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Hi everyone...

We hope everyone has a safe summer and comes back refreshed to begin a new bowling season.

Thank you to all the reporters who sent in articles for this edition of the CTF Connection. I'd be lost without you.

A special "Thank You" to Cathy Wilbur from WECKBA, who volunteered to help me with this issue of the Connection, and was invaluable! And she even has agreed to stay on as co-editor! Yahoo!

...Dan

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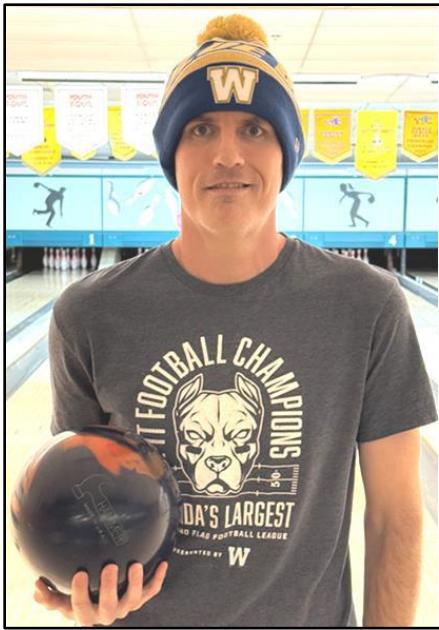
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Manitoba News
Submitted by Dan Tereck

Jordan Dugay Rolls Perfection!!!
By Michael Schmidt

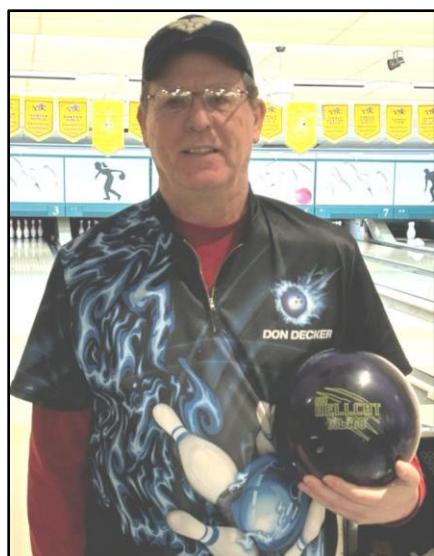


The first week of December 2024 is one that **Jordan Dugay** will remember forever.

During a post-bowl for the Cercle-O League, which takes place Friday nights at La Verendrye Lanes, Jordan shot games of 300, 227 & 200 = 727 for his first ever 300 Game and 700 Series. This incredible feat was achieved on Lanes 15 & 16.

Congratulations Jordan!!!

Don Decker 1st Career 300 Game!!!
By Michael Schmidt



On Friday **December 20th, 2024**, Christmas came a little early for **Don Decker**. On Lanes 3 & 4 at La Verendrye Lanes, while competing in the Friday Night Cercle-O League, Don wowed the crowd by shooting games of 268, 202 & 300 for a 770 Series.

This is Don's first Perfect Game and his highest career 3-Game Series.

Incredible Shooting Don!!!



Dan McCarthy Shoots 700!!! Earns Family Bragging Rights!!! By Michael Schmidt



For **Dan McCarthy**, one afternoon in **March 2025** turned out to be a very special and rewarding day. Dan was post-bowling for the **Cercle-O League** on Lanes 3 & 4 at La Verendrye Lanes, when he shot his best 3-Game Series ever by rolling games of **224, 246 & 247** for an impressive **717 Series**.

But that wasn't the best part... Shortly after achieving his new personal best, Dan realized his 717 Series just edges out the series thrown by his Dad, **Paul McCarthy**, by only 1 pin!!!. The conversation around the dinner table in the McCarthy house may sound a little different these days!

Great Job Dan !

Father & Son 278 Games!!! - Ken & Kleighton Burns By Michael Schmidt

On January 10, 2025, Kleighton Burns shot a **278 Game and 623 series** in the **Cercle O' league**, on the Smokin' Aces team. Not to be outdone, his dad Ken shot his own **278 single and 693 series** (New Personal Best) the following month on the Bedrock Bowlers squad of the Thursday Nite Confusion league.

This family duo also finished 2nd in the Winnipeg Tenpin Bowling Association A & H Doubles Baker Tournament that was held on February 26, 2025. Ken also bowls on the Tenpin Tigers team in the Wednesday night Fun Fer All league and with Kleighton on the Smokin' Aces. In addition, he will be competing in the USBC Seniors National Championships in Fort Worth, Texas this August. Also, in case you don't recognize the name, Ken was the Manitoba Tenpin Federation Executive Director for over 30 years, retiring in 2024.



Great Bowling Gentlemen!!!

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Marissa Naylor-McCall Makes History At The 65th Marinelli!!!

By Michael Schmidt



Marissa Naylor-McCall receiving her winnings and ring presented by Tournament Director Ron Molinski

The **65th Marinelli Tournament**, which is a long running City Singles Championship, took place on the weekend of March 8 & 9, 2025, with Day 1 held at La Verendrye Lanes and Day 2 at Chateau Lanes.

A total of 43 competitors began the tournament on Saturday with the hopes of making the Top 16 cut to advance to Day 2 and keep their dream alive to win the prestigious Marinelli. Over the 2 days, there were a lot of high scores and impressive bowling by many people in both bowling centres.

On Day 2, the Top 16 would bear down giving it their all, and after 8 games the Top 5 Stepladder had been determined, which was loaded with current and former Youth and Adult Team Canada members as well as former and the defending Marinelli Champion. Here is how the Stepladder Matches went:

Kristen Jolly defeated Austyn Ducharme 216 – 189 Kristen Jolly defeated Gord Tereck 226 – 204 Marissa Naylor-McCall defeated Kristen Jolly 236 – 218 Marissa Naylor-McCall defeated Israel Potter 221 – 216. The final match had Potter, last year's champion (and this year's #1 seed in the stepladder), defending his title against Naylor-McCall. The match came down to the 10th frame, when Potter needed to double in the 10th to win the game and title. Unfortunately, he came in a little high on the headpin on his first shot, and he immediately, and graciously, congratulated Naylor-McCall on the win.

With the win, history was made!!! Marissa Naylor-McCall has become the first ever female winner of the Marinelli in its 65 year existence.

To see all of the results of the 65th Marinelli, please go to www.bowlingmanitoba.ca

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Israel Potter - Multiple 300 Games... AGAIN!!!

By Michael Schmidt



The name **Israel Potter** is becoming very synonymous with being one of Manitoba's top young players, along with his ability to roll many and multiple honor scores. In the Winter Edition, Israel was showcased for shooting two Perfect Games over two weeks.

Well, on January 30th, 2025, he did one better. On Lanes 5 & 6 at La Verendrye Lanes, Israel shot games of 247, 300 & 300 for an amazing 847 Series!!! That's two perfect games in the same series!!!

Impressive Scoring Israel!!!

Rolly De Juan Throws 300 Game!!!

By Michael Schmidt

The Sherry Hobson Memorial Tournament was held on Saturday, February 1st, 2025 at Chateau Lanes. In Game 4 of this 5-Game event, **Rolly De Juan** achieved something very special, throwing 12 strikes in a row for a Perfect 300 Game!!!

Not only did Rolly impress everyone in the event with his 300 Game, he went on to win the tournament by over 75 pins!!! To see the full results of the Sherry Hobson Memorial Tournament, please go to www.bowlingmanitoba.ca

Way To Go Rolly!!!





Zach Wilkins Wins Manitoba Open!!

By Michael Schmidt



The Manitoba Open took place on Jan. 10th, 11th and 12th 2025 with bowlers from across Canada as well as North and South Dakota. This year we qualified the Top 32 based on total entries and added sponsorship/fundraising monies. We had a total of 77 unique bowlers and the 3 qualifying shifts garnered 117 total entries.

After Friday and Saturday's 6 game blocks, the cut line for the top 32 was 1172. Top Qualifier was **Mitch Hupé** with 1471 and he won the high qualifier prize of \$150.00. There was a 3-way tie for the alternate spot, after a 3-frame roll-off, Andrew Hill (Thunder Bay) claimed the alternate spot and a prize of \$100.00.

Sunday's match-play finals consisted of four Divisions of 8 playing 8 games plus a stepladder finish for the Top 8. Position 8, 7 and 6 all played with the highest score advancing to play position 5 and 4. That winner advanced to play head-to-head matches. The 2025 Manitoba Open Winner is **Zach Wilkins** from Barrie, Ontario. This is Zach's first Manitoba Open Title win. Positions 2 through 7 were: **Thomas Wolf** (USA), **Mitch Hupé** (Wpg), **Douglas Wagner Jr** (USA), **Austyn Ducharme** (Wpg), **Dustin Herold** (USA), **Jamey Kragh** (USA) and **Israel Potter** (Mb).

With \$10,350.00 in added sponsorship/fundraising money, the tournament paid a 1st Place Prize of \$3,500.00, a 2nd Place Prize of \$2,500.00 and almost \$25,000.00 in total prize payout. Douglas Wagner Jr. threw a 300 Game on Saturday 2:00 pm shift and won the prize of \$1,200.00. Next year's game prize is back to \$300.00.

