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# THE BASELINE

## *Field Club News*

August 2015

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### A Message from the President

#### *Sweeet Summertime!*

Summer is here, school is out, and the Field Club is a busy place. Manager **Jim Girotti** and his diligent staff are working hard to keep the Club humming, with most of the effort going on behind the scenes without any fanfare. If there is one thing I've learned, it's that a LOT goes on in the background to make the Club run smoothly. Kudos to Jim and his staff for making it look easy.

Although there are many options in the summer, I hope you are enjoying your Club and all its wonderful offerings. Unfortunately, I have some lingering elbow issues and am not able to play tennis or paddle at this time, but I frequently stop by the tennis courts and am pleased to see how many members are enjoying them day and night. I hear many positive remarks about the conditions of the courts, especially the new courts 5 - 8, renovated at the end of last season. In case you are missing it, numerous successful mixers have been played, with several more to come. Be sure to check the events calendar and get in on the fun.

In addition, the Social Committee has been busy holding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July tailgate, which was a smash hit, and looking forward to the Family Campout on August 8<sup>th</sup>, the Poolside Party on August 28<sup>th</sup> and the Labor Day tailgate. These social functions are a great way to meet fellow members, to reminisce about old times, and to plan some new memories, too. Contact **Mona Swanson** if you would like to get involved in co-hosting one of these great events, and she will get you lined up.

Regarding Paddle, at long last I can report that Platform Tennis courts 1 and 2 have brand new lighting fixtures ahead of the upcoming season. After resolving some lengthy vendor issues, your board and some paddle evangelists have finally completed this effort and look forward to many nights of well-lit paddle. Our platform tennis facility is very highly regarded and will be the host of three APTA events this season for our members and some of the world's other finest players... stay tuned for details in the coming months.

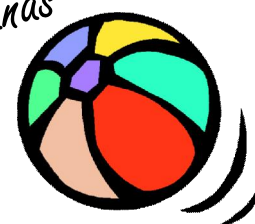
Please remember that this summer is your chance to introduce your favorite friends to the Club by bringing them to the pool, the tennis courts or the social events. If you have a family, couple, or individual who would appreciate the Field Club, contact **Karen Brayton** for the specifics of sponsoring a new member. The waiting list is relatively short right now, so your friends could be thanking you soon for sponsoring them to join this fabulous club.

Enjoy the summer, stay cool, and watch out for that sunburn.

I look forward to seeing you at our Field Club!

Sincerely,

*Ken Vincunas*



## Garden Activity is in Full Swing!

The garden plots are looking especially stylish this year with the addition of some very upscale gates! I see these the moment I turn in the Field Club driveway and can't help but smile every time. Thank you to our inspired new gardeners – your enthusiasm is contagious!

The gardeners will gather again this year for an annual Garden Party on Thursday, August 13, at 5:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join us for some garden bounty hors d'oeuvres, garden talk, and our little show-and-tell tour around the plots. This is always a fun casual gathering of who ever is around, so please feel free to visit us at the gardens that evening!

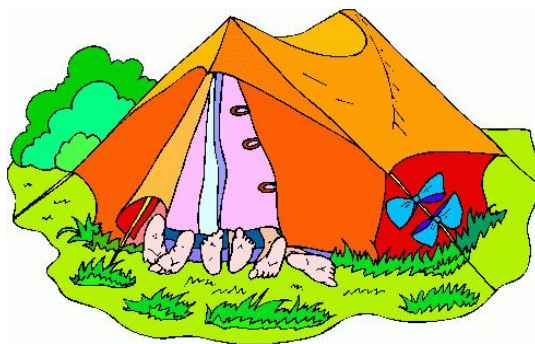
Hope everyone has something growing somewhere!  
– Darcy Durfee



Marna Shields tends to her garden.

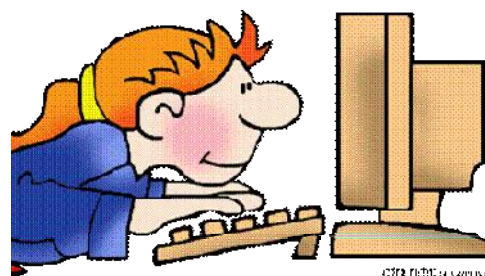


Gladiolas in full bloom.



## Field Club Annual Campout

Pitch your tents, unroll your sleeping bags and join us on **Friday August 7, 2015**, for a late night or sleepover. Bring your dinner, snacks and beverages. We will provide a campfire, s'mores, stories and games, as well as coffee, juice, bagels and doughnuts in the morning. Official set up time is 5 p.m. in the circle. Email your questions or sign up at [BethRenola1@gmail.com](mailto:BethRenola1@gmail.com) or [LisaMTKelly@gmail.com](mailto:LisaMTKelly@gmail.com). Hope to see you there! – Lisa Taylor Kelly



## Next Baseline Deadline September 21st

The next edition of *The Baseline* will be distributed in early October. This will be the last issue published in 2015. The deadline is **Monday, September 21st**. Please email your submissions to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague at [lsprague7@cox.net](mailto:lsprague7@cox.net).

## Welcome New Members!

Ryan and Michelle Wilson (Kuhr)

## 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 26, 2015:

### Regular Wait List

Scott and Stephanie Foster (Soder)

Bill and Kim Moccio (Orr)

Brian and Charlene Case (Friedberg)

Stephen and Jennifer Keaney (Nicholson)

Tim and Franca Conway (Mailoux)

Erin Beaulieu (Burns)

## More Tennis Fun to Come

We have had a great start to our tennis season, highlighted by the action packed Davis Cup event, which brought together players of all abilities for a fun-filled day. There have been numerous adult tennis mixers, providing opportunities to combine social tennis and meeting new people. The events have been well represented with various themes and delights. Come to one of the remaining events listed below and experience the magic!

