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Hazel McLeary Leadership Award

We thought this might be appropriate for our title page in this edition of The Connection. For those of you who don't know, Hazel McLeary has been an active supporter of tenpin bowling for many years, serving on many Boards, Associations, and Committees here in Canada, as well as in the United States, and many other parts of the world. She was a main contributor to the task of creating our own Canadian membership organization. She also was the editor of The Connection for many years, and when I say Editor, I mean reporter, writer, publisher – yes, it was primarily a one-woman show!

Several years ago, CTF created the Hazel McLeary Leadership Award, in part to forever honour Hazel's accomplishments and dedication to CTF, but also to recognize individuals who have displayed similar attributes and dedication to our sport. This past November, at the CTF Annual Meeting, the award was presented to Cathy Innes, CTF's High-Performance Manager.

Pictured below is Cathy receiving the award from Felicia Wong (L) and Hazel (R).





Manitoba News
Submitted by Dan Tereck

Youth Camp



The Manitoba Tenpin Bowling Coaches Association, in conjunction with the Manitoba Tenpin Federation, held a Youth Camp on Sunday, February 5, 2017, at Chateau Lanes. This FREE camp, which was primarily targeted towards the youth who would be bowling in the upcoming YBC and CTF Provincial Tournaments, attracted 23 enthusiastic athletes.

One of the features of this camp was that the lane oiling pattern that was going to be used for the CTF Provincial Tournament, was put down for this practice. It was an opportunity for the athletes to experience this oiling pattern and for the coaches to introduce and help them negotiate it, tactically. Of course, there was extra work on spare-making, and at the end, a competitive Scotch Doubles format game so that they could put what they had learned to practice in a “real” scoring environment.

This was the first time that we had run a youth camp at this point in the season, and with this express purpose. We don’t believe it will be the last time.

Wade Scott Wins the Manitoba Open

The 36th Manitoba Open tournament took place on January 14-15, at Chateau Lanes, with 72 competitors lacing them up on qualifying day. After 10 games, the top 24 had been decided, and they would be returning the next morning to compete in the match-play portion of the tournament. It took a +54 to make the cut – a 205.4 average – on the Abbey Road oiling pattern. The top qualifier was Wade Scott who bowled a +319 for his 10 games – a 231.9 average!



On Sunday, Scott stayed hot, rolling a 300 game in his 5th match, winning all 8 of his matches, and averaging 237 for those 8 game! He qualified for the stepladder finals in the #1 position. The rest of the top five were: Andy Mills (last year's champion) in 2nd, Matt McNiel in 3rd, Mitch Hupé in 4th, and Zach Wilkins in 5th.

In the first stepladder match, Wilkins edged out Hupé 194-188. Wilkins then beat McNiel 232-200. In the 3rd match, Mills defeated Wilkins by a score of 225-203. So Mills moved up to play Scott, the #1 seed, for the title, knowing that he's have to defeat Scott twice in order to repeat as champion. In a close match, Mills had a chance to put some pressure on Scott in the 10th, but he left a pocket 4-9 split, which he couldn't convert. Scott won the match 203 - 193.

To see all the tournament scoring details, as well as many pictures, visit Chateau Lanes' website:

<http://www.chateaulanes.ca/manitobaOpen2017.html>

As well, there is a link to ndbowltv there allowing you to watch the entire televised stepladder finals.

YBC Provincial Champions



The YBC Provincial tournament was held on Feb 25th, at Laverendrye Bowl in Winnipeg.

There were some close finishes and we even had the excitement of a one-game tie-breaker to determine the Junior Girls champion!

Congratulations to all of the winners who will be travelling to Guelph, Ontario to represent Manitoba!

Bantam Girl: **Vanessa Visarra**

Bantam Boy: **Matthew Jones**

Junior Girl: **Kaylee Shewchuk**

Junior Boy: **Israel Potter** (missing)

Senior Girl: **Marissa Naylor**

Senior Boy: **Liam Naylor**

Go Toba !!



Lethbridge Bowlers clean up at 2016 Mixed Champions

Submitted by Sue Leslie

My apologies for not getting this into the December issue of The Connection. But better late than never!

A few bowlers from Lethbridge made the 2-hour trip to Calgary in November to compete at the Canadian Mixed Championships. One bowler, **Greg Munghen**, even bowled with his father, **Albert**, who travelled from Brampton, ON, to compete. The Munghen team, made up of **Greg Munghen**, **Jordan Munghen**, **Albert Munghen** and **E.T. McNeely**, bowled almost every shift.

Even though their numbers were small, the results were incredible:

Jordan Munghen	\$345	- 3 rd Place, Mixed Teams - 8 th Place Mixed Doubles - 2 nd Place Open Doubles - 6 th Place Women's Handicap All Events
Sue Leslie	\$185	- 7 th Place Women's Singles - 4 th Place Mixed Doubles (with Ron Molinski of Winnipeg) - 4 th Place Women's Handicap All Events
Greg Munghen	\$555	- 3 rd Place Mixed Teams - 8 th Place Mixed Doubles - 4 th Place Open Doubles (with his dad, Albert) - 5 th Place Open Doubles (with Eugene McNeely) - 3 rd Place Handicap Men's All Events - 5 th Place Men's Handicap Singles
Eugene (E.T.) McNeely	\$523	- 3 rd Place Mixed Team - 5 th Place Open Doubles (with Greg Munghen) - 2 nd Place Men's Handicap All Events - 1 st Place Open Doubles (with Albert Munghen)

Stan May from Lethbridge, also placed, but he didn't want me to mention where, so you will have to check the standings on our website to find out.

E.T. and Albert also set the new Canadian Record for Open Doubles with a score of 1597.

Congratulations to our Lethbridge Bowlers!



Windsor-Essex Chatham-Kent Bowling Association



The local association would like to congratulate **Gary Hooper Jr** for winning the Molson Masters OPEN Division and **Norm Wilson** for winning the Molson Masters SENIOR Division. This year's tournament was the 62nd and was completed on Sat. Feb. 11, 2017.

As per this year's news release, provided by **Nick Stein**, Gary Hooper Jr led the Open Finalists. Hooper Jr, the 2012 champ, was seeking his 2nd title and needed to win only one match as the number one seed. Joining Hooper Jr in the finals were three newcomers to the TV finals and another trying for his 1st title in his 3rd attempt. **Mark Decman** from London was the number two seed. **Chris Lemmon** was seeded third, with **Brad Clarke**, a lefty, seeded fourth and **Steve Walls Jr**, needing to run the table as the fifth seed to win four matches to claim the Open title.

