

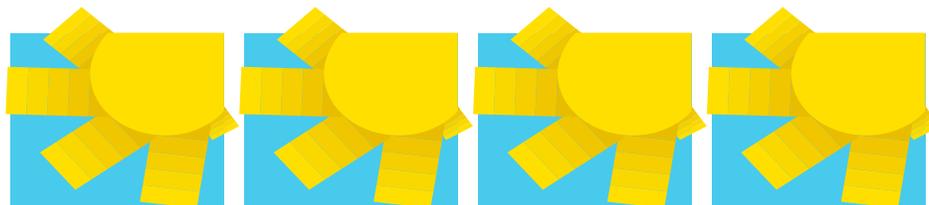
BASS RIVER BULLETIN

Bass River Tennis Club Newsletter

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This Special Edition of the club newsletter is dedicated to two main topics. The first one is *Summer at Beverly Golf and Tennis*. Our summer program is outlined. Then the 2009-2010 *Membership, Contracts, Rates and Fees* will be covered. We also have put in some ladies team tryout information and other points of interest. This edition is being distributed via email. A limited number of copies are available at the club.



Summer at Beverly Golf & Tennis

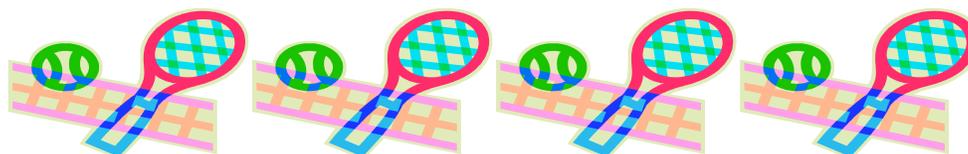
Our summer season at Beverly Golf & Tennis will begin as early as the weather will permit. We are shooting for a May 1st open, if Mother Nature will go along with that. There are 2 ways to play this summer on the clay courts. First, buy a "Summer Unlimited" membership. For adults, \$329.00 (Beverly resident) or \$362.00 (non-resident) all of your court time is covered for the entire season. Play as often as you like for a one-time fee! For \$439.00 resident or \$489 non-resident, cover your entire family for the season. An 18 and under "youth" membership is \$99.00 resident and \$109.00 non-resident for the season.

The second way to enjoy the clay courts is by "pay as you go". Court rates are just \$30 per hour, per court. You may call either Bass River or Beverly Golf & Tennis to book a court at either location. Online booking is available to Summer Unlimited players. The telephone number at BG&T is 978-922-9072, extension 114.

Remember that the unlimited play option includes only court time. The regular fee still applies to lessons, clinics, socials, USTA team matches or any tournaments sponsored by Bass River, Beverly Golf & Tennis or the USTA. Pick up a BG&T Summer 2009 flyer or click the Beverly Golf and Tennis link on the Bass River home page for a complete listing of summer events and programs. Our summer hours are 8:00 a.m. to dark. Kindly book your court at least 3 hours in advance so that we may properly prepare your court.

Membership/Contracts/Rates and Fees 2009-2010

As many of our long standing Bass River members know, our rates and fees are on an alternating year schedule. One year a membership rate increase may be implemented, but court fees and contract rates are frozen. The next season, membership stays put and the court rates go up. On that format, we will be increasing our Adult and Family membership rates for the 2009-2010 season. A modest 5% increase in membership is the first rate increase since the 2006-07 season. Junior membership rates will be left unchanged. All other court fees and contract rates will remain the same. Our private lesson, semi-private, group of 3 and group of 4 rates will also not increase. Round robin and drill group prices are also frozen.



Do you want to avoid the new rates? Pay last year's Membership fee? Any club member who renews their membership before August 31st can do so at the 2008-2009 rate. No other discounts are available for 2009-2010.

	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>By Aug 31</u>
Adult Membership	\$375.00	\$395.00	\$375.00
Family Membership	\$497.00	\$522.00	\$497.00
Junior Membership	\$144.00	\$144.00	\$144.00

Ladies Team Tryouts

With the long and arduous North Shore season starting to come to an end, I want to get some dates onto your calendar. The ladies weekday, North Shore teams will have tryouts on the following schedule...

