



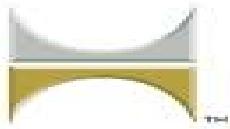
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Manitoba News
Submitted by Dan Tereck

Manitoba Open Results

The Manitoba Open, the biggest scratch bowling event we have in Manitoba, took place on January 4th and 5th. We had 78 entries, with many from out-of-province, such as Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Ontario, as well as from the U.S. - North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota.

This was the 33rd year for this tournament, and it may have been the first time that the final match was between two Winnipeggers - **Mike Schmidt**, and **Joe Franchewski** duked it out in the finals, with Schmidt ending up victorious and capturing the title for a record 5th time!

You can see all the details of the tournament, including scores, as well as the history of the Manitoba Open. There are also many many pictures. Go to www.chateaulanes.ca/manitobaOpen.html

Former Youth Champion Rolls his First 800 Series

Catlin Crandall, a former Youth Champion, bowled his first-ever sanctioned 800 series on January 26, 2014. He was bowling at Chateau Lanes in an Adult-Youth Doubles Tournament (he was the adult), and started things off with quite a bang - his first three games were 248, 286, and 279, for a total of 813!

And what a week he had. On January 24th, he rolled a 300 game during league play in the Greater Winnipeg Classic League (also at Chateau Lanes), as well as a 298 game in the Winnipeg Senior Men's League on January 21st (at Laverendrye Lanes).

Congratulations Catlin!!

Windsor Essex Chatham-Kent Bowling Association
Submitted by Catherine Wilbur



This season the **50th Anniversary of Sanctioned Youth 10-Pin Bowlers** in Windsor and Essex-Kent counties is being celebrated. They were sanctioned through the American Junior Bowling Congress in 1964. This name was later changed to the Young American Bowling Alliance. The original name of the youth association was Essex County Junior 10 pin Bowling Council, and a few months later it was renamed the Essex County Junior Bowling Association (ECJBA). This name remained until 2004 when the men, women, and youth associations became one under the Canadian Tenpin Federation.

The first meeting of the ECJBA was held in July, 1964. The leagues started in September of that year with approximately 400 youth bowlers. In the late 70s there were approximately 2400 participating members. Today there are approximately 400 bowlers participating in six bowling centres.



This is the 50th year of the Teams-Doubles-Singles Championship Tournaments, and the Scratch Singles and Family Doubles Tournaments were started about ten years later. In November, the 25th Annual Scholarship Tournament was held. At the completion of this season, the 50th Annual Awards Banquet will be held when all of the tournament winners, Bowlers of the Year, All-Star Teams, and Volunteer of the Year will be recognized.

There has been a terrific volunteer base over the years with some of them serving the youth for 49, 42 and 34 years, and there are quite a number who have been serving for more than ten. We would like to thank the Youth Committee of the Windsor Essex Chatham Kent Bowling Association for putting this historical article together in celebration of the 50th Anniversary.

Another MacLelland - Look Familiar? Submitted by Donna Lloyd

Steven MacLelland, a member of the Windsor Essex Chatham-Kent Bowling Association, at the age of 28, recently bowled his 22nd 800 series. Steve bowled an 865 series honour score with games of 289, 299, and 277 in the Thursday Major Handicap League at Rose Bowl on January 2, 2014.

He said he made a 4 board adjustment at the arrows per game and he used the same ball all three games. I knew I had a chance at a big series after the second game so I just tried not to think about it and just bowl one frame at a time. To keep myself calm I just talked to people around me about anything but bowling. I also sat down every frame to keep myself from pacing.

Steve was asked what his primary motivation was in bowling and he indicated that he just wants to be the best he can be, striving to be better than the year before. He wants to make his father, who passed away 5½ years ago, proud of how successful he has become in the sport. He said he only bowls two nights a week but he tries to bowl in as many tournaments as possible. With working so many hours, there is little time to spend practicing. His family is important to him so he does not bowl as much. He still carries a 233 average.

Steve indicated that he would like to thank the following people for his current success: his wife Clarissa for tolerating my love and passion for the sport of bowling; equipment drillers Jordan Vanover in Saginaw Michigan and Dan Aqwa in Windsor Ontario; twin brother Dan (pro-bowler) for helping him get connected with Track; Rich Hanson the Brand Manager from Track. Without each of these individuals this would not have been possible. As I was talking to Steven I had the privilege to watch him bowl an 814 series (247, 279, and 288). He was bowling on the same pair of lanes where he bowled the previous 865 honour score a month before.

His father, Len, is definitely looking down from above, and is very proud of his son's current success.





Calgary News

Submitted by Dave Kist

Let us start off this issue with our brightest stars of the game – the future of our great sport. Yes that's right, it's the youth..... and it's the Four Steps to Stardom time. Congratulations to Century Bowlers qualifying to compete in the Provincial Championships on March 2 at Gateway Entertainment Centre in Edmonton:



Bantam's - Lillian Colburne, Augusta Bockman, Dawson Daley and Jarrod Henderson



Junior Girls - Julie Bernier, Keira Davick & Joenica Garcia



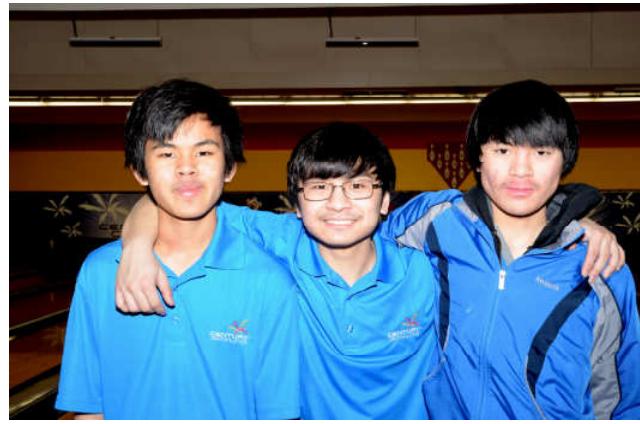
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Senior Girls - Gemma Oxley, Meghan Kruschel and Chelsea Oxley



The Sanchez Boys, Gabriel, David & Daniel – A real force to be reckoned with.....



