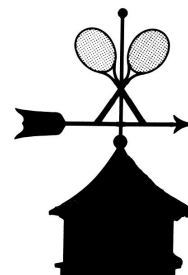

THE BASELINE

Field Club News

June 2013



A Message from the President

Greetings to all of our members! Under the direction of our fine General Manager **Jim Girotti**, The Field Club is ready for another summer season. The pool is filled, the grounds look great, and the courts are ready! Our wonderful summer staff will once again get to the business of teaching tennis and swimming, feeding us from the Snuggery, entertaining and caring for kids in the Tot Lot and much more. This is your club, please peruse the email blasts, the bulletin boards, *The Baseline*, and the website for scheduled activities, lessons, and Club events. Participation is easy – just sign up when required. Not sure of a schedule yet, grab a book and a chair by the pool and enjoy the atmosphere that is The Field Club!

While I write for this edition of *The Baseline* I am praying to get some sun for our Memorial Day Weekend opening. Despite the dampening rain of late, I know a full season of summer activities at the Field Club awaits all members. Our annual kickoff Spring Fling on Friday, April 5, at the Springfield Country Club was well attended and a nice time to catch up with other members. Thank you to social chairs **Mona Swanson** and **Sonia Zeroogian** for coordinating this kickoff event.

Prayers were answered as the sun did shine for us on Memorial Day. Despite a very wet and cold Saturday/Sunday the Field Club was alive with activity on Monday. The New Member Orientation was held on Memorial Day. Thank you to Membership Chairperson **Karen Brayton** and Tennis Co-Chairs **Cathy Herchel** and **Jamie Dunbar** for coordinating the day. Many members came out to the pool, gardens, and tennis courts to enjoy the tail end of the holiday weekend, our unofficial start to the summer. Don't worry... the pool water temperature can only go up from here! Don't forget, the Snuggery is up and running with a limited menu until school lets out – thanks **Eileen Mason and staff**.

Tennis season is upon us, so please consult your Guidebook, email blasts, and tennis bulletin board for the many adult tennis mixers and junior tennis events planned by our member volunteers. We are fortunate to have Ann Corcoran Boisvert continuing as our tennis pro. Ann and her staff continue to encourage involvement and activity on the courts, so whatever your level, get involved and play some tennis! Not sure how to get started, just ask! Kids, don't forget the **Junior Opener** on Friday, June 21 (after school for those still in school) and the **Tot Opener** on Tuesday, June 25.

The Field Club "signature" adult tennis event, the **Davis Cup**, will be held on Saturday, June 22. This event is a Club favorite, and all levels can participate – please sign-up. Details will follow via email and be posted. The Davis Cup Social will again immediately follow the tennis part of the day. I love the Davis Cup and hope to see you there! All members are welcome and encouraged to come out and join in the fun.

The Field Club Guidebook inserts should have arrived to you by now; please discard last year's inserts and refill your green binder with the new 2013 inserts. The Guidebook contains many dates and schedules for the upcoming season. Mark your calendars to get setup for the summer. Thank you to **Carleen Eve Fischer Hoffman** for all of her work on the Guidebook.

Some housekeeping issues include email billing and guest slips. Don't forget, if you have not yet signed up for email billing (newer members are added automatically), please consider it. It saves costs for your club. Also, now is a perfect time to review our guest fee rules and regulations printed in the Guidebook. Remember to sign guests in and follow the guidelines for guests. Should you have any questions, just ask. We welcome the opportunity to showcase our club to guests, but please remind your family members of the guest policies before the upcoming season.

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Also, don't forget to sweep your courts after play. Clay courts also should not be played on when too soft (after lots of rain). Generally, clay courts drain very well and are only too soft after long periods of heavy rain.

Lastly, adult supervision is required for children in the new paddle hut. We ask that no members or children go in the hut with wet swimsuits. At this time, the Board does not plan to rent this space to non-members. As with other Field Club facilities, members should accommodate other members. Any requests to use facilities for a private affair should go through Jim Girotti or come to the Board for review.

