not only an age and membership tenure requirement, but also clarification about children).
3. Updates for the Guest definitions and Guest Fees sections to simplify the rules and fees.
4. Designation of areas where cell phones may be used (parking lots and the grass within the circle driveway).
5. Updates to the Miscellaneous section so that rules are applied evenly to all events (previously they listed specific events that were primarily tennis related).

If you would like information about all of the exact changes, or want to discuss the logic behind any of the changes that were made by the Board, please contact Brad Hoffman. — *Brad Hoffman*

Tot Lot Ready for Summer

The Tot Lot is located behind the pool and Snuggery, and for a small hourly fee, provides supervised childcare for members who are on the premises. We are excited to welcome **Colleen Douglas** of Longmeadow as our new Tot Lot director this summer. Colleen is a 2009 graduate of Longmeadow High School and has just completed her sophomore year at Salve Regina. Colleen will be planning weekly activities and managing Kids Crafts on Thursday afternoons. She will care for members' children between the ages of 1 and 7, as well as for infants (if arranged in advance). Tot Lot hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Tot Lot Helpers Needed

Throughout the summer, we welcome junior members between the ages of 11 and 15 to assist our Tot Lot director. This is a great way for your child to volunteer and gain experience as a helper to the director. Our junior assistants play with the children and bring them to and from tennis and swimming lessons. Tot Lot helpers sign up for one week at a time and are paid a nominal stipend for working 16 hours. Please e-mail Sally Gallucci and let me know when you are available or if you have any questions.
— Sally Gallucci



**Many thanks to Rob Durfee
for all his hard work on our
Field Club *Guidebook*!**

Great Deal on Paddle Racquets

2010-2011 demo paddle racquets are on sale for \$50 each. Please contact Manager Jim Girotti if you wish to purchase one. First come, first served!

Lost and Found

Attention paddle players... please check the paddle warming hut for lost and found sweaters, jackets, vests, t-shirts, gloves, etc., as everything will be emptied out of the warming hut by July 1st!

Welcome...

The Field Club welcomes our newest member:

Lora Arnold

Waiting List On the Move

The Field Club Waiting List is ever changing. New members are accepted and new candidates are added! Take a look to see where your candidate now stands.

Voted -In Waiting List:

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| 1. Davis, Andrew & Lauren | Keiser |
| 2. Johnson, Carl & Melissa | Seefeld |
| 3. Mikaelian, Julie & Mark | Rothstein |
| 4. McGeer, Kate & Tim | Ehrenberg |
| 5. Landon, Lisa & Matt | Snyder |
| 6. Bregianes, James & Linda | Hoffman |

Regular Candidate Waiting list:

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| 7. Shrair, Peter & Danielle | Healey |
| 8. Fontaine, Noiel & Laura | Coughlin |
| 9. Norman, Rick & Elizabeth | Messier |
| 10. Hoag, Anita & Michael | Port |
| 11. Most, Jim & Ann | Griffiths |

Many other applications are still out, so please return them to Membership Chair Carolyn Marchese to get your candidate on our waiting list.

— Carolyn Marchese

Get Set for Tennis Fun!

Another exciting summer of tennis awaits you! Take a look at the variety of events we have put together for your enjoyment:

Mon., May 30	Adult Mixer
Sat., June 4	New Member Mixer
Sun., June 12	Adult Mixer
Sat., June 18	Davis Cup
Sat., June 25	Doubles Troubles
Sun., July 3	Adult Mixer
July 7-10	Super Seniors USTA Event
Sun., July 24	Adult Mixer/Daiquiri Doubles
Sun., July 31	Adult Mixer/Fiesta Night
Sat., Aug. 13	Family Round Robin
Sun., Aug. 21	Adult Mixer/International Wines
Sat., Aug. 27	M/W Doubles Championships
Sat/Sun., Sept. 3/4	M/W Singles Championships
Sat., Sept. 10	Mixed Doubles Championships
Fri., Sept. 16	Adult Mixer

The Club's largest event, **The Davis Cup**, will be held on **Saturday, June 18**. Players of all levels are divided into teams to compete against one another. Anywhere from 70 to 100 players turn out for this day-long event, which is followed by a fun, poolside party in the evening.

So, mark your calendars and come join us! We hope to see many of our new members on the courts this summer. Sign-ups are posted courtside prior to all events. For our new members - the cost of tennis events is determined by the amount of money the event hosts spend to run the event, which gets divided equally between all of the participants in that event. Lots of helpful information on the tennis program can be found in the tennis section of our *Guidebook*, so please refer to it for details. Also, please remember: the *Guidebook* lists the court watering schedule (this will also be marked on the court sign-up sheets). There are no cell phones on the tennis courts, and proper attire is required as listed in the *Guidebook*.

