

BASS RIVER BULLETIN

Bass River Tennis Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Events



Wednesday	March	4	- USTA Captain's Meeting at Regis College in Weston
Sunday	March	8	- Daylight Savings Starts! Don't Forget, Spring Forward!
Monday	March	9	- Open enrollment for Junior Clinic, Session 4. See below
Friday	March	13	- Social Doubles Round Robin 7-9 p.m.
Sunday	March	15	- Hosting 9.0 mixed doubles
Saturday &	March	21	- USTA Junior Boys and Girls 12's and 14's
Sunday	March	22	level 6 tournament. See Rares' comments on page 3
Monday	March	23	- Session 4 Junior Program Begins. See below
Friday	March	27	- Social Doubles Round Robin 7-9 p.m.
Saturday &	April	4	- USTA Junior Boys and Girls 10 & under
Sunday	April	5	level 7. See Rares' comments on page 3
Friday	April	10	- Social Doubles Round Robin 7-9 p.m.
Friday	April	17	- Social Doubles Round Robin 7-9 p.m.
Friday	May	1	- Social Doubles Round Robin 7-9 p.m.

Winter Intern at Bass River

Just after the first of the year, you may have seen a young man working behind the desk and on the courts at the club. Shawn Cadagan, a freshman at Endicott College did a 3 week internship with us. He had an opportunity to work in every aspect of the club. Shawn got to do everything from run the front desk to sit in on staff meetings, work with the kids in our junior programs and least exciting of all, grab a shovel and move some snow. His primary assignment during the 120 hours was to help the teaching pros develop a ladies team

coaching handbook. The entire teaching staff has long believed that a more cohesive and structured coaching manual would be a nice addition to our program. The book continues to be developed and is not meant for public consumption, but its creation was an opportunity for our staff to talk and argue their way to a better teaching program. Shawn worked out so well that we have hired him as a club employee. He will continue to work our courts to a shine at night, teach the kids when needed and will see our manual to completion. Thanks to Shawn for his time and contribution to our club.

Session 4 Junior Program Begins Soon

Session 4 of our **Junior Program** begins on March 23rd. Our current enrollees are automatically re-enrolled. Anyone who is not in this current session can sign-up on the open enrollment date, March 9th. If you are not currently in session 3, we are sorry that you cannot get in before the 9th. If you have any questions on the enrollment process or simply want to check availability, please talk to Larry Lebatique. Session 4 runs through May 22nd. Check out all the details under the "Juniors" tab on our website, www.bassrivertennisclub.com.



Book Your Own Court, Online!

Many of our members are taking advantage of our online booking system. You can, too! Simply log on to bassrivertennis.com and arrange for your own court time, 24/7! All you need is your 4-digit membership number. If you are not the primary member on your account, then please contact Mike LaPierre to get set up. If you don't know your number, you can find it on your monthly statement. We hope you enjoy this convenience. If you aren't quite ready to embrace the latest technology, be assured that you will always be able to book your court time by calling us and speaking to one of our friendly Member Service Representatives. They are eager to serve you!



USTA Spring/Summer League 2009

The USTA Spring/Summer Leagues for men and women are getting ready to start. The season runs from mid-May to late July with districts, sectionals and nationals extending beyond that. Anyone interested in captaining and/or playing should contact Mike LaPierre. We have posted some very important information on our website. Please go on our site, click on Tennis Links and select USTA Info. Many of your questions will be answered there, but as always, we are happy to assist you. March 4th is the captain's meeting at Regis College in Weston. If you played at least 2 matches within the last 2 years, then you can check out your current rating online at www.ustanewengland.com. If you need some help, please call on Mike or Larry to help you.

Do We Have Your Email Address?

Over the past couple of months, the club has been using our email database to notify members of special events and current happenings. Things like Friday night social reminders and special events not on the calendar, just to name a few. We had to use our data base to notify our members of a car break in. While an isolated incident, we like to be able to reach out to our members quickly if need be. If you have not received these email bulletins, your email address is either not current or correct in our system. Please help us update our records by speaking with a Member Service Representative or send me an email at mlapierre@bassrivertennis.com. We'll update your record and you won't miss a thing.