The four Senior finalists featured three former champs and a newcomer to TV as the number one seed. Norm Wilson was making his first TV appearance and slipped into the top spot by edging a former champ, **Tom Scott** (2015) who was seeded second. Wilson was just one game away from being a Molson Masters Senior champion. Rounding out the top four were third seed **Rick Vittone**, a former champ (1990) and fourth seed **Marc Pouget**, another former champ (2014).

This Molson Masters is a tournament with a very long rich history. It has been hosted at Palace Recreation, Crescent Lanes, Revs Bowlero, and now at Revs Rose Bowl. This year's tournament was dedicated to **Scotty Laughland** who passed away recently. Scotty was a long time fierce competitor of this tournament as he won the Open division three times - 1983, 1984 and 2000 and was runner up six times - 1986, 1990, 1993, 1995, 1998, and 2002. His wife Sandy indicated that Scotty loved the competitiveness, the match-play, and the close friendships developed over the years among the competitors in this tournament.

Each of the TV finalists was asked what this tournament meant personally and why each thought it was so prestigious.

Gary Hooper Jr. suggested that the tournament is a tournament everyone in the association wants to win. Mark Decman described the tournament as very well organized, professionally run, and very impressive. Chris Lemmon said he watched the tournament growing up and looked up to bowlers in the top 40 and the TV finals.

Brad Clarke believes it was simply a challenge after bowling ten years in the Molson's so it was awesome to make the finals.

Steve Walls Jr indicated that this is the most prestigious tournament in Windsor and it means a lot to Windsor bowlers. He reflected that he has been bowling in this tournament ever since he joined a men's league.

Norm Wilson described the tournament as lots of fun but nerve-racking and it was just his third time trying to qualify.

Tom Scott said he gauges himself against the best that come to compete to see if he can compete with them.

Marc Pouget feels that this is the most prestigious tournament for miles around.

Rick Vittone said this tournament means everything and that he bowls all year to compete with the best bowlers. The longevity of the tournament has seen 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, the fourth week is the TV Step Ladder Finals. To qualify in the Senior Division bowlers bowl 4 games over 4 pairs of lanes, the Open Division bowlers bowl 5 games over 5 pairs of lanes.

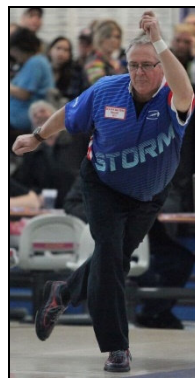
SENIOR DIVISION - For Match Play - the top 15 Senior bowlers, plus last year's Senior Champion, are divided into 4 groups of 4 bowlers each. They bowl each bowler once in their division. Then they bowl a final position round within their own group. Each time a bowler wins their match he earns a 30 pin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



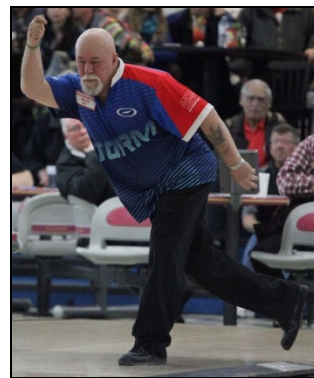
Rick Vittone



Mark Pouget



Tom Scott



Norm Wilson

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

Rick Vittone 238

Marc Pouget 226

Rick Vittone 256

Tom Scott 212

Rick Vittone 213

Norm Wilson 224 (2017 Senior Molson Masters Champion)

Rick Vittone said his goal in match play was ball preparation and having friends give him great advice. He indicated he found the step-ladder final very nerve-racking. He said he would like to see more pairs being used in qualifying. He said there are too many right-handers and a lefty when all alone has fresh oil longer and that didn't seem fair. Rick wanted to thank Randy Hillier, and Cory Cookson for some great tips. He also wanted to thank Dan and Wendy Aqwa. This is Rick Vittone's first break through advancing to the Senior Division TV finals since his previous 1990 win in the Open division. Rick will definitely be back to compete in future tournament competition.

Marc Pouget has been in the TV finals four years in a row so he has enjoyed the competition. Marc said his mindset in match-play was one shot at a time. This step-ladder final was another learning experience. Next time around he would try to finish first instead of fourth. Pouget wanted to thank Cogeco, Revs, Molson's and Nick Stein for all the work done to organize and run this tournament. Marc won this Senior division in 2014 so he will be back.



Tom Scott revealed that Marc Pouget told him that he could compete at this level. Tom was a self-doubter but Marc gave him the confidence in match play to make him believe that he could succeed in this tournament. In the step-ladder final Tom said he was on a high. He beat Mike Snow in match-play, got a gold medal for Canada last summer and earned his first 800 ring (had 803 actual after first 3 games in match play). When he threw all those strikes against Mike Snow he really knew that Marc Pouget was right and that he could compete. Tom relished all the support from family, from the bowlers in his league league, and all the encouragement from other tournament competitors. This was Tom's first time back in the TV finals since he won back in 2015.

Norm Wilson indicated his goal in match-play was just to relax and have fun. Since this was his first time making it to match-play he doubted that he would make it through to the TV finals. The step-ladder final was rough and nerve-racking because there were many good bowlers. He said he did not look at how the others were bowling; he just worked on his own game. Norm took advice from other competitors and it turned out to be very helpful advice. It was very gratifying to see Norm win the Senior Division Molson Masters Championship. He was considered the underdog because he had never been to the finals before. Norm said it was a fun tournament and he will continue to compete in the tournament as long as he still bowls. Norm said he will definitely be back to bowl in future tournaments.

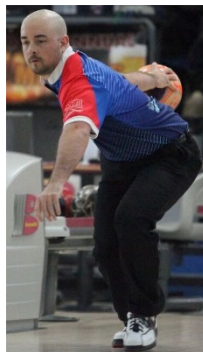
OPEN DIVISION - For Match Play - the top 39 Open bowlers, plus last year's Open Champion, are divided into five groups of eight bowlers each. They bowl each bowler once in their division. Then they bowl a final position round within their own group. Each time a bowler wins their match they get a 30 pin 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 advance to the TV step ladder finals.



Steve Walls Jr



Brad Clarke



**Chris
Lemmon**



Mark Decman



Gary Hooper Jr

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

Steve Walls Jr 234

Brad Clarke 236

Brad Clarke 194

Chris Lemmon 201

Chris Lemmon 225

Mark Decman 182

Chris Lemmon 216

Gary Hooper Jr 236 (2017 Open Molson Masters Champion)



Steve Walls Jr indicated that his goal in match-play was to stay calm, relaxed, make good decisions, make great shots and make all his spares. He found the step-ladder final tough and very stressful because a bowler must constantly make great shots. He said he would not change anything next time he bowls in the tournament. He would like to see more bowlers participate in the tournament, and a bigger audience. He said if anything you always need to stay humble. Steve said this is a great tournament. He hopes it encourages more young people and their parents to stay involved in bowling and spend less time playing video games. Steve is an exceptional bowler who has been to the TV finals numerous times so he will be back for many years to come.

