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# THE BASELINE

## *Field Club News*



August 2017

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### A Message from the President

**BIG NEWS: The newly renovated pool is open for all to enjoy!** This was a major project to undertake, with many labor intensive stages starting last fall and finishing up in the spring with the successful passing of the inspections. The pool officially opened the weekend after Memorial Day. Thank you to **Jeff Dubiel** for shepherding this major project in his first year as general manager. While at the pool, don't forget to try one of the new smoothies that are being offered, it is also a great way to cool off on a hot day, post tennis match! Come on out and enjoy the pool.

Our staff has been busy on the grounds and facility maintenance. Jeff Dubiel and his staff are doing an excellent job. The pool and tennis activities are going strong. We are fortunate to have **Caroline Sturges** giving us her expertise with the pool staff and guidance on determining pool issues. **Ann Boisvert** and staff have been busy creating new events to get more players involved in activities and provide some new clinics. A new morning women's round robin is getting a lot of participation; hopefully the weather stays good to enable more play. Check out the tennis boards and sign up!

Adult Tennis season is off to a great start with our signature event, the **Davis Cup**, hosted by Tennis Chairs **Kim Burns** and **Lora Arnold** and Tennis Liaison **Jamie Dunbar**. Thank you all for your hard work! It was a great day, with Team USA, captained by **Mike and Tricia Freedman**, winning the event. Our Kick-Off Tennis Mixer was hosted by **Jenn Willson** and **Jacquie Kenny**, with assistance from **Brian Grayboff**. They did an excellent job with the festivities.

Our **Red White & Blue Mixer** dodged the rain drops with the social kicking off first. **May Oh**, with her handy whistle, kept the play moving along. She and **Paula Welch** provided a fun event for all! The **Clem Easton Tournament** went smoothly, giving the Field Club some major press in the tennis world and in the local news.

The **4th of July Tailgate** was well attended on a perfect summer evening. The raindrops even waited until the fireworks ended! We had many families, both new and long-time members attended, decked out in red, white

and blue. The kids had the run of the fields, with volleyball and basketball courts in full use.

Junior Tennis hosted a **Junior Kickoff Event** that was a roaring success, with lots of participants out on the court followed by a pizza event after. Thank you to **Kate Morneau** and **Marna Shields** for hosting this event. Ann and her staff successfully ran the tennis activities with a full house. The junior clinics are busy and weekly tournaments are underway.

The **Teen Tennis Night** was a great start to a series of High School Tennis Nights this summer. About 20 high schoolers come out to enjoy tennis, including both matches and fun tennis activities, basketball and music, followed by pizza and prizes. We have been using social media with the teen events and encourage sign ups and usage. Check out our new Teen Event & Social Media News column (page 6). Three more teen tennis-themed nights and a volleyball night are planned. **Eve Sullivan** and **Russell Wells** are busy organizing these events.

The summer calendar offers activities for all ages. Come on out and enjoy the Club. Check out the new website for events and news. Looking to get more out of the Club? We have many opportunities for volunteering, which will introduce you to a whole new group of members. If you have fun attending the tennis, social, pool and/or paddle events at the Club, think of how much fun you would have if you volunteered at these events! Thank you to all those who do volunteer.

I encourage members new and old to sign up for an Adult Tennis or Junior Event, or try out a new tennis activity. Sponsor a new member to help us develop a wait list, as **we have filled our membership slots for the year!** This is a huge accomplishment and every member of the Field Club deserves credit as it takes a village to make the Field Club the great place it is!

Enjoy the sunshine! Hope to see you all on the courts, at the pool, in the Snuggery or at an event. Stay tuned for upcoming new pickle ball activities in the works.

*Moira*



## A Memorial Tribute

It was with profound sadness that we learned of the passing of member **Paul Tarsa**. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.



## 2017 Field Club Staff

*Below is a list of the staff members you will find working hard throughout the Field Club this summer season, many of whom have been with us in previous seasons. More information to help you get to know each of these dedicated staff members can be found on our website.*

### General Manager

Jeff Dubiel

### Assistant Manager/Maintenance

Ben Koziol

### Tennis Staff

Ann Corcoran-Boisvert, Head Professional

Eve Sullivan, JR Tennis Coordinator

Brian Gurski, Assistant

Haley Gurski, Assistant

Ryan Powell, Assistant

### Pool Staff

Caroline Sturges, Director

Kristen Webber, Assistant Director

Allison Echeverria, Lifeguard

Max Rubin, Lifeguard

Megan Wells, Lifeguard

Katelyn King, Lifeguard

Russell Wells, Lifeguard

Hannah Tarpe, Lifeguard

Julia Barron, Lifeguard

### Snuggery

Jim King, Manager

Natalie Bell, Assistant Manager

Sara Udell

Skylar Downs

### Tot Lot Staff

Emily Coughlin, Tot Lot Director

## Garden Plots

With summer finally upon us and the weather getting hot, we are really starting to see our gardens grow. Many of us have planted vegetables for the season and some plants. However, weeds also like to make their presence known in the garden. This is one task I simply do not enjoy. However, when done, weeding makes the garden not only look nicer, but is healthier for our crops — the weeds can rob the soil of important nutrients!