And the high games keep on coming with pins flying everywhere. Congratulations to the following bowlers who all received watches for their 100 pins or more over average in a single game....



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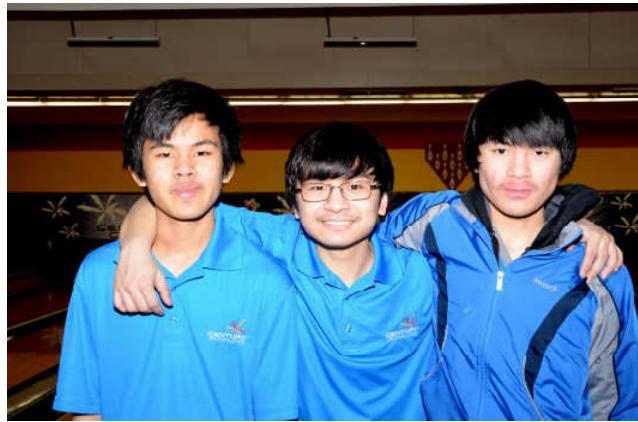
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Scott Ellsworth (228) with Lynn Dorey (FTA Manager)



Bien Tenorino (255) with Dave Kist



Dave Kist with Brenda Counley (258)



L-R Dave Kist, Liz Wong (278), Don Rogers (278) & Ryan Hauser (279)



L - R is Alexander Ximenez (for his perfect game at the CMC's in Winnipeg), Dave Kist and Santos Cuadra (Alexander Doubles partner when the 300 was bowled)



Dave Kist with Lori Rasmussen (276)



Dave Kist with Beverly Melsom (248)



Kent Berg (278) with Dave Kist

ARE YOU READY?????

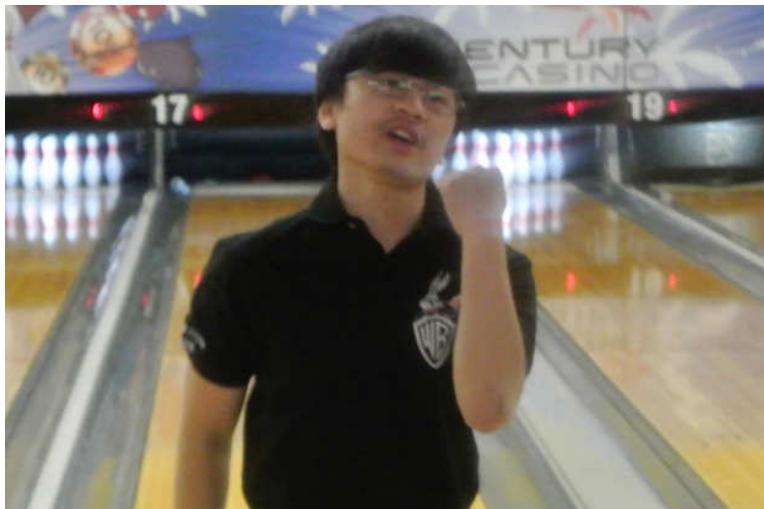


Phyl Doran sure looks ready



John Doran & Jim Coleman are just begging for more information – Ready, ready for what they want to know

Yes, that's right – It is tournament round up time



**Oh Yeah, I love tournament time!
says David Sanchez**



FTA 8'th Annual – Century Bowl, Calgary – Jan 25 & 26

What a turn out! We had a record number of entries – 280, in total this year versus 219 last year – that's up 27.9%. This year there were 89 singles, 63 doubles, 29 teams and 99 all events entered and the total payout back to the bowlers was **\$6,451.50**. On an apples-to-apples comparison versus the other big tournaments, our association averaged 46.7 entries per shift. This blows the provincials and nationals away with the national record entry level of 31.8 entries per shift and last year's provincials of 32.2 entries per shift – proof positive that tournament bowling is alive and growing in Calgary. This year we expanded to a two-day event for the first time.

Next year's event has already been booked for a return to Let's Bowl on Jan 24/25 and look for scratch options to be added to our events list.....To see some of the action from this year, go to <http://photoshare.shaw.ca/view/15710790115-1393090691-61714/> for lots of photos from the tournament. Password is FTA

Congratulations to our winners:



Team Champs:

Miranda Lacroix, Roger D'Souza, David Sanchez and Michael de Leon

With a score of 2,849 they bested second place by 11 pins, 14 over third and 20 over 4'th place. A hotly contested event this year



Doubles Champs:

Dave Kist with Champs Rob and Mavis DaSilvia

Their score of 1,505 was hard to catch with second a distant 62 pins behind



Men's Singles & A/E Champ:

Chad Adams with Brett Jenkins (FTA Vice President & Tournament Director)

Chad's 765 edged out Chris Holloway by 9 pins to take the singles crown and his 2,151 was just 16 pins ahead of runner up Rob DaSilvia in the All Events



Women's Singles Champ

Flor Sampang with Dave Kist

Flor rolled 750 to take the title by 15 pins over Stephanie Fast

Women's A/E Champ

Dave Kist, champ Stephanie Fast and Brett Jenkins

Stephanie's 2,135 score nudged out Cora Garrido by only 5 pins to take the Ladies A/E title

Boxing Day Handicapped – Century Bowl, Calgary – Dec 26

20 Bowlers opted out of the Boxing Day crowds in the malls to take to the lanes for some singles action. The top 5 bowlers went through a stepladder finish to crown the winner in the 1st annual event. **Russ Quiring** defeated **Dan McNamara** 245 to 240 to then take on and best **Butch Parales** 230 to 195. Russ then met **Rod Sampang** in the semi finals, but lost 171 to the 216 thrown by Rod. So the championship match came down to Rod Sampang and **Julie Quack**, the tournament's top 5-game shooter in the final match. Julie would not be denied on this day and took home the championship crown 213 to Rod's 186.

