

BASS RIVER BULLETIN



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Calendar of Events

Monday,	August	1	- 2011-2012 Junior Program Information Available at Desk and online, www.bassrivertennisclub.com
Thurs-Sun	August	4-7	- Bass River at Beverly Golf and Tennis Club hosts The New England Senior Clay Court Slam.
Thurs-Sun	August	4-7	- Bass River hosts USTA District Championships. Come check out the action!
Fri- Sun	August	12-14	- USTA Super Senior Sectionals at Beverly Golf & Tennis.
Wednesday,	August	31	- 2010-2011 Membership season ends.
Thursday,	Sept.	1	- 2011-2012 Membership season begins.
Fri-Sun,	Sept.	2-4	- USTA Junior Tournament Level 7 Boys & Girls 10's & 12's.
Sunday,	Sept.	4	- All Summer Memberships Expire
Monday,	Sept.	5	- Labor Day. Bass River Closed All Day. Beverly Golf & Tennis Open 8 a.m.-Noon. Have a safe holiday!
Thursday	Sept.	8	- Junior Placement Evaluations, 3-7 p.m. Details page 3.
Thursday,	Sept.	8	- Weekday NS League Team matches scheduled to begin.
Sunday,	Sept.	11	- Junior Travel Team Tryouts. Boys & Girls 12's and 14's. Details on page 3
Monday,	Sept.	12	- Session 1 of our Junior Tennis Programs. Details page 3.
Monday,	Sept.	12	- Contract Tennis Season Begins
Saturday,	Sept.	17	- Tentative N.S. League Working Women's Matches Begin
Saturday,	Sept.	17	- Start for Men's and Junior Matches.

Bass River Says Farewell to Ken Ventimiglia

After four seasons of service to the Bass River Membership for the current owners, and seven seasons before that to the Connolly's, Bass River has to say farewell to Tennis Pro Ken Ventimiglia. Ken has found an excellent teaching opportunity down on the Cape. While we will miss Ken's exceptional instruction and enthusiasm for the game, he has the chance to build a program of his own. We will miss Ken's quick wit and thoughtful, professional manner. We may get to see him from time to time. Ken's family will stay in Gloucester during his first transition year, so don't be surprised if he pops into "The River" from time to time. With our best wishes, thank you Ken.

Two Big Events to be Proud Of

During July, Bass River at Beverly Golf and Tennis Club, proudly hosted the "Herb Schachter Memorial 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 four days of terrific and inspiring competition. This is Bass River's fourth year running this prestigious event. It is the crown jewel of the junior circuit and we were proud to have it at our facility! Then in August, Bass River will host the New England Clay Court Senior Slam. This event attracted 150 players from all over New England. This new "Senior Slam" boasts three major events. The hard court slam is at Yale University in the spring. The grass court slam is at the Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport R.I. in the fall. And Beverly Golf and Tennis is the home of the clay court slam. It is an honor to host the event and with some luck, this may become a National event in the coming years.

Bass River's North Shore Men's Teams

Bass River will run four Men's teams for 2011-2012. We are fielding Men's A, Men's A1, Men's B and Men's B-1 teams. We are currently recruiting for all these teams. For more information on men's North Shore teams, please contact Tennis Director, Larry Lebatique, llebatique@bassrivertennis.com.

North Shore Women's Teams

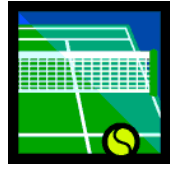
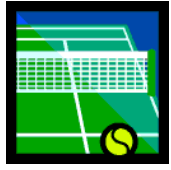
Tryouts for all our women's teams were held in the spring. Bass River will field teams in the A-upper (2 teams), A Serena, A Venus, A-1 Upper, A-1 Lower, B-1 Upper, B-1 Lower, Working Women's 1 (2 teams) Working Women's 2 and Working Women's 3 divisions. Check out the team list, practice times and coaching assignments on the last page of this newsletter. If you are interested in subbing on one of our teams, please get in touch with our Tennis Director, Larry Lebatique. If you are new to the club and would like more information on playing on a North Shore League Team, please click on the "North Shore League Teams" menu item on our www.bassrivertennisclub.com web site.

