

BASS RIVER BULLETIN

Bass River Tennis Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

Sun,	Aug	31	-	2008 Summer Memberships and BRTC Unlimited Tennis Expires.
Mon,	Sept	1	-	Labor Day. Bass River Closed All Day but Bev Golf & Tennis Open 8-Noon!
Thur,	Sept	4	-	Tournament Prep Evaluation Day, 3-7 pm
Thur,	Sept	4	-	North Shore League Working Women Tryouts begin.
Fri-Sun	Sept	5-7	-	USTA Tennis New England Junior Tournament. 10's & 12's Singles, level 7. Contact Sue Love.
Sun.	Sept	7	-	Tryouts for Girls, 2-4 pm and Boys, 4-8 pm for Bass River No. Shore Jr. Teams. Boys 12's and 14's 4:00-6:00. Boy's 16's and 18's 6:00-8:00. See page 3.
Mon,	Sept	8	-	North Shore Tennis League Adult Team Practices begin.
Mon,	Sept	8	-	Session 1 of our Junior Tennis Program begins. Details page 3.
Wed,	Sept	10	-	North Shore Tennis League Team matches begin.
Sat,	Sept	13	-	North Shore Tennis League Working Women Matches Begin.
Sat,	Sept	27	-	Play with the Pros in our 2 nd annual Pro Am Event!
Mon,	Sept	15	-	Contract Season Begins
Fri.	Sept	19	-	First of the season, Doubles Social, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Sat.	Sept	20	-	North Shore League Men's and Junior Matches Begin.
Sun.	Sept.	28	-	Fall Session of Sequel Singles Begins. See page 2.

Club Hours Effective September 2, 2008

Monday through Friday	7:00 a.m.	to	11:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	7:00 a.m.	to	9:00 p.m.



Play with the Pros at our Second Annual Pro Am!

We will be holding a **Pro Am** Tournament on Saturday, September 27th. Come join us starting at 5 pm for some doubles tennis with North Shore Tennis Professionals. Each member will be paired up with a different North Shore Tennis Pro for several rounds of tennis. Come play with Bass River's returning Pros and meet the new ones! We will rotate everyone through to different courts, so you'll have the opportunity to play with a lot of different people. Afterwards, stay and enjoy great food prepared by our own "Crazy Joe". Joe was the cook at Il Panino in Cambridge and is now head chef at Beverly Golf and Tennis. If you don't want to take on the Pros on the court, come for the food and socializing (BYOB). This is a great way to kick off the 2008-2009 season of indoor tennis. Sign up now on the tennis bulletin in the clubhouse. Cost is just \$25 per person which includes your food and tennis, just \$10 per person if you would like to come just to enjoy the food and camaraderie. All adult levels are welcome and it promises to be a great event!

Prime Time Tennis Contracts Available!

It is not too late to arrange for a 2008-2009 season tennis contract time. Play the same time, on the same day, on the same court all season with your own tennis group. We have blocks available on several days of the week. Call our Office Manager, Cheryl LeDuc today to arrange your contract. Tennis contract season begins the week of September 15th.

Sign up Today for In-House Sequel Singles

New Tennis Director, Larry Lebatique will be heading up our Sequel Singles program beginning in October. The first session will run for 7 weeks from September 28 through November 15. This is a great opportunity to get in some singles competition. There will be 2 men's groups, 3.5 and a 4.0 level. There will be 3 women's levels offered, 2.5-3.0, 3.5 and 4.0. Sign up on the bulletin board in the club lobby by September 26. Player's names will be posted on the board and contact information will be emailed to each participant. Then you arrange your own matches. Regular singles court rates apply. You must be a member of the Bass River Tennis Club to participate. Contact Larry for more information.

How About Some Mixed Doubles?

We will be offering 7.5 and 8.5 North Shore Mixed Doubles teams this year. Home matches are Sundays from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Away match times vary. Anyone who played last year will receive an informational email after Labor Day. If you are interested in joining, please forward your email to Mike at mlapierre@bassrivertennisclub.com. He will make sure you receive the information for the coming season. Matches start on Sept 28th.

