

BASS RIVER BULLETIN



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Calendar of Events

Friday,	August	7	- 2009-2010 Junior Program Information Available at Desk and online, www.bassrivertennisclub.com
Friday,	August	7-9	- Bass River hosts USTA District Championships through August 3. Come check out the action!
Sat & Sun,	August	15-16	- USTA Super Senior Sectionals at Beverly Golf & Tennis.
Sunday,	August	30	- Junior Travel Team Tryouts. Boys & Girls 12's and 14's. Details on page 3
Monday,	August	31	- 2008-2009 Membership season ends.
Tuesday,	Sept.	1	- 2009-2010 Membership season begins.
Friday,	Sept.	4	- All Summer Memberships Expire
Monday,	Sept.	7	- Labor Day. Bass River Closed All Day. Beverly Golf & Tennis Open 8 a.m.-Noon. Have a safe holiday!
Tuesday	Sept.	1	- Junior Placement Evaluations, 3-6 p.m. Details page 3.
Sat-Sun,	Sept.	4-5	- USTA Junior Tournament Level 7 Boys & Girls 10's & 12's.
Tuesday,	Sept.	8	- Session 1 of our Junior Tennis Programs. Details page 3.
Wednesday,	Sept.	9	- Weekday NS League Team matches scheduled to begin.
Saturday,	Sept.	14	- Tentative N.S. League Working Women's Matches Begin
Monday,	Sept.	15	- Contract Tennis Season Begins
Saturday,	Sept.	19	- Tentative start for Men's and Junior Matches.
Saturday,	Sept.	26	- Tentative Date for Evening Pro Am Event. See below.

Pro Am Event!

We are planning our 3rd annual Pro Am event for mid to late-September. A Pro Am matches tennis **Professionals** with **Amateur** (club) players for an evening of tennis doubles. Each doubles team consists of one tennis "professional" and one "amateur". You will get to play with and against several different Pros over the course of the evening. We will also have plenty of information regarding all our tennis programs. It has proven to be a terrific night of tennis, food and lots of laughs! We hope to see you there. Look for exact date, time and how to sign-up in our September newsletter!

Bass River's North Shore Men's Teams

Bass River will run three Men's teams for 2009-2010. We are fielding Men's A, Men's A1, and Men's B teams. We are currently recruiting for all these teams. For more information on men's North Shore teams, please contact Tennis Director, Larry Lebatique, llebatique@bassrivertennis.com.



The Pride of Our Summer

During July, The Beverly Golf and Tennis Club proudly hosted the "Herb Schachter New England Junior Clay Court Championships". This junior tournament is known as the most important junior clay court tournament of the year. The top 300 tennis players, ages 18 and under, from all over New England descended upon "The G & T" for 6 days of terrific and inspiring competition. Tournament Director Susan Love, and far too many other people to mention, contributed to the success of this event. It is the crown jewel of the junior circuit and we were proud to have it at our facility!

North Shore Working Women Teams

Tryouts for our Women's A Upper, A Lower, A1 Upper and A1 Lower teams were held in the spring. If you are interested in subbing on one of those teams, please get in touch with our Tennis Director, Larry Lebatique. Working Women info is listed below. If you are new to the club and would like more information on playing on a North Shore League Team, please click on the "North Shore League Teams" menu item on our www.bassrivertennisclub.com web site. **A last minute change in the working women's league...** In July, the North Shore league governing body decided to change the format of the working women's divisions. Historically, there were 2 divisions. Called WW upper and WW lower, it was decided that the level difference between the two divisions was too great. An example of this disparity in level is evident most years. The team that wins the lower division moves to the upper division the following year. Most years that team finishes last and drops back down again. Last season, for example, the team that had moved up only won 9 individual matches all season (9 wins of a possible 78 matches). The league has decided to break the 2 divisions into 3. Now they are now called WW 1, WW 2 and WW 3. The top 12 teams from the upper division will form a WW 1 (4.0-5.0+ rating) the last couple teams from the upper and the first 8 teams of the lower will form WW 2 (3.5-4.0 range) and the last 10 teams will form WW 3 (2.5-3.0+ range). While our WW 1 team is all set for the fall, we are still looking for players interested in playing in the WW 2 and 3 levels. If you would like more information, please contact Ed LeDuc at the club.

Added Value to our Junior Memberships for 2009-2010!

For the 2009-2010 season, we will continue to offer great value to all our "junior-only" memberships! We will continue to encourage juniors to get out and practice their tennis skills by including 2 hours of free tennis per month. Read below for details on that. Other added values this year, a 20% discount towards any pro shop purchase of \$50 or more during the months of September and October, which is a great time to update your child's tennis shoes and racquet for the upcoming season. So be sure to stock up!

Junior Members Get Free Tennis, 2 Hours per Month!

Back by popular demand, we will again be offering junior members 2 free hours of tennis per month. There is no restriction on play times. If the junior is playing with a non-member or guest, the adult member pays at the regular court rate for their half of the court. Regular guest fees apply. **New this season...** If the parent of the junior member is not a Bass River member, he/she can play with their child without a guest fee*. Regular court rates do apply. Unused court time is not retroactive and cannot be carried over to the next month. We encourage all junior members, 18 years and younger to take advantage of this great benefit of membership.

