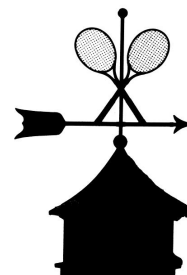

THE BASELINE

Field Club News

June 2014



A Message from the President

Finally, spring is here, and that means the Club's busy season is about to begin as the gardeners' are out in full force, the pool has been filled and the tennis courts are prepped. Tennis season is now upon us, and by the time this *Baseline* goes to print, all 14 courts will be available. **Jim Girotti** has been all over the Club, as usual, making sure the pool, the snugery and the grounds are ready for spring.

The summer of 2014 will be an exciting one, highlighted by celebrating our 50th Anniversary on July 5th. This event will feature a tennis mixer in the morning, followed by a celebration in the afternoon/evening. A morning breakfast is planned for all past presidents, as well. We are anticipating a large membership turnout for the celebration and, in addition, many former members may also be attending. I hope you all have this date on your calendars.

The Tennis Committee, led by Chairs **Mike Freedman** and **Michelle Meth**, have a done a great job in organizing the committee and setting up over 15 events, from our opening May 26th mixer for new members to our season-ending mixer on September 14, 2014. One date not to be missed, and which all of you should have received post cards about, is the **Davis Cup** set for **Saturday, June 21st**. The committee has set a goal for 96 members, and at last count, I believe over 40 members have already signed up. It should be a great event, and I hope we will see both new and veteran members of the Club come out to play. I think the Davis Cup is truly one of the best events we have. A full slate of events for this season can be found on our website and in the *Guidebook*. Events planned are for all types of players, both advanced and beginner. Mixers are a great place to practice the game and socialize after the tennis match is over.

The Board has voted on the creation of a new membership category aimed at single, younger member's aged 23 to 30 that are not legacies. This category will provide for the admission of six younger members each year, provided they are vetted

through our usual membership process. The younger members will pay the same yearly dues as other single members; however, they will be allowed to pay the initiation fee over an extended period of time. Total initiation will be due in full upon the year they turn 30 or if they become a family membership. Specific details will be sent via an email blast later this summer, and the membership category will go into effect for our next fiscal year.

The summer also means our staff will be teaching tennis and swimming to our kids. Once school is out, the Club will be running on the regular summer schedule. Please check upcoming email blasts, along with bulletin boards and the Club's website, for information about swimming lessons, family swim time and other Club events.

Our Spring Fling this year was held at Longmeadow Country Club and was a huge success. We sold out the event and had many new faces attend. It was a fun night, with good food, music, dancing and a video tribute to our 50th anniversary. Thank you to Social Chairs **Amy Ratner** and **Wendy Upson**, along with **Sherri Ehrenberg**, the Board liaison for Social, for organizing a great event. I also want to thank **Asa Nilsson** for taking on the task of the *Guidebook* for this year. Please refer to the *Guidebook* for a calendar of events, committee chairs and information about our members. Any changes in the *Guidebook* should be sent to Asa.

Remember, the Club is our club, and it is run primarily by volunteers, even though in the summer we do have staff. The more members who volunteer to be on committees, the better it is for everyone. I strongly encourage all of our newer members to get involved and help us continue to make the Club a great place for all of us.

The Club continues to notify our membership through email blasts, so it is critical that we have your updated email information. It is our goal to use

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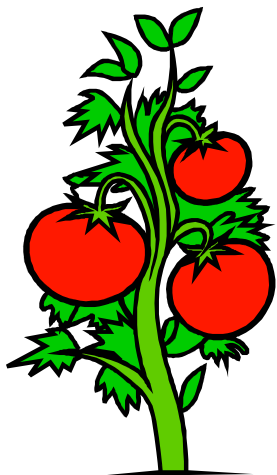
email as much as possible for all communications, including billing, as way to reduce our costs. If you are not getting regular email information from the Club, please make sure we have your correct information.

If you are looking to sponsor a new member, please contact our membership chair, **Karen Brayton**. Although our membership list is full, it is always a good idea to build our waiting list.

Finally, please remember our guest policy for both the pool and tennis. Please sign in your guests, and remember that members are allowed to bring a guest once every four weeks to the Tennis Court and twice to the pool over the same four-week period. If you have an overnight guest, they may be welcome up to 15 days per year. Special guest requests should be brought to the Board's attention.

I look forward to a successful and "warm" season, so that we all can enjoy what the Club can offer.

Take Care,
GARY M. WEINER



Garden Plots

The garden plots are not only thawed, which we are ever so grateful for this year, but also manure-delivered, rototilled, and re-supplied with water now that the pool is filled. We look forward to a good summer of getting the most out of the little spaces of full sun that we are lucky to have at the Field Club.

