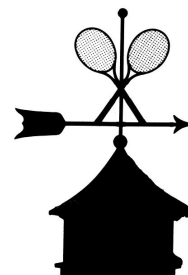

THE BASELINE

Field Club News

June 2015



A Message from the President

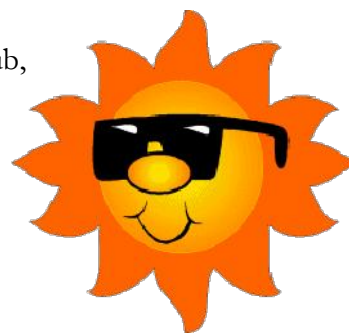
By the time you read this, the Field Club will be in full swing with the diverse activities that make the club so enjoyable. The pool opened in time for Memorial Day weekend, although the water was still a bit chilly due to the cold nights. The Snuggery is in top shape, sporting bright new awnings, and the pool deck has several new pool chairs for the season. In case you missed it, check out the new paint job on the entire exterior of the pool locker room building – a project undertaken by some of your fellow members during the Spring Volunteer Day in early May.

The tennis courts are in excellent condition and already getting plenty of play. Courts 5, 6, 7 and 8 were completely rebuilt late last year and, by all reports, are as good as clay courts can get. The New Member Orientation and Tennis Mixer was a Memorial Day success, and the tennis event calendar is full of opportunities to use our excellent facilities. The Davis Cup event, a Field Club classic, is set for June 20, and a sign up sheet is filling up on the tennis bulletin board. When you go, you might notice a new coat of paint on all the tennis bleachers, plus the practice backboard... another accomplishment of the Spring Volunteer Day.

After the extended winter, the garden plots are busy with gardeners preparing for another satisfying season of growing flowers, vegetables, berries, spices and more. In addition, even though it's the off season, the paddle courts are seeing players on a regular basis.

No doubt it's going to be another great family summer at the Field Club, really ramping up when school comes to an end. Be sure to check out the pool/tennis/social event calendars and sign up for as many events as you can. Plus, I encourage everyone to get involved in the area of your choice to whatever level you want to. You are part of a fantastic club... and (like most things) the more you put into it, the more you will get out of it.

I look forward to seeing you at our Field Club!



Sincerely,

Ken Vincunas

Garden Plot News

In the garden plots, it's been a long wait for the snow to leave, the winter damage to get repaired, and the soil to warm. This year, the plots were getting rototilled when normally we might have been picking peas. On Memorial Day weekend, the plots were humming, as many gardeners prepared them and planted their first crops. Quite a few are artfully arranged - be sure to stroll through once in a while and see what's growing. Five new plot members have stepped into the ring and joined our ranks... welcome! The plots grow gardeners, too! We will plan for a Garden Party sometime in June to get to know each other and exchange ideas and tips.



At this writing, there is one plot available. If you're interested in a little square of full sun to grow flowers and vegetables, please email me. Happy Spring! — *Darvy Durfee*

Countdown to Summer Fun!

The July 4th tailgate is around the corner! Come join in the fun on Sunday, July 5th. Pull up your car, pull out some summer grub, and enjoy the Twin Hills fireworks without the hassle! Sign up at the pool or tennis courts. If you are interested in hosting this event, please let Amy Ratner or Wendy Upson know. This is as simple as drafting an email to send to members and putting up posters at the pool and courts.

Thanks to **Lisa Kelly** and **Beth Renola**, there will be a **Family Campout** in August! Watch for details to follow soon. In addition, we are confirming our volunteers to host the **Poolside Adult Cocktail Party**, also in August.

As much as we hate to mention this, Labor Day will be here before we know it, and the Club will wrap-up a summer of fun with the ever-popular **Labor Day Tailgate**. This is also a very simple event to host. It requires working with Jim Girotti to arrange for the popcorn/cotton candy and ice cream truck delivery. Please let us know if you are interested.

Finally, Amy's and Wendy's time will come to an end, and the Field Club needs two new spirits to take the lead on social events for 2016 through 2017. It really is an easy task... it just requires asking for some help from friends every now and then. If you can spare 10-20 hours a year (yes, a year - if even that), then this is a great way to help the Club, meet new people and have fun.

Thanks to all of you for your consideration, as we know you are all busy and all have contributed in many different ways. Happy almost summer!

