
THE BASELINE

Field Club News

July 2013



A Message from the President

Greetings to all of our members! It's hard to believe that it is mid-July already. Our summer season began with very unsettled weather. Despite a lot of rain and thunderstorms, our members remained determined to use The Field Club during these frequent and inconvenient storms. Thankfully, the weather pattern changed, and July is bringing the sunshine and heat. The pool has gotten quite busy as members look to cool off from the recent heat waves.

Thank you to all the fine member volunteers that have stepped up to host a club mixer or pool event. See some updates on past and future events in this issue of *The Baseline*. Our signature tennis event, The Davis Cup, had over 60 members participate. It was a great day of tennis and fun. A nice mix of members enjoyed competing for their respective teams, but in the end Great Britain prevailed! Many thanks to **Ann Boisvert** and staff for managing a busy day at the courts. Thanks also to co-chairs **Jamie Dunbar** and **Cathy Herchel** for managing the details of this busy event. A big thank you to **Kate Morneau** for coordinating with **Liz Kollias** and the Grapevine Restaurant for a delicious luncheon.

Our wonderful summer staff is busy teaching tennis and swimming, feeding us from the Snuggery, entertaining and caring for kids in the Tot Lot and much more. Pool Manager **Caroline Murphy** has been working with Board Pool Liaison **Sherri Ehrenberg** to address the influx of young members for swim signups. Thank you for your ideas and flexibility.

Junior tennis is in full swing, too! Jr. and Tot Opener events kicked off the summer with great participation and enthusiasm. Club Pro Ann Boisvert, Jr. Tennis Coordinator PJ Nassar and the

tennis assistants see many kids participating in the weekly clinics, tournaments and singles ladders. Some round robins are also happening and the talent in the young players is fun to watch!

The sun is shining and the Field Club is alive with activity. Many members came out to the July 4th tailgate. I arrived back in town just in time to catch the fireworks, courtesy of Twin Hills. What a great night for the large group of members that came out for the tailgate. Our next tailgate is Labor Day weekend – be sure to put it on your family calendar. 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.

While I write for this edition of *The Baseline*, I am staying cool during our second heat wave of the summer! Check out the completion of the resurfacing of the hard courts. The color is bold and bright! Keeping up the condition of the courts is important, and they look great!

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. Please remember to sign guests in and follow the guidelines for guests. Should you have any questions, just ask.

In closing, please enjoy your club and all it has to offer. Consider sponsoring new members and also volunteering. This season has been full of fun and activity at the Field Club, and there is still another full month of summer to go!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Marchese

Attention All Members: NO Parking in the Circle!

Please refrain from parking in the circle area. This is a no-parking area, and all cars should be parked in the parking lot at the Field Club. Only use the circle area to drop off and pick up. For overall safety reasons, the Board reminds everyone to please park in the parking lot.

Also, please remember to shut off court lights when you are finished playing anytime after 8:30 p.m. In particular, the courts closest to Wolf Swamp Road (controls on the poles) are occasionally left on. Cost savings can be realized for the entire Club by shutting off the lights after 8:30 p.m. If you are leaving after this time, it should be safe to assume that nobody else will be utilizing the court.

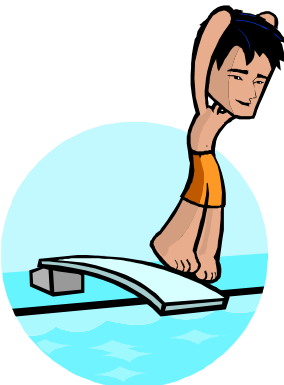
Thank you for your consideration and attention in these areas. — *Board of Governors*



Big Turnout for Middle School Fun Night

Forty-four middle school members recently turned out to enjoy the Middle School Mixer Pool Party! With that huge crowd, the pool was bustling with swimming, throwing, catching, jumping and ducking during all the water and poolside games. This active, noisy and very fun group of Club members made the most of their party and satisfied their ravenous appetites with pizza, watermelon and ice cream cones. Many thanks to **Carolyn Marchese, Cynthia Leveillee and Mona Swanson**, who assisted in getting this crew organized and fed. This kick-off-to-the-summer party was a great night for all.

— *Sherri Ebrenberg*



APTA Paddle Tourney This Saturday

On Saturday, July 27, the Field Club is hosting the first American Platform Tennis Association (APTA) paddle event of the season. That's right, there is a summer paddle tournament this year. Sign up to play, or come watch some of the best players in the region battle not only each other, but the summer heat, as well. If you are not very familiar with paddle, this is a great way to see it in action. To play, contact Jeff Morneau; to watch just stop by Saturday. Hope to see you all out there! — *Brad Hoffman*

Next Deadline September 20

The next edition of *The Baseline* will be distributed in early October. This will be the last issue published in 2013. The deadline is Friday, September 20. Please email your submissions to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague at lsprague7@cox.net. She can also be reached via phone at 860-335-8793.

