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# THE BASELINE

## *Field Club News*

June 2016

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### A Message from the President

**T**wo months have passed since our annual Spring Fling, which was held at the Springfield Country Club on April 1st. **Molly Orr** and **Victoria Wright** did a wonderful job planning, organizing, and hosting the event. Over one hundred and twenty (120) guests attended. For the first time in recent memory, we were able to enjoy the veranda, with its cool breeze and beautiful views of the city. Guests were enjoying the cocktail hour so much, a little extra persuading was necessary to move them to the main dining room (**Mike Freedman, Brian Prast**)! In my April letter to *The Baseline*, I said we should all look forward to the dancing acrobatics of **Jamie and Elyse Dunbar**. From what I saw from the sidelines, the Dunbar's now have competition on the dance floor from new members **Scott and Stephanie Foster**.

I had the pleasure of introducing our new general manager, **Jeff Dubiel**, at the dinner. I want to thank all our members for their warm welcome. Invitations will soon be sent out for an official welcoming party for Jeff, which will be held in July. Lastly, I want to extend a special thanks to **Amy Tyler**, for providing the flower arrangements, and to **Mona Swanson**, for all her help with the event.

The paddle season is now behind most of us. With the exception of our semi-professional paddle players, such as **Brad Hoffman, Bob Conley, Tom Kietzman** and **Bill Santaniello**, who are playing summer paddle, we are now moving into our tennis and swim season. Beginning this year, the Board of Governor's has decided to introduce some new events to our club. We are very excited to introduce the following three events:

1. **The Founders Cup Tournament** — Our club has been in existence for fifty-two (52) years now. To honor the founding members who conceived, financed and built the Field Club of Longmeadow, we thought it was time to honor their achievement and generosity. We will do this in a small way by naming the Club's mixed doubles championship, "The Founder's Cup Tournament." This year, the championship will be held on September, 10th. We hope to see many members sign up for this tournament and compete to get their names inscribed on the trophy.

2. **The Paul Doherty Service Award** — As all of you know, our good friend and past founding governor, Paul Doherty, passed away this year. I received many suggestions from members to do something special to honor Paul's legacy at the Field Club. After some discussion by the Board, and with the approval of the Doherty Family, we have decided to recognize a member with The Paul Doherty Service Award. This award will go to a member who has demonstrated an exemplary level of service to the Field Club. The honor will be presented to one of our members at the annual meeting in November. We will be sending out an email blast in the next couple of weeks with more details.

3. **Pickle Ball** — We have received several inquiries regarding a new and popular sport among our more senior members. Many of you have either played in Florida (Ocean Reef Club) or at the Greenwood Senior Center. In response to your request, we will be bringing pickle ball to one of the hard courts this summer. I hope to see the lines painted by the end of June.

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## ... A Message from the President (continued)

Lastly, we held our Volunteer Day on May 14th. Many members turned out to offer their time and support on a beautiful day. **Tom Kietzman**, power washed the back wall of the Snuggery with supervision from **John Glenn**, **Chris Messier** and **John Lake**. **Lowell Putnam** scraped the tennis steps leading up to the desk, while **Ken Vincunas** painted the steps, as well as the tennis shed. We also saw **Steve Gelling** and **David Fuller** painting Adirondack chairs. This year, the landscaping was headed by **Pete Mancuso**, with **Dan Rothschild** and **Gerrit Toebe**s assisting. **Sandy Lake**, **Marty Baicker**, **Carol Cardinal** were also seen raking along the tree line. A special thanks goes out to **Kevin Shields** and **Jocelyn Mailloux** for picking up all the golf balls behind the tot lot!

We are now back to full membership and have begun building up a wait list again. Because of all of our member ambassadors, our club's reputation continues to be recognized as a family friendly club. We should be proud that we all contribute to carrying on the founder's intentions – "to promote the general health and well being of the members... and provide opportunities for social exchange." Please continue to volunteer to host mixers, play in tournaments, or chair a committee. I look forward to seeing you on the courts, in the gardens or poolside.

A reason to volunteer - your mom would be proud of you! — *Tom O'Brien*

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## Many Thanks to All Who Turned Out for Volunteer Day!



