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Graham Fach - 2016 Barbasol Players Champion

"This has been truly overwhelming. Joining the PBA has been Graham's dream since he was 2. There are few people who fulfill their lifelong dreams. To win so soon and be the only Canadian to do it so far, is beyond incredible. I can't wait for him to be the first, instead of the only Canadian to have done this." (Connie Fach)

Graham's parents (Connie & Danny Fach (*pronounced Faw*)) bowled in a fun league Friday evenings. Graham tagged along and, after league was over he would be throwing balls down the lane. Neither Connie or Danny steered Graham toward bowling - he just started it all on his own.

Before he could walk, Graham was fascinated by bowling on TV. The family has dozens of older PBA video tapes at home. They would find Graham constantly watching and studying the tapes for hours.

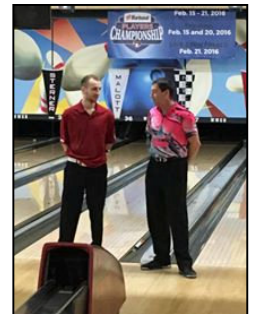


During his second Christmas, Graham's Aunt and Uncle found a bowling pin for sale and, knowing his love of the game, wrapped it up and gave it to him as a gift. It was the best Christmas gift ever.

Graham was 2 years old when he started 5-pin Smurf league bowling and at 4 years of age he joined a 10-pin league. He started at Bowlerama on Grange Road and later moved to Woodlawn Bowl, both in Guelph, Ontario.

Graham has a younger brother Curtis, a former youth Team Canada member finishing his schooling at present. Both brothers are very close and push each other towards perfection. The Fach family lost Danny due to illness a year and half ago and Connie and the boys are a very close-knit team.

Graham loved going to the Pro-Ams as a young boy. He was awestruck and always told his parents he was treated so well. Connie said; "I'm sure it had a lot to do with his drive to succeed in the sport. I am so happy to see him pay it forward." His idol was and still is Parker Bohn III. During the pro-am for the PBA Championships, parents reached out to the Fach family telling them how great Graham was with their youth bowlers (Photo right **Graham, Parker Bohn III**)



As a youth bowler, Graham bowled on the Rochester Youth Bowling Tour and the Youth Bowling Tour in Southern Ontario for 7 years. (2X) Canadian Youth Champion, (2X) YBC Champion, Canadian Tenpin Federation Youth Boys Bowler of the Year, Team Canada member and medalist. And a current adult Team Canada member.

In May 2015, Graham won the Proprietors Cup and a prize cheque for \$25,000.



A graduate of Urbana University with a degree in Sports Management, Graham was All-American academic all 4 years, Second Team All-American in his final year, voted MVP for the National Intercollegiate Team Championship in 2014. And top 10 in USBC collegiate average for 3 years. Teammates nicknamed him "Graham Cracker"!

Photo left (**Graham, Maude Demers, Brock Finch**)



Manitoba News Submitted by Dan Tereck

Manitoba Open



The Manitoba Open, our premiere scratch tenpin event, took place on Jan 9th and 10th. There was a good turnout - 89 entries - representing Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario, as well as several midwestern states - North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. After Saturday's 10-game qualifying round, the cut-line for the top 24 was 2085.

Sunday's match-play finals consisted of 8 games, plus a stepladder finish for the top 5. After the dust had settled, the winner was **Andy Mills**. Positions 2 through 5 were: **Daron Hansen, Zach Wilkins, Nick Heilman, and Brady Stearns**.

To see all of the scores and pictures, go to: <http://www.chateaulanes.ca/manitobaOpen2016.html>

This and That

Michael Schmidt bowled perfect games two weeks in a row (Jan 26th and Feb 2nd) in the Winnipeg Senior Men's League. Interestingly enough, both of them occurred on his last game of the night.

On Tuesdays at Laverendrye Lanes, there are two leagues bowling at the same time - one of them is on Lanes 1-8, and the other is on Lanes 9-15. On the same night - Jan 19th - there were two rare split conversions made - one in each league. **Casey Ginter** spared the 4-6 split, and **Johnathan Domingo** spared the 7-10 split.

Hamilton News Submitted by Jim Margueratt

The first 800 triple at newly named Splitsville Burlington, formerly Prime Time Bowling, was rolled by **Matthew Kennedy** with games of 267, 289 & 247 for 803. The last 800 here was an 824 by **Lionel Lewis Jr.** almost five years ago. The last honour score was a 300 four years ago. Just missing a Century award by two pins was **Robin Ashley** at 234. At Burlington Bowl, **Don Cheevers** did pick up a Century award by two pins with a 255 effort.

Anthony DiBattista almost had the first-ever 800 at Bowlerama Stoney Creek as 236, 288 & 259 produced a 783, just behind the B.S.C. high of 791. **Stephen Born** collected a 728, **Tony Palango** 706 with a 286, and **Val Ciach-Link** 699. When Palango had the first 10 for the 286, his team fired a 1,163 scratch game.

For the second time in three months **Travis Cauley** dealt a 297 game at Skyway Lanes. That makes seven times this season he has rolled the first 11 strikes for a trio of 300's, a pair of 299's and the 297's, along with an 824



triple. **Brandon Crabb** started with a 299 for a 735 triple and with 11-in-a-row awards for 279 games were **Steve Cowie** and **Travis Cauley**.

Matt Lewis, after 179, 238 & 168, found the line for another 300 game. Following in the steps of father **Lionel**, and siblings **Matt & Jenn.**, was **London Lewis**, 40 average, with triples of 252 & 203, then his first ever 100 game! Making the news was **Lionel** with a 1036 (279) set.

Super singles locally are **Dave Custeau** 279, **Mark Winger** 278, **Brian Ward** 277, **Stephen Born** 267, **Shawna Prieur** 266, **Brian Yates & Aaron Bouchard** 265, **Tyler Sherwood**, 263, **Mike Ellis** 258 & **Ed Margueratt** 246. Ed's daughter **Denise** spared the 4 - 10 split and his brother **Jim** spared the 2 - 10 split and the 3 - 7 - 10 split.

Hamilton congratulates **Dan MacLelland** of nearby Kitchener for his second-place finish in the 2016 USBC Masters. Several years ago, **George Lambert IV** of Hamilton placed third in the same Masters tournament.

Hamilton congratulates **Graham Fach**, 24, of nearby Guelph, Ontario who became the first Canadian ever to win a Professional Bowlers Association title in Columbus Ohio when he defeated top qualifier **Ryan Ciminelli** 279 to 244 after advancing to the title match with a 247 to 244 win over **Sam Cooley**.

Hamilton Tenpin Trivia:

- Skyway Lanes co-founder **Stan Dumala** has turned 92. After opening in 1957, it took almost 25 years before the first 300 there by **Jim Kompare**, and with the latest 300 by **Matt Lewis**, it has witnessed 182 perfectos. I have been lucky enough to be present when both those 300's were rolled, along with a 300 by my brother **Ed** four years ago. Another co-founder was the late **Emil Nalborczyk**, and it has been in the Nalborczyk family since 1957, by either Emil, Carol, Ed or presently **Helen Nalborczyk**.
- It has been many years but candlepin bowling was once located at Mohawk Lanes on Hamilton "mountain". A candlepin is just under one inch taller than a ten pin and can be set on the pin deck on either end.

Ontario Bowling Trivia:

- Some "alleys" in use during 1943 were Recreation in Belleville, Arcade in Brantford, Keele's in Kingston, Sturm's in Kitchener, Arcadian in North Bay, Argyle in Ottawa, International in Sarnia, Bowl-A-Way in Sudbury, Miller's in Welland, Karry's in Windsor, Bova's in Niagara Falls, Mackenzie in Trenton.
- Among the 45 in Toronto were Academy, Acorn, Danforth, Downtown, Karry's, Midtown, Olympia, Pears, Plaza, Rosedale, Spadina, Uptown and Victory.
- The "Olympia" advertised itself as the "Largest Bowling Establishment in the British Empire" with 150 alleys and 40 billiards tables.
- Seven "houses" were in Toronto and one in Hamilton in the Lister Building's basement. One of Toronto's was in Maple Leafs Gardens and was called the "Olympia Gerald Bowling Club". The headquarters of the Olympia was at 385 Yonge St.

OK, that is enough Toronto bowling trivia in a Hamilton bowling column.



Ontario News

Windsor-Essex Chatham-Kent Bowling Association Submitted by Catherine Wilbur

The Molson Masters Bowling Classic 61st Tournament



The local association would like to congratulate **Dan Aqwa** for winning the Molson Masters OPEN Division and **Charlie Yott** for winning the Molson Masters SENIORS Division.