In closing, please enjoy your club and all it has to offer. Consider sponsoring new members and also volunteering. Looking forward to a season of fun and activity at the Field Club!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Marchese



**Get ready to
celebrate in 2014!**

Field Club Turning 50!

Soon, The Field Club will mark its 50th Anniversary! Yes, the Club was founded in 1964 by a forward thinking group of people that had a vision, acquired land and built The Field Club. Much planning will need to take place this year in order to properly celebrate this milestone in 2014. The Board would like to form a committee to brainstorm and generate ideas so that we celebrate in style! Many thanks to our founding charter members; I know they will share early memories as we look forward to The Field Club's 50th anniversary in 2014.

We have a good group interested in helping, but we could use a few more people. A planning meeting will be held in late June to brainstorm – please join us!

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Carolyn Marchese at: carolynmarchese@comcast.net.

— Carolyn Marchese

Special Mention...

Congratulations to **Ashley Toebes** and former Club member **Hannah Epstein** for being the Western Mass High School Doubles Champions! They both learned their skills on The Field Club courts. — *Scott Brindle*

Snuggery Update: *Food Service Tax*

Just a quick reminder that purchases now made at the Snuggery will also include the new Longmeadow Food Service Tax of an additional .75% of your bill. This will result in a total tax of 7% on your food purchases, as it is on every food establishment in Longmeadow. — *Sherri Ehrenberg*

Paddle Lost & Found

The 2012-2013 paddle season has wound down. Many of you have switched to tennis, but you have left many items like jackets, water bottles, sun glasses, sweat shirts, etc. in the "lost and found" cubbies in the new paddle hut. Frankly, we are overflowing with "stuff."

Please take a minute and stop by and claim your shirt, shoes, scarf, gloves, etc. We cannot keep it all over the summer months. Anything that remains after June 23rd will be donated to charity. Thank you. — *Jim Girotti*

Next Deadline July 12

The next edition of *The Baseline* will be out in early August. The deadline for this issue will Friday, July 12. Please email your submissions to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague at lsprague7@cox.net.

Re-SPONSOR-bilities

Have you been asked to sponsor someone into The Field Club? If so, below is an outline of things you should know:

The Membership Chair is Karen Brayton. She can be reached at 567-8436 or by email at craig.brayton@verizon.net. If you need an application packet, please contact Karen. If you are the sponsor and have a completed application packet to submit, send it to Karen at 34 Burbank Road, Longmeadow, MA 01106. Names are added to the wait list as soon as the completed application is received.

Who qualifies as a sponsor?

Any member who has been a member for at least two years can sponsor someone. A member may sponsor only one candidate per calendar year.

What does being a sponsor entail?

To sponsor someone, each candidate for membership must be proposed by a member of The Field Club in writing and seconded by two letters of support. Members should only write letters of support if they know the candidate(s) well and have known the candidate(s) for a least one-year.

Responsibilities:

1. To locate two other members to write letters as a seconder and a support person.
2. To assist candidates with the two-page application.
3. To supervise the candidacy of the applicant, including escorting the candidate(s) to a Meet & Greet and introducing them to at least five Board members.

Now is an excellent time to sponsor a candidate for membership! Membership application packets can be requested from Membership Chairperson Karen Brayton at craig.brayton@verizon.net or by calling 567-8436. — Karen Brayton



Welcome to Our Newest Members:

Brendon & Jessica Hutchins



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 May 22:

Voted-In Wait List

- 1) Porfilio, Pasquale & Diane (McKenna)
- 2) Thomas, Jim & Denise (Carroll)
- 3) Waddington, Craig & Kathy (Hoffman)
- 4) Mees, Andrew & Lori (Ehrenberg)
- 5) Acker, Brian & Divina (returning members)

Regular Wait List

- 1) Chadwell, Jim & Karen (Leonard)

**Come On Out
and Celebrate
Independence Day
@ The Field Club**

**Sunday, June 30, 2013
Tailgate & Fireworks**





Cinco de Mayo Paddle

A great day was had by all 15 people who attended the final paddle mixer of the season. The Sunday afternoon weather was beautiful, which made the margaritas and Coronas just that much more refreshing! All participants brought some form of Mexican food, and we even stopped playing for a bit to enjoy it. With the excellent weather, many of us played paddle in our tennis clothes. See you all for next year's season of exciting paddle events!