*Our painting leaders, Tom Kietzman and Ken Vincunas, pretending to be motivated.*



*Michelle Meth, Lora Arnold, Tom O'Brien, Chris Messier and Sandy Lake: happy the flowers have all been planted!*



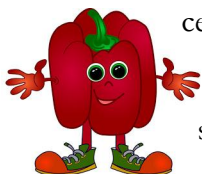
*Lowell Putnam, looking for help to prep the tennis hut stairs.*



*Kevin Shields and Jocelyn Mailloux, our happy young recruits.*

## “Growing” Interest in Gardens

The Field Club garden plots have been enthusiastically filled to the brim and, even more exciting, with six new families participating! The slow spring has given us a relaxed time to ponder the dedication to growing, with the positive results of gathering many who just can't resist that gardening desire. We are looking forward to a great season of bountiful gardens and at least one celebratory Garden Party.



Definitely take a stroll down the aisles now and then this summer to see what your fellow members are up to! — *Darcy Durfee*

## Membership News

Would you like to sponsor someone for membership? Now is a great time. Contact membership chair Connie Pierson at [bobconniep@comcast.net](mailto:bobconniep@comcast.net) for information.

The Field Club membership is ever changing. Please welcome the following new members to the Club:

- **Jaimee Arnold**
- **Nick and Elizabeth Bone**
- **Charlene and Brian Case**
- **Amy and Randy Davis**
- **Karen and Greg Desrosiers**
- **Christine and Timothy Garstka**
- **Bob and Kim King**
- **Christopher and Sandra Krein**
- **Jan and Petra Kriz**
- **Maggie Raker**
- **Rakesh Taleti**
- **MaryKate and Stephen Walsh**
- **Mark and Christine Weyer**
- **Jennifer L. Willson**



## A Memorial Tribute

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of **Dr. Brendan Kelly**.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Lisa, and their four children, Duncan, Ian, Meghan and Rowan.

He will be missed by the entire Field Club family.



## Introducing our new Tot Lot and Kids Crafts Director

**Emily Coughlin** will be joining us this summer as our new Tot Lot and Kids Crafts Director.

Emily is a recent graduate of Longmeadow High School and is planning on attending St. Bonaventure University this fall. She is very outgoing and personable and enjoys working with children. In the winter, Emily is a ski instructor at Butternut in Great Barrington. She also baby sits after school and is involved in the youth group at St. Mary's Church.

We are very excited to have Emily join us this summer, and she looks forward to working with our children. — *Meralee Kratovil*

## Tot Lot Opening Soon

The Tot Lot is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and provides supervised care to children ages 1 through 7. This is a great opportunity for members to play tennis or relax by the pool while the kids enjoy crafts, playing on the swings or in the sandbox, and having fun with friends. Our Tot Lot staff will even escort your children to swimming or tennis lessons while you enjoy some quiet time!

The Tot Lot opens for the summer season as soon as school gets out. Kids Crafts will begin on Thursday, June 30th. — *Meralee Kratovil*







## Volunteers Needed for Summer Social Events

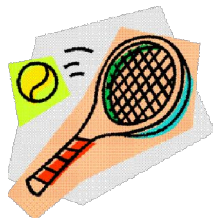
The Social Committee reports that we are on track for a fun summer, but we need volunteers! Help your kids make great summer memories! Since this is a volunteer operated club, we need a little bit of your time. Our summer will open with the **July 4th Tailgate**, which is held in conjunction with the Twin Hill fireworks. Come and pull your car up and enjoy a front row seat for the July 4th celebration. No need to sign up... simply show up! The **Summer Family Camp Out** is a favorite family event held every year. Typically held in July or August, this event is lots of fun and easy to run.

The **Labor Day Tailgate** is the traditional end-of-summer party for Field Club members, attended by all ages every year. This event is easy to organize and enjoyed by lots of Field Club families.

Please consider pitching in! Contact Molly Orr or Victoria Wright if you are able to help out. — *Mona Swanson*

## Clem Easton Tournament

The Clem Easton Tournament is back at the Field Club from June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. The tournament is named in honor of one of New England's finest tennis contributors, Springfield native Clem Easton. Clem was inducted into the New England Tennis Hall of Fame posthumously in 1997, for his decades of service to the sport of tennis and his long record as a ranked New England senior player. The tournament won the USTA New England's 2006 Adult Tournament of the Year Award. Players compete in five age divisions for men and two age divisions for women. All participants are aged 65 years old and older. Come out and see why this tournament is so popular.