The Molson Masters Bowling Classic 61st Tournament just completed on Sat., Feb 13, 2016. This tournament has a very long rich history over the years. The Molson Masters was hosted at Palace Recreation, Crescent Lanes, Revs Bowlero, and Revs Rosebowl. **Nick Stein** has been the long time tournament director for the Molson's Masters Tournament for many years.

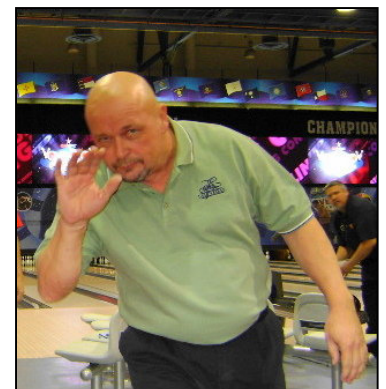
Each of the TV finalists was asked what this tournament meant to each of them and why each thought it was so prestigious. **Rob Girimonte** suggested that the tournament provides great competition from many good bowlers. **Gary Hooper Jr.** described the tournament as the pinnacle of bowling in Essex County and the most prestigious in the Province and the Country. **Dan Aqwa** said it is the largest tournament around this area for a very long time. **Darren Alexander** recalled that he watched this tournament since he was very little and he wanted to hopefully win it one day. **Brad Walton** expressed the view he has been involved in helping host many prior Molson Masters events at Bowlero so he knows all the work involved behind the scenes to make the tournament run smoothly. **Rick Goyeau** indicated that this tournament provides Canadian Championship Level competition. **Marc Pouget** believes the Molson Masters is what you bowl the whole year to prepare for because it is like a step ladder to the Hall of Fame. **Garry Dunn** thinks the best of the best bowl in this tournament not just from Windsor but from all over Ontario. **Charlie Yott** feels that all the best bowlers ever known in this area have participated in this tournament. The tournament has been around so long through generations of different types of bowlers.

The Molson Masters runs over 4 weekends. There is a Senior Division (55+) and an Open Division. The tournament starts with 2 weeks of qualifying, followed by one week of Match Play, then the fourth week is the TV Step Ladder Finals. To qualify in the Senior Division bowlers bowl 4 games over 4 pairs of lanes. To qualify for the Open Division bowlers bowl 5 games over 5 pairs of lanes.

SENIOR DIVISION - For Match Play - the top 15 Senior bowlers, plus last year's Senior Champion, are divided into 4 groups of 4 bowlers each. They bowl each bowler once in their division. Then they bowl a final position round within their own group. Each time a bowler wins their match they get a 30-pin bonus added to their score. You move over to a new pair of lanes for each new game bowled. The top Senior bowler from each of the 4 Senior Division groups advance to the TV step ladder finals.

In the Senior step ladder finals, the results were as follows:

Garry Dunn	188	Charlie Yott	207
Charlie Yott	191	Marc Pouget	162





Charlie Yott 211 Rick Goyeau 172

Charlie Yott is the 2016 Senior Molson Masters Champion

Garry Dunn was excited to finally qualify for the TV finals. Gary was pleased that he has bowled many years against his buddies in tournament competition. His downfall in the TV finals was the 10 pin.

Marc Pouget has been in the TV finals 3 years in a row so he has enjoyed the competition. Marc admitted that he used a less reactive ball but later changed to a better reacting ball, more inside, but it was too late to catch up to Charlie. Marc won this Senior division in 2014 so he will be back.

Rick Goyeau claimed that his goal in match play was to win every match so you can get the 30+ pins to be the top qualifier. He met his goal but in the step ladder TV final the left lane was very slippery so it was very difficult to adjust to the slippery conditions. This is Rick's first time as a runner-up since he won back in 2012.

Charlie Yott said he was in a really tough match play group against **Dave Forfitt, Mike Voligny** and **Tony Girimonte**. Charlie was more comfortable this time than 2 years ago. He said he bowled at a different centre to try out different equipment. Charlie revealed that the ball he used to qualify he used in the finals until the 4th frame of the last game. It was actually nice to see Charlie come through each of his matches and eventually win the Seniors Division Molson Masters Championship. He came from behind in the very first match then he never looked back.

OPEN DIVISION - For Match Play - the top 39 Open bowlers, plus last year's Open Champion, are divided into 5 groups of 8 bowlers each. They bowl each bowler once in their division. Then they bowl a final position round within their own group. Each time a bowler wins their match they get a 30-pin bonus added to their score. You move over to a new pair of lanes for each new game bowled. The top Open bowler from each of the 5 Open Division groups advances to the TV step ladder finals.

In the Open step ladder finals, the results were as follows:

Brad Walton	195	Rob Girimonte	233
Rob Girimonte	207	Gary Hooper Jr.	216
Gary Hooper Jr.	212	Darren Alexander	278
Darren Alexander	209	Dan Aqwa	269

Dan Aqwa is the 2016 Open Molson Masters Champion

Brad Walton recalled that he started bowling at 16 but he did not come up through any Junior bowling program. His mentor, **Wayne Weatherbie**, coached him. Brad said when looking at his match play group many of the guys in his group were much better bowlers. He just let his mind go blank, played his own game, found a line and stuck with it. He said you need to do what the lane conditions tell you to do – make adjustments and move with conviction. Brad did not advance but it was his first time in the TV finals so he will be back.

Rob Girimonte conceded that in match play competition he just stayed calm and focused. He said you need to keep your concentration and forget about bad shots because you are bowling 8 games. This was Rob's first time to the TV finals. He was disappointed in his TV finals performance; he found it very nerve wracking but he had the support of his family and friends so he will practice more on technique and will be back next year.

Gary Hooper Jr. also submitted that his match play goal was to keep cool; take one shot at a time and not think too far ahead. Gary indicated that the TV final shot was a little different. He got a break against Rob by throwing a Brooklyn shot in the 10th frame to move on. He found that in his next match he should have been more aggressive from the start because he was throwing a soft shot. Gary Hooper Jr. won the Open division in 2012 so he will definitely be back for many years to come.

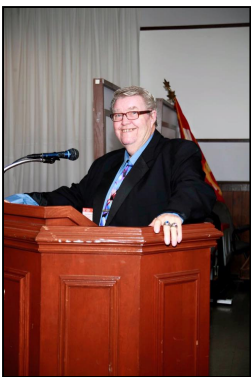




Darren Alexander expected that in match play he would get an idea of what the pattern was playing then throw one shot at a time. In the TV finals it was a bit more nerve wracking but he likes to perform being a little nervous. The last game in the TV finals there was too much carrydown on the right lane so he was unable to adjust. Darren won the Open division in 2015, and he is young so he will definitely be around for many years to come.

Dan Aqwa confessed that this win meant so much to him because he wanted it to happen while his parents were still around to watch him bowl. Dan indicated in match play he just bowled one frame and one game at a time to stay focused. He did not watch the competition or the scoreboard he just focused on his own game. Dan feels that he is an old guy who can still compete with the young guys. Dan said he goes into this tournament with the same game plan every year. You need to get the breaks – you cannot get upset at bad shots. Dan is talking from experience. After 7 years in the TV step ladder finals and 3 times as a runner up, Dan finally broke through as a Molson Masters Open Division Champion.

Barrie Mackenzie - 1941-2016
Submitted by Charlotte Konkle, President, OTBA



For those of you who haven't heard, **Barrie Mackenzie** (Windsor, Ontario), a well-known figure in the Canadian tenpin bowling community, passed away on Feb 18th. The Ontario Tenpin Bowling Association shared their eulogy that was to be read at Barrie's funeral:

Today we are gathered to honor a man that we have all come to know and respect - even love - over the years.

I didn't meet Barrie until the Ontario Tenpin Bowling Association was formed on Aug. 1, 2004 joining together the Ontario Women's, Men's and Youth associations under the CTF umbrella. At that time I was one of the directors from Niagara and Barrie was a Life Member - grandfathered in from the Ontario Men's association.