Boxing Day Scratch – Let's Bowl, Calgary – Dec 26

18 Bowlers took to the lanes for the scratch crown and **Jack Guay** emerged as the 2013 champion

Valentine's Doubles – Let's Bowl, Calgary – Feb 15

This scotch doubles (alternate ball) event went right down to the wire. After 6 games the top 4 doubles were only 22 pins apart and the top 3 doubles were a mere 4 pins top to 3rd. Congratulations go out to **Santos Cuadra** and wife **Fabiola** on finishing 5th with a 6 game total of 1,342 – 4th place with 1,377 went to **Michel**



Habrun/Margrit Owen, 3rd with 1,385 to **Matt Laframboise/Sarah Johnson** (bowling in her first ever tournament). The runners-up, with 1,386, were **Erin/Reeve** and this years winners with a 1,389 – do you recognize them?



That's right it is **Dave Kist and Lynn Dorey**, the 2013 CMC's doubles co-champs. Don't they look so cute in their matching bowling shirts.....

And here is **Sarah Johnson**. Having bowled in her first tournament ever and placing 3rd. We're sure she's going to be giving her doubles partner **Matt Laframboise** a real run for his money down the road.....



Calgary Bowlers – Your Important dates coming up are:

March 1 – Century 6, a handicap and scratch 6-game event at Century Bowl, Calgary, Alberta

March 2 – YBC 4 steps to Stardom at Gateway Entertainment Centre, Edmonton



March 9 – ATPA Scratch Qualifier, a 10-game event for the right to represent Alberta at the Canadian Team Trials May 16 to 19 in Toronto. Top 4 men, 4 women, 2 male youth and 2 female youth will each have their \$300 entry fee paid for them and receive up to \$700 in travel expenses to compete and represent our great province.

March 16 – Alberta Provincial Doubles at Century Bowl

April 17 & 18 – Apollo's 32nd annual Western Cup at Let's Bowl, Calgary.

April 24 to 27 – Canadian Mixed Championships in Montreal. Defending champions and current CMC Team record holders, **Jenn Mckinnon, Jim Coleman, Lynn Dorey and Margrit Owen** will be joined by **Julie Quach, Larry Cline, Richard Riley and Ron Hoh** in representing Alberta this year.

April 26 – CTF Annual General Meeting in Montreal. Hope to hear on 2015 CMC hosting award as the FTA has a bid in to host this event.

April 26 – National Classifieds Provincial round at Century Bowl, Calgary

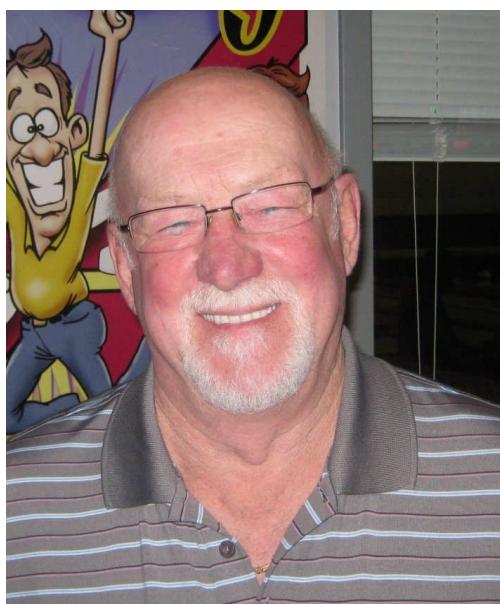
May 29 to June 2 – Canadian Youth Championships in Sudbury. Calgary hosted this event last spring.

June 21 & 22 – National Classified Championships in Saskatoon

The Movers and Shakers behind the scenes of bowling in Calgary returns next issue.....

Northern Ontario News
Submitted by Brian McLean

Jim Homeniuk Collects 3 of 4 Association Crowns



Jim Homeniuk

Andrew Hill



The Canadian Lakehead 10 Pin Association's 50th Annual Championships concluded at Mario's Bowl on February 16th. The annual sanctioned handicap Championships are for all members of the Association who have an established CTF average.

Jim Homeniuk had a very successful 50th Anniversary tournament this year. He won the singles crown, shared the doubles crown with Lionel Laprade, and won the "PETER FUCHEK MEMORIAL All-Events" trophy by averaging 211 for the nine games, scratch. He also rolled his first 700 series on route, a 714 in singles. This 714 along with 135 pins handicap gave him an 849 series - a new record for the highest total rolled in the annual championships. It also is only the second time an 800+ series has been attained.

His 617 + 135 pins handicap score, combined with his partner, Lionel Laprade's score, of a 687+102 pins handicap, posted a 1529 total for the doubles crown. His all-events total also included a 572 in the team event, which came second.

Jim Merkley with a 782 was second in singles, followed by **Chris Barbini** with a 771. **Maureen Menhart** was fourth with a 759, and was the top female in singles.

Clara Delben and **Jim Dolce** with a 1461 placed second in doubles.

The Hill Team won the team event with a three game handicap total of 2954. Helping the team were **Darryl Hill** with a 532+198 total, **Amie Lafrance** 542+144, **James Spheruk** 684+69 and **Andrew Hill** with a 746+39. This total was 7 pins better than the second place team of Laprade, Homeniuk, **Doug Kukko** and **Rod Boyd**'s 2947. Laprade was going for a team three-peat this year.

Andrew Hill, for having the highest All-Events Scratch score of 2047, will have his name inscribed on the "*GEORGE DRABEK MEMORIAL*" plaque. He averaged 235 for the nine games and has won this Award for a record four consecutive years!

HAMILTON ONTARIO NEWS

Submitted by **Jim Margueratt**

Hamilton's top ten-pinner continues to add to his impressive resume with his second 300 of the season and 17th. overall at Skyway Lanes. After an opening 223 came the '300', followed by 228 & 258 for an 1,009 set. Perfect game number 16 was turned in last October in a 996 set & seven weeks later **Art Oliver Junior** collected his seventh 800 triple with an 836 which included a pair of 289 games. Then Oliver was part of the Canadian record mixed team score of 3,743 with Amanda Lupton and Lionel & Matt Lewis. Along with the 17 perfect games, and seven 800 triples, he has five 299 games and a pair of 298's for 31 honour scores. Art's father Art Oliver Sr. has a 300 and a 299 to his credit.