## Celebrating Their Victory...



*The Ladies B Paddle Team celebrates their victory in winning this year's league. Look for the plaque soon in the paddle hut!*

## JSWNPG Bids Farewell to a Friend...



*JSWNPG is losing the legend, Snap Fauteux, to Houston!*



*The JSWNPG says thank you to our friend - Snap Fauteux.*

## Jim Girotti's Retirement Party!

Please come celebrate Jim's retirement after 29 years as our Field Club general manager.

**Saturday, June 25, 2016**

Poolside at the Field Club

BYOB Cocktails starting at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner to Follow

\$10 Per Person/Cocktail Attire

Join us for music, dancing and a celebration of Jim's commitment to the Field Club.



Please feel free to bring an old photo of Jim and/or share some memories of his time at the Club.

RSVP by June 17 to  
Mona Swanson.

## Introducing Jeff Dubiel

As you know, **Jim Girotti** will soon be retiring, leaving the Field Club with some big shoes to fill! Although he will be much missed, we are pleased to announce that **Jeff Dubiel** will be joining the Field Club family as the new general manager.

Jeff was the owner of a locally owned construction company called Real Estate Solutions. He holds a construction license and has successfully led a team of sub contractors on various construction projects for over 12 years. He also holds a Massachusetts Real Estate Broker's license and enjoys identifying and solving his clients' needs. When he is not working, you can find Jeff spending quality time with his family or on the golf course.



We have no doubt that Jeff will do a terrific job in his new role here at the Club. Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome him aboard!

## Shields and Shields Get Mixed...

Spring has sprung, but not before the Field Club wrapped up its three club championship paddle tourneys for the season! The mixed tourney is always great fun, and this year was no different, although it really could benefit from more participation.

This year, eight players formed four mixed teams and competed for top honors. The skies were blue, the sun was warm and the balls were spongy and lively! A pair of first-round upsets set the stage for the finals: **Lisa Doherty** and partner **Tom Kietzman** against **Marna and Mike Shields**. It was an epic battle, with Team Shields prevailing in two close sets to take the championship. In the consolation bracket, **Sara Suchy** with partner **Hans Doup** defeated **Kathy Herchel** and presidential partner **Tom O'Brien** in a hard-fought match. After play, the group enjoyed some lovely homemade taco soup and a few fancy beers. Thanks to all those who participated, and thank you to Mike and Marna for hosting the event. We hope to see more teams signed up next year.

More information and photos can be found on our Facebook page at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/LongmeadowFieldClub/posts/1067214676676868>

If you are on Facebook, look us up and follow at FIELD CLUB OF LONGMEADOW.

— *Mixed Doubles Tourney Committee*



*A good time was had by all at this year's Mixed Doubles Paddle Tournament.*

## 2016 Junior Tennis Events

Chairpersons: Kate McGeer and Judy D'Angelo  
Board Liaison: Jamie Dunbar

*Event Information updates (dates, event chairpersons, etc.) can be found on Club website, tennis bulletin board, monthly calendars and in The Baseline newsletter.*

**Friday, June 24,** Opener/Pizza Round Robin

**Tuesday, June 28,** Tot Opener

**Wednesday, June 29,** US Open

**Wednesday, July 6,** French Open

**Wednesday, July 13,** Australian Open

**Wednesday, July 20,** Wimbledon

**Wednesday, July 27,** Jr. Davis Cup

**Saturday, July 30,** Family Round Robin

**Wednesday, August 3,** Corcoran Cup

**Wednesday/Thursday, August 10 & 11**  
Doubles/Mixed Doubles Championship

**Wednesday/Thursday, August 17 & 18**  
Singles Championship

**Thursday, August 25**  
End of Season Tot Party

**Friday, August 26,** Awards Party

## Attention Juniors!

The possibility exists to enhance your tennis experience during the summer by participating on the Club's Jr. USTA team. It is for boys and girls ages 10 to 14 as of August 31, 2015 (15 players maximum). Matches are held at various western MA sites in the early evening. Look for more information in *The Baseline* or on the Junior Bulletin Board.



