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# THE BASELINE

## *Field Club News*

October 2011

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### A Message from the President

**T**he end of one season means the beginning of another. With the tennis season winding down, the Labor Day Tailgate a fading memory, and the pool closed for the season, the Field Club paddle courts will soon be filled with lobs, overheads and drives. In addition, the fall brings with it the end of our current fiscal year and the beginning of the new fiscal year on October 1. This means that dues will soon be payable and that our Annual Meeting will be held. Your Board decided to have dues remain at the same level as last year. Please remember that the Club dues are payable in two installments; 50% by November 15 and 50% by January 15.

The Annual Meeting, scheduled for November 4, 2011 at the Springfield Country Club, will continue to be part social and part business, following the format introduced by former President Mike Shields. This format has been received with great success. I encourage all of you to attend or vote by proxy on next year's slate of directors and any other items up for decision. Watch for more details soon.

Please take advantage of the Club's tennis courts before the lines are taken up (generally by Thanksgiving)! Our head pro, **Anne Boisvert**, will be available for lessons through October 7, depending upon the weather. You may have also noticed that construction has begun to replace courts 9 and 10. New fencing will also be installed around these courts as part of our overall capital plan. We are also obtaining quotes from fencing contractors to repair and refurbish the fencing on the rest of the tennis courts (1-8) including painting the fences black. Finally, we are reviewing quotes to expand the viewing deck on the second floor of the tennis house. We hope to have the fencing and the tennis deck expansion completed for next spring. Courts 9-10 will be finished this fall, but not playable till next year.

The Paddle 101 Clinic is set for October 2, 2011, and the opening mixer is set for October 7, 2011. Consider inviting new members to these events

so they can learn how much fun we all have at platform tennis. Your Paddle Committee has a full slate of social and competitive events to compliment the weekly contract times (approximately 15, including the championship events – see schedule within and you should have received a copy in the mail or in an email). **Jonathan Spencer** and **Asa Nilsson**, co-chairs of Platform Tennis this year along with Board Liaison **Brad Hoffman**, are doing their best to make sure everyone gets an opportunity to enjoy this growing sport at the Club. This year, we will have a 5<sup>th</sup> court that will hopefully be ready by Thanksgiving. The paddle committee intends to generally keep this court open for newer members, who may not have any contract time yet. This will be a work in progress, so give them your feedback and, by all means, let them know if you are interested in learning to play. At the upcoming Annual Meeting, we also plan to discuss plans to build a new paddle hut or expand the existing one.

Finally, as summer ends, so does my term as president. I will remain on the Board as immediate past-president next year and work to aid in the transition to the Club's next president. I have enjoyed working with the rest of the Board, and I thank them all for their support and hard work. I believe that we were able to accomplish a great deal for the Club, especially in terms of capital improvements. The capital improvements were the design of the Capital Improvement Committee, spearheaded by **Bill Monks** and led most recently by **David Appleman**. David Appleman, who stayed on the Board this year as immediate past president, will complete his four years on the Board at this year's Annual Meeting, along with other outgoing Board members, **Sally Gallucci** and **Cathy Grayboff**. I am grateful to them for giving their time and energy to our great club. See you on the paddle courts and/or at the Annual Meeting.

*Buzz Travers*

## Board Corner

**Outgoing Board Members** – The Board would like to thank the following for their great service to the Field Club as Governors: **David Appleman, Sally Gallucci and Cathy Grayboff.**

**Proposed New Governors** – the following have been nominated by the Board to become Governors, if elected at the Annual Meeting: **Sherri Ehrenberg, Gary Weiner and Scott Brindle.**

**Annual Meeting** - the Field Club Annual Meeting (part business; part social) will be held at The Springfield Country Club on Friday, November 4, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. for social hour; business meeting 7:15 p.m. Look for the formal notice in the mail, and please attend. Dress code is business casual – no jeans.

**Paddle Contract Times** – New this year, paddle contract time begins October 1. This is one month earlier than in the past.

**Guest Fees** – Just a reminder as we move into the paddle season, guest fees are required whenever you have a guest at the paddle courts. The guest fee is \$5 per day. The member or members in the group are responsible for completing the guest slip and turning it in. In addition, locally resident guests are only allowed once per month; while overnight house guests are allowed to use the Club for up to 15 days in a year. With the increase in paddle play, enforcement of this policy is very important, as it gives preference to our members. Please seek subs for your groups from existing Club members.