Brad Clarke conceded that in match play competition he just stayed focused. In the step-ladder finals he said he just had fun, it was a great experience. He would like to see continued support from all involved in the tournament such as Nick Stein, Wendy Aqwa, Revs, Storm, and Molson's. Brad Clarke is also a young bowler with great talent so he will be back to bowl in future.

Chris Lemmon submitted that his match play goal was to hit the pocket on every shot, not to give up the pocket – throw strikes. The step-ladder final was the most fun he ever had bowling. When Gary Hooper missed a spare in a previous frame then left the 6-7-10 split he thought he had the tournament won. When Hooper converted the 6-7-10 split Chris surmised that it was going to be a one pin game right to the finish. He said it would be really cool if there was seating down the lanes while they were bowling, to more closely emulate the pro-bowling tour. Chris Lemmon is a strong young bowler so he will be back for many years to come.

Mark Decman stated that in match play his game plan was to make one good shot at a time, making ten pins fall down each frame with strikes as a bonus. In the step-ladder final he was all lined up but after leaving the 7-10 split in the third frame he lost his feel. At that point he felt it was the start of his demise. Chris bowled well, but his execution he said lacked so Chris advanced. Mark wanted to thank all the sponsors involved in the tournament along with his spouse who supported him. Mark wanted to also thank C300 and EBI for their support. They provided him with the best equipment. Lastly, he wanted to give a huge thanks and recognition to Bowlerama Royal in London for all the free practice time and the support provided to him. This was Mark Decman's first time to the TV finals. Mark had an impressive eight game match play scratch total of 1976 so he will definitely be back to bowl in this tournament.

Gary Hooper Jr wanted to win and his facial expression did not hide his passion and desire. Gary indicated in match play he just wanted to stay calm and not worry about losing the match. In the step-ladder finals he missed a 7-pin spare then came back in the next frame and left the 6-7-10 split. When he made that split conversion, he felt that was the turning point in the match. It made for a very close one pin match and a very exciting 10th frame finish. Hooper wanted to thank Revs Rose Bowl staff and Nick Stein for all their hard work. He also wanted to thank both Molson's and Storm for hosting the tournament. Gary has been in the Open division TV finals on numerous occasions with a previous win back in 2012. Hooper also had a very impressive eight game match play scratch total of 1990 so he will definitely be back to bowl in this tournament for years to come.

I would like to thank **Jeff Kovack** for giving us permission to make use of his Molson Masters tournament photos.

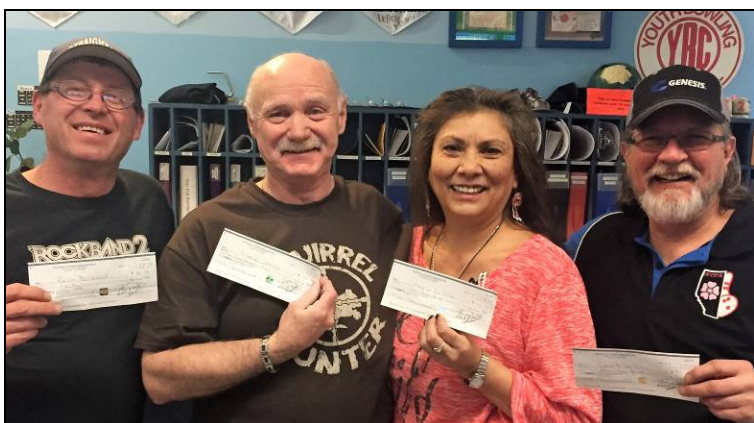
Catherine Wilbur



FTA (Foothills Tenpin Association) - Calgary

The FTA hosted their 11th annual tournament at Let's Bowl. This year the number of entries was down a little, indicating that the economic woes we have been experiencing are not quite over yet. We are pleased to have paid out over \$8,300 for the two-day event and met our commitment of 1 week or less to start presenting cheques to the winners. Congratulations to all the winners and especially to the mixed team of **Angela Bockman, David Milne, Gary Reid and Michel Habrun**. Their team finished first, collecting \$600 and a paid entry into the Alberta's CMC qualifier April 22/23.

Our Happy Cheque winners:





And that winning team we mentioned,

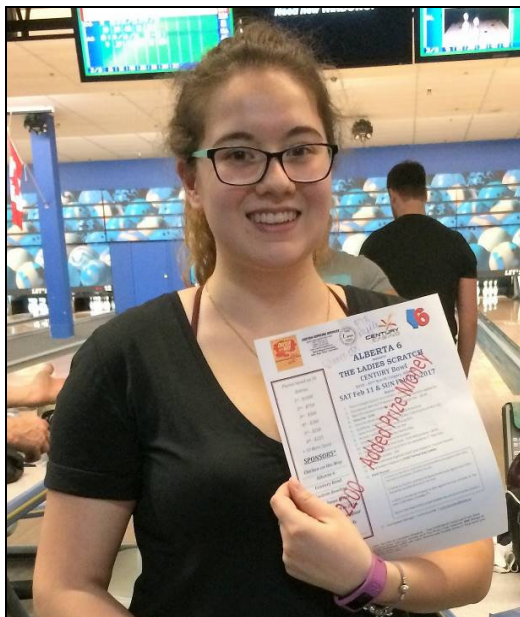


Michel Habrun, Gary Reid, Angela Bockman and David Milne. Good luck in the provincials.

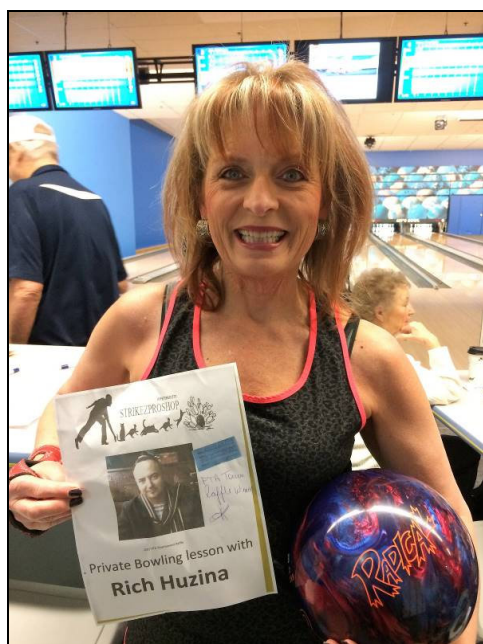
In addition to the tournament, a fundraiser was conducted over the two days with the funds being split equally between the Calgary Team Canada Foundation, the Century Youth, the Let's Bowl Youth and the FTA. Thank you to all of those you support the cause. Here are a few of the big prize winners:



