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# THE BASELINE

## *Field Club News*



October 2017

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### Final Presidential Letter of 2017!

**S**o hard to say good bye to our summer season! We had such a tremendous year. The Club was busy year round with activities for all ages — new events, annual events and general busyness.

The year-end Club tennis tournaments were competitive and fun and the hosts that organized these events are to be commended - **Carolyn Marchese, Connie and Tom Gould** and **Lora Arnold**. Our volunteer members are the heart and soul of the Club.

Head Tennis Pro **Ann Boisvert** has shepherded another successful season for all ages. We are so grateful for her knowledgeable touch in organizing the Davis Cup, the tennis programs, the championship tournaments for adults, and the youth programs, as well as balancing the staffing needs and all the tennis court happenings. She worked hard with **Jamie Dunbar** to implement new programs. She also worked with **Tara Harris** to host the Ronald McDonald fundraiser for over 60 participants. It is such a comfort to know we have such a capable Tennis Pro... what a season, thank you!



Thank you, Ann, for another great Field Club season!

Adult tennis mixers this summer were well organized by our hosts and attendance was high, with all enjoying great tennis and social nights. Kudos to the hard work by co-chairs **Kim Burns** and **Lora Arnold**.

Junior tennis ended with championships and a party enjoyed by all. Ann and her staff gave us another great year! Thank you **Kate Morneau** and **Marna Shields** for your efforts. Our USTA teams had great seasons thanks to **Eve Sullivan** and **Brian Gurski**, as well as parent coordinators **Kate Morneau** and **Laura Katz**.

We implemented a new teen series which kicked off with dodgeball and tennis and ended with volleyball see the details in the column by **Russell Wells** (page 8). He and **Eve Sullivan** did a great job on all events.

**Mary Adler** was instrumental in the success of the tennis events, especially the s'mores night with **Lou and Matt** building the fire. The Dodgeball night with **Marna Shields, Phil Guidry** and **Mona Swanson** gave us a great start!

We painted pickleball lines and had our first Pickleball 101 clinic led by **Ken Vicunas**. We are hoping to get a regular time next year to have drop-in pickleball. A new chapter in the history books has been started!

We had 44 members attend the US Open, and it was a great experience. I personally will be back next year to see more great tennis and explore the grounds. Having a bus transport you is the way to go. Such a great day! Thank you, **Mona Swanson**! She worked on this since January, and it was a huge success.

Our renovated pool was busier than ever this year. One of our most successful events was the Dive-In Movie night hosted by **Sherri Ehrenberg** and

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# President's Message

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**Christine Weyer.** The kids loved this event; it was so great to see them floating around and enjoying themselves. Our lifeguards are the best, handling these events and all our pool activities, teaching, and entertaining the little ones at the pool. Head Lifeguards **Caroline Sturges** and **Kristen Webber** gave the Club great guidance on all pool issues and made it a fun season for all.

We had a terrific turnout for our poolside dining night. The "Monday Night Croo," led by **Dave Appleman**, pulled out all the stops decorating and putting up lights. Special thanks to **Scott Brindle** for using his lungs to fill our giant beach ball and other floats. The food was delicious, brought by attendees and added to by **Chef Barry O'Connor!**

The Labor Day Tailgate was a huge hit with everyone, and the kids enjoyed some new activities led by **Russell Wells** and **Katelyn King**.

As we head into the fall, we are looking forward to our Annual Meeting at the Colony Club. If you have never been, this is a great opportunity to see what all the buzz is about. It should be a wonderful evening, so save the date for **Friday, November 3rd**. Please come vote for the new slate of Board of Governor officers and keep abreast of the Club's financial presentation and upcoming capital projects.

We are still marketing the Club for new members, because although we managed to fill our membership gap for the year (and even go a bit over), we have lost some members due to moves and families transitioning to senior status. Without a waitlist, we find ourselves needing to fill another gap this year. So, keep looking for potential new members and invite a few to our Paddle 101 Clinic on Sunday, October 28th. Spread the word, members are our best source! If you know of a family that is interested in joining, encourage them to start the process now. **Lori McMahon**, our membership chair, is able to assist you with any questions. We have streamlined the process to help facilitate getting new members up and running fast.