North Shore A upper	June 10, 11 and 12
North Shore A lower (Serena/Venus)	June 15, 16 and 17
North Shore A-1 Upper	June 18, 19 and 22
North Shore A-1 Lower	June 23, 24 and 25
North Shore B-1 (All)	June 29, 30 and July 1
North Shore Working Women's	June 20 and 23*

The teams for next season and the tryouts that place those teams will run largely the same as years past. Please watch the board for sign-ups and make sure you secure a partner for next year. If you need help finding a partner, please talk with any of the Pros. Larry will be keeping a list of those looking and will assist you in finding partners. Remember that the tryouts are not too far after the end of the league season, so you will need to act quickly if you are planning to go out with a different or new partner.

For the first time since the Connollys owned the club, we will have a small rate increase for the ladies team coaching. The practice fee will be \$30.00 per coaching session. We feel this is still the best value in the club. Not only do you get a guaranteed 4-to-1 ratio with a Pro, usually a \$34.00 cost, but you have an instructor view your home match and offer a critique of your play at no additional charge.

**This is new for the Working Women's team to have tryouts in the spring. Please make time in your schedule for this.*

From New England's #2, Rares Petritoi

A view from our league... Rares Petritoi, Bass River's Junior Program Coordinator and heads the High Performance Program, and I put this piece together on our Men's A league. As we write this, our season is coming to an end and that makes it a good time to reflect on the year. There is something truly special about the North Shore Men's A. It has evolved and adapted over time into an incredibly high standard of play. In fact, the level is so demanding that only 5 of the 14 North Shore clubs can field the level. It is not uncommon to see past collegiate All-Americans, very highly ranked New England players or even guys that were formerly tour professionals. There are currently 3 guys playing that were top 200 in the world, one as high as top 50. None of them win all the time in this league. Rares is currently the #2 ranked player in New England in the Men's Open division and wins about half his matches in the first position. Some of the very best players in New England traveled great distances to be a part of it.

But as high as the level is, here is what makes it so special. It all stays on the court. The competition is intense and the competitive fire still burns, but in all my years of watching and playing, I have never seen an argument or dispute on the court enter the lobby. After the matches at Bass River, you will find most of our team and most of our opponents at Sylvan Street Grille. The last match against Westford, 17 of the 20 players hung out for the afternoon, enjoying a blueberry beer. When we are at Woburn, it turns to Applebee's and at MAC, it is right in their lobby. The first round is always on Francisco. After our last match away at Westford, both teams piled into a few cars and went to Mohegan Sun for the day.

This league and group of guys are a great example of what club tennis is all about. Matches are tough and hard fought, the language on court may not be for

the faint of heart and if you get down or behind, expect your opponents to try and crush you. By the time the foursome meets at the net, the match is over. This is a wonderful example for our junior players (except for the language part) and a great addition to the Bass River team program.

From the Tennis Director, Larry Lebatique

You may have noticed the recent addition to the club's bulletin board. The small board next to the entrance to courts 1, 2 and 3 has some pictures of our high school tennis players. These are kids that have worked hard to develop their games and are now ready to represent their respective high schools. Next time in, please take a moment to look at the board and notice how many towns and private schools are represented. We are very proud of these young men and women. From the Bass River teaching staff and all Bass River members, good luck to everyone this spring season!

Henry Tiberio Honored by the USTA

Congratulations to Bass River's Henry Tiberio. The USTA, in conjunction with the USPTA-New England will present Henry with the Joseph Deitz Bowl. It is awarded annually to the Professional who has done the most for New England tennis. A high honor and well deserved. Way to go Henry!



Have you ever wondered?

How is a tennis ball made? Ever wonder how they get from a rubber plug to your bag? Check out this link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oICVzJj8EUM> This seven and a half minute video is pretty cool. You will see the entire process.



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