
THE BASELINE

Field Club News



April 2017

A Message from the President

It is beginning to look a lot like spring, we hope... It seemed like Mother Nature would help us out and deliver an early pollen season; however, lately we have been on a roller coaster of weather activity. Let's hope it settles into consistent warmer weather soon, so we can begin the spring process to finish the pool renovation. **Jeff Dubiel** has updates in the manager section on this and other facility updates. This winter Jeff has been busy on the staffing needs for the club. The Snuggery Manager has been top on his list, searching, interviewing and ultimately hiring a new manager. **Ann Boisvert** will return this year to provide her professional expertise to our tennis program. The tennis staff and pool staff are all set, and the Guidebook has been updated to reflect our returning and new staff hires for the season.

Speaking of spring weather, we are planning for our **Annual Spring Clean Up Day** at the Club. We need volunteers to help out with various gardening activities and light painting to help gear up for the new 2017 season. Please save May 6th, and look for more details from **Jeff Dubiel** and **Tom O'Brien** regarding the day. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers.

As we prepare for the 2017 tennis and pool season, I wanted to share some photos of FC members building our pool and walkways. It is a glimpse of just how much our members have contributed to our success. As a member-owned club, we rely on volunteers to help maintain our club, both from a facility standpoint and from an activity level. Members run our events and help keep the programs running smoothly. It is a great way to meet other members that you would never meet otherwise. So please consider volunteering to host an event. There are always other members to help you co-host. We all love a good tennis, pool or paddle event with some creativity, so think about what you would like to do and contact any member of the board or a committee chair. Let's have some fun!

I would like to also thank **Rosaria Peffer** for stepping up to chair our email blast system. We are fortunate to have great members who are willing to help us keep our club running smoothly and efficiently.

As mentioned in my last letter and at the Annual Meeting, we are working on various membership initiatives to increase our membership wait list. In order to streamline the application process, the Board of Governors voted to amend the application process to only require one (1) sponsor and no additional letter/supporters; members can also sponsor up to three (3) applications in one year; with the possibility of sponsoring more with Board approval. Please see your Guidebook insert arriving in your mailbox in a few weeks. Also, see page 2 for a summary of the changes.

We hosted two open houses and have a third planned for late spring. The February paddle 101 Open House was during a snow storm, but still managed to bring out some brave souls, including members that helped to clear the courts. A huge thank you to **Brian Grayboff** and **Jen Willson** for clearing the heavy snow off a court so we could have a paddle clinic. Various members came out or were at the ready to drive through the snow to help. Thanks to **Candy Weiner** for braving the storm, as well. We also hosted a very successful kids paddle open house. We had 15 kids attend, and it was very well received. Thank you **MaryAnn Kniska** for chairing that event.

Our next open house was March 25th, the afternoon of our Men's Paddle Club Championship matches. It was a great demonstration of high level paddle tennis at its finest, showcasing the game for prospective members.

Another initiative is to update our website. **Mike Freedman** is busy leading this project with **Anita Hoag**. We hope to have more information soon.

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President's Message (continued)

We have some Club news regarding board member changes: Our membership chair, **Connie Pierson**, has been working hard to get applications to sponsors, keep us up to date on the potential new members, and collect the data we need to plan for our club's future financial needs. See the membership column (page 3) for more details.

Thank you to Connie for all she has done as membership chair. Connie and Bob will be relocating to South Carolina in the summer. We wish them well and will miss them on the courts and off! Stepping up to chair the Membership Committee and board liaison positions will be **Lori McMahon**, a current member of the board. Lori will be working with Connie over the next few months to transition to this position.

Joining the Board to fill the vacant position will be **Deidre Mailloux**, who will also be the Pool, Snuggery and Tot Lot liaison. Welcome Deidre... you are a great addition to an already strong board!

The paddle season has been both busy and exciting. We have hosted many events, tournaments, contract groups, paddle clinics, inter-club matches and junior paddle activities and have had an overall successful season. A huge thank you goes out to all the hosts and the chairs for all their hard work. Two of our members have reached top national paddle rankings: **Jeff Morneau** and **John Hughes**. Congratulations on your success! We have more details in this issue on their recent participation in the national tournament.