We are gearing up for another great paddle season and have posted the schedule on the website.

It has been a great, exciting year, but as the fall leaves start changing color, our pro shop, pool, snuggery and tot lot are closed, winding down after a great season. General Manager **Jeff Dubiel** has done an awesome job handling all our Club needs, from hiring new staff to managing a huge pool renovation. His construction expertise has benefited the Club; he has the knowledge to understand what each and every Club project needs and how to get competitive bids. He has personally managed every project to successful completion. The pool project was able to be completed by summer season because of his diligence managing the contractor. Thank you, Jeff!

As I write my last *Baseline* letter, I am amazed at how beautifully the Field Club community comes together to volunteer and share great times. We have a fantastic facility and members that step up to help keep us moving forward.

The Board of Governor's will be saying good bye to **Mona Swanson**, **Rick Plaut** and **Tom O'Brien**, as three new members take the reins. We are grateful to all three of these Board members for all their hard work on many fronts. Voted in by the Board of governors pending the vote at Annual Meeting will be: **Liz Kollias**, **Tom Kietzman** and **Lora Arnold**. The new Board has an exciting year coming for all members, and **Mike Freedman** will be an excellent president to lead the way.

Finally, my term as president ends, but I will remain on the Board as immediate past-president next year and work to aid in the transition to the Club's next president. It has been another great Field Club year. Thank you to all members for your contributions to our great club and giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. It was a great experience, and I enjoyed working with the rest of the Board of Governors and, again, thank them all for their support and hard work.

See you at the Annual Meeting on Friday, November 3rd, 6:30 p.m., at The Colony Club in Springfield!

— *Maira*



## Email Blaster & WIFI Installer

As previously announced, **Theodore Agranat** is our new email blaster. We bid farewell to **Rosaria Pepper** and her family, as they moved to sunny California.

Theodore jumped right into the duties of email communications, photographer at large, and installing our new WIFI system at the Club. He donated time, equipment and expertise to get the latter project up and running. His technical expertise is appreciated in the role of our email blaster, as it takes time to learn the quirks of the system. It also requires diligence and a commitment to the members of the Club who rely on this tool to communicate all our events, facility announcements, Club announcements and our Baseline. Our new website has a page that lists all the latest email blasts. If you missed a recent email blast, please go to the website where you will find a link from the home page.

— *Moirra Murphy*



## Good Times at the Tot Lot

Thank you to all of the junior members who assisted at the Tot Lot this summer! Our Tot Lot Director, **Emily Coughlin**, really appreciated your help. Thanks to you, we were able to provide a fun, safe environment for the youngest members of the Field Club. Have a great school year, and we hope to see you next year. — *Deirdre Mailloux*



### Poolside Flowerboxes are Looking Great!

Chris Nicholson graciously donated her talents to decorating the poolside flower boxes. They were beautiful! Another great member helping to keep the Field Club looking great!



## Memory Lane

I happened to be arriving one morning at the Field Club when I noticed a car with Vermont plates pulled in, and a man stepped out looking around. Turned out he was the first pool manager hired by the Field Club!

We gave him a tour of the facility. He was impressed with all the improvements, especially the paddle hut and courts.

He chatted with **Caroline Sturgis** and the other guards about life back then.

When the pool was first built it was the only structure in the area, so word got out among local teens, who started pool hopping at night. The lifeguards had to take turns sleeping in the guard room all night!

I didn't write down his name. Any member that can name the first Field Club pool manager wins a free smoothie! — *Moirra Murphy*



## Mark Your Calendars!

**The Field Club's  
2017 Annual Meeting**



**Friday, November 3, 2017**

**6:30 p.m. — Social Hour**

**7:15 p.m. — Meeting**



**Colony Club, Springfield MA**



**Dress is business casual — no jeans.**







## GM's Corner

### Pool

I hope everyone had a chance to come and enjoy our renovated swimming pool this year. Once again, our lifeguards did a wonderful job managing the pool deck and keeping everyone safe. Our pool and Tot Lot are now closed for the season.

