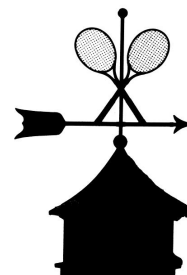

THE BASELINE

Field Club News

June 2012



A Message from the President

It is 9:00 Monday night, May 28th, and I have finally found some time to complete my June President's Message. Lee-Anne, thank you for letting *The Baseline* deadline slide a little bit for me. I guess being president does have some perks! As it turns out, tonight is the perfect time for this message, since opening weekend of the Field Club summer season is fresh on my mind.

What an outstanding opening weekend at The Field Club! With the 3rd straight day of sunshine, high temperatures, and high humidity, the pool deck was filled this afternoon with members soaking in the rays, reading their favorite books, visiting with friends or playing with their kids. Of course, the pool was busy with excited kids splashing with their friends, hanging out on floats, and playing with the new basketball hoop. Even some adults – at least some college-aged young adults – ventured into the water. In addition, the Snuggery, thanks to **Eileen Mason**, was up and running, serving a limited menu, and the ping pong table saw considerable action. With the pool now officially open, please see "Lane Lines" later in this newsletter for the latest information on pool hours, swimming lessons, etc.

Turning to the tennis courts, there were actually a number of courts in action this afternoon, with those brave enough to face the almost 90 degree heat. Earlier in the day, over 30 people participated in the New Member/Sponsor Tennis Mixer, playing three sets, followed by a luncheon on the newly-expanded tennis deck. Thank you to **Cathy and Dennis Herchel** and **Jamie Dunbar** for running this event.

The luncheon was the first formal event on the expanded tennis deck, which was completed on schedule by Brayton Construction about a week ago. I cannot thank **Jim Girotti** and **Sherri Ehrenberg** enough for all the work they did to make the expanded deck and new patio a reality. I would also like to thank **Craig Brayton** for a job well done and for the additional ideas he suggested that were implemented.

This expansion, which was recommended by our Capital Planning Committee and approved by our Board, will provide years of enjoyment for our members – that is, once we provide enough seating for everyone! On that front, I am happy to report that thanks to our décor consultants (*thanks again Jim and Sherri*), the deck and patio should be all set with furniture in the very near future.

In addition to the New Member Mixer and Luncheon, there was also a New Member orientation this morning. The orientation, led by Jim and organized by **Carolyn Marchese** (our Membership Chair), included a tour of the facilities (paddle, tennis, swimming pool and Snuggery) and an introduction to our staff. Between 40 and 50 people attended this event, with approximately 1/4 of the attendees being young children. What a great time of the year for a young family (actually anybody) to join the Field Club!

Last Monday, I had the opportunity to play my first sets of tennis this season. My court, as well as all the other courts, was in great shape. Although Monday night was not too busy due to rain earlier in the evening, I heard that at least one night last week all 14 courts were in use. Jim did an outstanding job getting the courts ready for the season. As many of you know, quite a bit of work has been done on the tennis courts over the last 9 months. In particular, courts 9 and 10 were replaced and fencing was upgraded on most of the courts. With these improvements, as well as our diligent maintenance, The Field Club definitely has the best courts in the area.

With the tennis season now upon us, the adult tennis schedule, as well as the junior tennis clinic schedule, is summarized for you later in this newsletter. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for our premier tennis event of the season – the **Davis Cup** on **Saturday, June 23**. Also consider signing up for the **Davis Cup Social** immediately following the

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completion of the tennis matches. Note that a tennis exhibition match featuring some great players will also be held that day.

By the printing of this newsletter, you should have received the latest *Guidebook* information. Thank you to **Rob Durfee** and **Carleen Hoffman** for coordinating the 2012 update. As you know, the *Guidebook* is a great resource for key information on the Field Club, including listings of the various tennis and pool events.

Well, it's now about 11 p.m., and the words aren't flowing as quickly anymore. Therefore, let me close with another thank you to Jim for getting our Club ready for our busy pool and tennis season. With his work, as well as some significant capital improvements, the Club is looking better than ever. Again, I would like to encourage you to take full advantage of the best family pool, tennis, and platform tennis club around.