As we gear up for our 2017 tennis, pool and social season, we encourage you to join in the Club activities and have a great time. Our recent Spring Fling was a huge success, thank you **Molly Orr** and **Victoria Wright**.

See you May 6th at Spring Clean Up Day... I will be the one with a rake, gloves and a Field Club hat.

All the best,

Maira



Guidebook Updates

The Board of Governors' 2017 Changes:

- New applicants for membership only need one (1) sponsor and **NO** additional letter/supporters; members can sponsor up to three (3) **applications** in one year, with the possibility of sponsoring more with the Board's approval.
- Family membership now includes children up to age 26.



The Field Club of Longmeadow was built on the hard work of members and the spirit of volunteerism. The photos above are of members working together to build the pool and walkways that we continue to enjoy today. Please help carry on the tradition by helping out at our Annual Spring Clean Up Day, May 6. There are many other opportunities to volunteer in other capacities throughout the year!



GM's Corner

Pool Renovation — The renovation is coming along nicely. Last fall, we were able to sandblast the walls and began resealing the expansion joints. Once the spring

weather arrives, we will be able to continue with the restoration process. My priority is to get the pool up and running as quickly as possible.

Tennis — The nets are up on the “hard courts” and ready for play. We will install the remainder of the nets and windscreens on courts 1-12 once the weather changes and all the snow has melted.

Pickle Ball — Would you like to play pickle ball this year? If so, we have lined court # 11, which can be used as either a pickle ball court or a tennis court. Demo paddles for pickle ball and balls will be available once the pro shop officially opens.

Paddle Courts — What a great season. There have been so many successful events and functions over the winter months; I would like to say “thank you” to all of the hosts. During the off season, we will begin the cleaning process of the paddle hut and the re-staining of the decks, as well as other much needed repairs. Don’t forget to stop by the paddle hut kitchen and grab yourself a FREE gourmet flavored coffee or a hot chocolate, compliments of the General Manager!

Miscellaneous Projects — A lot of painting projects are planned for this spring. Please save the date for our **Spring Clean Up/Painting event on Saturday, May 6**, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine). We are looking for volunteers. You must be 18 years or older to attend. Food and beverages will be served.

Snuggery Manager — I have interviewed several candidates for this position and have narrowed it down to two potential candidates. Rest assured, the Snuggery will be open this spring. Also, keep your eyes peeled for a few new menu items.

Items For Sale

Last month I held our first onsite “Used Equipment Sale,” and it was a HUGE success. If you missed the sale, don’t worry, I am planning on hosting another one in the coming months in the tennis area. I will send an email blast to all members regarding the details once they become available.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or recommendations.

— Jeff Dubiel

Membership News



There are still a number of membership openings. Please consider becoming a sponsor. Your candidate will be able to enjoy the Club this summer.

The limited time rewards program instituted last month is still in effect. Anyone who sponsors a family that accepts a Family Membership will receive a \$100 account credit. Anyone who sponsors an individual who accepts an Adult Membership will receive a \$50 account credit. This rewards program will remain until membership is full.

The application process has been simplified. All that is required is the application and the sponsor form and letter. Please email Lori McMahon to obtain application documents.

I have enjoyed my time as the membership chair and will miss being involved with the board. I have had to resign my position, as my family is moving out of the area. I am grateful to **Lori McMahon** for stepping up and taking over this job. Thanks Lori!

— Connie Pierson

WANTED NEW MEMBERS

A \$100 ACCOUNT CREDIT IS BEING OFFERED TO MEMBERS WHO SPONSOR A NEW FAMILY.

A \$50 ACCOUNT CREDIT IS BEING OFFERED TO MEMBERS WHO SPONSOR A NEW INDIVIDUAL.

REWARD*REWARD

THIS PROGRAM WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL MEMBERSHIP IS FULL

Volunteer Shout Out

Thank you to our volunteer hosts and committee members for making our events and programs possible. You keep the Field Club activities running and vibrant!

