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## **FEBRUARY SCHEDULE**

TO PLAY WITH GMP INDOORS YOU MUST BE A MEMBER. NON- MEMBERS PAY \$5.00 PER SESSION OUTDOORS.

	INDOOR NEW HOPE CHURCH	OUTDOOR TOWN COURTS (weather permitting)
MONDAY	OPEN PLAY 8:30-12:30	(wedater permitting)
TUESDAY	3.5+ Play 8:30-10:30 OPEN PLAY 10:30-12:30	OPEN PLAY 8:00-12:00
WEDNESDAY	OPEN PLAY 8:30-12:30	
THURSDAY	3.5+ Play 8:30-10:30 OPEN PLAY 10:30-12:30	OPEN PLAY 8:00-12:00
FRIDAY	OPEN PLAY Sign up on Team Reach since a member opens the door 8:30-12:30	
SATURDAY	OPEN PLAY Sign up on Team Reach since a member opens the door 8:30-12:30	ROUND ROBIN FORMAT-SIGNUP 8:00- BEGIN PLAY AT 8:30

Saturday play will continue through March and the board will re-evaluate Saturday play at the March board meeting.

No indoor play at the church on Sat, Feb 8

### **GMP UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS**

**SPRING FLING—MARCH 18 AND 20** 

WATCH THE GMP EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILS

## **Congratulations to the January 16 Sweet 16 Winners**

3.0 1st Susan Wilmot; 2nd Joan Kennen; 3rd Nancy Doerer3.5 1st Melody Sumner; 2nd Lee Ann Holm; 3rd Lori Hamm

#### **GMP BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Carl Holm, President
Judy Weaver, Vice President
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Linda Lichtendahl, Secretary
Sharon Harley, Member at Large
Karen Grant, Member at Large
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# GMP BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 20 3:00 PM NEW HOPE CHURCH

GMP Board Meetings are open and any GMP member may attend.



Download the app on your phone (from your app store). Enter the Group Code GMP2024.



\$200

## FEBRUARY 2025

## It's Time to Get Serious PADDLE UP!

Cedaredge Board of Trustees has approved moving forward with recreation projects with courts, the skate park and more. The first phase includes construction of new outdoor

courts (2 tennis courts overlaid with 8 pickleball courts) off Old Goat Trail (golf maintenance area) and refurbishing existing courts at Town Park (basketball + soccer mini pitch).

Efforts are underway to apply for grants, which score better with community grassroots efforts. One donor has pledged to

match up to \$10,000 if we can get enough other pledges/donations by June 1. Please help us reach this goal! Spread the word – this is not limited to GMP and GMP offers tax benefits as a 501(c)3 non-profit.

Contact Karen Grant at <a href="mailto:karendeegrant@gmail.com">karendeegrant@gmail.com</a> to make a pledge/donation and/or help with fundraising.

## Clarifying "Competitive" Play

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30—10:30 am are designated as 3.5+ play (aka "competitive play"). So what does this mean? Players play hard, which includes driving the ball hard with purpose (not just pace), consistent serves, strategically placing all types of shots (drops, drives, volleys, lobs), and partnering for coverage and to avoid conflict. This tends to favor players with skills that equate to low-3.5 and up. Competitive play does not imply that you intend to compete in tournaments.

Skill levels are self-rated and GMP will never prohibit any player from participating. That said, some players enjoy games with partners who play at their level. On any given Tuesday/Thursday there are players at several levels. GMP skill levels range from beginner to 4.0+. GMP started as a social group where players are generally happy to play with anyone. Many players have improved, in part, by mixing all levels of players. Also, drills with Judy Fairchild, playing in round robins and tournaments are great ways to develop your skills. TeamReach affords ability to find a partner and prepare for tournaments outside of the busy play time (typically the first two hours). During busy times, please keep the rotation going and refrain from one specific partner.

The GMP Board of Directors is continually reviewing how we schedule our courts and we welcome suggestions from members.