
THE BASELINE

Field Club News



June 2019

A Message from the President

It was beginning to look like the rain may never cease. However, we have been enjoying a few sunny days that finally include weekends and even multiple fair-weather days in a row. This has enabled **Jim Girotti**, along with our grounds and maintenance staff, tennis maintenance contractors and Club employees, to get in necessary repairs, clean-ups and set up for what will be a great summer season at the Field Club.

Recently, we have had a flurry of new members join the Club, as well. Please see the “New Members Mixer” emails regarding the Memorial Day tennis event for a full list of our latest new members. We are excited to have new folks join the Field Club and thank the membership committee and **Lori McMahon** for all your hard work. Also, you, our current members, are our best advocates. So, thank you for always promoting the Club, inviting folks to join, sponsoring new members, and welcoming them when they join.

The Field Club is a unique club, as we are really member owned and operated, but for a few key personnel. So please, sign up to host events, sign up to participate in events offered, join a committee or volunteer when you can. Your involvement at any level is what continues to keep the Field Club of Longmeadow the club WE all know and love.

With that said, keep an eye out for sign-up posters on the tennis and pool bulletin boards for some great events planned this season. Keep an eye on your email for more information on these events. Check out the Club’s website and Facebook page for updates on happenings and Club events.

I encourage you to sign up for our court reservation system, Reserve My Court, which is an app that lets you pick court times and see what is available. Our tennis pros will also take your phone call or direct you to the computer terminal in the pro-shop that allows you to do the same.

Long story short... there are many avenues and opportunities to take great advantage of the multitude of activities the Field Club has to offer.
Thank you!

See you on the courts!

Jamie Dunbar



Membership News

We are still accepting members for this summer 2019! Word of mouth is our best marketing.

Changes in Membership classification for the fiscal year that begins October 1st must be submitted to the Membership Chairperson on or before September 15th for such changes to take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Please check out the Guidebook for membership guidelines.

Welcome New Members:

Seth and Jennifer Stratton

Katherine Allen and Josh Levine

Stephan and Christine Hindley

Eric and Cari Narotsky

John Paul and Lindsay Gill

Joy MacDougall and Aaron Baskin

Laura and Alan Dove

Joseph and Kate Coyne

Allison and Brian Wasserman

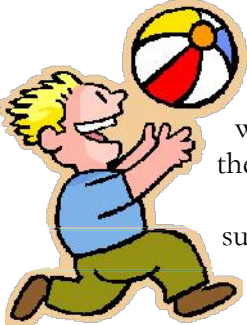
Current Wait List:

Rene Perez and Ida Colon-Perez

— *Lori McMahon*

The Tot Lot is Opening Soon!

The Tot Lot is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and provides supervised care for children ages 1 through 7. This is a great opportunity for members to play tennis or relax by the pool while the kids enjoy crafts, playing on the swings or in the sandbox and having fun with friends. Our



Tot Lot staff will even escort your children to tennis or swimming lessons

while you enjoy some quiet time at the Club.

The Tot Lot opens for the summer season on June 24. Kids

Craft Thursdays will begin on June 27th at 1 p.m. — *Amy Tyler*

Gardens and Grounds

Ryland Landscaping has been hard at work in recent weeks cleaning up the community gardens area at the Field Club.

Last year, the Club decided to eliminate most of the garden plots located by the paddle courts. Many of the plots were unused and overgrown with weeds. Six plots were kept for long-time gardeners.

Already, the site looks neater. The overgrown plants, weeds and old fencing have been removed. Ryland Landscaping is laying down loam and planting grass on the old garden sites.

Gardeners have been told that they must maintain their plots. If they fail to do so, they cannot use the plots next year.

The Club's Grounds and Beautification committee held a planting day on May 18. Our goal was to finish our major work before Memorial Day Weekend so that the Club would look beautiful for the start of the summer season. — *Mike Brault*



U.S. Open Bus Trip

The Annual U.S. Open is scheduled for Friday, August 30th. To reserve your seat, contact **ADAM at HOUSE OF TICKETS @ 413-224-1800 (mention Field Club US Open Bus trip)**. The cost is \$139.00 p/p. For questions, call Lora Arnold at 567-0554 or loraarnold@yahoo.com.

Don't miss this opportunity to see outstanding tennis at Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York City.

Baseline Deadline July 11

The deadline for the August edition of *The Baseline* will be **Thursday, July 11**. Mark your calendars and send your submissions to Lee-Anne Sprague by this date. Please note, this edition will be completed a little earlier than usual, so late submissions may not be accommodated.