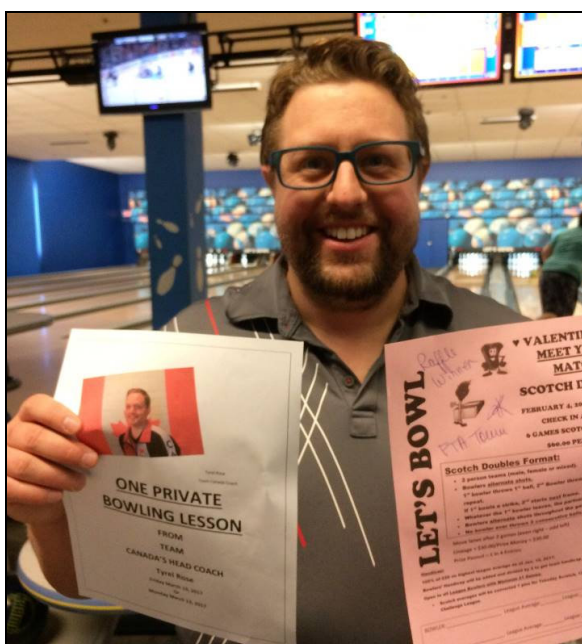
Adam Bath, Private lesson with Deb Chan and a second with Tyrel Rose



Andie Jones with paid entry into the Alberta 6 Ladies scratch tournament. Andie made the cut and finished 14th in the tournament.



Barb Deboni showing off her lesson with Rich Huzina and her new bowling ball



Colin Rowat and his private lesson with Tyrel Rose and a paid entry into the Valentine Doubles tournament



Then we have our 2017 **Valentine's Meet your Match Doubles tournament**. This is a scotch doubles event (alternating shots) that has become extremely popular over the last couple of years. 29 teams (58 bowlers) competed this year for the 2017 crown – and the winners are.....



Don Koo and Debbie Greve with tournament manager Angela Bockman.

Canada Cup – Look out Canada, here comes Calgary. This year heading to the provincial round on Sunday April 23 at Ed's Rec Room in Edmonton are:

Century Bowl

Team #1 **Scott Oberhanner, Llew Blenman, Kathleen Rondeau and Michelle Csapo**

Let's Bowl

Team #1 **Robert Campbell, Annika Engelen, Sara Bagby and Wendy Knowles**

Team #2 **Jess McKenzie, Todd Anderson, Kristian Liebscher and TJ Howard**

Team #3 **Austin Christianson, Michel Habrun, Tammy Redmon-Lannard and Don Koo**

Team #4 **Kevin Angelini, Randy Weaver, Precy Cabrera and Jennifer Mckinnon**

Team #5 **Nino Campitelli, Tristan Howard, Rich Crawford-Lisney and Jennifer Chung**

Mountain View Bowl,

Team #1 **Danny McIntyre, Jessica McIntyre, Andy Laderaute and Kory King**

Congratulations to all and best of luck in Edmonton.



Ladies Scratch – The second annual Ladies Scratch tournament took place at century bowl with 16 ladies making the cut this year. After another 8 games and the field was reduced to the final foursome of **Kalee Tripp, Felicia Wong, Kodee Pilling and Summar Farhat**. Some more bowling and another cut saw the championship matchup of Kodee Pilling facing off with Felicia Wong. In the championship match, Kodee would not be denied and with a 217 to the 180 thrown by Felicia, Kodee Pilling became the 2017 champion.

Some great bowling by Calgarians:



Dave Kist with **Ange Bockman** – 100 Over Avg



Chris Scott and his 100 pins over average watch with Kathryn Thomas (Civic League Secretary)

And we have our Provincial Qualifier to determine the youth bowlers who will represent Team Alberta at the National Championships June 1 to 5 in Kelowna, BC.

Here are the medalists:

Canada

THE YEAR
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Bantam Girls



Bantam Boys



Junior Girls



Junior Boys



Intermediate Girls



Intermediate Boys



Senior Girls



Senior Boys

Team Alberta will be represented by:

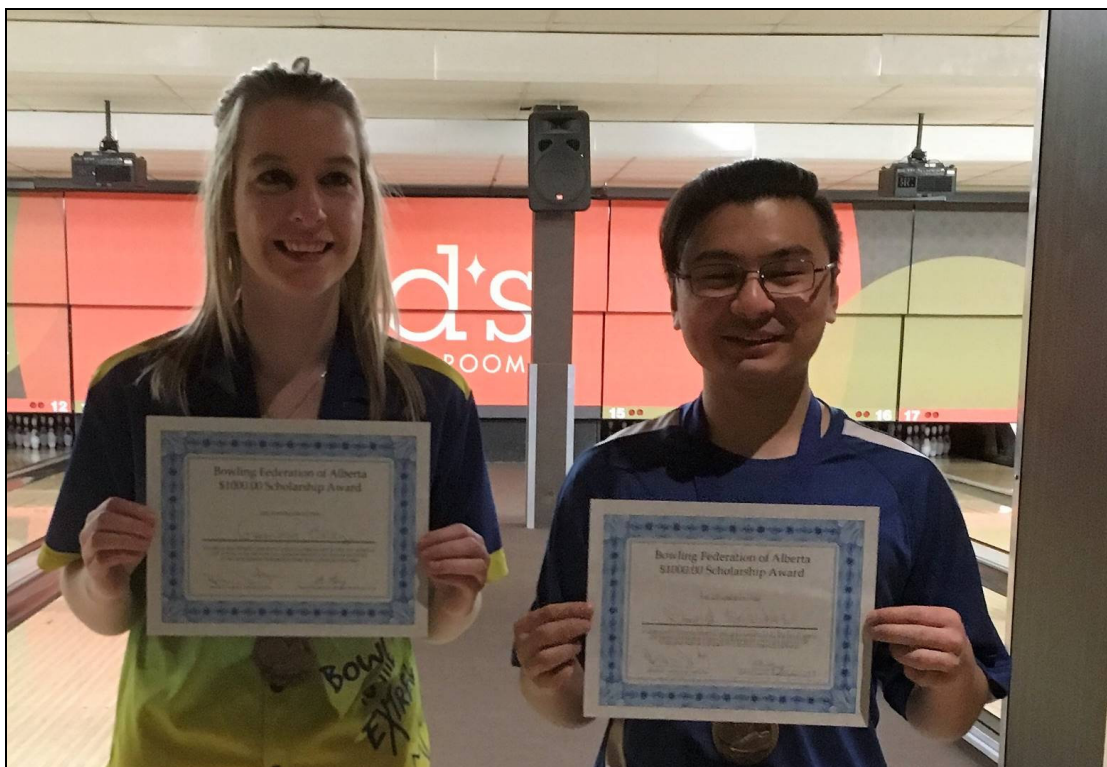


Dawson Daley (Calgary), **Alexa Hauser** (Calgary),
Molly Nimchuk (Edmonton) and **Tommy Ho** (Calgary)



David Sanchez (Calgary), **Austyn Ducharme**,
(Medicine Hat), **Kaytlynn Insko** (Medicine Hat
and **Gemma Oxley** (Lethbridge)

And a huge thank you goes out to the Bowling Federation of Alberta for their donation of two \$1000.00 scholarships which were awarded to the senior boy and senior girl gold medalists:



Gemma Oxley (Lethbridge) and David Sanchez (Calgary) with their \$1,000.00 scholarship awards.

