

# BASS RIVER BULLETIN



## Bass River Tennis Club Newsletter

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### Calendar of Events

Friday	Nov	1	- Friday Night Social, 7:00-9:00. Food and beverages to follow
Sunday	Nov	10	- All New Adult Round Robin. FIRST VISIT FREE. See page 4
Friday	Nov	15	- Friday Night Social, 7:00-9:00. Food and beverages to follow
Saturday	Nov	16	- Indoor Pro League begins. Details on page 3
Saturday	Nov	23	- Indoor Pro League Match. Come watch the best in the area.
Monday	Nov	25	- Ladies Thanksgiving week tennis camp. See details on page 4
Thursday	Nov	28	- Club closed all day. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

### From Tennis Director Larry

It is November, and the weather is starting to turn cold. With that more people will be heading indoors to play tennis. We have programming for all levels and all ages. Get into programs now before they fill up; adult clinics, adult cardio tennis, QS junior clinics and more.

For those of you interested in playing singles, we have started our Sequel Singles program. We are currently in the middle of the 1<sup>st</sup> round and will be starting up round 2 in December. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

All of our N.S. league teams are in full stride. We have 12 weekday women's teams, 5 working women's teams, 4 men's teams, 4 mixed teams, and 2 varsity junior teams. Speaking of the mixed teams, we are always looking for players to play. The matches are on Sundays and we need players, especially on the men's side. Funny, I wonder if that has anything to do with the NFL on Sundays.

For details on any Bass River program, speak to any Bass River employee or email me at [llebatique@bassrivertennis.com](mailto:llebatique@bassrivertennis.com).



## USTA Nationals; Is There Another Sport Like Tennis? Michael LaPierre

Over the last couple of weeks, several Bass River members and a couple staffers were playing in the USTA nationals. The quick version is that Team Bass River did pretty well. In the 4.5 18+ division we ended with a 3-way tie. Three teams had 2-1 records and Bass River lost out on the chance to advance by one individual match, 11 matches to 10. A week later a 10-point tie-breaker was the difference for Bass River's 4.5 40+ team. An unfortunate injury, a couple unlucky bounces, but we are excited to come back better than ever. Here is what each member of those teams says... There is nothing like the sport of tennis. What other sport can a middle age person play, with a dozen close friends and wind up at a beautiful resort in Palm Springs or Tucson, Arizona? The USTA has its critics. I was one once. But they put on a terrific product and if you've never played, you are missing the best tennis has to offer. Good friends enjoying each other's company, spouses getting to know each other better. Good food, first class accommodations and some great competition. No other sport can compare. Tennis truly is special. As further proof, watch our Tiny Tots classes for ages 4 and 5 and then see Henry Tiberio win the Longwood Grass Court nationals at age 91 to know tennis is the sport for life.

Congratulations and a heartfelt thank you to Bass River's Tennis Director, Larry Lebatique. Larry captained both the 18+ and 40+ teams. Getting one team to a national is a great accomplishment. Two in the same season is nothing short of amazing. Larry will be the first to say, all the work was worth it. We had a great time and we represented Bass River well!



## Facilities Update, Billy Crusco

Over the summer, Bass River did the usual cleaning of the facility. We also took on a couple small but important jobs that help keep our facility in great condition. First, we cleaned every court-light fixture in the club. Each screen was dusted. Every reflector pan wiped and we replaced any burnt bulb or failed ballast. Over 60 ballasts were replaced, and every single light bulb was taken out and wiped down. **Can you guess how many light bulbs it takes to light 10 tennis courts at Bass River?** Hint: they are 4' high output bulbs. The answer is on page 4. We also undertook a National Grid plan that allowed us to replace all the parking lot lights, lobby and locker room lights, and the lighting around the front desk. New, energy efficient LED lamps were put in. The cost savings should be noticeable and National Grid pays for 70% of the job. We now have 14 watt bulbs where there were 60, and the light is better. The energy savings pays us back within the first year, and we did the right thing to help conserve and preserve. If you see anything around the club that isn't just right, please let us know. We'll take care of it right away.

