
THE BASELINE

Field Club News



June 2017

A Message from the President

Spring has finally arrived, and the Field Club is buzzing with activity. Preparations for the season are underway, and we are looking forward to another great summer season. Foremost on our priority list is the pool renovation. This major project was started in the fall and has been ongoing, weather permitting, since early spring. Our general manager, **Jeff Dubiel**, has managed this process successfully and continues to keep an active role overseeing the work. He will provide us with weekly email updates until opening day.

Our staff has been hired for the season and is working with Jeff on training issues as needed, please see the information on staff updates in this issue. The new Snuggery manager, **Jim King**, is planning some exciting options this year. Please see "GM's Corner" (page 3) for more details.

Various painting projects have been underway at the Club, and you should notice a big difference with some of the new window trims. It is looking sharp! Don't forget to stop in the tennis women's renovated bath to see the changes, they look great. I would like to extend a huge thank you to the **Spring Clean Up event volunteers**. They painted in the heat, raked and did various odd jobs.

Volunteering at the Club is a great way to meet members. New member **Pam Chandler** kicked off her first event as a member at the Spring Clean Up Volunteer Day, what a great way to meet other members! Thank you, Pam! Also, a huge shout out to **Tom O'Brien**, who worked to organize this event with **Jeff Dubiel**. We were able to dive right into projects with the set up taken care of for us. Ben's

skills and youth flexibility covered the difficult to reach spots - thank you!

The Board of Governors is happy to announce that we will adapt our current hard courts to have pickle ball painted lines on both courts. The courts are used during the summer, Monday – Friday, for our youth tennis lessons. Please call the Pro Shop for the hours, as they vary. The demand for this game and its popularity is increasing. We will follow the usage of these courts and the interest of the sport amongst our members to decide future pickle ball capabilities at the Field Club. We hope to have a few pickle ball events once we have completed the line painting project.

We continue to work on our new member initiatives. A very big accomplishment is the updated website championed by our communications manager, **Mike Freedman**. He spent countless hours reviewing and editing drafts, colors, fonts and so many other aspects of creating a new stylish updated website. Please see his article (page 2) on this great asset to our marketing toolkit for new members (current members will benefit as well!).

We are hosting an Open House during the Davis Cup for potential new members to view the action. They will be able to watch some great tennis. On July 1st, we will have a member/guest mixer to get potential new members out on the courts to play. So, invite your friends, neighbors and anyone else to attend these events.

As part of our membership drive, we are also focusing on the junior members. We recently hosted a kickoff dodgeball event for teens and their friends.

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President's Message (continued)

There was a social media portion to get teens active on our various social media platforms. We will be planning additional events for teens this summer and hope to engage them more on our social networks.

I am excited for many of the planned events at the Field Club. Watch for email blasts or check out the updated website for details. The Annual Davis Cup is coming up soon; be sure to sign up to be part of this great annual tradition.

As we wind down the fantastic paddle season and gear up for our summer events, I am reminded of a quote :

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." — John Steinbeck



Looking forward to seeing you all out on the court, in the pool, at the Snuggery or at the 4th of July Tailgate.

All the best,
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Make Way for Ducklings... Field Club Style



A mother duck was checking out the pool renovation with her ducklings recently. Luckily, Ben was on the scene to guide them out of the pool!

A Warm Welcome to Jim King



Our new food service manager, Jim King, has over 20 years of restaurant management experience and is a graduate of UMASS Amherst with a bachelors degree in Hotel/Restaurant Management. He has successfully held positions as the head cook at Noble Hospital and as the assistant manager at the Marriott Hotel in Sturbridge. Please stop by the Snuggery to say hello. — *Jeff Dubiel*

New Updated Website and New Email Blaster

Our new updated website is up and running! We took the format of the old website and updated it with bright photos and new features. **Anita Hoag** was instrumental in helping us with the finer details of the website due to her expertise in this area. Some of the new features include:

- Easier access to event calendars
- Improved layout to attract new members
- Brighter colors and pictures
- Linking photos and Facebook posts
- Easy access to membership application forms
- Links to past email blasts and *The Baseline* newsletters
- And more!