The Tournament schedule is constantly changing, but here is the latest and most current version. Dates/venues are subject to change.

Mar 4	YBC Provincial – Let’s Bowl, Calgary
March 4-5	Jeanette Martinich Classic, Butte, MT (Ladies)
Mar 11	ATPA’s USBC Sr’s Qualifier – Let’s Bowl, Calgary
March 12	Bowl Alberta Provincial Doubles – Gateway Entertainment Centre, Edmonton
March 18-19	Miller Masters, Helena, Montana
March 18	ATPA Provincial Team Canada Qualifier - Gateway Entertainment Centre, Edmonton
March 25-26	Ringin Ten Pin, Butte, MT
Apr 1-2	Edmonton Open - Gateway Entertainment Centre, Edmonton
Apr 8	Alberta 6 – Swiss Trios – Lets Bowl, Calgary
Apr 14	Get A Life – Let’s Bowl, Calgary & Friday 4x4 members only
Apr 14-15	Western Cup – Let’s Bowl, Calgary
Apr 22-23	ATPA CMC Qualifier – Century Bowl, Calgary
Apr 22-24	YBC National Championships – Guelph, Ont
May 6-7	Alberta 6 – Leigh Patterson Memorial– Let’s Bowl, Calgary
May 15	World Cup Provincial Qualifier – Century Bowl, Calgary
May 18-22	Canadian Team Trial, Montral, QC
June 10	Alberta 6 Finals
Jul 8-9	Canada Cup National Finals



News from the Lambton County Tenpin Association

Submitted by Rod Honke

The LCTA held its annual Handicap Scholarship Tournament from January 8-22. **Johnny Wilkinson** was the winner of the men's division with 790 scratch (886 with handicap) beating out 177 other bowlers.

Karyne Legault rolled 698 scratch (860 with handicap) defeating 99 other bowlers in the ladies division.

Jim Creasor and **Pat Lacasse** have 800 series to their credit this season. Creasor has 2 (802-807 – a career 23) and Lacasse 812 for a career 4.



Jim Creasor



Pat Lacasse

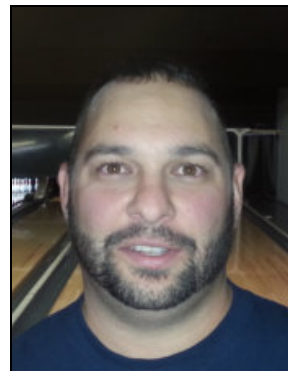
The following people have posted 300's in this season's action on the lanes with also their career 300 totals in brackets. **Mike Marciniszyn** 2 (8), **Larry Plumb** 2 (7), **Chris Luke** (17- 9 in Port Huron and Flint Michigan and 8 in Sarnia), **Stephane Sirois** (2), **Pat Legault** (1), **Kyle Adamson** (7), **Matt Salmons** (3), **Ralph MacDuff** (4), **Pat Lacasse** (8), **Connor Smith** (1) and **Tom Ladenchuk** (1).



Mike Marcinisy



Larry Plumb



Pat Legault

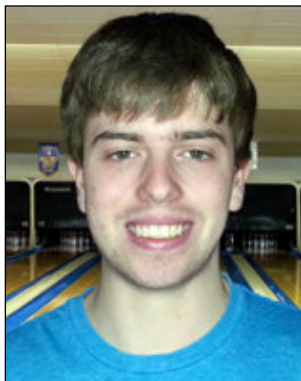


Kyle Adamson

Jim Creasor, **Peter MacRae**, **Jim Lapointe** and **Greg Gray** have posted 299's.

Junior bowler **Ben Lapointe** (17 years old) tossed 775 and a 298 (both personal highest scores).

Fred Cole, 86 years young, has a 650 this year.



Connor Smith fired 766 in the Marcin Bluewater Monday Night Men's League for his personal highest triple.

Patrick Mumby (728) and **Franco Gabriele** (711) tossed their first 700 series and **Dean Troiani** (742) his personal highest series - all in the Marcin Border City Men's League.

Brett Zevenbergen wheeled 715 for his personal best series in the Hi-Way RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League. Bowlers rolling 11 in a row were **Greg Gray** 299, **Jim Creasor** 290, **Matt Salmons** 290 (2) and **Brandon Gauthier** 276.

The following people have single game scores 100 pins over average. **Connor Smith** 300, **Greg Gray** 299, **Calvin Nesbitt** 289, **Bob Avery** 288, **Jason Armitage** 280, **Marnie Majeski** 277, **Brent Matthews** 277, **Ted White** 242 and **Lorne Smith** 235.

The Sarnia Produce team, consisting of **Paul Mezzatesta**, **Stephane Sirois**, **Matt Salmons** and **Roy Mezzatesta**, had an awesome night in the Border City Men's League averaging 239 for 12 games.

DON'T FORGET TO GO TO www.lambtoncountytenpinassociation.com WEB SITE TO READ A WEEKLY BOWLING REPORT CALLED HONKER'S HIGHLIGHTS.

HAMILTON ONTARIO TENPIN NEWS

Lionel Lewis Jr. rolled his tenth 300 game on Dec. 13, 2010 and since then "only" a pair of 299 games. As soon as 2017 arrived, Lewis turned on the jets. With a trio of 300 games and a pair of 800 triples, which included a night when he accomplished both when he fired 259, "300" and 248 for 807. The other 800, an 802 was accomplished with games of 280, 279 & 243. He started off a 765 triple with another "300" and finished a 890 series with still another "300".

Perfect games in Hamilton this season now stand at 12 and overall total since 1963 is 437.

While Lionel's son Matt is in Montreal, his other son, six year old London, is improving every time out and is fast approaching an average of 100. He uses two hands like Matt.

Steve Smith scored his eighth 300 game at Skyway Lanes where **Ian Colby** notched his first 300 and **Travis Cauley's** 18th perfect game moved him within four of Art Oliver's Hamilton record of 22. This season Oliver is



competing in the Toronto area and may return here next season.