Stepladder finals was recorded on YouTube – *ND Bowl TV – Manitoba Open 2025*.

Special thanks to our tournament commentators **Daren Seney**, **Michael Schmidt**, **Johnathan Domingo** and **Felicia Wong**.

To see all of the scores and information on our Facebook page, search for our Manitoba Open page.

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Austyn Ducharme Wins The 7th Manitoba Masters!!! By Michael Schmidt



Who will be the 7th??? This question was answered on Sunday February 2nd at La Verendrye Lanes as **Austyn Ducharme** claimed the 7th Manitoba Masters Title. With the win, Austyn captured his second Manitoba Masters Titles, tying him with Dan Tereck.

The Manitoba Masters was operated by former Youth Team Canada Member **Sean Coutts** (seen in photo with Austyn Ducharme) and former Men's Team Canada Member **Michael Schmidt**. Since these two gentlemen have seen and competed on brutal lane conditions themselves, they felt it was only fair to pick a very challenging oil pattern for this year's Manitoba Masters. Their choice was the Brunswick "Phantom" pattern, where the pre-tournament estimate to make the Top 16 cut would be around -100 for 4 games, or a 175 average. Well, they were very close!

After the 4 game qualifying block, the last and final spot in the Salacious 16 was earned by **Doug Ross** with a total of 708 (-92 / 177 Average). Leading the way at this point and the ONLY player to average over 200 for the qualifying block was the one and only **Earl Sobotkiewicz**. 2024's Defending Champion, **Joseph Franchewski**, qualified 5th giving him the chance to be only the 2nd person to ever win back-to-back MB Masters Titles, joining Dan Tereck who accomplished that feat in 2017 & 2018. There was a tie for 17th place between **Mark Soriano** and **Rob Korkosh**, which is significant since whoever places 17th will get a free entry in to next year's MB Masters, courtesy of La Verendrye Lanes. Since Mark had a higher game during qualifying, he was awarded the 17th spot sponsorship.

Connor Ross was the highest placing non-cashing youth player, and will receive \$100 in scholarship money thanks to **Al & Sam McVicar**. The 300 pot, which is sponsored by **RJ's Lawn Care**, was surprisingly not won this year. This means next year's 300 pot will be worth \$400. To see all scores / brackets of the MB Masters, please go to www.bowlingmanitoba.ca

The scoring pace started to increase once the match play brackets began, which led to some very entertaining matches for the spectators. In the end, both **Clint Klassen** and Austyn Ducharme managed to navigate their matches and earn themselves a spot in the Final with the chance to become the 7th Manitoba Master. Austyn was able to get lined up quickly which allowed him to jump out to an early lead, which he never relinquished.

Congrats Austyn Ducharme for winning the 7th Manitoba Masters!



2025 World Police and Fire Games – Winnipeg Success!

The World Police and Fire Games were held this summer in Birmingham, Alabama. And two Winnipeggers had a lot of success!

Congratulations to **Danielle and Andrew Wilkins** on a terrific performance. Some of you may recognize Danielle (maiden name Lemoine) from her storied youth career.

Their medals:

Andrew – Silver in the Men's A Division

Danielle – Bronze in Women's All Events Open Division

Danielle and Andrew won a Silver in Mixed Doubles A Division



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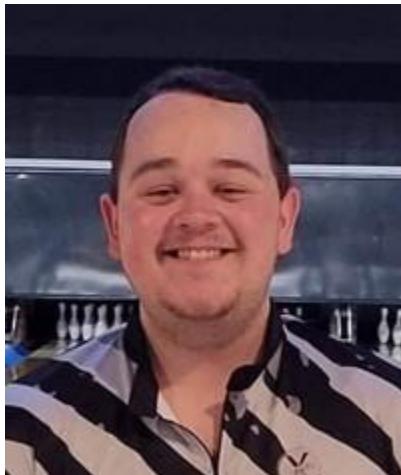
Lambton County Tenpin Association News

Submitted by Rod Honke

Editor's Note: For your information, and for your entertainment, Rod regularly reports on the Lambton County tenpin community achievements and highlights on a weekly basis. It is called "Honker's Highlights". The reports can be found on the Lambton County website. Here's the link to Rod's reports: <https://www.lambtoncountytetenpinassociation.com/weekly-results>



Jim Lapointe crushed the pins in his first eleven strikes in his final game of the night, only to be disappointed on his last shot when he left a solid, diehard stubborn 10 pin after another solid pocket hit. Lapointe finished with a 299 and an 800 (254-247-299) triple. He rolled 27 out of a possible 36 strikes to record his career 5th 800. His other 800's are 812, 802, 845 and 835. Lapointe was bowling in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl. It is interesting to note that Lapointe opened the season with an Honour Score (300) and closed the season with two Honour Scores (800-299). Jim has a career sanctioned 10 - 300's and 4 - 299's to his credit in the Lambton County Tenpin Association.



Ben Lapointe rolled 760 (279 - 227-254) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl. It was his 28th 700 of the season and his career 142nd 700. Ben officially becomes the "King of the Lanes" of the 2024-2025 LCTA bowling season. Lapointe and Mike Shephard were tied at 27-700's each, going into the final night of league bowling and Shephard failed to match Lapointe on the 700. It appears Shephard's game might have been off a bit on Monday night after bowling 13 games on Sunday in the Marcin Big Money Bowl Tournament and taking third spot in the tournament. It was the second year in a row that Lapointe was the King as last year he had 36-700's. His closest competitor last year was his dad "Jim" with 17-700's. Ben and Mike each bowled full time in three leagues this year. Ben also bowled his 8th 300 this season and has 4-800's (862-806-811 and 800) to his credit.

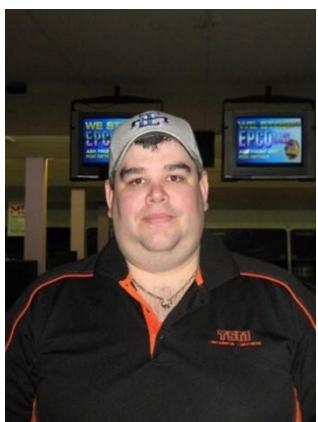


Oliver is the Champion: The Marcin Big Money Bowl Tournament was held on Saturday May 3rd and Sunday May 4th with 101 entries bowling 5 qualifying games on different pairs of lanes on Saturday trying to win the top payout of \$20,000.00. The top 20 bowlers on Saturday with their qualifying scratch scores in brackets were Brandon Teddy (1240), Justin Knowles (1203), Jordan Croskery (1181), Lionel Lewis Jr. (1179), Brandon Gauthier (1158), Murdoch Lyttle (1153), Bill Ridealgh (1149), Charles Buttery (1142), Michael Raquidan (1140), Ray Beitz (1134), Dan McLelland (1126), Steve Lewicki (1124), Matthew Louis (1121), Brian Stone (1120), Joe Ciach (1115), John Armstrong (1115), Rob Pretty (1115), Darren Alexander (1112), Pierre Belliveau (1108) and Alex Coelho (1106). On Sunday, the top 51 bowlers from Saturday, rolled another 5 games on different pairs of lanes again to narrow the field down to 17 bowlers. The advancing bowlers with their scratch scores in brackets were Marc Vording (1195), Jordan Croskery (1188), Darren Alexander (1176), Justin Knowles (1167), Matthew Lewis (1152), Mike Shephard (1123), Cliff Bedard (1113), Andy Manasterski (1113), Michael Raquidan (1111), Art Oliver (1103), Ray Beitz (1096), Brian Watson (1095), Joe Ciach (1094), Kevin Schofield (1094), Dan McLelland (1087), Dan Vandermeer (1074) and Steve Lewicki (1072).

These 17 bowlers then bowled a 2-game total score eliminating Marc Vording, Dan McLelland, Brian Watson, Cliff Bedard and Jordan Croskery. The remaining bowlers bowled another 2-game total match play set. The matches were Justin Knowles and Ray Beitz, Andy Manasterski and Matthew Lewis, Art Oliver and Michael Raquidan, Joe Ciach and Dan Vandermeer, Steve Lewicki and Mike Shephard and Darren Alexander and Kevin Schofield. Beitz, Manasterski, Raquidan, Vandermeer, Lewicki and Schofield were eliminated. Note of interest - Schofield was eliminated on an extra 2 frame roll-off. The next 2 games match play total score were between Justin Knowles and Darren Alexander, Art Oliver and Joe Ciach and Mike Shephard and Matthew Lewis. Alexander, Lewis and Ciach were eliminated leaving Art Oliver, Justin Knowles and Mike Shephard as the number 1, 2 and 3 seeds. Justin Knowles eliminated Mike Shephard in a 2-game total score roll-off and then Art Oliver eliminated Justin Knowles in a 2-game total score roll-off to win the tournament. Oliver and Knowles both bowled 15 games on Sunday and Shephard 13, making it a long day for these three bowlers. Oliver, bowling out of the Hamilton and District Tenpin Bowling Association, took home \$20,000.00. Knowles, from Michigan, took home \$10,000.00 while LCTA bowler Mike Shephard took third place and \$5000.00. Bowlers from the LCTA taking part in the tournament were Kyle Adamson, John Armstrong, Dan Chopp, Jordan Croskery, Brandon Gauthier, Peter Goodman, Ben Lapointe, Jim Lapointe, Steve Lewicki, Dave Litte, Roy Mezzatesta, Chris Murphy, Aiden Osborn, Justin Parkkila, Kole Parkkila, Bill Ridealgh, Jamie Ridealgh, Alex Salmons, Kevin Schofield, Roni Shephard, Mike Shephard, Kelly Sitter, Kyle Skinner, Dan Vandermeer, Brian Watson, Bryce Watson and Jeff Wickens.



