



BASS RIVER TENNIS CLUB

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Calendar of Events

Saturday,	May 1	Beverly Golf and Tennis Clay Courts Open...Weather Permitting!
Saturday,	May 8	Boston Lobsters Night at Bass River. Details below
Sunday,	May 9	Happy Mother's Day! Summer Unlimited Tennis, a Great Gift!
Monday,	May 10	Member Appreciation Day. See below.
Tuesday,	May 11	Bass River Summer Season Begins. See page 4.
Monday,	May 17	USTA League Matches Begin
Friday,	May 21	Junior Clinic Program ends at Bass River.
Fri- Sun	May 21, 22, 23	USTA Junior Tournament. 16 & Under Level 7, 18 & Under Level 6. Sue Love for details.
Monday,	May 31	Memorial Day, Club Closed All Day. Have a Safe Holiday!
Friday,	May 28	Contract Renewals Deposits Due. See Page 3.
Fri-Sun	May 28, 29, 30	United Shoe Senior Men's Tournament at Beverly Golf and Tennis Club. See Henry Tiberio
Tuesday,	May 19	3.0 - 3.5 In-House Summer Women's Doubles Begin. See page 4.
Fri-Sun	June 11, 12, 13	USTA Junior BG 16's Level 6 Tournament. Sue Love for details.
Fri-Sun	June 25, 26, 27	USTA Mixed Doubles Sectional Tournament at Bass River.

Member Appreciation Day

Our annual **Member Appreciation Day** was on Monday, May 10th. This was our opportunity to show you, our members, how much we appreciate your choosing to play at the Bass River Tennis Club. On this day we had courts available free of charge for our members (sorry, no guests could participate). As usual, the earliest you may could to book your court was the Friday prior to Member Appreciation Day. We served a light breakfast from 7:30-9:00, lunch 11:30-1:00 and dinner 5:00-6:30 while it lasted. We hope you came, played some tennis and enjoyed delicious food. Many members came for all 3 meals and had a chance to sit and socialize with friends!



Boston Lobsters at Bass River

On Saturday Night, May 8th Bass River was proud to welcome The **Boston Lobsters** to Bass River. Lobsters owner, Bahar Uttam and Lobsters coach Bud Schultz were on hand. We also had an appearance from Larry the Lobster, the Lobsters team mascot. It was a special night for Bass River members! We put together 8 teams, each captained by a Bass River Pro. Every team had men, women and at least 1 junior player. Matches were played in the World Team Tennis format and everyone had a blast. It was particularly great of Bud Schultz to coach every team and play in during the match competition. It isn't every day that a former **top 40 in the world** player takes the time to coach club players. After the WTT matches, we provided food and drink. Woodman's, Qdoba, Polar Beverages, Cabot cheese and Barefoot Wine and Bubbly were on hand to fill our stomachs and quench our thirst. Then, the Bass River teaching Pros, and a few area Pros, took to the courts to play a modified WTT match. Who knew they could play and teach??? To make this successful night even better, we raised more than \$500.00 for the **Alison Werner Barton Memorial Scholarship Fund**. A good and great friend of Bass River, Alison died in a tragic car accident over a year ago. Alison's husband Gavin was on hand to play, coach and enjoy a night with Bass River members.

Membership/Contracts/Rates and Fees 2010-2011

As was announced in last month's "Special Edition" newsletter, our membership, contract and court rental rates will be the same next season. While we continue to try and deliver on great programming at a great club, we recognize the tough economy we are in. We hope this freeze in pricing keeps you coming back to our very special facility!

You can even pay the 2008 rate if you renew your membership by the end of August. Any current member who renews by August 31st pays the 2008 rate! Please, no exceptions for early September payments.

The coaching fees and most club events will also not see a rate increase for the coming indoor season. All of the group lessons and round robins will be the same price. Unknown at this time, but likely to occur, will be a match price increase by the North Shore League. Match fees may go from \$15.00 to \$16.00. TBD by the league reps.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>By Aug 31</u>
Adult Membership	\$375.00	\$395.00	\$375.00
Family Membership	\$497.00	\$522.00	\$497.00
Junior Membership	\$144.00	\$144.00	\$144.00

Bass River Team Round-Up Larry Lebatique, Tennis Director

What an incredible season we are having at Bass River in the various leagues in which we participate. While not all teams are finished at the time of this newsletter, here are some highlights. Both of our junior teams had another great showing in the North Shore League. The girls team finished in 3rd place losing to Westford in the semi-finals. The boys team finished in 2nd

place. In the semi-finals, the boys team defeated Newburyport to reach the finals where they lost to Willows. In the Men's North Shore League, our "A" team finished in 2nd place. They beat Woburn in the semi-finals and faced Westford in the finals. It was a hard fought battle with Bass River just coming short losing 3 – 2. In the ladies North Shore league, our "A" Upper white team won the regular season again. They will face Cedardale in the semi-finals. The "A" Serena team finished in 2nd place and will face Westford in the semi-finals. The "A" Venus team finished in 2nd place and will face Winchester in the semi-finals. In the Working Women's division, both of our teams made the playoffs. Our Working Women's I team finished in 2nd place. They played Northeast in the semi-finals where they lost 2 – 1. The Working Women's II team finished in 1st place to win the league. They played Winchester in the semi-finals where they lost.