## “Boston Pro League” Style Grand Prix Comes to Bass River Rares Petritoi

Bass River is proud to present the Grand Prix Winter League! Modeled after the summer Boston Pro League, top players and teaching pros in the area compete against each other. This league will promote the highest level of tennis in the Boston Area, and it is exclusively at Bass River.

The Grand Prix has the goal of showcasing the best talent we have in our area in an innovative and unique format. Players will compete for weekly prize money, as well as a Grand Prix Prize Money payout at the end of the season.

Matches are played at Bass River a couple times per month and this is the best tennis you can see, short of going to a tour event. If you are around on a Saturday from 11-1pm, stop by Bass River and watch some great tennis being played! Dates for matches will be available soon. Check at the front desk for dates.

### Sign up for In-House Sequel Singles

Tennis Director, Larry Lebatique will be heading up our Sequel Singles program. The first session will run until November and then we will start a new round of play. This is a great opportunity to get in some singles competition. We will try for 3 men’s groups, 3.0, 3.5 and a 4.0 level. There will be 3 women’s levels offered, 3.0 and 3.5 and 4.0. Other levels can be added upon request. Sign up on the bulletin board in the club lobby. Players’ names will be posted on the board and contact information will be emailed to each participant. Then you arrange your own matches. Regular singles court rates apply. You must be a member of the Bass River Tennis Club to participate. Contact Larry for more information.



### Junior Tennis News, Rares Petritoi

The Bass River Junior Program is running in full force with most of our clinics being close to full capacity. The QuickStart Program continues to have great results with our kids learning and developing their game at an accelerated pace. We are happy and proud to announce the start of our 8 & Under level 4, a huge achievement for our program and staff. We will be having our 8 year olds playing points and developing match strategy! Our Boys and Girls Varsity Teams are competing hard, representing us with pride against the other clubs in the league. The new monthly Sunday Match play for our Quick start juniors in levels 3 & 4 is a beneficial addition to our program. It will help our kids work on strategy and improve their match play experience.

**REMEMBER: ALL FULL JUNIOR MEMBERS HAVE UNLIMITED FREE COURT TIME WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP. USE IT!!! SEE ANY PRO FOR DETAILS.**

## All New Sunday Adult Round Robin

Beginning on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> Bass River will offer an Adult Round Robin. For any player in the 2.5 to 3.5 range, here is your chance to come and play! So many of our Advanced Beginner and Intermediate clinic players come and do the drills, but don't have a lot of play experience. Here is your chance to play. Each Sunday from 12:00-2:00 we will run a supervised Round Robin for members. Non-members participating in the clinic program may also participate. This will be a week to week sign-up and members pay \$20 per visit, non-members pay \$28.00 but can purchase a 4-pak of visits for \$96.00. Here is a special incentive to give it a try...you first visit it FREE! You have nothing to lose. Come try it out!

## Thanksgiving Week Ladies Camp

The week leading up to Thanksgiving and the weekend after are off weeks for the North Shore League. Kids are in school on Monday, Tuesday and a half day Wednesday, so we will offer a Ladies Thanksgiving Camp on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Bass River Member and "A" team player Gavin Barton will help us out with the clinic. Gavin is a Ph.D. in Sports Psychology and is a great tennis instructor. He will give you a whole new perspective on your match play and help you to managing your emotions on the court. We are working out the details at the time of this newsletter so please check the desk and bulletin board for updates and details. Let Dr. Gav work with you on the mental side of the game.

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## The Passing of a Tennis Friend

We are sad to announce the passing of Mr. Stephen J. Connolly III. Mr. Connolly and his company, Connolly Brothers Construction, built the Bass River Tennis Club in 1971. Mr. Connolly was an integral part of the club for the 37 years that he and his family ran the facility. Even after selling the club, Mr. Connolly would occasionally stop by to visit his past employees. He always enjoyed a cup coffee and a donut. Mr. Connolly loved the facility and counted many Bass River members and employees as personal friends. At the time of this newsletter, arrangements are not yet know. The Bass River Tennis Club and our members' extend heartfelt condolences to the Connolly family.

This newsletter is written by General Manager, Michael LaPierre. I welcome your thoughts, [mlapierre@bassrivertennis.com](mailto:mlapierre@bassrivertennis.com).

*How many light bulbs does it take to light 10 tennis courts at Bass River? Answer: 1,500.*