Kole Parkkila tossed 819 (287- 277- 255) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl. He had 28 out of a possible 36 strikes in recording the gem. His previous high triple was 767 (222-248-297) which he posted in the Best Wiring Classic League this season.



Shane Chipman rolled a perfect game in the Mulder Financial Fun League at Marcin Bowl. He finished the night with 792 (300-235-257) topping his previous high triple of 787 (289-244-254). It was his career 4th 300 and his 2nd perfect game this season. Chipman bowled his other 300 this season in the Best Wiring Classic League in the opening week of action on the lanes.



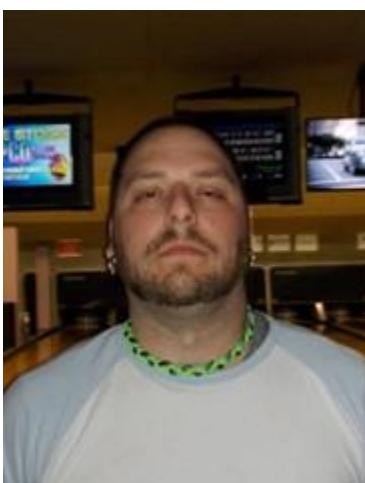
Dara Sinclair, Association Manager of the Lambton County Tenpin Association, bowled a perfect game in the Jo-Anne Lapis Memorial Mixed Doubles Tournament held at the Strikers Entertainment Center in Richmond, Michigan. It was her career 3rd 300. Dara also rolled a 299 this season at the Michigan State Women's Tournament in Muskegon, Michigan.



Kyle Adamson tossed 300 (95 pins over average) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl in his last game of the night posting his career 8th perfect game. Kyle also has a career sanctioned 6-800's to his credit (802-813-802-805-805 and 802).



Billy Best rolled a perfect game (95 pins over average) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl in his last game of the night to record his career 4th 300.



Brandon Gauthier fired a perfect game (87 pins over average) in his first game of the night in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League at Macin Bowl. It was his career 9th 300. Brandon also has a career sanctioned 2-800's to his credit (841 and 803).



Connor Smith fired 801 (264-278- 259) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl using his 15-pound Brunswick "Hypnotize" bowling ball. He had 29 out of a possible 36 strikes in his achievement. Connor has 2-800's to his credit (815).



Bryce Watson rolled twelve consecutive strikes in his first game of the night to record his career third perfect game. It was his first 300 bowling with two hands as he previously bowled with a one arm swing delivery. He was bowling in the Mulder Financial Fun League at Marcin Bowl.



The London and District Tenpin Bowling Association “dmac Automation” Adult Singles Handicap Tournament was held at Marcin Bowl, Point Edward on March 1, 2025. The Men’s Division (MD) had 50 entries and the Women’s Division (WD) had 21 entries. **Peter Geraci** from London placed first in the MD winning \$450.00 and **Roni Shephard** from Sarnia placed first in the WD winning \$350.00.



The LCTA Youth Family Twosome Tournament was held on March 9, 2025, at Marcin Bowl with 36 teams participating in the competition where youth bowlers had the opportunity to earn scholarship money for future use. The team of **Maxx Langford/Abel Langford** won first place and \$400.00 scholarship money.

Seventy-five junior bowlers from the Province of Ontario traveled to Classic Bowl in Mississauga on February 9th to compete in different divisions with an Adult/Parent/Partner in the Ontario Tenpin Bowling Association Joyce Woolgar Memorial Family Twosome Tournament. Fourteen LCTA doubles teams from the Marcin Bowl Phantom Youth League participated in the tournament. The bowlers were competing for \$8,550.00 scholarship money to be won to be used for future education. The Lambton County youth bowlers came home with \$1600.00 (18.7% of the purse).



In the Adult/Teen Girls Division, the team of **Lily Beveridge** and **Alexandra Beveridge** from Marcin Bowl came in 2nd place winning \$450.00 in scholarship funds.



In the Adult/Teen Girls Division, the team of **Shaylyn Blake** and **Tim VanEkeren** from Marcin Bowl came in 4th place winning \$350.00 in scholarship funds.



In the Adult/Youth Girls Division, the team of **Madison Fraser** and **Michelle Fraser** from Marcin Bowl came in 2nd place winning \$450.00 in scholarship funds.



In the Adult/Youth Boys Division, the team of **Thomas Wright** and **Greg Wright** from Marcin Bowl came in 4th place winning \$350.00 in scholarship funds.



LCTA Team Tournament Champions - L to R – Brian Watson, Shane Chipman, Jim Lapointe and Jason Lapointe.



Larry Plumb won the LCTA Senior Championship Tournament which was held at Marcin Bowl. His scratch total was 782 (227-276-279) and with handicap he had a total of 794. Second place went to Tim Hutton with 679 scratch and 766 handicap total.



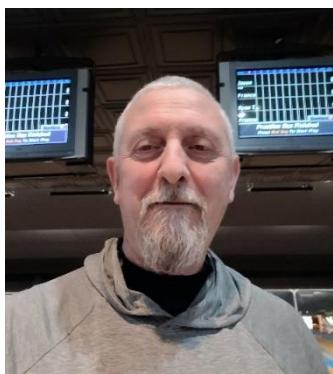
Paul Mezzatesta hurled 799 (266 – 267 – 266) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League to record his career highest triple. He also bowled his first 300 this season.



Jamie Ridealgh fired twelve consecutive strikes in his second game of the night to record a perfect game in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl. He now has 2-300's to his credit. His career high triple is 797.



Mike Shephard hurled 804 (268 – 258 – 278) in the Bar 10 Thursday Night Mixed League at Marcin Bowl. He had 29 out of a possible 36 strikes. It was his career 7th 800 series (804 - 815 – 827 – 804 – 805 – 802 - 814). Mike also rolled a 299 this season. Shephard has a career sanctioned 13 – 300's to his credit.



Roy Mezzatesta tossed a 300 in his second game of the night in the Mulder Financial Fun League at Marcin Bowl. It was his career 10th 300. The “Mezz” has been close to perfection 14 other times over the years, as he also has 8-299's, 4-298's and 2-297's to his credit in the old American Bowling Congress and the Canadian Tenpin Federation in tournament and league competition. He also has 2-800's (859-812).



Joshua Shura fired 738 (258 – 246 – 234) in the Phantom Youth League (PYL) at Marcin Bowl to record his career first 700 series. Shura's previously sanctioned high triple was 685 (256-269-160) which he fired in the PYL in the 2019-2020 season and his high single is 299.



Jim Creasor rolled a perfect game in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl. It was his 35th 300 in the defunct American Bowling Congress, the United States Bowling Congress and the Canadian Tenpin Federation in league and tournament action. Creasor has been living, working and bowling in Port Huron, Michigan for the last four years, so he probably has more 300's that this writer is not aware of in that period. Creasor has three memorable bowling accomplishments: In the 2008 Ontario Tenpin Bowling Association Provincial Tournament in St. Catharine's, he fired 869 (300-300-269). Jim also tied the Port Huron Tenpin Bowling Association triple record 868 (289-300-279) in 2017 and established a new LCTA triple record 876 (297-279-300) in 2015.



Jill Friis (Clendenning), a Sarnia born right-handed 10-pin bowler, was inducted into the Sarnia Lambton Sports Hall of Fame this season. She is a member of the 2024 class, being recognized in the Amateur Athlete Category not only for her tremendous success on the lanes but also for her continued hard work for the betterment of the sport. Friis first picked up her bowling skills in the late sixties coming up through the youth bowling programs at Echo Lanes, Lake Huron Lanes and Marcin Bowl to become one of Canada's premier lady bowlers. She has 10-300's and 2-800's (812-804) to her credit. Jill is the president of the London and District Tenpin Bowling Association.



Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League Champions – L to R – Mark Brooker, Bryce Watson, Dave LeClair, Rob Vandermeer and Dennis Jenkin.



Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League Playoff Champions – L to R – John Armstrong, Brad Best, Brandon Gauthier and Jay Smith.



Mike Guzik Realty Re/Max RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League Playoff Champions – L to R – Brandon Smith, Brittany Belan, Leslie Medeiros and Paul Medeiros.



Mulder Financial Fun League Champions – L to R – Jerry Worsley, Katie Woolaver, Marianne Woolaver and Dave Little. Linda Worsley (absent).



Mulder Financial Fun League Playoff Champions – L to R – Cori Slater, Chris Murphy, Gerry Landon and Dave Little. Dave Slater (absent).



Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League Champions – L to R – Justin Parkkila, Bryce Watson, Kole Parkkila, Cameron Parkkila and Logan Klampsta.



Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League Tournament Champions – L to R – Shane Chipman, Jim Lapointe, Connor Smith and Ben Lapointe.



Best Wiring Classic League Champions – L to R – Brian Watson, Bill Ridealgh and Kerry Friis.

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



WECKBA would like to congratulate 2025 Molson Masters Champions, Darren Alexander (OPEN Division) and Joe Amaral (SENIOR Division). This year's tournament, the 69th was completed on Saturday, February 15, 2025.

The Molson Masters has a very long, rich history. It has been hosted at Palace Recreation, Crescent Lanes, Revs Bowlero, and now at Revs Rose Bowl. Tournament Director Nick Stein deserves much credit for this year's tournament success, along with Jeremy Bas, Tournament Coordinator, and Tournament Sponsors Molson Coors Breweries, Reaume Chevy-Buick-GMC and Revs Rose Bowl. Cogeco Cable is now in its thirty-ninth year hosting the Molson Masters TV telecast.

Prize money totaled \$17,850 for the 2025 tournament including \$9,700 for the TV finals. The winner of the Open section earned \$2,000 and Senior winner received \$1,200.

In the Open Division, Corey Forfitt was the #5 seed and wasn't sure if he could bowl in match-play due to a bad back, but he persevered to win the group by 1 pin. The #4 seed, Team Canada's Darren Alexander, was trying to be the 3rd male to win 3 titles in a row. Alexander is a 4-time champ including the last two consecutively. Unlike his previous when he was seeded #1, he faced having to win four matches to win again. The #3 seed, London's Ryan Trussler, has participated in this tournament for many years and has been in the TV Finals on several occasions and was hoping to be the first from London to win the tournament. The #2 seed, Mike Snow, is a long-time top bowler and member of Senior Team Canada. Mike has been a TV finalist in both the Open and Senior Divisions. Winning the title would cap off a tremendous career. Skip Lytle, who was initially from Calgary Alberta and now living in Toronto, is our #1 seed. Lytle is vying to become a 1st time champ from Toronto.

For the Seniors, Joe Amaral was the #1 seed attempting to be the first bowler from the Toronto area to become a Molson Champ. The #2 seed, Charlie Yott, is no stranger to the TV finals as he has been High-Qualifier, Runner-Up, was the Senior Champ in 2016, and is a member of the Bowling Hall of Fame. The #3 seed, Ken Pinkowski, won the Open Men's title in 1992 but this is his first time in Senior Division. Chris Woodman, the #4 seed, went to the 10th frame last year to finish second in TV finals.

The **Molson Masters** runs over 4 weekends. It features a **Senior Division (55+)** and an **Open Division**. The tournament starts with two weeks of **Qualifying**, followed by one week of **Match-play**, and the fourth week is the **TV Step Ladder Finals**. To qualify in the Senior Division, you bowl 4 games over 4 pairs of lanes while the Open Division participants complete 5 games over 5 pairs of lanes.

The TV format is set up so that the Open Division and the Senior Division alternate bowling match-play in the stepladder finals. The Open Division bowls the first match then the Senior Division bowls their first match. The wait between matches is very challenging because it makes it harder to stay consistent because lanes can change between the starting and stopping. Sometimes the #1 seeds might see this as an advantage because they do not have to bowl then sit and wait to bowl again.

SENIOR DIVISION for Match-play - the top 15 Senior bowlers, plus last year's Champion, are divided into 4 groups of 4 bowlers each. They face each bowler once in their division. Then they bowl a final position round within their own group. Each time a bowler wins the match they earn a 30-pin bonus added to their score.



They 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 advances to the TV stepladder finals.

Senior Division – Match-play – Final Results



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Senior Division – Step Ladder- TV Finals

In the Senior Division Step Ladder finals, the results were as follows:

Chris Woodman (216) vs. Ken Pinkowski (201)

Chris Woodman (192) vs. Charlie Yott (173)

Chris Woodman (203) vs. Joe Amaral (224) – Joe Amaral is **2025 Senior Molson Masters Champion**

Chris Woodman (4th seed) bowls in the Tuesday Chrysler and Friday Night Drifter leagues where he carries an average of 210. He has bowled nine 300 games and two 800 series. Averaging 194 his match-play record was 3-1. He was the top qualifier in the senior division with a total of 876 when he bowled to get into match-play. Woodman bowled well in the TV finals making it all the way to the final game, but he just came up slightly short in his final match. Woodman reflected that “for Molson TV finals he was feeling good just looking forward to the challenge. In match-play 1st and 4th games were good but had to go way out left on last game to make it work. Struggled with splits and 10 pins, shot was difficult, but I won.” Chris indicated that he started bowling 50 years ago around age 5 at Rose Bowl in Hiram Walkers boys/girls club. He took time off in his early 20’s then came back in his 30’s to bowl. Woodman indicated that many people helped inspire him along the way with different things at different times: Dan Aqwa with his equipment, and bowlers he bowled with over the years, Mike Beedle, Tim Bass, and Lou Dupuis, giving him bowling tips. Woodman indicated to get more people involved in the sport of bowling we just need to get more people to just come out and try the sport.

Ken Pinkowski (3rd seed) bowls in two leagues: Thursday Senior (186 average), and Saturday Night Mixed (185 average). His highest series is 776 with a single game of 299. He averaged 200 in match-play and posted a 4-0 record. He qualified eighth for match-play with a 4-game series of 815. Pinkowski bowled well against his opponent in the TV finals, but he was unable to convert two spares which proved to be costly. Pinkowski said that “for TV finals he just wanted to have fun. In match-play I had no real plan in place, just go out and have fun, relax, just bowl like normal-OLD SCHOOL.” Ken indicated he started bowling as a young kid and he just enjoyed being in the bowling alley. He worked at the bowling alley for Moe Parent at Bowlero and that



was the highlight of his life. Pinkowski indicated to get more people involved in bowling just get people to come out so they can have fun and enjoy the game.

Second seed **Charlie Yott** bowls in four leagues: Monday Seniors (209 average), Tuesday Chrysler (201 average), Wednesday Major Handicap (198 average), and Thursday Seniors (192 average). He has fifteen 300 games and three 800 series. Yott averaged 210 in match-play and was 3-1. He qualified sixth for match-play with a series of 819. Charlie just missed being the top seed when he lost the last game in match-play. He was a Senior Molson's Champ in 2016. Yott came up short in his TV finals match with two splits and an open frame but he has won before so he will be back. Charlie mentioned that "he enjoys bowling on TV, is not nervous, just wanted to focus better than I did last time. For match-play my plan was to just play outside and to keep the speed up." Yott has bowled for over 50 years where he used to set pins at a bowling club in Amherstburg. He indicated that the manager of the bowling centre at the time taught him how to bowl. Yott indicated to improve the sport of bowling we need to try and get the next generation more interested in bowling.



Joe Amaral (1st seed) bowls in Monday Double Trouble at Bowlero Bramalea where he carries an average of 214. He has bowled twelve 300 games and four 800 series with a series high of 837. His match-play record was 4-0 and averaged 207 in match-play. He qualified 7th for match-play with a series of 817. Joe was trying to become the 1st bowler from Toronto to win the title. Joe only needed to bowl one game in the TV finals, and he made the most of it because he was able to consistently put strikes together to win the match. Amaral has become the first bowler from Toronto to **become the Molson Masters Senior Champion** for the first time. Joe indicated that "In match-play my goal was to take one shot at a time and see what the lanes were doing. When transitions came in game 3-4 make sure I was ahead of it. Game 3 the transition hit so I moved a little bit inside. That was the game plan and never deviated from it. For TV I was a little bit nervous because I had never bowled on TV before. The plan was to take it one shot at a time and follow the exact same game plan as I used in match-play." Amaral indicated that he started bowling in 1990 by going out with friends and just practicing. Eventually he joined leagues and thought he could be good at this sport. His biggest inspiration was watching pro bowlers when he was younger. "In 2012 I was going to leave the sport of bowling, but I met Eric Beaton, a Pro Shop operator, who switched a few things in my game. The Pro Shop owner told me to keep doing what you are doing, and you will be just fine." Joe said to make bowling great again let Junior Bowlers PRACTICE FOR FREE. They are the future of the game, so we need to promote the youth in sport.

Amaral indicated that "It was a long day waiting for all the matches to complete – you would bowl then sit and wait between matches. I just had to bowl one game, so I just watched the earlier matches. All you could do was play where you thought it is going to play then just stick to the game plan."

OPEN DIVISION for Match-play - the top thirty-nine Open bowlers, plus last year's Champion, were divided into five groups of eight bowlers each. They bowled each bowler once in their division. Then they bowled 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 five Open Division groups advances to the TV step ladder finals.