Dietmar and Angela Kuhr
Irish Mixer

Molly Orr and Victoria Wright
Spring Fling

Tom Kietzman, Tom O'Brien and Ken Vicunas
Men's Doubles Championships

Tom Kietzman, Tom O'Brien, Brian Prast, Scott Brindle and Gerrit Toebes
Men's B Doubles

Sherri Ehrenberg
Ladies B Paddle Captain

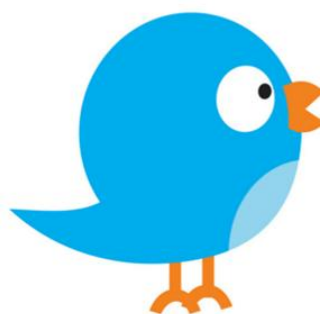
Carolyn Marchese and Sonia Zeroogian
Ladies Oscar Paddle

Brian Grayboff, Jen Willson, Candy Weiner
Paddle Open House (in SNOW STORM!)

John Abbott, Brian Prast, Dave Appleman and Gerrit Toebes
Super Bowl Mixer

Barry O'Connor
Chef Extraordinaire at several events

MaryAnn Kniska
Jr. Pizza & Paddle in the Hut



Thank
You SO Much!

A Memorial Tribute

The Field Club family was profoundly saddened by the recent passing of longtime member **Laura O'Connor**, loving wife of Barry O'Connor and mother of Tracy and Erin. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them.



Our deepest sympathy to General Manager Jeff Dubiel on the recent passing of his beloved mother, **Barbara Dubiel**.

Welcome New Members!

Please extend a warm Field Club welcome to the following new members:

- John & Pam Chandler
- Daniel & Rushika Conroy
Children: Nevin, Amalia & Rowan
- Steve & Jen Creelman
Children: Avery & Addison

On the Wait List:

1. John & Aimee Klepacki
Sponsored by Tim & Victoria Wright
2. Ali & Bryen Aoyama
Sponsored by Tom & Kit Loper

Save These Dates!

Saturday, May 6
Field Club Spring Clean Up Day

Saturday, June 17
Davis Cup Tennis Tournament

TBD
Field Club Spring Open House
Watch for details soon!

Spring Fling 2017



Pioneer Valley Women's Open

The 8th Annual Pioneer Valley Women's Open, hosted at the Field Club, was a fun-filled day with 14 tenacious teams and 28 lovely ladies! The temperature was well below freezing, but that didn't deter our teams; unfortunately, however, injuries and illness kept some from playing this year (you were missed).

Tournament Directors **Asa Nilsson** and **Kate Morneau** thank everyone for helping to make the day a great one, from the participants, to the spectators, to the caterer and bakers, and of course, the hut helpers (**Jeff Morneau**, **Per Nilsson** and **Gerrit Toebe**s).

Shana Roberts and **Victoria Cran** won this year's tournament by defeating **Linda Brenske** and **Megan Shapiro-Ross** in the main draw finals: 6-2, 6-3. The Consolation winners, **Barbara Coster** and **Alethea Desrosiers**, defeated **Asa Nilsson** and **Barbara Horne** in an entertaining three-set match: 6-4, 2-6, 7-6. **Kate Morneau** and **Hilary Meyers** lost their first match but won the Consolation Reprieve title. Regardless of winning or losing, lots of fun was had on the paddle courts! — *Kate Morneau & Asa Nilsson*



Among the Field Club members participating in the Pioneer Valley Women's Open were Cathy Herchel and Kathy Waddington.



Sisters Jen Willson and Jacquie Kenny also participated in the tournament.



Above: Debra & Doug Jangraw, Dietmar & Angela Kuhr, Jen & Mike Salvon, Moira Murphy, Todd & Kristin Ondrick, Joesph Stiefel, Mary & Dave Dumala & Mike Freedman



Right: Brewmeister Joseph Stiefel and Mike Salvon

Fun for All at Irish Paddle Mixer

On St Patrick's Day, the paddle hut was festive with the Irish Mixer, hosted by **Dietmar and Angela Kuhr** and **Moira Murphy**, in full swing. There was plenty of good paddle with a little competition thrown in for our new to paddle attendees: the **Dumalas vs. the Ondricks!** The event featured husbands against wives. In the end, the wives won the bottle of Bailey's Irish Cream prize.

Throughout the event, participants were cheered on by the crowd of onlookers, who were enjoying boot beer in a keg from our own brewmeister, **Joseph Stiefel**. There was plenty of good food and company, as well as the NCAA Basketball tournament in the background on the large TV.

