

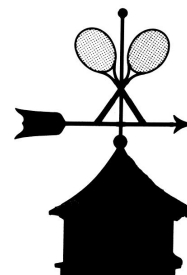
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# THE BASELINE

## *Field Club News*

October 2013

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### A Message from the President

**F**all brings the end of our fiscal year and the start of a new one. The Annual Meeting this year is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> at Twin Hills Country Club. I would encourage all members to attend or vote by proxy. Next year's slate of Board members and any other items up for discussion will be on the agenda, so watch for details soon.

Our membership list grew over the summer, and we will welcome new candidates for membership at Meet and Greet events held this fall. Thank you to Membership Chair Karen Brayton for all her organization with our membership process and contact her should you wish to sponsor a new member!

At the end of this summer season, my reflection brought a greater appreciation for the many volunteers that hosted mixers, pool parties, and kept our club an active and happy place to be. A warm thank you to all who helped this year. The summer ended with some unsettled weather over Labor Day weekend, but that did not stop **Amy Wistreich** from making sure our annual tailgate was a success. The third date worked, and members enjoyed a fun-filled tailgate. What a terrific way to end the summer! Great job to Amy and her committee.

**Chris Nicholson** and **Sally Gallucci** decided that we could not skip another summer without a poolside potluck and added that event. I hear it was well attended and all enjoyed a great evening of food and dancing poolside. Thank you both for taking on the task of talking up an event with resounding success!

**Erin Hornyak** and **Amy Tyler** carried out a wonderful job as pool chairs this year. Events were well attended, and business at the pool was busy with many sunny days. Pool party volunteers had kids of all ages enjoying the events while the pool staff, under the direction of **Caroline Murphy**, did a fantastic job with member swim lessons.

Don't forget to take advantage of the tennis courts until the nets come down. We have had a stretch of great fall weather, and I see the courts are

busy still! The tennis season was a busy one. A big thank you to **Ann Boisvert** and her summer staff for organizing many events for adults and kids. The tennis hut is a hub of details, but you would never know it, as the staff carries on with ease and efficiency. The Junior Tennis program was strong, with many budding tennis players enjoying the courts. Volunteer adult tennis and junior tennis chairs **Cathy Herchel**, **Jamie Dunbar**, **Mary Adler** and **Meralee Kratovil** deserve a big thank you. The tennis calendar was chock full of events. As is tradition at the Field Club, the year ended with Club championships – congrats to all the winners. We even had a Triple Crown winner. **Kelly Hellstein** won in Women's Singles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. Way to go Kelly!

The end of our summer season brings the start of our paddle season. Please remember to take advantage of the Club in the wintertime. Join a contract, attend a paddle mixer or grab an open court. The Paddle Committee is hard at work arranging events for the season, so stay tuned! Please be sure to check out the details in this issue of *The Baseline*. Enjoy your club in the winter, and if you are new, give paddle a try! Paddle chairs **Kate** and **Jeff Morneau** have a great slate of activities planned. **Rick Plaut** will run the Junior Paddle Program again, so look for details. This program has been growing in popularity and is developing some wonderful junior players.

While I write for this edition of *The Baseline*, I am ending my term as President. My involvement will still remain busy with important budget meetings and the Annual Meeting in October and November. I will then continue serving the Board as immediate past-president, working to transition new Board members. I look forward to continuing my service to The Field Club of Longmeadow. I would like to thank the Board for their support and hard work. I have enjoyed working with all of you.

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## Message from the President

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Don't forget that this upcoming fiscal year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Field Club of Longmeadow. A committee has been formed, and we are planning events to celebrate this milestone! The main event will be held over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend 2014, as the FC opened on 4<sup>th</sup> of July in 1964. Please pencil it in your schedule, and details will be forthcoming. A family event will be held – an event not to be missed. I am enjoying working with a group of volunteers, sharing the rich history that is the Field Club. Much planning needs to be done, so contact me if you can get involved.