**Paddle Equipment/Apparel** – We have a new stock of demo paddles available this year for members to try. If you see one you like, let Jim Girotti, Club Manager, know if you want to make a purchase. They will be hanging in the paddle hut for your use. Please return to the paddle hut when finished. We also have some Field Club paddle clothing available (fleece vests, hats, t-shirts, etc.). Again, see Jim Girotti, Club Manager. Once again, balls will be available for sale on the “honor system.” They are located in the bottom section

of the unit that holds the TV. Each sleeve of balls has a billing slip attached for you to use by filling in your name and signing it. Please remember to do this and write neatly. The slips are then left in the unit in a tray for pick up by the Club Manager. This year’s balls are from Wilson and Viking. We ordered extra duty felt balls from Viking this year. The price is \$1 higher than last year, but still less than at retail stores.

**Capital Projects** – As many of you have probably seen, we have completed, and/or are in process of completing, many capital projects this year. The significant projects include new lighting on tennis courts 11-14, replacing tennis courts 9-10 and the surrounding fencing, and adding a 5<sup>th</sup> paddle court. We are also reviewing plans for repair and refurbishment of the tennis fencing on the remaining courts, expanding the tennis viewing deck and expanding or adding a new paddle tennis warming hut.

**Emailing Bills** – This summer, we tested the accounting software’s feature that allows email billing along with implementation of a point-of-sale billing system. You may have noticed the point-of-sale system as it detailed your family’s Snuggery purchases, etc. Those that used email billing did not report any material issues. This fall/winter, we plan on implementing email billing to all members with email addresses on file in order to save costs of postage, manpower and paper. We conservatively estimate a savings of at least \$1 per bill or at least \$4,000 per year on an annual basis. Please review the email address that is on record for you in the Guidebook and let Joanna Smigiel ([jsmigiel@aaron-smith-cpa.com](mailto:jsmigiel@aaron-smith-cpa.com)) know of any changes.

*Please join us for...*

### **The Field Club Annual Meeting**

Friday, November 4, 2011



Springfield Country Club  
1375 Elm Street  
West Springfield, MA

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

## Junior Paddle Clinics

The Junior Paddle clinics are both an introduction to platform tennis and a great way to improve your skills. Whether you have played before or are holding a paddle for the first time, join us on Tuesday afternoons beginning in November.

Beginners and Advanced Beginners (ages 10+) play Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. and the Intermediate clinics (ages 12+) are Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Expert youth players are invited to give the coach pointers.

Space is limited to the first 12 players per clinic and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Call or email coach Rick Plaut to sign up for the sessions. Sign up early and often. — *Rick Plaut*

Session I November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Session II December 6, 13, 20, 27  
Session III January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
Session IV February 7, 14, 21, 28  
Session V March 6, 13, 20, 27

## Lost and Found

Missing something? We probably have it on the table in the tennis pro shop... flip flops, towels, hats, sunglasses, racquets, racquet covers, and various platform tennis "stuff." Stop by sometime in the near future and check it out. Anything left after Columbus Day will be donated to charity.

— *Jim Girotti*

## Wait List On the Move

The Field Club Wait List is ever changing. New members are accepted and new candidates are added! Take a look to see where your candidate now stands. As of 9/13/2011 here is the list...

### *Voted – in Waiting List:*

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
7. Lucchesi, Frank & David Hay	Readmission (within 2 yrs)

### *Regular Candidate Waiting List:*

8. Shrair, Peter & Danielle	Healey
9. Fontaine, Noiel & Laura	Coughlin
10. Norman, Rick & Elizabeth	Messier
11. Hoag, Anita & Michael	Port
12. Most, Ann & Jim	Griffiths
13. Duke, Wayne & Deirdre Curran	Gang
14. Landry, Michael & Bridget	Ernst
15. Doyle, Ned & Patty	McCormick
16. Kietzman, Tom & Cathy	Glenn

Many other applications are still out so please return them to the Membership Chair to get your candidate on our waiting list. (In addition there remain 3 candidates with deferred status).

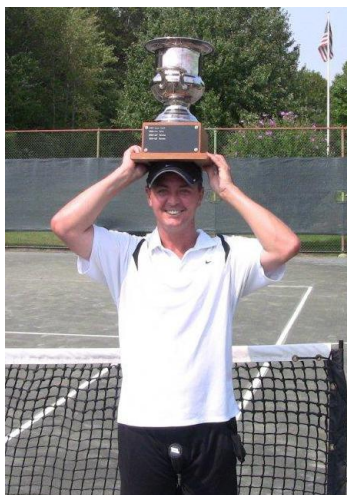
— *Carolyn Marchese*

## Singles Champions

Eight players competed in both the Men's and women's singles tournament on a hot and sunny Saturday during Labor Day weekend.

