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# THE BASELINE

## *Field Club News*

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April 2018

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### A Message from the President

**F**irst, a "HUGE" shout-out to our very own **John Hughes** (and his partner Marc Powers) on winning the APTA Men's National Championship a few weeks ago! Along with **Jeff Morneau**, these two accomplished Field Club members have played amongst the nation's best players and have represented themselves and our club with great success, dignity, and character. Congrats!

Here is an update on our three goals for the year. First, we continue to have great *participation* in our various activities. Record numbers at the Big Barry Super Bowl A/B Mixer (led by **David Appleman** with cooking by **Barry O'Connor**) and Ladies' Oscar Mixer (hosted by **Carolyn Marchese** and **Sonia Zeroogian**) are prime examples of paddle events engaging numerous members.

Our second objective for the year focuses on *increasing membership* to help fill our family vacancies. Our newly created Marketing and Membership Committee has met and, with the guidance of Co-Chairs **Candy Weiner** and **Todd Cieplik**, we hope to create and implement innovative ideas in the near future. One such example is going to be a Family Guest Pass Coupon. The intent for this is for Field Club families to invite another family to the Club for a day during the early summer to show them why this is such a wonderful place. Hopefully, this will create avenues for outside families to have positive experiences and want to be a part of our family. Look for the Family Guest Pass Coupon to be included in the upcoming mailing of the 2018 Guidebook. Our recent Open House, ran during the Ladies Paddle Club Championships, gave prospective new members an opportunity to see the Field Club in action. Please continue to reach out to friends and families who might want to join the Club and take advantage of our spring and summer seasons.

The third goal for the year is to *replace the walkway* at the tennis courts. Although there is much history and love for the old walkway, it is time to replace it for cosmetic and safety reasons. The Walkway Committee has selected a paver designed to maximize drainage and fit with the aesthetics of The Field Club surroundings. We have been working with the paver construction and supplier

companies and hope to be able to complete the project for the start of the tennis season. We are excited and look forward to the new walkway for everyone to enjoy. Many thanks to everyone who has helped with this project over the past several months!

We do have one change on the Board for the remainder of the year. We are sad to see **Deirdre Mailloux** leave us as Patrick has taken a position in Maine and their family will be moving shortly. We wish them all the best in the exciting next phase of their lives. We are happy to announce that **Amy Tyler** will be finishing Deirdre's term and will take over the liaison responsibilities for the Pool, Snug and Tot Lot. We are lucky to have Amy, as she grew up at The Field Club and will be able to give us great perspective and an enthusiasm for new ideas for this summer. Thanks, Amy!

As we finish up this paddle season, we thank everyone who helped organize and participated in the Paddle Club Championships. Other notable successful recent activities have included the APTA Women's Tournament (run by **Kate Morneau** and **Asa Nilsson**), the second Parent-Child Mixer (hosted by **Leslie & John Moutafis**), the St. Patrick's Day Mixer (hosted by **Moira Murphy** and **Angelia & Dietmar Kuhr**), and the Nationals Streaming Party (organized by **Mark Rush**). Again, it is the volunteering and passion of our members which makes The Field Club so special. Many thanks to all!

Onto the spring and summer planning... Upcoming events include the Season Ending Paddle Mixer, Volunteer Day (to help clean up the grounds and do projects), and the SPRING FLING! Soon it will be time for the gardeners to get their green thumbs going and start planting. Spring is in the air!

It has been a great winter season, and I look forward to all the upcoming activities in the coming months!

See you on the courts...

—Mike Freedman





## Membership News

Look for your Guest Family Coupon in this year's *Guidebook* mailing. Please consider hosting a prospective family for the day, on us! We are offering each member an opportunity to host an interested family without having to pay guest fees! Details to follow.

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 application process has been simplified. All that is required is the application and the sponsor form and letter. Please email **Lori McMahon** at [lorimac1975@gmail.com](mailto:lorimac1975@gmail.com) to obtain application documents.

Thank you to all who have sponsored new members in the past few months. — *Lori McMahon*

## Welcome New Members

Please extend a hearty Field Club welcome to our newest members:

**Russell Sabadosa and Niloufar Shoushtari**

Please enjoy the Club and all its many offerings!

