

# BASS RIVER BULLETIN



## Bass River Tennis Club Newsletter

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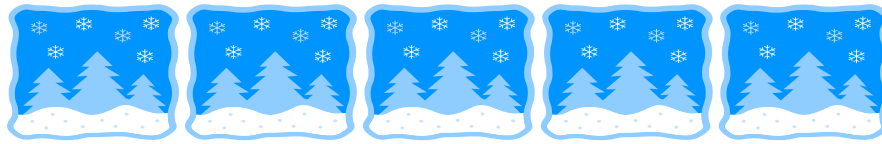
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## December Calendar of Events at Bass River

Friday,	December	4	- Friday Night Doubles Social, 7-9 p.m.
Saturday,	December	12	- Happy Hanukkah
Friday,	December	18	- Friday Night Doubles Social, 7-9 p.m.
Thursday,	December	24	- Christmas Eve, Club Open 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Friday,	December	25	Merry Christmas, Club Closed All Day.
Saturday	December	26	- Kid's Holiday Vacation Tennis Tune-up. See page 3 for details. Sign up on bulletin board in lobby.
Mon-Wed	December	28-30	- USTA New England Junior Tournament, 10's level 7, 12's and 14's level 6. See page 3.
Thursday,	December	31	- New Year's Eve, Club Open 7:00 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Friday,	January	1	- Happy New Year! Club Open Noon-11 p.m.
Friday,	January	8	Friday Night Doubles Social, 7-9 p.m.
Monday,	January	18	- Martin Luther King Day. Club Open All Day.
Friday,	January	22	- Friday Night Doubles Social, 7-9 p.m.





## From the Tennis Director, Larry Lebatique

During the month of November, our *Junior High Performance Program* had a couple of terrific guest speakers. First Liz Ward, a renowned dietitian and friend of Bass River gave a great talk about choosing proper foods to better fuel our bodies for competition. While the thrust of the talk was geared toward competitive tennis, these were clearly life lessons for our junior players. Elizabeth Ward is a registered dietitian, family and child nutrition expert, and author or co-author of six books. Her latest is [Expect the Best, Your Guide to Healthy Eating Before, During, & After Pregnancy](#). She also writes for Men's Fitness and WebMD.com, and she blogs for USA Today at [www.dietchallenge.usatoday.com](http://www.dietchallenge.usatoday.com). Her web site is [www.expectthebestpregnancy.com](http://www.expectthebestpregnancy.com).

These same players had an opportunity to work with Gavin Barton. Gavin, a member of the Bass River men's north shore "A" team and teaching Pro at the Wightman Tennis Center, is a PhD sports psychologist. Gavin is also a former world class tennis player, so his sports psych insights are well suited to the tennis courts. Gavin came back to Bass River for a seminar with our north shore ladies B-1 upper team. We are honored to have these two terrific individuals at the club, imparting their knowledge. I am available at the club most days or by email, [llebatique@bassrivertennisclub.com](mailto:llebatique@bassrivertennisclub.com). I hope you will call on me for any and all of your tennis needs.

## Junior Program Coordinator, Rares Petritoi

Over the first weekend in November, I had the opportunity to play in our second *Bass River Doubles Exhibition*. It was a great night of tennis. Thanks to the other 3 players who came that night: Matt Porter from Australia, Alejandro Andres from Venezuela and Justin Slatery, a native Bostonian and former Boston College star. So many people chipped in to make it a successful night at the club, but the biggest thanks of all is to our Bass River members who were on hand to cheer. What was particularly special to me was that we Skype'd the match. My parents got to sit and watch the tennis from their computer in my home town of Transylvania, Romania. With a couple of surprises and some small changes, we look forward to another exhibition next spring. As always, I welcome your thoughts and suggestions. The rest of the staff and I are here for your tennis enjoyment. The future at Bass River is bright! As always, reach me at [rares@bassrivertennis.com](mailto:rares@bassrivertennis.com) or call on me at the club.

## National Champions at Bass River

In October, several Bass River members went to and won the USTA Nationals in Tucson, Arizona! Captain Cynthia Borghesani's 3.0 Senior Ladies team from New England won it all. She was joined by members Sue MacNeil, Cathy Marengi, Jill Hitschler and Sally Kuhn. The matches were excellent, and according to Cynthia, the team played great. Congratulations to all of you. This year has been an exceptional year for Bass River teams. Including some teams that will go to Nationals next spring, the club has had 6 different teams qualify for Nationals play. Our legend grows!

