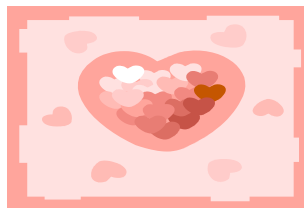
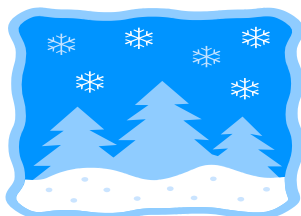
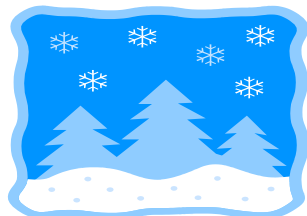


BASS RIVER BULLETIN

Bass River Tennis Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

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| Friday, | January 1 | - Happy New Year! Club Open Noon-10:00 p.m. |
| Monday, | January 4 | - Junior Program Resumes |
| Friday, | January 8 | - Friday Night Doubles Social Returns for 2010!!! |
| Saturday, | January 9 | - J.V. team match. All ages eligible. |
| Saturday, | January 9 | - Men's, Women's and Junior team matches resume |
| Sunday, | January 10 | - USTA 9.0 matches begin |
| Monday, | January 18 | - Martin Luther King Day, Club Open all Day.
Junior Program Classes are on! |
| Friday, | January 22 | - Friday Night Doubles Social, 7-9 p.m. |
| Saturday, | January 24 | - J.V. team match. All ages eligible. |
| Saturday- | January 30 | - USTA 10 and under junior tournament, Level 7. |
| Sunday | February 1 | Sign-up on-line or see Sue Love, ext. 31. |
| Friday, | February 5 | - Friday Night Doubles Social, 7-9 p.m. |
| Monday, | February 8 | - Beverly Bootstraps "Taste of Beverly" See Page 2. |
| Sunday, | February 14 | - Happy Valentine's Day! |
| Monday, | February 15 | - President's Day, Club Open All Day. |
| Monday- | February | - Winter School Vacation |
| Friday, | 15-19 | No Junior or Adult Team Programs All Week |
| Friday | February 19 | - Friday Night Doubles Social |
| Wednesday- | February 18 | - USTA 14's & 16's level 7 junior tournament. |
| Friday, | February 20 | Sign-up on-line or see Sue Love, ext. 31 |
| Friday, | February 27 | - Friday Night Doubles Social, 7-9 p.m. |

From the Tennis Director, Larry Lebatique

We have come to the halfway point in our indoor season here at Bass River. I hope all of you had a Happy Holiday Season. All of our tennis programming, both Adult & Junior, is running strong. If you have any interest in either of these programs, please see Anthony Russo for the Adult programs and Rares Petritoi for the junior programs.

Kudos to our Boys & Girls Varsity Travel teams. Both of these teams are in 2nd place in their respective leagues. This was the case last year at this time and both of the teams finished in the top 4 of the league in 2009. Keep up the hard work.

Our Men's' A team captained by Rares Petritoi is in 1st place in the North Shore League. This team, along with Rares, is comprised of teaching pros from the area including our very own Kevin Colozzi, Gregg Luongo, & Mike LaPierre, as well as top players in Massachusetts. If you ever want to see some incredible doubles play, home matches are played on Saturdays 12:30-2:00.

There have been a few new programs introduced to the club this year. One program in particular I want to mention is our "Power Hour" class. This is Bass River's version of Cardio Tennis. During this hour, ladies are put through hitting drills where they are working on their strokes along with getting a good cardio workout. We offered this class during the week of Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are exploring the possibility of making this a regular program for next year.

I do hope all of you are enjoying your tennis experience here at Bass River. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to stop by and see me, call me, or email me at llebatique@bassrivertennisclub.com.

Bass River hosts "A Taste of Beverly"

Bass River is proud to announce that we will host the Beverly Bootstraps Community Services' first Best Chef Competition on Monday February 8, 2010. Created in the style of television's Iron Chef series, this magical evening will feature dueling chefs from Beverly's finest restaurants, including Wild Horse Café, Harry's 240, Chianti, and Tryst. TV Diner's Billy Costa will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and musical entertainment will round out the evening. Come support Beverly Bootstraps Community Services and their many vital programs. **Ticket Price Levels:** \$30: Feeds one visitor to the Food Pantry, \$50: Buys enough food to distribute 25 children's lunches, \$100: Seating at the Food Critic Tables, only 24 tickets available. If you're interested in purchasing tickets contact Amy Murphy at 978 927-1561 or amurphy@beverlybootstraps.org. Note to our Membership...This terrific evening will take place during our usual business hours on a Monday night. It will inconvenience our programming and some member activities. However, we believe strongly in our commitment to the community and are sure any interruption to our members will be well accepted in the name of Beverly Bootstraps. We are proud of Bass River's long commitment to the City of Beverly.