### Tennis

Unfortunately the tennis season is coming to an end. The courts will remain open for play until mid-October weather permitting.

The windows in the kitchen area, above the pro-shop, are scheduled to be replaced later next month. We are going to replace the existing windows with a double hung type of windows. The new windows will create better airflow during those hot summer months. The mens bathroom window has some rotted wood and will also be replaced during the off season.

### Pickleball

With the addition of the painted pickle ball lines on the hard courts, next season our pro-shop will offer our pickle ball players, demo paddles and accessories for purchase. This sport is growing in popularity so don't forget to schedule your court.

### Platform Tennis

During the off season, we were able to make some much needed repairs to the courts. We were also able to restrain the entire deck with two coats of high grade solid stain.

Are you in the market for a new paddle? The new demo paddles will be arriving shortly and will be hanging on the demo wall for your convenience, located near the restrooms.

Paddle players; please remember to turn off all of the lights on the courts and in the paddle hut, if you are the last one to leave.

Once again it is my pleasure to offer our members FREE Keurig coffee and hot chocolate during the paddle season.

### Snuggery / Tot Lot

Closed for the season! I would like to say "thank you" to **Jim King** and his staff for making the 2017 Snuggery season such a tasteful one. I hope everyone had a chance to try one of Jim's famous "Manager's Special." Some

of his favorites included, bourbon chicken, steak and cheese grinders, taco boats and much more. One of my favorites this year was the strawberry and banana smoothie. It was really refreshing.

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

## Garden Plots

With the weather becoming cooler and the sun setting earlier, we can feel fall in the air. Most of our harvest is starting to slow, and I hope you all enjoyed a plentiful and delicious crop of vegetables! Many of the gardeners have planted flowers – the colors really brighten the area and add a nice flare to the plots.

Do take advantage of a beautiful fall day to clean up the garden and prep it for a winter's rest. Besides looking tidy, it is healthier for the soil to discard any diseased foliage from this season's crops.

However, there is still some time to plant a few cold weather greens, like spinach and kale, to enjoy the next few weeks. This is also the time to plant your garlic bulbs for next year!

Enjoy your winter browsing through seed catalogs and setting your sights on next season plantings! — *Deirdre Mailloux*



### Family Fun on a Summer Pool Night

John and Lori McMahon are enjoying an evening at the Field Club with two of their children, Joseph and Nora. Missing from photo but not forgotten - Tommy!



## Board Corner: 2016/2017 Year-End Wrap Up

A huge thanks to our Board of Governors who worked very hard this year. Among their many projects and undertakings were marketing the Club; successfully filling the membership gap; increasing our use of social media tools; adopting a new logo; updating the website; overseeing the pool renovation and capital projects; offering new tennis, pickleball and social activities, and hosting open houses. These are just a few of the projects that topped the list of priorities for each board position. Their dedication and commitment has been invaluable. We all owe them a huge "Thank You!"

### **Tom O'Brien: Immediate Past President**

Tom provided a valuable resource to the Board with his continuous commitment to the Club in all aspects, but especially in regards to the facility maintenance. He led the spring clean up and personally supervised painting projects, specifically the new green color on the paddle boards. He and **Ken Vincunas** also painted the outside of the Snuggery. It is dedication to the Field Club by members like Tom that keep the volunteer spirit alive and well.

### **Mike Freedman: Vice President & Communications Liaison**

Mike has been a huge sounding board for me during the year. He gave sound counsel on many fronts and will be an excellent leader as president next year. He has already been contributing behind the scenes on all Club issues and is well prepared to take the helm. It should be a great year! He is planning many activities for the upcoming paddle season with the committee and has other great ideas you will hear more about at the Annual Meeting. As Communications Board Liaison, he was instrumental in updating our website, spending hundreds of hours working out the finer details of how we should plan out our marketing of the Club and keep it a useful tool for our members. He analyzed various website companies and ultimately chose to keep it locally maintained by **Anna Blaunt** of AB Graphics, who also created our new logo with the creative assistance of **Anita Hoag**, a website guru who gave us sound advice on how to proceed. It took many hours of hard work to give our website the best SEO exposure possible. After getting the format down, uploading content with photos took many more hours of work. Take a look at the website - it is GREAT! In addition to working on the website, Mike

wrote our press releases and communicated with media outlets. He edited the *Baseline* and contributed to the Guidebook updates, working with **Asa Nilsson**, getting it printed in record time.

