

# BASS RIVER BULLETIN



## Bass River Tennis Club Newsletter

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### Calendar of Events

Sunday	Sept	21	- Mixed Doubles begins. STILL TIME TO GET IN! See page 4.
Wednesday	Oct	1	- Sequel Singles kicks off. See signup on front bulletin board
Friday	Oct	3	- Bring a Friend Day to junior tennis clinics.
Friday	Oct	10	- Our 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Night Social of the season! 7:00-9:00. Food & Drink!
Saturday	Oct	11	- SALT and our all new Worker B's kick-off. Ladies doubles.
Monday	Oct	13	- Columbus Day. Club is open. No Ladies practices. Juniors are on.
Friday	Oct	17	- 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Pro/Am. Details below! Don't miss it.
Friday	Oct	24	- Friday Night Social from 7:00-9:00. Stay for food and drinks.
Friday	Oct	31	- It's Halloween!!! Club is open.

### Play with the Pros in our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro Am!

We will be holding a **Pro Am** on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Come join us starting at 5 pm for some doubles with area Tennis Professionals. Each member (or "Am") will be paired up with a different Teaching Pro for several rounds of play. Come play with Bass River's Pros and other terrific Pros from the area! We will rotate everyone to different courts, so you'll have the opportunity to play with a lot of different people. Afterwards, stay and enjoy some food and drink provided by the club. If you don't want to take on the Pros, come for the food and socialize. This is a great way to kick off the 2014-2015 indoor season. Sign up at the front desk by leaving your name, email and phone number. We will take names until October 13<sup>th</sup> and then draw 30 names and 4 alternates. The cost for the night is \$55 per person and is a Bass River Member only event. The fee includes a couple hours of tennis, some delicious food and soft drinks. Only our adult members may participate and it is great night of tennis fun! All levels welcome. All the ladies that signed up for the Pre-Season tennis camp, you have an automatic bid into the Pro Am.

## Why we need it!!!

As you know, we are heading into another indoor season. This will be a great year at the club! As our members and guests check-in for their various activities, we are asking you to give us a minute so we can update our records. All Bass River members need to have a swipe tag and should have it when you come in. Just waive it as you go by the desk. Guests should stop at the desk and let us know what activity they are doing and present us with a guest pass if they have one. Simply put, we need a few things from you. A credit card on file, a good email address and an emergency contact number helps us. Some of our longer standing members are a little uncomfortable with some of this. Why do we need a DOB or a picture in our system? Please know we are trying to balance people's privacy and ease of club access with a desire to be the best club we can be. Here are some common examples...

We have had a couple members object to us putting a date of birth and other contact info in our system. But the few times a year that someone sustains an on-court injury severe enough for us to call an ambulance, we are thankful in that moment to be able to answer some questions from the EMT's. The first one is "How old is the injured party?" When we need to call a spouse or parent to let them know their loved one is hurt, we are glad to have a number. We can't tell you how many camera shy members we have. The thought of putting a photo in our system causes angst with some. But we view it as another line of defense to insure billing accuracy. There are a number of duplicate or near duplicate names in our system. Just ask Jim Liacos if he ever got a charge on his account for his cousin, Jim Liacos. We have more than one Connor, Connors, O'Connors and O'Connells at the club. A quick photo that pops up when you swipe in can improve billing accuracy. So please bear with us when we ask you to stop for a minute. It's a once and done thing. We'll have you on your way to your court in no time.

## Facility Update, a busy spring and summer!

We are proud to continue upgrading the facility. We believe the club has never looked better. First, we took on a National Grid program in the spring to swap out the old T5 and T8 technology for a brand new LED court light. All 10 courts were done with special attention to the issues we had with courts 1-3 and 4 & 5. The old T8 bulbs were just not up to our standard. The entirely new lighting is awesome. Bass River is without a doubt the best lit indoor tennis facility anywhere. Our National Grid investment in LED technology will cut our court electric bill by 50%.