Take Care,
Brian

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 stands as of 5/16/12:

1. Hadro, Neal & Jennifer (Dash/Miller)
2. Purrington, Rick & Debra (Travers)
3. Upson, Derek & Wendy (Durfee)
4. Wagner, Stephen & Christina Turgeon (Morneau)
5. Cooper, Scott & Susan (Cowan)
6. Orr, Trey & Molly (Shanks)
7. Stevens, John & Betsy (Nilsson)
8. Scott Halista & family (Brock)
9. Hoffman, Bob & Sheila (Ochoa)
10. Kroon, Katie & Eric (Grayboff)
11. Wright, Tim & Victoria (Merchant)

Please return completed applications to Membership Chair Carolyn Marchese to get your candidate on our waiting list. She can be reached at carolynmarchese@comcast.net or 567-3599. — *Carolyn Marchese*

Tot Lot Helpers Needed

The Tot Lot is seeking assistants to help returning Tot Lot Director **Colleen Douglas**. The job includes helping with crafts and stories, bringing children to and from tennis and swimming lessons, and playing with children ages 1 to 7. The job is Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, for the assigned week.

If you are between the ages of 11 and 14 and would like to be a paid helper, please contact Sherri Ehrenberg at sehrenberg@yahoo.com with the list of weeks you are available (starting the week of June 25). Get your name in quickly, as the slots fill up! The schedule will be put out by June 10th. — *Sherri Ehrenberg*

Attention Members

Do you know of someone who is interested in becoming a member of The Field Club? Now is an excellent time to submit an application for membership, as we have recently added many new families from our waiting list to our membership.

Membership application packets can be requested from Membership Chairperson Carolyn Marchese at carolynmarchese@comcast.net or by calling 567-3599. — *Carolyn Marchese*



Next Deadline July 20

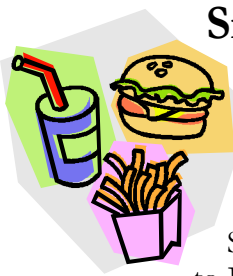
The next edition of *The Baseline* will be out in early August. The deadline for this issue will Friday, July 20. Please email your submissions to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague at lsprague7@cox.net.

Welcome New Members!

A warm welcome to our newest members:

Sue & Frank Carrazza
(returning members)
Hallie & Aaron Fox
Dina & Bill Houle
Nancy & Paul Maree
Caitlin & Ned Steiger

— *Carolyn Marchese*



Snuggery News

It is that time of year again! School is ending, the tennis courts are up and running, the pool is being filled, and the Snuggery is open! Many thanks to **Eileen Mason** for all her hard

work in cleaning, setting up and stocking the Snuggery in the days leading up to this season's opening. As always, she did a fabulous job. Be sure to stop by to enjoy some "good eats" and friendly service! As a reminder, there is a \$25/year minimum fee for the Snuggery for all members. The purpose of the fee is to get people out to try (and enjoy) the Snuggery, so don't let the summer go by without stopping in.

The Snuggery opens at 10:30 a.m. and provides breakfast food before easing into the lunch menu. Last year, the Snuggery debuted a Point of Sale (POS) system. This not only ensured proper billing, but made it easy for Eileen and others to see exactly what members really like to eat. As a result of the POS, you can expect to see some changes to the menu this year.

New Combination Meals will be provided that make it faster and easier to order certain items that were the "favorite" orders from last year. Additionally, the Snuggery Committee has been hard at work with Eileen to make improvements to the breakfast options. Stop by and see what Eileen and the Committee has come up with for you!

A few basic "rules of the road" for new members (and a gentle reminder to returning members). The Snuggery will make delicious food for you, but does not provide table service. Pick your food up at the window and grab a seat to enjoy it (tables right outside the Snuggery are for adults only, but seats in the screened in area and the picnic tables behind the kiddie pool are available for everyone). When you are done, please clear your table and clean it using Windex and paper towels (you can find them on the front counter near where you pick up your food).

When you clean up, please remember to recycle. After all, Longmeadow has been



designated as a Green Community, and we want to support those efforts (if you have not yet done so, please also consider contacting Aaron-Smith to have your Field Club invoices sent to you electronically instead of paper copies that must be mailed).

Finally, for new members who are worried about what their children may be ordering, you should know that Eileen has a good memory; introduce yourself and your children to let her know what (and how many!) your kids can order. There is also a kids ordering window in the back of the Snuggery that makes it easier for them.

— *Snuggery Committee*

Mixed Paddle Champions

Saturday, March 31, the rescheduled day of the Mixed Paddle Championship, was a beautiful day for paddle.

The start was at noon to give everybody a chance to recover from the Spring Fling the night before. As with the Spring Fling, the turnout was excellent this year. Eight teams came out to give it their best.

Jeff Morneau and **Marna Shields** prevailed in an exciting match over **Per and Asa Nilsson**, 7-6 and 6-3. **Tom O' Brien** and **Leslie Haskins** won the consolation final, and **Sara Suchy** and **Angelo Teixeira** won, last but not least, the consolation reprieve match. A great afternoon was had by all. — *Gerrit Toebe*



Thank You!!


