

HMSG Facility Report of Tuesday May 14, 2019

An early and dry spring enabled a jump start on spring maintenance to our facilities. After several years of complaints the tennis and bocce courts received a major mold removal and tennis grooming. The tennis courts are now in great shape awaiting inner club competition. Bruce Sellers and his son scraped the mold off the courts on their knees. A sad ending came a week after when Bruce had a major heart attack and died almost instantly. He was only 60 and to all appearances in good shape. He was a fan of tennis and a key worker for Hershey's Mill. He will be missed.

The polar bear pickle ball group played through the winter most any day above 40 degrees. The only loss was activity on the paddle courts. With the growth of pickle ball, paddle requires a large player base to fulfill its destiny at Hershey's Mill. Some are asking the value of our paddle courts.

The anticipated elevator for the community center has been postponed, which has postponed the promised second pool table. In spite of the lack of facilities Joe Silio's team had numerous meets and successes.

The biggest addition to our facilities over the winter was the tennis pavilion. Shade for tennis has been needed ever since pickleball took over courts 1 and 2. With the addition of Karl Grentz as our liaison with the master association things seem to be happening. Once it was approved it went up fairly quickly. I am confident that the shade it offers will be an attraction for more play and spectators. A formal dedication is planned for the Play Day Thursday after the May 23 EXPO.

Our facilities advocate are always open to suggestions. I have heard of desires for lights for bocce, and shade for shuffle