### **Steve Ehrenberg : Treasurer**

Steve stepped in as Treasurer and chaired the Capital Committee, which provided guidance for the Board to determine our capital projects priority list. This will be discussed at the Annual Meeting. He also spent many hours looking at the effects of our membership gaps on our revenue stream and our increasing expenses to run and maintain the facility. This will also be in his Annual Meeting presentation, so be sure to save the date for November 3rd.

**Rick Plaut** again filled the role of assistant treasurer and was a very valuable resource for the Board in that role.

**Buzz Travers** also worked hard with the Capital Committee, sharing his historical knowledge of the Field Club finances. As a past Field Club president and as our lead contact at Aaron Smith Accounting firm, he is an invaluable team member.

### **Rick Plaut: Paddle Liaison, Social Media and Marketing**

Rick Plaut, our paddle chair, has been instrumental in managing a successful paddle program with very well attended events, lessons for adults with **Kelly Hellstein**, and lessons for the youth program with **Glenn Snyder**, both of whom are great Club resources. Rick was also instrumental as the Club social media and marketing advisor. He continually updated Facebook, increasing our exposure in the community to bring in new members. He answered countless inquiries from the Facebook page and managed to turn a few leads into new members. He also guided our intern, **Russell Wells**, with our additional social media tools - Instagram, Snapchat and Twitter. He has been very successful on that front. His expertise in marketing and finance will be missed, along with his gregarious presence on the Board and wealth of knowledge.

### **Mona Swanson: Social Board Liaison, Assistant Clerk, Gardens and Grounds Liaison**

Mona has been our go-to person for all social events. Aided by chairs **Molly Orr** and **Victoria Wright**. Mona goes the extra mile and then some. Her work on the US Open was basically a nine month job. Her event planning skills will be missed with the Spring Fling, Tailgates, and the Annual Meeting. The upcoming Annual Meeting, which

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## Board Corner *(continued)*

should be fabulous, will be at The Colony Club. Mona has been working hard to get us a great menu and site preparation. It is a nice introduction to our members who have not taken advantage of the dining privileges extended to Field Club members for a very small fee. Make sure to mark your calendars for November 3rd.

### **Jamie Dunbar: Board Tennis Liaison**

Jamie was instrumental in bringing new activities and additional lessons by **Evan Gaudreau** to update our tennis program and to try and get new members and beginning players more opportunities to play. He worked closely with **Ann Boisvert** and her staff to coordinate all the programs. He also had the dynamite duo of **Kim Burns** and **Lora Arnold** as chairs, both of whom stepped into chair events when a host was not available. They made sure all events ran smoothly. Junior Tennis chairs were awesome, with **Kate Morneau** and **Marna Shields** at the helm to manage the season for our great youth program. **Laura Katz** and **Kate Morneau** were the parent leaders for the USTA teams, which had successful seasons. All in all, it was a great tennis season, with the addition of pickleball lines towards the end of the season. **Ken Vicunas** stepped up to chair our first Pickleball 101 Clinic, which was a smashing success. Looking forward to next season, during which we will implement a weekly “drop in and play” time and date, so get your rackets ready! Don’t own one? We have demos and balls at your disposal in the Tennis Pro shop

### **Mark Cress: Board Clerk**

Mark joined the Board this year and dove right into the important duties of clerk, filling an essential role by writing and submitting the minutes of each meeting. Mark has been thorough and very timely. We are also fortunate to have his legal expertise to guide us on various issues that come up for discussion. We are so grateful for his contributions. In her role as assistant clerk this year, **Mona Swanson** saw first hand all the tasks he masters – she has been busy!

