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Hello Pickleball Club Member,

I want to thank each of you for joining the Sisters Country Pickleball Club. Who does that? Who joins a pickleball club that has no public place to play? Well, I think it's a person who has faith in things hoped for and the club leadership appreciates the trust you have placed in us to make your hopes come true. So let me bring you up to date.

Our pickleball club is a committee of Sisters Park and Recreation District (SPRD). SPRD has been a big support to us in getting this effort off the ground. In particular, I want to thank the new Executive Director, Jenifer Holland for her enthusiastic support. SPRD has a strong partnership with Sisters School District and this has also provided us a great benefit.

We are in the process of getting bids to refurbish the Sisters Elementary School Tennis Courts into 4 permanent pickleball courts. We have one bid and expect to have a second before Thanksgiving. Our plan is to get three bids. If the club leadership feels that they can accept one of these bids, we will move forward. Our hope would be that the resurfacing process would begin in the spring of 2020 as soon as weather permits.

We expect this site to be available to us for only a period of 3-5 years due to the pending construction of a roundabout at the corner of Locus and Highway 20. The visibility of this location makes it the perfect place to promote the sport of pickleball in Sisters Country. During this time period we hope to find property for a permanent home.

In the meantime we continue to explore other options in the event that the bids come in too high.

On November 8, the Club held its first fund raiser and through the generosity of local crafts people and artists, and your support, we were able to raise \$3000.00 dollars toward the refurbishing of the courts. For that we thank you.

We are also planning to teach our first beginning pickleball class the week of January 20, 2020. More information will be coming through Sisters Park and Recreation District.

Through the generosity of Sisters Community Church, Sisters Academy has made their gym space available to play pickleball on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00-12:00 noon. Come and join in the fun.

In closing, my plans are to keep you informed as we make progress in completing our goals. If you have any questions, feel free to address them through the email address above.

Clark Brody
President