



Coast to Coast



CANADIAN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Some of the Provincial qualifying rounds have been completed and the up coming National Events are busily being planned and organized. I cannot thank Sheila enough for the amount of work that must be processed through the C5PBA office in arranging all the upcoming National Events. This is a huge task.

The 2004 Youth Challenge Nationals will be staged in a few weeks from now and the event will be very successful. I would like to thank Marilyn McMullan and her committee for all the work which has been done so far and I expect they can't wait till it arrives. Hope to see a few of you in Winnipeg.

The C5PBA Communication Committee is receiving more and more articles all the time. This is very encouraging and beneficial for all Provinces involved. We are very proud of this letter and hopefully it will continue to grow into something bigger and better.

I would like to thank all the Provinces for the work they are doing to assist our bowlers and in completing the information and requests that we as an Association must ask of them. This hard work is always well appreciated and will never be taken for granted. With volunteers like yourselves the C5PBA will only become bigger, better and stronger. Keep up the excellent work.

Respectfully

Terry McLeod
President

Quebec

Bonjour tout le monde.

Le Provincial du 'High & Low' est maintenant chose du passé, félicitation à nos champions Maurice Miron et Rheal Boissonneault de la salle de quilles Paris. Encore une fois Sheila à fait un travail remarquable avec les cadeaux, merci Sheila. Il faut remercier aussi tout les bénévoles qui ont fait de cette événement un succès. Le travail pour le national continue et je tiens à remercier tout ceux qui sont impliqué dans le processus. Lâche pas Nat!!! Il faut mentionner, même si elle n'est pas reconnue officiellement, la partie parfaite de Geatan Beauchamp jouée le 18 février 2004 à la salle de quilles Paris. Le CQJQQ a complété ces qualification en vu du Provincial qui aura lieu le 14 mars 2004. Bonne chance à tous. Les qulifications pour la ronde provincial du classic débiteront prochainement. Bonne chance a tout les participants.

Daniel Lamarche

Quebec

Hello everyone. We have completed our High/ Low provincials. Congratulations to our High/Low Champions, Maurice Miron and Rheal Boissoneault of Paris bowling center. Players were very pleased with the prizes. Thank you Sheila for tremendous work on this. also thanks to all volunteers who helped during the Provincials. Work for the National is still going strong and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers involved.

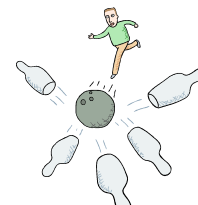
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Worth mentioning even though the game is not recognized by the association, Geatan Beauchamp of Paris bowling center bowled a 450 on Feb. 18/04. The YBC had their regional qualifications and are now getting ready for the Provincial which will be held on March 14, 2004. The Classic qualifying rounds are coming up, good luck to everyone participating.

Daniel Lamarche

Alberta

Provincial rounds for our tournaments are now underway, and there has been some exciting bowling taking place. In the Youth Challenge, there was a three-way tie for the third spot in the boy's singles. Stephen Loerscher won the three way, one game roll off. Truly inspiring! Stephen advances to the Youth Challenge Nationals along with Brad Wilton, Michael Laycock, Tannis Seitz, Brittney Hislop and Ashley Holomey. Cisco Beyersbergen and Lori Gamble will coach them. Our High Low Doubles Provincials took place in Edmonton and we are proud to announce that Kolin Clark and Wanda Paul from Fort Bowl in Edmonton will be representing Alberta at the Nationals. Good luck to all advancing from zones and provincials in the various events upcoming.



Nova Scotia

Greetings from NS, the land of White Juan!! Nova Scotia has been conducting a number of Provincial Tournaments, one of which was the Hi-Low Doubles, held at St. Bernard's Bowling Lanes. The Provincial Champs from St. Bernard's are Ashton Gavel & Emily Robicheau. Runner-Up was Danny Theriault & Barb Comeau. Paul Comeau of St. Bernard's bowled a 450 in Dec. 2003. The Shelburne team is very much looking forward to the POA tourney in Saskatoon. Our Youth Challenge team is ready for the trip to Nationals and looking forward to the challenge and also meeting new bowlers from other provinces. They are: Travis Tofflemire, Adam Kenney, Stacy MacIntyre, Smanda McDow, Rory MacPherson and Terri Ryer (from New Brunswick). We wish them every success. New Brunswick, who rejoined us this year has small but very active Mens', Mixed and Youth leagues. Two of their youth bowlers qualified for the Provincial team, as mentioned above. A CBC roll-off qualifier was held on Feb. 28th, with Sandi MacPherson ranking 1st and Rick MacIntosh, 2nd. Nova Scotia continues to struggle to raise funds for Kids Help Phone. Synthia Schofield has organized a couple In-League Fund Raiser Tournaments to assist in this endeavor. May March ring in an early spring and Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our Irish Bowlers! Yours in bowling,