Roy Katz came within a four pin of his second 300 of the season with a 299 at Bowlerama Stoney Creek and also at this 24-lane split house, **Kris Berry** tripped a 298 for a 708. **Len Garinger** was on top of his game at Brantford's Star Lanes with an 816 (259,289,268).

Val Ciach-Link holds a 200 average at Bowlerama Stoney Creek after a 714 and with 279 games were **Bill Lishinski & Mike Alexander**.

Back at Skyway Lanes **Steve Cowie** blasted a 743 (252,256,235), then followed that with a 699, **Spencer Sharkey** 725 with a 277 Century award single, **Ed Margueratt** 674 (253), **Tim LaCroix** 278, **Mark Winger** 275 and **James Morrison** 269. leaving the very unusual "2-4-5-7-10" split was **Jim Margueratt** which he did not spare, but brother Ed on the same night spared the 2-5-7 twice and the 3-6-7-10 once.

The City Tenpin League is 114 years ago making it **Canada's oldest sanctioned league**, and third oldest in North America. Their first honour score was a 298 by **Mike LaCroix** in 1987. Thirty years later his son **Brent**, almost beat his dad but came up three pins short at 297. In other Skyway Lanes action, **Travis Cauley** almost had perfect game number 19 but had to settle for his sixth 299 game.

HAMILTON TENPIN TRIVIA

In Dundas Ontario in 1848, in an annex at the rear of the St. George Hotel, was the town's first bowling alley which burned down March 1851, and was rebuilt, only to burn again in 1864. The hotel had several owners until it was torn down in 1962 to make way for an A&P store.

Also in 1848 the Dundas Council passed a by-law to regulate ale & beer houses, oyster houses, auctioneers and "keepers of billiard tables and nine-pin alleys". The accepted Saturday night in Dundas included two or three games of tenpin bowling, followed by a feed of oysters at Taylor's Royal Recess. This was in 1848, that's right, 1848.

While those alleys from long ago are long gone, alleys on Foundry Street in Dundas, which were in use in the 1940's and 1950's, are still there as part of the floor of a local business. One complete alley is fully visible, along with ten bowling pins and a wooden bowling ball.

Alleys from Dundurn Castle in the 1870s are still there but covered over as they were partially destroyed in a fire when the location was used as a store in the 1940's.

Alleys from Hamilton Bowling & Athletic Club, on James St. in Hamilton from 1890 are also still there but covered over as it is now a McMaster Student residence. The pin boys had to be very agile as the pin spots were less than 20 feet from the second floor windows. While the alleys are no longer visible, the lettering on the outside from 1890 is still partially visible.

An apartment building in east Hamilton had four alleys in the basement in the 1920's. They were gone by 1930, but at the top of an outside door is this ..."ENTRANCE TO BOWLING ALLEYS".



Youth Report

Submitted by Jim Lester

From the Youth Department, all is set for the Canadian Youth Championship Tournament. McCurdy Bowl will play host to this year's event in beautiful Kelowna, British Columbia. All necessary information and forms are available on the CTF website – www.gotenpinbowling.ca . If you are a Team Manager or Team Coach, please don't forget the entry deadline of April 15th. If you have any questions or inquiries regarding the 2017 CYC event, please direct them to Jim Lester, CTF National Youth Manager, at jimlester@gotenpinbowling.ca

CTF has created a new committee, with the mandate of increasing youth membership across the country. Currently, the members are Mark Westerberg from British Columbia, Blayne Boyle from Saskatchewan, and Wayne Dubbs from Ontario. The committee is being led by the CTF Youth Manager. We have been looking for someone to join the committee from either Quebec or New Brunswick, but to date, we do not have anyone. You don't need to be on the committee, but if you have any ideas or suggestions, please email them to Jim Lester.

To all Youth Bowlers and their parents! Don't forget about the CTF Canadian Scholarship Program. For each of the past 3 seasons, one female and one male has received a \$1000 scholarship. For all the details and the necessary forms, go to the CTF website, and click on the "Forms" tab. Here is the link:
<http://gotenpinbowling.ca/EN/forms-2/>



Canadian bowlers make their mark on PBA Tour

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Francois Lavoie



Graham Fach

As a professional bowler, **Francois Lavoie** doesn't travel light. When it comes to bowling balls, the modern bowler is like a pro golfer — there are a lot of tools in his bag, he explains. But unlike golf there is no equipment limit on the PBA Tour, so Lavoie typically takes 10 to 12 15-pound balls to an event.

The heavy lifting is working out just fine for the 23-year-old from Quebec City. With two tournament wins, including the marquee U.S. Open, Lavoie has enjoyed a historic season on tour. **Graham Fach**, a 25-year-old from Guelph, Ont., started the Canadian haul in February when he claimed the Barbasol Players Championship, becoming the first Canadian to win since the PBA Tour began in 1959. They are joined on tour by 33-year-old **Patrick Girard** of Jonquiere, Que., who has 116 events under his belt.

Lavoie and Fach are leading contenders for the tour's rookie of the year honours slated to be announced Sunday. No Canadian has ever won the award. The only Canadian to win a PBA national award was **George Lambert IV**, winner of the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award in 2010.

After a distinguished collegiate career at Wichita State — as Alabama is to football, the 20-time national champion Shockers are to bowling — Lavoie made his mark on tour by winning the U.S. Open in November. He defeated top-seeded Marshall Kent 228-194 to capture his first PBA Tour title and join Finland's Mika Koivuniemi (2001) as the only foreign-born players to win the event. And Lavoie did it in style, becoming the first bowler in U.S. Open history to roll a perfect game during the tournament stepladder finals. Lavoie is the first international player and only the 26th player to bowl a televised perfect game.

One of bowling's majors, the U.S. Open is considered one of the toughest tournaments to win. The oil pattern



used on the lanes there is among the most challenging, with little margin for error. “In bowling we always talk about oil as the invisible opponent,” said Lavoie. “Every time we bowl, every tournament we bowl, the oil is laid out on the lane in a different manner. That dictates where you should play on the lane.” It was also the first time he had bowled on live television.

In December, he beat veteran Walter Ray Williams Jr. to win the PBA Shark Championship.

Lavoie has made \$86,645 (U.S.) this season, picking up \$30,000 — and a green jacket — for the U.S. Open win and another \$10,000 for the perfect game. The December title was worth \$20,000.

Fach (whose name rhymes with raw) claimed his major in Columbus, Ohio, in just his second event on tour. The left-hander, who bowled collegiately for Urbana University (Ohio), was 171st in his debut at the United States Bowling Congress Masters in Indianapolis. Fach has earned \$52,550, including \$40,000 for his tournament win.

