



HERSHEY'S MILL SPORTS GROUP

CREATING A LIFE STYLE

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"A BIG QUESTION"

Each season the activity leaders ask the same question, which comes in different forms: "How do we get new players"? "Are our residents more interested in competition or just having fun"? Each sport seems to have a different opinion on the subject, thus different formats emerge. The common responses are: run socials, but how do we reach them and, "Well both," which is fine, but we have enough difficulty garnering volunteers, without adding another set of activities. A couple of examples are: Tennis has an interclub league and this year will be hosting a USTA team. They also have open play 6 days a week. Pickleball is mainly focused on open play 7 days a week, but several years ago held club championships. Bocce's main focus is on league play, which starts in June with playoffs held in September. Table tennis is mainly focused on open play. So you can see, we have every type of activity. (Open play is defined as, "everybody is welcome to a round robin format".)

Looking ahead; we have approximately 600 members of the HMSG, of which 200+/- are active on a regular basis. This would indicate that: A, we have more casual players than regular, B, the more casual players need reminding on a regular basis, C, If we have 2500 residents, this leaves almost 2000 still not involved. So the questions are:

- A. Do you prefer competition?
- B. Do you prefer casual play?
- C. Ideas to reach out to the non-members?

Thank you for taking time to offer your thoughts
Please respond by email to: Don Evons

U.S.TENNIS OPEN

This is the last call for tickets to the Open in New York. Date: August 30. Bus leaved Springfield at 7:00 AM, returning approximately 7:00 PM. Price: 120.00, \$55.00 due now (if seats still available.)

Contact Don Evons

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Wednesday July 4th, we will hold our traditional celebration, with all activities in action. Tennis requires sign-up, since teams are created (see bulletin board for sign-up sheet). Pickleball suggests it, so they know how many to accommodate. All others: just come and enjoy. Just \$5.00 for food, drink and fun.

We bought a few extra tee shirts and they will be on sale on the 4th (\$25.00). When they are gone.

LADIES WICKING T-SHIRT



(Both ladies and men's have the HMSG logo.)

SHUFFLEBOARD

Have you noticed that they are playing every Wednesday and Saturday? Look for the street signs at our entrances.

BOCCE

League play has started and will conclude in September. For those not involved in "the league", we encourage you to bring a friend and just "have fun". You may reserve a court; either at the court or on ROCO (see below) or gamble and just show up.

PICKLEBALL, TABLE TENNIS & TENNIS

See ROCO for open play times and court availability.

POOL/BILLIARDS

The 8-ball team is planning a 8 Ball tournament open to all HM residents beginning in May. There will be two player teams and if you do not have a partner one will be found for you. The matches will be held in the Community Center Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4 pm to 5:30 pm, and Saturdays 9 am to noon. More details are in the May Guide and Digest. Questions or registration should be directed to Mike "Rocky" Rackover,

ROCO

Hershey's Mill Computerized Court Scheduling System

(See when courts are in use)

Log on to see when the courts are in use (reserve from home optional) for the following sports:

Bocce* Paddle Tennis, Pickleball* Shuffleboard, Table Tennis & Tennis

**(Updated information may be available at the courts)*

[<hersheysmill.onlinecourtreservations.com>](http://hersheysmill.onlinecourtreservations.com)

(No password is required to view schedule on your computer or tablet or smart phone)

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