Brenda MacKellar

**Newfoundland and Labrador**

All Zones have determined their OPEN teams and are ready for our Provincial play-downs from March 17-20/04. The expectations for high scores and resulting keen competition are high. Our kids are getting anxious for the Youth Challenge championships later this month. We have Albert White and Tom Williams, from the Stephenville Zone anxious to compete in the National High-Low Championships. They finished with a plus 238 after 5 games of competition. We hope everything is well in all other Provinces and Territories.

British Columbia

Greetings from beautiful B.C.! Our condolences to our counterparts on the East Coast who have been experiencing some adverse weather conditions. Burr... We have completed our Open Trials and our numbers dropped slightly. We had six YBC graduates participate in this year's event with three individuals making their respective zones. Zone 1 – Channele Edwards (Ladies Team & Singles), Gina Robinson (Mixed Team) & Zone 4 – Tyler King (Men's Team). Dennis Shaw threw a 426 during Fraser Valley South trials. Great game, Dennis. Preparations for our Open Prov. Championships are on schedule. Our Youth Challenge was completed at the end of January and our numbers were down slightly due to some poor weather conditions making it impossible for some of the competitors to attend. We had a strong field again this year. Our members consist of Christine Wilks, Sparwood (2027-253 av), Sara Semkiw, Surrey (1966-245 av), Alisha Norris, Surrey (1951-243 av),

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Scott Stevenson, Burnaby (2045-255 avg), Devan Yim, Surrey (2038-254 av) & Jessie Mumford, Terrace (2013-251 av) Congratulations on a job well done! Our competitors are eager to go to Winnipeg to defend last year's Gold medal performance. Our province is proud to announce that we have had two Perfect Games this season. Bill Drefko, Borderline Bowl in Creston bowled his "450", Dec. 18/03. Bill also threw a 400 last year in March. Mr. Drefko is a member of the Golden Age League. Dave Always, Town & Country Lanes, Victoria bowled his "450" Jan. 21/04. Dave also threw a 431 on Oct. 29/03. Congratulations gentlemen and keep up the good work! That's it for now, see you at the Youth Nationals this month.

Ken Chambers

Northwest Territories

All tournaments have been completed and we are looking forward to the Nationals. Both Zones are working hard with preparations for the KHP Bowlathon on March 20/04. The Yellowknife Elk's Lodge is donating \$5,000.00 this year. Deborah Lenardon from KHP tells me she will have new stats available on March 12/04 and will be mailing them out to all Provinces. Wish you all success in your fundraiser.

Mary Linn



Ontario

Sherwood Centre in Hamilton was the setting on Saturday, February 28th for the 2004 Ontario League Executive and High Low Doubles Championships. In the League Executive event, at the conclusion of three games, qualifiers in each division were:

President: Connie Drysdale, Lindsay 5 Pin Bowlers' Assoc.
Secretary: Tracy Clarke

Orangeville 5 Pin Bowlers' Treasurer: Larry Rankin, Astra 5 Pin Bowlers' Assoc.

We congratulate Grand Prize Winner Connie Drysdale who won a Trip for Two to a Sun Destination and a two piece luggage set. By noon, competitors in the High Low Doubles Championship were ready and waiting for registration to open and the competition to begin. By the end of the first game, two couples established an early lead that saw them battling to the end for first place. We congratulate winners Stan Germaine and Josh Deruiter of the Molesworth-Maitland 5 Pin Bowlers' Association and wish them good luck at the C5PBA National High Low Doubles Championships in Gatineau next month. Runners-up Stehanie LeClair and Shawn MacFarlane of Playdium 5 Pin Bowlers' Association will be joining Stan and Josh and other tournament winners on the Trip to the Sun in November.

