

BASS RIVER BULLETIN



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Summer Calendar of Events

Friday,	June	21	- Jimmy Fund Tennis Tournament at Beverly Golf and Tennis
Sat-Sun	June	22-23	- USTA Mixed 18+ Sectionals at Bass River
Tues-Thurs	June	25-27	- Junior BG 12's, 14's, 16's, 18's Level 7 at BG&T
Sat-Tues	July	13-17	- New England Junior Clay Court Championships at BG&T
Fri-Sun	July	19-21	- USTA Mixed 40+ Sectionals at Bass River
Fri-Sun	July	26-28	- USTA Mixed 55 Sectionals at Bass River
Fri-Sun	July	26-28	- Homecoming Tennis Tournament at BG&T
Thursday,	August	1	- 2013-2014 Junior Program Information Available at Desk and online, www.bassrivertennisclub.com
Thurs-Sun	August	1-4	- Bass River hosts 18+ USTA District Championships. Come check out the action!
Thurs-Sun	August	8-11	- Bass River hosts 40+ USTA District Championships. Come check out the action!
Thurs-Sun	August	8-11	- Bass River at Beverly Golf and Tennis Club hosts The New England Senior Clay Court Slam.
Saturday,	August	31	- 2012-2013 Membership season ends.
Fri-Sun,	Aug.- Sept.	31-2	- USTA Junior Tournament Level 7 Boys & Girls 12's Round Robin.
Sunday,	Sept.	1	- 2013-2014 Membership season begins.
Sunday,	Sept.	1	- All Summer Memberships Expire (Bass River)
Monday,	Sept.	2	- Labor Day. Bass River Closed All Day. Beverly Golf & Tennis Open 8 a.m.-Noon. Have a safe holiday!
Wednesday	Sept.	4*	- Junior Placement Evaluations, 3-6 p.m.
Thursday,	Sept.	5*	- Weekday NS League Team matches scheduled to begin.
Saturday,	Sept.	7*	- Junior Travel Team Tryouts. Boys & Girls 12's and 14's. Details on page 3
Monday,	Sept.	9*	- Session 1 of our Junior Tennis Programs. Details page 3.
Monday,	Sept.	10	- Contract Tennis Season Begins
Saturday,	Sept.	14*	- Tentative N.S. League Working Women's Matches Begin
Friday,	Sept.	20*	- 6 th Annual Bass River Pro Am. See Sept bulletin for details
Saturday,	Sept.	21*	- Start for Men's and Junior Matches.

**Dates are tentative. Watch for updates*

Contract Courts, Did You Know???

It's not too late to arrange a tennis contract time for the 2013-2014 season that begins September 19th. Did you know that for the first time ever a contract court costs less than a call-in court? Members often say they understand the convenience of a court booked for the season, but what if you have to miss a time. You lose your money. It's cheaper to just call each week. That was then, this is now. Not only is the court less expensive on a contract, but if you have a week where you are short a player, we'll help you find someone. Just give us as much notice as you can, and we'll get to work. We'll do everything we can to make sure your group has its 4th! In fact, if you call on us to help you, and we can't, we'll give you a makeup for that time at the end of the season. A number of desirable times are still available. Call Cheryl LeDuc or Maureen or Michael LaPierre for details and to arrange your time today!

Don't Delay, Renew Today and Save! Improved policies for your protection

If you haven't paid your membership renewal yet, you'll want to do it by July 31st. Remember, this is the only way to get the 5% discount. The full 2013-14 rate goes into effect on August 1st. Remember this date!!! It is a departure from years past, so don't delay. Act now! The membership application is available at the front desk or on the Bass River website, www.BassRiverTennis.com. Another important note regarding your membership for 2013-2014; many members are aware that we moved to a new, thoroughly modern club software program in February. All new memberships, including membership renewals for next year will require a credit card on file (a checking account number is fine too). No exceptions will be made. Our members should know these important items... First, this policy does not require you to take part in the EFT program at the club. While we welcome all our members to go on EFT, your credit card on file does not authorize us to pay your monthly charges unless you tell us to. You will still receive your monthly statement and will still have a choice of payment options. Second, we take the security of your card seriously. Bass River has invested a lot of resources to make sure your card is safe. We have the highest PCI compliance in the industry and our processor, First Data, is a world leader in protection. While there are no guarantees in life, your card is much safer at Bass River than when you type it in at home to make an online purchase or hand it to a stranger after a nice meal. We appreciate our members cooperation in this matter.