On another note, Lee-Anne is often in need of "filler" for *The Baseline*, and it would be helpful for her to have some candid photos or action shots on hand for this purpose. If you have any Field Club photos you would like to share, feel free to send them along to her throughout the year (be sure to identify the people). She will keep the photos on hand for future use, as space allows.

July 4th Tailgate a Blast!

The Fourth of July Tailgate was well attended by the members of the Field Club. Despite the possibility of poor weather, the fireworks came



off without a hitch, and the night was enjoyed by all. Thanks to **Kate McGeer, Connie Pierson and Jim Girotti** for a great start to the 2013 summer season. — *Denise Collins*

Garden Party a Success

The second Annual Garden Party was hosted on June 20, on the deck of the new Garden Hut, overlooking the flourishing garden plots. We enjoyed delicious early garden bounty, as well as the season's crop of fresh strawberries. Our visiting guests, Phil Korman, of Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture (CISA), and Sara Voiland of Red Fire Farm, both gave informative, inspiring, and entertaining talks.

Phil came with CISA newsletters and Buy Local bumper stickers, which were distributed around the Field Club. In a big or small way, we should participate in the local food movement and encourage it's blossoming. It's good for all of us! I, personally, came away amazed by how much time (decades) and effort it takes to go back toward an old and better way of doing things, once technology has zoomed us forward without looking.

Sara presented us with the encouraging face of today's "new farmer" — a testament to all the young, passionate people determined to bring some real food back into our food systems. A main challenge for the farmer is being able to secure affordable farmland against the competition; they can't compete with the huge sum of money that the land can bring from a developer. Simply getting the land consumes many resources and prevents many farmers from succeeding.

Many thanks to Jeff Rahn for arranging for these two great people to join us at our Garden Party! — *Darry Durfee*

▣ Lane Lines

Come beat the heat... 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 recently hosted our first swim meet of the year against Longmeadow Country Club. We had a big turn out, and everyone did a fantastic job! Thank you **Caroline and staff** for all the effort put into organizing this great new event. Don't miss the next one — please see the lifeguards for date and sign-up information.

As you may have noticed, the new ADA-compliant lift has been installed at the pool. This new addition allows a wheel chair bound swimmer to easily and safely access the pool.

We would like to create a new photo collage for the Snuggery. Please take pictures this summer and e-mail them to Amtytylerdesigns@yahoo.com or submit printed photos to the lifeguards. We have some photos, but we still need more. Make sure we have some of your favorite summer memories. We look forward to seeing you poolside!

— *Erin and Amy*



Mojito Sets the Tone as the First Adult Mixer of the Year

It was a perfect night for tennis, warm with a breeze. There were 36 players and a couple extra guests for the socializing.

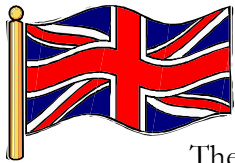
Players each participated in five rounds, the first three of which were mixed tennis. The fourth was our Mojito round — everyone refreshed with a drink. The last round was open to all those willing to go down and play again, men vs. men and women vs. women.

Everyone made great food to go with the drinks. Many stayed to



socialize and even watch the Bruins game! It was a great kickoff for the tennis season.

— *The Ehrenbergs*



Victory Goes to Great Britain

The 2013 Davis Cup Tournament was a great day on and off the courts. Four stellar teams vied for the 2013 Davis Cup championship, USA, Great Britain, Sweden and France. All four were led by enthusiastic and strategic captains. Though quite evenly matched (one point separated the top three teams from one another), the team to emerge victorious was Great Britain.

The only thing to beat the stellar play, incredible weather and team camaraderie was the post-play smorgasbord. The social committee outdid themselves by selecting the Grapevine Restaurant to cater the affair. Grapevine provided delicious entrées and salads that left everyone raving.

A special thanks to **Liz and George Kollias** and **Kate Morneau** for all their work. Davis Cup 2013 is now in the history books, but both the tennis committee and social committees are already planning 2014's tournament. Don't miss it! — *Cathy Herchel and Jamie Dunbar*

Upcoming Tennis Events

Please check the bulletin board outside the tennis hut for upcoming tennis events planned for this summer. There are still many adult mixers to attend in the next couple of months. Watch for sign-up sheets for M/W Doubles, Singles, and Mixed Championships, to be determined. Keep an eye open for Club email blasts and look at the bulletin board to sign up for the next great tennis event. — *Scott Brindle*

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*



The Beer and the Bromance

I belong to a large Thursday night, Field Club men's tennis group. We currently have five courts of doubles players, or 20 tennis players playing at a time. Most of us don't play USTA tennis; most of us have other priorities. So we aren't very serious about improving our game. But we all like to win. And at least, all of us like to make good tennis shots, but winning isn't everything.