Murphy's Irish stout four pack's were the take home surprise. This was a great way to get some good paddle and celebrate with friends.

Join us next year as we make this an annual tradition!

— *Moira Murphy*





Jeff Morneau and Juan Arraya

2017 APTA Nationals in Philly!

Sure, you can watch the Platform Tennis National Championships on your TV or computer, but to really soak in the atmosphere and athleticism of the players, you want to be there live!

That was the case at the very recent championship tourney just west of Philadelphia. A rumored 23 country/field clubs were involved, and up to 68 courts were in play to host both the men's and women's brackets. The event featured a total of 128 teams for the men and 96 for the women.

It's great to see the top players in the game, and especially this year, as the Field Club had two local members participating

at a very high level. **Jeff Morneau** and his partner, **Juan Arraya**, entered as the 3rd seed, and **John Hughes** and his partner, **Marc Powers**, were there as the 4th seed. That's 3rd and 4th in the nation! Pretty impressive!

This tournament is like no other. You have every top player in the country competing all around you. Johan, he's the guy with the best forehand in the game. Jared, he won Wimbledon back in the 90's. This player does that and that player does what? "Wow, did you see that shot?" "That was an unbelievable get!" "Did that point just last five minutes?" That sort of stuff for three full days.... The 4th day is reserved for the semi-finals and finals if you're good enough to get there.

Lucky for us, both Jeff and John made it to Sunday and competed at a very high level against the two top teams in the country. Unfortunately, John got beat by the #1 seeded team, but Jeff was able to take down the #2 team and compete for a chance for the championship! It was a terrific match; the shot making was accurate, the slices were juiced up, and the crowd was entertained. In the end Jeff and Juan came up just short, losing to the same team that beat John and his partner.

Congratulations to our local Field Club "national level" participants. Whether watching live or on the computer, it's always more fun watching when it's your local favorite(s)! — *Mike Shields*



John Hughes and Marc Powers

Men's Super Bowl Event Features Great Food and Paddle



Chef Extraordinaire Barry O'Connor



Mark Cress returns a winner.



Hungry players

Men's A Championship “Hotly Contested”

The “2017 Field Club Men's A Championship” was held on Saturday, March 25th, hosted by **Tom Kietzman**, **Tom O'Brien**, and **Sara Suchy**. Seven teams competed for the title this year, which was very hotly contested. Defending champs **John Hughes** and **Craig Waddington** certainly couldn't have thought this was going to be a walk-over when they inspected the draw sheets. In the end, however, John and Craig were victorious in a thrilling split-set final (6-4, 4-6, 6-2) over **Jeff Morneau** and **Mike Shields** in the finals.

All four players – well, mostly John and Jeff (no offense Shields & Wads) – displayed some of the most creative and awe-inspiring shots and corner digs witnessed in our Club Championships. Both **Mike Doyle** and **Tom O'Brien** were seen shaking their heads in disbelief over some of Jeff's “facing-backwards-between-the-legs” returns. **Gary Ulrich** was overheard mentioning that he thought John Hughes was actually a right-handed player, but chose to play much of the preliminary rounds as a lefty (we have retained the services of a private investigator to look into whether John is indeed a righty or a lefty).

The consolation final found four grizzled veteran paddlers in ANOTHER thrilling split-set final. **Larry Eagan** and **Mike Freedman** bested **Rob Durfee** and **Jonathan Spencer** in a 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 squeaker.



Consolation Draw Runner Ups Jonathan Spencer & Rob Durfee, along with Consolation Draw Winners Mike Freedman & Larry Eagan



Main Draw Champions John Hughes & Craig Waddington, along with Main Draw Runner Ups Mike Shields & Jeff Morneau

A light rain descended on the players in the third set, which added to the drama. A nice crowd stayed to the finish to cheer on our finalists.

In the midst of the tournament was our president, **Moirra Murphy**, hosting an “Open House” for prospective members. Moirra received a number of guests, who were treated to witnessing some of the best (non APTA) paddle played at our club this year!