So, check out our site: field-club.com. Also, we are pleased to announce that **Rosaria Peffer** will now be our lead email blaster. Please give her at least 48 hours to prepare an email blast. Thank you, Rosaria!
— *Mike Freedman*

Check Your Mailboxes!

Guidebooks have been mailed. If you did not receive yours, please contact **Jeff Dubiel**. Any changes in information can be forwarded to **Asa Nilsson**. A big thanks to Asa for completing this huge project!



GM's Corner

Pool Renovation

The pool renovation is **complete!!!!** We started filling the pool and will continue filling throughout the day/night. The process can take about

a week, please see my email updates. We will update you on progress and the opening date!

Tennis

As of this printing, the exterior of the pro shop was getting a fresh coat of paint. The windows were being outlined in white, and the walls painted gray. The painting was expected to be completed before Memorial Day. The pro shop is stocked with new demo racquets, over grips, glassware and other items that will help your game. Be on the lookout for a few new items. Also as of this printing, all of the courts were open and ready for play, with the exception of courts 5,6,7 and 8. These were under construction and expected to be ready for play before Memorial Day. The upstairs kitchen has been cleaned and ready for use. The ice machine has also been serviced and is now filled with fresh ice.

Pickle Ball

Stay tuned for updates on our pickle ball line painting project. Pickle ball equipment (paddles and balls) will be available for you to demo once the season begins. These items will be located in the tennis pro shop and will need to be signed out by the member and returned on the same day.

Paddle Courts

Summer play available.

Basketball Court

The hoop is up and the court is ready for play.

Snuggery Manager

Jim King has been hired as our new food service manager (see page 2). He brings with him over twenty years of restaurant management and has a lot of great ideas to enhance the Snuggery experience. Please stop by and say hello. Also, keep your eyes peeled for a few new menu items.



The newly renovated pool!

Items For Sale

The FC will be hosting its first ever **"Demo Day."** This event will feature a new line of racquets and other tennis related items. I will send an email blast to all members regarding the details once they become available.

Please contact me at if you have any questions or recommendations.

— Jeff Dubiel

Snuggery Now Open!

There's a new face in the Snuggery this season — **Jim King**, our new Snuggery Manager. He has been busy cleaning and prepping for the season. Please be sure to say hello and introduce yourself. I'm sure he will get to know the children quickly!

This year, there are some new additions to the menu options, such as freshly-made fruit smoothies. They are sure to cool you off on those hot summer days!

We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

— Deirdre Mailloux

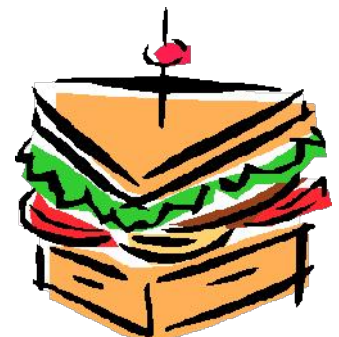
Snuggery Hours

Preseason (May/June)

Weekends/Holidays:
12 noon to 5 p.m.

Summer

Monday-Friday:
10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



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.

Pool Staff

Caroline Murphy – Director
Kristen Webber – Assistant Director
Allison Echeverria
Max Rubin
Megan Wells
Katelyn King
Russell Wells
Hannah Tarpe
Julia Barron

Snuggery/Tot Lot Staff

Natalie Bell – Assistant Manager
Emily Coughlin – Tot Lot Director

Maintenance Staff

Ben Koziol
Robert Koziol

The Gardens are Coming to Life!

"The greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses." — Hanna Rion, 19th century garden writer

There is some early season activity happening in our garden plots; seeds have been planted, bulbs are growing and sections of seedlings and greens are emerging through the dirt. The unpredictable weather of spring has given us many warm days and a few cold nights. Hopefully, the warmth will continue and further planting can be done. Be sure to take a stroll through the gardens now and then again mid summer to see what's growing. We look forward to a season of bountiful gardens.



Interested in a garden plot?
There are still a few available and it's not too late to plant. Please contact me for more information.
— Deirdre Mailloux

A Memorial Tribute

The Field Club family was saddened by the recent passing of longtime member **Anne Keeney**. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.



Membership News

There are still a number of membership openings, so 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. Thank you to all who have sponsored new members in the past few months.
— Lori McMahon

Welcome New Members!