Women's Honey Bee and Queen Bee Programs

For those players who aren't quite ready for the formal "team" experience, we have our Honey Bee and Queen Bee in-house league. This year, new Tennis Director Larry Lebatique will oversee the program. A schedule of weekly practices and matches will be set up, with prizes award at the end of the season. A mailing to all of those who participated last year will be sent out the first week of September. If you are interested and have not played in the past, please call the club and leave your address. We will be sure to include you in the informational mailing. Matches will start mid to late September.

Book tennis time online!

Log on to our website, www.bassrivertennisclub.com, look for "book a court online now" phrase, enter your email address and enter your password which initially will be your 4-digit membership number and the initials of your first and last names. (Your account may not yet be set up for online bookings if you joined the club after August of 2008. Simply contact Mike at the club and he can set you up in no time!) The system is self-explanatory. Give it a try! Of course you can always call our front desk to make reservations; that will never change. And you will always get a human answering our phones during regular operating hours, not a machine! That's what makes Bass River different from a lot of other clubs. We never want to lose the personal touch! But online bookings may be convenient for someone who wants to book a court after hours. Go online 24/7, at your convenience and book your court.



Electronic Funds Transfer Available to our Members

Complete an Electronic Fund Transfer request form if you wish to charge your monthly Bass River Tennis Club in-house charges to your MasterCard, Visa or American Express cards. Many of our members find this to be a tremendous convenience. Simply complete a form at the front desk and return it to the attention of our Office Manager, Cheryl LeDuc. You will still receive a monthly statement from us in the mail to review your charges from the past month. If everything is in order, simply do nothing and your charges will be charged to your credit card between the 11th and the 15th of the month. If there are any disputes on your club statement, then contact us by the 10th of the month so we may correct the error before charges go through to your credit card. If you have any questions regarding this service, feel free to contact Cheryl LeDuc at extension 13.

Racquet Tune-up Time

Henry Tiberio knows how to help you play better. He consults with the pros who know your game. Henry will "tailor" the string to your playing style. Quality, texture, gauge and tension of string are important considerations. Chances are it's time to tune-up your racquet as you prepare for the opportunity to show your contract buddies just how much your game has improved over the summer! It's amazing what a fresh set of strings can do. In most cases we can restring within 48 hours or less. We also offer a variety of new replacement grips, over grips, and dampeners. Bring your racquet in today and beat the rush!

Some season reminders for members and guests:

- Please **do not bring coffee cups and open containers onto the courts**. They inevitably spill and stain the surface.
- Remember to wear **proper tennis shoes** that will not mark the courts.
- If you use rosin on your racquet grip, then please hold your racquet over the trash can before applying it.
- **Cancellations** for lessons must be made with 24 hours notice to avoid a charge. Cancellations for court time must be made 12 hours in advance to avoid a charge. When you book a lesson or court, we are holding that court just for you. Canceling with notice will allow us the opportunity to open the court for another member who may be waiting.
- Your **guests** are welcome to play at Bass River for a \$10 per day guest fee. Our guest policy exists to protect your privileges as a member. Kindly register your guest upon arrival.
- In-house charging privileges are offered to our members with the understanding that all payments for services rendered will be paid within the calendar month. If any amount remains unpaid after 1 month, then a 2.0%/month **finance charge** will apply. Kindly call within 25 days if you find any discrepancies on your monthly bill. Finance charge credits will only be granted if we find our records are in error. Accounts that are overdue 3 months or more will have their in-house charging privileges suspended and will be flagged at the front desk. We thank you for prompt payment.

Junior Tennis News

Our first **Junior Program** session of the 2008-2009 season begins the week of September 8th. 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 2 hours of **FREE COURT TIME** per month as part of their 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 8 years old and under may participate in our Junior Programs without being a member! Of course, they may join if they want the advantages of membership such as 2 hours per month of free court time, in-house charging privileges and placement priority in all programs.
- Our Junior Development Program (JDP) is especially designed for Bass River's junior tennis enthusiast. Any player from beginner through intermediate will get plenty of instruction on the fundamentals. Classes are 60 minutes long and players can take 1 or 2 classes per week.
- Our Tournament Prep Program (TPP) is for the more advanced player who really aspires to develop their skills. Classes are 90 minutes long and again, 1 or 2 classes can be taken weekly. An evaluation needs to be done for proper placement. Sign up now for the Thursday, September 4th evaluation time.
- 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. These forms were mailed out in mid-August and are also available on the bulletin board in the lobby. Let us know your child's availability and we'll do our best to get them playing as many matches as possible. **We do have an open tryout for teams on Sunday, September 7th**. The girls team tryout is from 1:00-3:00, and the boys will be from 4:00-6:00 for the 12's and 14's and 6:00-8:00 for the 16's and 18's. Register in advance for your chance to play team!
****Correction, on the green team applications that were mailed out, the travel team practice was listed as Sunday afternoon. It is on Friday afternoon at the same times listed!**