Next we made a 2 year commitment to resurface all of our courts. We began this August with courts 4, 5, 9 and 10. At Tennis Director Rares Petritoi's direction, we selected U.S. Open blue for the court body and a green surround. As you will see, it looks great! We've also put down some rubber mats and new court chairs. PLEASE, ALL, we need you to take great caution with your sports drinks on the court. Before the painting started, we also scraped off all the gum left on the surface. Again, great caution. We ask our members and guest to not bring any open container on the courts. This includes cups of coffee and your D&D or Starbucks containers. No gum on the court. PLEASE, if you spill something, let us know. We'll go out and clean it before it becomes a stain.

## **USTA Season Round-up. A Great Group of Men off to Nationals!!**

Bass River had a terrific USTA League season this summer. So many teams, so many changes in format and yet Bass River produced some terrific results. The club entered almost as many teams this year as years past and we didn't spread the talent too thin. Many Bass River teams made an appearance at a district and a couple went to sectionals. There is one team worthy of an extra mention. Dave Kroondyk and his 3.0 Men's 18+ team had a great season. This team was put together with almost all new personnel. Dave was on a team in 2013 and could only re-use 3 members for his 2014 roster. The results, amazing! After surviving both districts and sectionals, Bass River's 3.0 Men's team is off to Tucson, Arizona and the USTA National Championships. We'll be updating our members on their results, but we wish Dave and the team good luck!



### **Sign up for In-House Sequel Singles Watch this program grow!!!**

As many know, Larry Lebatique will be heading up our Sequel Singles program beginning in October. What you may not know is Bass River has had a number of new and long standing members request more singles. During the indoor season, most clubs have very little to offer people who wish to play singles. The North Shore League has no singles at all. The only team play with singles is USTA League and you'll have to wait until May for that. We have started by putting a Singles Contact sheet up on the bulletin board. If you might like to try out some singles play, regardless of your level or singles experience, put your name, email and contact phone number on the board. Tennis Director Rares will begin developing a variety of singles options beyond our successful Sequel Singles. Contact Rares at the club or via email, [Rares@bassrivertennis.com](mailto:Rares@bassrivertennis.com).

## How About Some Mixed Doubles?

Bass River will again compete in all the mixed divisions. We will have three teams in total. In an attempt to improve the levels, the league has redefined the levels of play. This season, a USTA rating (or a club's Tennis Director's best guess if you have not played USTA) will be used to set up teams and levels. The two divisions are 8.0+ and 7.0+. For a complete reading of the level guidelines, please check-out the North Shore League website, [www.NorthShoreTennisLeague.net](http://www.NorthShoreTennisLeague.net). A quick version is, position #1 in the 8.0+ can have 2 players who USTA rating equals 8.5. The rest of the positions cannot exceed 8.0. The position #1 of the 7.0 may equal 7.5. The remaining positions must be 7.0 or below. A side rule in the 8.0+...a 4.5 male can play in ONLY position #1. In the 7.0+, a 4.0 male can only play in position #1. We hope these new guidelines will take care of the strength and imbalance issues of seasons past. For any information on North Shore Mixed, please contact Larry, [llebatique@bassrivertennis.com](mailto:llebatique@bassrivertennis.com).

## Junior Tennis News

Our first **Junior Program** session of the 2014-2015 season began the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>. Registrations are rolling in fast, so act now! Here are some highlights of the upcoming season:

- In order to promote more play, junior members will again receive unlimited **FREE COURT TIME** as part of their full junior membership. This applies to junior-only members as well as juniors on family memberships. We encourage all junior members to take advantage of this exciting feature of their membership.
- Juniors who are 6 years old and under do not need to take a full junior membership this year. However, the Tots membership is just \$35.00 for the entire year. Making participants members greatly enhance our re-registration process. This "Tots" membership has all the privileges of membership except for the free tennis. Don't forget to pick up your Tots T-shirt that comes with the Tots Membership.
- Our redesigned Quickstart membership is for all Level 1 and Level 2 players. This is just \$65.00 for the year, but does not include the free court time. Don't forget to pick up your Bass River T-shirt that goes with the Quickstart membership.
- Our Level 3 and Level 4 classes, High Performance Program and Travel Team do require the full junior membership. Don't forget to use your free tennis that comes with the membership.
- We will be running North Shore Junior Team again this season. Matches for boys and girls are held on Saturday afternoon at area clubs for age groups 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under and 18 and under.