In closing, please enjoy your club and all it has to offer. It has been a pleasure to serve the Board of Governors as president this year!

Sincerely,

*Carolyn Marchese*

## Making Memories at the Labor Day Tailgate

Despite the unpredictable stormy weather, Labor Day Weekend we managed to celebrate the end of the 2013 season in true Field Club style. Many thanks to all those who managed to juggle their calendars and come out the following weekend with their families, guests and fantastic tailgate menus. With an official count of 238 people in attendance, it was a festive evening of old friends, new friends and more children enjoying themselves with glow sticks and popcorn than I ever remember!! The DJ, ice cream truck and great conversation added to the success of a picture perfect evening.

A huge thanks goes out to **Jim Girotti** for his excellent attention to detail in helping to organize the event and for getting the staff to pitch in where needed. And a warm thanks



to all of you... what a great group of people! Coming together to celebrate the end of summer makes the Labor Day Tailgate memorable each year. — *Amy Wistreich*



*Please join us for...*

**The Field Club Annual Meeting**  
Friday, November 1, 2013

Twin Hills Country Club  
700 Wolf Swamp Road  
Longmeadow, MA

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



## Poolside Cocktail Party

It was a beautiful evening by the pool, and about fifty members enjoyed an evening of hors d'oeuvres, desserts and, of course, cocktails. The pool deck was illuminated by hundreds of tiny, white lights taken from the holiday decorations of **Noreen Shea, Sally Gallucci** and **Chris Nicholson**. The flowers on the tables were cut from **Anne Barnhart's** and **Cathy Kietzman's** gardens – a special thank you to them for their blue and white hydrangeas. There was dancing to music provided by a DJ, which was enjoyed by all. Although it was a warm evening and people were highly spirited, no one ended up in the pool; nevertheless, thank you to lifeguards **Caroline and Zike** for being there just in case.



Thanks to all who made this night a fun way to spend an end of summer Saturday evening with good friends by the Field Club pool.

— *Chris Nicholson*

## Congratulations are in Order...

**Marge Magill**, who is often seen swimming laps in our pool, participated in the National Senior Games Association competition in Cleveland Ohio in July. Over three days, she swam in six events, four freestyle and two backstroke – all timed finals. Lowering her seed times in every event, she won two gold medals ( 50 yd Back & 500 yd Free) and four silver medals (100yd Back, 50 yd, 100 yd, and 200 yd Free). A very rewarding experience!





## Daiquiri Doubles

The Field Club hosted its Third Annual Triple D Day (Daiquiri Doubles Day) on August 4. This year, we added a fourth D: drenching! All tennis and drinking abilities were invited. Despite the rain, 28 members showed up for 1.5 sets of friendly tennis and were rewarded by thirst-quenching, delicious strawberry daiquiris topped with fresh mint provided by mixologist David Pleet. Great food was provided by the participants. Cheers to those who stuck it out through the thunder, rain, hail and wind! Hope to see you next year for Triple D Day in the sunshine! — *Jacqueline Pleet*

## Lost and Found

Please do not forget to check out the Lost and Found, which is currently located in the Tennis Pro Shop. We've got towels, sun glasses, flip flops, etc.... all of which will be donated to charity after Columbus Day weekend. — *Jim Girotti*



## Next Deadline January 24

This is the last edition of *The Baseline* for 2013. The next issue will be distributed in February 2014. The deadline for this edition will be Friday, January 24, 2014, but feel free to send your submissions to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague (lsprague7@cox.net) anytime between now and then.



## 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 September 20, 2013:

### Voted-In Wait List

1. Acker, Brian & Divina (returning members)
2. Appleman, David & Karen (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 & Marya (Dhamodharan)
8. Welch, William & Paula (O'Reilly)
9. Kelly, Brendan & Lisa (Hammett)
10. Wartman, Dave & Katie (Bagge)
11. Sabatini, Rich & Katie (Kratovil)
12. Cannizzo, Frank & Susan (Greenberg)
13. Grinstead, Steve & Dee Dee (White)
14. Distefeno, Chris & Kristen (Hornyak)
15. Conway, Tom & Kara (Edwards)
16. Chamberland, Michael & Debra (O'Connor)
17. Greenman, Carri & Tim (Oh)
18. Kasperowski, Brian & Emily (Brais)

## 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 our Membership Chairperson, Carolyn Marchese, at [carolynmarchese@comcast.net](mailto:carolynmarchese@comcast.net) or by calling 567-3599.

