
THE BASELINE

Field Club News



August 2019

A Message from the President

This has been a fantastic start to our summer at the Field Club of Longmeadow. Thank you to the hosts and captains of the Davis Cup tennis event. We had an incredible turnout of over 95 players. Additionally, the Poolside Potluck social event was a smashing success, with a great turnout that lasted well into the night as attendees danced to their favorite tunes provided by a DJ. After a reschedule or two, the pool summer kick-off event was held, and kids of all ages enjoyed the afternoon.

A hearty "THANK YOU!" goes out to all hosts, participants and attendees of these great events. Each occasion creates a vibrant atmosphere, enabling members to mingle, socialize and enjoy all the Club has to offer.

Additionally, last month members attended a special meeting to consider removing the initiation fees associated with membership at the Field Club. Those in attendance voted unanimously to allow this change. We have already seen a great uptick in interest and the change has even resulted in new members joining to enjoy this summer. We do not make changes like this lightly, and we demand they be result driven. So far so good, and we remain excited about the future potential of this change. A special thank you to the Membership Committee that helped model and design these changes to maximize our position within the market of clubs in the area. Please continue to encourage friends, neighbors and family to consider joining our great club.

All in all, we are off to a great summer. Keep an eye on your emails, the Club bulletin boards and schedule for a listing of future events. Sign-up, participate and enjoy!

See you on the courts!

Jamie Dunbar

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Membership News

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." — Elizabeth Andrew

It was so great to work along-side **Doug Jangraw, Rick Plaut** and **Paul Nicholson** on our Membership committee. Our paths may never have crossed, but I am sure I can speak for **Liz Kollias** and **Amy Tyler** in saying that we are so glad they did! Doug, Rick and Paul brought to our committee the understanding of the Field Club and it's membership, as well as the leadership needed to get the job done!

We are so excited to now offer a membership plan to bring the Field Club into the future! We hope that you have begun to spread the word about our new payment structure and are as excited as we are about this!

If you have a special skill set or talent that you would like to share, please don't hesitate to get involved. I know many of you have previously served on the Board and/or volunteered, but we are operating with less families then ever before. We need to keep pushing the ball forward!

Thank you to Doug, Rick, Paul, Liz and Amy for working on the Membership Committee. We all appreciate your time and value so much your commitment to the Field Club! Enjoy the summer! — *Lori McMahon*

Please Welcome Our New Members

- Katie and Joe Woytowicz
- Courtney and Steve Langieri
- Ida Colon-Perez and Ray Perez
- Matt Grodd
- Jack McGuire



Summer Fun at the Club!

Thanks to everyone who came out for the 4th of July tailgate hosted by **Jen and Nate Duval**.

The weather was perfect, and it was great to see so many members hanging out with friends. As always, Twin Hills put on a fantastic fireworks display.

Please mark your calendar for some new and exciting events to come this summer! **Family Bingo** night will be July 22nd at 5:30 p.m. We also have an **Adult Trivia Night** coming August 23rd at 7 p.m.

We are looking forward to continuing a fun summer and adding these exciting events to our lineup this year! — *Lauren Brady & Katie Wartman*

Junior Team Tennis Update

We have 30 kids participating on our two USTA teams this summer! It's a great group of players — both new and very experienced — competing weekly at U14 and U18 levels. Our coaches, **Mitch Dobek** and **Arjun Loke**, practice with teams on Tuesday afternoons and coordinate matches on Wednesday evenings, both at home and away. We are enjoying a great season with lots of fun, good sportsmanship and "nice shots."

The season championship will take place August 10th and 11th, site TBD.

We would love to see other Field Club members come out to support our young players! — *Stephanie Foster and Amy Tyler*

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 per person. For questions, call Lora Arnold at 567-0554 or loraarnold@yahoo.com.

Reservations must be made by the end of July in order for us to know whether we have enough people to reserve the bus. Don't miss this opportunity to see outstanding tennis at Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York City. — *Lora Arnold*



Lane Lines

Come beat the heat... Join fellow members for fun in and around the pool. The lifeguards have been hard at work with swimming lessons, and the kids have been enjoying poolside events.

After some rescheduling due to weather, the Summer Kick Off party was a big success. Junior members and their guests were entertained by D.J. **Brian Nicks**, with dancing and contests.

Our poolside events in July were the TRIATHLON, hosted by **Lori McMahon**; the Juniors Party, hosted by **Jen Creelman**; the Middle School Party, hosted by **Karen Desroisers**; and the Member/Guest Party. Thank you for helping to make such fun summer memories! Hope to see you poolside!

Upcoming Pool Events

August 6 Minnow Party
August 13 All Ages Pool Party
August 20 End-of-the-year party

— Cameron Burke, Matt Cowles, Gabrielle Huffstutler



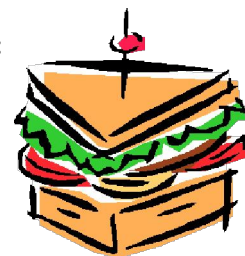
Keep Your Cool... Eat at the Snuggery!

When temperatures soar, it's no fun standing in front of a hot stove or grill. Keep cool by enjoying a delicious meal at the snuggery!!

