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I have a long history in USA Table Tennis as a two-time Olympian and a member of the USATT Hall of Fame. However, I am here to speak to you as a passionate member of USATT who wants to see the sport grow and flourish. Like most USATT members, our table tennis journey started at the club level, and our love for the sport continued to grow because of what clubs brought to us – a place to improve, socialize, and make lifetime friendships.

I've been all over the world playing table tennis and have seen how the most successful countries have the strongest club structures. Clubs are the backbone of the sport, and so we must focus on how to support and grow our clubs.

USATT has never had a particularly close relationship with clubs. It's time for USATT to truly recognize their value and create a true partnership. If I am elected to the Board, I will work with Board members and the CEO to ensure that club growth is a top priority for USATT. I will work with the Board, staff, and committees to make sure we develop and execute plans – in particular, the Clubs & Leagues Committee, the Coaching Committee, the Junior Committee, and the Tournament Committee. (There are already some excellent things coming out of these committees and staff.)

We need to:

- Promote club events.
- Create programs to help clubs increase revenue.
- Work with clubs to develop coaching and junior programs.
- Develop club leagues at different levels to provide more activities for club members.
- Provide resources to clubs, especially in the areas of tournament, league, and club management software. (I am already involved with this as a member of the USATT Technology and Innovation Committee.)
- Make sure the communication between USATT and clubs are efficient and effective.

How will I do these things? The Board of Directors controls both committee selections and the budget. That means I will be a strong voice in making sure we have knowledgeable, creative, and active members on USATT committees, especially those that pertain to club development, and that we give them the resources needed to fulfill their plans. As an elite athlete, I know that the way to get to the next level is to focus and take it one step at a time. I want us to take those first steps . . . and beyond. I've been all over the world playing table tennis and have seen that the most successful countries have the strongest club structures. Between the Board, committees, and the professional staff, there's a lot we can do – and I can't wait to get started!