— *Karen Brayton*





## Junior Tennis Wrap Up

Junior tennis had a busy summer. Attendance at clinics was fantastic, and there will be lots of future stars on the Field Club courts in a few years!

**Ann Boisvert and the assistant pros** did a wonderful job organizing weekly tournaments and round robins for all of the participants from tots to teens.

The junior tennis program finished with singles, doubles and mixed doubles championships. Trophies were presented at the end-of-the-season awards party on August 23, and pizza and cake were enjoyed by all.

The Most Improved Player Award went to **Brendan McGeer**, the Sportsmanship Award went to **Will Hornyak** and the Coaches Award was presented to **Pierce Leveillee**. Trophies were also given in each age group for the singles, doubles and mixed doubles championships. The winners of the other summer tournaments (French Open, US Open, etc.) were recognized with sweet treats.

The Field Club USTA U14 team won the Western Mass State Championship at Forest Park and moved on to the New England Section Championship at UMass Amherst. They did very well, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> of six teams. A team from Norwalk, CT, won and will be going on to the Nationals. **Kim Burns** did a great job organizing all the matches this summer, and Coach **Tom Koziol** was fabulous with the kids, giving feedback and helping the players improve their games.

The Field Club's own **PJ Nasser** (junior pro) coached a local U18 team, which included some of our members and won the New England Sectional! The team will be going to Nationals in South Carolina in October. Good luck, PJ!

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.



Ann and the junior pros did a great job with the clinics. Have a good winter and hope you all find some time to play tennis before next summer. See all of you on the courts again next summer!

— Mary Adler



The Field Club's Junior Tennis program features many future tennis stars!



A special cake to help celebrate a successful Junior Tennis season.



Good luck to the U18 team members as they head to Nationals in South Carolina this month!



## Tennis Committee News and Event Report

We have come to the end of another great tennis season.

Almost all the courts were used by children and adults on a daily basis. With such great weather this season, the tournaments had an excellent turn out. Of course, the courts were in great shape thanks to **Jim Girotti** and his maintenance crew. Another great thanks goes out to Tennis Pro **Anne Boisvert** for doing an amazing job teaching and managing the tennis staff!

### Men's/Women's Doubles Championship

On August 24, the Men's/Women's Doubles Championship were held. The men's doubles tournament was cancelled because not enough teams signed up to make it competitive. The ladies played a round robin with five teams total. The most games were won by **Michel Ditomassi** and **Kelly Hellstein**. They were rewarded with a bottle of wine as a prize. All shared a lunch from The Grapevine restaurant.

### Men's/Women's Singles Championship

September 1st saw a great day of tennis singles matches. Eight men and seven women came to play for the right to be called Club champion. **Kelly Hellstein** and **Kate Morneau** battled it out on the women's side, with Kelly eventually becoming the champion. On the men's side **Jeff Morneau** became the winner over **Carl Wistreich**.

### Mixed Doubles

The Mixed Doubles was held on September 1, and with twelve teams playing, it was the largest turnout for a championship in a long while. **Per Nilsson** and **Kelly Hellstein** defeated **Marna Shields** and **Jason Smith**. The Grapevine provided a fantastic lunch.

Congratulations to Kelly Hellstein on becoming a triple crown champion!

### Season Ending Mixer

On a warm, sunny September afternoon, 32 tennis players came out for the last tennis event of the summer. **Tom O'Brien** made sure the tennis mixer was both fun and competitive. **Gerrit Toebes** (wine connoisseur) entertained everyone with some relaxing wine, steamed mussels and grilled sausage, with accompanying Italian meats and cheeses. A fitting end to a terrific summer tennis event! Thanks to all of the mixer hosts this summer.