As a gardener, I enjoy the sunny days, but I look forward to the rain, because its one less chore in the garden. Enjoy the summer! – *Deirdre Mailloux*



**Labor Day Tailgate**  
Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
It's going to be a blast!

## Save the Dates!!

**Annual Meeting**  
Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Details will be sent soon!





## GM's Corner

### Pool

I hope everyone is enjoying the newly renovated swimming pool. The lifeguards have been busy giving swimming lessons and working hard

to keep the members/guests safe. As a reminder, my job is to ensure that everyone has a positive experience every time they are here at the Club. With that said, please remember that we have a few simple rules that everyone should follow. Please remove yourself from the pool deck if you need to make a call. Remember, the member sitting next to you does not want to hear your conversation. There is no eating allowed on the pool deck. Not only does this help to keep our pool area clean, it also keeps the ants to a minimum. Lastly, there is absolutely no alcohol allowed within the pool area. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Tennis

The exterior of the pro shop has been painted, and we are open for business. The tennis staff has been busy teaching tennis lessons and managing the Junior Tennis Program. We are off to a GREAT start! The pro-shop is currently stocked with plenty of demo rackets, over grips, hats, drink ware and other terrific items to fulfill your tennis needs. Remember, if you are looking for that special tennis item, and we do not carry it, I would be happy to order it for you. We have direct accounts with Head, Penn and Viking Sports; our prices are very competitive.

### Pickle Ball

Pickle ball is currently available on courts 11 and 12, which are ready for play. Please call the pro-shop to schedule the court of your choice. If you are new to the sport and want to give it a try, demo paddles are available in the pro-shop.

### Paddle Courts

The summer renovations have begun and will be completed before the paddle season begins.

### Basketball Court

The basketball court has been getting a lot of use, and the kids really seem to enjoy the freedom of playing a little basketball and socializing amongst each other. It's a great way for kids to stay off their cell phones and to communicate with each other. Keep up the good work kids!

### Snuggery Manager

Jim King and his staff have been working hard in the Snuggery, creating new menu items and daily specials. Please stop by the snug and try one of our delicious new menu items. You should also ask about the daily "Managers Special." It frequently changes, and you will be presently surprised. Bon Appetit!

### Safety

Please remember, lock your vehicles.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. — *Jeff Dubiel*

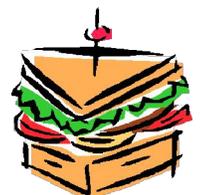
## Snuggery Offers an Array of Delicious Choices



(Left to right) Natalie, Jim and Sara, hard at work at the Snuggery!

We hope by now you've had the opportunity to meet Jim King and experience some of the new food offerings on our menu! This season at the Snuggery, we are trying out some new items in the form of daily specials, as well as serving the popular favorites on the menu. We have had items such as a grilled turkey Reuben sandwich, chicken burrito with beans and rice, homemade 12-inch pizza, buffalo and BBQ chicken sandwiches, wraps, ham and cheese quiche, and more. Currently, we have been offering side dishes like fresh fruit salad, macaroni salad, or tossed salad to accompany sandwiches and wraps.

Offering these "off menu" items enables us to see what foods you like, and perhaps the popular ones may become part of next year's menu. The awesome Snuggery Staff welcome everyone's feedback, as well as suggestions and ideas. Let us know if you have a favorite item that we could serve! — *Deirdre Mailloux and Jim King*





## Summer Social Fun

Summer is in full swing! The Social Committee is busy planning some great events sure to have our members coming out in droves to attend! We have the adult poolside party coming up, as well as our family camp out. The adult poolside party is a great way to enjoy the company of other members and sit poolside without the distraction of kids in tow!

In other social news, the **Wartman** Family has stepped up to host our Family Campout this year. This fun, family-friendly event will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Come join in the fun with your little ones! Not to worry, more information will be coming as the date gets closer! Any questions, please feel free to contact **Molly Orr** or **Victoria Wright**.