## Field Club Wait List

**Larry and Lauren Life**

*Sponsor: Stephen and Ellen McKenna*

**Bisrat Abebe and Julie Berrett-Abebe**

*Sponsor: Jonathan Han and Jean Abn*

**Laura and Bill Mulderig**

*Sponsors: Angie and Lani Silva*

## Hello Field Club Gardeners!

Spring is nearly here, and we expect you will be planting your garden plots soon. If you don't plan to use your plot this season, please notify **Mike Brault** at [michael.j.brault@gmail.com](mailto:michael.j.brault@gmail.com). Also, a clean-up and planting day will be held later in the spring, and all Club members are invited to participate.

—*Mike Brault*



## A Memorial Tribute

The Field Club family was profoundly saddened by the recent passing of longtime member **Stephen Schupack**, loving husband of Ann Schupack. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their family.

## Enjoy Colony Club Privileges

In 2016, the Field Club and The 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. Our relationship has blossomed, and we are very excited to have more FC members enjoy this wonderful feature. Please call 413-732-4101 for reservations and see our *Guidebook* for further details.

### Upcoming Colony Club Events:

**Saturday, April 14**

**Spring Wine Dinner (Robert Mondavi Wines)**

6 to 6:45 p.m. Reception/6:45 p.m. Dinner

**April 20 - 29**

**Springfield's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Restaurant Week**

Prix Fixe Dinner Menu at \$20.18 per person

**Friday, April 27**

**Music in the Lounge** (Frank Serafino)

6 to 9 p.m., Complimentary/Free bottle wine if you stay for dinner

**May 1 - 5**

**Cinco de Mayo** - Special Lunch & Dinner Menus

**Sunday, May 13**

**Mother's Day Brunch**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 18**

**Music in the Lounge** (Jay Messer)

6 to 9 p.m., Complimentary/Free bottle wine if you stay for dinner

*Reservations are requested on all member events and will be accepted through the third day prior to the event date. If you need to cancel your reservation, please do so within 24 hours prior to the event or the per person event cost will be charged.*



**The Colony Club**  
Established 1915



## GM's Corner

### Swimming Pool

I would like to thank **Caroline Sturges** and **Kristen Webber** for their many years of service here at the FC. They both have done a wonderful

job in the past, and I wish them all the best of luck in the future.

I would like to congratulate **Allison Echeverria**, as she will be taking over as the new pool manager for the 2018 season. By her side will be our new assistant manager, **Julia Barron**. Both have shown that they are willing and capable of leading our superior pool staff and coming to the aid of our members/guests.

### Tennis

The brick walkway in between the tennis courts is scheduled to be replaced this spring. We are going to install a new paver block similar to what we currently have in place. Construction is scheduled to begin May 1st or sooner, weather permitting.

The nets are up on the (hard) courts and ready for play. We will install the remainder of the nets and windscreens once the weather changes and all of the snow has melted.

### Pickle Ball

Would you like to play Pickle Ball this year? If so, we have lined court's 11 and 12, which can be used as either pickle ball courts or tennis courts. 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 process of cleaning the paddle hut and re-staining the decks, as well as other much needed repairs. Don't forget to stop by the paddle hut and grab yourself a FREE gourmet flavored coffee or a delightful hot chocolate, compliments of the General Manager.

### Snuggery

**Jim King** will be returning for his second year to run our delicious Snuggery. He has a lot of new ideas and flavors for you to enjoy.

## Spring Clean Up/Painting Event

We are looking for volunteers!! Please save the date: Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are lots of painting and cleanup projects planned for this spring, and we could use some help. You must be 18 years or older to attend. Food and beverages will be served. **Tom O'Brien** to host.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or recommendations. [JeffDubiel@Gmail.com](mailto:JeffDubiel@Gmail.com).  
— Jeff Dubiel

## Mark Your Calendars

*There are so many fun events to look forward to at the Field Club this spring and summer. Be sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming events and stay tuned for more.*



**Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Spring Fling at Springfield Country Club

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

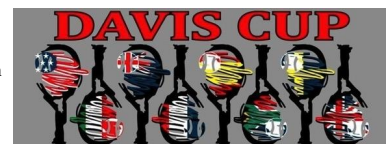
Spring Clean-Up/Volunteer Day



**Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**(Memorial Day)**

New Member/Beginner Mixer

**Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Davis Cup



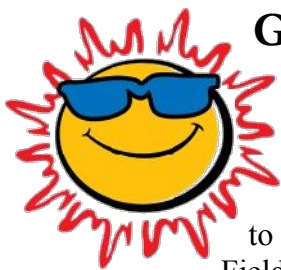
**TBD**

Field Club Spring Open House  
Watch for details soon!