August 1	Saturday Mixer
August 14	Friday Mixer
August 22	Saturday Men's/Women's Doubles Championships
August 29-30	Saturday-Sunday Men's/ Women's Singles Championships
September 12	Saturday Mixed Doubles Championships
September 19	Saturday Season End Mixer (Oktoberfest)

— Mike Freedman and Elyse Dunbar

## Consider Sponsorship 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 the wait list is short and the fall, when most of the membership openings become available, is just around the corner. Membership application packets can be requested from Membership Chairperson Karen Brayton at [craig.brayton@verizon.net](mailto:craig.brayton@verizon.net). — Karen Brayton

## Membership Classification

Changes in Membership Classification for the fiscal year that begins October 1<sup>st</sup> must be submitted to the Membership Chairperson on or before September 15<sup>th</sup> for such changes to take effect for the next fiscal year.

Written notification received and approved by the membership chairperson on or before September 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> will result in dues adjustment starting in the following fiscal year. — Karen Brayton

## Field Club Tot Lot At Your Service

Need a sitter while you play tennis or enjoy a swim? Take advantage of our Tot Lot. The Tot Lot is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon for members' children between the ages of 1 and 7. Our Tot Lot Director, CC, along with one of her junior assistants, will help keep the children safe and happy while you enjoy the Club. CC has planned weekly activities and will escort the children to swimming and tennis lessons. For a small hourly fee, you can enjoy the Club while your children have fun in the Tot Lot. — Beth Renola and Lori McMahon





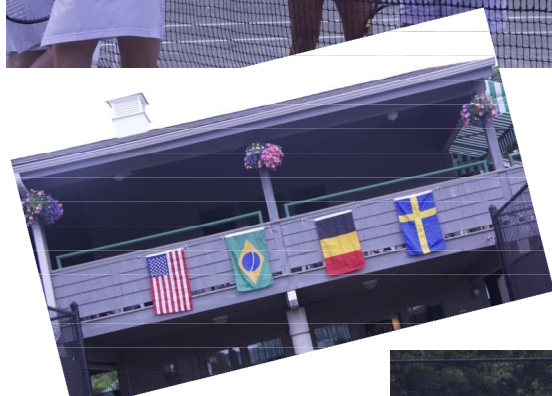


## Davis Cup 2015

More than 50 members turned out to enjoy the premier Field Club tennis event. Many close matches provided opportunities for great competition and also enabled participants to play with people they don't typically play with. In the end, Belgium, captained by **Lauren and Ryan Shanks**, prevailed.

The Grape Vine provided an excellent lunch enjoyed by all during our one-hour break. After that, the captains kept their teams going till the end, when everybody went home with a Field Club Davis Cup hat.

Thanks to Ann and Jim and their staff for keeping things going smoothly. – *Your hosts, Dave Appleman, Tom O'Brien and Gerrit Toebe*s



## Daiquiri Doubles Returns

The 5th return of the ever popular Daiquiri Doubles occurred on July 11th and was met with great weather! A new record number of people, 46, participated in this fun-filled and friendly social event. There was a wide range of tennis talents, but all seemed to excel at daiquiri consumption!

The event, hosted by **Lora Arnold, Jackie Pleet**, and the strawberry daiquiri maven, **David Pleet**, was a great opportunity to mix new and old "spirited" members together. Hope to see you next year! – *Jackie and David Pleet*

## June Mixer Warms Things Up

On Saturday, June 13, the Nicholson's and the Kietzman's hosted a casual "Mixed Doubles Warm-Up." A total of 16 folks signed up, and everyone enjoyed some fun tennis, while noshing on bagels, fruit and OJ in between. A great time was had by all! – *Tom Kietzman*





## Field Club Takes Facebook by Storm

Did you see the announcement about the pool closure due to an electricity failure after a storm? Besides sending you an email blast, as soon as we heard about it, the news was posted on Facebook.

Follow the Field Club on Facebook and stay up to date (more or less) on Field Club news, activities and mixers. We also post occasional pictures (samples here) of your friends enjoying their time at the Field Club.

Feel free to send the Field Club Facebook page pictures and announcements of Field Club events and, if you haven't already, "Like" our Field Club of Longmeadow Facebook page (so your friends can see how much fun we're having and just how awesome being a member can be).

If you want to know when our Facebook page has new posts "Like" the page and then hover over the "Liked" button on our Field Club Facebook page; the drop down menu will show "Get Notifications." When you click on that, Facebook will notify you every time we make a post.

See you at the Club or on Facebook! — *Rick Plant*



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## Lane Lines

Hello FC Pool Friends! Swim lessons are off to a great start and the swim team has already had two swim meets. Please keep checking the bulletin board at the pool for events and activities. Here are just a few of the upcoming activities:

### Member-Guest Party

Tuesday, August 4th, Host: Sherrie Ehrenberg

### FC Camp Out

Friday, August 7th, Hosts: Beth Renola and Lisa Kelly

### FC Scavenger Hunt

Friday, August 7th, Hosts: Beth Renola/Amy Tyler

### Poolside Party (All Ages)

Tuesday, August 18th, Host: TBD

### Swim Team

All Summer, Host: Beth Renola

We welcome ANY and ALL ideas for activities and/or events that YOU might want to share with the rest of the FC swim families. Please do not hesitate to contact Beth ([bethrenola1@gmail.com](mailto:bethrenola1@gmail.com), 413-567-6044) or Lori ([lorimac1975@gmail.com](mailto:lorimac1975@gmail.com), 754-3755).

— *Beth Renola and Lori McMahon*