We are so appreciative of our members' willingness to volunteer to help make our social events a success. With that in mind, we'd like to thank **Mary Dumala** and **Kirsten Ondrick** for making the Fourth of July Tailgate such a success. It was a wonderful night that found our fields filled with families and friends. The fact that the rain held off until the fireworks were over was the cherry on top of a great evening! Thank you Mary and Kirsten for a great night! — *Molly Orr*



## Welcome New Members

**Tanya and Eduard Shvetsov**  
*Sponsors Rick and Carol Plant*

**Susan and Nicholas Katsoulis**  
*Sponsors Rick and Carol Plant*

**Matt and Bethany Cowles**  
*Sponsors Ed and Susan Barbeau*

**Matt and Julie Tyson**  
*Sponsors Lisa Doherty and Jean Delisio*

**Theodore and Katie Agranat**  
*Sponsors Rick and Carol Plant*

### Current Waitlist:

**Tim and Michele Ryan**  
*Sponsors Bill and Krista Scott*

## Membership News

We are still accepting members for this summer 2017! Sponsorship credits are still available... if you sponsor a new family, you will receive a \$100 FC Credit!

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 at the beginning of 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.

Please check out the *Guidebook* for membership guidelines. Enjoy this great weather! — *Lori McMahon*



## Lane Lines

The renovated pool is looking beautiful and seeing plenty of activity. The weather has been perfect for keeping the water temperature very warm!

As per activities, the Kick-off Party was canceled due to rain. However, we will make up for the party at the end of the season.

The Member/Guest was an awesome success! We had over 50 members and about 20 guests enjoy the sundae bar. Thank you to all the moms that helped scoop, sprinkle, and pour: **Rosaria Peffer, Kim King, Lori McMahon, Lisa Landon, Nuala Wall**.

The Minnow party had 12 kids participating in a variety of relay games such as, inner tube, ping pong ball blowing across the pool and beach ball. They did tattoos and had some fee time with little squeazy fish. As with any great party, there was pizza and ice cream! A big thank you to **Lisa Kelly** and **Kate Wartman** for hosting the party, despite the morning rain!

All of these exciting events happen because of our fantastic members. We are still looking for hosts for the Family Relay Carnival, Junior Poolside party and Member Guest Day. Please consider hosting one and find a friend o help out!

— *Rosaria Peffer and Deirdre Maillonx*



## Davis Cup Review

The premier event of the summer was held on Saturday, June 17, at the Field Club. Although the weather threatened, the Davis Cup was competed without a problem. **Tricia and Mike Freedman, Jamie and Elyse Dunbar, Lori and John McMahon, Kate Morneau and Adam Steinberg** served as captains of teams USA, Brazil, France, and Greece, respectively. Our thanks to all of them for volunteering. Team USA was the overwhelming victor. Congrats to Mike and Tricia and their team.

All levels of play were represented with some exciting and competitive tennis witnessed by spectators. A total of sixty-three members participated and enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by The Grapevine Restaurant. — *Lora Arnold*



## Fourth of July 2017

Many thanks to all who turned out to enjoy our Fourth of July Tailgate. A good time was had by all!





## Teen Event & Social Media News

As the summer progresses, the Field Club's social media and teen initiatives are as well. On the social media side, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat are gaining a strong following and are becoming great sources of information for our members. These platforms are not only useful when it comes to learning about events, but also are a fun way of reflecting. One main focus of our branding on social media is to engage with teen members. As teens grow older and become more wrapped up in their academic, athletic, and social lives, it becomes a lively challenge to get them to use our facilities as much as possible. To get teens more involved, this summer we started our Teen Tennis Night Series. These nights are dedicated to members who are entering or in high school to play tennis, eat, listen to music, and socialize. Summer themes such as 'Hawaiian' and 'Surf's Up' are being incorporated to make for a more exciting atmosphere.

We want to welcome everyone to follow us on our social media accounts. You can find us on Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat @fclongmeadow and then on Facebook at **Field Club of Longmeadow**. These are great sources of information for events and general content. All teen members are also encouraged to come out for the upcoming Teen Tennis Nights on 7/28, 8/11, and 8/25. Thank you to all members for their support on these social media and teen initiatives; we look forward to our continuous growth in these areas.

— *Russell Wells*

## Upcoming Teen Social Nights

### Luau

(All high school teens)

Friday, July 28th

6:00 pm

Wear your favorite Hawaiian Shirt to play tennis & join us for a Luau Cookout featuring burgers, dogs and a surprise dessert.