## Guidebook Updates

Families with children ages 23 - 26 can remain in the family category to give full access to the Club for all family members; this is optional.





## Gearing Up for Summer Socials!

We have formed our committee and had a few recent meetings to discuss the fun events at the Field Club this season. We look forward to kicking off the season with the annual **Spring Fling** on May 4th at the Springfield Country Club. Invitations will follow soon. We look forward to celebrating with all our Field Club friends at this fun event. Other events this summer will include the two annual tailgates, a poolside party and a family campout. Save the dates:

**4th of July tailgate** Sunday, July 1st  
**Poolside Party** Saturday, July 28th  
**Family Campout** Saturday, August 18th  
**Labor Day Tailgate** Monday, September 3rd

As a member driven club, if there are any other events you would like to see happen, please let us know! Looking forward to the warmer weather ahead and seeing you all soon!

— *Lauren Brady and Katie Wartman*



## Pool Parties Wanted!

Our pool event schedule is coming together nicely, but we still have room for you! The pool committee is actively seeking hosts for our traditional pool parties, Minnows for ages 4-7 and Juniors Party for ages 8-10. We are also looking for someone to host the Summer Kick-Off Pool Party, the early summer Junior Member Guest Day and the End-of-Season All Ages Party! The pool committee is happy to help pair you with a co-chair, so you won't have to go it alone.

**New ideas are welcome!** We realize that so many members have great ideas for fun new events at the pool. The pool committee would LOVE to work with you to add exciting new items to our schedule! Please contact [amytyler68@comcast.net](mailto:amytyler68@comcast.net) with your ideas. Making memories for our children is among the many great qualities of The Field Club. — *Amy Tyler*

## US Open Bus Trip

**Friday, August 31, 2018**

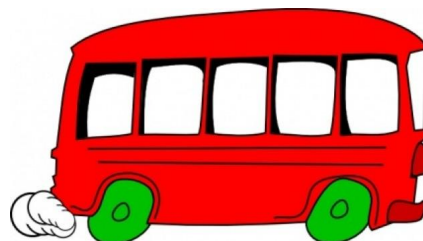
Arthur Ashe Stadium, New York, NY

**This is a great opportunity to witness the best tennis in the world!**

To reserve your place, contact:  
 Adam at **House of Tickets**, (413) 224-1800.  
 Mention "FC US Open Bus Trip."

Cost: \$139.00 per person  
 Seating is limited to 55 sign-ups.

Questions? Contact Lora Arnold at (413) 567-0554.



## Parent Child Mixer

The weather cooperated on March 11th for the Parent-Child Mixer. It was a wonderful turnout, with all the courts in play. The kids got a chance to showcase their skills and compete against other family teams. All levels were welcomed and got a chance to compete or just hit the ball or practice skills or meet new families! Thanks to all the families that came out and to Assistant Paddle Coach **Alexa Moutafis** for coordinating the teams and keeping it fun! See you next year. — *The Moutafis Family*



## Ladies Oscars Paddle 2018

In keeping with Field Club tradition, the ladies gathered for some paddle and Oscar-themed fun on March 4th. We rolled out the red carpet, selected our movie “teams” and hit the courts. There is no scientific process to our winner selection, but we sure have some fun tallying up the points.

The ladies arrived in Oscar glam – furs, boas, gems and jewels that were truly red carpet worthy. Of course, those dressed as Mildred from *Three Billboards Outside of Ebbing, Missouri* left the glam at home, opting for a forehead-style bandana. The fashion police had to stop **Moira Murphy** at the door, but upon close inspection, “Winston’s” cigar was unlit, so we allowed entry into the hut (which I believe to be a non-smoking facility). Ultimately, Moira’s portrayal of Winston Churchill from *The Darkest Hour* walked off with Best Costume award. Thanks for being spot on, Moira.

We offered a second “Shooting Star” Award for a group costume this year. **Marcia Harbison, Marcia Snyder and Marie Draymore** showed some creativity with their presentation of *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*. Great job, ladies! The competition was stiff, as we had some other great character costumes for *Ladybird* and more Mildreds from *Three Billboards* (**Patsy Martin, Margot Woodworth, Catherine Landry and Anita Hoag**). What great fun!

Close to 25 players came ready, and after some laughs with the costumes, we got to playing paddle. After the court fun, we gathered for a wonderful Iron Chef catered dinner in our Paddle Palace!