## 2016 Adult Tennis Schedule

Adult Tennis Chairs: Kim Burns, Lora Arnold, Frank Suher and Pete Robinson

*Watch for Club email blasts as we notify you of the sign ups. These are fun events, as well as a good opportunity to meet other members and play great tennis at all levels.*

**Saturday, June 4,** New Member Mixer  
*Tennis Co-Chairs Chairs*

**Saturday, June 18,** Davis Cup  
*Davis Cup Committee*

**Saturday, July 9,** Get Your Grill On Mixer  
*Vivian Miller, Cary Dash Susan, Scott Cooper*

**Saturday, July 16,** Daiquiri Doubles  
*Jackie and David Pleet*

**Saturday, July 23,** Mixer  
*Lisa Kelly, Rick & Elizabeth Norman*

**Friday, July 29,** Mixer  
*Hoags, Purringtons*

**Saturday, August 6,** Mixer  
*Lesley & Lyman Wood*

**Saturday, August 13,** Mixer  
*Jamie & Elyse Dunbar*

**Saturday, August 20**  
M/W Doubles Championships  
*Shields*

**Saturday - Sunday, August 27-28**  
MW Singles Championships  
*Steve & Sherri Ehrenberg*

**Saturday, September 10**  
Mixed Doubles Championships  
*Connie & Tom Gould*

**Saturday, September 17**  
Season End Mixer -Wine  
*Tom O'Brien & Gerrit Toebe*



## Meet the 2016 Tennis Staff

### Head Pro: Ann Boisvert

Ann returns for her 31st season at the Field Club. 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 4th season as a tennis assistant, and his second season as Junior Tennis coordinator. Soon to be a senior at Assumption College, he is a business management major. Tom swam and played tennis for Minnechaug, where he was a Western Mass Doubles champion.

#### Brian Gurski

Brian returns for his 3rd year as a tennis assistant. He graduated from Minnechaug in 2014 and will be a junior 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 returns for his 2nd year as tennis assistant. He is a 2014 Minnechaug graduate and just finished his sophomore 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.

#### Eve Sullivan

Eve returns for her fourth season at the Field Club. She is a 2014 graduate of Minnechaug Regional High School, where she played #1 singles for four years and was one of the top players in Western Mass. Last year she took a gap year and did a year of service in the Americorps program. She will be a sophomore at the University of Massachusetts Amherst this fall, majoring in Public Health.

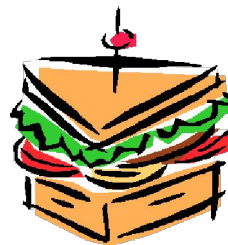
## Open House, June 19

The Field Club's last Open House of the season will take place on **Sunday, June 19, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon**. This is a great opportunity to show off our beautiful club and all of its offerings, including the tennis courts, pool, paddle courts, state-of-the-art paddle hut, social events, lessons and more. Be sure to spread the word to family and friends and encourage them to come check us out!



## Annual Davis Cup, June 18

Don't miss out on the highly anticipated Davis Cup, a favorite Field Club tradition, on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Play starts at 9 a.m. and continues until 3 p.m. All levels are welcome and encouraged to participate! Sign up at the Tennis Hut or contact Kim Burns.



## Snuggery Hours

The Snuggery is now open for business! Be sure to stop by to enjoy a delicious meal or snack!

### Pre-season (May/June)

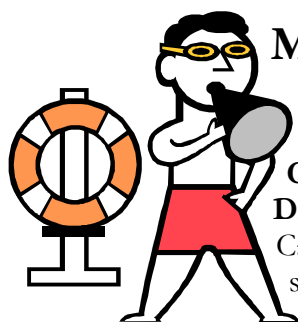
Weekends/Holidays:

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. (grill closes at 4:30 p.m.)

### Summer Hours

Monday – Friday: 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 11 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.



## Meet the 2015 Pool Staff

### **Caroline Murphy, Director**

Caroline returns for her 10th season at the Field Club, her fourth as pool director.

She is currently finishing her third year as an elementary school teacher in Bridgewater, MA, where she is a kindergarten teacher. She is a 2013 graduate of Bridgewater State University, and she earned her master's degree from Springfield College in 2014. She swam for Minnechaug Regional High School and Bridgewater State. She has her state certification as a pool operator.

### **Kristen Webber, Assistant Pool Director**

Kristen returns for her fourth season at the Field Club and first as assistant director. She is a recent graduate of Boston College, where she was a four-year member of the Varsity Swim Team. She will be pursuing her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction in the fall.