Our seventh 300 of the season was recorded by **David Novak** at Star Lanes in Brantford in a 918 ("300", 229,157,232) set. As a 14-year-old in 2008, Novak scored a 299 at Skyway Lanes. After missing two weeks with an injury, **Mike Ellis** returned in action at Skyway with a bowl-out and proceeded to start with 16 strikes for a 300 game. He has two sanctioned 300 games.

Steve Smith threw an eight count of his last ball for an even 800 (286,258,256), then a 248 for 1,048 at Skyway. **Del Belanger** also was way over 1,000 as games of 262, 247,247 & 289 produced a 1,045 set at Splitsville Centre. **Shawn Anderson** holds the Hamilton record with four 300's in a season and came close to



his first this season but settled for a 298 at Splitsville. Another 298 to report by **Marc Worotny** at Skyway. Four years ago in Rochester New York at the Lilac No-Tap tournament, Worothy claimed the top prize of \$3,000, helped by a pair of no-tap 300 games.

Association Manager **Barb Hollands** usually gives out C.T.F. Century awards to deserving bowlers and she came within 11 pins of giving one to herself as she smashed a 236 single. Forty years ago, **John Manel** was a back-up quarterback for the Hamilton Tiger Cats. Now he can add a 290 game to his resume along with a 195 average.

Happy 90th. birthday to **Stan "Buddy" Dumala**, the co-founder of Skyway Lanes in 1957. Stan's grandson has three perfect games and a 299 at Skyway.

A former Skyway bowler **Paul Kurchik**, 85, has passed away, and for many years he was a regular at Tim Hortons Store Number One on Ottawa St. in Hamilton and picked up a few souvenirs when they renovated a few years ago. Now it looks like any other store, other than a "Store Number One" plaque out front.

Where the Hamilton Eaton downtown store was years ago, there are rumours about a "bowling-themed" entertainment centre with 20"cosmic" lanes, two bars and restaurant to be built. "Thunder Alley" will cover 40,000 square feet and hopes to be ready to roll by summer. If true it will be the first bowling house in downtown Hamilton in over 40 years.

Hamilton Tenpin Trivia:

In 1947, the downtown Connaught Bowling & Billiards, later called Midtown, had 26 lanes on the second, third & fourth floors. It closed in 1972 because of lack of parking and having to carry 16-pound bowling balls up the stairs.

A report has **Bill Smith** rolling a 450 in 1929.

Lionel Lewis claims that his latest conversion of the 7 - 10 split is his 14th.

Before **Loretta Wallace** rolled a 299 in 1986, she had 147, 167 & 173.

In U.S. bowling trivia, comedian Bob Newhart was a pin-boy at eight-lane Austin-Madison in Chicago in the 1940's. If he didn't like a bowler, he would "offset" the five pin just a bit, making a strike more difficult.

Newhart also bowled and carried a 170 average. Not bad for the 1940's. From pin-boy, to bowler, to television star. Maybe there is hope for me as I was a pin-boy, and now a bowler.

Kelowna Tenpin Bowling Association News

Submitted by Nancy Cobb

I can't believe it...only 5 weeks left in the 2013/14 bowling season! It sure has gone fast. There is always so much going on at this time of year!

The KTBA hosted its annual New Year's Day Tournament, it is always such a fun event. **Alf Kowalyk** and his doubles partner **Erwin Ditz** took home the win this year.

The 2nd annual Andre Blanleil Memorial Scratch Tournament was held in January, such a great format, it was really nice to see lots of new faces out this year. The winners of the 4-game singles were: **Terry Tremblay** in the A Division and **Trevor Shmitke** in the B Division. After the doubles stepladder finals, the pairing of **Norm Wright** and **Sherman Radke** came out on top.



The World Cup Provincials were hosted by McCurdy Bowling Centre in January - McCurdy's **Chris Bunnage** and Splitsville's **Kim Green** will be off to the Nationals in Laval Quebec in March.

The BCTF Youth Provincials were held Feb.16th with four of our Kelowna youth taking home medals. **Amy Buchanan** earned silver in the Bantam Girls Division and **Jacob Hadikin** earned bronze in the Junior Boy Division. In the Intermediate Divisions, **Graeme McDonald** and **Courtney Hamann** brought home gold and will be representing BC at the CTF Nationals in Sault Ste. Marie at the end of May.

The KTBA recently lost one of its long time members. **Wilf Manning** passed away on Feb.9th. Not only was Wilf a bowling member of the KTBA, but he was also a board member in years past. Our thoughts are with Wilf's family.

On behalf of the KTBA, I would like to wish all the CTF members good bowling in the final leg of the season.



First Youth Perfect Game in League History

Submitted by Joe Lund

We received the following in January:

My name is Joe Lund I am a League Official (Manager) of the Sandcastle Junior Bowling League here in Surrey/White Rock, BC. I'm writing to tell you that on Dec.7, 2013 I had one of my youth bowlers roll a perfect game during league play, the first in Sandcastle's sanctioned league history! He rolled a 226, 300, 211, totaling 737. His average is currently 197. His name is **Devon Furnell**, and is a registered CTF bowler.

In general things are going quite well with the Sandcastle Juniors, attendance is up, morale is up, and so are the averages. Thank You for your time.

We then asked Mr. Lund to provide more information, for inclusion into the CTF Connection, and he kindly did so, and did it very well. Here is what he submitted...

A Conversation with Devon:

Q: Tell us a little about yourself. How long have you been bowling?

A: I've been bowling about 7 years. I'm now 20 years old.

Q: Who are your influences, past and present?

A: My grandfather, Ray Ashton - he pushes me to always do better and strive for greatness. I don't watch a lot of the professional bowlers on television.

Q: What kind of ball do you use? What weight is it? How about your spare ball?

A: I've been using a Brunswick Fury and a Lane Masters Black Pearl as my go-to balls. They are both 15 pounds. My spare ball is a T-Zone.

Q: Tell us about your technique. Do you use a two-handed style, or are you more conventional?

A: I find two-handed bowling to be inaccurate over my more conventional style, but it's all about personal preferences.