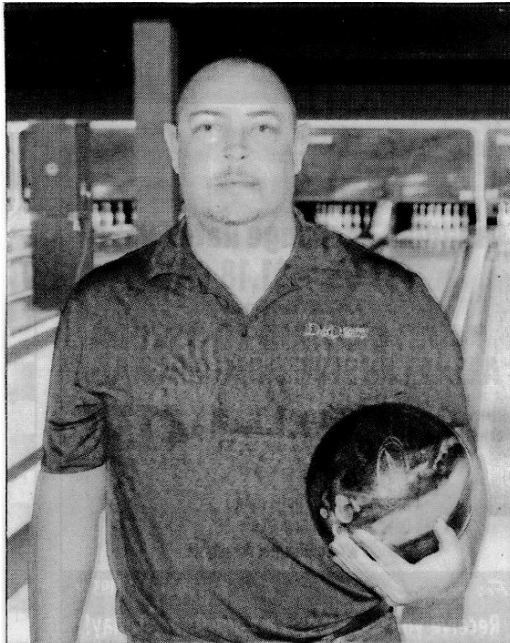
I had previously heard about this larger-than-life man who had been President of the men's association and involved for many years. He didn't disappoint - he was opinionated, outspoken and downright stubborn. He believed so passionately in our sport and he sometimes over-rode any suggestions that he felt did not represent the spirit of bowling in Ontario - even at our board meeting last September he was still at it.

In 2008, I was elected President of OTBA and came in closer contact with Barrie. I was not his first choice for the office and we did butt heads quite often - so the Board appointed him as Legislative Chair and he found his niche. His knowledge and experience helped us through the years.

Thank you, Barrie, for your many, many years of passion, commitment and contribution to our sport - if not for people like you, OTBA would not exist. You were a pioneer and a legend and well respected across the province. And OTBA Board meetings will never be the same again because we never knew what you would have to say.

On behalf of the OTBA Board and all of the members across Ontario, we offer condolences to his family and his friends.

Rest In Peace Barrie - you will be missed.



TERRY BRIDGE/SARNIA OBSERVER

Sarnia native Jim Lapointe bowled back-to-back perfect games during a men's league Feb. 11 at Marcin Bowl in Point Edward. His combined score of 845 was also a personal best.



BOWLING: Sarnia bowler makes history by tossing back-to-back perfect games

A perfect performance, twice

TERRY BRIDGE
The Observer

Jim Lapointe initially didn't feel like bowling that night.

Fortunately, his 16-year-old son was able to change his mind.

"My son (Ben) was sparing on my team that night, and I told him that I didn't feel like going bowling," Lapointe said. "He goes, 'Well, we're going.'"

It's a good thing his son said that, too, because Lapointe went on to set a local bowling record Feb. 11: He recorded two perfect games in a row.

Lapointe, a 44-year-old Sarnia native, accomplished the feat at Marcin Bowl's Thursday night men's league. He had two previous perfect games on his bowling resume, one in 1998 and the other in 2007, but obviously never two on the same night let alone back-to-back.

Actually, no one in Sarnia ever has.

"Lapointe was the first 10-pin bowler in Sarnia history to bowl back-to-back sanctioned per-

Sometimes you don't even notice when somebody bowls a perfect game, right, until the second one came around and I had a lot of people watching."

Jim Lapointe

fect games in a regular league play night," according to Rod Honke of the Lambton County Tenpin Bowling Association.

In this league, a group comprised of 11 fun-loving teams, each bowler plays three games per night. Round one started off pretty smoothly for Lapointe.

"Everything I threw was in the pocket," he recalled. "Everything was solid, there was no doubt on every shot."

"I didn't have any real nerves until the 12th ball I usually leave a single pin or something. So I let 'er go and it went."

The crowd enjoyed the moment, but it wasn't any-

thing too overwhelming at that point.

"There were a few cheers, (but) there's a lot of 300s bowled out at Marcins," he said of the Point Edward facility. "Sometimes you don't even notice when somebody bowls a perfect game, right, until the second one came around and I had a lot of people watching."

"Everyone started clapping after every shot, it kind of pumped me up a little bit. I was less nervous in that game than I was in the first one, actually. Everything kind of fell into place."

He felt he pulled the 11th shot, though, and started walk-

ing away thinking the streak was over. But a teammate delivered some good news in rather loud fashion.

"He started screaming at me, 'They all fell,'" said Lapointe, who throws a 15-pound ball. "So then the 12th ball I just went up and threw it."

Twenty-four frames, 24 strikes. Although he wasn't able to add a third perfect game, Lapointe scored 245 in his final round that night for an 845 total, his new personal best. His previous top combined score was 835 in 2013.

The best part of the whole experience, he added, was having his son on hand.

"I think he was a bit more nervous than I was," he said. "He was getting pretty white."

Lapointe first picked up the sport at age four because of his dad, Larry.

"He was probably my biggest coach and my biggest fan," he said.

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Calgary News
Submitted by Dave Kist

On the heels on a successful hosting of the Canadian Mixed Championships and with the poor Alberta economy, thousands of job losses, is it possible for a good turnout at the annual FTA tournament? A resounding YES.....

Entries were down from last year, but 515 bowlers took part in our annual 2-day/6-shift tournament and this year we were able to pay out \$11,000.00 back to the participants. Full results are available on the Alberta Tournament Bowlers Facebook page (not part of the group? – send a friend request.)

Congratulations to our champions:

Jennifer Chung, Ladies Singles hdp, **Miranda Fisher**, Ladies Singles scratch

Bill Skorenki, Men's Singles hdp, **Cory Williams** Men's Singles scratch

Boris Wong/Daniel Kwan Doubles hdp, **Skip Lyttle/Chad Hauser** Doubles scratch

Terri-ann Toma/Cheryl Mantik/Mike Schmidt/Travis Sorensen Team hdp and winners of the sponsorship into the ATPA provincial tournament. **TJ Calera/Levi Rosenbaum/Skip Lyttle/Chad Hauser** Team scratch

Miranda Fisher Ladies All Events hdp and scratch

Justin Dufault Men's All Events hdp, **Chad Hauser** Men's All Events scratch

At the end of the 2 days, 45 teams, 100 doubles, 97 Men's singles and 38 Women's singles competed for their share of the \$11,000.00 prize money. Thanks to our tournament director – **Brett Jenkins**, for another great tournament. Also our volunteers **John Doran, Lauraine Fast, Kaie Jones, Les Yuen, Curtis Kruschel, Shauna Kirouac** and **Michel Habrun** – without volunteers like you it would not be possible to run an event of this size.

The 2017 event will be January 28 & 29 – block your calendar off. Here are just some of the happy cheque winners



Monday Mountaineers



Rainbow Riders



Tuesday Scratch



Wednesday Trio's



Civic Mixed and Petroleum Men's



7 Ups



YBC



Friday 4x4



Filipino



Nuts & bolts

Tournament Reports & Congratulations to:

Ryan Friesen & Natasha Chorney, champions of the annual Let's Bowl Valentine's Scotch doubles. A record turnout saw Ryan and Natasha duke it out with 43 other teams to take first place and one of the four coveted Let's Bowl spots in the Bowl Alberta provincial doubles in March.

Frank Zurek, Jennifer Barrett, Llew Blenman and Richard Sygrove who will be representing Century Bowl at the provincials in the 1st annual Canada Cup. At press time, Mountainview Bowl had one more shift to run before declaring their winners and Lets Bowl has 137 bowlers set to bowl in their house cup scheduled on Feb 27 and 28.

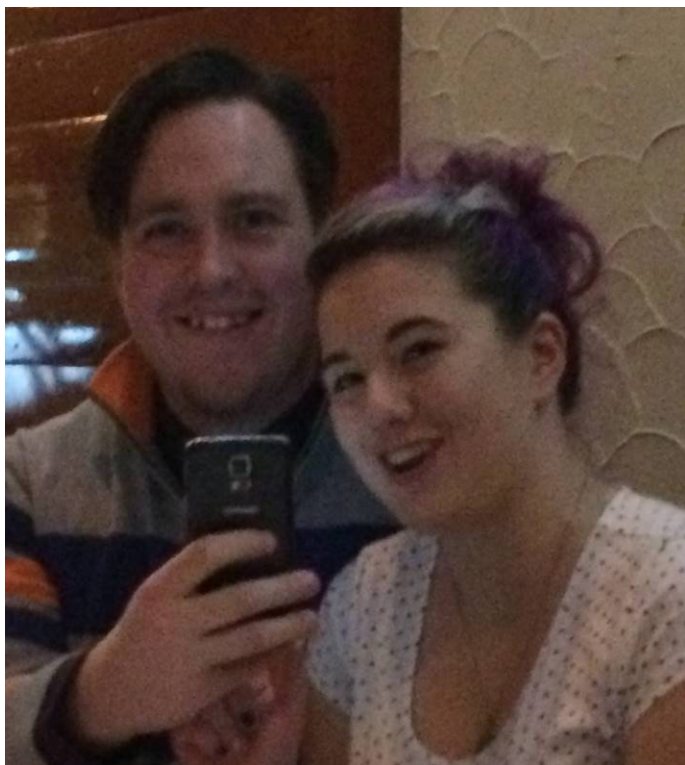
Chad Hauser for placing 2nd at the Gateway Superbowl tournament.



