

BASS RIVER BULLETIN

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Calendar of Events

Friday,	August	1	- 2008-2009 Junior Programs Information Available at Desk and online, www.bassrivertennisclub.com
Friday,	August	1	- Bass River hosts USTA District Championships through August 3. Come check out the action!
Saturday & Sunday	August	9-10	- USTA Super Senior Sectionals at Beverly Golf & Tennis. Come check out the action!
Sunday,	August	31	- All Summer Memberships Expire
Monday,	September	1	- Labor Day. Bass River Closed All Day. Beverly Golf & Tennis Open 8 a.m.-Noon. Have a safe holiday!
Tuesday,	September	2	- Deadline for Working Women Tryouts, 12:00 Noon.
Thursday	September	11	Men's B1 Team Recruitment Party. See page 3.
Thursday	September	4	- North Shore League Working Women Tryouts Begin. See page 3.
Thursday	September	4	- Junior Placement Evaluations, 3-6 p.m. Details page 4.
Fri-Sun	September	5-7	- USTA Junior Tournament Level 7 Singles Boys & Girls 10's & 12's.
Monday,	September	8	- Session 1 of our Junior Tennis Programs begin. Details on page 3.
Wednesday,	September	15	- Weekday NS League Team matches scheduled to begin.
Saturday,	September	13	- Tentative Date for Evening Pro Am Event. See below.
Saturday,	September	13	- North Shore League Working Women's Matches Begin.
Monday,	September	15	- Contract Tennis Season Begins
Saturday,	September	20	- All North Shore Men's and Junior Matches Begin



Pro Am Event!

We are planning a Pro Am event in mid-September. A Pro Am event matches tennis *professionals* with *amateur* players for an evening of tennis doubles. Each doubles team consists of one tennis professional and one "amateur". You will get to play with and against several different pros over the course of the evening. We will also have plenty of information regarding all our tennis programs that are getting into full swing by late September. We hope to see you there. Look for exact date, time and further details in our September newsletter!

Some Changes at Bass River

The Bass River Tennis Club is pleased to welcome a new member of the staff. Larry Lebatique has been named the "Tennis Director" at Bass River. Larry began his career in the mutual fund industry at State Street and then MFS. Once pulled into the tennis industry, Larry worked at the Winchester Tennis Center and most recently as the Head Pro at BSC Lynnfield. Larry will be instrumental in all aspects of the club. In our continuing effort to bring you the best tennis program in the area, we have reorganized our staffing duties. As always, Ed Leduc will handle the lion's share of the Ladies Team Program. Rares Petritoi will continue as Junior Program Coordinator and direct our High Performance Program. Each junior team will have an assigned coach. Tournaments will continue to be run by Susan Love. Larry, in addition to overseeing these programs, will develop new programs and specials events that he hopes the Bass River members will really enjoy. Please join us in welcoming Larry aboard!



Goodbye to the Leaks!

This indoor season, we hope to keep the outdoors out! In June, Bass River had a new membrane roof installed on the flat roof portion of the club. This covers the lobby, most parts of the locker rooms and the babysitting areas. We still have some ongoing problems with a few of the leaks over some court areas, but we will address those as they arise. We believe this will put an end to our water problems. Now all we need to do is figure out what to do with all the brightly colored buckets.

A Farewell to the Towel Service

After much thought and deliberation, the Bass River Tennis Club has decided to end our towel service. The exorbitant cost of constantly repurchasing towels and the incredibly high energy surcharges that are placed on us makes this a necessary decision. While a very small percentage of our membership ever took advantage of this service, we are nonetheless sorry to have to discontinue this benefit to our membership. Bass River will provide a good quality towel at the front desk, available for purchase. You may put this purchase directly on your Bass River charge.