Q: You came over this year to Sandcastle Juniors from a league and lanes that closed its doors. Are you enjoying your new surroundings? Are you feeling encouraged and inspired?

A: Yes I am. They have great coaches that are always pushing you to do better and pushing you to achieve your goals.

Q: In tournament play, how far have you gone in the past and where do you want to go?

A: I placed 3rd in Provincials for Four Steps to Stardom, and I want to make it to the Nationals before I age out.

Q: Let's talk about your 300 game. Tell me about the 10th frame.

A: I wasn't very nervous until I threw the tenth strike - that's when it sunk in that I could shoot a 300.





Q: What advice do you have for future 300 game bowlers?

A: As hard as it is, stay calm and do your best to keep consistent ball speed.

Q: What advice do you have for young bowlers out there?

A: Always push to be better, and constantly strive to get even one pin over your average, or your previous high game or series scores.

His Future Looks Bright!

Submitted by Lisa Nerona



Fifteen year old **Nathan Nerona**, who is in grade 10 at Stevenson-London secondary school in Vancouver, bowled his first 300 game on February 9th, 2014 at The Zone Bowling Centre.

Nathan was a member of the Bantam boy's team from BC who won a Silver medal at the CTF Canadian Youth Championships in 2011. This year ,Nathan will be a member of the Junior boy's team competing at the CTF CYC.

With a love for two sports, baseball and bowling, Nathan made a decision to take bowling to another level this year by working on his game; he has improved his average by 30 pins!

Jordan Spencer - First 300 Game

Submitted by Gus Badali

A short story about a young man who will be leaving this Sunday for Australia!

Jordan Spencer, a junior youth bowler and an adult spare bowler from Kingston had set a goal and he has finally accomplished it last night, in the Men's Commercial League at the Proust Bowling Centre, in Kingston.



His goal was to score a perfect game that dream has now come true. He can now cross "bowling a perfect game" off of his bucket list. Jordan will be leaving to go to school in Sydney Australia, and will be gone for approximately two years - but before he left, he has earned a CTF 300 Ring!

For all of your efforts we congratulate you. You will be missed here in Kingston and by your Youth Bowling Tour Family. Keep in touch.



Jordan had a comment after seeing this. "Hey now.. First SANCTIONED 300... I pre-bowled one in October too haha".

Naylor Gets His First
Submitted by: Dan Tereck

Liam Naylor bowled his first career 300 on January 27th, at Chateau Lanes in Winnipeg. And this was no ordinary perfect game.

He achieved this milestone while bowling in the Monday night WTBA League. This league only uses World Tenpin Bowling Association lane oiling patterns when they bowl. On that night, they were using what's known as the "Montreal" pattern. His first perfecto - one he should truly be proud of. Congratulations Liam!



Another Youth Bowler Gets His First 300
Submitted by Dan Tereck



Sean Coutts, one of our strong local Senior youth bowlers, after having come close many times in the past few years, finally threw the 12th strike for his first-ever 300 game. And he picked a great time to do it. He was bowling in an Adult-Youth Doubles tournament on January 24th at Chateau Lanes.

When asked to tell us about it, he supplied the following:
"I was using my Rotogrip Mutant Cell. Every ball was pocket, ten in the pit every time. The first 2 shots in the tenth I felt fine. Then the nerves starting kicking in. But I saw Rod (McKay) leave a five-pin on the pair next to me. So I put my hand up like we would do on a

Wednesday night. It gave me a good laugh and set aside the nerves just long enough to throw my last shot."

Now that Sean got that first one, we're sure there will be many more! Congratulations Sean!

ROGERS TV CUP

Fourteen teams from Southern Ontario will take to the lanes on April 12, 2014 at Bowlerama Barrie for the 1st Annual Rogers TV Cup. Each team will be coached by either a current or past Team Canada member, a Pro Bowler, an alumni of the YBT, or a current or past CTF Hall of Famer.

Thanks to the support of our sponsors, each team and coach has been supplied with a Sponsor shirt.



Our sponsors include: Leisure Lanes, Northern Projects Inc, Innovative Automation, Signs of Innovation, Sanders Pro Shop, Cole Carriers Corp, Bowlers on a Roll, Brad Angelo Lanes, Patene Building Supplies, Keyz Thankz, & Continental Bureau Investigations.

Graham Construction has provided gift bags for a team along with tickets to the Toronto Raptors Basketball game April 14, 2014 (\$400.00 value). Tickets will be sold in Kingston (see Gus Badali & Laurie Gatto or Karen Gallant), and London (see Sonia & Kevin Mitchell), and at the next YBT. The draw will take place at the Rogers TV Cup.

Bowlerama Barrie has donated the lanes for the day's event.

Steve Travers, the Barrie Town Crier will be offering his proclamation before the event. There will be a special February newsletter edition that will showcase the coaches will some small fun tidbits on them!

Ice Alley, will be live-streaming the event with Kevin Mitchell & Zachary Wilkins commentating. Get your voices cleared and be prepared to be interviewed.

Forty (40) rooms have been blocked at the Travelodge—300 Bayfield St (Bayfield & 400) which is a 3-minute walking distance to the centre. The cost of the hotel is \$99.99/night plus tax. The cut-off date to book your room is March 28th. To book your room, please call 877.361.2499 and quote the reservation number 69890237 ROGERS TV CUP.

Southern Ontario's teams are: Pin Busters; Hambone Hi-Rollers; Coverstock Chameleons; Pin Strikers; Ball Strikers; Pick up Sticks; Too Legit to Split; Reverse Block Rollers, Velocity Strikers, Shark Shooters, We've Been Framed, All Star Strikers and Kickback Crankers.