Many thanks to **Rob Durfee** and **Carleen Hoffman** for all their hard work on our Field Club *Guidebook*!


If you haven't received them already, updated pages should be arriving soon. If you move or have other changes for the *Guidebook*, please contact **Carleen** at **carleen@clutterdoctor.com**.




Tennis Committee Reminders

For the consideration of all Field Club members and in an effort to ensure a safe, fun summer season, the Tennis Committee asks that you please remember the following:

 All courts need to be reserved, whether you are playing on court 1, or on courts 13 and 14. Sign-up sheets are posted outside the Pro Shop.

 We have noticed a few members have been parking at Wolf Swamp Fields and playing tennis at lower courts without signing up for courts. This is also a safety issue, as parents have been picking up and dropping kids off at this location.

 Please remember that our club has rules with respect to dress code and where cell phones may be used, as noted in *The Guidebook*.

— Scott Brindle

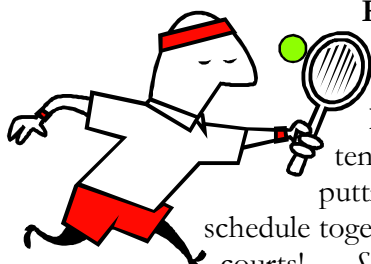
Tennis Chair News

The Tennis Committee has worked hard to plan events for this summer — from the ever-popular Davis Cup, down to an adult mixer pretty much every weekend. These events are designed to give both veteran members and new members the opportunity to get acquainted in a friendly, social atmosphere. The hosts of these events organize and make sure everyone gets involved. It is a great way to meet other members of The Field Club. Sign-ups are posted on the bulletin board near the tennis pro shop, as well as inside the pool area. Please remember to wear proper attire (listed in the *Guidebook*) and refrain from using cell phones in the court area!

Many thanks to **Jamie Dunbar** and **Cathy**

Herchel (adult tennis), **Mary Adler** and **Meralee Kratovil** (junior tennis) for a great job putting this year's tennis

schedule together. See you on the courts! — Scott Brindle



Meet the 2012 Tennis Staff

Head Pro: Ann Boisvert

Ann returns for her 27th season at the Field Club. She is an "outstanding" tennis instructor who exhibits lots of patience and has a "terrific" outgoing personality! She oversees an "awesome" junior tennis program with the help of four junior tennis assistants.

Assistants

Mike Jones — Mike returns for his second season. He is a 2011 graduate of Western New England University, where he was a member of the Varsity Tennis Team all four years. Mike takes over the position of "Coordinator of Junior Tennis," replacing Michelle Boisvert. Mike is currently a graduate student at Springfield College and is an assistant coach of the WNEU Women's Tennis Team.

Tom Koziol — Tom also returns for his second season. He is currently a student at UMASS Amherst, majoring in Food Science. Tom played high school tennis for four years at Minnechaug Regional, where he captained the team his senior year.

The following two assistants are new to our tennis staff for 2012:

Eve Sullivan — Eve will be a Junior at Minnechaug Regional in the fall. She is currently the "number one" (and highly regarded) singles player on her team and was named to the Springfield Republican "All Scholastic Team" as a freshman. She participates in many USTA singles tournaments throughout New England.

Christopher Weyant — Christopher joins our staff as a graduating senior from Minnechaug Regional. He has played varsity tennis all four years of high school and is a captain of this year's team. He is a "doubles player!" Christopher will be attending the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in the fall.

— Jim Girotti



2012 Tennis Events

The Tennis Committee has been hard at work planning a full season of tennis fun. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following events still to come:

Adult Mixer

Friday, June 15

Davis Cup

Saturday, June 23

Super Seniors

July 5-8

Daiquiri Doubles

Saturday, July 14

Doubles Trouble

Saturday, July 28

Friday Night Fiesta

Friday, August 10

Wine Mixer

Saturday, August 18

M/W doubles

Championship

Saturday, August 25

M/W singles

Championship

September 2 & 3

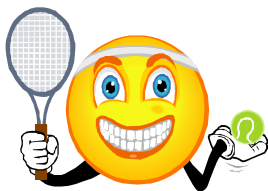
Mixed Doubles

Championship

Saturday, September 8

Season End Mixer

Sunday, September 16



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



The Junior Tennis season kicks off on **Friday, June 22**, with the **Junior Opener** from 3:30 to 5 p.m., followed by the **Tot Opener** on **Tuesday, June 26**, at 9:15 a.m. Be sure to bring your rackets! There will be pizza at the Junior Opener and munchkins and juice at the Tot Opener.

