

BASS RIVER BULLETIN



Bass River Tennis Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

Friday	Feb	3	- Friday Night Social, 7:00-9:00. Food and beverages to follow
Sunday	Feb	5	- Adult Round Robin, 11:00-1:00. <u>Every Sunday this month</u>
Sunday	Feb	5	- Super Bowl Sunday!!! Go Pats!!
Sunday	Feb	5	- Senior Invitational, 9:00-11:00. <u>Every Sunday this month</u>
Tues-Wed	Feb	21-22	- February Vacation <u>Junior Camp</u> . See bulletin board or one of the Pros for details.
Tues-Wed	Feb	21-22	- February Vacation <u>Ladies Camp</u> . See bulletin board or one of the Pros for details.
Wed-Fri	Feb	22-24	- Boys & Girls 14/16 Level 7 Futures Circuit event. Sign-ups are done on TennisLink on the USTA website.
Friday	Feb	17	- Valentine's Day Adult Mixer. Sign-up at the desk. See below.
Saturday	Feb	18	- The Woody Classic!! Check out page 2.
Mon-Fri	Feb	20-24	- Public School vacation week. Many leagues and programs off. See one of the staff for details!
Friday	Mar	3	- Friday Night Social, 7:00-9:00. Food and beverages to follow.
Friday	Mar	10	- Our 10 th Annual Pro-Am. One of the most popular events of the season. See page 4.



Valentine's Mixer / Spouse Social

On Friday night, February 17 Bass River will run a Valentine's Day Mixer. This event, open only to Bass River members, will be a great night of tennis, food and fun. We kick off the evening with the Bass River Pros running some warm-up cardio tennis to music. Players will get to play a doubles Round Robin for a couple hours, and we'll have plenty of food and drinks on hand. Bass River can't sell or provide alcohol so feel free to bring the beer or wine of your choice. Bass River members are welcome to bring a spouse or significant but you don't need a partner to play. Come as you are and we'll pair up and rotate players all night long. This promises to be a fun event! Sign up with Rares at the club or Rares@bassrivertennis.com.

The Bass River Pro Shop, Larry Lebatique

You've probably seen Bass River has a small Pro Shop. We sell racquets, do racquet maintenance (re-stringing, re-gripping) and have an assortment of accessories and clothing. Next time you are in the club, ask to see the new technology in tennis racquets. We have the new line of Head & Wilson racquets available and we match all online pricing. You can demo a racquet to see if it fits your tennis needs. **For the month of February, we are running a stringing special. Take 20% off all stringing. We will also offer a 10% discount on the purchase of any new racquet in February.** Also, check out the demo racquet sale going on now!

The Men's Doubles "Woody Classic" is back!



This fun (and a little painful) event is back again this year. Originally started by the Men's A team, this fun doubles event is in its 3rd year of open play. It is a one day tournament on Saturday, February 18th from 11:00-2:00. Get out your old wooden tennis racquet and your vintage clothing (if you have it) and sign up to play. There are 2 levels, the Open division and the A division. See Rares if you want to participate. The cost is \$40.00 per team. Food and drink to follow. Winners drink out of the celebratory cup. Everyone else gets an ice pack for their arm ☺. If you can't find your old wooden racquet, we will have several around the club to borrow. The deadline to sign up is February 15th.

For our Junior Players and Parents

During February and March, Bass River is excited to offer a couple junior activities that are not part of the usual calendar. On Friday, February 17th it's "Bring a Friend Day". Any of our Junior Clinic players in Levels 1 and 2 are welcome to bring a friend to our Friday Fun Day. We also will have the Bass River Junior Championships the weekend of March 11th-12th. Be sure to talk with your child's age coordinator to see if this is a good event to try. You can also speak with the Junior Program Coordinator, Kevin or the Tennis Director, Rares.

Bass River to host Professional Money Tournament

We will play host to a Men's Singles and Doubles Open event featuring top area players. Many of the participants play in the Boston Pro League or are top collegiate players in this area. This money tournament will be on Saturday, February 25th and Sunday, February 26th. Come down and watch some incredible tennis live at your club! Support the players and learn a couple new shots!

Meet Bass River's newest staffers!!!



Madeline Allaire

Maddie is a Salem State College Junior from Columbus, Ohio. She is currently the #1 singles and doubles player for her school and is majoring in Athletic Training. We are very excited to have Maddie join the Bass River team. She will be on our front desk greeting members each Friday, Saturday and Sunday. When her busy school schedule permits, Maddie will also be teaching in our junior program. Maddie has played several Working Women's matches for Bass River in the North Shore League and is a great addition to the staff! Introduce yourself to Maddie the next time you see her.



Michael Dolph, USPTA

Mike is from Stratford, Connecticut and a recent graduate of Endicott College where he lettered in tennis each of his 4 years. Earning a degree in Sports Management, Mike was also a Commonwealth Coast Honoree, his team's captain and Endicott Student-Athlete of the year. He has taught at Black Rock, Westport Indoor and Greens Farms Academy in Connecticut. Michael is now a full-time tennis professional at Bass River and an incredible addition to our staff!

USTA Summer Teams are right around the corner!



It's not too early to think about summer USTA teams! This might sound a little strange, especially if you are a member of the Bass River 65+ team that won Sectionals last year and still hasn't gone to their national event yet. But teams, captains and clubs are already talking about it. If you are interested in playing, there is some information about USTA on the Bass River website. For someone new to USTA you might find it helpful. Go to our homepage and click "Links" in the top right. USTA will appear in the dropdown. We will have much more in the way of details in our March newsletter, but if you are considering a new team or plan to run your same team again, please be in touch with the club. We will be happy to set your preferred home court time aside for you if we can. In the meantime, we all wish Captain Dick Carr and his 65+ team the best of luck at nationals in Surprise, Arizona this coming spring!

Bass River Junior Teams competing well, Anthony Russo

Bass River has both a boys and girls team in the North Shore Junior League. Each team is comprised of a 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under and 18 & Under. Each team match features a singles and a doubles team in each category. Bass River is in the middle of the league for the boy's team and top 4 in the girls. **Ella** and **Naomi Provost** have joined the girls team this year and have impressive records. **Ryan Stolarz** and **Will Gern** lead the way on the boy's team with some strong victories. **Alex Hutchinson** has played on the boy's team since he was a 12 & Under. He is now in the 18's and will be graduating this year. We are very happy with the improvement our teams have shown and are very proud of our junior competitors.

The 10th Annual Bass River Pro-Am One of our most popular events...

For each of the last 10 years, Bass River has had a season kick-off "Pro-Am". After years of running this event successfully each fall, we decided to swap this event with another popular event, our "Ladies Night Out" breast cancer fundraiser. The idea was to move the breast cancer event back to October, the official breast cancer awareness month, and move the Pro-Am to the last winter season event. Here it is! We will run our 10th annual Pro-Am on Friday Night, March 10th. If you have played in these, you know how much fun they can be. 25 Bass River and local Tennis Pros come to Bass River to play with 25 of our members. Each member, or "Am" is paired up with a "Pro". We play about 5 rounds of doubles with plenty of food, drink and taunting to go around. Participation in this event has always been by a lottery. Anyone who wants to play adds their name to a list. Player names are drawn a week before the event with a few subs selected in case someone must bail out. Look for the open date where you can sign-up for a chance to play. Details around the desk area soon!



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