We used to start play at 8:30 p.m. And of course, after playing, we would have a beer or two or three. It's been said that alcohol loosens the tongue. And let me tell you that I would complain to my wife, Sue, when I got home late on Thursday nights after playing, that "these guys (talking) are worse than hens." The court water sprinklers would come on at 11:15 p.m., and many of the guys would still be there jabbering away.

What do we talk about? Anything and everything. I'm not particularly the loquacious type, but there's no shortness of talkers in our group of guys. I am, however, a good listener. **David Gang** told me, for instance, that he used to go to every tag sale and was a veteran antique collector. His basement is filled with collectable junk that he would like to sell and get rid of. His children aren't interested in it. **Jeff Rahn** told me that his 13-year-old son won a national essay contest and won a \$10,000 college scholarship from the popular television show on the History Channel called "American Pickers." His son also won a trip to Nashville to meet Michael, the chief picker, who owns a store that's the base of his operations. **Bob Barnhart** told me that he's been getting physical therapy and doing exercises to help his lower back and that it's made all the difference. You get the drift.

I know some of the guys in the group better than others, as do each of us. Mixing it up each week, playing with new players, allows us to get to know each other in a more intimate way. Think bromance (in a non-sexual way). So it doesn't matter if I know some guys better than others – I'll eventually meet the others and befriend them if they are active in the group. I've come to realize that it's not about the tennis, and it's not about the beer, though some of our group members may disagree, but it's about the bromance. It's the bromance, and the beer, while it's flowing, that keeps our group members there past 11:00 p.m., even now that we've started playing earlier at 7:30 p.m.

— *Dick Forrest*

Junior Tennis in Full Swing

The tennis staff has been busy keeping our many young tennis players on the courts this summer. So far, 112 junior members are participating in the tennis program, 60 of whom participated in the Junior Opener on June 21. On Monday afternoons, there is a junior singles ladder, and each Tuesday, there is a round robin. The only requirement is that a child can keep his/her serve in most of the time.

Winners in tournament play so far are as follows:

US Open

Mia D'Angelo, Ryan Hornyak, Luke Hornyak, Will Hornyak and Daniel Draymore

French Open

Sam Freedman, Peter Marchese, Ryan Morneau, Maggie Kratovil, Christian Hammett and Rebecca Rothstein

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

This year's junior pros, **Tom Knight, P.J. Nassar, Tom Koziol** and **Eve Sullivan**, are very busy with all the avid young tennis players. When they are 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*



Congratulations Are in Order...

The Field Club's Junior Tennis program was well represented in the Sheldon M. Rosenthal Memorial Junior Tennis Tournament in Forest Park last weekend. Several of our members came home with trophies, as shown below:



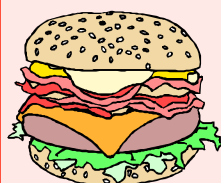
James Leone and **Matthew Adler** won the boys 14 and under doubles final.



Sam Freedman won the boys 14 and under singles final, with **Zack Peterson** as semi-finalist. Both boys did a great job, playing several competitive rounds to get to the finals.

Beat the Heat... Eat at the Snuggery!

When the temperatures soar, it's no fun standing in front of a hot stove or grill. Keep you cool by enjoying a delicious meal at the Snuggery! Hours are as follows:



Monday – Friday:
10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Welcome New Members!

A warm welcome to the following new Field Club members:

Pasquale and Diane Porfilio
Jim and Denise Thomas
Craig and Kathy Waddington
Andrew and Lori Mees
Dan and Orsi Torres

Wait List on the Move

The Field Club Wait List is ever changing, as new members are accepted and new candidates are added! Take a look to see where your candidate stands as of July 14, 2013:

Voted-In Wait List

Acker, Brian & Divina (returning members)

Regular Wait List

1. Chadwell, Jim & Karen (Leonard)
2. Miller, John & Mary (Kline)
3. Falk, Ben & Adena (Goodman)
4. Kniska, Andrew & MaryAnn (Freedman)
5. Guardione, Lisa & family (D'Angelo)
6. Delong, Gary & Judy (Gelling)
7. Schirmeister, Meinrad (Dhamodharan)
& Maryam

Why Wait? ... Sponsor Now!

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 Karen Brayton at craig.brayton@verizon.net or by calling 567-8436.

— Karen Brayton

Deadline for Membership Classification Changes

Changes in membership classification for the fiscal year that begins October 1st must be submitted to the membership chairperson on or before September 15th for such changes to take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

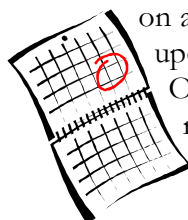
Written notification received and approved by the membership chairperson on or before

September 15th will result in a dues adjustment

on a monthly pro rata basis for the upcoming fiscal year that begins in

October. Written notification

received after September 15th will result in dues adjustment starting in the following fiscal year.



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!