YBC 4 STEPS NATIONAL TEAM - TEAM SOUTHERN ONTARIO





Provincial Round for the YBC 4 Steps was held February 22 at Burlington Bowl. The competition for Southern Ontario is fierce. As a parent having been in this situation, it is extremely stressful to watch the scoring come down to the last few frames to clinch the Gold title. The weekend of the YBC Provincials was no different. In the Bantam Division, the Boys division was a nail-biter. **Nicholas Blagojevic** emerged with the gold with an 836, followed closely by Silver Medalist **Yannick Morrison** (832) & **Cole Sitzes** (825). And the Bantam Girls followed suit. Capturing 1st place with a 733 is **Brianna Villeneuve** followed by **Mya Conway** (723) & **Sydney Farnoli** (716). The Junior Boys Champion is **Jordan Lam** with 980, **Brenna Vaughan** (922) & **Madison Calvert** (916). Junior Girl Gold medalist is **Tyra Skillings** with 942, **Meagan Muir** (916) & **Ally Edgar** (915). Youth Team Canada members, **Miranda Panas** & **Curtis Fach** secured their first place positions with scores of 1058 & 1153. Senior silver medalists are **Mykalea Mitchell** (989) & **Sylvester Young** (1143) with **Brianna Chrysler** (918) & **Taylor Maxner** (1098) earning bronze. Congratulations and Good Luck at the Nationals in Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 3-5 2014!

QUEBEC CANADIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Introducing the Quebec Canadian Youth Champions that will be competing for the National title the first week of June in Sault Ste. Marie. Congratulations Team Quebec and Good Luck!

Bantam

Naomie Erbetta - Sherbrooke



Gabriel David - Montréal



Junior

Laurence Corbeil - Drummondville



Gabriel Rousseau - Québec



Intermédiaire

Maude Thibeault - Québec



Nathan Ruest-Lajoie - Cabano





Sénior

Andréanne Blouin - Québec



Pierre-Luc Arseneau - Québec



ONTARIO FAMILY TWOSOME

The 20th Annual Joyce Wollgar Memorial Ontario Family Twosome Tournament took place at Classic Bowl February 1 & 2. Congratulations to all participants. Each winner received scholarship awards.

PARENT/YOUTH

Emily Bond-Taylor Bowlerama Royale
Darryl Bond-Taylor 2174

PARENT/TEEN

Taelor Koundakjian Hi Way Bowl
Michelle Duguid 2115

ADULT/YOUTH

Rylee Poleon Leisure Lanes
Troy Taylor 1948

ADULT/TEEN

Mykaela Mitchell Bowlerama Royale
Jill Friis 2136

Special congratulations to Pee Wee bowler, **Zander Parsons** (4 years old) on bowling his highest game of 79!





NORTHERN ONTARIO NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to Northern Ontario's YBC 4 Steps to Stardom National Champions that will be heading out to Winnipeg, Manitoba May 3-5 2014.

Bantams: **Chastity King (895) & Tyson Baxter (809)**
Juniors: **Hayleigh Hayes-Sheen (918) & Aidan Bass (947)**
Seniors: **Haley Stolz (966) & Daniel George (1070)**

KOO ON BOWLING

Submitted by: James Koo

Bowling as a Mental Game

Earlier this month at the Woodbridge YBT tournament, I observed some great bowling by the future stars of tomorrow. There were definitely some clutch performances during match play, some great high games during qualifying and a lot of strikes in general! Although it was great to see everyone bowling well on the high-scoring oil pattern, I saw a lot of bowlers who were not impressed by their performances, despite bowling extremely well.

I'm not saying that everyone needs to be happy when they're competing in a tournament; everyone has the right to be frustrated at themselves for what they perceive as a poor performance. That being said, I believe that frustration should come after the performance occurs, and never while it is happening. Consistency is key and being focused is very important; the second you begin doubting yourself is the second that you become distracted by your own mental game.



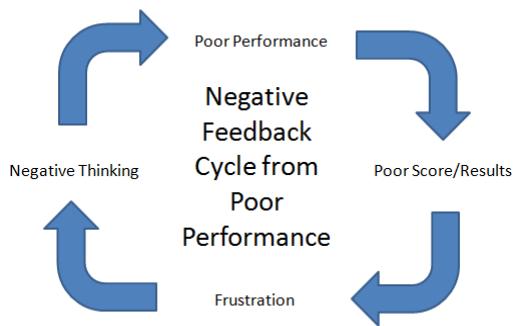
For example, I saw a bowler who was averaging the cut for their division, but was upset that they could not make their spares/strikes because of timing issues. As bowling continued, their performance decreased as they got increasingly frustrated at their timing issues, and they ultimately finished below the cut. It's important to



note that although their timing issues may have directly factored into their performance on the lanes, their timing issues also led them to believe that no matter what shot they threw, it would not be exactly perfect, which indirectly factors into each and every single shot they make.

Bowling is as much of a mental game as it is a physical game; it demands excellence and resilience in both categories. Letting your attitude become representative of your poor performance will only cause more frustration and less confidence on your following shots. This is a well-known phenomenon in sports psychology, and it stems from a concept called a negative feedback cycle. The goal for youth bowlers (myself included) is to understand that this cycle exists, and by stopping the cycle at any of these steps (reducing frustration, negative thinking), their performance will have a chance to improve during the tournament. At high competitive levels of this sport, it's all about your mental game.

Norm Duke provides a great article on his take on the mental game of bowling, I highly recommend giving this a read as well: <http://www.psychologyforeliteperformance.com/normduke.htm>



James is an undergraduate Kinesiology student at the University of Waterloo, and is in his second year of studies.



International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame

The IBM/HF received media attention recently as the featured segment on Rocky Mountain Adventure Quest. The regional program produced from Colorado visited Arlington, Texas and includes a tour of the museum as well as the International Training and Research Center. The program is available online by clicking here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=mIGhRRUCNFI

Beware - it is almost 30 minutes long, but has some very interesting information. It is especially good for those people who don't know much about the history and many facets of the sport of bowling.

Wichita State Shockers Work Hard On and Off the Lanes

As three of our Canadian youth are currently bowling for Wichita State University, we thought our readers would enjoy this bowling news article from Wichita State.

WICHITA, Kan. – Success in Shockert land at Wichita State University comes from hard work. Not only do student-athletes excel on the lanes from their practice, they also excel in the classroom; the Academic All-American statistics support that.

Last semester 15 Shockert bowlers achieved Academic All-American status, that is, a cumulative GPA of 3.5. In fact, over 250 Academic All-Americans have come out of the Shockert bowling program since its conception.