— *Scott Brindle*



### USTA Junior Tennis Team

The Field Club U-14 Team had a marvelous season. The Tennis Team was made up of 22 of our junior tennis players. Each player played in at least two matches, and almost everyone showed up for the team practices. The two largest practices had 13 and 18 players! As a team, they got many compliments on both play and sportsmanship. We started out with a couple tough losses during the regular season, but pulled it together for the final tournament of the year at Forest Park and Ludlow Tennis Club. In that tournament, the USTA Regionals, we narrowly squeaked by Pittsfield to claim 1<sup>st</sup> place and go on to Sectionals. Sectionals were held at UMass three days later. The Field Club Team made a valiant effort, but placed third out of six, behind the winning Connecticut team and Vermont. As coach of the players, I was very impressed and proud of all of them for both playing well and being good sports.

— *Coach Tom Kozjol*



## Lane Lines

While watching the kids collect newly fallen red, yellow and orange leaves, I find myself reflecting on the wonderful poolside summer we all enjoyed. A big thanks to **Jim Girotti and the lifeguard staff** for such close attention to all the details it takes to keep the pool a safe, fun and welcoming place to spend the hot summer days.

**Caroline** and staff (**Shea, Kelly, Zike, Kristine, Correy, Kristen** and **Joe**) were a fantastic team. They were always there with a smile, a fun game and a kind approach to enforcing the “pool rules.” The organized swim meets were so well done. We had two at home against Longmeadow Country Club and Twin Hills and one away at LCC. We hope to see this fun new activity develop into a fun tradition.

A special thanks to those who chaired the kids’ poolside events. **Sherri Ehrenberg** organized the middle school party, reported to be a big success. **Deirdre Mailloux** chaired the Minnows Party (ages 4-7), during which the kids enjoyed field games, painting and, of course, swimming! Thanks to the enthusiasm of Chairs **May Oh** and **Wendy Upson**, fun was also had by the bigger kids at the Clownfish Party (ages 8-10). **Alison Schechtman** and **Judy D’angelo** organized the School of Fish Party (ages 4-12), featuring a hunt for the founder’s rock, diving for stones, and the ever-popular greased watermelon game. Thanks, Zike!

All in all, it was a successful season at the pool. It has been a pleasure spending the past few months with summer friends. Have a great fall, winter and spring. See you next summer!

— *Amy Tyler and Erin Hornyak*

## Register for Junior Paddle Clinics Now

The Junior Paddle clinics can introduce you to platform tennis, allow you to improve your skills and give you a chance to join your friends outdoors during the winter. Whether you have played before or will be holding a paddle for the first time, come join us!

This year, we will be meeting on **Wednesday** afternoons. Beginners and Advanced Beginners (ages 10+) will play from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and the Intermediate clinics (ages 12+) will take place from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

### *Junior Paddle Clinic sessions are as follows:*

Session I: November 6, 13, 20, 27  
Session II: December 4, 11, 18,  
Session III: January 8, 15, 22, 29  
Session IV: February 5, 12, 19, 26  
Tournament/wrap-up parties: March 5

We are also planning to incorporate a couple of junior paddle tournaments to give participants an opportunity to show off their skills.

There is no charge for the clinics; however, space is limited to the first 12 players per clinic and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call or email coach Rick Plaut to sign up for the sessions. He can be reached at 413-567-0950 or [rickplaut@comcast.net](mailto:rickplaut@comcast.net).

Looking forward to another stellar season!