— *Mona Swanson*

Field Club Apparel

For all those who are interested in a little sun protection or something to keep you warm on a chilly summer night, there will be Field Club hats and sweatshirts for sale in the pro-shop. If you have any questions, please email Cynthia Leveillee.

— *Mona Swanson*

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.
- Turn off lights after playing past 9 p.m.
- Remember to read the *Guidebook* with respect to dress code and cell phone usage.

— *Mike Freedman*

Next Deadline July 24

The next edition of *The Baseline* will be distributed in early August. The deadline for submissions will be Friday, July 24. Send your news items and photos to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague at lsprague7@cox.net.

Attention Members: 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

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, 2015:

Regular Wait List

Ryan and Michelle Wilson	(Kuhr)
Scott and Stephanie Foster	(Soder)
Bill and Kim Moccio	(Orr)
Brian and Charlene Case	(Friedberg)
Stephen and Jennifer Keaney	(Nicholson)

New Member Mixer



The 2015 Field Club tennis season started out strong with the New Member Mixer held on Monday, May 25th. Fifteen members took to the courts for a morning of social play and mingling, followed by a delicious welcome lunch provided by the Field Club. All the new member participants had a chance to meet board members, ask questions, and get the low down on the upcoming adult tennis events.

As of this printing, we were preparing for the Saturday, June 6th Win for Wine Tennis Mixer. Many more mixers are still to come. Please join us! — *Tricia Freedman*



Meet the 2015 Tennis Staff

Head Pro: Ann Boisvert

Ann returns for her 30th season at the FC. She is an amazing teacher and exhibits a lot of patience on the court. She also has a great sense of humor and oversees a terrific Junior Tennis program with the help of our four college tennis assistants.

Assistants:

Thomas Knight

Tom returns for his 3rd season, the first as Junior Tennis coordinator. Soon to be a junior at Assumption College, he is a business management major. Tom swam and played tennis for Minnechaug, where he was a Western Mass Doubles champion. Tom is excited to see all the members again and play tennis with the kids.

Brian Gurski

Brian returns for his 2nd year as a tennis assistant. He graduated from Minnechaug in 2014 and will be a sophomore at the College of the Holy Cross, where he studies history. Brian is interested in becoming a college professor. He is a member of the tennis team at Holy Cross and is looking forward to another great season!

Brian Kavanagh

Brian is new to our tennis staff. He is a 2014 Minnechaug graduate and just finished his freshman year at St. Anselm College. Brian won the Western Mass Doubles Championship his senior year at Minnechaug and was a 4-year varsity athlete. He continues to play tennis at St. Anselm College. Brian looks forward to getting to know our members and giving lessons to the kids.

Patrick O'Shea

Patrick is also new to the tennis staff. He is going into his junior year as a mathematics and economics double major at The College of the Holy Cross. Patrick plays four singles and two doubles on the Holy Cross Men's Tennis team. He was a four-year varsity tennis player at Minnechaug. He looks forward to getting to know the members and the kids!

— *Jim Girotti*

Introducing Our New Tot Lot and Kids Craft Director

CC Lynch lives in Longmeadow and is a Graduate of the Westminster School in Simsbury, CT. She is college bound, but has not decided where to attend as of this writing. She is outgoing and has a great sense of humor. CC is recently certified in First Aid/CPR and in the use of the AED machine. She has previous experience working as a nanny last summer.

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 noon, weather permitting. Kids Crafts will begin on Thursday, July 2nd. — *Jim Girotti*

Pool Hours

The Field Club pool is now officially open! Now through the end of school (June 17), the pool will be open for general use weekdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular summer hours are as follows:

Weekdays:

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(Pool open for lessons only)

12:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

(Pool open for general use)

6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

(Pool open for Family Swim - two lap lanes)

Weekends:

9:00 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Pool open for lap swim only - wading
pool closed

10 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Pool open for general use

6 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Family Swim

**Come on out for a
refreshing swim!**



Tennis News

The start of the 2015 tennis season is ready to start! We have been busy planning and organizing the upcoming summer events. There will be plenty of fun and even some competitive events, allowing everyone to participate. Some themes planned for this year's events include wine tasting, daiquiri, pot luck, Oktoberfest and, of course, the Davis Cup.

So, get ready for a great summer on the courts. Look for sign-up sheets at the courts and email blasts for details.