**From Tennis Director,
Larry Lebatique**

We are 7 months into our indoor season and playoffs are just around the corner for our tennis teams. We have several teams in the North Shore league that are performing very well. Our two A-upper ladies teams are both competing for a top 4 spot to make the playoffs; the A-upper White team is currently in 2nd while the Green team is just only 11 points out of 4th place. Our A Serena team is holding a 3rd place spot in the standings. Our A Venus team is having a very solid year so far and is in 1st place. The Working Women's Upper team is also in 1st place. And our A-1 Lower team is holding a playoff spot with a 4th place standing. The Men's A-team has made a strong push over the past month and has moved out of last place and stands in 2nd place today, while our B team is in 2nd place in their division. Our two junior teams, boys and girls are having very successful seasons. Both the Varsity girls and boys teams are hanging tough and in 4th place at this time.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the USTA mixed doubles season has begun. Our 8.0 & 9.0 teams have played matches already and both are doing very well.

March is upon us and the winter is almost over, which means springtime and good weather, and of course, high school tennis seasons. To all of our junior members that play on their high school teams and to the other juniors that will be trying out for their high school teams, the upcoming weeks are very important. You need to play as much tennis as you can. For those in a program, use what the pros are teaching you and try it out on your own. For those not in a particular program, get out on the tennis courts and play. All junior members in high school should be taking advantage of their 2 free hours of court time. If you

use the next 3 weeks wisely, you will be ahead of plenty of the other high schoolers who are trying out as well and not preparing wisely. Good luck to you all in your high school tryouts.

**Junior Program Coordinator,
Rares Petritoi**

Many of our junior players, and parents, are confused by the "Level" of the USTA tournaments. Here is some basic information that may help you. The lowest, or introductory level in the USTA is called level 7. When you start your competitive career, you start here. In the 10's, 12's and even 14's it is a good starting point for someone who has solid fundamentals and would like to see what sanctioned tournaments are all about. If your serve is still unreliable and you have trouble keeping the ball in play, you are not yet ready. Play your local town tournament, get into our Junior Varsity Program or get into a match play situation without the pressure of a tournament. Refine your skills and then jump in. For the 16's and 18's, if you are a high school varsity player, or J.V. player on a good team, you are ready to try. As the levels count down, the caliber goes up. Level 6 is stronger than 7. Level 5 requires a good number of ranking points and level 4 is by invitation only. My view is that you should play level 7 events as long as possible. Even players who are winning them should continue to play them. When the USTA thinks you are too strong for 7's, they will let you know. Until then, get as much match experience as possible. Let me know if I can help you with this or any tennis related matter, rpetritoi@bassrivertennis.com.



Check Out Our New Commercial

Beverly Golf and Tennis is running a new commercial on local cable stations. View the 30 second ad on the Bass River website or click the link below.

<http://www.bassrivertennisclub.com/beverly.html>

Do you recognize the legendary voice?

Facilities Update

Our Facilities Manager, Billy Crusco is on the mend after a very bad fall on some ice. Billy managed to break 3 ribs and damage his lung enough to have a fluid build-up. In his absence, we have done our best to keep everything in order. We are in the process of addressing some of the bathroom fixtures and a small number of punch list items. The court utilization is up quite a bit, so the challenge of keeping the courts clean and presentable is not easy. We have all hands on deck. The standards at Bass River are very high. If you have played at other facilities in the North Shore, you know they are higher than any other club. We take great pride in our club and welcome the challenge of having the cleanest and most user friendly club anywhere. Get better soon Billy!

A request from the entire cleaning staff...Please spit your chewing gum in the trash cans and not on the courts. There is a basket on every court and they are emptied each day.



Tennis Rule of the Month

Something new for our newsletter. Have a rules question? Maybe something you always wanted to ask but were afraid to?

Send me your question and I'll use 1 each month. This month...Q: *A set ends in a tie-breaker. Who starts as the first server in the next set?* A: *The team that served the first point of the tie-breaker is considered to be the owner of tie-breaker. It is considered their service game. So, team A playing against team B enters a tie-breaker. Team A serves the first point of the tie-breaker, regardless of how many points are played, team B is the first to serve in the next set. Remember, either player from team B can begin serving (you may change your service order) and both teams can elect to change return sides.* Submit your question for next month's edition!



Beverly Golf and Tennis Club

Hard to see from here, but the warmer weather is just around the corner. In our next edition, we will have our information ready for the Summer Program at Beverly Golf and Tennis. Look for it! In the mean time, why not have a great meal prepared by Chef Joe at Café Diciannove. Now open 5 nights a week, Tuesday thru Saturday. Enjoy a little of the North End in Beverly.