“It’s great when one of our players comes back to me with a success story on the lanes,” head coach Gordon Vadakin said. “But I absolutely love it when a student-athlete comes into my office excited about an exam score. A student obtaining a degree is our main priority.”

The minimum GPA for a collegiate bowler to maintain is 2.0. For the Shockers, the minimum is 2.25.

“We are all about maximums here,” Vadakin said. “Our bowlers are students first, then athletes.”

With team practice, individual lessons, study hall and competition, a typical Shockert schedule uses nearly all 168 hours in the week. Junior **Francois Lavoie**, a 3-time Academic All-American, strongly believes in time management.

“I always have a planner with me to write down assignments for each class,” Lavoie said. “With a schedule as hectic as ours, it is very hard to remember everything that goes on each day. Writing everything down keeps me on track with all assignments and due dates.”

Multiple freshmen found their way into the Academic All-American list, too. Of those, Jason Ciszewski, a developmental team player, relied on his strict study habits to maintain a balance between practice and homework.

“I set aside time to do homework first,” Ciszewski said. “When my work was completed, then it was time for practice and competition. School has always been the main focus.”



Freshman Justin Zwaschka, a first year select team player, was privileged enough to attend a school that prepared him for the work load.

“Balancing engineering courses, bowling and social life was definitely a challenge,” Zwaschka said. “Luckily, the school I came from instilled the great work ethic I needed to do well here.”

Students from many different school years earned their spots on the Academic All-American list this year, those include:

Jason Ciszewski (Freshman, Parlin, N.J.)

Francois Lavoie (Junior, Quebec City, Canada)

Matt Helmick (Senior, Rio Rancho, N.M.)

Ashlyn Herzberg (Freshman, Wichita, Kan.)

Mitch Hupé (Freshman, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada)

Allie Ijams (Senior, Wichita, Kan.)

Brandon Martin (Freshman, Derby, Kan.)

Tyler Maxwell (Junior, Wichita, Kan.)

Matt McNiell (First year graduate, Prior Lake, Minn.)

Rachel Moe (Sophomore, Inver Grove Heights, Minn.)

Kelsey Muther (Senior, Topeka, Kan.)

Catherine Prather (Sophomore, Milton, Fla.)

Jack Stewart (Freshman, Park City, Kan.)

Caitlin Tam (Freshman, Markham, Ontario, Canada)

Justin Zwaschka (Freshman, St. Joseph, Mo.)



CTF Announces the 2013 Bowlers of the Year !

The Canadian Tenpin Federation has released the Bowler of the Year selections for 2013. From Winnipeg, Manitoba, **Brittany Crawford** was named as Youth Girls Bowler of the Year, and also from Winnipeg, **Mitch Hupé** holds the honour for the Youth Boys.



Brittany, who attends Urbana University in Ohio, won a bronze medal at the PABCON Youth Championships with team members **Mykaela Mitchell**, and **Miranda Panas** in the Trios discipline. Brittany also competed at the Tournament of the Americas and won several medals with team members **Shaune Pine**, **Mitch Hupé** and **Jordan Klassen**. Brittany is a multi-time member of Youth Team Canada.



Mitch studies at Wichita State University in Kansas, has been a member of Youth Team Canada 2013 and 2014, and is also a member of the 2014 Adult Team Canada. He was also named the 2012 Bowler of the Year. Mitch won Gold and Silver medals for Intermediate Boys at the Canadian Youth Championships (CYC) in Singles and All Events. During the Canadian Team Trials, Mitch led the boys team to a first-place finish and reached the podium two times at the National Youth Bowling Championships (YBC). Internationally, Mitch won a bronze medal at the PABCON Youth Championships with team members **Francois Lavoie**, and **Kevin Maurice** in the Boys Trios discipline, and also won a bronze medal in the Masters discipline. Mitch also won several medals as a member of the Youth Team at the Tournament of the Americas in Florida.

The Adult Bowler of the Year honours went to **Caroline Lagrange** and **Dan MacLelland**, both long-time members of the National Team programs.



Caroline has been named female Bowler of the Year eight different years, has two World Cup Championship titles, along with winning the Canadian Team Trials five consecutive years, and has been a leader and Canadian Ambassador with Team Canada since 2001. She won the 49th World Cup in 2013 along with a Silver medal at the Women's World Championships with team members **Samantha Wong How** and **Isabelle Rioux** for the Ladies Trios discipline.



Dan competed at the World Games in Cali where he, along with teammate **Lynne Gauthier**, won a Silver medal in Mixed Doubles.

Dan is a full-time touring pro on the PBA and World Bowling Tour and had three TV appearances during the 2013 season. Dan also competed at the Men's World Championships held in 2013.



Sharon Tataryn and **Claude L'Ecuyer** have been named as Senior Bowlers of the Year by the Canadian Tenpin Federation.



Sharon competed at the Inaugural Senior World Championships in 2013. Sharon brought international experience to the team as a five-time Team Canada member. Sharon had knee replacement done several years ago and feels she has rebounded well. Once she finalized a position on the Senior Team, Sharon says; "I got that competitive spirit back - It pumped me up!" Her competitive spirit came in the form of a Silver medal in the Team discipline with teammates, **Cathy Harvey**, **France Joubert**, and **Jill Friis**. Sharon also qualified for the Masters Finals and won a Bronze medal.



Claude is no stranger to international competition, he had been a member of Senior Team Canada for several years.

In 2013, Claude competed at the Senior PABCON Championships in Costa Rica where he and doubles teammate **Claude LeBlanc** won a Silver medal in the doubles discipline. Claude also qualified for the Masters finals and won a Bronze medal.

Applications for the Tournament of Americas

Applications for Youth, Adult, Senior, and Super Senior bowlers for the 2014 Tournament of the Americas will be coming out soon. The applications and all the details will be posted on the CTF website very soon.

Watch for it at CTF's website: www.gotenpinbowling.ca



2013 TEAM CANADA REVIEW

Every competition athletes and coaches work restlessly and relentlessly pursuing their dreams. They ask themselves each day, "How can I accomplish my goal today?"