— Kate Morneau and Ken Vincunas

Paddle Through Summer

Summer paddle is going strong on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Please contact Brad Hoffman if you'd like to participate. All levels of players are welcome. — Brad Hoffman

Paddle Hut Featured in *Platform Tennis Magazine*

The Field Club's beautiful, new Paddle Hut was featured in the April/May 2013 edition of *Platform Tennis Magazine* (Volume 14, Issue 5). Author Nindy Pike calls the Paddle Hut "spectacularly designed" and praises the level of detail that went into this facility, including wonderful views of the five courts and ample seating. She also compliments the Club's leadership for "wise fiscal choices" resulting in steady growth.

Copies of the article are available in the Paddle Hut, and you can also find a link on the Field Club website. Check it out!

Meet the 2013 Tennis Staff

Head Pro: Ann Boisvert

Ann returns for her 28th season at the Club. She is an amazing tennis instructor who exhibits lots of patience and has an awesome outgoing personality! She oversees a terrific junior tennis program with the help of our four junior tennis assistants.

Assistants:

Tom Koziol

Tom returns for his third season. He will be a junior in the fall at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where he majors in Food Science. Tom played high school tennis for four years at Minnechaug Regional and captained the team his senior year.

Eve Sullivan

Eve will be returning for her second season. In the fall, she will be a senior at Minnechaug Regional High School. She is one of the most dominant players in Western Massachusetts and plays #1 singles for the Minnechaug Falcons. She was named 'ABC 40 Athlete of the Week' in May and has been named to the Springfield Republican's All-Scholastic Team.

The following two assistants are new to our tennis staff:

PJ Nassar, Jr.

PJ will be a junior at Western New England University and is on WNEC's Men's Tennis Team. PJ will take over the role of Coordinator of Junior Tennis from Mike Jones. PJ is also a Longmeadow High School graduate and won the Western Massachusetts Doubles Title his senior season.

Tom Knight

Tom joins our staff as a graduating senior from Minnechaug Regional High School. He was a four-year varsity player for the Falcons and was captain of this year's team. He placed third and first in the Western Massachusetts doubles tournament his junior and senior years, respectively. He is also a four-year member of the Minnechaug Swim Team and lettered his junior and senior years. Tom will be attending Assumption College in the fall.

— Jim Girotti

2013 Tennis Mixers

Thank you to all who have signed up to host various tennis mixers throughout the tennis season. There are a few remaining openings for anyone else who would like to be a mixer host. Please contact **Cathy Herchel** or **Jamie Dunbar** to do so. Thank you.

Please mark your calendars and look for sign-up emails and posters for the following:

DATE/Event:	HOSTS:
June 1/Mojito Mixer	Ehrenbergs/McGreers
June 8/Sushi Mixer	Connie Gould
June 16	Freedmans/Durfees
June 22/ DAVIS CUP!!!	
July 12	Plauts and Mailloux
July 20	Vivian Miller
August 4	Open
August 11	Pleets
Sept. 15/Septemberfest	Toebe/O'Brien/Brindle
	— <i>Jamie Dunbar</i>

Davis Cup

The Field Club's annual team-based tennis event will be held **Saturday, June 22**, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m.. This includes lunch. Please be sure to mark your calendar and sign up on the poster by the Tennis Courts. This is a must-not-miss event open to players of all levels. Last year's was a huge success, and we are looking to build on that for the 2013 Davis Cup. If you would like to be a team captain, please contact Cathy Herchel or Jamie Dunbar. Thank you! — *Jamie Dunbar*

New Member Mixer

What a day! The sun finally came out, and the temperatures climbed to make for a fun, successful tour and tennis mixer for new members. Thank you to those sponsors as well as Club regulars who came out to play tennis and socialize at the lunch after play to welcome those new to the Club. The more we all participate in events, the greater the club experience is, so thank you all.