CONGRATS to John and Craig, along with Larry and Mike!! Special thanks to Tom O'Brien for making sure there was plenty of pizza and adult beverages on hand for the participants, as well as Sara Suchy for her help with setting up and cleaning up.

Another GREAT day to be a member of the Field Club of Longmeadow!! — *Tom Kietzman*

Oscar Paddle Fun

The ladies gathered for some paddle and Oscar-themed fun in February. We rolled out the red carpet, selected movie “teams” and hit the courts. A good time was had by all!

If you could not join us, the Ladies Oscar Paddle Mixer is an annual event, so put it on your calendar for next year!



Brock and Toebes Named “Best of the B’s”

The Field Club of Longmeadow held it's **2017 Men's "B" Paddle Championship** on Saturday, March 18. It was a crisp, late-winter afternoon/evening that saw 15 teams vie for the title of "Best of the B's." **Scott Brindle, Tom Kietzman** and **Brian Prast** hosted this event that included preliminary round-robin play, along with steaks on the grill prepared by **Chef Barry O'Connor** for dinner. The Field Club may not have set any records at this event in terms of longest points or number of entrants; however, we **ABSOLUTELY** set a record for the largest and tastiest rib-eye steaks and baked potatoes ever consumed on the grounds of our hallowed club. Chef Barry's mastery of the grill was probably the most dominant performance of the day!

The NCAA basketball tournament was on the big screen in the hut, which provided plenty of its own drama above and beyond what was happening on the paddle courts. At one point, there was a noticeable screech coming out of the hut, which caused alarm for some of our thirty paddlers that somebody may have hurt themselves somehow. It was later discovered that the screech in question was **Mr. Prast's** reaction to his Wisconsin Badgers upsetting Villanova in the NCAA's (much to the chagrin of **Gary Ulrich**). Order, and paddle playing, was soon restored. Some GREAT paddle was being played during the tourney, enough good paddle to warrant **Rob Durfee, Gary Weiner** and **Bob Conley** to swing by to "Scout" some of the matches in anticipation of the Men's "A" Championship to be played the following weekend.

After a short break for dinner, the semi-finals and finals were played. One semi-final saw **Don Brock** and **Gerrit Toebes** top **Doug Jangraw** and **Buzz Travers** 8-5. The other semi had **David Appleman** and **Tom O'Brien** win a tiebreaker 8 - 7 over **Dick Forrest** and **Tom Libbos**. The finals were GREAT to witness, and had the full attention of the "Peanut Gallery." Donny and Gerrit played particularly steady in a squeaker over Apples and Tom 5-7, 6-1, 6-4. It was a TON of fun to watch. All four players performed graciously, and were welcomed with a VERY warm response from the fan contingent when their match was completed. CONGRATS to our 2017 Men's "B" Champions — Don Brock and Gerrit Toebes!! — *Tom Kietzman*



Men's B Paddle Finalists David Appleman, Donnie Brock, Gerrit Toebes and Tom O'Brien.

Valentine's Day Kids Paddle Open House

The Field Club's youngest members celebrated Valentine's Day and welcomed prospective members to enjoy paddle and pizza during an open house in February.



The Big Paddle is Back Home!

On a beautiful Saturday in mid-February, five teams from the Field Club competed in the Big Paddle Challenge hosted by the Hartford Golf Club. With some adept negotiation and cajoling, Captain **Rob Durfee** was able to cobble together the strongest team since the Field Club started playing in this event 17 years ago. Big Paddle has been played at Hartford Golf Club for over 35 years, beginning in 1977. The format is the top 10 players, drawn from four clubs and their surrounding areas, play one match (2 out of 3 set) against each of the three other clubs. The other teams include Essex/Madison (CT), Shelter Harbor (RI) and Hartford (CT).

The Field Club dominated the other three clubs, losing only two matches out of a total of 15. It was a particularly sweet win over the “trash talking” boys from Essex... who have taken home the Paddle many times in the past.