The weather was a tad bit colder than the last couple of years, but we stuck to it. Several random rounds of paddle were played. The movie tallying the most points in our red carpet extravaganza did not ultimately win at the big event in California. We had some fun discussing the Oscar nominations and making predictions on the winners. Now that’s a wrap! — *Carolyn Marchese and Sonia Zeroogian*



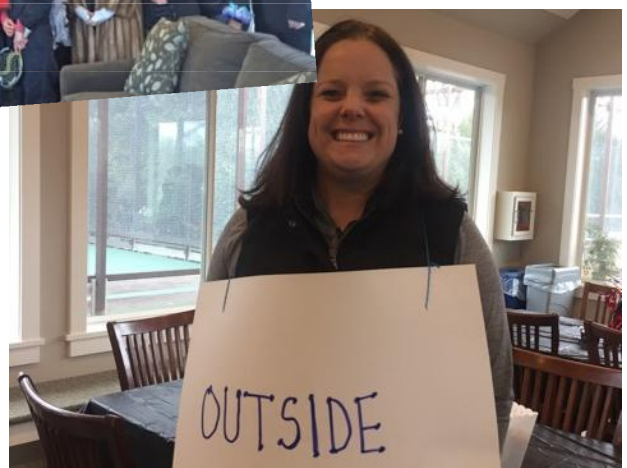
Best Oscar Winners: Marie Draymore, Marsha Harbison, Marcia Snyder, Moira Murphy



Anita Hoag and Moira Murphy



Co-hosts Carolyn Marchese and Sonia Zeroogian



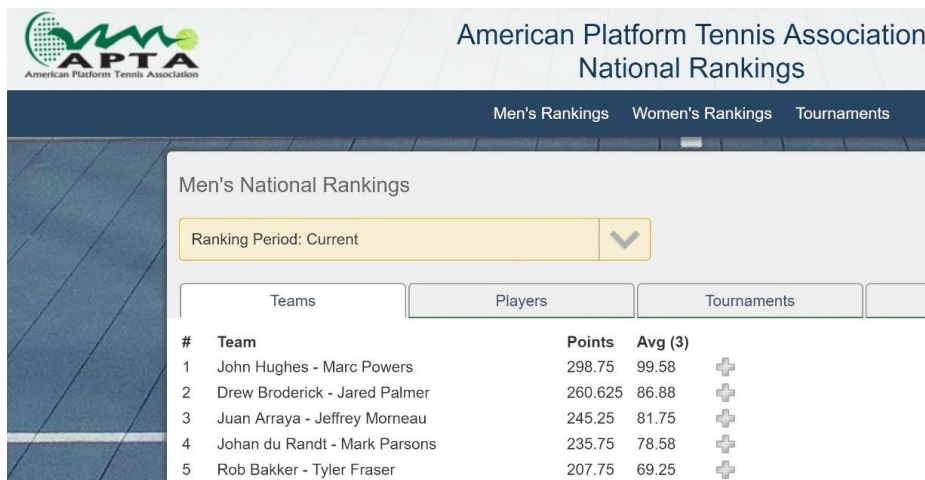
Catherine Landry



## Did You Know...!

The Field Club is in a unique position when it comes to platform tennis recognition on a national level. Most clubs have one representative competing nationally and, in many cases, it's the club's racket sports professional (think Ann Boisvert). We are fortunate to have two players from our club who are highly ranked amongst the best in the sport. Actually, let's take it up a notch...

Both **John Hughes** and **Jeff Morneau**, with their respective partners, make up two of the top teams in the country! Can we take it up another notch? Jeff and his partner, Juan Arraya, lost in the National Championship finals last year and lost in the quarterfinals this year. John and his partner, Marc Powers, lost in the semi-finals last year and **WON** the National Championship tournament this year!!! That's right, **AN APTA NATIONAL CHAMPION!** The Field Club of Longmeadow is extremely proud of these amazing players and congratulates them on a tremendous season!



The screenshot shows the APTA National Rankings website. The header includes the APTA logo and the text 'American Platform Tennis Association National Rankings'. Below the header, there are tabs for 'Men's Rankings', 'Women's Rankings', and 'Tournaments'. The 'Men's National Rankings' section is active, showing a 'Ranking Period: Current' dropdown. Below this, there are tabs for 'Teams', 'Players', and 'Tournaments'. The 'Teams' tab is selected, displaying a table of the top 5 teams.