Jim Girotti, our Manager, has been hard at work getting the courts ready for play! Event information updates can be found on the Field Club website, tennis bulletin board, monthly calendars and in the next edition of *The Baseline*. — *Jacqueline Pleet*

Meet the 2011 Tennis Staff

The 2011 tennis staff is a fabulous team!

Head Pro Ann Boisvert returns for her 26th season at The Field Club. Ann played high school tennis at Palmer High School and college tennis at Rollins College in Florida. She played on the women's tour in 1985 and 1986. Ann will oversee this year's "topnotch" assistant pros, as follows:

Michelle Boisvert returns for her 5th year working at the FC and this will be her second year as Coordinator of the Junior Tennis program. She played #1 singles for Amherst High School and is currently playing on the University of Massachusetts Women's Tennis Team. She will be entering her senior year at UMASS this fall.

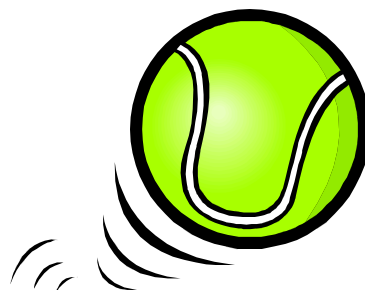
Chris Moskal returns for his 4th summer on the FC Tennis Staff. Chris also played high school tennis at Cathedral, where he played #1 singles during his junior and senior years. In the fall, Chris will be entering his junior year at St. Michael's College, where he is a member of the varsity tennis team.

Michael Jones is a graduating senior at WNEC and a Varsity Tennis Team member for all four years in college. He is a Sport Management major and will be attending Springfield College to pursue graduate studies in Athletic Administration in the fall. Mike comes to us with lots of previous experience teaching both adults and children the game of tennis.

Tom Koziol is currently a senior at Minnechaug Regional High School, and this will be Tom's first summer at the Field Club. He is a captain of the Minnechaug Boys Varsity Tennis Team and a 4-year varsity doubles player. He will be attending UMASS Amherst in the fall.

Please stop by the pro shop to welcome and say hello to our tennis staff!

— *Jacqueline Pleet*



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

The Junior Tennis season officially kicks off on **Friday, June 24**, with the **Junior Opener** from 3:30 to 5 p.m., followed by the **Tot Opener** on **Tuesday, June 28**, at 9:15 a.m. Be sure to bring your rackets for the clinics. There will be munchkins and juice at the two openers.

Reminder: Children must be age 4 in order to participate in a junior clinic.

Junior tennis clinic times are as follows:

4 to 7 year olds

9:15 to 10 a.m.

Tuesday/Thursday

8 and 9 year olds

9 to 10 a.m.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

10 to 12 year olds

12 noon to 1 p.m.

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday

13+ year olds

11 a.m. to 12 noon

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

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

For young tennis players who want more playing experience, tournaments will be held **every Wednesday afternoon** starting with the **US Open on Wednesday, June 29**. Anybody who can serve and keep score is welcome. There is a \$25 fee for each child participating in the afternoon Junior Tennis program events/tournaments, 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 also hopes to sponsor a **Junior USTA** team this summer for boys and girls ages 10-14 as of August 31, 2011 (15 players maximum). Matches are held at various western

MA sites in the early evening. Look for more information on the pro shop bulletin board or speak with Ann Boisvert.

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 interested, please speak to Ann Boisvert.

This year we welcome back tennis pro **Ann Boisvert** (26th year!!) and tennis assistants **Michelle Boisvert** and **Chris Moskal**. We are also pleased to welcome our new tennis assistants, **Michael Jones** and **Tom Koziol**. Please stop by the pro shop to welcome and say hello to them.

See you on the courts! — *Mary Adler*

2011 Junior Tennis Events

Junior Opener	Friday, June 24
Tot Opener	Tuesday, June 28
US Open	Wednesday, June 29
Junior Davis Cup	Wed./Thurs., July 6/7
French Open	Wednesday, July 13
Australian Open	Wednesday, July 20
Wimbledon	Wednesday, July 27
Family Round Robin	Saturday, July 30
Corcoran Cup	Wednesday, August 3
Doubles Championship	Wed./Thurs., Aug. 10/11
Singles Championship	Wed./Thurs., Aug. 17/18
Parent/Child Tourney	Saturday, August 20
Mixed Doubles Tourney	Wednesday, August 24
End of Season Tot Party	Thursday, August 25
Awards Party	Friday, August 26

Event information updates can be found on the Field Club website, tennis bulletin board, monthly calendars and future editions of *The Baseline*.