**Kate Morneau** won the Women's final in a thrilling and very entertaining 7-5, 7-5 match vs. **Marna Shields**.

**Jeff Morneau** won his third straight Men's singles title vs. **Per Nilsson** 6-2, 6-4. The Men's consolation final was an epic 2.5 hour hard fought three sets match that **Jamie Dunbar** pulled out vs. **Paul Marchese** with a 7-5 third set win. — *Per Nilsson*





## ... to the 2011 Tennis Chairs

Thank you to **Jamie Dunbar** and **Cathy Herchel** for stepping forward to chair Adult Tennis this past year and to **Mary Adler** and **Meralee Kratovil** for chairing Junior Tennis! It was a wonderful tennis season and their hard work is so very much appreciated!!  
— *Jacquie Pleet*



## Daiquiri Doubles

The Daiquiri Doubles Tennis Mixer on July 24th was hosted but the **Pleets** and the **Zeroogians**. A total of 31 eager players participated in a fun-filled and friendly event capped off with thirst quenching strawberry, banana and peach daiquiris prepared by mixologist **David Pleet** (mint, powdered sugar, and lots of rum is the secret!). A fun time was had by all - making this 2nd Doubles Daiquiri day certain to be a yearly favorite. Cheers and hope to see a lot of you at this event next year!  
— *David Pleet*

## Junior Tennis Wrap Up

Junior tennis had the busiest summer in recent years with about 130 participants!!! Attendance at clinics was fantastic, and there will be lots of future stars on the Field Club courts in a few years!

The junior tennis program finished with singles, doubles and mixed doubles championships. Forty players came out for the singles championship, 32 for the doubles and 26 for the mixed doubles. Trophies were presented at the end of the season awards party on August 26, and pizza and cake were enjoyed by all.

Junior Sportsmanship Award: Jeff Thor

Coaches Award: Sam Freedman

Most Improved Player: Mia D'Angelo and Will Hornyak

Champions and runners-up in each division were as follows:

### Boy's Singles

14 and under	Will Chen Jeff Thor
12 and under	Andrew Schreiberstein Connor Rush
10 and under	Ryan Morneau Christian Hammett

### Girl's Singles

16 and under	Iris Gallo Mary Marchese
14 and under	Mary O'Reilly Sarah Marchese
12 and under	Brooke Leveillee Jenny Brayton
10 and under	Rachel Freedman Rebecca Rothstein

### Boy's Doubles

13 and up	Sam Adler/Will Chen Jacob Freedman/Sam Freedman
11-12	Matt Adler/Andrew Schreiberstein Connor Rush/ Peter Marchese
8-10	Will Hornyak/Luke Hornyak Ryan Morneau/Zach Schechtman

### Girl's Doubles

13 and up	Stevie Eagan/Caroline O'Reilly Iris Gallo/Hallie Gallo
8-12	Jenny Brayton/Noelle Ehrenberg Rachel Freedman/Brooke Leveillee

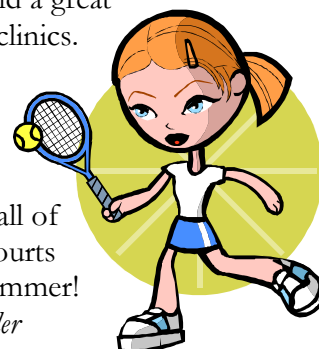
### Mixed Doubles

13 and up	Will Chen/Mary O'Reilly Sam Adler/Stevie Eagan
12 and under	Peter Marchese/Sarah Marchese Matthew Adler/Noelle Ehrenberg

Congratulations to all of our young players who grow better by the month and thanks to all who participated in the junior tennis program this summer. Anne and the junior pros did a great job with the clinics.

Have a good winter and keep on swinging!!!  
Hope to see all of you on the courts again next summer!

— *Mary Adler*





## 2011 Club Championships

We had a beautiful day for the Men's and Women's Club Championships. Fourteen teams signed up for the signature event and Tennis Pro **Anne Boisvert** did an exceptional job pairing up the competition. On the women's side, **Candy Weiner** and **Linda Boborodea** outlasted **Pam Low** and **Nancy Rodriguez** in one of the longest FC matches on record! **Kate Morneau** and partner **Asa Nilsson** outlasted **Connie Gould** and **Kim Putnam** in a match that featured long rallies and heavy forehands. The finals featured 2 strong teams and in the end, team **Morneau/Nilsson** won out over team **Weiner/Boborodea**. The match featured more heavy forehands and some well placed serves!

On the men's side, 10 teams battled hard for the top spot. Teams **Mailloux/Hornyak** and **Dunbar/Brayton** kicked things off at 8 a.m. and things were rolling along by 9 a.m. Some great tennis was played on this day. There were many close sets and lots of "close" calls. On the consolation side of the draw, **"Iron" Mike Chen** and partner **Dana "backhand" Hammett** prevailed over **Jeff "drop shot" Morneau** and **Arthur "Charlie hustle" Grodd** in an 8-game pro set. On the main side of the draw, Team **Rick "Can't bend" Steele** and **Brian "Lefty" Grayboff** got the short end of the stick against the dynamic duo of **Brad "big serve" Hoffman** and **Dennis "hands" Herschel**. 2010 Champs the **Mikes (Freedman and Shields)** ran into the tough team of **Per "Edberg" Nilsson** and **Rob "All Smiles" Durfee**. It was a hard fought, 3-set win for **Shields/Freedman**. In the finals, **Shields/Freedman** outlasted **Hoffman/Herschel** in a close 2-set match.