Members are encouraged to submit candid photos. It is really helpful to have a few photos on hand to use in spaces where a whole article may not fit. If you would like a caption to accompany the photo, be sure to include the necessary details in your email. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lee-Anne at (860) 335-8793.



Men's B Champions

After an exciting Field Club Open, seven teams decided to challenge each other to be "Field Club Men's B Champions." This event was hosted by **Dave Appleman** and **Gerrit Toebe**s.

Each team played a set against every other team, with a tie break being played if necessary at 5-5. Highest amount of games won decided who would play a full two out of three sets in a formal finals match.

Teams played non-stop paddle, with only a half-hour break, from 9 a.m. till almost 1 p.m.

A lot of the matches were very close, and even though **Tom Kietzman** and **Brian Grayboff** lost against previous B Champions **Don Brock** and **Gerrit Toebe**s, they did beat up the other teams better and made it to the finals facing **David Appleman** and **Pete Mancuso**. They prevailed.

An excellent lunch was provided by Grapevine. — *Gerrit Toebe*s



Mixed Club Championships

A total of five teams participated in this year's signature event, held March 30. The sun was out, and the day was warm. Five 8-game, pro-set rounds allocated the teams into their respective rankings with one team basking in the sun each round. The finals were separated by a terrific Grapevine lunch featuring their famous homemade Tzatziki sauce. After lunch, ranks one and two played each other while ranks three and four battled it out. Both went three sets!

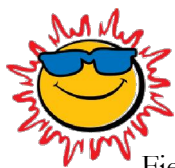
In the end, the formidable team of **Kate Morneau** and **Mike Shields** edged out the formidable team of **Kelly Canniff** and **Gary Weiner** in a hard-fought battle. In the other match, **Marna Shields** and **Steve Creelman** battled **Candy Weiner** and **John Pappas** and won in a long, high-quality match. Shields and Creelman prevailed.

Jenn Willson and **Bryan Grayboff** (Team 5) arranged the libations and had their pick of the litter.

The event is lots of fun and sticks to it's "socially competitive" theme. Hope to see more teams out there next year! In the meantime, here is a link to additional pics: https://www.facebook.com/pg/LongmeadowFieldClub/photos/?tab=album&album_id=2252232944841696.

— *Mike Shields*





2019 Social Events

There's a whole lot of fun in store at the Field Club this summer. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following terrific social events:

Adult Poolside Cocktail Party

Saturday, June 22

Fourth of July Tailgate (Fireworks)

Sunday, June 30

Family Bingo Night

Thursday, July 11

Family Camp Night

Saturday, August 17

Adult Trivia Night

Friday, August 23

US Open Bus Trip

Friday, August 30

Labor Day Tailgate

Sunday, September 1



The Snuggery

The Snuggery is open for business. **Natalie Belle** joins us at the Snuggery again this summer as manager. Stop in and see Natalie and company and enjoy a delicious meal or snack!

Preseason (May/June) Hours:

Weekdays — 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Limited menu/ no grill

Weekends/Holidays — 12 noon to 5 p.m.

(Grill closes at 4:30)



Summer Hours:

Monday – Friday:
10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday:
11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

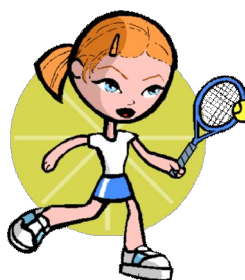
Meet the New Tennis Staff

Arjun Loki — Arjun is a senior at Longmeadow High School and will be graduating in June 2019. He has been an active player for the Longmeadow High School boys' tennis team and plans on attending UMass Amherst in the fall. Arjun considers himself a doubles specialist, and his favorite shot is the backhand.

Brahadesh “Breggy” Sivakumar — Breggy is a senior at Longmeadow High School, graduating in June 2019. He has been an active player for the Longmeadow High School boys' tennis team and has loved the sport since he was eight years old. Breggy will be attending Dartmouth College in the fall. His favorite shot is the overhead, and he is known on the court for his giraffe shock absorber.

Anastasiya Mamentava — Anastasiya is from Belarus, but is currently living in Agawam, MA. She began playing tennis in Belarus and now attends Springfield Technical Community College while training locally. When she is not playing tennis Anastasiya enjoys playing piano and ukulele.

Mitchell Dobek (Head Junior Tennis Pro) — Mitch played #1 singles and was captain of the Southern New Hampshire University tennis team for four years. Over those years, he set records for the most #1 single wins and doubles wins in school history. He was conference player of the year in 2011 and won a NE-10 conference championship. After college, Mitchell played in USTA/ITF/ATP, including circuits in Egypt, Turkey, and Canada, where he broke into the top 180 of the USTA Men's National top 500 list. Mitch is PTR certified in both 10 under tennis and 11 - 17.