Open Division – Match-play – Final Results



GROUP "A"	GROUP "B"	GROUP "C"	GROUP "D"	GROUP "E"
MIKE SNOW 1819	DARREN ALEXANDER 1800	SKIP LYTTLE 1907	RYAN TRUSSLER 1817	COREY FORFITT 1777
DYLIN HUNTER 1785	ROBERT BOZULIK 1780	BOB DUFOUR 1718	T.J. HOWARD 1703	RYAN BOISMIER 1776
JAMES GENDREAU 1714	BRAYDON HOSKINS 1753	ADAM GRIMMELL 1717	SHAWN LEGGE 1686	MATTHEW DAVIS 1763
CHUCK MENARD 1710	DAN AQWA 1749	JASON HERON 1706	PIERRE BELLIVEAU 1683	MICHAEL VITALE 1635
JARED LEWSAW 1691	BRAD WALTON 1717	MARC RENAUD 1643	JORDAN SMITH 1653	TYLER DUPUIS 1607
JEFF KOVACK 1620	CHRIS BEAULIEU 1675	AARON BRATT 1605	EARL DOE 1652	BARRY CHARLETON 1593
MATT WOOD 1594	BRENT RANKIN 1656	JASON GREENING 1561	STEVE KUBIS 1614	KURT RIDGEWELL 1522
MYKAELA HUNTER 1571	D.J. ROSE 1474	RENE KEUCH 1517	TIM JOHNSTON 1590	PETE KONKEL 1519

Open Division – Step Ladder - TV Finals

In the Open Step Ladder finals, the results were as follows:

Corey Forfitt (233) vs. Darren Alexander (244)

Darren Alexander (247) vs. Ryan Trussler (234)

Darren Alexander (241) vs. Mike Snow (200)

Darren Alexander (237) vs. Skip Lyttle (154) - Darren Alexander is **2025 Open Molson Masters Champion**

Corey Forfitt (fifth seed) bowls in Wednesday Majors and Rock & Bowl where he carries an average of 220+. He has recorded thirty-one 300 games and seven 800 series. In match-play he averaged 207 and had a 4-4 record. He qualified tenth for match-play with a 5-game total of 1072. Corey beat his group by one pin to make the TV finals. Corey bowled a very tight match in the TV finals but just came up a little short, needing to strike out to make it to the second round. Forfitt indicated that "The goal in match-play was to throw the MVP to start which was an older ball that does not hook all that much. Also used a new Snapshot ball to keep it clean. On TV was happy just being in the finals but was nervous because I did not bowl well the first time." Corey started bowling at age 3 where he first bowled 5-pin. At age 9 he moved over to 10 pin and never looked back. His bowling inspiration was his father who has always been a great bowler "Until the day I passed him!" Corey indicated that "I have started coaching on Saturdays for the youth programs hoping to make the next generation interested in continuing to bowl and compete at higher levels."



Fourth seed **Darren Alexander** bowls in Tuesday Chrysler League at Rose Bowl where he carries an average of 223. Darren has bowled numerous 300 games and 800 series with his highest series being 857. Averaging 206 his match-play record was 5-3. He qualified second for match-play with a 5-game series of 1162. Darren had to rally late in match-play just to get into the TV finals because with 3 games to go he was down 139 pins. Alexander has won the Open Championship 4 times (2015 & 2020 & 2023 & 2024), was Runner-up twice (2016 & 2022), and was High Qualifier on four occasions. This time around Darren needed to win 4 matches in TV finals to repeat as Open Champion. The first two games for Darren were very tight matches but he made the most of it largely because he was able to consistently put strikes together to win each match. Darren indicated "I thought the split with Corey in 1st match was going to cost me as it was a really close match." Alexander has become **Molson Masters Open Champion** for a fifth time. He is just the 3rd male bowler to win 3 consecutive titles.

"My game plan was to use the Black and Purple Hammer balls in qualifying and match-play. Had friction at the gutter that looked really good. On TV that did not work at all so I switched to reactive Effect Tour and really started to slow down and shape ball and that is what bailed me out allowing me to strike more often." Alexander surmised, "Usually I am 1-2 seed so being the 4th seed gave me more exposure to the lanes. It is a long time to be there and keep your head in the game. Sometimes starting and stopping you can over think and differ from your game plan, and I think I'm fortunate that I have been in the position before and was able to draw on that experience and stick with the plan I wanted to which ultimately ended up being very successful." Darren indicated "For me I am bowling tournaments almost every weekend somewhere so there was no extra preparation for this. It is just sticking with my normal routine and then executing the game plan I want to once I start bowling."

Alexander said he started bowling at the age of 4 and has been bowling competitively since the age of 15. His mother and grandparents were bowlers, so he enjoyed watching them and always wanted to bowl after. As a result, bowling became an obsession for him from a very young age. Darren said to make bowling great again "We need to get more youth active in the game and make them fall in love with it. They are the future and without them we cannot keep moving forward."

Ryan Trussler (third seed) bowls in Monday Night Sparoids at Fleetway in London and Wednesday Men's Memorial at Heritage Lanes in St Thomas. Ryan carries a 200 average. He has fifteen 300 games and an 800 series of 824. His match-play record was 5-3 while averaging 208. He qualified fourteenth for match-play with a five-game total of 1047. Ryan has been a prior TV finalist. Ryan stayed close to his opponent for the match, but he opened with a split to start the match which had him trying to catch up with his opponent for the rest of the game. He needed to strike out in 10th frame just to tie his opponent, but he came up short to lose the match by 13 pins. Ryan said his game plan is just to have consistent games averaging around 215. His match-play goal was just to stay calm because sometimes he gets too nervous. "Sometimes when you get nervous bad shots creep into your game. Main thing is to try to get lined up to make spares. The way I practice is 15 minutes before I start bowling is I start on the middle dot and 2nd arrow then move accordingly. Go for corners, then 2-8, then 3-6-10." Trussler has been bowling for approximately 32 years starting to bowl after watching his cousin bowling at Super Bowl. Trussler indicated "As a member of the London and District Tenpin Bowling Association we are constantly trying new initiatives to increase participation in leagues and tournaments for both youth and adults."



Mike Snow, the second seed, carries averages of 227, 222, and 207 in his three leagues. His highest series bowled is 836 with twenty-two 300 games and seven 800 series. He averaged 205 and had a 6-2 match-play record. He qualified 21st for match-play with a total of 1029. Mike bowled well but was unable to throw the strikes to match his opponent. Mike was a previous top seed in the Men's division and last time he was a TV Seniors' Finalist. Mike is also a current member of Senior Team Canada for seven consecutive years. Mike indicated that lanes 9 & 10 were quite tricky, so you had to stay in the moment because you only have five shots on each lane. "The game plan was to play outside with Urethane keeping up ball speed. Thought shot was outside with Urethane and tried for 1st game but had to move in a little bit then a little bit more around 12-13-14 the rest of the day. It was all a matter of ball speed and distance changes. I am probably the only person that wipes my shoe with a separate towel to take care of my knee since I need to make sure I am sliding every time. Make sure belt goes a certain way so it is not in the way of my arm." He indicated that he has bowled on TV 6-7 times but has only won one match. Mike indicated that hopefully this time he can win two matches as the #2 seed. Snow indicated that "I am 63 years old and have been bowling since I was 5. My dad brought my brother and myself to Bowlero Bowl back when I was about 8 years old and I have bowled since then. This is my 43rd time bowling in the Molsons." Mike became inspired in bowling by working with Dick Ritger running camps and clinics with Dick at the old Crescent Lanes, coaching with Ritger, taking courses at Ithaca New York, working with Team Canada Coaches, seeking out many other coaches he met along his lengthy bowling career, and lastly working with inspirational coach Jean Deslippe.

Skip Lyttle, the first seed, bowls in Side Action league where he carries an average of 221. He has bowled eight 300 games and twelve 800 series. He averaged 216 and had a 6-2 match-play record. He qualified 3rd for match-play with a series of 1104. Skip as the number one seed had to bowl just one game to win the open title but he struggled in the game against his opponent with open frames and splits. I watched this man bowl in match-play, and he bowled exceptional so he will be back to bowl again soon. Sitting all that time waiting to bowl is sometimes a struggle. In one game there is not much time to adjust. Skip indicated "The main goal was to go out there and have fun and stay focused to make one shot at a time and make spares." This was his first time bowling in the Molson's tournament. Skip indicated that he has bowled for 47 years, and his parents were both bowlers. Skip's bowling highlights are bowling on Junior Team Canada, Senior Team Canada, eight-time Youth National Champ, 2021 Pins Game Champion, and 2002 CBC TV Show.

This year's tournament did not disappoint as we had a mix of some previous champions, individuals with previous experience bowling in finals and some bowlers relatively new to the stepladder process. In most of the matches the momentum kept going back and forth between competitors right until the final ball. Setbacks like trouble reading a lane, a few missed spares, an untimely split in a late portion of the game or a run of strikes were the deciding factors in many of the matches.

It is important that we congratulate each of the finalists. Each of them considers it an honour to make it to the finals. Participants experienced nervousness and most of them had trouble reading the tricky 9-10 lanes all day. The lane conditions were very difficult so ball selection and choosing a line and then reestablishing that line between the Open and Senior matches were crucial. Each of these competitors reached a major milestone. It was exciting to watch the TV finals as each of these competitors made the matches nerve racking right down to the final ball.