## Facebook at Bass River

The club has opened a Facebook fan page. You can find our page at "Bass River Tennis Club". Become a fan today! See the latest club photos. Catch the latest announcements for upcoming programs, special events and club news updates. We will continue to keep all of our communication lines open. The website will always be up to date. Our email blasts for various programs and our club wide contact list will continue to touch your inbox. Facebook is just another way to reach out to you. Become a fan today! Thanks to Haven Carr and Heather Osborn for helping the club set it up!



## Snow Day Policy

We do sometimes cancel junior programs due to snow or icy conditions. But we do not necessarily follow the school cancellation schedule. While it may be dangerous to travel in the morning, often the roads are fine by the time our junior programs start at 3:00 p.m. Make-up times will be held for any lessons canceled due to snow. On those mornings when we are experiencing inclement weather, the Tennis Director will decide by 1:00 p.m. whether to hold junior programs for the day. If you are in doubt, simply give us a call before you venture out. We also have the "rally" banner that runs across the top of our homepage. Go to [www.bassrivertennisclub.com](http://www.bassrivertennisclub.com) and important info will be scrolled right across the top!

## Bass River hosting USTA New England Holiday Week Tournament for Kids!

Our Director of Tournaments, Sue Love, will be running a Junior USTA Tournament during the school vacation week. On December 28-30 we will have a **Boys and Girls 10's, 12's and 14's** tournament. The 10 & under is a level 7 event and the 12's and 14's is a level 6. Deadline to sign up for the tournament is Wednesday, December 23 at midnight. You do have to be a member of the USTA to participate. You may join by logging on to USTA.com. Once you are a member, you may register for the tournament online at the USTA website. This is a great opportunity for some great competitive matches with other juniors from around New England.

## Saturday Night Parties

Did you know that we offer Saturday Night Parties at Bass River? Erin Theriault is available to set up your special event. We have had children's birthday parties, a 50<sup>th</sup> surprise birthday party and of course, our Pro/Am and Doubles Exhibition. Think of us for your Holiday block party, a retirement party or just a great night out with your coworkers. It can be as simple as a little doubles round robin and some pizzas or meals with servers and party themes and a band. Contact Erin at the club or by email at [etheriault@bassrivertennis.com](mailto:etheriault@bassrivertennis.com).

## **Bass River recognizes the passing of Suzanne Connolly**

Many of our long-time Bass River members know that the club was originally built and managed by the Connolly Brothers Construction Company. In October, Suzanne Connolly suffered a stroke and died of complications. Suzanne was a tennis enthusiast and along with her family, helped to build a great tennis tradition on the North Shore. Bass River's current owner, the management and staff and all of our Bass River members extend our deepest sympathies to the Connolly family.

## **Winter Session of Sequel Singles**

Our fall session of Sequel Singles tennis was a smashing success! This is an especially good opportunity for new members to get involved and meet other singles players. Sequel Singles means players who want to play singles, not necessarily players who are single. Members sign up by level and are given a schedule of opponents. This format provides one match per week but affords a lot of flexibility for our busy members. New sessions will begin soon. Specific details and sign-ups are posted on the bulletin board by the front desk. See Mike LaPierre for details, [mlapierre@bassrivertennis.com](mailto:mlapierre@bassrivertennis.com).

## **Friday Night Doubles Social**

We will be having 2 Friday Night Doubles Socials in December. Socials are really catching on. They are fun and challenging. The 2 dates for this month are the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup>. For just \$19 per member (\$25 per non-member) you can enjoy tennis from 7:00-9 p.m. Bass River will provide food and at no additional charge, and you may BYOB. Sign up on the board at the club. The Monday morning before each Social, we send out an email reminder. If you wish to be on the list, email Mike at [mlapierre@bassrivertennisclub.com](mailto:mlapierre@bassrivertennisclub.com).

## **Henry's latest group**

Henry Tiberio has created yet another new program for club members. This one is for our ultimate senior players. Guys that are 70 and above get a match set up for them by Henry. He calls it the "High Noon Shootout" (it actually takes place at 12:30). Matches are set up in the style of the old west, good guys vs. the bad guys. Teams are named for old west lawmen and gunslingers. Play is every Monday and so far participation has been excellent. If you would like to play, get in touch with Henry at the club and he will give you all the details.

**The Bass River Tennis Club Staff wishes all its' members a  
Very Healthy, Safe and Happy New Year!**