#	Team	Points	Avg (3)	
1	John Hughes - Marc Powers	298.75	99.58	+
2	Drew Broderick - Jared Palmer	260.625	86.88	+
3	Juan Arraya - Jeffrey Morneau	245.25	81.75	+
4	Johan du Randt - Mark Parsons	235.75	78.58	+
5	Rob Bakker - Tyler Fraser	207.75	69.25	+

## 2018 President's Cup and National Championships

A total of 128 men's and 96 women's teams converged in Chicago from March 8 - 11 to compete in two major platform tennis events, the first being the President's Cup and the second being the National Championship

Men's Viking President's Cup					
Pool A					
Team	Matches Won Against this Team				Total Points
	1	3	4	8	
Region 1		5	2	4	11
Region 3	0		1	2	3
Region 4	3	4		4	11
Region 8	1	3	1		5

Pool B					
Team	Matches Won Against this Team				Total Points
	2	5	6	7	
Region 2		0	4	5	9
Region 5	5		5	5	15
Region 6	1	0		2	3
Region 7	0	0	3		3

Play-Off for 1st-2nd		
Semi-Finals	Final	Winner
Region 4		
Region 2	Region 2	
Region 1		Region 2
Region 5	Region 5	

Tournament. Players compete in various tournaments throughout the season, earning points that apply to both President's Cup eligibility and overall national rank. Regarding the President's Cup, The Field Club represents Region 2, which includes all clubs and players throughout New England. The top 13 players from each region play in the President's Cup. There are a total of eight regions from across the country. **Jeff Morneau** has captained the Region 2 team for the past three years, and he and **John Hughes** both play leading roles in President's Cup matches. This year's match-ups were closer than ever!

In early bracket play, our Region 2 got smoked by Region 5 (Chicago area), losing all five matches. Luckily, Region 2 accumulated enough wins overall to ultimately face Region 5 again in the finals. Key lineup changes, including solid play by both **Hughes** and **Morneau**, helped Region 2 squeak out a 3-2 match win. It was so close that all five matches were decided in third set, 10-point, tie-breaker sets! This was Region 2's 6<sup>th</sup> President Cup win in a row, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> under the leadership of **Captain Morneau**. Is Region 2 the true GOAT?



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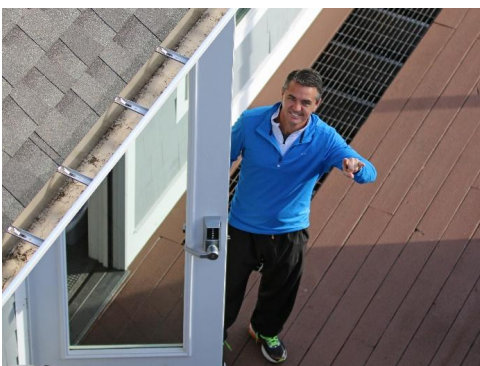
### 2018 President's Cup and National Championships *(continued from page 6)*

Once President's Cup is over and bragging rights run their course, all eyes turn to the big show, the Nationals! The men's and women's draw each play out over three days, with the biggest matches culminating on Sunday. By now, the weather is starting to warm up and the platform tennis balls seem to show their appreciation by becoming a bit livelier than in the dead of winter. This makes for some exciting play. In fact, the level of play is off the charts. All the top players and teams are there, including our locals: **Hughes**, who entered as the top seed this year, and **Morneau**, who came in as the 3rd seed.



Luckily, the two teams were placed in opposite sides of the draw, meaning they would only see each other in the FINALS. **Morneau/Arraya**, who enjoyed spending a good part of the season in the #1 ranked spot, ran into a tough round of 16 matches that lasted a grueling 3 hours and 15 minutes! They pretty much trailed the entire time and then pulled out a victory in the end. A tremendous win meant **Morneau** had to be back on the court for an important match against another top-seeded team shortly after the tiring win. Although it was a match they should have won, the 3+ hour drain from the previous match took its toll on **Morneau/Arraya**, and they were not able to advance into Sunday's semi-finals. Finishing #3 in the country is a fitting end to a great season.