— *Carolyn Marchese, Jamie Dunbar and Cathy Herchel*

A Full Season of Tennis Action



Adult Tennis Chairs **Cathy Herchel** and **Jamie Dunbar** have put together another fun-filled summer season. There has already been the **New Member Mixer**, and a couple of other mixers with some of your favorite beverages supplied! Sunday, June 22, is the Club favorite, the **Davis Cup**, a very popular event. You have to come out and watch the **Clem Easton Senior Tournament** on June 27-30. You will be amazed at how good these seniors play. There will also be the usual tournament play for **Club Championship** in late August. The season ending mixer will be held in mid September, so please look for sign up sheets in the pool area and by the tennis shop bulletin boards.

Please remember to always sign up for your courts before playing, and sweep the courts after playing, even late at night! See you on the courts.
— *Scott Brindle*

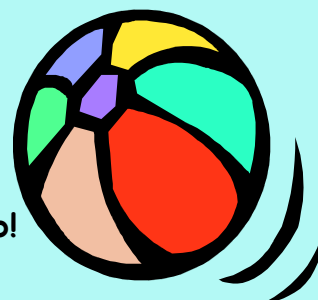
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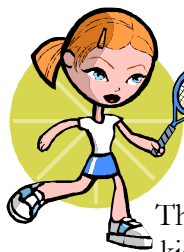
The Clem Easton Tournament will take place June 27 — 30, 2013. Please contact Angelo Texiera for more information. — *Jamie Dunbar*

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!





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

The Junior Tennis season officially kicks off on **Friday, June 21**, with the **Junior Opener** from 3:30 to 5 p.m., followed by the **Tot Opener** on **Tuesday, June 25**, 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

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 26**. Anybody who can serve and keep score is welcome. There is a \$20 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"

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.

For those who like to play more competitively, the Field Club will also sponsor a co-ed U14 (and possibly U10) USTA team 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 2-3 weekend matches. Players do not need to attend every match. **Kim Burns** will be the coordinator for the 14 and under team. Anyone interested in coordinating the 10 and under team, please talk to Kim and/or Ann. Please check the bulletin board for sign-ups or speak with Kim. 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 is 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** (28th year!!) and tennis assistants **Tom Koziol** and **Eve Sullivan**. We are also pleased to welcome our new tennis assistants, **P.J. Nassar** and **Tom Knight**. Please stop by the pro shop to welcome and say hello to all of them.

See you on the courts! — *Mary Adler*

2013 Junior Tennis Events

Friday, June 21	Junior Opener Pizza Round Robin
Tuesday, June 25	Tot Open
Wednesday, June 26	US Open
Wednesday, July 10	French Open
Wednesday, July 24	Australian Open
Wednesday, July 31	Wimbledon
Saturday, August 3	Corcoran Cup
Wed./Thurs., August 7/8	Doubles Championship
Wed./Thurs., August 14/15	Singles Championship
Wednesday, August 21	Mixed Doubles Championship
Thursday, August 22	End of Season Tot Party
Friday, August 23	Awards Party

Lane Lines

Pool season is upon us, and we are gearing up for another fabulous summer season at the Field Club. We have made some changes to the pool hours in the hopes of meeting the needs of more members. The new pool schedule is as follows:



Pre-Season Hours: *May 25th through the end of school (June 24th)*

Memorial Day Weekend (May 25, 26 and 27 th)	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Weekends (Sat. and Sun.) through June 24 th	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Weekdays (May 28-June 19)	3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Regular Summer Hours: *Starting Saturday June 24th*

Monday – Thursday:	10 a.m. to 12 noon	Pool open for swim lessons only
	12 noon to 5:45 p.m.	Pool open for general use
	5:45 to 7:15 p.m.	Pool open for adult swim only (baby pool closed)
Friday:	10 a.m. to 12 noon	Pool open for swim lessons only
	12 noon to 5:45 p.m.	Pool open for general use
	5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.	Family swim
Weekends:	9 to 10 a.m.	Pool open for lap swim only
	10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.	Pool open for general use
	5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.	Family swim

NOTE: Private parties or large groups **cannot** be scheduled between **6/15 and 6/24**. To book a party for another time, please contact Jim Girotti.