— Mike Freedman and Elyse Dunbar

2015 Junior Tennis Events

Friday, June 26	Junior Opener Pizza Round Robin
Tuesday, June 30	Tot Open
Wednesday, July 1	US Open
Wednesday, July 8	French Open
Wednesday, July 15	Australian Open
Wednesday, July 22	Wimbledon
Wednesday, July 29	Junior Davis Cup
Saturday, August 1	Family Round Robin
Wed. & Thurs., August 5 & 6	Doubles/Mixed Doubles Championship
Wed. & Thurs., August 12 & 13	Singles Championship
Wed., August 19	Corcoran Cup
Thursday, August 20	End of Season Tot Party
Friday, August 21	Awards Party

Event information updates can be found on the Field Club website, tennis bulletin board, monthly calendars and upcoming editions of The Baseline.

2015 Adult Tennis Schedule

Adult Mixer

Saturday, June 6

Adult Mixer

Sunday, June 13

Davis Cup

Saturday, June 20

Adult Mixer

Saturday, June 27

Adult Mixer

Sunday, July 5

Daiquiri Mixer

Saturday, July 11

Adult Mixer

Sunday, July 19

Adult Mixer

Saturday, August 1

Adult Mixer

Friday, August

M/W Doubles

Saturday, August 22

M/W Singles

Saturday & Sunday, August 29 & 30

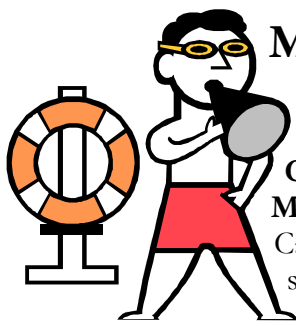
Mixed Doubles Championship

Saturday, September 12

Season End Mixer (Oktoberfest)

Saturday, September 19





Meet the 2015 Pool Staff

Caroline Murphy Manager

Caroline returns for her 9th season at the Field Club and her 3rd as manager. She has

her state certification as a Pool Operator. Caroline is a kindergarten teacher in Bridgewater. She swam at Minnechaug and Bridgewater State University. She looks forward to having a Snuggermuffin after her July wedding!

Kellie Pennington

Kellie returns for her 8th season at the Field Club and her 3rd as assistant manager. She has her state certification as a Pool Operator and as a WSI (Water Safety Instructor). Kellie is a Springfield College master's student and is completing an internship in California. She is an accomplished collegiate swimmer who enjoys teaching children to swim.

Correy Murphy

This is Correy's 4th summer as a Field Club lifeguard. She will be finishing her nursing degree at the University of Rhode Island in the fall. Correy was an accomplished high school athlete. She loves playing water basketball with the kids and enjoys Snuggermuffins.

Kristen Webber

Kristen is returning as a 3rd year lifeguard and 2nd year Field Club Swim Team Coach. Kristen will be a senior at Boston College, studying secondary education and mathematics. She is on the BC swim team and has been training for her first triathlon. Kristen enjoys organizing swim meets and watching the kids have fun!

Joe Knight

This is Joe's 3rd year as a Field Club lifeguard. He will be a junior at Colby College, where he studies economics and mathematics. Joe is on the Colby swim team and was a four-year Minnechaug swimmer. He was also his high school class president and continues his peer leadership as Student Body President at Colby.

Jaylyn Tarzian

Jaylyn returns for her 2nd year as a lifeguard. She is a 2015 Minnechaug graduate, where she swam for four years and was named captain her senior year. Jaylyn will attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania this upcoming fall to study respiratory therapy. She is happy to have spent one summer here with her brother, Zike, and is looking forward to playing diving board games.

Max Rubin

This will be Max's 2nd year as a Field Club lifeguard. He is a 2015 graduate of Longmeadow, where he swam and played soccer. Max will be spending the upcoming year in Israel, taking classes, completing an internship, and volunteering in the community through the Year Course program. He is looking forward to continuing his life-guarding career.

Hannah Tarpey

Hannah returns as a 1st year lifeguard for the Field Club after subbing last summer. You may recognize her as our 2014 Tot Lot and Kid's Crafts Director. Hannah is a 2013 Minnechaug graduate, where she swam for four years and was named captain her senior year. She is currently a biology student at UMass Amherst. Hannah is looking forward to teaching swim lessons and working on her tan this summer.

Matthias Maaloe

Matthias is going into his senior year at Minnechaug. He moved from Denmark in 7th grade and has worked as a Wilbraham YMCA lifeguard in the past. He enjoys going to the gym and is looking forward to getting to know the members of the Field Club.

— *Jim Girotti*

Make the Most of 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!