Congrats to all winners and participants! We look forward to doubling participation next year.  
— *Mike Shields*

## Mixed Doubles

Ten teams competed in the Mixed Doubles Championships on September 10. The winners were Kelly Hellstein and Brian Grayboff playing against Candy Weiner and Danna Hammett (4-6/ 6-4/ 6-1). It was a great day and a great event!

## Lane Lines

Though cool weather has set in, we fondly remember the exciting games played by those fifteen "Clownfish" (ages 8-10) who attended a party for them hosted by **Mona Swanson** and **Margaret Messier** (thank you!!). Events for this fun afternoon included a jumping competition off the diving board, an underwater handstand contest and, an all-time favorite, scavenger hunt (the kids scurried to the paddle hut, flag pole, bike rack, hard courts, etc. to find their items). The parents were truly grateful, as this had them running—a lot! These fantastic kids fed their hearty appetites with pizza and root beer floats.

The last pool event was the School of Fish Party (ages 4-12) hosted by **Gwen Bruns** and **Alison Schechtman** and assisted by our **incredible lifeguard staff** (we thank you all!). Over thirty terrific swimmers dove for rocks, ran relays and pushed watermelons all over to keep cool on this sticky day. These energetic kids were rewarded with refreshing ice cream sundaes and prizes to boot.

So, despite a summer of tornadoes, an earthquake and a hurricane, the pool staff prevailed and provided us with another fantastic summer of fun in the sun. We were proud to be part of such a dedicated group and hope everyone enjoyed the pool as much as we did. — *Karen Brayton & Sherri Ehbrenberg*

## Tennis and Paddle "Demo" Racquets for Sale

In 2011, we had six Head Tennis racquets for members use in the Pro Shop. Three have already been sold at considerable savings. If you are interested in any of the remaining three, please see Ann or Jim Girotti for a price quote.

2010 Platform Tennis "demo" paddles are for sale at \$50 each in the tennis pro Shop. We started with nine paddles, and three now remain. If interested, please see Jim Girotti.  
— *Jim Girotti*

# Paddle Mania

## 2011-2012 Platform Tennis Events

### Kick-Off Mixer

Friday, October 7, 2011  
7 to 10 p.m.

### October Night Mixer

Friday, October 21, 2011  
7 to 10 p.m.

### Wine and Cheese Mixer

Friday, November 18, 2011  
7 to 10 p.m.

### Men's 95+ FC/LCC

Saturday, November 19, 2011  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Men's Wanna B

Saturday, December 10, 2011  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Sadie Hawkins Mixer

Saturday, January 7, 2012  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Sunday Afternoon Mixer

Sunday, January 22, 2012  
3 to 6 p.m.

### Men's A/B Tournament

Sunday, January 29, 2012  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Men's Big Easy Superbowl Event

Sunday, February 5, 2012  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### WNE Men's PCQ FC/LCC (ATP)

Saturday, February 11, 2012  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Oscars/Winterfest

Sunday, February 26, 2012  
9 a.m. to 12 noon

### Pioneer Valley Women's Open (ATP)

Sunday, March 3, 2012  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Men's B Championship

Saturday, March 10, 2012  
4 to 11 p.m.

### Mixed Championship

Saturday, March 17, 2012  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Men's/Women's Club Championship

Saturday, March 24, 2012  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### End of Year Mixer

Sunday, April 7, 2012  
3 to 6 p.m.

*Copies of contract time and events schedules are also available in the paddle warming hut.*

## Watch for *The Baseline* in February

This is the last edition of *The Baseline* for 2011. Watch for our next edition in February 2012. Between now and then, feel free to send submissions to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague anytime at [LSprague7@cox.net](mailto:LSprague7@cox.net). She can also be reached via phone at (860) 335-8793. The deadline for submissions will be **Wednesday, January 18, 2012.**

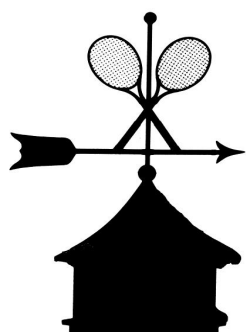
In the meantime, be sure to check out the Field Club website at [www.field-club.com](http://www.field-club.com) for an updated listing of events and other important information.



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