Snuggery Hours:

Monday-Thursday:	10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday:	10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday:	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Swim Lessons will begin the week of June 24. Please sign up for lessons with the life guards at the sign-in desk. Please refer to the FC Guidebook for swim lesson schedule and specific guidelines.

Pool Events: We have a great line-up of pool parties for all ages. Please sign up your children at the pool bulletin board. Updates and reminders can also be found on the website.

Wednesday, June 26	Middle School Fun Night (Grades 6-8)
Tuesday, July 16	Minnows Poolside Party (Ages 4-7)
Thursday, July 18	Clownfish Pool Party (Ages 8-10)
Tuesday, July 30	School of Fish Poolside Party (Ages 4-12)
Thursday, August 8	Member Guest (All ages)



New at the Pool: In order to comply with ADA and State Law, we have added a handicapped chair lift and safety rails to the diving board. The chair lift will be kept covered and near the storage shed unless needed.

Come out and join us for some summer FUN in the SUN....see you all poolside!
— Erin Hornyak and Amy Tyler



Meet the 2013 Pool Staff

Manager:

Caroline Murphy

Caroline returns to the Field Club for her seventh season overall and her first as the Pool

Manager. She is currently finishing up a Masters of Education at Springfield College and is on a job search for Early Childhood Education. She was a four-year varsity swimmer at Minnechaug Regional. Caroline has her state certification as a Pool Operator.

Assistant Manager:

Kara Shea Anderson

'Shea' returns for her fifth season, her first as an assistant manager. She is finishing a Masters of Business at Bay Path College and is currently on a job search. She enjoys grilled cheese from the Snuggery and loves teaching swim lessons!

Assistant Manager: Kellie Pennington

Kellie returns for her sixth season, her first as an assistant manager. She has certification as a Water Safety Instructor. She will be graduating in 2014 from Springfield College with a Bachelor's of Science and Sports Studies. She will be a four year varsity swimmer at Springfield College.

Lifeguards:

Correy Murphy

Correy returns for a second season as a Field Club lifeguard. In the fall, she will be a junior at the University of Rhode Island, where she is working toward a degree in Nursing. She enjoys tons of sunshine and playing with kids in the deep end.

Zike Tarzian

Zike returns for his fifth season at the Field Club. He will be a senior at UMass Amherst, majoring in Political Science. He was a four-year varsity swimmer at Minnechaug. Besides swimming, Zike's other favorite activity is doing 'Arts and Crafts' with the kids.

Christine Murphy

This will be Christine's third year as a lifeguard at the Field Club. She will be a junior at Union College in the fall, and plans on graduating with a Bachelor's in English. She was a four-year varsity swimmer at Minnechaug. Besides writing and swimming, Christine loves playing hide-and-seek with the kids on a cloudy day to keep them active.

Jackie Foley

Jackie returns for her second season at the Field Club. She will enter Emory University next year, and is planning on studying Medical Ethics and playing water polo. She has played water polo for five years, and would love to teach more kids how to play water polo at the Field Club!

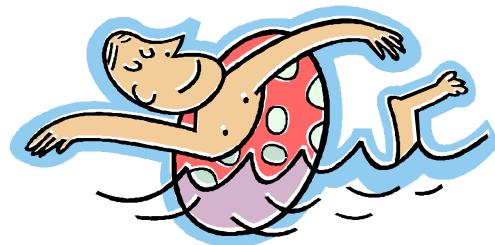
Kristen Webber

Kristen is new to our staff this season. She graduated in June of 2012 from Minnechaug Regional High School, where she was a four-year varsity swimmer. She will be a sophomore at Boston College in the fall and is a member of the women's swim team. Kristen cannot wait to teach swim lessons this year and become a part of the Field Club family.

Joe Knight

Joe is also new to our pool staff this season. He is graduating from Minnechaug Regional this year as Class President and plans to head to Colby College in the fall. Joe has a vibrant personality and is full of fun jokes for the kids. He is very excited to try the legendary 'Snugger-Muffins' and become part of the Field Club family.

— Jim Girotti



See you at the pool!!