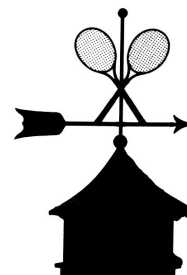

THE BASELINE

Field Club News

August 2012



A Message from the President

I can't believe July is almost over. What a run we have had on hot and sunny weather over the last month! That is, other than July 1st, my first venture to the pool for the season. Before I had a chance to take a dip, thunder was heard and lightening was spotted in the distance. Of course, our well-trained pool staff cleared out the area immediately.

Luckily, there have been very few days like that since then, and the pool has been very busy. I have been back to the pool (and actually got in the water) a few times and have been very happy to see so many members enjoying this great asset. Many have been new members with young children. One afternoon, I had the pleasure of playing "catch" off the diving board with two of our newest members and my son and nephew. Yes, I was able to pull in a few passes.

As many of you know, our pool manager, **Dan Handzel**, was out several weeks due to a medical issue. I am happy to report he was back to work full-time on July 16th! In his absence, our assistant manager, **Caroline Murphy**, stepped in and performed admirably. I would like to thank both Caroline and **Jim Girotti**, who did a great job shuffling our lifeguards' schedules and finding substitutes, for keeping the pool running smoothly during that time.

Like the swimming pool, the tennis courts have also been very busy. To begin with, the junior tennis lessons and events have been very well-attended. As for the adults, many nights all fourteen courts are in use. There have also been a number of tennis events over the last month or so, including several popular mixers like "Daiquiri Doubles," hosted by the **Pleets** and covered later in this newsletter. In addition, The Field Club again sponsored the Super Seniors Tournament in early July. Thank you to **Angelo Texiera** for hosting this tournament, which received some great press in [The Republican](#). Finally, our premier tennis event, The Davis Cup, was held June 23rd. **Cathy and Dennis Herchel** and **Jamie Dunbar** ran an outstanding event with over

90 participants — one of our best turnouts over the last several years! Except for a minor injury to one of the organizers (last name not Herchel), the event ran very smoothly. Thanks also to **Ann Boisvert** and the tennis staff for helping out with this event.

The Davis Cup "After-Party" commenced immediately after the tennis. Most of the players, as well as a few who just came to "party", enjoyed the spread from the Log Cabin on the newly-furnished tennis hut expansion. Thank you to **Liz Kollias** and **Kate Morneau** for organizing this event.

The July 1st tailgate was also a great success, as evidenced by the cars filling the circle, as well as the overflow in the parking lot. Kudos to **Connie Pierson** and **Kate McGeer** for coordinating this event. The tailgaters especially enjoyed the Twin Hills fireworks display that evening. As highlighted later in this newsletter, our next social event is the August 4th Poolside Party. Please plan on joining fellow members for an evening of fun, food and dancing.

Please remember that the upcoming Poolside Party and other social events, as well as the remaining tennis events, are listed on our website (www.field-club.com). If you haven't been on our website recently, you should check it out. **Dick Forrest** has done an excellent job giving it a much-needed "facelift," as well as enhancing the updating capabilities. As mentioned in an article later in this newsletter, we would be very interested in getting your feedback on our new website.

Although I could easily add a few more paragraphs on other Field Club highlights since our last newsletter (e.g. summer paddle and Snuggery and Tot Lot updates), I have been "encouraged" to limit my message to one page. Therefore, I will close by again encouraging you to take full advantage of all the activities the Field Club has to offer and to consider volunteering, if not already.

Take care,

Brian

Adult Poolside Potluck

Saturday, August 4, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

Music, dancing and a
great Saturday night out...

Be sure to sign up at the tennis hut!



First Aid Awareness

Summer time is a good time to remind all our members where our first aid kits are located in case you or someone in your family/group is injured. Fully stocked first aid kits are placed in several spots around The Field Club, as follows:

Platform Tennis Warming Hut

You need the door key on the right-hand 4x4 post as you go up the stairs to get to it.

Pool Life Guard Room

Open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. most days during the summer. All life guards are certified in Basic First Aid and in the use of the AED (defibrillator) machine (there is one in the pool office which can be used with adults or children).

Tot Lot Shed

Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Tennis Pro Shop

The pro shop is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After Hours

There is a first aid kit, as well as an AED machine for use on adults only, on the floor of the women's tennis bathroom.

In case of a serious injury, use your cell phone to call 911 or 567-3311 (Longmeadow Police) to get help immediately. They are only 2 to 3 minutes away. Do not delay in calling! — *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 stands as of 7/19/12:

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)
12. Qayyum, Mr. & Mrs. Usman (Megas)
13. Suher, Frank & Hilary (Brayton)

Please return completed applications to Membership Chair Carolyn Marchese to get your candidate on our waiting list. — *Carolyn Marchese*

Attention Members

Do you know 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 September 21

The next issue of *The Baseline* will be out in early October. The deadline for this issue will Friday, September 21. Please email your submissions to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague at lsprague7@cox.net. This will be the last edition for 2012, so be sure to send along all your year-end news!