We welcomed several new garden plot tenants this year, and also new co-gardeners, as a few plots are being generously shared. What a great community we have at the Club! Stroll through sometime on your way to the pool and see what people are growing. At the moment, "the doctors" are way ahead, but we all aim to catch up! If you have some sun at home, plant some veggies in containers or in the ground; it's a great way to get your own organic food for pennies! Happy growing! — *Dary Durfee*

Meet Our New Tot Lot & Kids Craft Director

Hannah Tarpey comes to us from Wilbraham, MA. She is a 2013 graduate of Minnechaug Regional High School, where she was a member of the swim team for four years and captained the team her senior year. She also helped coach the junior Falcon Swim Club for four years. Hannah recently finished up her first year of college at the University of Delaware. She is enthusiastic, outgoing, and has a great sense of humor!

The Tot Lot, which provides supervised childcare for children ages 1 through 7, will open for the summer season as soon as school gets out. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Kids Crafts will begin on Thursday, July 3rd.

Tot Lot Assistant

The Tot Lot is seeking assistants to help our Tot Lot Director. The job includes helping with crafts and stories, bringing children to and from tennis and swimming lessons, and playing with children. 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, contact Meralee Kratovil (bmkratovil@msn.com) with the list of weeks you are available (starting the week of June 30). Get your name in quickly, as the slots fill up! — *Meralee Kratovil*

Next Deadline July 14

The next edition of *The Baseline* will be out in early August. The deadline for this issue will be Monday, July 14. Please email your submissions to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague at lsprague7@cox.net.

Please Join Us as We Celebrate The Field Club's 50th Anniversary!

**Saturday, July 5, 2014
4 p.m.**

- Catered BBQ dinner
- Music Provided by DJ
- Lots of fun for the whole family!

RSVP to Jacquie Kenny at jwkfieldclub@gmail.com or 413-596-9964.

Schedule of Events:

9 a.m.	Tennis Mixer
10:30 a.m.	Past President's Coffee Hour (Paddle Hut)
1 p.m.	Pool, Field Games and Junior Tennis Round Robin
4 p.m.	Social Hour Under the Tent
5 p.m.	BBQ Dinner Served

B.Y.O.B.

Adults \$25

Kids \$10 (12 and under)

Members will be billed.

Former members please send check to
Jacquie Kenny, 5 Wildwood Lane,
Wilbraham, MA 01095 to
confirm your reservation.

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:

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:

- To locate two other members to write letters as a seconder and a support person.
- To assist candidates with the two-page application.
- 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**. 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.— *Karen Brayton*

Welcome to Our Newest Members:

Bill & Krista Scott



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 May 21, 2014:

Voted- in Wait List

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| 1. Cartelli, Damon & Debra | (Shanks) |
| 2. Baicker, Marty & Lark, Kelly | (Berg) |
| 3. Han, Jonathan & Jean Ann | (Posner) |
| 4. Campbell, Robert & Cynthia | (Putnam) |
| 5. Silva, Lani & Angie | (Brais) |
| 6. Silver, Steven & Patti | (Gang) |
| 7. Harris, Rodney & Tara | (Norman) |
| 8. Robinson, Pete & Katie | (Dunbar) |

Regular Wait List

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| 1. Macdonald, Greg & Debbie | (Ehrenberg) |
| 2. Walsh, Michael/McLaughlin, Mary | (Glenn) |

Attention Paddle Players... Lost and Found Last Chance!!

Are you missing something? Your favorite hat, college sweatshirt, gloves, water bottle, basketball, eye shields etc, etc. **Please come check out the very large assortment of articles on the table in the new paddle warming hut.** The dead line for "shopping" is Father's Day, Sunday, June 15th!

— *Jim Girotti*

Tennis Committee Reminders

- 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. Court reservations can also be made by calling 567-7728.
- All guests must be registered by each member before playing.
- Please remember to brush the courts after play.
- Lights must be turned off after playing past 9 p.m.
- Remember to read the *Guidebook* with respect to dress code and cell phone usage.

— *Scott Brindle*



Meet the 2014 Tennis Staff

Head Pro: Ann Boisvert

Ann returns for her 29th 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 Knight

Tom returns for his second season at the FC. He plays tennis at Assumption College, where his team made it to the NE10 Tournament. He also played four years of tennis at Minnechaug Regional High School, winning the Western Mass Doubles Title his senior year. Tom will be a sophomore at Assumption in the fall.

PJ Nassar, Jr.

PJ returns for his second summer as coordinator of Junior Tennis. He will be a senior at Western New England University, where he is on the Men's Tennis Team. He will also be coaching the Club's under 14 USTA team this summer. PJ coached his U18 USTA summer league team to a National Championship appearance last October. He is a Longmeadow High graduate and won the Western Massachusetts Doubles Title his senior year.

Eve Sullivan

Eve returns for her third season. She will graduate this year from Minnechaug Regional High School, where she played #1 singles for four years and was one of the top players in Western Mass. Eve was captain of the team and an 'ABC 40 Athlete of the Week.' She will begin a year of service in Americorps in Sacramento, California, in the fall.

Brian Gurski

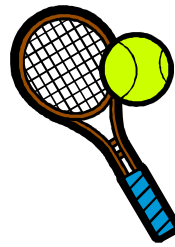
Brian, the newest member of our tennis staff, is a graduating senior at Minnechaug Regional High School, where he played #1 or #2 singles for the Falcons throughout his four-year tennis career. He was also named to the Western Mass "Super Seven" the past three years. Brian captained the team this year and is headed for the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester in the fall.