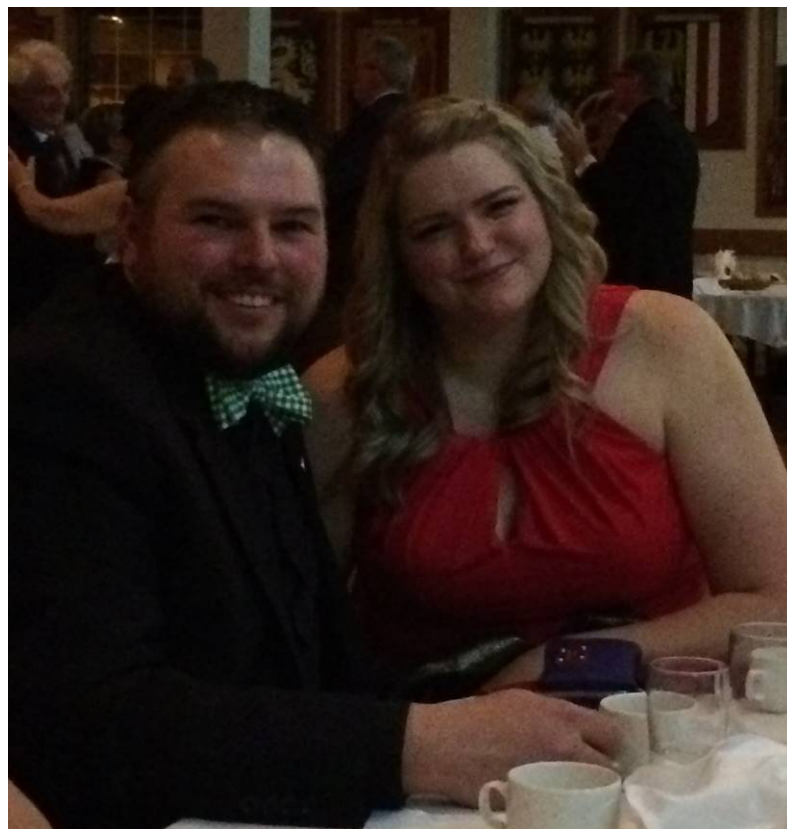
Alberta Scratch Ladies – The Final Four

Champion: **Kalee Tripp**
Runner Up: **Barb Johnson**
3rd Place: **Summar Farhat**
4th place: **Brenda Shaffer**

How about off the lanes? Following the Valentines Scotch Doubles tournament, several bowlers got together to make a night out of it with a great meal at the Austrian Canadian Club and dancing the night away to the sounds from the Southern Stardust Big Band, featuring our very own **Colin Rothbauer**, a Calgary Bowler. Some of the merriment from the evening:



Shawn Myers and **Andie Jones** taking a pic of someone taking a pic of them



Rocking the bowtie, **Matt Laframboise** and **Sarah Johnson**, soon to be Mrs. Laframboise



Sharing in the laughter, **Phyl Doran**



Our Tournament manager and host, **Angie Bockman** with **Cam Shultz**

Upcoming Events to keep on the calendar:

ATPA Scratch Qualifier. March 5 at Let's Bowl, entry fee of \$75.00 for 10 games on some of the most difficult patterns possible and against some of Alberta's best bowlers. How does your game stack up? Here's your chance to find out. Top qualifiers receive paid entry into the Canadian Team Trials and some expense money to help defray the travel costs.

Survivor Tournament. March 6 at Let's Bowl, entry fee of \$100 for this handicapped event. Outwit, outlast and outsmart your competitors. Can you stay above the cut line game after game after game? Projected \$1,000 first place payout.

Western Cup. March 25 and 26 at Let's Bowl, entry fee of \$95 for this handicapped singles, doubles and team event. Bowl 6 games on Good Friday (3 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon), with the last 3 on Saturday afternoon. The event is hosted by the Rainbow Riders and Apollo, friends in sport organization and has become known as "the most fun you will ever have bowling". It is sure to sell out quickly, so get your entries in.

Edmonton Open. April 2 & 3 at Gateway Bowl in Edmonton, this 20-game scratch event is only \$220 to enter. At press time there was already 70 entries, with a projected \$14,000 payout A side winner \$2,000, B side \$800

ATPA Provincial. April 9 & 10 at Gateway Bowl in Edmonton. In addition to tournament prize money, the top 2 teams will receive up to \$750 in expense money to compete in the 2017 Canadian Mixed Championships

Swiss Trios. This popular event is limited to the first 24 3 person teams. Look for info to be published shortly

Two new tournaments being added this year, so look for dates and information to be published. Say good bye to the 2015/2016 season with a no-tap windup event at the end of the bowling season. For the first time ever, ATPA will launch a senior's only tournament. Bowlers must be 50 years of age or older to compete and winners in various age groups will earn the right to represent Alberta at the US Seniors in August. The only way a bowler can compete in this prestigious US event is to qualify from a provincial event.



CTF Youth Report

Submitted by Jim Lester, CTF National Youth Director

Let me start off this column with a correction from the last edition of The Connection. From the Quebec region there were some wrong dates. The correct dates for the Provincial fundraiser is March 20th 12:00pm at 449 Laval.

And also, an addition: The YBC Youth National Championships will be held in Calgary, May 7-9 2016.

Since our last edition of The Connection this reporter has received what could be extremely valuable information for some of our Youth bowlers in Canada. We have been contacted by a University in Atlanta Georgia for recruitment purposes. Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) Atlanta opened its Atlanta campus in 2005 with 77 students and now has grown to over 2100 students. SCAD is located in the heart of the arts district in downtown Atlanta Georgia.

SCAD is an art and design university with 19 undergraduate majors such as Advertising, Animation, Fashion, Film and Television, Photography and Interactive Design and Game Development. Along with the 19 undergraduate majors, SCAD also offers 15 graduate programs such as Advertising, Animation, Business Design and Art leadership, Fashion, Film and Television and Visual Effects just to name a few.

In the fall of 2016, SCAD Atlanta is creating its own competitive college NAIA bowling program to enhance the college experience of its students-athletes. To attract talented artists and athletes, SCAD Atlanta offers generous academic and athletic scholarships. If you are a team bowler who is willing to learn and grow in the sport of collegiate bowling, they are willing to talk to you.

If you require any further information or assistance, please contact me.

Now, let's move out West - way out West to Saskatchewan for some information.

The World Cup Provincials has been postponed till April 24th where a few Youth bowlers (**Kelsi Beauchamp, Jeremy Godfrey** and **Aaron Doherty**) will be competing.

The Youth Scholarship tournament will be hosted by Gateway Entertainment Centre in Edmonton on the 20th & 21st of February. The Youth competitors will be treated to Sport Shot and a Skill Shot events to give them some additional challenges.

CTF Provincials will be held in Saskatoon on February 28th. Qualifying is just finishing up in late February.

YBC Provincials are also being held in Saskatoon on the 6th of March.

And how about some honourable mentions to our Youth bowlers?

- from Estevan Bowl;
 - **Jasmine Crouse**-Junior Girl-137 Triple
 - **Drew Heidinger**-Intermediate Boy-268 Single 624 Series.
 - **Jeremy Godfrey**-Senior Boy-247 Single 650 Series
 - **Danyk Belanger**-Bantam Boy-149 Single 375 Series.



- And from Fairhaven Bowl;
 - **Amelia Campbell**-Junior Girl-221 Single
 - **Kelsi Beauchamp**-Intermediate Girl-269 Single 662 Series
 - **Matthew Wist**-Junior Boy-228 Single
 - **Justin Beauchamp**-Senior Boy-247 Single
 - **Aaron Doherty**-Senior Boy-275 Single 681 Series
 - **Jayden Wear**-Senior Boy-275 Single 713 Series
 - **Chris Espanol**-Senior Boy-244 Single 617 Series
 - **Clint Espanol**-Senior Boy-258 Single 644 Series
 - **John Espanol**-Senior Boy-245 Single 646 Series
 - **Greg Sorensen**-Senior Boy-245 Single 646 Series
 - **Ace Vanenheuvel**-Senior Boy-247 Single.