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**
(*Note addition of Friday clinic this summer!)

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 27**. 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).

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" players. We'd love to get a group of teens together for fun, not-so-competitive, tennis mixers. It's not about winning, it's about having fun! If interested, please speak to Ann Boisvert.

For those who like to play more competitively, the Field Club will also sponsor co-ed U14 and U18 Junior USTA teams this summer (15 players maximum for each team). Matches are held at various western Mass sites on weekdays in the early evening. Car pools can be arranged. There are also 2 to 3 weekend matches. Players do not need to attend every match. **Kim Burns** will be the coordinator for the 14 and under team, and **Sherri Ehrenberg** will run the 18 and under team. Please check the bulletin board for sign-ups or speak with Kim or Sherri. We'd like to know as soon as possible how many people are interested. We need a minimum of 6 boys and 6 girls for each team. If one of the tennis assistants would be willing to coach these teams, there will be an additional fee which would include one weekly practice, usually held on Friday afternoons.

This year, we welcome back tennis pro **Ann Boisvert** (27th year!!) and tennis assistants **Michael Jones** and **Tom Koziol**. We are also pleased to welcome our new tennis assistants, **Chris Weyant** and **Eve Sullivan**. Please stop by the pro shop to welcome and say hello to all of them. See you on the courts! — *Mary Adler*

Lane Lines

It's that time again! The Pool opened over Memorial Day weekend. As usual, regular summer hours will begin on the last day of school (June 20) with one small exception: the pool will open at noon on June 20-22 and 10 a.m. the following week through Labor Day. A complete listing of all the pool hours is available in your *Guidebook*.

Swimming lessons will begin on **Monday, June 25**. Be sure to sign up at the life guard desk.

We have a great staff and lots of fun activities scheduled all summer. Look forward to seeing you poolside! — *Erin Hornyak and Amy Tyler*

Meet the 2012 Pool Staff

Manager: Dan Handzel

Dan returns to the helm after taking several years off to raise a family and advance his career in the field of education. Dan started as a FC lifeguard in 1994 and was pool manager for approximately 12 years. He brings a wealth of swimming knowledge and experience with him. He swam for East Longmeadow High School and Springfield College (where he captained the men's team his senior year). While doing graduate work, Dan was an assistant coach for the men's and women's teams. Dan has all his certifications and most recently recertified as a Pool Operator.

Assistant Manager: Caroline Murphy

Caroline returns to us for her second season as assistant pool manager and her sixth season overall. She is a recent graduate of Bridgewater State University, where she was an Elementary Education major. She recently completed her student teaching in 2nd grade and is looking for a full-time teaching position; otherwise, she might attend graduate school at Springfield College to pursue her Master's Degree. Caroline also has her certification as a Pool Operator.

Lifeguards

Kara Shea Anderson — "Shea" returns for her fourth season here at the Club. She, too, is a recent college graduate, from Colby-Sawyer College in Vermont. She has a great "out-going" personality and loves teaching swimming.

John Budrow, Jr. — John returns to us for his third season. He just completed his freshmen year of college at Tufts University. He is a Minnechaug graduate who swam and played volleyball for the Falcons.

Jackie Foley — Jackie is new to our staff this season. She will be entering her senior year at Suffield Academy in the fall. She is a member of the varsity swim team and is a varsity water polo player. Jackie worked for the Town of Longmeadow last summer as a lifeguard and swim instructor at the Reynold's pool. Academically, she's a "top gun" Honor Roll student who excels in math, French and U.S. history. She lives in Longmeadow.

Christine Murphy — Christine returns for her second "full-time" season here, but she has two more seasons as our #1 substitute. She just finished her freshman year at Union College in upper New York State. She is a graduate of Minnechaug Regional, where she was a member of the girl's varsity swim team. She swam for Union College this winter.

Correy Murphy — Correy is new to our staff this year but has been a regular substitute the last several years. She was a varsity swim team member for four years at Minnechaug Regional and has recently completed her freshman year in college at the University of Rhode Island. She has previous experience as a lifeguard working in West Springfield.

Kellie Pennington — Kellie returns to us for her fifth season. She will be a junior at Springfield College in the fall, where she recently broke a few Women's Swim Team records. She is currently the Division "3" National Champion in the 50 free.

Zike Trazian — Zike returns for his fourth summer. He is a 2010 graduate of Minnechaug Regional, where he was a member of the varsity swim team. Zike is currently a student at Springfield Technical Community College and is working on his certification as an EMT.

— *Jim Girotti*