North Shore Adult Mixed Doubles

Bass River will participate in the North Shore Mixed Doubles League again this season. The league is about to undergo a change in levels. Similar to the Working Women's teams of a few years ago, mixed will now break into 3 levels of play. They will be called Mixed I, II and III. We are looking for more players to participate in the mixed this season. All matches are on Sunday afternoon and no practice sessions are required. If you would like to participate in the mixed, be in touch with Tennis Director Larry!

Added Value to our Junior Memberships for 2011-2012!

For the 2011-2012 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 two hours of free tennis per month. Read below for details on that. Other added value this year, a 20% discount towards any pro shop purchase of \$50 or more during the month of September, which is a great time to update your child's racquet for the upcoming season. So be sure to stock up!



Junior Members Get Free Tennis, 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 member is playing with a non-member or guest, the guest pays at the regular court rate for their half of the court. Regular guest fees apply.

Again this season... If the parent of the junior member is not a Bass River member, he/she can play with their child without a guest fee*. Regular court rates do apply. 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.

**Only during weekends and holiday periods. See the desk staff for details.*

Junior Program 2011-2012

Four sessions of our **Junior Program** are offered throughout the season, September-May. We offer classes for children 3½ -18 years of age. Session 1 will begin on September 12th. 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. If you need additional registration forms, we have plenty at the front desk or you may download a form from the Bass River website, www.bassrivertennisclub.com. Our Junior Clinic Program is separated into two (2) parts. The first 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. Evaluations are held in 15-minute increments on Thursday, September 2nd, 3:00-7:00 and are required **ONLY** if you are new to Bass River or are looking to advance to a higher level program from last season. The cost is just \$10 per evaluation.

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. **Tryouts for the Boys and Girls 12's and 14's will be on Saturday, September 10th**. For additional information or to register for the tryout, please be in touch with Larry Lebatique, 978 927-0102 or llebatique@bassrivertennis.com. 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).

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.

Junior Memberships for 2011-2012

Early registration is suggested for all programs listed above, as space is limited. Membership to the Bass River Tennis Club is required for all participants. We recognize that children 8 and under do not have a big call for using a membership. That is why the fee for 8 and under (3:00 and 3:30 JDP classes) will only be \$25.00 for a full year. By enrolling every child as a member, it will greatly enhance our clinic enrollment/re-enrollment process. This nominal membership fee gives 8 and under players all the benefits of membership except for the 2 hours of free court time. Students who age into the 4:30 JDP program during the year will take a pro-rated full junior membership.

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. Remember, this is the only way to get the 5% discount. The full 2011-12 rate goes into effect on September 1st. Please contact our Office Manager, Cheryl LeDuc, if you have any questions or changes regarding your membership renewal. No other discounts are available. Act now!

Call Now for Available Contract Times!

It's not too late to arrange a tennis contract time for the 2011-2012 season that begins September 12th. A number of desirable times are still available. Call our Office Manager, Cheryl LeDuc, to arrange your time today!

Bass River's Staff for 2011-2012

Member Service Representatives:

Maureen LaPierre	Desk Manager
Cheryl LeDuc	Office Manager
Tammi DeSantis	
Jeanette Bybee	
Erin Theriault	Party Coordinator
Donna Willwerth	
Billy Crusco	Facility Manager
Ryan Farley	

Teaching Staff:

Larry Lebatique	Tennis Director
Rares Petritoi	Junior Program Coordinator
Ed LeDuc	Ladies Teams Coordinator
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Anthony Russo	
Kevin Colozzi	
Gregg Luongo	
Jeff Goldberg	
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General Manager: Michael LaPierre