New Membership Option for 2013-2014

Some members have asked for a monthly payment plan for their membership fee. With the arrival of our new system, this is now an option for the coming season. Our membership application is available online and at the desk. You'll see a complete breakdown of the monthly dues vs. the upfront fee. Here is what's new for this season. Go on our monthly payment plan and have your credit card or checking account debited for \$36.00 a month for the 12 month membership period. Your Family membership is just \$52.00 a month and if you have junior tennis players on your account, they still get the 2 hours of free tennis each month. For anyone who wishes to take advantage of the monthly membership structure, just select it on the applications and sign the EFT authorization at the bottom of the second page. We'll set up the rest for you!

SOME BIG CHANGES IN THE NORTH SHORE LEAGUE

North Shore Men's Division

There are some big changes in store for the 2013-2014 season. The leagues will undergo a much needed realignment. In past years, there have been 4 divisions in the men's league. They are the A, A-1, B and B-1. The A division has always been a very special division. The level of play is extraordinary. In recent years, it was so high that only 4 clubs could even field a team. Bass River won this division this past year in what is now assumed to be the swan song year. The 4 clubs involved have agreed to drop the old "A" division for a variety of reasons. The remaining 39 teams in the men's North Shore League will be broken down into 4 divisions of approximately 10 teams. This will allow the clubs to cluster together teams that are more competitive with each other. Last year's Men's A-1 team will become part of the new "A" division. Our "B" team is now in the new "A-1" level. We will not offer a "B" team this year but will have two teams in the new "B-1" league. If you have any questions about the men's league, please contact Mike at Bass River, mlapierre@bassrivertennis.com.

North Shore Women's Teams

While much of the Women's league will remain unchanged, there is 1 level of play that is going through a major change, the A-1's. For a number of years there has been talk about changing the A-1 division from an 8 position team to a 4 position team. This would bring it in line with both the level below them (B-1) and the level above them (A Lower, Venus). Finally this initiative passed at the North Shore League board meeting in May. It's important to understand that no spots have been lost in this reorganization. Where Bass River once had 2 teams of 8, we now have 4 teams of 4. Bass River was instrumental in getting this passed and we strongly feel we did something for the betterment of the league and for our members. Bass River is also adding some new teams for the fall. If you have an interest in either Working Women's tennis (Saturday morning play) or the weekday B-1 lower division, we are looking for some additional teams for those levels. Contact Mike at Bass River with any questions about Women's league play, mlapierre@bassrivertennis.com.

North Shore Adult Mixed Doubles

Bass River will participate in the North Shore Mixed Doubles League again next season. We have had 4 different teams participate but there is always room for more players. If you are interested in playing mixed (especially if you are the XY chromosome). We are always looking for a few good men. There is a wide range of levels offered and the tennis is very fun and social. If you are interested, contact Mike.



Our Junior Program 2013-2014

Bass River is proud to announce a completely re-designed Junior Program. For years, Junior Program Coordinator Rares Petritoi has had an idea forming in his mind. After working on it and trying out various versions, we are unveiling it now. Parents and past junior players will need to adjust to a couple new terms, but this is a ground breaking program and will change how junior programs are run. Junior Members will be receiving a letter in the mail in early August that outlines many of these changes. Please look for that, but here is just a small preview. We will have 3 levels of junior membership. The membership your child takes will depend on age, skill level and amount of tennis time you select. Our full junior membership will still include 2 hours of free time each month, but each membership has some perks. Not only will our new program have the top flight instruction we're known for, but we will implement the USTA QuickStart, comprehensive match play and a junior mentor program. Watch for details!

Ladies Team Tryouts for 2013-2014

At the time of this writing the North Shore Ladies Team tryouts for 2013-2014 are well underway. Many of the teams are set and the last few will be done soon. If you have any desire to play North Shore Weekday or Working Women's tennis, contact Tennis Director Larry and he'll get you on the sub list with the appropriate team captain(s). Once each team level is complete we'll post the team standing and tryout results on Ed's Board. Stop by the club and check out who's on team. You are also welcome to reach out to each team captain for subbing. All you have to do is to locate the 1st position on each team. Those 2 people are captains for their team. The joys of winning the tryout...captain for the season.