Lavoie took up bowling early and says he started getting competitive at 10 or 11, with his dad always in tow. He bowled in provincial and then national tournaments, qualifying for Team Canada at 16. “A lot of the decisions I’ve made in my life, including going to Wichita State, have been made with the ultimate goal in mind to eventually one day be a professional bowler,” he said.

He played in two events on the PBA Tour as an amateur in 2015, finishing sixth and 19th as high amateur both times, before joining the tour in 2016 after graduating in December, 2015. “It probably took a few events to get over that feeling of being starstruck,” he said.

The PBA Tour is divided into “swings”, with tournaments grouped together. Lavoie is headed to Columbus, Shawnee, Okla., and Las Vegas this month. Fach will defend his title at Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl next week.

For those wondering, there are special bags to transport bowling balls with the wheeled three-ball bag coming in just under the normal 50-pound (23-kilogram) airline maximum for a piece of luggage. “Usually it’s right at around 48, 49 pounds,” he said. Bowlers are limited to six balls in international events, with Lavoie saying choosing just six is “a challenge.”

His next international event with Canada is the World Games in July in Poland where bowling is one of 30-plus sports. The World Bowling Championships are slated for December in Kuwait, although he is not sure at this stage if he will be able to attend because of his tour commitments.

Lavoie makes his home in Wichita these days but Quebec City remains close to his heart, which like many was broken by news of the recent mosque attack in the Quebec capital that left six dead and 19 wounded. Lavoie attended CEGEP (junior college) just down the street from the mosque.



PBA Rookie of the Year – Francois Lavoie (Excerpt from PBA News Article)



Francois Lavoie, who joined the PBA following a successful collegiate bowling career at Wichita State University, made four television finals during his first year, but none was more impressive than the U.S. Open where he not only won his first title – and a major at that – but also bowled the first nationally-televised 300 game in the prestigious tournament’s colorful history. The sport’s oldest major championship began as the BPAA All Star in 1942.

Lavoie was involved in a Canadian-dominated Rookie of the Year race with Ontario’s **Graham Fach**, his Team Canada teammate, who drew first blood when he won the Barbasol PBA Players Championship early in the year to become the first Canadian to win a PBA Tour title (also a major).

After winning the U.S. Open, Lavoie broke open the race in the World Series, winning his second title in the PBA Shark Championship and finishing the season fifth among the PBA’s average leaders (222.79 for 330 games) and seventh in earnings (\$79,920).

“Usually there aren’t multiple rookies who win titles, but I was fortunate to have a strong finish and that’s kind of what sealed the deal,” Lavoie said. “I’m sure Graham had the same goal, but only one of us can win. To finally have it official is great.

“Winning Rookie of the Year was a goal,” Lavoie said. “Every year on Team Canada our coach tries to help us set goals and that’s one of the goals I set for myself. You try to aim high, but also set a goal that’s feasible. It justifies all of the hard work I’ve put in.

“It’s been a great year for Canadian bowling.”



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And the Recognition Continues...

PBA Announces 2016 QubicaAMF PBA Regional Awards

by jschneider | Tuesday, February 21, 11:47 AM

Below are a few appropriate excerpts from this article:

The PBA announced its 2016 QubicaAMF PBA Regional Award winners Tuesday recognizing Players of the Year, Rookies of the Year, PBA50 Players of the Year and Pat Patterson Award winners in each of its eight regions.

The PBA's regional program, founded in 1970, provides bowlers with a proving ground to develop their skills in high-level competition against some of the sport's established stars.

Central – Eugene McCune of Munster, Ind. earned Player of the Year honors with seven top-five finishes including one win and four second-place finishes. **Graham Fach**, who made history as the first Canadian to win a PBA Tour title when he won the 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship, earned Rookie of the Year honors with three wins and a fifth-place finish. Brian Kretzer of Kettering, Ohio earned PBA50 Player of the Year with five top-three finishes including two wins. The Pat Patterson Award went to Dick Gran of Hartville, Ohio.

Southwest – Player of the Year honors went to Chris Hibbitts of Keller, Texas with five top-finishes including two wins. Rookie of the Year went to 2016 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year and U.S. Open winner **Francois Lavoie** of Wichita, Kan. The Canadian native had four top-five finishes including one win and one runner-up finish. No PBA50 Player of the Year or Pat Patterson Award was awarded in the Southwest.



Coach's Corner

Submitted by Tyrel Rose

The first 2 months of the new year have flown by. There's a lot going on and most of it is preparation for the next 10 months, which promise to be very busy for Team Canada, and for coaches looking to get trained and certified.

Coach Development

The last 2 months have seen a lot of work being done to complete the revisions to the Competition Development Manuals. Now that CTF has delivered several of these courses, we've taken feedback from the coaches to revise the process. While the content remains mostly unchanged, we've made some important changes to the order of learning in the course, and the chapters in the reference material. This should help make the course even more effective and the reference material easier to use after the course.

There have already been a couple of coach training courses given this year, one of them being a Competition Development course in Quebec City, and a Competition Introduction course in Welland, ON. With another Competition Development course scheduled in Calgary and coaches from Alberta and Saskatchewan scheduled to be in attendance, it's another step forward in our coach development program.

There are also new Professional Development courses coming to you soon. The Technical Corrections course is sure to be a favourite, and at only one day, it doesn't require as much of a time commitment for coaches looking to improve their skills. By the time this is published the new course about understanding the bowling environment will also be getting its finishing touches and be available soon. Keep an eye out for announcements about these courses on CTF's Coach Development Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ctfcoachdevelopment

Team Canada

The new year saw a big change for Team Canada's coaching staff, expanding from 3 coaches to 6. Our new Assistant Coaches are **Christina Littlejohn** (BC), **Sean Foster** (ON) and **Earl Sobotkiewicz** (MB), who all took part in CTF's Mentorship program in 2016. Joining Assistants **David Poupart** (QC) and **Michael Boroskae** (MB), I'm looking forward to working with this larger staff and help our athletes achieve even more.

It's just about training camp season, with the youth camp scheduled for the last weekend in February, the men's team coming to town the first weekend in March, and the Ladies team camp being held the last weekend in March. Training camps set the tone for the rest of the year and help coaches identify our priorities in individual training needs and well as team-building needs.

I need to give a special shout out and congratulations for Team Canada member Francois Lavoie who won the PBA Rookie of the Year award for 2016. He and the other Canadians on tour, continue to build on the legacy of other great Canadians that competed on the PBA.



IT'S THE RULE!

Charlotte Konkle, CTF Regulatory Chair

On November 19, 2016, those present at the annual meeting in Calgary approved the following change to a CTF Playing Rule.