- **Bryan and Erica Kennedy**
Sponsored by Carol and Rick Plaut
- **Brian and Nuella Wall**
Sponsored by Laura and Noiel Fontaine
- **John and Aimee Klepacki**
Sponsored by Tim and Victoria Wright

The Pro Shop is Open!

Pre-Season Hours

Weekends & Holidays, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Summer Hours

Weekends: 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m.- 7 p.m.



Spring Clean Up Day 2017

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Spring Clean Up Day.
The day was a huge success, and our Club looks great as a result!



Pam Chandler and Jackie Pleet



Peter Veysey, Tom O'Brien and Pam Chandler



Peter Veysey and Ben

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 and Labor Day Tailgate. We 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! Happy spring to all!

— Molly Orr and Victoria Wright



2017 Social Events

July 4th Tailgate (Sunday, July 2) — This is our summer kick-off party that coincides with Twin Hill fireworks! A super relaxed event where you simply pull up your car and relax with your summer friends while watching the fireworks. You supply your own food and beverages.

Adult Pool-Side Party (TBD) — A fun adult-only event on the pool deck. Leave your kids at home and enjoy dinner, music, dancing and tons of fun! Sometimes this is pot-luck, sometimes it catered.

Family Camp-Out (TBD) — This is a beloved Field Club event where you can pitch a tent for the night and enjoy an evening of family fun and games by the campfire. The kids love this event!

Labor Day Tailgate (Sunday, September 3) — This event marks the bittersweet end of summer at the Field Club. Pack up your car with food, drinks and your favorite tail-gate game (don't forget the kids, too). This event has a DJ, ice-cream truck, cotton candy and popcorn. The kids (and some adults) run around getting some last minute summer fun!

Follow Us On Social Media!

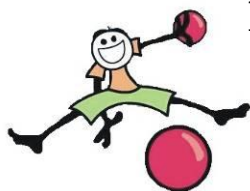


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Teen Social Connection

This summer, we will be hosting various events geared towards our teen members. The first event was a dodgeball tournament (see below). We are also looking to engage our teens on social media to increase excitement about the Field Club with our members and prospective members. Encourage your teens to join in the fun activities and join us on social media. We will update you as activities come up.

If you have any ideas, please submit them to Russell Wells, one of our returning lifeguards this season. — *Moirra Murphy*



Dodgeball Teen Tournament

The Teen Dodgeball Tournament was a smashing success! We had close to 80 kids turnout to enjoy a night of dodgeball, pizza, snacks and camaraderie. A great time was had by all.

The intermittent rain was not even noticed. Music blared cool tunes and the teams competed rotating in. **Russell Wells**, our summer teen event and social media intern, was the event planner and Master of Ceremonies for the evening. He organized the kids right away for a group photo and team selfies and got the event going and running smoothly. His fellow lifeguards, Hanna and Max Rubin, were the refs on the sidelines, managing the play.

The kids devoured the four party size pizzas, popsicles and candy, and played hard. The event consisted of basketball, Frisbee, corn toss, sideline cheering and, of course, texting about the event on their phones.

The kids had a great time, and the Field Club got some great publicity. A fantastic way to kickoff the summer at the Field Club for the teens. Stay tuned for other teen events this summer!

A special thanks goes out to the following organizers: **Marna Shields**, **Phil Guidry**, **Mona Swanson** and **Russell Wells**. Another special thanks to our general manager, **Jeff Dubiel**, and **Ben Koziol** for their hard work setting up. Ben made an end-of-event run to get the Club back to ship-shape state for our members. — *Moirra Murphy*



Check out our website and Facebook pages for more photos!

Mixed Doubles Club Championship

Mostly cloudy skies and breaks of sun (at all the right times) helped **Kate Morneau** and **Mike Shields** capture this year's Mixed Club Championship Tourney on April 8. A total of six well assembled teams gathered on a beautiful Saturday morning to compete in the double elimination draw. Early play was fierce, as the morning started with eight game pro sets.

Confusion about tie breakers at 7-7 or "win by 2" dominated the early morning discussion as players downed OJ, coffee, homemade power bites and DD Munchkins. No early upsets were reported as the teams moved through the morning with little to no rest between matches. The temperatures moved into the 40's and the ball started to bounce a little more like it should with springtime paddle.