In USTA league tennis, we are having another strong showing with teams advancing to sectionals and Nationals. Our mixed USTA 9.0 team is going to sectionals and has a very good chance to get a nationals bid. We had 3 teams here from Bass River that made it to the Nationals. Our 3.5 women's super senior team travelled to Arizona for Nationals. They went 2 – 1 in the round robin just falling short to advance to the next round. Our 4.5 men's super senior team also travelled to Arizona. The team played really hard to advance out of the round robin into the semi-finals. They faced a team from California where they lost to 2 – 1. Last but not least, our 4.0 women's super senior team travelled to Arizona as well for Nationals. In the round robin section, Bass River defeated Missouri Valley, Intermountain-Colorado, and Middle States-Pennsylvania, to go 3 – 0 and advance to the semi-finals. Bass River defeated a team from the Pacific NW in the semis to face Texas in the finals. It was a very tough battle with Bass River being victorious 2 -1 to win the National Championship.

Great job to all of our teams for a very successful season. I would be remiss if I did not mention that every team has one very important common component; the team captain. Each one of our teams has a captain or captains that are responsible for the success of the teams. We are blessed with so many good ones, it is impossible to mention them all. It is often a difficult job, but it does not have to be a thankless one. From me and my staff, "Thank you"! If you play on a team, please remember your captain.

Contract Time Players

2010-2011 contract applications will be mailed along with your renewal invoice in early May. Please be sure to start contacting your current contract players and find out their intentions for next season. Contract deposits are due by Friday, May 28. If you are not currently in a contract and are interested in a 2010-2011 contract court, contact Cheryl, cleduc@bassrivertennis.com. We do have several contract times available. Contract applications are available at the front desk or online, bassrivertennisclub.com.

Ladies Team Tryouts

The ladies weekday, North Shore teams will have tryouts on the following schedule...

North Shore Working Women's	May 15 and 22 (if needed)
North Shore A upper	May 26, 27 and 28 (if needed)
North Shore A lower (Serena/Venus)	June 2, 3 and 4 (if needed)
North Shore A-1 Upper	June 7, 8
North Shore A-1 Lower	June 10, 11
North Shore B-1 (All)	June 14, 15

The teams for next season and the tryouts that place those teams will run the same as years past. Please watch the board for sign-ups and make sure you secure a partner for next year. If you need help finding a partner, please talk with any of the Pros. Larry will be keeping a list of those looking and will assist you in finding partners. Remember that the tryouts are not too

far after the end of the league season, so you will need to act quickly if you are planning to go out with a different or new partner. The practice fee for next season will be \$30.00 per coaching session. We feel this is still the best value in the club. Not only do you get a guaranteed 4-to-1 ratio with a Pro, usually a \$34.00 cost, but you have an instructor view your home match and offer a critique of your play at no additional charge.

Summer Junior Tennis Program

Our ***Junior Summer Tennis Program*** will be run out of the Beverly Golf and Tennis Club, 134 McKay Street. Designated programs are rain or shine. Whenever it rains, we move indoors to Bass River! Never miss a class. 1 hour classes meet 3 days a week for beginner to intermediate level players. Daily 3-5 hour programs are available for students looking for a more intensive tennis experience. Brochures are now available in our club lobby and online. City of Beverly Recreation Department Tennis classes for juniors and adults are also on the City website, www.bevrec.com. All Bass River and Beverly Recreation classes are taught by our first rate teaching staff. Please contact me or either member of the summer teaching staff, Jeff Goldberg or Devin Carr, for more information.

Women's 3.0-3.5 Summer In-House League!

We have decided to bring back the ladies in-house women's doubles leagues. Anyone interested in playing a weekly match should let me know. Call me at the club or send me an email, mlapierre@bassrivertennis.com. Matches will run on Tuesday evening from 6:30-8 from June 1-July 27. You do not need a partner to sign-up, but you may pair with someone if you wish.

Summer at Bass River

Our summer season here at Bass River begins on May 11th. Among our summer offerings is a court rate of just \$30 per hour, per court, unlimited tennis for only \$199, summer junior programs, and summer-only memberships. Pick up our summer 2010 flyer for full details at the front desk. Enjoy a summer of tennis at Bass River!

Tell all your friends that Bass River Tennis Club will be offering summer-only memberships. Our adult membership rate is only \$99, a family is \$179, and junior memberships are only \$69. Court fees are additional. Our summer memberships run from May 11 - August 31, 2011.

Summer Hours Effective May 12-Sept. 5, 2010

Monday through Thursday	7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Closed unless it rains
Sunday	Closed unless it rains

Use a tennis ball to open a locked car door.

Follow this tennis link to see how, if you lock your keys inside your car, you can use an ordinary tennis ball to unlock the door. I don't actually know if it works, but it is worth the 90 seconds to watch the video. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IapXPAZSBzU>

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