— *Rick Plaut*



## Consider Joining the APTA

Paddle Season is officially here! Our courts are being used by more members and APTA tournaments have begun. Participating in Field Club and APTA tournaments are a great way to meet new people and improve your game. As a member of the Field Club, you are eligible to join the APTA at a discounted rate. As an APTA member, you not only get to participate in APTA tournaments, but you also receive their monthly magazine with great tips and articles – one of which featured our new hut last year! If you would like to learn more or are ready to join the APTA, please contact Brad Hoffman at (413) 538-1319 or [bandchoffman@gmail.com](mailto:bandchoffman@gmail.com). — *Brad Hoffman*



## Paddle Season Has Arrived...

*... to help get you started, here's some useful news and information from the Paddle Committee:*

### Summer Paddle

Those of you who played paddle throughout the summer have an edge on the rest of us, but we will catch up soon. When you have some time, check out the videos from Summer Paddle across the country at [www.paddleplayer.com/videos](http://www.paddleplayer.com/videos). These short videos will inspire you for the upcoming season. The Field Club hosted its First Annual Summer Paddle Tournament on one of the most beautiful summer days in July. There were 14 teams from near and far (Longmeadow, MA to Atlanta, GA) and fun was had by all. **Naren Dhamodharan** and **Jeff Morneau** narrowly edged **Alex Seiler** and **John Hughes** in an exciting final.

### New Players

Want to play? Don't know where to start? **SAVE THE DATE** for **Paddle 101...Sunday, November 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** This is a FREE clinic run by members for members. We will introduce you to the game of Platform Tennis and other players. Most members had no formal instruction but started playing by getting on a sub list and participating in the Field Club mixers.

### Contract Times

Contract times begin October 14 (after Columbus Day) and run through the end of April 2014. Contract dates, times, captains and groups for the prime hours on Monday through Thursday are posted on the website and in the paddle hut. The following time slots remain open for reservation through the reservation line (413-594-1230): Monday (3 courts @ 5:30 p.m.; 2 @ 8:30 p.m.); Tuesday (2 courts @ 5:30 p.m.; 1 @ 7 p.m.; 1 @ 8:30 p.m.); Wednesday (4 courts @ 5:30 p.m.); Thursday (2 courts @ 5:30 p.m.; 1 @ 7 p.m.; 1 @ 8:30 p.m.).

The Paddle Committee was asked to remind captains and members of the following: (1) a "contract" is a commitment to use the court on a regular basis, and (2) a member can only participate in two contract groups.

### Season Schedule

The schedule of planned events is posted on the website and in the paddle hut. The Paddle Committee is looking for additional sponsors to help out with events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kate Morneau.

### Contact Info

Please do NOT hesitate to reach out to the Paddle Committee with any questions or concerns regarding Platform Tennis (paddle). Contact Jeff Morneau at [jmorneau@cmolawyers.com](mailto:jmorneau@cmolawyers.com) or Kate Morneau at [kbmorneau@yahoo.com](mailto:kbmorneau@yahoo.com). — Jeff Morneau

## 2013-2014 Platform Tennis Events

*Mark your calendars for the following events and mixers:*

### Kick Off Mixer

Friday, October 18, 2013  
7 to 10 p.m.

### Paddle 101 Clinic

Sunday, November 10, 2013  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Wine and Cheese Mixer

Friday, November 15, 2013  
7 to 10 p.m.

### APTA Event (Men's 95+)

Saturday, November 23, 2013  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Men's Wanna Be

Saturday, December 08, 2013  
9 am to 5 p.m.

### Paddle Clinic/Exhibition

Friday, December 13, 2013  
5 to 10 p.m.

### APTA Event (Men's National)

Saturday, December 14, 2013  
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Mid-Season Mixer

Sunday, January 12, 2014  
3 to 6 p.m.

### Men's A/B Tournament

Sunday, January 19, 2014  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Men's Superbowl Event

Sunday, February 02, 2014  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Women's Oscars Event

Sunday, February 23, 2014  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### APTA Event (Women's Open)

Saturday, March 01, 2014  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Mixed Championship

Saturday, March 15, 2014  
8 am to 3 p.m.

### Men's A/Men's B/Women's Open Championship

Saturday, March 29, 2014  
8 am to 5 p.m.

### End of Season Mixer

Sunday, April 06, 2014  
5 to 8 p.m.