Men's B-1 Team

We are sad to announce that we are not going to be running a Men's B-1 Team in the North Shore league this winter. Unfortunately, we could not put together enough committed players to field the team. Anthony Russo will continue to run practices for the guys interested in the team. Since the North Shore B-1 schedule does have some byes, we will try to set up some matches with clubs that are sitting out on a bye. Some facilities may wish to play, others may not. We can try to get the flavor of the North Shore League for those interested. If you want to continue to help us build interest in the team, contact Anthony Russo for practice times and match updates.

Here to Serve You... Your 2008-2009 Bass River Tennis Club Staff

Your Business Operations Staff		Your Tennis Operations Staff	
Maggie Murphy Controller			
Michael LaPierre General Manager			
		Larry Lebatique	Director of Tennis
Cheryl LeDuc	Office Manager	Ed LeDuc	North Shore Team Manager & Tennis Professional
Heather Osborn	Front Desk Manager		
Gail Tardiff	Nursery Manager	Henry Tiberio	Seniors Manager
Billy Crusco	Facilities Manager	Susan Love	Tournament Director
Carlos Silva	Maintenance		
Ryan Farley	Member Service Representative	Ken Ventimiglia	Tennis Professional
Tami DeSantis	Member Service Representative	Jeff Goldberg	Tennis professional
Dave Benedix	Member Service Representative	Haven Carr	Tennis professional
Cate DinNitto	Member Service Representative	Gregg Luongo	Tennis professional
Jeanette Bybee	Member Service Representative	Anthony Russo	Tennis professional
Anna DiNitto	Member Service Representative	Rares Petritoi	Tennis professional
Josh Janssen	Member Service Representative	Kevin Colozzi	Tennis professional

Bass River's Coaching Staff for 2008-2009

	<i>Team</i>	<i>Coaches</i>
Women	A Upper White	Ed LeDuc, Kevin Colozzi
	A Upper Green	Rares Petritoi, Anthony Russo
	A1 Upper (positions 1-4)	Ed LeDuc, Gregg Luongo
	A-1 Upper (positions 5-8)	Ed LeDuc, Larry Lebatique
	A Lower White Serena	Haven Carr, Gregg Luongo
	A Lower Green Venus	Anthony Russo, Rares Petritoi
	A1 Lower	Anthony Russo, Gregg Luongo, Kevin Colozzi, Rares Petritoi
	B1 Upper	Kevin Colozzi, Haven Carr
	B1 Lower	Haven Carr, Larry Lebatique
	Working Women Upper White	Ed LeDuc
	Working Women Upper Green	Ed LeDuc
	Working Women Lower	Kevin Colozzi
	Queen Bee In-House League	Larry Lebatique
	Honey Bee In-House League	Larry Lebatique
Men	A	Rares Petritoi
	A1	Ed LeDuc
	B	Larry Lebatique
Men & Women	7.5 Mixed Doubles	Mike LaPierre
	8.5 Mixed Doubles	Mike LaPierre
Girls	NS Juniors	Haven Carr, Gregg Luongo
Boys	NS Juniors	Anthony Russo, Kevin Colozzi

We Are Pleased to Introduce.....

Bass River is very happy to announce the arrival of two new teaching pros to our staff. Larry Lebatique (mentioned in last month's newsletter) and Gregg Luongo are excellent instructors with strong teaching backgrounds. They are coming to Bass River very excited to meet you and work with you on all aspects of your game. Larry is originally from Hartford, Connecticut. He was a ranked junior and played his college tennis at U Conn. Gregg grew up in Wakefield and Reading. He was also a ranked junior and played for UNH.