### **Lifeguards**

#### **Julia Barron**

Julia joins our staff for the first time. She is a varsity swim team member at Longmeadow High School and will be entering her senior year in the fall. She currently teaches swimming and lifeguards at the JCC.

#### **Max Rubin**

Max returns to our staff for his third year. Upon graduating from Longmeadow High School last June, Max took a gap year and spent the school year in Israel. Max was a four-year varsity swimmer at Longmeadow High School, where he captained the team his senior year.

#### **JayLynn Tarzian**

JayLynn returns to the Field Club pool for her third season. She is a graduate and former swim team captain at Minnechaug Regional High School. She just finished her freshman year at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, majoring in Respiratory Therapy.

### **Hannah Tarpey**

Hannah returns to the Field Club for her third year, one year as Tot Lot/Kids Craft Director and two years as a lifeguard. She is a former Minnechaug Regional High School swim team member and will be a senior at UMass Amherst in the fall, majoring in Biology/Pre-Dental Track. She is just back from a semester abroad in Scotland.

### **Megan Wells**

Megan joins our staff after working one year as our "super sub" in 2015. She graduated from Wilbraham Monson Academy in May 2016 and will attend Goucher College on an athletic scholarship as a field hockey goalie.

### **Russell Wells**

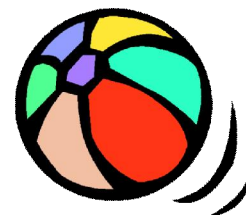
This is Russell's first year at the Field Club pool. A 2014 graduate of Minnechaug Regional High School, he will be a junior in the fall at UMass Amherst, majoring in business. He was team captain for cross country and track at Minnechaug and is currently a member of the UMass men's track team.

— *Jim Girotti*

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## Make the Most of Summer!

Be sure to visit The Field Club online at [www.field-club.com](http://www.field-club.com) for an updated listing of all this summer's fun tennis, pool and social events.

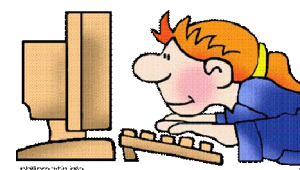


**See you at the Club!**

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## Next Deadline, July 15

The deadline for the August edition of *The Baseline* will be Friday, July 15. Please submit your news items and photographs to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague via email at [lsprague7@cox.net](mailto:lsprague7@cox.net). She can also be reached at (860) 335-8793.







## Lanes Lines

After the dreary start to spring, we are ready to rock the summer – poolside at the Field Club! Many exciting events are planned for children of all ages. This is a wonderful way for new and seasoned members to get involved, so please consider volunteering at any of our events; extra assistance is always appreciated!

Event information updates (dates, event chairpersons, etc.) can be found on the website, pool bulletin board, monthly calendar and in *The Baseline*.

## Pool Hours

The pool opened on Saturday, May 28, 2016.  
Hours are as follows:

### May 28 through June 21

#### **Weekdays:**

3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Pool open for general use)

#### **Weekends:**

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Pool open for general use)

### June 22 through Labor Day

#### **Weekdays:**

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

(Pool open for lessons only, starting June 27th)

12 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

(Pool open for general use)

6 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. (

Pool open for Family Swim - two lap lanes)

#### **Weekends:**

9 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)

## Swimming Lesson Sessions

There will be four two-week sessions:

Session I: June 27

Session II: July 11

Session III: July 25

Session IV: August 8th

## Field Club Pool Calendar 2016

**June 28**, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Summer Kick Off Pool Party (All Ages)

*Erin Hornyak & Hallie Fox*

**July 7**, 2 to 4 p.m.

Family Relay Carnival

*May Oh & Franca Conway*

**July 14**, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

“Minnow” - Poolside Party (Age 4 - 7)

Pizza & Ice Cream

*Katie Wartman & Lisa Kelly*

### **TBD**

Scavenger Hunt

*Beth Renola & Marty Baiker*

**July 21**, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Junior Poolside Party (Age 8 - 10)

Pizza & Popsicles

*Sonia Zeroogian & Heidi Merchant*

### **July 26**

Triathlon

*Lori McMahon*

**August 16**, 1 to 4 p.m.

Member Guest

Sundae Bar

*Amy Tyler & Beth Renola*

**Thursday Afternoons:** Kids Krafts, 1 p.m.

— *Rosaria Peffer & Deirdre Mailloux*