Sherwood Proprietor Tony Bonora has done extensive renovations to the old lady and Sherwood Centre now has a bright and spacious atmosphere with excellent lane conditions. A number of competitors recorded personal best scores in these events. We thank Tony, his staff and the Hamilton volunteers: Murray Neath, Nicole Beddli, John Conti and

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Norm Macdonald who served as Judges of Play for the championships. We would also like to thank other volunteers who stepped forward to assist: Paul Brown, Stephanie and Josh LeCair for working with Al Hong on scoreboards and LFG Kevin Pitkin for assisting Paul Guay in fundraising. O5PBA congratulates Jackie Hawkins of Lindsay who has been named as a recipient of a Syl Apps Award as an outstanding sport volunteer in Ontario and TRG Computer Solutions, John Creswell, who will be recognized as an Outstanding Corporate Citizen. These awards will be presented at the Ontario Sport Awards in April. On Feb. 21st we were delighted to be a part of the inaugural Bay of Quinte Cogeco 5 Pin Bowling Challenge at Astra Lanes at CFB Trenton. Organized by Mike Stoddart, the televised stepladder finals saw Mike Stoddart himself, emerge as the winner in the Scratch division while Tina Garrah of Delaney Bowl in Gananoque was victorious on the POA side. The tournament managed to attract 1582 entries and corporate sponsorship of approximately \$4000.00. We commend Mike and his core volunteers on running an exciting new zone event.

As the weather has started to gradually improve in southern Ontario, our thoughts begin to wander as we look forward to the 2004 Ontario Winter Games and that ritual of spring, the Ontario Open Championships. Our next column will focus on these events.

Jennifer Guay

Snappy Answer #1

A flight attendant was stationed at the departure gate to check tickets. As a man approached, she extended her hand for the ticket, and he opened his trench coat and flashed her. Without missing a beat she said, "Sir, I need to see your ticket not your stub."

Snappy Answer #2

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

Snappy Answer #3

The cop got out of his car and the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window. "I've been waiting for you all day," the cop said. The kid replied, "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could." When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

Snappy Answer #4

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway. A sign came up that read Low Bridge Ahead. Before he knew it the bridge was right ahead of him and he got stuck under the bridge. Cars were backed up for miles. Finally a police car arrived. The cop got out of his car and walked around to the truck driver, put his hands on his hips and said, "Got stuck, huh?" The truck driver replied "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of gas."



Golf/Curling/Bowling**The Same But Surely Different**

There may have been a time when bowling, golf & curling were considered relatively similar recreations. Now, I realize that it may be a stretch to include golf in this group, but there was a time when the top golfers were certainly not the best physical specimens and possibly not even considered "athletes."

While this equality that I talk about may have been evident at one time, certainly golf and curling have moved ahead and in leaps and bounds. Golf, of course, was driven by Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus in the sixties and now, Tiger Woods and others including Canada's Mike Weir have taken the sport to astronomical heights.

Curling has grown dramatically as well. On the radio last week, curler Russ Howard who was originally from Ontario and now sells real estate and curls in New Brunswick was saying that, at airports, he is more recognizable than many hockey players. This recognition is due to television as, from January to April, curling seems to be on television every week. Specifically, in early March, the Canadian Championship or the Brier as we know it gets considerable coverage. During the radio interview, Howard indicated that next year due to the television popularity of the event, prize money will be offered to the participating curlers.

Bowling has not grown at the same pace during the same time period. The bowlers began organizing in the sixties and other groups such as the Masters and the Youth Bowling Council soon followed. Bowling was televised from O'Connor Bowl on a regular basis in the 60's and, in reality, Andre

Morrisette became as big a 'name' as bowling has ever seen. Even bowlers today remember his name and his undefeated streak at O'Connor Bowl that reached nearly two years. Bowling left television for a while before coming back through the efforts of the Bowling Proprietors Association of Canada on both CBC and TSN. Despite the success of these shows, however, we are unable to identify the winners of the events and most bowlers cannot recall the champions on a year-to-year basis. In addition, our sport runs excellent championships, bowling schools and conventions, but these are not enough to maintain any media contact on a regular basis.

As well, golf and curling continue to evolve. In curling, they have introduced three rock and four rock rules that have been added to increase strategy and create excitement. In golf, I recently played on carts that were computer equipped and told you the yardage to the hole, gave you a visual of the green, ordered food, found lost clubs advertised pro-shop specials and invited you back to play another round. Certainly this feature was an enticement to return and play. The price charge for a game (\$100US).

Bowling has been unable to keep pace with any of this – from the star recognition, to the media exposure, to the bells and whistles that lead to increased pricing. In 10-pin centres, I can probably see ball tracks and speeds but the same does not exist in 5-pin bowling. Modernization is a must so that the visiting public will see that we are not only current, but ahead of the curve. This includes automatic scoring, bumpers, television to watch sports while bowling, full service snack bars, liquor licensing,

clothing lines and games machines. As Tom England says, "Your centre has to be the 'in' place in town to go to." Have we missed the boat? I hope not. Do I have the answers to our dilemma? Not by myself, but the industry will only move ahead when all groups sit down and develop a coordinated five-year plan that will direct the combined efforts of our industry.

Walter Heeney
President, MBAC