Snuggery Summertime hours:

Monday - Friday
10:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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



Fun for All at Adult Poolside Party

It was a beautiful night with scrumptious appetizers and desserts and 67 members and guests that partied and danced the night away by the pool! The weather couldn't have been better, and it was great seeing friends of all ages and both new and old members enjoy this fun event! The pool area was lit up with lanterns, candles and tiny white lights everywhere! The flowers on the tables complimented the plates of delicious food brought by guests. Music was provided by **Brian Srebnick**, and our new GM, **Dan Handzel**, and wife, **Kim**, made an appearance!

Special thanks to the lifeguards who stayed and helped with setting up tables and chairs and were close by all night in case of any accidental swimmers! A HUGE thanks to **Norene Shea**, who helped with putting up lights and decorations, and to **Danielle and John Pappas**, **Barry O'Connor** and **Paul Nicholson**, who helped hosts **Sally Gallucci** and **Chris Nicholson** with all the clean up!

If you missed this fun night, mark your calendars for another great adult event on Saturday, June 22nd, and watch for details on a Trivia Night in August. Date and time will be posted soon! Hope to see you all there!

— *Chris Nicholson*



Daiquiri Doubles

The 9th annual Daiquiri Doubles was hosted by the Pleets and held on the beautiful and warm afternoon of July 13th. Twenty eight members enjoyed an evening of social tennis. This was followed by well-deserved and thirst-quenching strawberry daiquiri cocktails made by mixologist **David Pleet**. The ingredients included hand-picked (then frozen) local strawberries, home-grown mint, and two secret ingredients. Rum, of course, was optional but highly recommended. There was a great variety of shared foods brought by the participants. We hope to see all of you next year for the “David’s Deca Decadent Delicious Daiquiri Doubles Day!”



From the Pickleball Courts

Our two pickleball courts, located at the paddle center, are up and open for play!! We have seen an uptick in member involvement in pickleball and hope that those members that have played are enjoying themselves. For those of you who haven't played yet, you may want to give it a shot. It's the fastest growing racquet sport in America, and we are thrilled that we are able to bring this activity into the fold of things to do at the Field Club!

You may sign-up for a court (up to three days in advance) via the online reservation system (www.reservemycourt.com). We have pickleballs and paddles for member use in the paddle hut (over by the restrooms), and general instructions are located on a placard hung between the pickleball courts.

The Field Club Pickleball Committee is headed up by **Ken Vincunas**, and he is working on having at least one or two more mixers before the season is over. If anyone is interested in hosting an event, please reach out to me or Ken. — *Tom Kietzman*



Weekly Adult Tennis Activities

Sign up *weekly* on the tennis board for any of the clinics or events listed.

Monday @ 10 a.m.
Stroke of the Week with Ann

Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m.
Singles Match Play

Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Adult Beginner Clinic with Mitch

Thursday @ 9 a.m.
Adult beginner Clinic with Ann

Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m.
Cardio tennis with Mitch

Saturday from 9 to 10:30 a.m.
Mitch's Live Ball Drill & Play Clinic (8 spots)

Next Deadline September 18

The deadline for the October edition of *The Baseline*, the last issue of 2019, will be Wednesday, September 18. Be sure to send your news and photos to Editor Lee-Anne Sprague at lsprague7@cox.net. She can also be reached via phone at (860) 335-8793.



Davis Cup 2019... The Tradition Continues!

June 15th dawned bright and beautiful for the 92 members of the Field Club who chose to participate in this iconic event. Messages from captains **Christine Sanford, Mike Salvon, Susan Katsoulis** and **Steve Ehrenberg** earlier in the week let these excited players know for which country they would play: **Australia** (Susan), **Brazil** (Christine), **Canada** (Steve) or **Sweden** (Mike). Arriving early for photos and final instructions from their captains, players eagerly took to the courts to play for their team.



To keep things interesting, we even had a few members play singles so that every player from each team was on the court. If we didn't have exactly what we needed, we allowed "spies" to balance the two teams on the court. Everyone brought out their positive Field Club attitude and played their friendly, competitive best.

The Davis Cup isn't complete without the food to go with it. Those not on the courts could enjoy breakfast treats — muffins, bagels, juice, coffee and fruit — until lunch. When the food truck arrived from The Delaney House, all that hard playing paid off as members made their choices of how many and what kind of tacos they wanted. A delicious array of toppings, as well as two salads, accompanied the taco choices. Various homemade cookies finished off the meal. Lemonade, iced tea and Gatorade were available as well, so everyone could quench their thirst as the temperature rose into the 80s.

With this many players and an entire day of fun, we certainly couldn't have done it alone. Many, many thanks to **Ann, Mitch** and **Arjun**, who truly kept the courts moving, the drinks cold and a million other details covered so the players could just play. Also, if you haven't seen amazing tennis and tennis ball cookies in your life, you missed your chance. **Candy and Cydney Weiner** made the most beautiful (and tasty) cookies to everyone's delight. Thank you both! Finally, our captains were just amazing — so positive, so ready to make this a fun and fair event, and so on top of their teams to get them where they needed to be. We are most grateful, as we could not have had the day without all of you.

Everyone who played certainly earned the final hour of cheers at the end and the cold beverage that went with it. We hope each of you had fun, and we hope even more members come out to next year's event!

Finally, the matches were awesome, the food was delicious, and the camaraderie the best. When all was said and done, Team Brazil took home the honors as champions for The 2019 Davis Cup. Well-played, Team Brazil. — *Co-Chairs Susan Katsoulis & Sherri Ehrenberg*

