
THE BASELINE

Field Club News



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A Message from the **NEW** President



Happy New Year! I am excited and honored to serve the Field Club as President of the Board of Governors this year. My time on the Board has proven to me what a special place the Field Club is. I am impressed by all the generous and talented people that make all the moving parts work together. I wanted to thank our outgoing Board members who have contributed to the Club over the last several years: **Jamie Dunbar, Mark Cress** and **Stephen Ehrenberg**. I have definitely learned so much serving alongside these intelligent and hard-working individuals. As new BOG members come and go, I have made many new friends.

Volunteer run organizations need all of their members to contribute in ways that other clubs may not. We rely on our members for almost everything we do. If you attend an event or participate in an activity at the Field Club, know that a fellow member made that happen. The Field Club has so many passionate, energetic members that are extremely generous with their time and abilities, and for that I am so grateful.

At the Annual Meeting in November, three new Board of Governors were voted in. Welcome **Lauren Brady, Paul Nichols** and **Adam Steinberg**. I look forward to working with you and thank you for “walking the walk” with us.

For the upcoming year, we have two major goals as we look to sustain and grow our club. First, we hope to increase involvement by engaging both new and longtime members, encouraging their participation and organization in various Field Club activities. Next, we plan to develop a marketing committee to help decrease our current membership deficit. We hope to spread the word about our new fee structure.

One of our biggest accomplishments last year was changing our fee structure to reflect the needs of today’s growing families. By eliminating the initiation fee, we hope to attract young families to grow our membership. Please help by getting this exciting news out and help the Field Club grow! It is a great time to sponsor a candidate for membership into the Field Club. Contact new Board member and Membership Chairperson **Lauren Brady** for an application packet. Please note that only one sponsor is needed.

Todd Cieplik and **Adam Steinberg** are leading the way with our newly appointed Marketing Committee. Look for our advertisement in the LPRD catalog and a few local newspapers. Also, look for information on our Spring Open House and get the word out to your neighbors and friends!

As of now, the Super Bowl A/B Mixer will be held on February 2nd and should provide great paddle play prior to the big game. Additional upcoming events include the Ladies’ Oscars Mixer, the St. Patrick’s Day Mixer and the upcoming Club Championships in March. So, plan on getting out there and joining in the upcoming events!

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Junior Paddle lessons, headed up by **Sherry Ehrenberg** and **Carol Plaut**, have been a huge success and have had a good showing from promising young paddle players. The Ehrenberg and Plaut families are scheduled to host the Parent Child Mixer on February 1st.

This year, we hope to continue our focus on social events. The Spring Fling will be May 2nd at the newly renovated Longmeadow Country Club. I know **Chris Nicholson** and **Sally Gallucci** are planning for a big night. Let's SAVE THE DATE, invite friends, bring guests and have a night to remember! **Lora Arnold** and her committee are planning the July 4th and Labor Day Tailgates, Trivia Night, Poolside Party and, hopefully, a trip to the US Open again this year. We also hope to plan a few other outings along the way...so stay tuned.



Health and Happiness in
the New Year,

Lori McMahon

Save the Date for the...

Field Club's Annual Spring Fling

Saturday, May 2, 2020
**Longmeadow
Country Club**



*Watch for more
details to follow!*

Membership Report

As of this printing, the breakdown of the Field Club's membership is as follows:

Adult:	9
Bond:	6
Senior:	105
Family:	206
Non-resident:	01
Total:	325

There are currently 28 family openings, and three families are planning to attend the upcoming Meet and Greet event. Our voted in waiting list consists of one couple: **Daryle & Michelle Rauch**.

Now is a fantastic time to sponsor a candidate for membership at the Field Club. Please contact me for an application packet. — *Lauren Brady*

Beautification Committee: Volunteers Welcome!



The Field Club Beautification Committee is looking forward to the upcoming tennis season.

Committee members are the folks who plant flowers at the circle by the tennis club house. We will also buy hanging plants for the upstairs porch of the tennis house, as well as the whiskey barrels by the club parking lot. The committee is also considering new plantings to spruce up the entrance to the paddle court area.

We can always use new members. We need your ideas and your hands to help with planting. Our first meeting will be in early May to plan the plantings for the summer. Weather permitting, we hope to plant flowers the weekend before Memorial Day.

A distinctive quality of the Field Club is the willingness of its members to pitch in to make the Club a success. That willingness has helped make the Club a success for more than 50 years.

Come and join us! For more information, contact Mike Brault at Michael.j.brault@gmail.com. — *Mike Brault*



Next Deadline March 18... Be sure to send your submissions for the April edition of *The Baseline* to editor Lee-Anne Sprague at lsprague7@cox.net.

At Your Service... The 2019/2020 Governors

President	Lori McMahon
Vice President	Liz Kollias
Treasurer	Paul Nicholson
Asst. Treasurer	Tom Kietzman
Clerk	Amy Tyler
Asst. Clerk	Todd Cieplik
Membership	Lauren Brady
Communications	Adam Steinberg
Pool/Snuggery	Amy Tyler
Tennis/Jr. Tennis	Liz Kollias
Paddle/Jr. Paddle	Tom Kietzman
Social	Lora Arnold
Gardens & Grounds	Lora Arnold
Ex-Officio	Jamie Dunbar



Junior Paddle Going Strong!