Submitted by Jim Lester

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YBC Provincial Champions - Manitoba



The Manitoba YBC Provincials were held on February 27th at Chateau Lanes. Although we don't have all the detailed scoring, we do have the names of the champions:

Bantam Girls	Nikaya Bautista
Bantam Boys	Dean Garing
Junior Girls	Amanda Forgues
Junior Boys	Vincent Jobin
Senior Girls	Leigha Carnevale
Senior Boys	Liam Naylor

Congratulations to all!



YBC Provincial Champions - Alberta

The Alberta YBC Provincials were just held on February 28th at Ed's Rec Room in Edmonton. The athletes representing Alberta at the YBC Nationals being held in May in Calgary are:

Bantam Girls **Alexa Hauser**
Bantam Boys **Lance Cayco**
Junior Girls **Molly Nimchuk**
Junior Boys **Nathan Carson**
Senior Girls **Meghan Kruschel**
Senior Boys **Michael Dau**

Congratulations to all!

Georgian College Status



INTERESTED IN COACHING?

GEORGIAN GRIZZLIES BOWLING

CONTACT INFO@YBOWL.COM
FOR COACHING DETAILS

Ybowl has successfully completed the final process in obtaining Intercollegiate Bowling at Georgian College. The City of Barrie, along with Georgian College, is pleased to begin this historic journey. Thank you to YBOWL's partners for your continued support to bring EVERYONE'S dream to fruition.

This has been a long process, beginning well over 40 years ago with the Bowling "Godfathers" **Doug Miller, Jack Fine, Jim Brace, Gus Badali** and countless others who have and continue to work tirelessly to open the doors to this long overdue opportunity!

Georgian College has partnered with YBOWL Canada and their associated sponsors as the liaison for the development and management to their Bowling Program.



GC's goal is to introduce the first Canadian team for the 2016-2017 season. Student-athletes can now begin applying to Georgian College. Bowling try-outs will be held the end of September and beginning of October. The home bowling centre for practices will be Bowlerama Barrie. Tournament locations will have a strong focus in the Michigan/Ohio/Pennsylvania areas with hopes to attend the Tier 1&2 in Las Vegas.

Interested coaches can contact info@ybowl.com for details on the coaching position(s). Student-athletes and parents can contact YBOWL for questions pertaining to the bowling program and/or questions pertaining to academic eligibility. YBT Ontario will have some GC marketing material available.

Jeff Wirtz will be the liaison south of the border for those interested in schooling in Canada. There will be a booth available at the YBOWL Cup National Championship being held on March 26th at Bowlerama Barrie.

Everyone is looking forward to this new adventure. YBOWL will continue to build relationships within the communities to bring solid opportunities to both the sport and their supporters.

One step at a time.



YBC and CTF Provincial Champions - Ontario

Ontario Provincial Champs heading to Nationals

YBC 4 Steps Ontario Provincial Champions

Bantams
Angel Schuyler
Cole Sitzes

Juniors
Brianna
Villeneuve
Brayden Vaughan

Seniors
Rebekah Loker
Greg Griffith

Nationals will be
held in Calgary
Alberta May 6~9
2016

Team Southern Ontario CYC Provincial Champions

Bantams
Sierra Baltzer
Dustin Borho

Juniors
Meagan Muir
Brayden Vaughan

Intermediates
Mykaela Mitchell
Joshua Bautsita

Seniors
Caitlin Tam
Shane Courtney

Congratulations to Oliver Tang for rolling a perfect
300 during provincial qualifiers

The Nationals will be held at Parkway Lanes, St.
Catharines ON June 9~13 2016



CONGRATULATIONS



YBC Provincial Champions - Quebec

Quebec YBC Provincial Champions

QYBT CONTINUES TO GROW

Congratulations to Karen Wilson and her team on another successful QYBT. If you are from the Montreal, Quebec area and are not involved with the youth tour, contact Karen for more information. This is a great opportunity for youth bowlers to meet new people, learn and bowl on sport shots while having the opportunity to earn additional scholarship awards. Follow them on FB at CQJQ/QYBT

CALGARY BOUND ATHLETES

BANTAMS

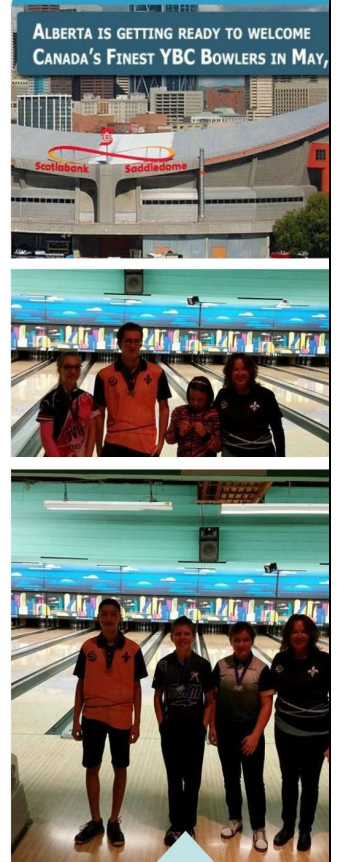
Jade Cote & Zacharias Foti

JUNIORS

Jeanne Mainguy & Maxime Doucet

SENIORS

Andreanne Blouin
Charles Olivier LaRoche





YBOWL Cup Weekend - March 25-27, 2016

YBOWL CUP National Champions

Will MELISSA "3peat?"



The Grand Prix

Athletes once again will have opportunities to compete for scholarship awards and/or an entry into the 2016 Canada Team Trials. Spots still available for ALL youth. Registration begins at 9 AM March 27th. The cost is \$50.00. Contact YBOWL to register!



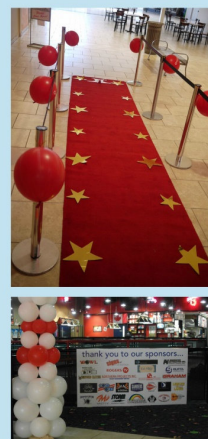
The KICKOFF

At the time of publication, only 7 spots left for this FUN & exciting event. Starts March 25 at 9 am...\$50.00. Details at www.ybowl.com



The CUP

In less than a month, athletes from across Southern Ontario & Quebec will compete for the CUP and scholarship awards. The YBOWL CUP weekend will payout over \$7000 in scholarship awards. Can't come to see the event? Join our commentators Ray Vervynck & Jeff Cockburn Live Stream. Follow our FB page for details.



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YBOWL Canada

What is our Y?

WE ARE.....

- a company that is focused on boosting education through the sport of tenpin bowling. How do we do that?
- not just running traditional tournaments. We create bowling events that incorporate a buzz through social media, live stream, television coverage, radio and media releases.
- building strong community relationships that enhance our bowling scholarship and sponsorship programs, provide member rewards, endorse continuing education
- proud to introduce the very first Canadian Collegiate program at Georgian College for the 2016/2017 term. Canadian youth on home soil is not only important to the success of our sport but keeps our skilled workers at home.
- offering business development services to assist bowling associations/organizations with increasing their customer/member base, aggressive marketing and business planning, seminars/workshops developed to meet the associations/organizations' short & long-term initiatives

Our team is very excited about our sports future. What's your Y?

Join our team!

Learn more about our member rewards contact YBOWL at info@ybowl.com. Or visit our website at www.ybowl.com Like our Facebook page/group, Follow us on Twitter and Instagram.



Fach Makes History Becoming the First Canadian to Win a PBA Title

Submitted by Felicia Wong

Graham made history on February 21, 2016 when he became the first Canadian to capture a PBA title.

After an exciting qualifying week where Graham led for most of the week, and throughout most of the match play round, he ended up in second place to make his first television finals in just his second PBA event.

Graham's performance on TV was exemplary; he showed physical, tactical and mental skills beyond his years. At one point on the TV show, even Randy Peterson commented on the fact that Graham was not supposed to be performing this well since this was his first ever telecast.



So what was the secret to his success? "There wasn't much going on in my head during TV." During the show, Graham was able to master his mental game by being completely in the moment for every shot; without focusing on the story, the setting, the fact that no Canadian had ever won a PBA title in the past, Graham stuck to his game and kept doing the things that had led him to this point.



"I told myself to have fun on the TV show. It's not everyday that you get to do what you love to do on live television for the world to see. I didn't want to look back and regret anything on the show." This is the mindset of a true champion.