Niagara Hamilton & District Association News

Submitted by Karl Born

In January of 2025, it was determined that, in order to provide a better league experience, an amalgamation of the Niagara Tenpin Bowling Association and Hamilton & District Tenpin Bowling Association was necessary. With the assistance of CTF, that is about to become a reality.

A transitional board of directors was chosen. Members of both boards were included in order to make this work. A new website was created (nhdtba.ca) along with the new association name: Niagara, Hamilton & District Tenpin Bowling Association – NHDTBA.

Bowlers were informed of this amalgamation in early February, and this is where the heavy lifting began. A new set of by-laws was written, based upon the CTF by-laws, in order to provide continuity from the National Organization to the grassroots. A new policy manual was written as well, utilizing a merger of policies from both previous associations.

Starting August 1st, 2025, the new association will be up and running. Combined numbers of bowlers based upon the previous year's sanctions will make NHDTBA the 2nd largest association in the country after the Greater Toronto Tenpin Bowling Association.

Bank accounts will be combined and scholarships will be transferred to the new association from both Hamilton and Niagara. Youth programs will be a focus of our strategic plan moving forward. More tournaments are planned for both youth and adults for the upcoming season.

Many thanks to all those involved, including Cathy Innes, CTF Executive Director, Greg Panas, President NTBA, Ron Link, President HDTBA and Val Ciach-Link, Vice-President HDTBA. Together, this team worked well in setting us on the path forward.



Team Canada – 2025 Senior (Adult) Women’s Team



You may recall this picture from our last issue, showcasing the Top 6 finishers at the 2025 CTF Team Trials, who were automatically put on the Women’s Team. They are, from left to right,

Mei Yen-Lachapelle of Montreal, Quebec.

Felicia Wong of Didsbury, Alberta

Miranda Panas of St. Catharines, Ontario

Jennifer Besana of Richmond Hill, Ontario

Jade Cote of Farnham, Quebec

Alex-Anne Auclair of Laval, Quebec

Subsequent to that issue, CTF selected 4 more women to complete the team. They are:

Christine Johnston of Hamilton, Ontario

Marissa Naylor McCall of Winnipeg, Manitoba

Sarah Chilvers of St. Catharines, Ontario

Taylor Strickland of Roslin, Ontario

To see pictures and profiles of the entire team, go to

<https://tenpincanada.com/home/high-performance/team-canada/>



Team Canada – 2025 Senior (Adult) Men’s Team



You may recall this picture from our last issue, showcasing the Top 6 finishers at the 2025 CTF Team Trials, who were automatically put on the Men’s Team. They are, from left to right,

Graham Fach of Guelph, Ontario (now lives in Urbana, OH)

Mitch Hupe of Winnipeg, Manitoba

Zach Wilkins of Barrie, Ontario

Francois Lavoie of Quebec City, Quebec (now lives in Witchita, KS)

Darren Alexander of Essex, Ontario

Nicholas Blagojevic of Brighton, Ontario

Subsequent to that issue, CTF selected 4 more men to complete the team. They are:

Alexandre Gareau of Lasalle, Quebec.

Jacob Imoo of Richmond, BC

Jordan Jung of Coquitlam, BC

Nathan Ruest-Lajoie of Temiscouata-syr-le-Lac, Quebec.

To see pictures and profiles of the entire team, go to

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Team Canada – 2025 Junior (Youth) Girl's and Boy's Teams



Left to Right:
Alex-Anne Auclair - BRONZE
Jade Cote - SILVER
Mei Yen-Lachapelle - GOLD
Samantha Cirillo - 4th



Left to Right:
Matys Bibeau - BRONZE
Reiner Reyes - 4th
Mathis Blanchette - SILVER
Adam Jodoin - GOLD

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Team Canada – 2025 Masters (Senior) Women’s and Men’s Teams

The Canadian Tenpin Federation introduces the Masters Team (Senior) representing Canada at the 2025 IBF World Seniors Championships in Reno, Nevada, in October 2025. This team qualified in Winnipeg at the Canadian Championships in June, and all 8 athletes have represented Canada at an International Competition. Full results <https://www.tournamentbowl.com/Open/standings>



Ladies Team (Left to Right):

Lynne Gauthier of East St Paul, Manitoba

Lana Mink of Kapolei, HI (formerly Hamilton, Ontario)

Deb Lee of White Rock, BC

Angie Merrick of Maple Ridge, BC



Mens Team (Left to Right):

Earl Sobotkiewicz of Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dean Carson of Edmonton, Alberta

Rodell Bautista of Winnipeg, Manitoba

Jeff Heimbecker of Kitchener, Ontario

Coaches Tyrel Rose & Rob Johnson are travelling with the team.

The next opportunity to qualify for the Senior Team will be in Brampton, Ontario, in June 2026.

Congratulations and good luck in Reno!

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2024 CTF Bowlers of the Year

2024 Bowler of the Year Awards for Senior (Adult) Division

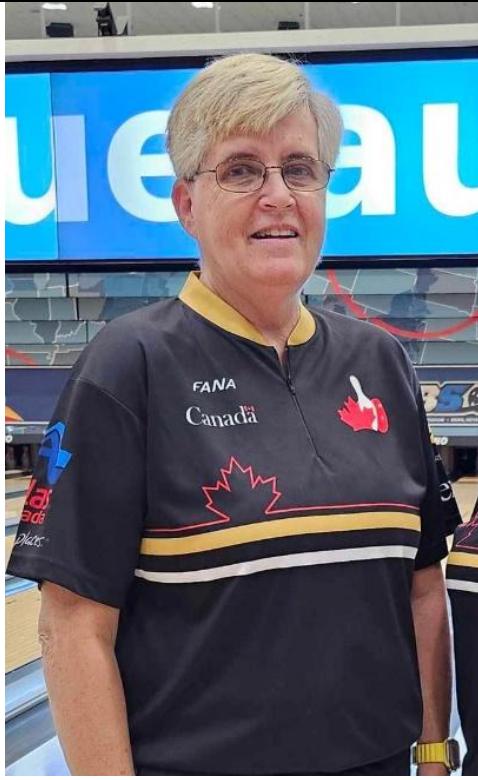


Jade Cote of Farnham, Quebec

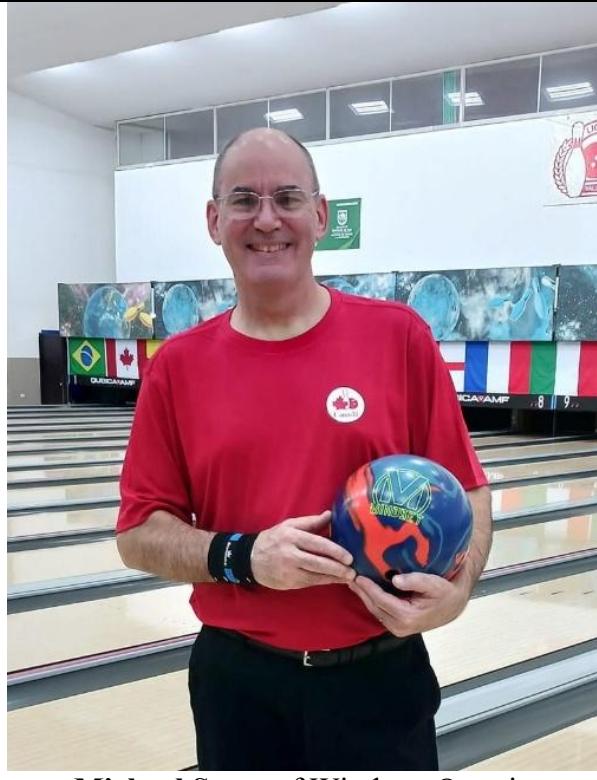


Francois Lavoie of Wichita, Kansas
(formerly Quebec City, Quebec)

2024 Bowler of the Year Awards for Masters (Senior) Division



Lana Mink of Kapolei, Hawaii
(formerly Hamilton, Ontario)



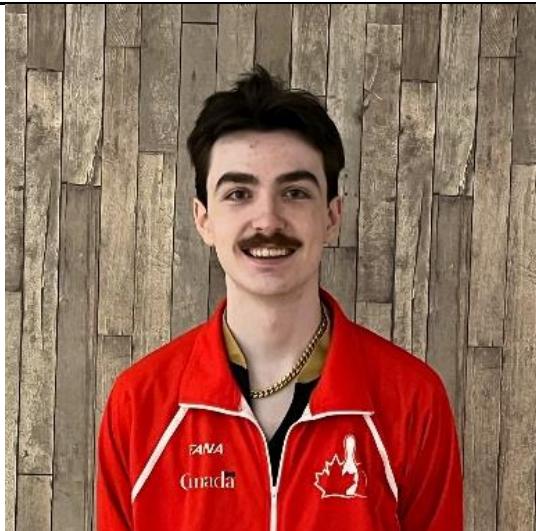
Michael Snow of Windsor, Ontario



2024 Bowler of the Year Awards for Junior (Youth) Division



Mei Yen-Lachapelle of LaSalle, Quebec



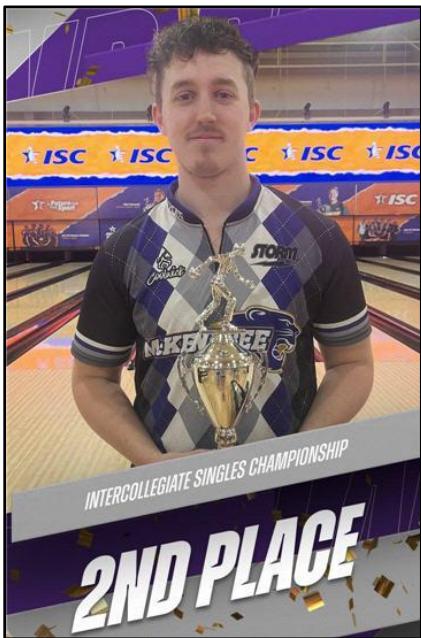
Alexandre Gareau of Montreal, Quebec

Some Recent Accomplishments from Current and Former Team Canada Members



Val Bercier - Top five for the stepladder finals at the 2025 USBC Queens Tournament.

