

# BASS RIVER BULLETIN

## Bass River Tennis Club Newsletter

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## December Calendar of Events at Bass River

Friday	December	5	- Friday Night Doubles Social, 7-9 p.m.
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Monday,	December	22	- Happy Hanukkah
Wednesday,	December	24	- Christmas Eve, Club Open 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Thursday,	December	25	Merry Christmas, Club Closed All Day.
Friday	December	26	- Kid's Holiday Vacation Tennis Tune-up. See page 3 for details. Sign up on bulletin board in clubhouse.
Fri-Sun	December	26 - 28	- USTA New England Junior Tournament for Boys and Girls, 10, 12's and 14's. Register by noon on December 23 to sign up. See page 3.
Wednesday,	December	31	- New Year's Eve, Club Open 7:00 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Thursday,	January	1	- Happy New Year! Club Open Noon-11 p.m.
Friday,	January	9	Friday Night Doubles Social, 7-9 p.m.
Friday,	January	12	- Parent/Junior Round Robin 5:00-7:00 p.m. See page 2 for more info.
Monday,	January	19	- Martin Luther King Day. Club Open All Day.
Friday,	January	23	- Friday Night Doubles Social, 7-9 p.m.





## **From the Tennis Director, Larry Lebatique**

After spending the last 3 months among my new friends at Bass River, I want to say how pleased I am to hear your stories, hopes and tennis aspirations. The club has so much to offer for so many people. Our junior program is growing rapidly (more on that from our Junior Program Coordinator later in this news letter). Our ladies, men's and mixed doubles teams are rolling. Just check out the standings on the board near the entrance to courts 4 & 5. We are at or near the top in many of the levels of play. Our twice per month Friday Night Socials are now regularly attracting 24 people per night. The Sequel Singles is going very well and our Senior and Super Senior programs, overseen by Henry Tiberio, are really ramping up. There are so many other programs. Too many to mention, but the club is alive with activity. I only hope that if you have an idea or feel that we could offer a new program that would enhance your tennis experience; you will bring it to my attention. I am available at the club most days or by email, [llebatique@bassrivertennisclub.com](mailto:llebatique@bassrivertennisclub.com). I hope you will call on me for any and all of your tennis needs.

## **Junior Program Coordinator, Rares Petritoi**

The Bass River Tennis Club is experiencing a tremendous resurgence in its Junior Program. We have added a good number of new members this year. Clinic, teams and match play programs are all near capacity. To see an example of this growth, you only need look at the Boys Travel Team. Two seasons ago, this team was at the bottom of the league. We are now in first place as I write this. The girl's team would also be in the playoffs, if the season ended today. Our High Performance Program continues to attract high caliber players, and the competitive match play on Sunday draws 20-30 of the area's best players. They gather to play, eat some pizza, talk a little trash and go home knowing they have made some new friends. It all starts, however, with the youngest of our players. We rolled out our version of the 36/60 program. If you come by any afternoon, you will see our young players hitting over miniature nets with foam or "squishy" balls. The new approach has been remarkable. Players are progressing at a terrific rate. The future at Bass River is bright! As always, reach me at [rares@bassrivertennisclub.com](mailto:rares@bassrivertennisclub.com). or call on me at the club.

## **Facilities Update, Billy Crusco**

While we continue to stay on top of the everyday problems that can plague an older style building, we have put a good number of last year's problems behind us. Our lobby leaks have been declared "fixed" and the number of leaks over the court areas is diminishing. Over the coming months our members will see a number of updates that we hope will brighten and modernize our lobby and lock room areas. We are part way through installing some new lights around different parts of the lobby. An update to our coffee bar area is in process and the locker rooms will be freshened up soon. We thank our conscientious members who bring issues and suggestions forward to us. We will try to address each of them in a judicious and expedient way. I maintain a suggestion box at the club. Leave a message with the Member Service Representative and they will see that I get it.



## Snow Day Policy

We do sometimes cancel junior programs due to snow or icy conditions. But we do not necessarily follow the school cancellation schedule. While it may be dangerous to travel in the morning, often the roads are fine by the time our junior programs start at 3:00 p.m. Make-up times will be held for any lessons canceled due to snow emergencies. On those mornings when we are experiencing inclement weather, the Tennis Director will decide by 1:00 p.m. whether to hold junior programs for the day. If you are in doubt, simply give us a call before you venture out.

## Bass River hosting USTA New England Holiday Week Tournament for Kids!

Our Director of Tournaments, Sue Love, will be running a Junior USTA Tournament during the school vacation week. On December 26-28 we will have a **Boys and Girls 10's, 12's and 14's** tournament. Deadline to sign up for the tournament is Sunday, December 21 at midnight. The format for the 10's is round robin. The format for 12's and 14's is single elimination. You do have to be a member of the USTA to participate. You may join by logging on to USTA.com. Once you are a member, you may register for the tournament online at the USTA website. This is a great opportunity for some great competitive matches with other juniors from around New England.

## Winter Session of Sequel Singles

Our fall session of Sequel Singles tennis was a smashing success! This is an especially good opportunity for new members to get involved and meet other singles players. Sequel Singles means players who want to play singles, not necessarily players who are single. Members sign up by level and are given a schedule of opponents. This format provides one match per week but affords a lot of flexibility for our busy members. New sessions will begin soon. Specific details and sign-ups are posted at the club.

## Tennis Professional Tip of the Month: The Serve

Brought to you by Bass River's own, Henry Tiberio!

You have 2 serves to win the point outright or affect a weak return that you, or your partner, can put away for a winner. Since it is the only time that you have complete control of the ball (like a pitcher in baseball) consider placement, speed and spin in delivering your serve. You will win a lot more of your service games.

## Friday Night Doubles Social

We will be having 2 Friday Night Doubles Socials in December. Socials are really catching on. They are fun and challenging. The 2 dates for this month are the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>. For just \$18 per member (\$23 per non-member) you can enjoy tennis from 7:00-9 p.m. Bass River will provide pizza and at no additional charge, and you may BYOB. Sign up on the board at the club. The Monday morning before each Social, we send out an email reminder. If you wish to be on the list, email Mike at [mlapierre@bassrivertennisclub.com](mailto:mlapierre@bassrivertennisclub.com).



## Café Diciannove Opened to Rave Reviews

Join us at Beverly Golf & Tennis Club for Dinner!

There has been a lot of positive buzz about the new Italian restaurant, *Café Diciannove* (pronounced “deech-a-no-vay). Dinner is served Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 5:00-9:00 p.m. in the Winslow Room of the clubhouse. We would like to offer to Bass River Tennis Club members a free appetizer with the purchase of an entree! Simply cut out this paragraph and present it to your server. Reservations accepted at 978-922-9072 x 104. We have plenty of free parking! Offer is good only thru December 30, 2008 and cannot be combined with other promotions. Just one coupon per couple may be redeemed. Be sure to check us out!

## Guest Passes

All guest passes are tracked through our computer system. Guest pass allowances are: 1 pass for junior memberships, 2 passes for adult memberships, and 3 passes for family memberships. Simply inform the Member Service Representative at the desk that you are expecting a guest and would like to use one of your passes. All guests are to sign our Guest Log before proceeding to the court.

*The Bass River Tennis Club Staff wishes all its' members a  
Very Healthy, Safe and Happy New Year!*