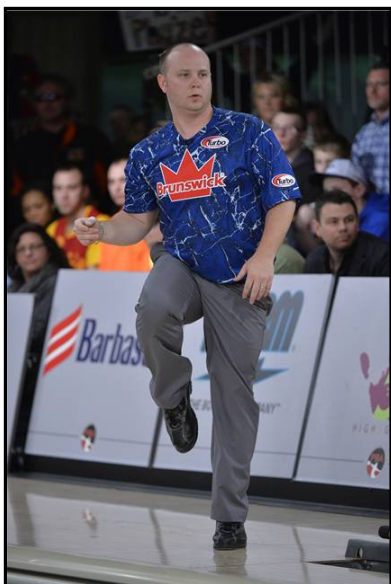
By keeping his head in the right space and staying in the moment, Graham was able to focus on his ball reaction and make the right adjustments at the right time. Early in his first match, Graham was having trouble getting the ball to read early enough on the right lane, after tightening his angle he came back against Australia's Sam Cooley, 247-244.

And in the final match, Graham saw transition on the right lane halfway through the game. Even after striking through the first six frames, Graham made the move in and kept making good shots. Being perfect through 11 out of 12 shots, Graham won the title, 279-244 over Ryan Ciminelli.

Graham truly is an incredible role model for all Canadian youth bowlers to aspire to.



USBC Masters Runner-Up Dan MacLelland



Canadian bowling icon **Dan MacLelland**, performed outstanding at this years (2016) USBC Masters Championships. Dan bowled as an amateur after giving up his professional status to be home with his family and manage Frederick Lanes in Kitchener Ontario.

During the championship match Dan bowled against a nineteen-year-old firecracker by the name of **Anthony Simonsen** from Princeton, Texas. Simonsen became the youngest player to win a major title on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour.



Dan felt as if the week at the Masters was like a vacation in some ways. Wife **Kristy** and daughter **Harper** were on hand to cheer him on. *"It was great to be here and see everyone again, and I really love bowling in the Masters," MacLelland said. "This is one event I always try to bowl in, and it was a fun week. It's a little disappointing, but I'm not upset. Things just didn't go my way. Anthony bowled great all week."*

(Photos courtesy of USBC, Bowl.com, PBA)





The High Performance Committee has recently encouraged our present and past Team Canada members to submit stories related to their bowling careers - things like how it got started, their development, their goals, their highs and lows, and anything else they thought was relevant. It is a way to allow the bowling community to learn more about our Team Canada athletes, and at the same time it gives these athletes an opportunity to express their feelings and aspirations about the sport we love. We are thankful to those athletes who take the time to tell us their stories. We plan to publish these on a regular basis.

My Story - Bob Puttick



On the day I was asked to write this piece, 3 of my granddaughters qualified for CYC Provincials. The smile I couldn't erase was just one reward for my lifetime in the sport of tenpin bowling. I was honoured when, at my Hall of Fame induction, **Dave Kist** called the Puttick family 'The First Family of Bowling' in Calgary. I never thought of us that way. At the moment eleven of our clan compete in leagues, and in various levels of tournament play.

I am now well past 50 years in the sport, starting out watching my parents, who made Saturday night their date night. I usually got to toss a few balls at the end, and that started the obsession.

Bowling has, without exaggeration, been the centre of my entire life. I coached Karen, my wife of 40 years, as a junior. Everything else in our lives is a result of those Saturday mornings. I can't imagine the 'what if I didn't bowl' scenario. I shiver to think how boring life might have been without my decision to bowl.

Like many of my generation, I was mainly self taught, coaching being spotty at best, with one coach covering 10-12 lanes. I define my game as very simple, always competing against fancier, stronger swings, but having more than my share of success. Not ever owning many balls at a time, it was learn to use what you had, not trying to buy an average, the current method of many. I suggest one learn the basics first, then graduate to more equipment. I was maybe 22 years old before I owned 2 balls. I doubt any youth bowlers can relate to that. I have always considered myself the Norm Duke of tier 2 bowling, the object being to strike, few wild shots, and make every single spare. Norm's game is as simple as it can get, very direct, nothing fancy. He beats the biggest, and the strongest, and does it often, despite his small size.

Ben Gagnier, Brunswick manager of my 1st centre, was my main source of advice. He encouraged me, drilled my 1st ball, gave me a job, and lit the fire under me. My dad, also a self taught bowler, would draw lanes on paper, on the kitchen table, to explain spare shooting to me. Two hours of bowling, including a hot dog and a Coke, for \$2, became a weekly routine.

Canada is one of the few countries whose size creates unique problems. The teams are often composed of complete strangers, bonding for one event. Our smallest regions are larger than most countries. Bowlers seldom cross paths, except as one time teammates, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the friendships made while representing Canada, usually jammed in a 7-8 day International Event. Coming together on a CTF National



Team has unexpected rewards, new friendships, new respect for difficulties we all face in our sport. Bowlers around the world know how hard it is to make our team, and that leads to more new friends made. Nothing for a Canadian bowler is better than being part of a CTF National Team.

Easily, the best feeling is that of slipping on the Team Canada jersey. The pride I get is hard to explain, and only when it happens to you will it become clear. It beats all the 300s, 800s, & tournament wins I have ever had. The winning of Gold, while dressed in red & white, surpasses any other feeling I have ever had. An almost immediate thought is 'I have to do this again' because you want that thrill back, over and over. Approaching my 64th birthday shortly, I am not looking forward to the day I realize I won't get that opportunity again, though that day is close, or already has happened. I hold out hope I will have one more chance, but also know the reality of age.



Highs and lows? I will be honest. I only have one real regret, from 45 years of adult competition, and that low was the direct result of a high, so I still can smile about it today. That was the 2010 US Senior Open, in Las Vegas. I made the 3 day, 18-game cut, with a game to go, so I had a smile that wouldn't go away. On day 4, the first money round, another 9 games would cut the field from about 70 to 24 bowlers, for match play. That meant 24 games against nearly every great bowler I had grown up watching. I calmly started those 9 games with 290, then 245, and moved into 12th place. As I found out, mentally I wasn't ready, and I finished 34th. I had never experienced a meltdown like that before, or since. Not getting those 24 games of match play, against, **Mark Williams, Johnny Petraglia**, etc. is easily my biggest, and maybe only regret. It still stings today. What a memory those games would have been!



Highlights? Too many to count, but one does stand out. It's not one of my 300s, 800s, Gold Medals, 5 Team Canada trips or 1 World Cup appearance. I have sat at tables, or bowled with, **Norm Duke, Parker Bohn III, Dale Eagle, Dick Weber, Arturo Hernandez, Mark Roth, Marshall Holman, Amleto Monacelli, Brian Voss, Mark Williams**, and so many others, and the feeling is always "WOW" as in this can't be happening. All of these are great memories, but none compare to the thrill of being inducted into the CTF Hall of Fame, in November of 2015. They graciously allowed it to be done in Calgary, in front of family and friends, and nothing can compare to that forever award, that day that sums up an entire life. Being at the hotel early, every single one of my friends who walked into the lobby sent a new shiver up my spine. The party that followed only added to the day, for both Karen and I. It is easily the best day of my bowling career, without ever throwing a ball.

That sounds strange just writing it...my best day in bowling, I never threw a ball.



Many athletes, and bowlers are athletes, are often alone, in that family members choose other avenues in their lives.

The greatest honour my clan has given me is that they all, except one daughter in law, bowl. Karen, all 4 kids, three of their spouses, and so far 7 of 8 grandchildren have bowled in leagues, despite all the other options available today. Already granddaughter **Augusta Bockman** has a CTF National Gold, and I was pleased to be in Winnipeg when it happened, better feeling than any 300 game I have thrown.

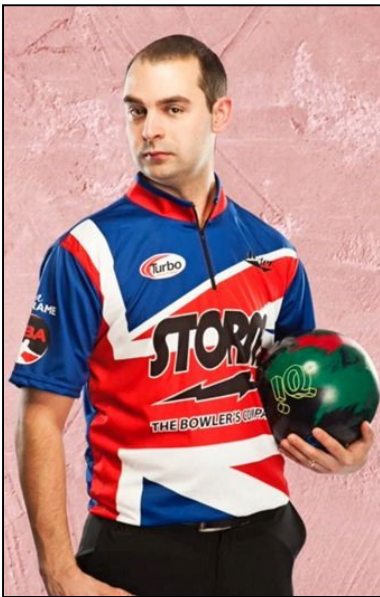
In closing, my career has been a blast. Size doesn't matter in bowling, unless it's the size of the heart. Finesse can beat power, a cool head can beat a hot one, and a good attitude is a must. Most important, be a gracious loser, as it makes winning better. I don't look forward to the day I throw my last shot, and I know I will throw it with very mixed emotions, smiles and tears all at once. All my dreams have been exceeded.



Dom Barrett, Danielle McEwan Win World Bowling Tour Finals Championships

English star rolls unique 10-frame “perfect game” in winning men’s title.