Rares Petritoi, Junior Program Coordinator

The Junior Program continues to gain strength. From last year to this year, we have seen a major improvement in the play of our juniors here at Bass River, especially in our higher level junior programs. Known around the club as "HP", the High Performance program is running strong. The participation this season has grown in size where we have increased the number of courts we use from 3 courts to 4 courts. This year we separated our HP into two groups; high school age players and under high school age players. Top players from all over the North Shore participate. Our Tournament Clinics have also grown in size this year. We added another Tournament Prep class and have had to expand the number of courts for one of our Tournament Training classes. We are about to begin our 3rd session in our clinics and spots are filling quickly. Don't hesitate; come by the club to see what we have for our juniors. One more Bass River tidbit, don't forget about the junior ladder.

Is Your Junior Player Ready for Tournaments?

Bass River is hosting 10 USTA-sanctioned indoor junior tournaments throughout the year. We also have a number of events at our outdoor facility, the Beverly Golf and Tennis Club. The first one is a singles tournament to be held January 30-31. It is boys and girls in age 10 and under, level 7. We will also have a tournament February 18-20. This is boys and girls singles, ages 14 and under and 16 and under, level 7. The 2010 schedule of Bass River tournaments is now posted in the clubhouse and on the USTAnewengland.com website. All our tournaments are run by Sue Love. Call her at Bass River, extension 31, for information. You can email Sue, suebassriver@yahoo.com.

Snow Day Policy

We do sometimes cancel Junior Programs due to snow or icy conditions. But we do not necessarily follow the school cancellation schedule. Make-up times will be held for any lessons cancelled due to snow. On those mornings when we are experiencing inclement weather, Tennis Director, Larry will decide by 1:00 p.m. whether to hold Junior Program that day. If you are in doubt, simply give us a call or check out our website, www.bassrivertennis.com before you venture out. An informational scroll will appear across the top of the homepage. Also, join our Facebook page for instant updates.

Winter Session of Sequel Singles

This is a great opportunity for new members to get involved and meet other singles players. Sequel Singles is for members who want to play singles! All are welcome. Members sign up by level and are given a schedule of opponents. The format provides one match per week but affords a lot of flexibility for our busy members. It is not too late to join! New sessions start in January. Check it out!



Friday Night Social Doubles

Our Friday Night Social Doubles returns on January 8th after a holiday hiatus. For just \$19 per member (\$25 per non-member) you can enjoy tennis from 7-9 p.m. Bass River will provide some food at no additional charge! We even had Café Diciannove's "Chef Joe" prepare some food samplings in the past. Players are welcome to BYOB. Sign up today! We are sorry, no shows and late cancellations will be charged.

Please, Please, Please

A note to all our members... Please do not bring soda, coffee or sports drinks onto the courts when you play. Water only, please! We are seeing more beverage stains on the courts than ever. Courts 4 & 5 were painted this past summer and have a number of stains. If you should "forget" this rule and spill something, please do not ignore it. Notify the desk so we can get the spill up before it sets in. Also, please use the on court trash baskets for your chewing gum and other waste. Gum is hard to get off the surface.



Small Addition to the Courts

Coming in early January, new court skirts. All the clubs skirts (bottom 14 inches of the court dividers) will be replaced over the next week or 2 with a more durable vinyl skirt. These vinyl skirts are custom made, less expensive and longer lasting than the "rope" style we currently have at Bass River.

New "opt-in" Program

As a service to our members, I have begun to compile an email distribution list of people who would like a weekly notification for open court time. We are heading into the busiest time of the year for court usage. If you would like the Sunday night email to land in your box, please just send me an email at mlapierre@bassrivertennis.com and I will add you to the list. You may opt in and opt out at any time.

Don't forget to find us on Facebook

We had joined the ranks of Facebook. Type in Bass River Tennis Club and join our fan page. We will continue to use the Bass River website, email blasts and this newsletter to inform you of all the happenings. Facebook is just one more way we can reach out to you. This may be particularly handy on snow days as the winter weather hits. Become a fan today!