No. 1 - Josie Barnes
No. 2 - Nur Hazirah Ramli
No. 3 - Sin Li Jane
No. 4 - **Valerie Bercier - CANADA**
No. 5 - Clara Guerrero



Nicholas Blagejevic - Second Place in the Intercollegiate Singles Championship.



Congratulations to **Jade Cote** and her team at Youngstown State University for winning the 2025 NCAA National Championships in Las Vegas on April 12, 2025. Jade is currently on both the youth and adult Team Canada Teams and is from Farnham, Quebec.



2025 USBC Senior Queens stepladder finals - **Jill Friis** lost the first match and ended up in 5th Sport, great showing for the Canadian. (4th position in black)



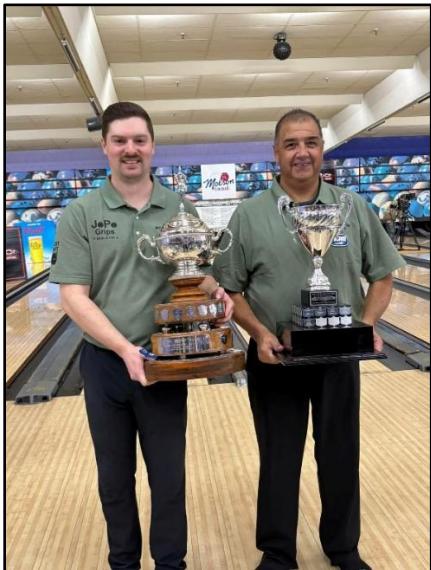
New Canadian Record - **Mitch Hupé** of Winnipeg Manitoba sets new Canadian Record with a score of 1569 for a 6 game block at an International Tournament. Previous record was 1413, set by Dan MacLelland in 2014. Mitch set this record during the PBA World Series Of Bowling Chameleon Event. Mitch had a successful WSOP in Reno. See full results: <https://www.pba.com/pba-tour/pba-national-tour>



Congratulations to **Francois Lavoie** for winning the PBA Southwest Starlite Open in McPherson, KS, USA.



Mykaela Hunter runs the stepladder and wins her first PWBA Regional Tournament. Mykaela is 2nd from the right in the picture.



Congrats to the 2025 Molson Masters Champions!
Open division - **Darren Alexander**
Masters division - **Joe Amaral**



Graham Fach - PBA Delaware Classic Champion



Dan MacLelland had a great night in league last night, January 30, 2025. Dan bowls at AMF Bowling Co in Kitchener, Ontario. Dan had 29 strikes in a row with scores of 300, 300, and 279 for 879, just short of the Canadian Record.

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CTF Annual Meeting

The CTF Annual Meeting took place via Zoom on Sunday, June 8, 2025, attended by the Delegates from the Provincial and Local Associations across the country, along with a few guests. We thought it would be helpful to share with you some of the reports from that meeting.

President's Report

Elaine Yamron

Good morning and welcome to our 2025 Canadian Tenpin Federation Annual Meeting. I would like to thank everyone who has made time to attend this year.

As mentioned at the last year's meeting, Winnipeg will be hosting the Canadian Championships June 19th thru to June 22nd. The Masters qualifying will once again be incorporated into this tournament.

The Canadian Tenpin Federation is continuing to work on the restructuring. Our website has been revamped, making it easier for Associations Managers and Members to gain access to any information they require.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors, all committee members for their hard work over this last year. A special thanks to our Executive Director Cathy Innes for her passion and hard work keeping us all on track throughout the process, changes that had to be made and we are going to be a stronger organization for it. Changes and Development of programs are our future.

Executive Director's Report

Cathy Innes

Welcome to all delegates and guests to our 2025 Annual Meeting.

During the meeting, all delegates and guests will be muted. For questions, please use the chat, as we will allocate them to the board member or committee chair best suited to answer. If a question cannot be answered, you will be emailed. If I don't get to you via chat, please text me at 604-785-7808.

League kits will be virtual again as we move into the future. July 15th is the latest day each local manager will receive their information. Please take advantage of this terrific way to share with your league secretaries and encourage them to share with all team captains or all bowlers in their leagues.

Awards will be ordered in August with expected delivery in October, 2025. Please be on watch for the email request this summer concerning your award inventory. As usual, in December, we order year-end awards, and those requests will begin in November, 2025. We do use reports in ORS for ordering awards, so please keep up to date with this process.

National League Award information will be asked for in the month of June, so please send in your nominees asap.



Participant Stats have increased again, and as of today we have surpassed our pre-pandemic numbers and increased this past season. We need to find a way to encourage more females and girls into our sport as each year less are registering in our sport.

All National Tournaments have been scheduled for 2025-26; Canadian Team Trials – January 2026 - Windsor, Ontario; Canadian Youth Championships – May 2026 - Calgary, Alberta; Canadian Championships – June 2026 - Brampton, Ontario.

All results for 2025 are on the website: www.tenpincanada.com.

We have shared our strategic plan with you. It is one thing to write it down, now we must implement it. Let me reflect on our priorities.

Governance, Coaching Development, Youth Program Development, Membership Value, Education & Training for Associations, Championship Tournaments, High Performance Development Playing Rules.

Canadian Tenpin Federation went through an extensive governance makeup change in this last fiscal year as mandated by the Canadian Governance Code of Canada and a requirement of Sport Canada. You have already seen some of the changes with the presentation of our new bylaws, policies and new website to share our changes in a clear organized manner.

SafeSport continues to be a high priority in all sports across Canada and even in the world. Every country is tackling this task differently. As a sport we started 2 years ago but now it is time not only for the National Board of Directors, Coaches, and Volunteers to be compliant, it is time for all our members – Provincial and Local Association to be compliant.

Canadian Tenpin Federation continues to be fully compliant with Sport Canada requirements. As reported previously we have been working since 2021 to become an approved funded organization. Six weeks ago, we were granted this approval. Because of all the changes to our government we have not seen the final amounts granted.

Benefits of belonging to CTF. Our rules continue to be on everyone's list of benefits with it being in the top two. Our awards continue to make top 5. It is interesting when we poll the bowler instead of the member or board member. We will be reaching out to the bowlers in the early Fall with another survey and we are hoping to get some updated league lists, so we have current emails. When the survey is launched it will be shared with all of you.

At the time of submitting this report, I have actively been busy with Gender and Diversity meetings, SafeSport, Sport Canada and our Provincial Meetings. I will verbally update the members at the meeting.

My involvement with the International Bowling Federation (IBF) has continued with zoom meetings and no travel. I am very honoured to be on the IBF Competition Committee. Our Chair is Francois Lavoie as he represents the athletes, I represent the American Zone, and we have representatives from Asia, Oceania and Europe and are actively looking for a representative from the African Zone. We have submitted a comprehensive proposal concerning all of the World Competitions.



Change is happening in all sport! We either embrace it or sit back and fight it and get left behind. I have elected to embrace it and surround myself with like-minded people that also want to bring our sport into the future.

Have a great Annual Meeting.

Rules Advisory Committee
Dan Tereck

Hi once again everyone!

The Rules Advisory committee analyzes any suggested or proposed rule changes brought forward to CTF, and based on that analysis, makes recommendations to the Board. We are also responsible for an annual review of the Playing Rules, and Equipment Specifications.

A reminder: As CTF has a reciprocal average agreement with USBC, any rule changes that can affect a bowler's average must be the same in both USBC's and CTF's Playing Rules.

The committee completed a review of our current Playing Rules and have recommended a number of changes, most of them relatively minor (e.g. clarification of some rules). Two of the more significant changes were:

- The addition of some guidance for wheelchair bowlers
- Legal pinfall for String Pin environments: A pin knocked over by a string is considered legal pinfall.

At last year's Annual Meeting I mentioned that a "Frequently Asked Questions" document regarding CTF and USBC Youth Eligibility rules was being developed. There often is some confusion in regards to this, and the FAQ document was meant to help clarify things. You can find it on the CTF website - <https://tenpincanada.com/home/bowlers/youth-eligibility-faqs/>

Thank-you to the committee members for their involvement: Anne-Marie Cole, Doug Critch, Jody Scott, and Robert Trude.