INDIANAPOLIS - After traversing the globe competing against the top bowlers in the world over a span of two years, England’s **Dom Barrett** and **Danielle McEwan** of Stony Point, N.Y., emerged as the winners of the World Bowling Tour Men’s and Women’s Finals at Woodland Bowl. The finals, presented by the Professional Bowlers Association, aired Sunday on ESPN.



Using an experimental World Bowling scoring system, Barrett (shown at left), a four-time PBA Tour champion and top qualifier for the three-man finals, rolled a one-of-a-kind perfect game in defeating five-time PBA Tour winner **Mike Fagan** of Berkley, Calif., 300-256, to win his first WBT Finals championship.

The unique WBT scoring system retained the traditional 10-frame scoring format, but awarded 30 pins for a strike, 10 pins for a spare plus the pinfall of the first shot in the frame, and actual pinfall for an open frame. For a spare, for example, if the player knocked down eight pins on his/her first ball and then converted the spare, he/she earned 18 pins for the frame. If a player left a split or missed a spare and got only nine pins for both shots in the frame, his/her score for that frame was nine.

The maximum score under the World Bowling system is still 300 – based on 10 consecutive strikes - and there is no extra shot or bonus pins in the 10th frame.

Various versions of bowling’s traditional scoring system have been tested by World Bowling, the international governing body for tenpin bowling in the eyes of the International Olympic Committee, in an effort to create a scoring system that will be more easily understood by those who aren’t familiar with the traditional bowling system. An experimental “best frame” system – similar to the system golf uses in Ryder Cup competition – was showcased in last year’s WBT Finals held in Las Vegas.

For bowling the first-ever perfect game under the experimental format, the PBA awarded Barrett its traditional \$10,000 bonus for the 300 game.

“That was pretty cool,” Barrett said, referring both to his unique 300 game and his victory. “It was a long two years getting to that point. The scoring format was irrelevant to me. I just had to throw strikes to get the best score I could. I just trusted if I bowled the best game I could, I’d win.”

Barrett said he liked the idea behind the new scoring system.

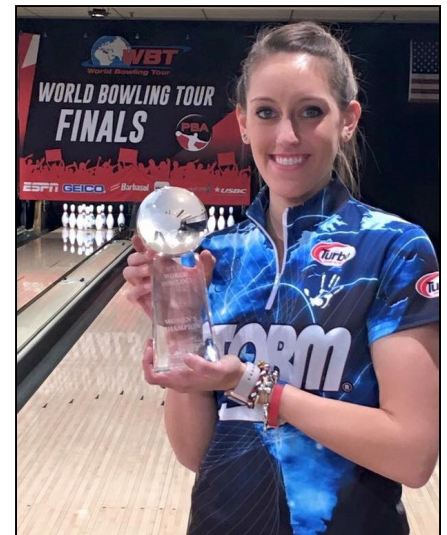
“I think the idea behind it is great, trying to get us into the Olympics,” he said. “If it helps get (bowling) more onto the international stage, the more people who understand it, the better. The reasons behind (the modified scoring system) are all very good reasons.”



In the women's final, McEwan (shown at right) won her first WBT Finals championship by defeating 2014 WBT Finals winner and 2016 top qualifier **Kelly Kulick** of Union, N.J., 256-243, throwing six strikes worth 30 pins each and four nine-count spares, each worth 19 pins. McEwan was able to hold off Kulick who had one less strike, four nine-count spares and, the difference-maker, a seven-count spare.

"It's a long process to get here and that's what makes the win all that much better, looking back on what I had to do to get there," said McEwan, who also spoke in favor of the scoring system.

"I liked it; it almost made me not pay attention to the score," she said. "I didn't watch my opponent as much because throwing a string of strikes didn't matter. I just had to focus on each shot I made. "I'm curious to see how people react to it, like my dad, who isn't a bowler. I want to see if it's easier for him to understand."



In the men's semifinal match Fagan defeated three-time reigning PBA Player of the Year **Jason Belmonte**, 265-256. Both players threw seven strikes in the match, but after Belmonte left the 4-10 split in his 10th frame and failed to convert, Fagan threw his seventh strike for the win.

In the women's semifinal, McEwan, the No. 2 qualifier, defeated No. 3 **Liz Johnson** of Cheektowaga, N.Y., 256-233, out-striking Johnson 6-4 for the difference.

The players earned their berths in the finals as the top point-earners in PBA International-World Bowling Tour events over a two-year rolling WBT points competition.

WORLD BOWLING TOUR FINALS PRESENTED BY PBA

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Sunday

Men's Division Final Standings

- 1, Dom Barrett, England, *\$30,000.
- 2, Mike Fagan, Berkley, Calif., \$10,000.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$5,000.

*Includes \$10,000 bonus for 300 game

Stepladder Results (based on modified WBT scoring system awarding 30 pins per strike, 10 pins plus first-ball count for spares, and actual pinfall for open frames)

Semifinal - Fagan def. Belmonte, 265-256.

Final - Barrett def. Fagan, 300-256.

Women's Division Final Standings

- 1, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., \$20,000.
- 2, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., \$10,000.
- 3, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$5,000.

Stepladder Results (based on modified WBT scoring system awarding 30 pins per strike, 10 pins plus first-ball count for spares, and actual pinfall for open frames)

Semifinal - McEwan def. Johnson, 256-233.

Final - McEwan def. Kulick, 256-243.



Pete Weber - The Bad Boy of Bowling



For those of you who haven't heard about it, ESPN has produced a documentary covering the life and times of PBA Hall of Famer **Pete Weber**.

It is a 20-minute video, that is, in my opinion, very well done. It covers the highs and lows of Weber's career, and his relationship with the PBA.

You can view it at: <http://espn.go.com/video/clip?id=14801148>



Canada's National Teams

Submitted by Tyrel Rose

It's training camp season. The youth camp was held February 12-14 in Montreal, bringing together our 3 national team Coaches, **Tyrel Rose**, **Michael Boroskae** and **David Poupart** to work with our 10 athletes looking to be selected for the 8-person team going to the Youth Worlds in the summer. As usual it was a camp filled with learning and hard work by all involved.

The ladies camp took place February 25-28, preparing our 8-woman roster for the events on the 2016 calendar. The men's team camp will be March 17th to the 20th. The big team event for 2016 is the Mixed PABCON event where 6 men and 6 women will represent Canada and compete to qualify Canada for the 2017 Mixed World Championships next year. Laurentian Lanes in Montreal has been a wonderful host sponsor for our training camps the last few years and continue to give us a great venue for training our national team athletes. Hats off to the owner **Howard Grundman**, the manager **Pascal Loyer** and their great staff for helping our athletes be their best.

Coach Development

Submitted by Tyrel Rose

The first quarter of 2016 has been focused on the creation of our Professional Development modules. Our first course 'Effective Coach Communication' is ready for approval from the CAC following a pilot in Montreal in early February. Once approved, this 4-hour course will be ready to roll out across Canada for coaches of all levels who are interested in improving their skills.

The second course is probably even more hotly anticipated because it is focusing on the technical portion of the game. 'Common Technical Corrections' will be a one-day course that gives insight into the most common physical flaws that bowlers can develop, their causes, and how to fix them. The goal is for this course to be completed and approved by June so it can be rolled out for the end of 2017.

Two coach certification courses are scheduled in Quebec in April, including the first Competition Development course in that province. When that course is completed, the coaches will become the 3rd group of 'Comp Dev' coaches in training Canada (following those who took the course in Winnipeg, MB and Woodbridge, ON last year). Competition Development is the advanced level of coach certification and now the focus shifts to get the course hosted in the remaining provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta, BC and New Brunswick.

It's important to point out that coaches who have attended the Competition Introduction coaching course but have not been evaluated, are not yet 'Certified'. All coaches need to undergo an evaluation process to achieve a certified status, and if you're a coach who hasn't been certified yet, please contact your local facilitator to find out how to complete your coach certification.

For information on getting certified, hosting a course, and all things coach training related, please contact **Blaine Boyle** with the CTF National Board or **Tyrel Rose**, CTF's lead facilitator for coach certification.



The Health Benefits of Bowling

Bowling doesn't have the best reputation when it comes to the god-like physiques of its players. Homer Simpson, Al Bundy, John Goodman in *The Big Lebowski*...how did our fair sport get such a bad rap?

Many people might be surprised to learn that the health benefits of bowling are actually quite numerous! (It's the Beer Frame that'll getcha...). Granted, in bowling you don't really do a whole lot of moving around—most activities are done in short bursts, rather than prolonged stretches of movement. But you ARE moving, and that can make a huge difference! Even a moderate amount of exercise can greatly reduce the chances for heart disease, and can lower the risk for stroke and diabetes.