The Davis Cup... Save the Date To Play!

**Saturday, June 21, 2014
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Come join in on making this year's annual signature event a fun and memorable one! Players of all levels are needed to make this a success. Enjoy field games between matches, as well as breakfast, lunch and a player's gift.

Register by noontime on June 19.
Sign up at either the Tennis/Paddle Hut areas or by contacting Connie Pierson (bobconniep@comcast.net) or Brian Grayboff (grayboff@comcast.net).



**If anyone is interested
in being a co-captain,
please let us know.**

See you there!
— The Davis Cup Committee

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!



Lane Lines

Pool season is upon us, and we are gearing up for another fabulous summer 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 (*Now through the end of school, June 25th*):

Weekends (Sat. and Sun.)	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through Friday	3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Regular Summer Hours (*Starting Thursday, June 26th*):

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.	Family Swim

Weekends:	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-Wednesday, Friday:	10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday :	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 30th. Please refer to the FC Guidebook for swim lesson schedule and specific guidelines. Updates and reminders can also be found on the website.

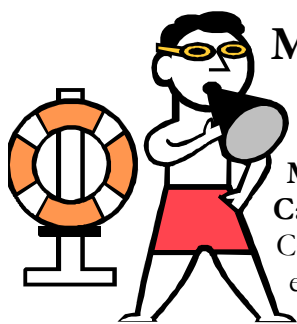
Pool Events: We have a great line-up of pool parties for all ages. Please sign your children up at the pool bulletin board. Updates and reminders can also be found on the website.

Thursday, June 26	Middle School Fun Night (Grades 6-8)
Tuesday, July 15	Minnows Poolside Party (Ages 4-7)
Thursday, July 17	Clownfish Pool Party (Ages 8-10)
Tuesday, July 29	School of Fish Poolside Party (Ages 4-12)
Thursday, August 7	Member/Guest (All ages)

Come out and join us for some summer FUN in the SUN....
see you all poolside!

— Lori McMahon and Beth Renola





Meet the 2014 Pool Staff

Manager: Caroline Murphy

Caroline is returning for her eighth season at the Field Club, her second as pool manager. She earned a Masters of Education degree from Springfield College this spring. She is currently finishing her first year as a first-grade teacher in Bridgewater, MA. Caroline swam at Minnechaug and Bridgewater State University. She has her State Certification as a Pool Operator.

Assistant Manager: Kellie Pennington

Kellie returns for her seventh season and her second as assistant manager. She recently graduated from Springfield College with a Bachelors of Science and Sports Studies. Kellie defended her title as the 100-yard freestyle National Champion this year. She was also a four-year varsity swimmer at Monson High School. She is a certified Water Safety Instructor and recently earned her State Certification as a Pool Manager. Kellie enjoys teaching swim lessons and playing UNO with the kids.

Lifeguards:

Zike Tarzian — Zike is back for his sixth season at the FC. He earned a Bachelors in Political Science from UMass Amherst this year and is currently job searching. Zike was a four-year varsity swimmer at Minnechaug and loves to share his swim knowledge with the kids. His favorite class was "Intro to Anthropology."

Correy Murphy — Correy is returning for her third year. She will be a senior at the University of Rhode Island as a Nursing major in the fall. Correy played lacrosse at Minnechaug. She loves chicken caesar wraps from the Snuggery and teaching levels one and two.

Kristen Webber — Kristen will be back for her second year. In the fall she will be a junior at Boston College, where she is a member of the women's swim team. She majors in math and secondary education. Kristen was a four-year

varsity swimmer at Minnechaug. She looks forward to trying her first SnuggerMuffin this summer and teaching levels three and four.

Joe Knight — Joe is also returning for his second summer. He just finished his freshman year at Colby College, majoring in economics. He is a swimmer at Colby and recently took up club water polo. He swam four years at Minnechaug and was also class president. Joe loves to play water basketball with the kids.

Zoe Piccus — Zoe is new to the FC staff this season. She will be a sophomore at Tulane University in New Orleans, where she is studying neuroscience and is part of the club swim team. She graduated from Longmeadow High School in 2013, also a four-year varsity swimmer. Zoe has three years experience as a lifeguard and is also certified as a Water Safety instructor. She is very excited to meet all the kids and try SnuggerMuffins.

Jaylyn Tarzian — Jaylyn is also new to the FC. She will be a senior at Minnechaug in the fall. She is a four-year varsity swimmer and also plays field hockey. Jaylyn looks forward to spending every day with her brother, Zike, and to joining the FC family. Jaylyn has previous lifeguarding experience at the Wilbraham YMCA.

Max Rubin — Max is new to the staff, as well. He will be a senior at Longmeadow High School, where he will be a varsity swim team captain. He also plays soccer at LHS. Max was voted "Best Hair" and enjoys going to the beach. He has previous lifeguarding experience at the JCC.

— *Jim Girotti*



See you at the pool!!