Have It Your Way at the Snuggery!

One of the great things about the Snuggery is that **Eileen** and her staff will make your order exactly as you want it.

You can request mayonnaise or mustard or both be spread on your sandwich, or you can coat the bread with condiments yourself when your sandwich arrives at the delivery counter. You can order your bread, hot dog roll or hamburger bun toasted. Feel free to ask for extra lettuce or more sliced tomatoes. Ask to have your muffin grilled. Ask for extra sprinkles on your soft serve or more hummus in your wrap. It's always fine to request chopped onions on your burger. And if you prefer Romaine lettuce, ask for it.

You can write your preferences directly on the order sheet. Or you can check off your preferences in the small "Special Request" box located in the lower right corner of the order sheet:

SPECIAL REQUEST

Toasted____ Lettuce____ Mayo____ Tomato____

Type of Bread: White____ Wheat____ Rye____

List of top ten ordering ideas:

1. Toast my bread.
2. Spread mayonnaise on my club sandwich.
3. Add extra lettuce to my sandwich.
4. Fill my wrap with more hummus.
5. Pour extra sprinkles on my soft serve.
6. Put my soft serve in a cone.
7. I prefer green lettuce rather than iceberg.
8. Put ketchup on my burger.
9. Make my sandwich with whole wheat bread.
10. Add mustard to my ham and cheese on rye.

With all the great weather, the pool and Snuggery have been very well used this summer. The Snuggery team has done a terrific job getting excellent food to people as quickly as possible.

— *Katherine Charbonneau*

Junior Tennis in Full Swing

The tennis staff has been busy keeping our many young tennis players on the courts this summer. Many new players are participating in the Wednesday tournaments, as well as the clinics. On Monday afternoons there is a junior singles ladder, and on Tuesday afternoons, a round robin. In addition, we have two new Friday mystery tournaments.

The first Friday Mystery Tournament was a college club tennis format, with two teams vying for the most points. The junior pros each selected their teams and skillfully substituted players during the match to combat heat and fatigue. Great coaching by our talented junior pro staff! The second Friday mystery tournament was a doubles tournament and fun was had by all.

Our winners in tournament play so far are as follows:

US Open

Jeff Mueller, Luke Hornyak, Jordyn Meunier, Adam Katz, Will Hornyak, Pierce Leveillee and Justin Brayton

French Open

Pierce Leveille, James Leone, Kevin Shields, Ryan Morneau and Anna Hugney

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

This year's junior pros, **Mike, Chris, Tom** and **Eve**, are very busy with all the avid young tennis players. When they're not helping with the clinics and tournaments, 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*

Don't Miss the Labor Day Tailgate!

Sunday, September 2, 2012 (Rain date September 3)

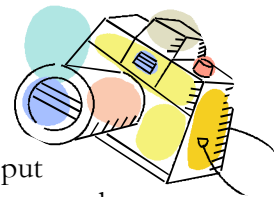
Celebrate another great Field Club tradition!

Come Beat the Heat!

If you haven't already, come join fellow members for fun in and around the pool. The lifeguards have been hard at work with swimming lessons, and the kid's poolside events have been a blast!

We would like to create a 2012 picture collage to add to the Snuggery wall. We'll put it all together if you'll provide the pictures. Please submit your favorite Field Club photos to the lifeguard office by the end of August. A camera is available for member use in the lifeguard office. Please feel free to borrow it to capture some of those great Field Club memories.

Look forward to seeing you poolside! — *Erin Hornyak and Amy Tyler*



Gardens Galore!

The Field Club garden plots are bursting with bounty and beauty this year. If you haven't strolled down the aisles to admire them, below is a June walk through the plots. Congratulations, gardeners, on a superb job! A true opportunity to have your cake and eat it too! — *Darcy Durfee*



Poolside News

The pool has been extremely busy due to the heat and the many wonderful families who enjoy the Club frequently. However, in order to keep the Club a place we all enjoy, we need everyone's help to remember the rules of the pool area.

Food and drinks are only allowed in the Snuggery or outside the fence. Only water is allowed on the pool deck. The same is true for cell phone conversations. Please take your conversations away from the pool so everyone can enjoy their time poolside.

When in the Snuggery, please remember that all members — children as well as adults — are responsible for 'busing' their own table. Please clear the cups and dishes, and wipe the table down after you eat.