*Due to an opening on the Board, we had several Board of Governor's changes this year during the early spring:*

### **Lori McMahon: Board Membership Liaison and Chair**

Lori stepped into a new role in early spring, having to get up to speed quickly on the large task of serving in the dual role of both Board liaison and chair of Membership. She was

more than up for the challenge, and we appreciate all the work she has put into marketing new members, providing endless support to members sponsoring families, setting up meet and greets, and getting new members up and running at the Field Club. She worked hard to implement our marketing incentives for members to sponsor a new family. She maintains a huge data base and is very detailed in her duties. It is a huge, important job, and she has been a great resource for us all!

### **Deirdre Mailloux: Board Liaison to Pool, Snuggery & Tot Lot & Gardens & Grounds Chair**

Deirdre came on as a new Board member mid-term. She stepped right up to fill the gap left in the Pool, Snuggery and Tot lot role. She worked diligently to successfully plan and implement a great summer program working with **Rosaria Peffer**. She worked with **Jeff Dubiel** and the new Snuggery Manager, **Jim King**, to bring some new offerings - hope you all got a smoothie this year? I personally loved the Philly steak special and brought three home for my family to devour. We thank Deirdre for all her hard work and providing us eclipse sunglasses to have a flash eclipse party that day thru our Facebook page – what a fun time and quite a site to see from the Field Club pool deck. Even the guards joined in the fun! Deirdre also remained chair of the gardens, as she has an affinity and flare for growing amazing veggies (I have been a recipient of her crop in years past). She worked with **Mona Swanson**, the Board liaison, to assist our members in having a successful harvest (the local woodchucks appreciate the efforts... just kidding!). She was assisted by **John Abbott** as the grounds chair. With his green thumb, the Club looks great. It was an especially great year for hydrangeas!

### **Good-Bye to Connie Pierson**

We bid farewell to another Board member, Connie Pierson, our previous Board liaison and chair for Membership. She and Bob have moved to the Marlborough area. They will be missed, but they’re not too far away to come back and play some paddle and tennis as non-resident members.

— *Moiria Murphy*

## Proposed New Governors

For your information, the following members have been nominated by the Board to become Governors, if elected at the Annual Meeting: **Liz Kollias, Tom Kietzman** and **Lora Arnold**.



## Social Committee News

It's hard to believe another Field Club summer has come and gone! The Social Committee wants to formally thank everyone who stepped up to the plate to make the summer of 2017 a "social success"!

The Fourth of July Tailgate hosted by **Mary Dumala** and **Kirsten Ondrick**, kicked-off the summer with a bang, while August ushered in some "grown up" fun with the Adult Poolside Party hosted by **Dave Appleman** and **Theodore Agranat**. This summer also marked the Field Club's first Family Game Night, for which full credit and special thanks is owed to **Theodore Agranat**. **Katie and Dave Wartman** rounded out the summer by hosting a successful Family Camp Night, where s'mores and a bonfire were enjoyed by kids and parents alike. And, as all good things must come to an end, the social season's closeout this year was marked by a hugely successful Labor Day Tailgate. Families gathered together, on Labor Day, to celebrate another wonderful Field Club summer.

We are so very grateful for the members who volunteered their time and attended these fun events this summer. And, before we officially sign off, we want to wish **Katie Wartman** and **Lauren Brady** every success as they take over the roles of Social Committee Chairs.

— *Molly Orr and Victoria Wright*



## Dive-In Night

The first-ever Field Club Dive-In Movie event, featuring *What About Bob*, was held on August 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a huge success, with over 70 teens attending! The title of the movie being shown that night was not revealed until just before the movie began, which added to the excitement of the event! The teens were able to hang poolside on lounge chairs and watch the movie or float on rafts in the pool to watch it! Over 14 pizzas were served, along with popcorn and movie candy. We would like to thank all the teens that supported the event by coming and also like to thank all the lifeguards for keeping the event safe. We hope this will become an annual event at the Field Club! — *Christine Weyer & Sherri Ehrenberg*

## Family Campout 2017

Many thanks to all who turned out to enjoy the Family Campout. A good time was had by all!