This year's team lineup included:

1. **Craig Waddington/John Hughes**
2. **Alex Seiler/Jeff Morneau**
3. **Naren Dhamodharan/Mike Shields**
4. **Chris Barnhart/Andrew Waddington**
5. **Jason Smith/Rob Durfee**



Wads and Seiler did an awesome job supporting and playing up to the level of their respective top nationally ranked partners - John Hughes and Jeff Morneau. The 3rd position turned out to be the most challenging. Naren and Shields showed mental toughness and a lot of heart as they came out on top after playing long three sets in each of their matches. Barnhart and Andrew ran into a tough team in their 1st match, but then turned youth and speed to their advantage in the later rounds. Smith and Durf were a winning combination of talent and experience.

Suggestions on where the Big Paddle should reside in the hut are appreciated (it is currently resting near the fireplace). — *Rob Durfee*

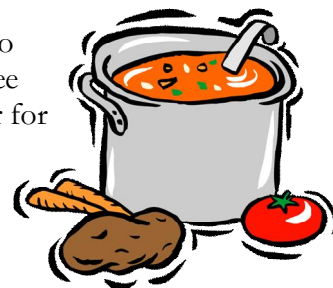
Hearty Soup & Hardy Paddle

On January 22, a huge crowd of 28 paddle players converged at the Field Club paddle courts for the Hearty Soup and Hardy Paddle Mixer. Friendly mixed play ensued, including both new and seasoned players, on a delightful warm winter day. Resting players watched the last stand of the Green Bay Packers on TV (maybe next year). Delicious hearty soups included chicken lentil soup made by **Jackie Pleet** and cream of broccoli soup made by **Patsy Martin**.



The event ended when everyone wanted to go home and watch Tom Brady throw his inflated balls. Go Pats! Hope to see you all next year for the 3rd annual soup mixer!

— *David and Jackie Pleet*



Women's B Paddle Team Takes 2nd

The Field Club's Women's B Paddle Team took second place in the inter-club Women's B Valley Paddle league for the 2016-2017 season. Having played the other five teams in the league (Simsbury Farms, Hopmeadow Country Club, Hartford Country Club, Avon Country Club and Longmeadow Country Club) three times each, the team accumulated 126 points, one point for each set won in four doubles line ups each week. The team fell short by just six points to the tenacious and talented Hopmeadow Country Club.

The team of 26 (mostly-active) members improved their skills and their wit with practices and good camaraderie on a weekly basis, playing in sun, snow or bitter wind, depending on the week. The ladies on the team enjoyed the best of what the Field Club has to offer: good matches, fresh air and great friends. The team can ALWAYS use new members, so look for the email in October announcing our gathering round robin to kick off the season. **Rosaria Pfeffer** and **Liz Kollias** will head up the team next year, and hopefully, bring back the winner's plaque for our mantel! — *Sherri Ehrenberg*

Seeking Volunteers for Summer Social Events

Hello Field Club Members... We hope that this finds you in good spring spirits! Our Spring Fling was a smashing success, thank you to all who attended. It was a beautiful night.

Looking forward, spring is upon us and summer is near! We, as the social chairs, are looking for members to organize a few social summer events. **We desperately need volunteers.** We have such a wonderful club, but it depends on volunteers/members to make it a success! We need at least two volunteers for each social function. Our upcoming scheduled events consist of the **Adult Pool Mixer**, **July 4th Fireworks Tailgate**, **Family Camp Out**, **Labor Day Tailgate**. We, as social chairs, will help with details, but we need volunteers to host these events. Please volunteer your time today. It is a great way to get involved in our beloved club. Happy spring to all! — *Victoria Wright & Molly Orr*



Sue Monks and Angela Kuhr at the Ladies B Paddle year-end, multi-club event.



The Women's B Paddle Team was led by Captain Sherri Ehrenberg at the year-end round robin. Players enjoyed a great year!



Captain Sherri Ehrenburg directing the Women's B Paddle end-of-year, multi-club event.

Lane Lines

Pool renovations are scheduled to begin as soon as the weather permits. These much needed renovations will allow for many more summers of fun at the Field Club. We look forward to an awesome Kick-Off Party once completed. Stay tuned, and we will alert all members as it gets closer to completion.

As always, the pool at the Field Club is the social hub for our families, and there are always exciting activities happening! If you are interested in helping or hosting an event or have an idea for one, please contact **Rosaria** or **Deirdre**. New members are encouraged to co-host an event with a veteran member of the Club. It's a great way to get involved, meet new people and give back to our club.