The team of **Jacquie Kenny** and **David Fuller** ended up losing early and moving all the way through the back draw to get to the finals against **Morneau** and **Shields**. Despite already playing five matches (many of them best of three sets), team Kenny/Fuller rallied early in the finals catching the rested (and turkey bacon wrap and cheese pizza filled) Morneau and Shields off guard. In the end Kate and Mike got things moving and took this years title.

Sam Adams was there to thank all participants for playing, including new members/new players **Steven** and **Jen Creelman**. Way to step it up! Hope to see more teams involved next year! — *Mike Shields*



Kate Morneau, Mike Shields, Jacquie and Tim Kenny



Brian Grayboff, Jenn Willson, Jacquie and Tim Kenny



Asa Nilsson and Scott Taylor



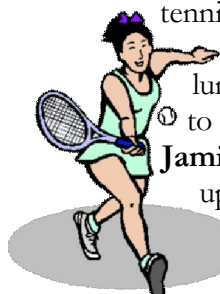
Tom Kietzman and Carol Plaut

Please visit our Facebook page for more photos from the event!

Davis Cup Coming Soon!

Do not miss the Field Club's grandest event of the season, the Davis Cup! The event will take place **Saturday, June 17**, starting at 8:30 a.m. Players of all levels are encouraged to participate. Four team countries will face off for bragging rights in this

tennis match. It is a doubles play, half-day event, with a delicious lunch served for all. Please be sure to contact the hosts, **Lora Arnold, Jamie Dunbar or Kim Burns**, or sign up on the poster at the courts. Davis Cup is a Field Club tradition like no other. — *Jamie Dunbar*



Tot Lot Assistants

Every summer we look for assistants to help our Tot Lot Director. The job duties include helping with crafts and stories; bringing children to and from tennis and/or swim lessons, and playing with children

The schedule is Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon for the week assigned (only one week per child). If your child is between the ages of 11 and 14 and would like to be a paid helper, contact Deirdre Mailloux with a list of the weeks your child is available, starting the week of June 26. Act quickly, as the slots fill up! — *Deirdre Mailloux*

Tot Lot Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon



Looking Ahead to Junior Tennis

Juniors... block off your Wednesday afternoons (beginning on June 28 through August 2) for your chance to play in the US Open, French Open, Australia Open, Wimbledon, Corcoran Cup, and more! Join your teammates at the Junior Opener on Friday, June 23, for pizza and round-robin style tennis.

Mark your calendars for the Field Club notable tournaments:

Family Round Robin

Saturday, June 29

Double & Mixed Double Championships

Wednesday, August 9 - Thursday, August 10

Singles Championships

Wednesday, August 17-Thursday, August 18

Finally, you won't want to miss the Awards party on Friday, August 25, where highlights of the summer tennis season are celebrated with teammates, coaches, pizza, and more! — *Kate Morneau & Marna Shields*

Junior Tennis Schedule

Friday, June 23 - Jr. Opener Pizza Round Robin

Tuesday, June 27 - Tot Opener

Wednesday, June 28 - U.S. Open

Wednesday, July 5 - French Open

Wednesday, July 12 - Australian Open

Wednesday, July 19 - Wimbledon

Wednesday, July 26 - Jr. Davis Cup

Saturday, July 29 - Family Round Robin

Wednesday, August 2 - Corcoran Cup

Wednesday/Thursday, August 9 & 10 -
Doubles/Mixed Doubles Championships

Wednesday/Thursday, August 16 & 17 -
Singles Championship

Thursday, August 24 - End of Season Tot Party

Friday, August 25 - Awards Party

Field Club U14 & U18 USTA Junior Tennis Team

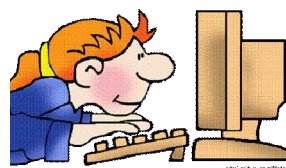
This summer, the Field Club is planning to once again have a USTA 14U and 18U junior coed tennis team.

- 1) To participate on a USTA Junior Tennis Team your child must be age qualified through August 31, 2017.
- 2) There will be weekly matches on Wednesday evenings beginning on June 28th and running through August 2nd (last make-up date August 9th). In addition to the weekly matches, there is typically one weekly USTA junior team practice.
- 3) Matches begin at 6 p.m.
- 4) Some team members will qualify to play in the Western Mass JTT State Championship on August 12th and 13th.
- 5) There is an additional fee for participation on this USTA tennis team to cover coaching, USTA individual and team membership and final tournament fees.