Team **Hughes/Powers** entered as the top seed in the tournament and enjoyed solid victories right into Sunday morning's semi-finals, when the gloves came off. Facing the multi-year National Championship team of Johan DuRandt and Mark Parsons for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this season meant both teams knew each other, and both knew it was going to be war. The match held true to form, with amazing shot making and extremely athletic play. **Hughes/Powers** had to win the 3<sup>rd</sup> set to beat this strong team and did so, positioning themselves with a chance in the National finals against the three-time defending champs, Drew Broderick and Jared Palmer. By now, strategy is as important as skill level. Without a game plan in most of these matches, you don't have much of a chance. Team **Hughes/Powers** brought tremendous skill, total focus, and strategy to the match and fought hard for two very close sets. With well over 400 people watching, both in person and online via Livestream, team **Hughes/Powers** prevailed, finishing #1 in the country and becoming this year's 2018 APTA National Champions!



How exciting for the Field Club to have two national caliber players who reside at the top of the paddle food chain! Be sure to congratulate **John Hughes** and **Jeff Morneau** when you see them!

Special thanks go out to **Mark Rush**, who took time to get the Field Club paddle hut TV set up for Nationals action. Both of our local champs were on Livestream, and we got to see three matches worth of these guys over the course of this Nationals mixer. Thanks again, Mark, for making this happen! – *Mike Shields*



## Men's "B" Championship Tournament

This year's 2018 B Championship was another great success, with twelve teams vying for the chance to be a champion. The weather was just perfect, with more than enough clouds to help players see the ball. **Tom Libbos, Brian Prast** and **Scott Brindle** hosted the event. **Chef Barry O'Connor** outdid himself with another fantastic steak and baked potato dinner, along with his specialty signature salad. It was easy to wash down the sorrows of losing with the comfort food Barry provided.

The best dressed category, hands down, went to **Ryan Shanks** and **John McMahon**. Their plan was to distract the other team so they could win the championship!

Kudos to **Gary Wiener** and **John Pappas** for playing in both the morning "A" Championship and the "B" Tournament, plus managing to lose in both!



Left to right: Kietzman/Vincunas and Mancusco/Wiener



Best dressed... Ryan Shanks and John McMahon

The best match of the day was the semi-finals. **Ken Vincunas/Tom Kietzman** vs. **Dave Wartman/John Pappas** 10-3, and **Gary Wiener/Pete Mancusco** vs. **Dave Appleman/Tom O'Brien** 10-7. The final Championship match paired Vincunas/Kietzman vs. Wiener/Mancusco in a best of three match. The team of Ken Vincunas and Tom Kietzman prevailed for the 2018 Championship 6-3 and 7-6! Congratulations to all participants who played, and watched some great paddle. — *Scott Brindle*

## From the Paddle Courts

Our very own **Dave Appleman** made the latest issue of *Platform Tennis Magazine*. That's Dave (third person from the left out of six) being photographed just after the completion of the Boston Open held on the last weekend of January. Dave was overheard saying "*Hey Tommy (Mr. Thomas O'Brien), there are jalapeno poppers and free beer in the hut... let's check it out*" between enjoying some of the best paddle played in New England, if not the entire country! Looks as though Mr. Appleman made us Field Clubbers Proud!! Nice job, Apples!!

On a separate note, Field Club member **John Hughes** and partner Marc Powers topped Field Club



member **Jeff Morneau** and partner **Juan Arraya** in the finals of the tournament. — *Tom Kietzman*

## Paddle Mixer of Champions!

A sunny, spring Saturday (March 25) set the tone for a fun day on the paddle courts for



our women's paddle crew! The Round Robin format of play led to some friendly competition, instruction here and there, and plenty of fun and laughs amongst a great group of ladies! A yummy luncheon brought the group in for a break in the action, and then it was back out to the courts to enjoy the warmth of the March sun and more great paddle!

Thanks to all those that came out to play! The event was hosted by **Tom Kietzman, Tom O'Brien** and **Jenn Willson**. And, always a thanks to **President Freedman** for his great pictures! — *Jenn Willson*



## APTA Pioneer Valley Women's B

The 9th Annual APTA Pioneer Valley Women's Tournament, hosted at the Field Club of Longmeadow, was a fun-filled day with 20 tenacious teams and 40 lovely ladies! This year, the tournament was titled a B tournament, as opposed to an Open, for the first time. In part, this change was made to



support the first annual APTA 'B Nationals' held on March 14 & 15 in Franklin Lakes, NJ.