**Only during weekends and holiday periods. See the desk staff for details.*

Junior Program 2009-2010

Four sessions of our **Junior Program** are offered throughout the season, September-May. We offer classes for children 3 1/2-18 years of age. Session 1 will begin on September 8. Brochures were mailed out on August 7th. Simply complete the registration form and mail back to us with payment for the first session and your membership renewal fee. Your registration will be automatically renewed from session to session until we receive notice otherwise. If you need additional registration forms, we have plenty at the front desk or you may download a form from the Bass River website, www.bassrivertennisclub.com.

Our Junior Clinic Program is separated into two (2) parts. The first is our **Junior Developmental Program (JDP)**. These participants are our beginner, advanced beginner and low intermediate players looking for 1 or 2 one-hour classes per week. No evaluation is required! Sign up for the class appropriate to your age. Students will then be divided by skill level and experience. Our **Tournament Prep Program** is for intermediate to advanced juniors looking for a more intensive clinic. This is a skill based program. Students are placed by ability. Please register for your placement evaluation right away. Evaluations are held in 15-minute increments on Tuesday, September 1st, 3:00-7:00. The cost is just \$10 per evaluation.

In-House Junior Varsity Team

For players not yet ready for the *Travel Team*, Bass River will run a "Junior Varsity" team with a Sunday afternoon practice and twice per month matches. Ages and levels for this team are to be determined based on interest, but players here should be able to attend weekly coaching sessions. These practices are designed to implement some of the *Junior Clinic* work into a play formatted coaching session. Round Robin match play with other team members or scrimmages set up with other North Shore clubs is the ultimate test of how a student is progressing.

Junior Memberships for 2009-2010

Early registration is suggested for all programs listed above, as space is limited. Membership to the Bass River Tennis Club is required for all participants. **New for 2009-2010 season; children who are 8 and younger are required to purchase a membership to participate in Junior Program.** We recognize that children 8 and under do not have a big call for using a membership. That is why the fee for 8 and under (3:00 and 3:30 JDP classes) will only be \$10.00 for a full year. By enrolling every child as a member, it will greatly enhance our clinic enrollment/re-enrollment process. This nominal membership fee gives 8 and under players all the benefits of membership except for the 2 hours of free court time. Students who age into the 4:30 JDP program during the year will have to take a pro-rated full junior membership.

North Shore Junior Travel Team

The Bass River Tennis Club is proud to again offer a North Shore Junior Travel Team. Boys and Girls interested in competitive singles and doubles are welcome to participate. Both the boys and girls teams will carry 4 or 5 players in each category (12 & under, 14 & under 16 & under and 18 & under). Matches are played on Saturday afternoon and a weekly practice is held on Friday. **Tryouts for the Boys and Girls 12's and 14's will be on Sunday, August 30th**. The time TBA. For additional information or to register for the tryout, please be in touch with Larry Lebatique, 978 927-0102 or llebatique@bassrivertennis.com. While the Boys and Girls 16's and 18's had tryouts this past spring, some spots may still be available. Check with Larry on that too. We ask our players to be available as much as possible from mid-September through Mid-April (matches and practices are off during vacations and Holiday weeks).





Don't Delay, Renew Today and Save!

If you haven't paid your membership renewal yet, you'll want to do it by August 31st. Remember, this is the only way to get last seasons' rate. The 09-10 rate increase goes into effect on September 1st. Please contact our Office Manager, Cheryl LeDuc, if you have any questions or changes regarding your membership renewal. No other discounts are available. Act now!

Call Now for Available Contract Times!

It's not too late to arrange a tennis contract time for the 2009-2010 season that begins September 14th. A number of desirable times are still available. Call our Office Manager, Cheryl LeDuc, to arrange your time today!



Facilities Update, Billy Crusco

Over the summer we undertook some projects around the club in our continuing effort to keep Bass River a premier facility. The usual top to bottom cleaning and scrubbing are evident. Courts are blown and scrubbed regularly, new cables were installed on court dividers that had uncoated wire. You know what I am talking about if you have ever tried to close a side curtain and found it hard to move. Courts 4 and 5 are scheduled for repainting and it should be complete by the time you read this. All of the light bulbs on courts 4, 5, 9 and 10 will be replaced and lamp shields washed. We are trying to squeeze every bit of light out of them. We are in the process of putting a small floating deck in the courtyard area (the employee entrance). USTA summer teams have been using this area to grill burgers and dogs after matches and we invite you to do the same. A couple of lobby projects are scheduled to be completed by Labor Day and, while I won't divulge any details, we are sure the members will like it. If you have any questions about these or other projects, please bring them to my attention or to the club Manager, Mike LaPierre at mlapierre@bassrivertennis.com.

Tozer Road Construction, mostly done!

Finally, the City of Beverly sewer project is finished in front of the club. Only a little sidewalk and guardrail work remains. The road has been paved to cover over the work. After one winter season, the City will return and do a complete repaving of Tozer Road. That work will include all repairs to property, including repairs to our grass along the construction site. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult construction period.