Chapter VII – CTF Tournaments – Rule 319c, Average Adjustments (Rerating) states:

The average of a bowler may be adjusted upward before participation in any event. If the assigned average is not accepted by the bowler, the entry fee will be refunded.

Unless the tournament rules state otherwise, in a handicap or classified tournament, a bowler who has had his/her average adjusted/rerated in accordance with this rule is required to report all previous assigned/rates, whether the bowler accepted the adjustment/rerate or not, at the time of bowling. The following information must be submitted prior to participation for possible average adjustment/rerate:

1. The name of each tournament in which an average adjustment/rerate was assigned
2. The adjusted/rerated average

Failure to comply with these provisions is cause for a forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.

This proposal was presented at the USBC convention in April and was passed by the delegates. Because CTF has a reciprocal average agreement with USBC, this was adopted to comply with their playing rules for 2016-2017.

Just some reminders for this year:

A person who helps out with any CTF sanctioned event – such as athletes, team members, coaches, officials, judges of play, team managers, administrators, executives, association managers, committee members and board of directors – everyone – must be sanctioned through CTF – Article IV – Section A.

All of us should have the receipt from the designated participant application form given to them by their league secretary each year until you receive your sanction card – if you don't receive it, ask them for it.

That is all for now – if you have questions regarding rules, please contact National Office.



High Performance News

Submitted by Cathy Innes

Tournament of the Americas Applications

Just a reminder that the deadline for submitting Tournament of the Americas applications is April 2, 2017. Completed applications must be sent to Cathy Innes – cathyinnes@hotmail.com. There are opportunities for Youth, Adult, and Senior athletes to represent Canada at this year's event, which is scheduled to take place from July 23-29, 2017, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The details and the application are available on the CTF website:

<http://gotenpinbowling.ca/EN/tournament-of-americas/>

CTF Team Trials

Are you interested in making Team Canada 2018? Well, whether you're a Youth, Adult, or Senior athlete, your opportunity is coming up soon. The CTF Team Trials takes place from May 19-22, 2017, at Laurentian Lanes in Montreal, QC.

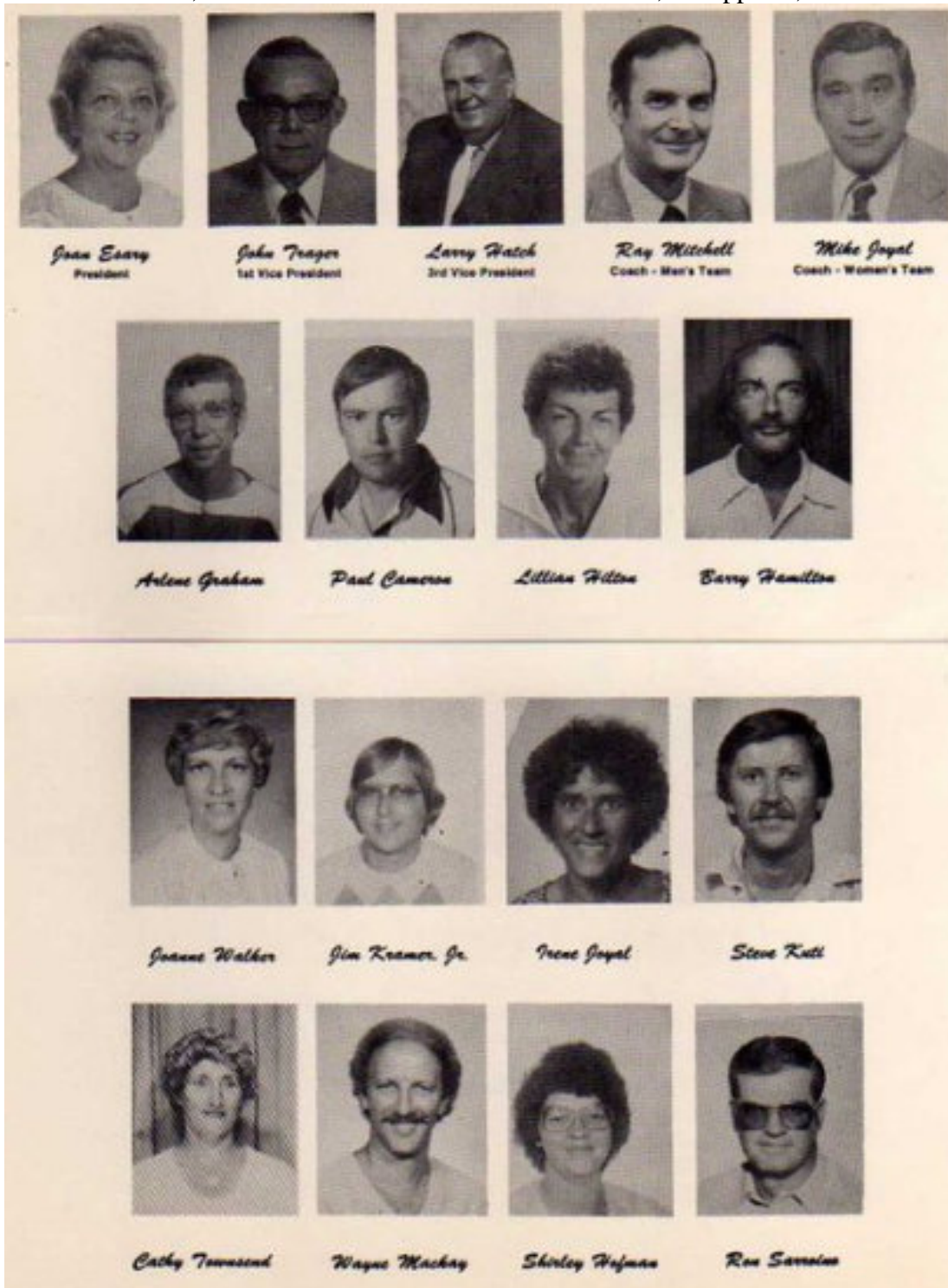
All of the details can be found on the CTF website: Here's the link:

<http://gotenpinbowling.ca/EN/canadian-national-championships/>



Editor's Disappointment – Nobody knew all the names of the 1974 Ladies Team (bowling in Caracas, Venezuela) that was pictured in the Dec. issue of The Connection. I'm not 100% sure, but I believe they were: Cathy Townsend, Joanne Walker, Eileen Bevis, Addy (O'Reilly) Armstrong, and Lillian Hilton

For this edition of Throwback, here are the teams that bowled in Manila, Philippines, in 1979...





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/
Hamilton District Tenpin BA	http://www.hamiltonbowling.org/
Kelowna Tenpin BA	http://www.ktbatenpin.ca/
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Manitoba Bowling Association	http://www.bowlingmanitoba.ca/
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