

BASS RIVER BULLETIN

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Bass River Team Round-Up Larry Lebatique, Tennis Director

What an incredible season we had at Bass River in the various leagues in which we participate. In fact, between the ladies, men's, mixed and junior teams, we participate in 18 different levels of play in the North Shore league. This season Bass River had at least 1 team make the playoffs in 14 of the 18 levels. An amazing accomplishment few clubs could ever match. Here is a quick rundown...

In the Ladies A Upper we took a 3rd place and lost in the playoff semis. The A Serena team came in 2nd and won the playoffs. Venus won the league and lost in the finals. A-1 Upper came in 4th and lost in the semis. The A-1 Lower didn't make the playoffs, but deserve a mention for finishing 5th, just a few points out of playoffs. The B-1 Upper and B-1 Lower came in 4th and 3rd respectively, both losing in the semis. Our Working Women's I team won the league and the playoffs. The Working Women's II team came in 3rd and lost in the semis. In the men's divisions Bass River came in 2nd in the men's A's, losing in the finals. The A-1 team came in 2nd and lost in the semis and the B team came in 4th, also losing in the semis. Our mixed 7.5 and 8.5 teams both made playoffs and our junior girls team won the league and lost in the finals. Phew, that's a lot of info, but still amazing! Congratulations to all our teams.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that every team has one very important common component; the team captain. Each one of our teams has a captain or captains that are responsible for the success of the teams. We are blessed with so many good ones, it is impossible to mention them all. It is often a difficult job, but it does not have to be a thankless one. From me and my staff, "Thank you"! If you play on a team, please remember your captain.













Member Appreciation Day

Our annual **Member Appreciation Day** was on Monday, May 10th. This was our opportunity to show you, our members, how much we appreciate your choosing to play at the Bass River Tennis Club. On this day we had courts available free of charge for our members (sorry, no guests could participate). As usual, the earliest you could book your court was the Friday prior to Member Appreciation Day. We served a light breakfast from 7:30-9:00, lunch 11:30-1:00 and dinner 5:00-6:30 while it lasted. We hope you came, played some tennis and enjoyed delicious food. Many members came for all 3 meals and had a chance to sit and socialize with friends!

The Bass River Tennis Club Welcomes John Isner!

The rising American Tennis Star and member of the Boston Lobster Tennis Team will come to Bass River on July 12th. We are proud to have "A day with John". This exciting opportunity is brought to our members in part by the Boston Lobsters. Here is how the day will go. First, John will come to the club and run a 2 hour tennis clinic. You will get to spend time on the court hitting with John while he offers you advice on your game. After the clinic, sit with John and have lunch provided by the Boston Lobsters. You will have a chance to take a picture with John and he'll sign your photograph on the spot! The cost for John's clinic will be \$250.00 and we will limit the number of participants so everyone will get some time with him. If that were not enough, the tennis is not over. Included in the day is a ticket to the Boston Lobster match that night at the Ferncroft. John is the evenings featured player so you will get to see him live and in person. What a great day of tennis. For more details or to reserve your spot, please see Mike LaPierre.

The Bass River Club Championships

This spring, Bass River brought back the Bass River Club Championships. For our first year, it ran pretty well. In the singles, doubles and mixed we had 52 participants. Here are the results. The Ladies Singles winner is Heidi Kemery beating Anne Girian. The Men's Singles winner is Carlos Koczela who beat Jeff Palen. Ladies Doubles was won by Anne Girian and Stacy Towfighi over Sharen Solomon and Gloria Lustphillips. Men's doubles was won by owners Mike LaPierre and Mark Greenberg who beat Billy Crusco and Dale Cronin. The mixed doubles title will be decided between Heidi Kemery and Brian Leahy vs. Johanne Gauthier and Billy Crusco. We will be sure the run this event again next spring, with perhaps a couple adjustments in format. Get to work on your game to be sure you are ready to compete.

Contract Time Players

2011-2012 contract applications were mailed out with your renewal invoice in early May. Please be sure to start contacting your current contract players and find out their intentions for next season. Contract deposits are due by Friday, May 27. If you are not currently in a contract and are interested in a 2011-2012 contract court, contact Cheryl, cleduc@bassrivertennis.com. We do have several contract times available. Contract applications are available at the front desk or online, bassrivertennisclub.com. New for the 2011-2012 season, Bass River will offer a service to help you find players if your group is ever caught short. We will either, find a player of suitable level, substitute a member of our teaching staff and offer you a makeup at the end of the season if your group suffers a last minute cancellation. Check the insert in your monthly statement or ask for details at the front desk. It is a great way to keep your group going and we are proud to bring you this new service!

Summer Junior Tennis Program

Our **Junior Summer Tennis Program** will be run out of the Beverly Golf and Tennis Club, 134 McKay Street. Designated programs are rain or shine. Whenever it rains, we move indoors to Bass River! Never miss a class. 1 hour classes meet 3 days a week for beginner to intermediate level players. Daily 3-5 hour programs are available for students looking for a more intensive tennis experience. Brochures are now available in our club lobby and online. City of Beverly Recreation Department Tennis classes for juniors and adults are also on the City website, www.bevrec.com. All Bass River and Beverly Recreation classes are taught by our first rate teaching staff. Please contact me or either member of the summer teaching staff, Jeff Goldberg or Devin Carr, for more information.

Women's 3.0-3.5 Summer In-House League!

We have decided to bring back the ladies in-house women's doubles leagues. Anyone interested in playing a weekly match should let me know. Call me at the club or send me an email, mlapierre@bassrivertennis.com. Matches will run on Tuesday evening from 6:30-8 from May 24th-August 2nd. You do not need a partner to sign-up, but you may pair with someone if you wish.

Summer Hours Effective May 12-Sept. 5, 2011

Monday through Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Closed unless it rains Closed unless it rains

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