## Teen Event & Social Media News

It is a pleasure to look back and reflect on the great success that the social media and teen activities had this past summer. For the first time, The Field Club set up an array of initiatives to consistently engage with the teen members. The focal point of this engagement was the Teen Tennis Night Series. Within the series, there were four tennis events and then one dodgeball and one volleyball event. These six nights served as a means of showing our young adult members that the Club is not just a set of courts and pool, but a social haven for friends and new faces.

Our new social media platforms of Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat grew a steady following throughout the summer, and that number will only continue to grow in the future. It is the goal that these accounts will work side-by-side with the email blasts to notify members of quick reminders or minor schedule changes. They also act as a source of information for younger members who may not be on the email list.

After testing the waters, the sense of direction for the social media and teen activities has become much more clear for the years to come. Utilizing the Club as a place to socialize is just as important, if not more important, than using it as a place to exercise. On top of that, increasing the communication between members, chairmen, and staff will always be an objective. All in all, it was great to see progression in the well-being of teen members and the Club's social media activity, and we would like to thank everyone for getting onboard! — *Russell Wells*





## Poolside Dance & Dine

Many thanks to all who came out to enjoy the Poolside Dance & Dine. It was a lovely summer evening at the Field Club with friends.



## Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser

On Friday, September 8, 61 members turned out to enjoy an evening of tennis in support of a great cause – the Ronald McDonald House. Music was blasting through the courts, and lots of laughter could be heard as people played Spikeball, Kan Jam, Corn Hole and Badminton in between matches. A shout out to all the Teen Board members who came and volunteered. We had dinner and prizes to wrap-up the night. Thank you to all who participated and/or donated. – *Tara Harris*





## US Open Bus Trip a Success!



The US Open bus trip was a big success. Forty-four of our fellow Field Club friends took a nice bus down to the US Open on September 1st. Many of us saw Sloane Stephens, Roger Federer, Venus and other awesome players play amazing tennis! It was a beautiful day, and we had access to all the courts to see doubles and singles play. We were also able to watch players, including Federer, on the practice court. In between watching famous tennis players, we cooled off by sipping Honey Deuces, the official US Open drink! If you could not make it this year, plan ahead for next year! – *Mona Swanson*

## Champagne Brunch

How better to start a beautiful summer day than with a Champagne Brunch! A good time was had by all, as shown below.



## Lane Lines

As the fall season approaches and school commences, another fantastic FC pool season has concluded! We had many beautiful days to enjoy the newly renovated pool. It was great to see many seasoned families, as well as new families.

A big thank you to our lifeguards – **Caroline Sturges, Kristen Webber, Julia Barron, Allison Echeverria, Max Rubin, Hannah Tarpey, Megan Wells, Russell Wells and Katelyn King** – for keeping us safe and entertained. They are a great, dedicated group of lifeguards.

We also want to say thank you to those who volunteered to host one of the many events we had. Please consider hosting one of these fun events next season. We are also looking for two members to team up and take on the role of pool committee chairs to organize the pool events next season.

We hope everyone enjoyed the FC pool, and we look forward to seeing you back next year! – *Deirdre Mailloux*

## Labor Day Tailgate

Once again, we bid farewell to the summer season with the Annual Labor Day Tailgate. It was loads of fun for everyone, as always!







## Congratulations to Our Doubles Championship

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, the Field Club sponsored its annual Men's and Women's Doubles

Tournament. Seventeen teams withstood the heat to complete in this traditional event. Ladies entries participated in A and B divisions, while men played in one. The competition at all levels was challenging, but good sportsmanship was displayed by all.

Many thanks to **Ann Boisvert** for her effective placement of competitors. Without her help, the event would not have taken place.

Congratulations to the winners: Women's B Division Champions **Judy D'Angelo and Mary Dumala**; Women's A Division Champions **Marna Shields and Kate Morneau**, and Men's Champions **Dave Fuller and Larry Eagan**.

Thanks to all who participated and made this a successful event.