If your child is interested in playing on the 14U team or if you have any additional questions about 14U, please contact Kate Morneau.

If your child is interested in playing on the 18U team or if you have any additional questions about 18U, please contact Laura Katz.

The sign up deadline for The Field Club's Junior USTA Tennis Teams is June 4, 2017.



Next Baseline Deadline July 12

Due to vacation schedules the deadline for the August edition of *The Baseline* will be a little earlier than usual. Please send your news items and photographs to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague by **Wednesday, July 12.**



Lane Lines

We are looking forward to warm weather and swimming in the newly renovated pool! Details will follow for the grand opening. We will plan a special day for all members on opening day.

Extensive renovations were done, and the pool has been painted a Bikini Blue paint color. It looks beautiful. We're excited for our pool-time.

Our lifeguards are getting ready for the season, doing some odd jobs to get the pool and pool area ready for summer fun!

We are stilling looking for a few more members to host a pool event. Contact either Rosaria or Deirdre, we look forward to hearing from you. See you soon at the pool! — *Rosaria Pfeffer and Deirdre Mailloux*

Pool Hours (Once the Pool Opens)

Monday – Friday:

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Pool open for lessons only

12 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Pool open for general use

6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Pool open for family swim/two lap lanes available for lap swimmers

Weekends:

9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Pool open for lap swim only/wading pool closed

10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Pool open for general use/family swim

6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Family swim

August 30 to September 4: TBD

The pool will close for the season at 5 p.m. on Monday, September 4, 2017.

Summer 2017 Events

Summer is just around the corner... and so are the fun events listed below! Be sure to mark your calendar so that you don't miss out!



Kick Off Mixer

Saturday, June 3,
5:30 mingle/6:30 tennis

Davis Cup

Saturday, June 17, 2017
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Open House

Saturday, June 17
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Clem Easton Tournament

Thursday - Sunday,
June 22 - 25, 2017



Junior Tennis Opener

Pizza Round Robin
Friday, June 23, 2017, 3:30 p.m.

Member/Guest Mixer

Saturday, July 1, 2017



4th of July Tailgate

Sunday, July 2, 2017

Save the Date - New Event!

Women's Member/Guest Tournament

Friday, July 21, 2017

Hosted by Jenna Goodman.
More details will be
available soon!



At Your Service:

Your Board and Committee Chairs

Field Club Board of Governors 2016 -2017

President

Moira Murphy

Vice President & Communications Chair

Mike Freedman

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Steve Ehrenberg

Assistant Treasurer & Paddle Liaison

Rick Plaut

Clerk

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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

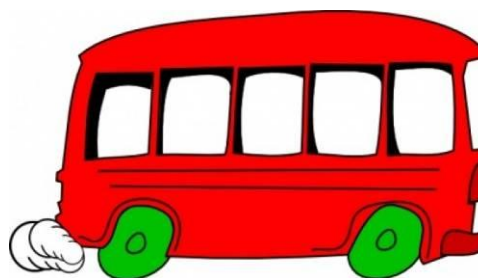
Pool: Rosaria Pfeffer, Deirdre Mailloux

Social: Molly Orr, Victoria Wright

Gardens & Grounds: Deirdre Mailloux, John Abbott

Capital Campaign: Tom O'Brien

Marketing: Anita Hoag



US Open Trip (*New This Year!*)

Friday September 1, 2017

Only 25 seats left!!!

- Reserved Arthur Ashe Stadium ticket and round-trip, air-conditioned motor coach transportation from the Field Club to the National Tennis Center in Flushing NY.
- Bus departs at 7:30 am and returns around 6:30 pm.
- Singles and Doubles will be playing September 1, and it is also USTA Appreciation Day. Special access for USTA members with free snacks and gifts.
- This is a national Tennis Championship where you can see the best players in the world, including Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray, Venus Williams and more.
- Small coolers are allowed on the grounds, but no bottles or cans.
- Please contact Mona Swanson for tickets and questions.

— Mona Swanson



The Colony Club
Established 1913

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!