Continuing on the Green Theme

In addition to cutting our energy costs pertaining to towel service, you have asked for a responsible recycling plan for all the plastic bottles around the club. We have heard you. Beginning in September, we will have marked trash containers for the disposal of plastic soda and water bottles, as well as a glass recycling container. Please make every effort to dispose of your trash in the proper container. While we are happy to dispose of your trash cans and bottles brought in your cooler, should leave with you.

The Pride of Our Summer

During July, The Beverly Golf and Tennis Club was proud to host the New England Junior Clay Court Championships. This junior tournament is known as the most important junior clay court tournament of the year. The top 300 tennis players, ages 18 and under, from all over New England descended upon "The G & T" for 6 days of terrific and inspiring competition. Tournament Director Susan Love, and far too many other people to mention, contributed to the success of this event. It is the crown jewel of the junior circuit and we were proud to have it at our facility!

Bass River's North Shore Men's Teams

Bass River will have a full complement of Men's teams for 2008-2009. That brings our total up to 4, fielding Men's A, Men's A1, Men's B and Men's B1 teams. We are currently recruiting for all these teams, especially the Men's B1 which we will be hosting a recruiting event for on September 11th. Please read on for details about that. If you are interested in playing on any of these men's doubles teams, then please contact our Tennis Director, Larry Lebatique for more information.

Recruitment Party for our NEW Men's B1 Team!

If you are interested in playing on our new North Shore League Men's B1 team next year, please join us on Tuesday, September 4th at 6:30 p.m. for our Men's B1 team recruitment party. This is a great chance for men to get into doubles team tennis at the entry level and finally put those clinic skills to the test. Come meet the team coaches and enjoy some free tennis and food. Everything is free to anyone interested in participating in next year's B1 team that starts in mid-September. We would love to help you get involved. Commitment to the team would involve weekly practices and Saturday matches. The season runs from late September through April with breaks at Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, February and April vacation weeks. Team is a great way to get 2 solid days a week of tennis in your schedule. Our goal is to recruit 18 to 20 guys to rotate into 10 match slots per week and 12 practice slots per week, allowing for plenty of flexibility for everyone. Call Mike LaPierre at club to let us know you are coming to our September 4th event or sign up on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Thank you for your interest in making our new Men's B1 Team a success!

North Shore Working Women Tryouts

Tryouts for our Women's A Upper, A Lower, A1 Upper, B1 Upper and B1 Lower teams were already held in the spring. If you are interested in subbing on one of those teams, then please call our desk manager, Heather Osborn. She will inform you of the appropriate team captain to call. Working Women tryout info is listed below. You must sign up **WITH A PARTNER and you must be available for all dates and times listed below**. If you are new to the club and would like more information on playing on a North Shore League Team, then please click on the "North Shore League Teams" menu item on our www.bassrivertennisclub.com web site. Tryout sign-up is a breeze! Simply complete a tryout sign up sheet (available at desk) and turn it by the September 2nd deadline. Sign-up deadline is approaching fast, so don't delay!

Working Women's Tryout Info:

Working Women Deadline for Tryout Sign-up is SEPT 2 AT NOON.

Tryout Times: **Thu**, Sep 4th, 7-10 pm, **Sat**, Sep 6th, 9am-1 pm & **Tue**, Sep 9th, 7-10 pm

Practice Times:	WW Upper White	Thursdays	5-6:30 pm, 1 court
	WW Upper Green	Tuesdays	7:30-9 pm, 1 court
	WW Lower	Tuesdays	7:30-9 pm, 1 court

Working Women League matches begin on Sat, Sept 13th.



Added Value to our Junior Memberships for 2008-2009!

For the 2008-2009 season, we will continue to offer great value to all our "junior-only" memberships! We will continue to encourage juniors to get out and practice their tennis skills by including 2 hours of free tennis per month for juniors. Read below for details on that. Other added values this year include member rates for all junior activities and a 20% discount towards any pro shop purchase of \$50 or more during the months of September and October, which is a great time to update your child's tennis shoes and racquet for the upcoming season. So be sure to stock up!