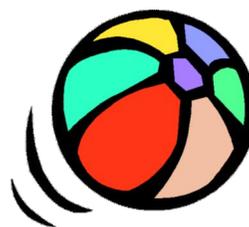
### Beach Party

(Bring a Guest)

Friday, August 11th

6:00 pm

Join us for our final high school teen tennis event of the summer, with tennis followed by pizza.



### High School Volleyball Night

Friday, August 25th

6:00 pm

What? This isn't Tennis? No, it is VOLLEYBALL!! Get your game on for a fun night with other members! Spike, Ace, Assist and Attack followed by pizza!



**Fun for all at the most recent Teen Tennis Night!**



## Junior Tennis in Full Swing

The Junior Tennis season is off to a great start! The weather has cooperated, the kids are showing up and trying hard, and everyone appears to be having lots of fun. The kids have already conquered and will continue to play the following tournaments in July and August:

**U.S. Open** (June 28)

**French Open** (July 5)

**Australian Open** (July 12)

**Wimbledon** (July 19)

**Jr. Davis Cup** (July 26)

**Corcoran Cup** (August 2)

Please mark your calendars for the following notable junior tennis events:

**Family Round Robin** (Saturday, July 29)

**Doubles/Mixed Doubles Championships**  
(August 9 & 10)

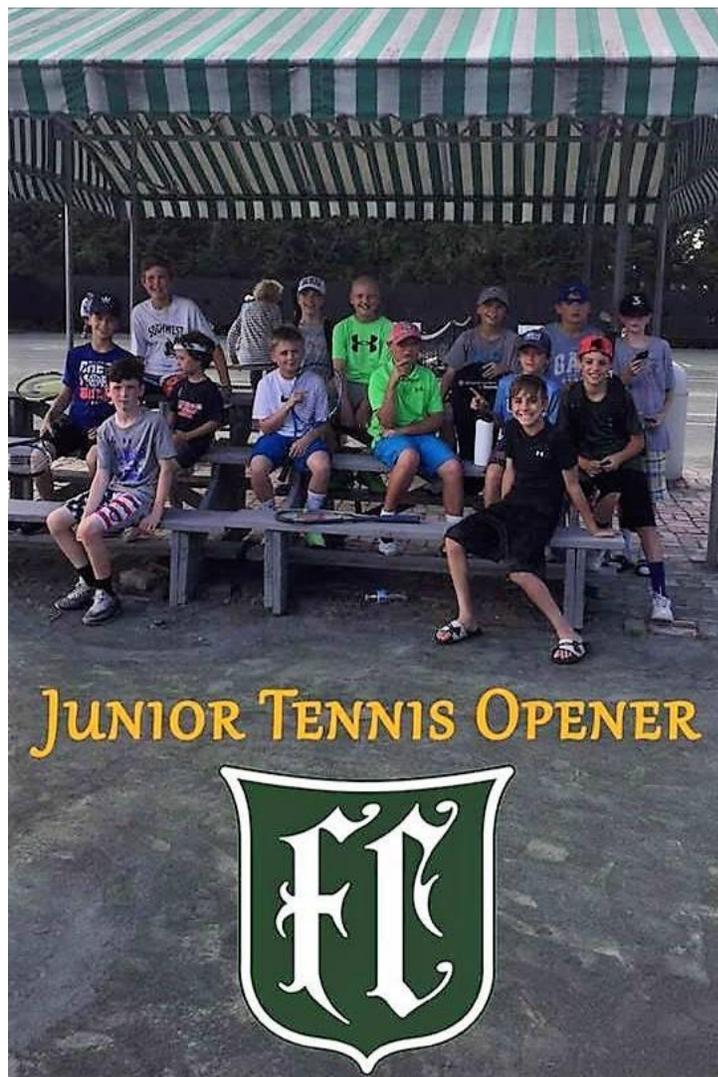
**Singles Championships** (August 16 & 17)

**End of Season Tot Party** (August 24)

**Awards Party** (August 25)

Thank you to our great junior tennis coaching staff, under the tutelage of **Anne Boisvert**, who not only helps each child improve his/her tennis game, but also gets to know each child and ensures a good time is had by all.

Juniors, keep attending those tennis lessons and make a point to sign up for the tournaments, singles ladder matches, and more on the tennis bulletin board each week. As the saying goes, “the more you play, the better you get.” The Field Club gives your child ample opportunity to play a lot, so take advantage of it! – *Kate Morneau & Marna Shields*



## Clem Easton a Major Success!

The 34th Annual Clem Easton Tournament took place June 22 - 25 at The Field Club. This event, for players over the age of 60, drew 66 participants from throughout New England and beyond.