It's estimated that during a three game series, the average bowler will walk about $\frac{3}{8}$ of a mile, all while carrying a heavy ball. This means you can burn around 170-300 calories per game—roughly 6 calories/minute (about the same as golfing or riding a bike at 6mph). In addition, throwing the ball stretches and flexes your arm, providing great exercise for your tendons, ligaments, and joints. This can improve muscle strength and lead to greater flexibility and range of motion.

Bowling at least once a week can help sharpen motor skills, improve eye-hand coordination, stimulate mental alertness and concentration, and hone tactical strategies.

And it's a great stress reliever! Many studies show that social, team-building activities such as bowling help to ease loneliness and reduce stress and depression...which can lead to a longer, happier life!

Best of all, because bowling is such a low-impact sport, it can be enjoyed by everyone, regardless of age or physical ability. Many bowling centres are set up to accommodate wheelchairs and those with visual impairments.

And it's just so fun. Hard to remember that you're actually getting exercise!

We would recommend celebrating wisely during the Beer Frame, though. One 12 oz beer will take 44 minutes of consecutive bowling to work off your gut!

Coaching Development Update

Submitted by Blaine Boyle, CTF Director

Tyrel provided most of the updates regarding our progress on the Coaching courses and our work with the National Teams.

We are still working on correcting coaching accounts in the Locker. If you know of anyone whose training track says "invalid" let us know so we can correct this issue - it's usually just incorrect birthdates entered or no valid date entered. You can contact me at blaineboyle@sasktel.net or blaine.boyle@customtruck.ca.



IT'S THE RULE !

Charlotte Konkle, CTF Regulatory Chair

1) Team Captain's Responsibilities

A team captain is a member of the league authorized to organize and enter a team in league play. The captain is the team representative and shall perform the following duties:

Determine the members of the roster and be responsible for the eligibility of the team and its members under the rules of the league and CTF

- Collect CTF, national, local and provincial dues, where applicable, from each member of the team and remit such fees to the league secretary.
- Be responsible for the conduct and attendance of the team in league play. It is within the captain's authority to permanently remove any player from the team. If requested, good and sufficient reason for the removal must be furnished to the board.
- Enter the lineup in the computer and/or on the recap sheet before the start of each scheduled series.
- Sign the recap score sheets and have the scores verified by the opposing captain, Obvious errors are corrected by the League Secretary.
- Be responsible for the collection of league fees from each member of the team for remittance to the league treasurer.
- Pay each member of the team within 15 days after receiving prize money in accordance with verbal or written agreements. The league board shall decide a dispute over prize money distribution.

2) Handicap Info

USBC did a four-year study of handicap leagues (mixed, all-women and all-men) and according to the results, the handicap percentages 75%, 80% and 90% do not fully equalize competition:

Even at 100% handicap, the higher-average teams or bowlers still have a decided edge. Seventy out of 100 championships still are won by the higher-average team when 100% handicap is used.

An exact 50-50 distribution of league championships would result only if a 116% handicap was used.

It is harder for a higher-average team to win because the lower-average team gets so many pins handicap. You must always look at the difference in averages as well as handicap. In the table the higher- average team total is 73% or 223 pins higher than the lower-average team.

Base 200					Base 200				
Team A					Team B				
	Average	80%	90%	100%		Average	80%	90%	100%
Linda	120	64	72	80	Dave	150	40	45	50
Dick	115	68	76	85	Patti	167	26	29	33
Kathy	95	84	94	105	Scott	185	12	13	15
Sandi	142	46	52	58	Lisa	140	48	54	60
Jeff	135	84	94	105	Terri	188	9	10	12
Total	607	314	352	393	Total	830	135	151	170
Average+ 80% = 921					Average+ 80% = 965				
Average+ 90% = 959					Average+ 90% = 981				
Average + 100% = 1000					Average + 100% = 1000				



3) QUESTIONS REGARDING RULES - Please contact National Office at ctf@gotenpinbowling.ca.

CTF Strategic Planning Committee Update

Submitted by Stan May, Executive Director, CTF

The CTF Strategic Planning Committee would like to thank the 5,888 participants that opened the Strategic Planning Survey that was sent out, and more so, the 1,068 that took the time to respond. The survey was emailed to 15,907 participant emails using Constant Contact Survey, from the current contact list used for the CTF Connection and adding over 9,000 contacts from the CTF Online Registration Software.

The committee will now begin sorting the responses to each of the questions and determining recommendations to be presented at the June Board meeting and the development of a revised CTF Strategic Plan moving forward.

A recap of the responses will appear in the next CTF Connection.

High Performance Committee Updates

Submitted by Cathy Innes

Applications are being accepted for 2016 Tournament of Americas - The application can be found on the CTF website at this link: <http://gotenpinbowling.ca/EN/tournament-of-americas/>

Please note, you now have to supply a passport copy with your application.

The deadline is April 1, 2016. For more of the tournament info: <https://www.bowlingamericas.com>

There is a PABCON Senior and Super Senior event in 2016.

Super Senior Applications can be found at: <http://gotenpinbowling.ca/EN/canadian-national-championships/> and are due by April 1, 2016. The new age criteria is 60 years old.

Seniors will qualify at the Canadian Team Trials in Burlington.

Sandy Lowe is Leaving!!

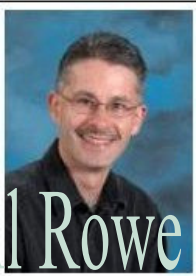
Sandy Lowe, one of the Co-Editors of the CTF Connection for the past 3 years, has decided to "move on". This will be her last issue. She will be able to devote more time to her other passions - such as her family, her love of photography, and who knows, she may even go back to do some coaching.

I can speak from personal experience that Sandy was the main driver of the CTF Connection during those years. It was her idea to change the format of the Connection, to reorganize and restructure it, and to put more focus on local news from across Canada, while not losing sight of the traditional Team Canada news. She was a big part of the Connection - those will be tough shoes to fill.

We wish you all the best Sandy!



canadians challenge the PBA Tour



Bill Rowe Jr.
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- 1984 joined the PBA (Bowled in 10 events)
- 1996 ABC Masters 10th (Highest International Player)
- 1997 ABC Masters 25th.
- 1998 ABC Masters qualified finals lot in first round
- 2004-05 PBA Exempt Tour. (Bowled in 19 events)
- 2005 Started coaching

"I had a hard time winning matches on the Exempt Tour, basically I bowled four guys all year, Tommy Jones, Chris Barnes, Michael Haugen Jr and Mika. Oh ya I forgot one...Steve Jaros, I beat that guy one week LOL." (Bill Rowe Jr.)



Alan Tone
Alan Tone

- 1983 competed in five events, cashed in two of the five, one with a 19th place finish and 29th.
- Averaged 213 for 60 games.
- "I realized those guys were much better than me!" (Al Tone)
- After his competitive career started coaching internationally.



George Lambert IV
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- 2006 USBC Masters / Averaged 212 for 33 games
- 2006 3rd USBC Masters
- 2008 Qualified 1st at PBA qualifying round averaging 227
- 2010 Voted by his peers as the PBA "Sportsman of the Year".

"The PBA is intoxicating. It is like chasing your childhood dream week after week. When I got lucky and made the Masters show back in 2006 it made me want to be back in that position again and again. Making a telecast was completely life changing and yet went by so fast. My first few years on tour were awesome as we were driving from New Jersey to California and back to New Jersey. Life on the road was great at the time as both my roommate and I didn't have a family at home. As the money started to dwindle it was tough to continue to chase the dream as I wanted a family as well. The PBA is and always will be a huge aspiration drive for any bowler."



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Patrick Girard
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- 2005 (2) PBA TV Finals
- 3rd USBC Open Team Championship
- 2015 DHC Japan Invitational Invitee
- 2016 USBC Masters (300 Game)



Francois Lavoie
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- 2015 USBC Masters (300 Game)
- 2016 USBC Masters (Lost in round 2)



David Simard
David Simard

- 2016 USBC Masters (300 Game)
- 2016 USBC Masters (Lost in round 5)



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*****

British Columbia Tenpin Federation <i>Note: *recently relaunched and renamed*</i>	http://www.bctenpin.ca/
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/
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Ontario Tenpin BA	http://www.otba.ca/
Regina Tenpin BA	http://www.reginatenpin.ca/
Vancouver & District Tenpin BA	http://www.vdtba.ca/
Windsor Essex BA	http://www.weckba.com/
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