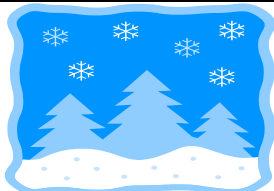
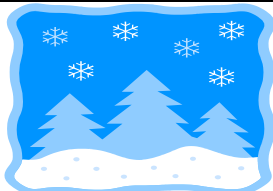


BASS RIVER BULLETIN

Bass River Tennis Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

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| Thursday, | January 1 | - Happy New Year! Club Open Noon-11:00 p.m. |
| Monday, | January 5 | - Junior Program Resumes |
| Friday, | January 9 | - Friday Night Doubles Social Returns for 2008!!! |
| Friday, | January 9 | - USTA 8.0 matches begin |
| Saturday, | January 10 | - J.V. team match. All ages eligible. |
| Saturday, | January 10 | - Men's, Women's and Junior team matches resume |
| Sunday, | January 11 | - USTA 9.0 matches begin |
| Monday, | January 19 | - Martin Luther King Day, Club Open all Day. Junior Program Classes running as usual. |
| Friday, | January 23 | - Friday Night Doubles Social, 7-9 p.m. |
| Saturday, | January 24 | - J.V. team match. All ages eligible. |
| Saturday- | January 30 | - USTA 10 and under junior tournament, Level 7. |
| Sunday | February 1 | Sign-up on-line or see Sue Love, ext. 31. |
| Friday, | February 6 | - Friday Night Doubles Social, 7-9 p.m. |
| Friday, | February 13 | - Friday Night Doubles Social, 7-9 p.m. |
| Saturday, | February 14 | - Happy Valentine's Day! |
| Monday, | February 16 | - President's Day, Club Open All Day. |
| Monday- | February | - Winter School Vacation |
| Friday, | 16-20 | No Junior or Adult Team Programs All Week |
| Wednesday- | February 18 | - USTA 14's & 16's level 7 junior tournament. Sign- |
| Friday, | February 20 | up on-line or see Sue Love, ext. 31 |
| Friday, | February 27 | - Friday Night Doubles Social, 7-9 p.m. |

Bass River Tennis Club's New Logo!



You may have seen it around the club. After 38 years of the “bent arrows” it was time to refresh our look. The new logo will now be a part of our story. We will continue to bring you new and innovative programs, offer exceptional service and try to make your Bass River experience the best you can find. Our logo is just the start. Please check out our all new website. It is the same address as before, www.bassrivertennisclub.com. The cleaner, more user friendly site is a gateway to all things Bass River. We will continue to add more features, but you can already find tons of great information. To start with, this news letter, The Bass River Bulletin, will appear on the site. Past Bulletins are archived, so you can always look back to find information if you wish. We do eight (8) issues per year and it is chock full of ideas, programs, tennis tips and other happenings you should know about. This issue, and all subsequent ones, will be on-line at our website. We will no longer mail paper versions with your monthly statements. From now on, please visit our site to view your Bass River Bulletin. For those who prefer it, we will always have some paper newsletters available at the front desk for you to read. We hope you enjoy the logo and the new website! Check it out regularly for new content and programs. Try this out too...click on Tennis Links, then Other Links and interactive game. It is a little computer tennis game. So far I have lost every time. Try your luck. Maybe you can do better!

From the Tennis Director, Larry Lebatique

The Holiday season has just passed and that means we are at the halfway point of our indoor season. All of our programs, Adult and Junior, are going strong. Our boys and girls junior teams are both having very strong seasons. Both are in the top 4 in team standings and appear poised for a playoff run.

The USTA season is about to begin for 2009, the first being the mixed doubles season. We will be having 3 USTA Mixed Doubles teams out of Bass River; 8.0, 9.0 and 10.0. If you have questions or any interest in any of these teams, please contact me at the club, or email me at llebatique@bassrivertennisclub.com.

I do want to share with you a little tennis tidbit pertaining to the rules of the game. In doubles, I am sure that many of you have forgotten who should be serving or inadvertently returned from the incorrect side. Here is how to resolve both of these situations. I will be using phrases from Bass River's own Ed Leduc. If you or your opponent has discovered that someone has served out of turn, remember “SS, servers switch”. This means that when the mistake has been discovered, the points played count, and the correct server should start to serve from that point in the game. If you or your opponents have discovered that the return team is returning from the incorrect sides, remember “RR, returners remain”. This means that the return team will play out that game returning from the incorrect sides and then when the next return game comes, go to their correct sides. So “SS” and “RR”.