We look forward to the summer and the sunshine!
— *Rosaria Peffer and Deirdre Mailloux*

Around the Plots

"In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours."
~Mark Twain

The calendar may read spring; however, Mother Nature has a way of making us feel differently. As we look forward to another gardening season at the Field Club, I'd like to welcome back the returning gardeners and let everyone know we have a few plots available.

Plots are "rented out" for a fee of \$15 per year. The upkeep is solely dependent on you, the gardener. We have a water source in the vicinity and a tool shed full of tools to use. There is plenty of sunshine and fellow gardener camaraderie. Each season, we have a Garden Party gathering – we socialize, feast and talk gardens! The work required is about 2-3 hours per week to maintain a plot – watering in dry spells and weekly weeding. The bit of work each week will give you bragging rights and social media worthy photos (#FCGardens2017), as well as fresh vegetables and bouquets of flowers to "wow" you, your friends and fellow members. If you have young children at the Club, it's a fun activity to do together and may encourage them to try the veggies they grow! Some members also share a garden plot, so find a FC friend and make gardening part of your time together!

If you are interested in a plot this season, please email Deirdre. Happy spring! — *Deirdre Mailloux*



Field Club Field Trip to the 2017 US Open

When: Friday, September 1, 2017
(Labor Day Weekend)

Time: Departs at 7:30 a.m.
Returns around 9 p.m.

Where: Arthur Ashe Stadium, NYC

Cost: About \$135 per person
(subject to change)

Who: Field Club members and
their guests

RSVP: Mona Swanson

No Alcohol. Coolers and food will be
Allowed on bus. More details will follow soon!

Upcoming Adult Tennis Events

Monday, May 29th

New Member Mixer
Tennis Chairs & Liaison

Saturday, June 3rd

Tennis Mixer
Jamie and Elyse Dunbar

Saturday, June 17th

DAVIS CUP Annual Tournament
Davis Cup Committee
Captains needed; please contact tennis chairs.





The Colony Club Welcomes FC Members

Dear Field Club Members,

In July 2016, the Field Club and Colony Club began a wonderful partnership, whereby Field Club members were able to utilize the Colony Club for lunch, dinner, events, and private/business functions. This new relationship has blossomed, and we are very excited to entertain more FC members in this coming year. Please contact us for further information and/or your reservations, 413-732-4101.

Cheers,
Heidi Edwards, Club Manager

Upcoming Colony Club Events:

April 16	Easter Brunch, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Bunny at 12 p.m.
April 21	Music in the Lounge by Frank Serafino, 6 to 9 p.m.
April 22	Spring Wine Dinner, 6 p.m.
April 26	Happy Administrative Professionals' Day!
April 21-30	Springfield's 3 rd Annual Restaurant Week
May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 14	Mother's Day Brunch, 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
May 19	Music in the Lounge, Mike Smith, 6 to 9 p.m.
June 16	Annual Clambake & Lobster Boil, 6 p.m.

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

Deidre Mailloux

Field Club Committee Chairs 2016 -17

Membership Chairs: Connie Pierson/Lori McMahon

Paddle Tennis: Tom Kietzman and Sally Galucci

Tennis: Lora Arnold, Kim Burns and John Pappas

Jr. Tennis: Kate Morneau and Marna Shields

Pool: Rosaria Peffer and Deirdre Mailloux

Social: Molly Orr and Victoria Wright

Gardens: Deirdre Mailloux and John Abbott

Capital Campaign: Tom O'Brien

Marketing: Anita Hoag

I am Dr John DeWeese's wife, and I wanted to take this opportunity to speak out about a wonderful new perk of the Field Club. John and I really appreciate the efforts of someone (or ones) who put together the relationship with the Colony Club. We had each enjoyed the Colony Club as guests and were so pleased to have the opportunity to dine and entertain there as members of the Field Club. I hope that other Field Club members have enjoyed the relationship half as much.

There are many events - like a Valentine's Dance that we enjoyed - being scheduled in the future. John and I have given Heidi Edwards, Colony Club Manager and Member Liaison, our email addresses so we can be informed of these events.

Again, Thank you to the Field Club officials who orchestrated this opportunity.

*Well done,
Jan Anderson (and Dr. John DeWeese)*