— *Lora Arnold*



Congratulations to the 2017 Men's Doubles Champions, Larry Eagan and Dave Fuller.



Kudos to the 2017 Women's Doubles Champions, Marna Shields and Kate Morneau.

## Junior USTA Tennis Team

Congratulations to all our players who worked very hard, while having lots of fun, throughout the summer! Thank you to our coaches, **Eve** and **Brian**, for their commitment, patience, and encouragement! Thank you to our players' families for giving them the opportunity to play more tennis this summer through USTA. — *Kate Morneau*







(Back, left to right) Mixed Doubles Finalists Kent Griffiths and Katie Kroon, Champions Sam Edwards and Will Chen, and (front) Sue Warner.

## Founders Cup Mixed Doubles Championship

The Annual Founders Cup Mixed Doubles Championship was held on September 9 under blue skies amidst perfect tennis weather. Nine teams competed as **Annie** managed the draw of eight game pro-sets for the first two matches, with two out of three sets for the finals. Everyone played two matches, then broke for a delicious lunch from Grapevine. Play continued after lunch with consolation rounds and the finals.

Our championship match featured exciting points from the team of **Sam Edwards** and **Will Chen** competing against **Katie Kroon** and **Kent Griffiths**. Sam and Will prevailed with a 6-3, 6-4 win. Congratulations to our champions and finalists!

We had a special trophy presentation to the champions and finalists (who each received an engraved take-home trophy). Before presenting the beautiful silver Field Club trophy to Sam and Will, **Sue Warner**, one of our founders, shared stories of other founding members, to whom we are all grateful. Thanks to everyone who came out for a day of great tennis, including players and spectators!

— *Connie and Tom Gould*



## And the Winners are...

Congratulations to our 2017 Singles Tennis Champions, **Sherri Ehrenberg** and **Jeff Morneau**, as well as the runners up, **Marja Barr** and **Per Nilsson**. Job well done!



## Daiquiri Doubles 2017



The Daiquiri Doubles Mixer, now in its 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year at The Field Club, was held on Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup>. The day was clear but hot, allowing for the thirst and desire for daiquiris to build. Both old and new members got to socialize and play some good tennis followed by daiquiris prepared by mixologist Dave Pleet, with his special recipe including hand-picked strawberries and homegrown mint. Forty members attended the event and all clay courts were used. There was a wide range of tennis talents, but all seemed to excel at daiquiri consumption! It was quite a “spirited group,” who seemed to have fun mixing things up. Hope to see you all out there next year!

— *David and Jackie Pleet*





## MORE Summer Fun at The Field Club!!



Members enjoyed the first-ever Pickleball 101 Clinics.



Participants enjoyed the Sundae Night Mixer with a Twist.



Jenna and Sam have a fun time on the court!

## The Field Club has Membership Openings — Act Now!

The current members have to work together to fill our openings. You are our best resource for attracting new members. Please consider becoming a sponsor. The Board has instituted a limited time rewards program. 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 in effect until membership is full.

The application process has been simplified a bit. We still need the application, sponsor form and letter. The seconder and supporter will no longer be required to submit a letter, the form will suffice. Please email me to obtain application documents. — *Lori McMahon*

## Paddle Open House for Prospective New Members

The Field Club will host an open house to introduce the game of paddle tennis to prospective members on **Sunday, October 29**, from 11 to 1 p.m. We will have members available to introduce you to this fun game. We will also host tours of the facilities, watch the game being played, and invite people to play, as well.

So... **invite your prospective members** – friends and neighbors – to join us. No guest fees will apply! Any questions? Please contact Rick Plaut.

— *Moiri Murphy*



**Next Deadline  
January 17,  
2018**

It's hard to believe, but this is the last edition of *The Baseline* for 2017. The next issue will be distributed in early February, and the deadline will be **Wednesday, January 17, 2018**. Feel free to send your submissions to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague at any time before then. She can be reached via email at [lsprague7@cox.net](mailto:lsprague7@cox.net).