Junior Members Get Free Tennis for 2 Hours per Month!

Back by popular demand, we will again be offering junior members 2 free hours of tennis per month. There is no restriction on play times. If the junior is playing with a non-member or guest, the adult member pays at the regular court rate for their half of the court. Regular guest fees apply if adult is not a member. We must have the junior's birth date on record to be

eligible for this free play. Unused court time is not retroactive and cannot be carried over to the next month. We encourage all junior members, 18 years and younger to take advantage of this great benefit of membership.

Junior Program 2008-2009

Four sessions of our **Junior Program** are offered throughout the season from September-May. We offer classes for children 3 1/2-18 years old. Session 1 will begin on September 8. Brochures were mailed out on August 1st. Simply complete the registration form and mail back to us with payment for the first session and your membership renewal fee. Your registration will be automatically renewed from session to session until we receive notice otherwise. A minimum of 7 days notice of non-renewal is required. If you need additional registration forms, we have plenty at the front desk or you may download from our website at www.bassrivertennisclub.com.

Our Junior Clinic Program is separated into two (2) parts. The first part is our **Junior Developmental Program (JDP)**. These participants are our beginner, advanced beginner and low intermediate players looking for 1 or 2 one-hour classes per week. **No evaluation is required!** Sign up for the class appropriate to your age. Students will then be divided by skill level and experience. Our **Tournament Prep Program** is for intermediate to advanced juniors looking for a more intensive clinic. This is a skill based program. Students are placed by ability. Please register for your placement evaluation right away. Evaluations are held in 15-minute increments on Thursday, September 4th, 3:00-6:00. The cost is just \$10 per evaluation.

In-House Junior Varsity Team

For players not yet ready for the *Travel Team*, Bass River will run a "Junior Varsity" team with a Sunday afternoon practice and twice per month matches. Ages and levels for this team are to be determined based on interest, but players here should be able to attend weekly coaching sessions. These practices are designed to implement some of the *Junior Clinic* work into a play formatted coaching session. Round Robin match play with other team members or scrimmages set up with other North Shore clubs is the ultimate test of how a student is progressing.

Early registration is suggested for all programs listed above, as space is limited. Membership to the Bass River Tennis Club is required for all children that are 9 years or older to participate in our Junior Programs. **New for 2008-2009 season; children who are 8 and younger are not required to purchase a membership to participate in Junior Program.** This will mean that all children in the 4:30 or 5:30 JDP classes will have to be members to participate. Students in the 3:30-4:30 JDP classes do not have to take out a junior membership, but a student aging into the 4:30 class will have to pick up a pro-rated membership at the time of transfer to 4:30.

North Shore Junior Travel Team

The Bass River Tennis Club is proud to again offer a North Shore Junior Travel Team. Boys and Girls interested in competitive singles and doubles are welcome to participate. Both the boys and girls teams will carry 4 or 5 players in each category (12 & under, 14 & under 16 & under and 18 & under). Matches are played on Saturday afternoon and a weekly practice is held on Friday. This practice is a change in day for the 14-18 year old players. Please make note. We ask our players to be available as much as possible from mid-September through Mid-April (matches and practices are off during vacations and Holiday weeks).

Don't Delay, Renew Today and Save!

If you haven't paid your membership renewal yet, you'll want to do it by August 31st so you can receive your 5% membership discount. Only members who have paid their membership renewal fee will be able to book courts and be allowed in-house charging privileges after August 31st. Our computer system will not recognize as a member anyone who is not renewed by the August 31st deadline. Please contact our Office Manager, Cheryl LeDuc, if you have any questions or changes regarding your membership renewal.

Call Now for Available Contract Times!

It's not too late to arrange a tennis contract time for the 2008-2009 season that begins September 15th. A number of good times are available. Call our Office Manager, Cheryl LeDuc, to arrange your time today!