



JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

December News

Members enjoyed a delicious dinner and good company at our seasonal celebration at Tottenham's Taste of Freedom. Thanks to Gord Munro for suggesting this venue for our social event.



Social Director, Helen "Rudolph" Wilks (above) and Pam Cybulski organized some festive trivia. Congratulations to the winning team, below!



Caroline Carreiro got us all in the festive spirit in the week leading up to Christmas, dressing in white like Frosty ❄️, red and white like candy canes, and wearing our finest Christmas accessories, pajamas and ugly Christmas sweaters.



January News

We now have 138 members! Nearly 60% more than reported in last month's newsletter! Keep spreading the word!

Our Wed. and Fri. evenings of play starting in the week of Jan. 6 at Banting Memorial High School and running through till Spring filled up quickly! Great to see so many people new to pickleball joining in. Your feedback about evening play will help us with future plans.

January holiday play times at both the Alliston Memorial Area and Tottenham Community and Fitness Centre have been *extremely* popular!

We have applied for one grant (Tim Horton's Smile Cookie campaign; thanks to Bob Moss) and are investigating others (Ontario Trillium Foundation, Town of New Tecumseth Community Support Grant).

We'd love to hear your ideas and have your assistance for

- * social events
- * fundraising/grant applications
- * spring-through-fall 2025 activities
- * setting up certified instructor time
- * a FUN members tournament

Pickleball Trivia

How did pickleball get its unusual name? Find out, or have fun making up your own explanation, and submit your response to info@newtecpickleball.org. Answers will be shared in the next newsletter...



Warren and Larry trying to make Pickleball a winter sport.

President's Message

Happy New Year to all! The theme this year is "Come Alive in '25!" And what that means to me is that it's time to get going, Full Steam Ahead! During the past 3 months your executive has increased membership substantially, created a buzz within New Tecumseth, initiated evening play TWO nights a week and just so much more. All these happenings, plus others, come at a cost, not necessarily financial, but more importantly: *time*. Time is something we all treasure: time to play pickleball, time to travel, time with family and friends. Time is as valuable as life itself. Many of you know this, yourselves. I do, as well. For that reason, I ask each of you, What can you do to give back some time to your executives? Gord Munro and Pam Cybulski stepped forward and helped with the Christmas social, Geri Cale provided some groundwork for grants and presented a box of chocolates on behalf of all NTPC members to the AMA staff for Christmas, Helga Meerburg provided home-baked cookies during Spirit Week which was organized by Caroline Carreiro, and Bob Moss

presented the idea of becoming involved with the “Smile Cookie Campaign” at Tim Hortons. Members stepping forward like those and others makes a club whole. After all, this is **your** club and **you** can make a difference. Please step forward when your executive directors request help, or present an idea to get the ball rolling.

Myself, I no longer see additional courts as a dream, but as a reality for New Tec: we have the membership, we have the *need*, we have Council’s attention. The AMA had close to 40 players on the floor pad at one time during winter break. You all must be thinking as I am, What are we going to do come June and we become reduced to 2 outdoor courts in Alliston? Be worried. You love the sport, but how can you continue when there is no place to play nearby? Here is a subtle suggestion: speak your mind to your friends, New Tecumseth staff, and your elected officials, and keep at it. Tell them you have concerns. The more buzz that they hear, the greater the opportunities that exist. This is how you will help me get you what we all deserve: more dedicated courts. Over the last few months, I have shared many media articles on other municipalities’ pickleball clubs’ advancements and defeats in their efforts to get additional courts--Newmarket, Orillia, Peterborough, North Bay, and so many more. These clubs worked hard, with their club members and elected officials all standing together. Currently, your executive is working on setting goals. Soon, I will share with you the club’s goals and planned activities. I will need you and your ideas of how you will participate to ensure these goals are met. “Come Alive in ’25!” Let's do it together! Thank you, all. See you on the courts!
Robert

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<https://secure.pickleballcanada.org/club/new-tec-pickleball-club/39029/>

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