Motivation within the national program is just one way to help ensure dreams are pursued. When times are difficult and there is a lack of motivation, programs that provide encouragement, rewards and positive reinforcement help the entire program to improve.

Success comes from doing the "right things" with the "right attitude", or another way of putting it as the bowling community in Canada has come to repeat, "Raising the Bar."

Motivation comes from being "Brave" not "Aggressive", because everyone wants to be brave, and last year's teams were "Brave" and "Raised the Bar." www.gotenpinbowling.ca

2013 SENIOR WORLD TEAM CANADA Review



Sr. Women's World 4 person Team Silver Medalists:
France Joubert, Sharon Tataryn, Jill Friis, & Cathy Harvey
(Coach) **Michael Boroskae**.



Sharon Tataryn: Sr. Women's World Masters Bronze Medalist with coach **Michael Boroskae**.



Jack Brace, Michael Boroskae (coach) and Ray Vervynck:
Sr. Men's Worlds Doubles Silver Medalists.



2013 SENIOR PABCON TEAM Review

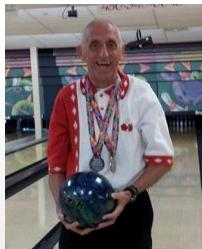


Sr. PABCON Men Doubles - Gold & Silver Medalists
(L-R) Michel Lesage, Donald Lee, Lucien Casagrande (coach),
Claude LeBlanc, Claude L'Ecuyer

2013 YOUTH PABCON TEAM Review



PABCON Youth Boys Doubles Bronze Medalists
Kevin Maurice, Anthony Carrier



Claude L'Ecuyer: Sr. PABCON Men's Masters Bronze Medalist



Mitch Hupé: PABCON Youth Boys Masters Bronze Medalist



Sr. PABCON Ladies Team - 4th Place
(L-R) Coach Michael Boroskae, Susan Grande, Debbie Ip,
(Coach) Lucien Casagrande, Marion Marko, Lauraine Fast



PABCON Youth Bronze Medalists Boys & Girls Trios
Back: Mitch Hupé, Kevin Maurice, Francois Lavoie
Front: Miranda Panas, Brittany Crawford, Mykaela Mitchell



2013 ADULT TEAM CANADA Review



Adult World Championships Trios Gold Medalists
Mark Buffa, Francois Lavoie, Patrick Girard



Adult World Championships Trios Silver Medalists
Samantha How, Isabelle Rioux, Caroline Lagrange

World Games Championships Doubles Silver Medalists
(Photo L) **Lynne Gauthier**, (Coach) **Tyrel Rose, Dan MacLelland**



Caroline Lagrange
2013 World Cup
Champion





2013 TEAM CANADA at the Tournament of the America's (Review)

Adult & Senior Complete Results: <http://gotenpinbowling.ca/EN/tournament-of-americas-2013-adult-results/>

Youth Complete Results: <http://gotenpinbowling.ca/EN/tournament-of-americas-2013-youth-results/>





CTF Director Nominations Wanted

Do you want to get involved? Why not consider submitting an application to be on the election slate for a CTF Director position?

Every year, three CTF Director positions are up for election at our Annual General Meeting in April. To be eligible for the election, CTF must receive your application more than 24 hours before the AGM, but we'd much prefer to receive it much earlier than that - by March 12, 2014 is the deadline to get your nomination and bio into the Delegates booklets for the AGM.

The application is available on the CTF website - www.gotenpinbowling.ca - in the "Forms" section.

And if you know of someone else who may be interested, encourage them to submit an application too!

Thanks! We'd love to hear from you!



Where did the term Brooklyn come from?

In bowling, this refers to a shot that "crosses over" the 1-3 pocket for right-handers and 1-2 for left-handers and produces a strike. It originated in New York where people would "cross-over" to Brooklyn from [Manhattan](#). A side term "[Jersey side](#)" references left-handers and refers to people crossing over from Manhattan to New Jersey."

What pins does a ball hit in a tradition strike?

A right hander's ball comes in contact with the 1, 3, 5, & 9 pins. A left hander's ball comes in contact with the 1, 2, 5 & 8 pins. Theoretically when you bowl a 300 game you only hit 48 pins.

Did You Know?

The first indoor bowling lanes were built in New York City in 1840.

70 million people bowled at least once in 2011.

There is no minimum weight for a bowling ball.

Bowling balls were made out of wood until the early 1900s.

The largest bowling center is located in Japan. It has 141 lanes!

Bowling raises over \$225 million a year for charity.

The maximum number of holes allowed in a bowling ball is 12.

Bowling is the number one participation sport in America.

The origins of bowling can be traced about 5,000 years back to Rome and Greece.



LOCAL/PROVINCIAL WEBSITES

Below is a list of local and provincial websites we have on file. Feel free to check out any of the sites from around the country. Many of the sites post results for all of their local events and tournaments.

*****If your association has a website and it's not listed, please send it to us and we'll add it to the list*****

Alberta Bowling Federation	http://www.bowlfedab.ca/tenpin
British Columbia Tenpin Federation	http://www.bctenpin.com/
Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan	http://www.saskbowl.com/
Canadian Lakehead BA	http://www.tenpin.org/cltba.html
Capital District BA	http://www.cdtba.com/
Greater Montreal Tenpin BA (under construction)	http://www.quillesmontreal.ca/
Greater Toronto BA	http://www.gttba.ca/
Hamilton District Tenpin BA	http://www.hamiltonbowling.org/
Kelowna Tenpin BA	http://www.ktbatenpin.ca/
Kingston Tenpin BA	http://www.kingstontenpin.ca/
London & District BA	http://www.ladtpba.ca/
Manitoba Bowling Association	http://www.bowlingmanitoba.ca/
Manitoba Tenpin Federation	http://www.mbt(en)fed.com/
Mid-Vancouver Island Tenpin BA	http://www.mvitabowling.ca/
Niagara Tenpin BA	http://www.ntba.ca/
Ontario Tenpin BA	http://www.otba.ca/
Regina Tenpin BA	http://www.reginatenpin.ca/
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Windsor Essex BA	http://www.weckba.ca/
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Ybowl - Youth Bowling	http://www.ybowl.com/



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