Junior Tennis is Starting Soon!

The season kicks off on
Friday, June 21st.
Be on the lookout for
more information.



Lane Lines

Pool season is here! We have a packed schedule of poolside events planned for children of all ages. This is a great way for your children to make new friends and for you to get involved. We hope to have more regular swim meets this summer. Please sign up with the guards if your child is interested. If you would like to co-chair an event, please get in touch with Cameron Burke at rcdburke@gmail.com.

2019 Pool Events

Tuesday, June 18 @ 1 p.m.

Summer Kickoff party with a DJ

Tuesday, June 25 @ 3 p.m.

Minnow Party I (ages 4-7)

Tuesday, July 9

Triathlon

Tuesday, July 16

Juniors - Poolside Party (ages 8-10)

Tuesday, July 23

Member/guest with ice cream bar

Tuesday, July 30

Middle School Party (ages 10-14)

Tuesday, August 6

Minnow party II- Poolside Party (4-7)

Tuesday, Aug 13

All ages pool party

Tuesday, August 20

Year-End Pool Party Celebration (All Ages)

Information and sign ups can be found on the Pool Bulletin Board. Please confirm on the pool calendar, as events and times may change based on volunteer availability and attendance.

Swimming Lesson Sessions

Session 1: Monday, June 24

Session 2: Monday, July 8

Session 3: Monday, July 22

Session 4: Monday, August 5

Please sign up in the pool office.

Pool Hours

Pre-Season Hours (May 25 - June 18):

Weekdays — 3:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Snuggery open with limited menu no grill

Weekends/Holiday — 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Snuggery limited menu with grill

Summer Hours (Starting June 18 - last day of School for Longmeadow):

Monday-Friday

10 a.m. to 12 noon — Pool open for lessons only/baby pool open

12 noon to 5:45 p.m. — Pools open for general use

6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. — Pool open for family swim

Weekends

9 a.m. to 10 a.m. — Pool open for lap swim only

10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. — Pool open for general use

6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. — Family swim

August 29 to September 2 — Hours TBD

The pool will CLOSE for the season at 5 p.m. on Monday, September 2nd. — *Cameron Burke*



Field Club Tennis Events 2019

Friday, June 7

Mixer

Host: Ned Steiger

Saturday, June 15

Davis Cup

Hosts: Sherri Ehrenberg, Susan Katsoulis

Wednesday, June 19 - Saturday, June 22

Clem Easton USTA Senior Event

Friday, June 28

Mixer

Hosts: Bill & Mona Swanson

Sunday, June 30

Tailgate

Sunday, July 7

Get your Grill On

Hosts: Vivian Miller, Cary Dash, Susan & Scott Cooper

Thursday, July 11

Ladies Mixer

Hosts: Judy D'Angelo, Mary Dumala

Saturday, July 13

Daiquiri Doubles

Hosts: Jackie & David Pleet

Saturday, July 20

Family Tennis Mixer

Hosts: Laura & Bill Muldreig

Sunday, July 21

Mixer

Hosts: Connie & Joe Stiefel, Jen & Mike Salvon

Saturday, August 10

Mixer

Hosts: Steve & Sherri Ehrenberg

Saturday, August 24

Doubles Championship

Host: Lora Arnold

Saturday, September 7

M/W Singles Championship

Hosts: Lori & John McMahon

Saturday, September 14

Founders Cup Mixed Doubles

Hosts: Jenn Wilson & Brian Grayboff

Pickleball News



A group of us recently installed two pickleball courts in the paddle area on courts two and three, which we hope you will try.

Thanks to **Marcia Snyder, Tom Kietzman, Jim Girotti, Dan Handzel** (our new Club Manager), **Trevor Lewicki** and four young men from Longmeadow High School, all members of the cross-country team, who provided considerable assistance to the rest of us.

Please use our existing online court reservation system (reservemycourt.com) to schedule your play on courts two or three. If you would like to play but don't have a paddle, the Club has purchased paddles and balls which are available in the hallway of the paddle hut near the restrooms. Copies of the rules for pickleball (which are different than tennis) will be available in the paddle hut, on the Club's website, and on the wire screen between courts two and three for your review.

For those new to the sport, we have scheduled a "Pickleball 101" clinic for Sunday, June 2 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. If necessary due to inclement weather, the clinic will be held on Sunday, June 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Thanks again to **Ken Vincunas** for sharing his expertise at the clinic.

We will schedule several mixers (for players of all ability levels) later in the summer and will send an email "blast" with the dates in the near future. — *John Glenn*

