



Dear Club Members,

Season's greetings, everyone! I hope this message finds you feeling festive and already enjoying the holiday season. Hard to believe it, but this is my final message to you as President—and what a year we've had together!

Looking back on our very first year as a club, all I can say is: **wow**. We achieved more than anyone could have imagined, and we've built a strong foundation for the years ahead. Meeting so many of you and hearing how proud and excited you are to be part of this club has been one of the true highlights of my role. Thank you for your support, your enthusiasm, and your trust.

And guess what? We're just getting started.

Big opportunities are coming in 2026, and some of our past successes will be shining again. Yes, it's true—we don't **yet** have a home court to call our own. But remember, we're only finishing year one, and we've already hit key milestones that let us start applying for grants. Our foot is officially in the door, and together we'll keep climbing, step by step.

I hear you when you say, "We just wanna play!" Trust me—I do, too. Our sport has exploded in popularity, and with 206 members, the town didn't quite expect the pickleball boom we brought with us.

The good news: our voice is being heard. We're in ongoing discussions with the town council and the recreation department, and we're no longer "just a club"—we're a partner they recognize and respect. With your continued support, we'll keep pushing for space, resources, and improvements, and offering all the fun events and socials we know you love.

Speaking of events—come out and join in! They're not only a great way to meet people and enjoy the game, but they also show the town just how strong and committed our community is. You built this club from nothing, and now you're known by local officials as go-to experts in all things pickleball. That's something to be proud of.

On behalf of the entire executive team, I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday season and a bright, inspiring New Year. Thank you for making this first year so memorable—I can't wait to see what we accomplish together in the next one.

With gratitude and best wishes,

President Robert Meerburg (robert@newtecpickleball.org.)