## Junior USTA Teams

The USTA rosters have been made and play is underway! The USTA made changes to its junior tennis team program. As a result, there is the opportunity to host a ***national track team*** and/or a ***local track team*** at both the 18 and 14 and under age group. The following is a summary of the differences between the two tracks:

### Local Track USTA team:

- No USTA membership needed
- Structure of play = minimum of 6 players - non-gender specific but need at least 1 boy/1 girl: 1 mixed match; 2 open singles; 2 open doubles
- Individual matches = 2 sets to 4 games, no add with a 7 point tiebreak at 3-3, and a 10 point match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set.
- Tournament takes place on Saturday and Sunday, August 12-13 with no further advancement opportunities.

### National Track USTA team:

- USTA membership required
- Structure of play = 6 players minimum (need at least 3 boys/3 girls); 1 boys singles; 1 girls singles; 1 boys doubles; 1 girls doubles; 1 mixed
- Individual matches = 2 short sets (1st to 4, no add) with a match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set.
- Tournament takes place on July 22 & 23 - with potential for advancement to the New England Sectionals, July 27 & 28, & Nationals (date TBD).
- Two levels of play: intermediate (no rating or lower than 3.5 rating) and advanced (3.5 or higher rating).

### The Field Club is hosting three teams:

1. 18 and under local track team, coached by **Ryan Powell** and organized by parent **Laura Katz**
2. 14 and under local track team, coached by **Eve Sullivan** and **Brian Gurski** and organized by parent **Kate Morneau**
3. 14 and under national track team (intermediate), coached by **Eve Sullivan** and **Brian Gurski** and organized by parent **Kate Morneau**

Best of luck to our hard working USTA junior tennis team members. The next *Baseline* will include results of tournaments! — *Kate Morneau & Laura Katz*

## Don't Miss the Adult Poolside Party — Saturday, August 5, 6 p.m.

- Potluck — Bring a dish to share and your own beverages (BYOB), ice and mixers provided.
  - Dance & dine to your favorite music by Michael Smith
- Hosts: The Monday Night Tennis Croo & Theodore Agranat
  - No RSVP required.
- Questions: Dave Appleman, Peter Vesey, Brian Prast

## At Your Service:

### *Your Board and Committee Chairs*

#### Field Club Board of Governors 2016 -2017

##### **President**

Moira Murphy

##### **Vice President & Communications Chair**

Mike Freedman

##### **Treasurer**

Steve Ehrenberg

##### **Assistant Treasurer & Paddle Liaison**

Rick Plaut

##### **Clerk**

Mark Cress

##### **Assistant Clerk & Social & Garden Liaison**

Mona Swanson

##### **Membership Board Liaison**

Lori McMahon

##### **Tennis Board Liaison**

Jamie Dunbar

##### **Pool, Snuggery & Tot Lot**

Deirdre Mailloux

#### Field Club Committee Chairs 2016 -17

**Membership Chairs:** Connie Pierson, Lori McMahon

**Paddle Tennis:** Tom Kietzman, Sally Galucci

**Tennis:** Lora Arnold, Kim Burns, John Pappas

**Jr. Tennis:** Kate Morneau, Marna Shields

**Pool:** Rosaria Pepper, Deirdre Mailloux

**Social:** Molly Orr, Victoria Wright

**Gardens & Grounds:** Deirdre Mailloux, John Abbott

**Capital Campaign:** Tom O'Brien

**Marketing:** Anita Hoag



## Next Baseline Deadline September 15

The deadline for the October edition of *The Baseline* will **Friday, September 15**. Please send your news items and photographs to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague. This will be the last edition for 2017.

## August/September Adult Tennis Schedule

### **Saturday, August 5**

Adult Poolside Party

David Appleman & Theodore Agranat

### **Sunday, August 6**

Brunch Mixer

Lesley & Lyman Wood, Kate & Mark Bean

### **Saturday, August 13**

Mixer

Mary Adler & Co-host

### **Saturday, August 19**

M/W Doubles Championships

Kelly Canniff

### **Saturday-Sunday, August 26-27**

M/W Singles Championships

Caroline Marchese

### **Saturday, September 2**

Labor Day Mixer

Kim Burns & Co-host

### **Saturday, September 9**

Mixed Doubles Championships

Connie & Tom Gould

### **Saturday, September 16**

Season End Mixer - Wine

Tom O'Brien & Gerrit Toebes



## The Colony Welcomes Field Club Members

Reservations can be made by calling  
the Colony Club at: 413.732.4101.

### **Field Club Members benefits:**

Free Parking ~ Access to

Colony Club Dining ~

Special Event

Invites



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