# Get Set for Paddle!

## From The Paddle Courts...

The Club would like to thank **Sally Gallucci** for her service on the FC Paddle Committee last season. Sally has decided to move on from the committee; she was great to work with, and will be missed! With that said, we would very much like to welcome **Jenn Willson** to the FC Paddle Committee for the upcoming 2017-2018 season! Jenn has dived right in (to the deep end, no less), and we look forward to having her on the team!

We would also like to welcome back **Kelly Canniff** as our certified “Paddle Pro.” Kelly brings a passion for paddle, along with a fantastic knack for teaching the sport. Please look for more information around paddle clinics and lessons (as a group or individual) to follow.

The **Contract Times** are set, and will run from **Monday, October 2, 2017, through Thursday, March 29, 2018**. Although there are no 7 p.m. start times available, there are plenty of time slots available that start at either 5:30 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. Should you have interest in forming a group contract time, please reach out to the paddle committee.

To make paddle court reservations (other than Contract Time), please use the “Paddle Court Reservation Site” (<https://www.field-club.com/platform-tennis/court-reservation-system/>). One-time paddle reservations can be made up to one week ahead of the date and time you want to make your reservation.

Lastly, we have completed the “Paddle Schedule of Events” for the upcoming season. Our first event is the “Oktoberfest Mixed Mixer” to be held on Friday, October 13, from 7 to 10 p.m., and hosted by the **Ehrenbergs** and the **Spencers**. We also have our annual “Paddle 101 Clinic” slated for Sunday, October 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., which is being hosted by **Kelly Canniff**, **David Appleman**, the **Plauts**, the **Weiners**, and the **Nilssons**. This is a great early season event for those new to the sport of paddle, or those existing players looking to brush up on their skills. The entire schedule (subject to change) has been posted on the Field Club website (<https://www.field-club.com/platform-tennis/adult-schedule/>). Thanks... and look forward to seeing folks out on the courts!!

— *Tom Kietzman & Jenn Willson*



## Paddle Lessons Now Available

Paddle lessons are back! Field Club member **Kelly Canniff** is returning as our pro and is offering paddle lessons to our members.

Besides being a long-time Field Club member, Kelly is a teaching pro for tennis, platform tennis and pickle-ball! She’s coached high school and college tennis for over twenty years and is a frequent participant in tournaments.

Kelly’s preferred format is for three members to arrange a 1½-hour time slot, with the first hour being lesson/drills followed by a ½ hour of play with Kelly as your fourth. The cost is \$60 for the court (in this case, \$20/member). Kelly’s preferred lesson times are during the day on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Payment will be direct to Kelly.

Kelly is very flexible and open to arranging both the lesson format and timing to fit your needs, so please feel free to discuss them with her.

Contact Kelly now to set up your lessons or feel free to contact her later in the season.

— *Rick Plant*



Kelly Canniff returns to The Field Club as pro. Paddle lessons now being offered.



## New This Year: Teen Paddle Mixers!!

Put the following date on the calendar to get your teens off the couch and out into the cold, fresh air to kick off their own paddle season:

**Teen Paddle Mixer**  
**Friday, November 17th**  
**6 p.m.**

Your teens don't need to know to play; we'll have instructors and people to keep the games going... outside and inside the paddle hut.  
Plan on a fun night of food, friends and paddle!

We hope to host more teen events (looking for more volunteers to host!). Likely, the teens will be better than the parents by the end of winter!



## Kids Paddle Lessons Are Coming — New Day!!

Once again, we will have paddle lessons for kids ages 10 and up. However, this year, lessons will be on Wednesdays. Beginners will have lessons from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and more seasoned players, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Coach **Glenn Snyder** will teach them all the basics of the sport: strokes, strategy and court position. Lessons are free and open to all Field Club members' children. Look for an email to sign up for the lessons which start in November.

— Sherri Ehrenberg

## Visit Our Website

Be sure to visit our website at [www.field-club.com](http://www.field-club.com) for more information about all the latest Field Club happenings, including paddle schedules and a whole lot more!



## 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!

For more information and/or your reservations, please call The Colony Club at 413-732-4101.