The temperature was perfect – not too cold, not too warm; some wind but not too much; and mostly cloudy skies with

some sun throughout the day. Most importantly, the rain and snow from the nor'easter the day before were well off the Atlantic coast by Saturday. Despite some of our teams losing power and having to plow snow, every team made it on Saturday and came ready to play.

The tournament director, **Kate Morneau**, could not have done it without the help of so many people. A huge, heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped to make the day a great one... from the participants, to the spectators, to the caterer and the volunteers (you know who you are) who helped prep, bake goodies, and clean up before, during, and after the tournament. A shout out to the Longmeadow Country Club for allowing us to use their courts. Finally, a special thanks to a fellow paddle enthusiast, friend, and Field Club member, **Tom Kietzman**, who volunteered to manage the hut and keep the tournament moving along.

**Nancy Walthall** and **Sarah Driscoll**, the number two seed, won this year's Pioneer

Valley Women's B tournament by defeating **Shana Roberts** and **Nindy Pike** in the main draw finals, 6-2, 7-5. The Consolation winners were **Kate Morneau** and **Kate McGetrick**; they defeated **Katie Martin** and

**Anna Ashpar**, 6-1, 6-4.

**Morgan Melinkoff** and **Rebecca**

**Moore** defeated **Anne Markes** and **Mary Hulbert** to win the Consolation Reprieve bracket, 6-1, 6-3. The sister team of **Kelly** and

**Erin Canniff** defeated the mother-daughter team of **Cathy** and **Lindsey Herchel** in a super tie breaker to take the Quarter Reprieve title. Despite a win or a loss, lots of fun was had on the paddle courts in Longmeadow on March 3, 2018.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all the women who participated! Until next year...

— *Kate Morneau*



### Get Set for Tennis!

The dates have been picked and soon it will be time to enjoy the spring weather on the tennis courts. The season kicks off with the New Member/Beginner Mixer on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The focus of the Mixer is to get new members introduced to the Club and to welcome back players that maybe have been members for years but are "beginners" in tennis. Grab a racket and come meet other players at the FC. This is a great way to get into tennis at the start of season. All tennis players are welcome to join in the fun.

The Davis Cup, coordinated by **Jenna Goodman** and **Sam Edwards**, will be held June 16<sup>th</sup>. Save the date for what is always a fun and competitive day of tennis. If you are interested in being a team captain, please contact Jenna or Sam.

Check the *Guidebook* for the full list of mixers and junior tennis events. There are a few more adult mixers that need hosts, so please contact **Stephanie Foster** or **Rick Norman** if you'd like to host an event.

The Junior tennis opener is June 22! The junior tennis calendar is full of match play throughout the summer. Keep your eyes open for teen events, like Dodge ball, that will be announced throughout the summer. — *Liz Kollias*





## St. Patrick's Paddle Mixer Feast

Everyone was Irish for the Paddle Mixer held on St. Patrick's Day, hosted by **Dietmar and Angela Kuhr** and **Moira Murphy**.

The Irish tunes were blasting all evening, inspiring the play on the court and during the March Madness basketball games on the large screen. The food was over-the-top, with corned beef courtesy of **Mike and Jen Salvon**. Our Brewmiester, **Joseph Stiefel**, did not disappoint, with two varieties of special beer, both a light and a dark mix. They were perfectly paired with the Guinness cupcakes by **Candy Weiner** and all of the other yummy dishes, including two varieties of shepherd's pie. What a feast!

The format was round-robin style, with players adding their points for the prizes.

**First place:** Dave Pleet, claiming his first Field Club winning prize ever (so he says!)

**Runner Up:** Connie Stiefel

**Third Place:** Larry Light

**Additional winners:** Candy and Gary Wiener, Lauren Light, Jen Salvon

**Grand Milk Prize:** Angela Kuhr

This yearly event is getting rave reviews. It is the best way to spend St. Patrick's Day! Hope to see you next year to Ring in the Green at the Field Club Paddle Hut! – *Moira Murphy*



## USTA Junior Tennis Teams

This summer, the Field Club is planning to once again have USTA 14U and 18U Junior co-ed tennis teams.

- To participate on a USTA Junior Tennis Team your child must be age qualified through August 31, 2018.
- There will be weekly matches on weeknight evenings, usually Wednesdays. In addition to the weekly matches, there is one weekly USTA junior team practice, usually Mondays.
- 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 or U18 team, or if you have any additional questions, please contact Kate Morneau: [kbmorneau@gmail.com](mailto:kbmorneau@gmail.com). – *Kate Morneau*