Please be mindful of your children in the locker rooms, and be sure to pick up any trash or clothes left lying around the rooms. Also, check the Lost and Found table when you walk by; you never know, that ultra plush, monogrammed towel you can't find might turn up there!

The Snuggery staff and lifeguards clean up every night, but during the day, we can all help maintain the Club as the safe, fun place we love.

Now for the fun stuff: the kids have been having a terrific time splashing, diving, dunking and yes, shooting hoops, in the pool. The swim lessons have been almost completely full for each session at all levels. The children continue to grow and learn swimming strokes and swimming safety with each lesson. We are fortunate to have such dedicated lifeguards to teach them.

Middle school members kicked off summer with a party on June 28 hosted by **Mary Ceiplik** (thank you!). Although only a few members attended, they managed to enjoy pizza and be in the pool until closing time.

The little kids celebrated summer with a Tot Party on Tuesday, July 17. **May Oh** and **Judy D'Angelo** set up several fun games on the lawn to keep those 4 to 7 year olds active. Then, they had a dance contest poolside before jumping in the pool to cool off. The little members finished off their party with pizza, popsicles and tattoos at the picnic tables. Great fun was had by all. Thanks May and Judy!

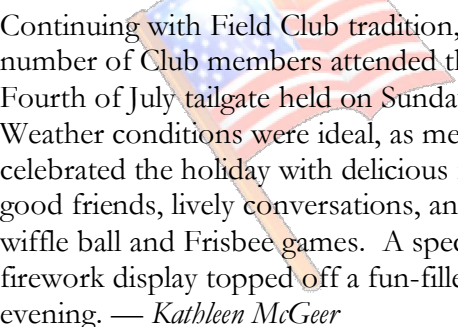
Next, the 8 to 10 year olds met on Wednesday, July 19, for their Junior Olympics party. The kids ran with torches (not real ones!) to start the events. They first went to no-rules volleyball, then to track and field. After the javelin throw and long jump, the kids went on to a 25-meter swim to shoot at a target (with a water gun), jumped off the diving board, and finished with a point or two against a lifeguard at the ping pong table. It was really a Field Club decathlon race, and the kids couldn't have been happier. The hungry athletes finished the party with pizza and ice cream sundaes. Many thanks to the hosts and referees, **Deidre Mailloux** and **Andrea Catalda**.

Hope everyone continues to enjoy our wonderful pool facilities for this fantastic 2012 season! — *Sherri Ebrenberg*

Club Website Now Improved

The Field Club Website has a fresh look and has been updated! Our old-style website was too narrow and, with built in tables, could not be updated easily. There is now a content management system in place, and each Board liaison has the ability to update the web pages related to their assigned areas of responsibility through a common login. In addition, we now have the ability to add a number of website plug-ins/web applications to increase functionality with lots of possibilities. New images are being added, and maintaining the site will be much easier. Be sure check out the new-and-improved site at www.field-club.com! — *Jackie Pleet*

Fourth of July Tailgate



Continuing with Field Club tradition, a record number of Club members attended the annual Fourth of July tailgate held on Sunday, July 1st. Weather conditions were ideal, as members celebrated the holiday with delicious food, good friends, lively conversations, and exciting wiffle ball and Frisbee games. A spectacular firework display topped off a fun-filled evening. — *Kathleen McGeer*

Davis Cup Draws a Crowd

This year's Davis Cup was a smashing success. With over 90 members participating and stellar weather, Davis Cup remains the event not to be missed.

Teams USA, France, Sweden and Great Britain battled it out on the courts. With tight matches most of the day, it was anyone's tournament to win. But of course, team USA, led by **Cathy Herchel** and **Jamie Dunbar**, was the winner when the dust settled. (No coincidence they were the event organizers, too. All protest should be taken up with the Ombudsman.)

This year's Davis Cup had a new twist that was as successful as the match with the social aspect taking place immediately post play. Players families joined in the fun and all were treated to a delicious catered lunch organized by **Kate Morneau** and **Liz Kollias**. A hearty thank you to the organizers, team captains and, especially, the Field Club tennis crew led by **Ann Boisvert** and, of course, **Jim Girotti**. A special thanks to our amateur/professional photographers, **Mike Shields** and **Patrick Mailloux**. We look forward to next year's Davis Cup, which already promises to be bigger and better. — *Jamie Dunbar*



Daiquiri Doubles

DD Day, July 14th, was hosted by **David and Jackie Pleet**. It was a very hot and sunny day, making the shaded courts in high demand. Twenty-four eager, thirsty participants had lots of fun in this social mixer. It was great to see new (drinkers) players participate. They were rewarded by unlimited delicious strawberry banana daiquiris (recipe on request) on our new expanded tennis deck. This was a "spirited" group of tennis enthusiasts by the end of the evening. A great yearly event!
— *The Pleets*