Lane Certification Committee
Karl Born

Lane certifications for this year have continued, but not at the pace I would prefer. There are a number of centres that haven't been certified for 2024-2025 season. There are follow up emails being sent to association managers to find out the status of their centres.

We have also sent an email to the association managers who have centres that need to be inspected as their bi-annual inspection is due this year.



A situation with Toronto – where they had only one active inspector - has been dealt with and they are working diligently to get their inspections done. I have given them until September to inspect their houses. They still have some work to do, and I am encouraging the Association President to continue his hard work.

Lane inspections have been received from 24 centres (see table below).

Province	Passed	Pending	Total
AB	1		1
BC	4		4
MB	2		2
NB	1		1
ON	11	1	12
QC	4		4
Grand Total	23	1	24

CTF has been working with the provinces to get lane inspectors certified. Clinics are run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. where lane inspection is broken up into theory and practical. The theory concentrates on how lanes are constructed and the tools required along with the specifications. Practical includes participants actually measuring lanes, everyone using all the tools required to get a feel of what is involved.

In July, Kelowna held a clinic where we had 22 people participate to be certified. In August - Windsor, Essex, Chatham and Kent Bowling Association held a clinic and we were able to certify 12, in September we held the clinic for GTTBA for 8, and in November we did a clinic in Montreal for 10. Overall, we have added 52 clinicians across the country. All in all, it was a busy year. Thanks to the people involved in the organization of these clinics. I couldn't have done it without them.

Moving forward we have had interest from Alberta Tenpin Bowling Association to hold a clinic in Calgary, and a clinic may be held just prior to the Canadian Championships this June in Winnipeg.

High Performance

Jane Vetro

I would like to welcome all delegates, bowlers, guests and fellow board members to the virtual annual meeting. Our coaching staff stayed the same for 2025. Tyrel Rose is the Head Coach with Brent Pinnell, John Pearson, Rich Huzina and Robert Johnson are the Assistant Coaches.

In 2024 our Junior Ladies Team finished 5th in the Team Event after being defeated in the tie breaker.

Our Adult team had 2 competitions. The Pan Am Championships in Reno, Nevada. The Men's Team won a Silver Medal in Team Event, 4th in Doubles, top 10 in Trios, top 10 in All Events. The Ladies Team top 10 in Doubles, top 10 in Trios, top 5 in Teams.

The second event was the Champion of Champions in Lima, Peru. The Ladies finished top 5 in Doubles, one in the top 10 in Singles and one in the top 10 in All Events. The Men won the Gold Medal in Doubles, a Silver Medal in Singles, and a Silver Medal and 4th place finish in All Events.



The Senior Team and Super Senior Team also competed in Reno, Nevada at the same time as the Adult Team. The Senior Ladies, Bronze Medal in Doubles, Silver Medal in Trios. The Super Senior Ladies, Silver Medal in Doubles. The Super Senior Mixed Team won a Bronze Medal.

Our Junior Team will be at the Junior Pan Am Championships in Guatemala City, Guatemala from August 8th to 16th, 2025. The coaches at the competition will be Tyrel Rose and Brent Pinnell.

Our Senior Team will be competing in Winnipeg where the top 4 Female and top 4 Male bowlers(Over 50 years of age) will make the team that goes to IBF World Championships in Reno, Nevada from October 13th to 23rd, 2025. The coaches that will be attending the Championship are Tyrel Rose and Robert Johnson.

Our Adult Team will be attending the IBF World Championship in Hong Kong from November 22nd to December 6th, 2025. Tyrel Rose will be attending, and an Assistant has not been selected at this time.

For all the 2025 Team Canada Competitions as we get information on Live Streaming will post it on social media.

Thank you

Youth Report
Elaine Yamron

Good day everyone.

I attended the Canadian Youth Championships in Quebec City this past May Long weekend. The event once again showcased our talented youth from across Canada. It should make all Provinces very proud of their organizations running youth leagues. I would like to thank the host Province, Bowling Centre and their staff for all their hard work to make this tournament the success it was.

The 2026 Canadian Youth Championships will be held in Calgary Alberta next May. I am sure our youth who made friendships this past May hope to rekindle next year at the tournament.

Once again thank you to the parents/guardians who come out each year to support the tournament, without their involvement our kids would not have the opportunity to participate in the best Canadian Youth Tournament. To the proprietors who support our program thank you, you play a big part in the development of our youth.



Achievement Award Committee Report Elaine Yamron

Isabel Rioux was inducted into the Hall of Fame under the Athletes category at the 2025 Team Trials along with Frank Buffa inducted in builder category.

For 2026 we have 2 nominees who will be inducted at Canadian Championships in Brampton, Ontario. Under the athlete categories will be Robin Orlikowski and Ray Verynck.

This year Jayne Picott from Southern Ontario was awarded the Sherry Hobson Excellence Award for all the years she has contributed to tenpin bowling in Ontario.

BOWLER OF YEAR AWARDS

2024 Youth

Girls- Mei Yen-Lachapelle; Boys – Alexandre Gareau

2024 Adult

Female –Jade Cote; Male – Francois Lavoie

2024 Seniors

Female – Lana Mink; Male –Michael Snow

Elections

Three existing Directors, whose terms were ending, were re-elected by acclamation. They are Wanda Howard, Michelle Konkle, and Jody Scott.

Jayne Picott – Sherry Hobson Award



The Canadian Tenpin Federation has selected **Jayne Picott** of Burlington, Ontario to receive the Sherry Hobson Excellence Award.

The Sherry Hobson Award recognizes an individual who has made important contributions to the overall sport of bowling by being a motivator, visionary, leader and innovator. It also recognizes leadership and volunteer services for the sport of bowling in Canada.

Jayne has been a volunteer in the Youth Program under both YABA and CTF for 40 years. She was involved in running the youth program at Burlington Bowl and Classic Bowl and still is at Classic.



Canadian Youth Championships

The 2025 Canadian Youth Championships were held in Quebec City, QC. We had seven teams representing Canada, and there were many records broken (we've highlighted them below). You can see all of the results by going to the CTF Website Canadian Youth Championships page.

<https://tenpincanada.com/home/bowling-event/2025-canadian-youth-championships/>



Team Saskatchewan



Team – Northern Ontario



Team BC



Team Alberta



Team Manitoba



Team - Quebec



Team - Southern Ontario

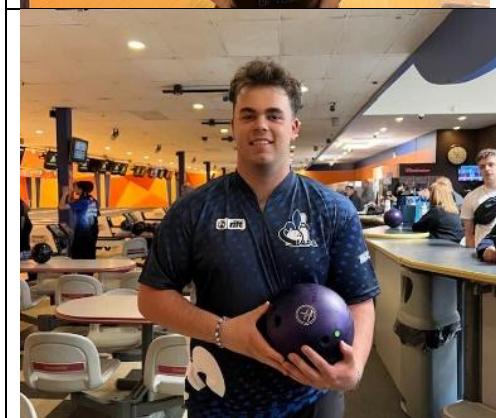


- Junior Division: **Chloe Dion and Antoine Lessard** of Mont-Joli, Quebec and Coaticook, Quebec respectively break the event average with 212.34 which was held by Diana Nakonechny and Bill Ross Jr of Northern Ontario set in 1999.
- Senior Boy Division: **Isarel Potter** of Winnipeg, Manitoba averaged 246.67 which breaks the previous record of 242.9 which was held by Michael Quinn of Alberta set in 2006.



Junior Boy Division:
London Lewis of Hamilton, Ontario breaks two records:
300 Game ties the record

Average of 219.83 for 6 games breaks the previous record of 214.6 which was held by Chris Clerke of Saskatchewan.



Intermediate Boy Division:
Maxime Allard of Quebec City averaged 249.50 for 6 games which breaks the previous record of 231.9 which was held by Agnon Wong of BC.



Senior Boy Division:

Cooper Buniak of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan ties the record with his 300 Game.



Team Record:

The **Quebec Boys Team** broke the 6 Game Series with a score of 5043. Team Quebec had this record with a score of 4891 set in 2000.



The Ivan Nelson and Chris Tucker Sportsmanship Awards – Each year, at the Canadian Youth Championships, these awards are presented to the two youth who exemplify the purpose of the awards – Good Sportsmanship. These awards are voted on by all of the athletes at the event.

The recipient of the 2025 Ivan Nelson Sportsmanship Award was Team Saskatchewan's **Sam Tan**. The 2025 recipient of the Chris Tucker Sportsmanship Award was **Kayla Imoo** of Richmond, BC.

Congratulations to both!

Canadian Championships

The Canadian Championships were held from June 19-22, 2025 in Winnipeg, MB. It was a successful tournament with what MIGHT be a new record for the total number of entries for this tournament. Please note: this is not yet confirmed. This event also produced the qualifiers for the Masters (Senior) Teams for Team Canada.

At the time of publishing, the official results have not been finalized. However, you can see the current unofficial results here: <https://www.tournamentbowl.com/Open/standings>

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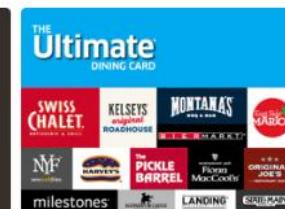
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