The **Field Club Junior Paddle program** continues strong with about 30 junior players braving the cold and the wind to learn the game. With the help of instructors **Sherri Ehrenberg, Sadie Ehrenberg, Luke Norman** and **Carol Plaut**, the juniors take to the courts on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., getting some much needed exercise and fresh air!

Moving from station to station, the kids have been working hard to improve their games, learning lobs and drives, serves and net play. Afterwards, everyone warms up in the hut with hot chocolate before heading home.

The program has one or two open spots, so if there is a junior out there between the ages of 8 and 14 who wants to give paddle a try, please contact **Sherri** or **Carol**. Come by Wednesday afternoon, have some hot chocolate, and watch these amazing juniors!

— *Carol Plaut & Sherri Ehrenberg*

Social Committee News

First, a thank you to **Katy Wartman** and **Lauren Brady** for their conscientious work on scheduling the social events for the past two seasons. At this time, **Brenna Ching** and **Katherine Coyne** have volunteered to assume the duties of co-chairs of the Social Committee. They have already found sponsors for the summer events, but are still looking for a sponsor(s) for the Adult Trivia Night, which was a huge success last year. The Club relies on volunteers, so if someone would like to contribute to the Club, contact Brenna (bernice05@gmail.com) or Katherine (katherinecoyne@gmail.com). They will welcome you!

The Spring Fling will take place on Saturday, May 2nd at the Longmeadow Country Club, under the supervision of **Chris Nicholson**. Please *save the date* for a fun evening to kick-off the season opening of the Field Club. Details will be forthcoming.

Once again, the Field Club will sponsor a bus trip to the US Open in New York City near the end of August. Be aware of notices and blasts during the summer. Hope to see you on board. — *Lora Arnold*

Lane Lines Update

After all these frigid temperatures and snow, we are looking forward to being poolside this summer. Your co-chairs have been planning another summer full of events and activities! We are looking for members (new and old!) to chair and volunteer at events. Many of these events are fun favorites for our children, but we are all open to fun, new ideas.

Please contact us ASAP if you are interested in organizing an event. We plan to have this organized by March, in time to be published in the Guidebook. You can email us at rcdburke@gmail.com.

— *Cameron Burke and Matt Cowles*

Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest 2019, the most highly attended paddle mixer of the season, did not disappoint! The **Spencers** and **Ehrenbergs** continued their annual kickoff to the paddle season with a fun-filled Saturday night. Over sixty members enjoyed a lively mixer, with plenty of fun both on and off the court. A big thank you to the hosts for another great event! — *Jennifer Willson*





From the Paddle Courts

The paddle season is off to a very good start! By the time you read this, the Field Club will have hosted 3 APTA tournament events, and 8 in-house mixers. HUGE thanks to the various hosts of these events, which wouldn't be possible without our member volunteers. These members include the **Ehrenbergs, Spencers, Plauts, Nilssons, Morneaus and Shields**, along with **Dave Appleman, Tom O'Brien, Gary Weiner, John Pappas, David Wartman, Brian Prast, Gerrit Toebes, Scott Brindle, Carolyn Marchese, Chris Nicholson, Rob Durfee, Steve McKenna and Jenn Willson**.

The courts are in good shape due to continued off-season maintenance. Special thanks to **Dan Handzel** for running point on keeping the courts in good working order. We have also installed LED lights on court # 2. The reaction from the FC paddle community has been very positive. We will plan on installing the same lights on the remainder on the courts in the off-season. Special thanks to **Larry Eagan** for all his help on the lighting project.

Paddle "Contract Time" is set, and progressing nicely. We currently have a total of 60 slots between 5:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Of these slots, 12 are available for either new groups or on a first-come-first-serve basis. The 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. times are still proving to be the most popular, however. There are plenty of other options for earlier or later in the evenings.

Our "Paddle Demo Program" was well received. **Rick Plaut** and **Dan Handzel** helped source demo paddles from Masters, Viking and Wilson. We have started selling the demo paddles, and a note is posted in the hut. The cost will be ½ list + tax + \$10.

John Pappas and **Jenn Willson** are the Paddle Committee Co-Chairpersons, and they have continued to do a fantastic job!! Please thank them when you see them around the club. — *Tom Kietzman*

Fun for All at Men's Wanna B

The Men's Wanna B, held at the Field Club on December 7, was a great success! The event was hosted by **John Pappas** and **David Wartman**. The day brought perfect paddle weather. There were many new players and new members who joined in the fun, which is what this tournament is about.

The Wanna B was designed to provide a chance for any non-A

player to get three matches in with all different partners. Admittedly, it is more of a social event than a competitive event. We got antsy and tapped the keg once again in the mid-morning hours.

A big thank you goes to members **George and Liz Kollias** (Grapevine) for making the group some

excellent wraps, meatballs and salad to eat après paddle. Thanks also to member **Nate Duval**, who designed the shirts, and member **Frank Suher**, who made the shirts! Shout out as well to **Mike**

Shields, who showed up to capture the action with his camera.

The feedback on the day was positive, so we intend to continue with the same format for next year. Next year we will have members **Ryan Brady** and **Brendan Burke** step up to host the event. It was a nice start to the season for the Wanna B's!

— *John Pappas & Dave Wartman,*
Event Co-Chairs