— *Mary Adler*





Lane Lines

The pool is now officially open! During the pre-season period (until school gets out) the pool will be open weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Summer Pool Hours

Monday through Friday

10 a.m. to 12 noon: Swimming lessons only
12 noon: Pool opens for general use
6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.: Family Swim
(Thursdays 5:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Family Swim)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

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

Weekends/Saturday and Sunday

10 a.m.: Pool opens for general use
5:30 to 7:45 p.m.: Family swim

Kids Crafts

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

Swimming Lessons

Two week sessions starting on the following dates:

Session 1: June 27

Session 2: July 11

Session 3: July 25

Session 4: August 8

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.

Be sure to fill out the emergency safety card for each of your children. They will be available at the pool check-in table.

Pool Events Schedule

Middle School Fun Night (Grades 6 – 8)

Thursday, June 30, 6 to 8 p.m.

Minnows Poolside Party (Ages 4 – 7)

Thursday, July 7, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

High School Movie Night

Friday, July 8, 6:30 p.m.

Clownfish Poolside Party (Ages 8 – 10)

Thursdays, July 14, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

School of Fish Poolside Party (Ages 4 – 12)

Tuesday, July 19, 2 to 4 p.m.

Member/Guest (all ages)

Friday, July 29, 1 p.m.

Please see *The Baseline* and poolside notices for further information and sign-ups. New ideas, suggestions or assistance on the pool events committees is always welcomed and encouraged. Have a great summer!

— Sherri Ehrenberg and Karen Brayton, Pool Co-Chairs

— Sally Gallucci, Board Liaison

Important Pool News

The pool pay phone has been removed. There will no longer be a pay phone available for use in our pool area. Given the decreased usage by members each year and the availability of cell phones, the expense was no longer warranted.

A number of other changes are planned for the pool area! Come watch the progress as improvements are made. In addition to new paint, modifications are being made to the locker rooms to help improve the overall experience and decrease our energy consumption. The point of sale system implemented last year for tennis is now going to be in use at the Snuggery. We hope you'll enjoy the modifications as Jim and his team are able to implement them. — Brad Hoffman



Next Deadline Wednesday, July 20... Be sure to send your submissions for the August edition of *The Baseline* to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague at LSprague7@cox.net.

Meet the 2011 Pool Staff

Manager: Martin Gullberg

Martin is a 2008 graduate of Springfield College and swam for the college's Varsity Swim Team for four years. This will be his second season as The Field Club's pool manager. Prior to this, Martin served as a FC lifeguard for six years and as assistant manager for three. Martin works as an assistant swim coach at Minnechaug Regional High School and also is the head coach for East Longmeadow's recreational swim team.

Assistant Manager: Caroline Murphy

While Caroline returns to us for a fifth summer, this will be her first as assistant manager. She will be entering her senior year at Bridgewater State College, and she aspires to be an early childhood educator after she concludes her undergraduate education. Caroline was a 4-year varsity swimmer at Minnechaug and a member of Bridgewater's collegiate team.

Lifeguards:

Kara Shea Anderson

Shea is a graduate of Longmeadow High School and will be entering her final year at Colby-Sawyer in the fall. This will be Shea's third summer working as a lifeguard at The Field Club, and she thoroughly enjoys treating herself to a grilled cheese from the Snuggery.

Angela Berthuame

Angela has just concluded her freshman year at UMASS-Amherst, where she is working toward a degree in civil engineering. She is currently a member of the Society of Women Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers and will be playing for UMASS's club field hockey team in the fall. This is Angela's third season with us here at The Field Club.

John Budrow Jr.

John will begin his undergraduate studies at Tufts University in the fall. He is a recent graduate of Minnechaug Regional High School, where he contributed to the swim team's four

WMASS titles. He also was a member of Minnechaug's varsity volleyball team. This is John's second season as a Field Club lifeguard.

Kellie Pennington

Kellie, a graduate of Monson High School, will be a sophomore at Springfield College. She is working towards a degree in Physical Education and is a member of the College swim team. This will be Kellie's fourth year on the Field Club pool staff.

Zike Tarzian

Zike is a 2010 graduate of Minnechaug Regional High School and is currently taking courses at STCC. He has a background in coaching for Hampden/Wilbraham's recreational swim team and was a 4-year high school varsity swimmer. This will be Zike's third summer working at the Field Club pool.

Christine Murphy

This is Christine's first official season with the Field Club, but for the past few summers, she has worked as a consistent and reliable substitute for all the guards. She will be beginning her undergraduate career at Union College in the fall, where she will be a member of the women's varsity swim team. Christine is a recent graduate from Minnechaug Regional High School.

— *Jim Girotti*

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.



See you at the Club!



Spring Fling 2011

Longmeadow Country Club



To see more pictures from the Spring Fling, visit the Field Club website. — Chris Nicholson