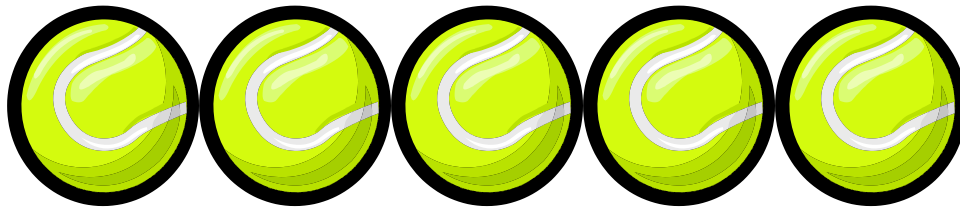
Enjoy the game of tennis and always play by the rules...

Rares Petritoi, Junior Program Coordinator

The Junior Program continues to gain strength and popularity. Clinics are filling quickly (a new session begins January 19th), the travel and in-house teams are showing excellent results and our match play program is stronger than ever. I want to make special mention of our High Performance Program. Known around the club as “HP”, the program continues to develop. Many of the participants are not from this area. A number of the players come from the Middlesex League; however, over the last couple of years, more of the long time Bass River junior members are beginning to really develop their skills. More and more, we are growing and developing our own top level players. A testimony to the hard work of all involved.

Friday Social Mixed Doubles

Our Friday Night Social Doubles returns on January 9th after a holiday hiatus. For just \$18 per member (\$23 per non-member) you can enjoy tennis from 7:00-9 p.m. Bass River will provide some food at no additional charge! We even had Café Diciannove’s “Chef Joe” prepare some food samplings in the past. Players are welcome to BYOB. Sign up today! We are sorry, no shows and late cancellations will be charged.



Is Your Junior Player Ready for Tournaments?

Bass River is hosting 11 USTA-sanctioned indoor junior tournaments throughout the year. We also have a number of events at our outdoor facility, the Beverly Golf and Tennis Club. The first one is a singles tournament to be held January 31-February 1. It is boys and girls in age 10 and under, level 7. We will also have a tournament February 18-20. This is boys and girls singles, ages 14 and under and 16 and under, level 7. The 2009 schedule of Bass River tournaments is now posted in the clubhouse and on the USTANewengland.com website. All our tournaments are run by Sue Love. Call her at Bass River, extension 31, for information. You can also email Sue at suebassriver@yahoo.com.

Snow Day Policy

We do sometimes cancel Junior Program 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 Program starts at 3:00 p.m. Make-up times will be held for any lessons cancelled due to snow. On those mornings when we are experiencing inclement weather, Tennis Director, Larry Lebatique will decide by 1:00 p.m. whether to hold Junior Program for that day. If you are in doubt, simply give us a call or check out our website, www.bassrivertennisclub.com before you venture out.

Facilities Update by Billy Crusco

We continue to make some updates around the club. With some focus on the small day to day things that can go wrong, we are trying to brighten and update areas of the lobby and locker rooms. You have probably seen the new bar and “dot com” area. Parents and kids alike have taken advantage of the new counter space and the wifi for surfing the internet. We will continue to do some small projects that will help maintain and update our great club. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please feel free to leave those ideas in my box at the club.

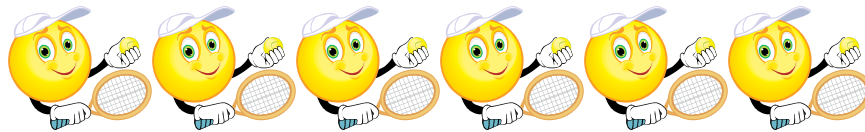


Bee's In-House League

Enjoy competitive tennis and maybe even a little coaching? Our In-house Bee's program is in full swing. Players ranging from 2.0 to 3.0 are invited to participate. Players will have a 90-minute coaching session and a 90-minute match each week. For information, please contact Larry Lebatique at Bass River or by email, llebatique@bassrivertennisclub.com. This program is rolling admissions program. You can join any time and there is no time like the present. Talk to Larry for details.

Winter Session of Sequel Singles

This is a great opportunity for new members to get involved and meet other singles players. Sequel Singles is for members who want to play singles, not necessarily players who are single! All are welcome, regardless of marital status! Members sign up by level and are given a schedule of opponents. The format provides one match per week but affords a lot of flexibility for our busy members. It is not too late to join! A new session starts in early January. Check it out!



North Shore Tennis League Update

Since we are at the half way point of the indoor league season, let's look at how the Bass River teams are doing. Our three Men's teams are competing well. The A team is in 3rd place, the A-1 is holding strong in the top half and the B guys are in 2nd place. The Mixed 7.5 and 8.5 teams are in the middle of the pack and gaining strength. Their enthusiasm has brought new life to the club's offerings. The ladies teams are all doing well, but the A Upper White, A Serena, A Venus and Working Women Upper White all look like playoff teams. The boys and girls Junior Travel Teams are also doing well. You can always check team standings at the club, or go online to the league website, www.northshoretennisleague.com.

Our in-house junior varsity team is developing well. This is for less experienced juniors looking to start competitive tennis. We have had a couple matches against clubs in the north shore and it has been a great experience for the kids involved.