



Coast to Coast



CANADIAN 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

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Manitoba



Hello from Manitoba

The modern history of Thompson, Manitoba began in 1956 when on February 4th, a major ore body was discovered by use of an airborne electro magnetometer following ten years of mining exploration in the region. Inco Limited signed an agreement with the Manitoba government covering the construction of the mine, mill, smelter, and refinery, as well as town services. The agreement also required that the company provide financial assistance towards the Kelsey Generating System, and a spur line to connect with C.N.'s Bay Line near Thicket Portage.

Thompson is a planned community named after Inco's chairman, John F. Thompson, and was incorporated as a town in 1967 on Canada's Centennial Anniversary. In 1970 Thompson was incorporated as a city in the royal presence of Queen Elizabeth II, having reached a population of 20,000. A decline in population occurred during the following decades, leveling off around 14,000 people. Thompson came to be known as "The Hub of the North", as it functions as a centre for politics and commerce in the region. Located 739 KM north of Winnipeg, Thompson played host to this year's Youth Challenge Provincial Championships. Congratulations to Kyle Holodryga, Bryce Macfarlane, Scott Buchanan, Andrea Wazney, Shelby Dunham, Megan Swain along with coaches Mike McElrea and Sylvia Swaenepoel who will be representing Manitoba in Calgary.



Leagues are busy qualifying their bowlers for the zone finals of the Hi-Lo Doubles and then off to the Provincials in late February in Brandon. Stay warm and keep those strikes and spares rolling.

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Best of the season to everyone! We have slowed down for the holidays. However, during December we held a very successful Youth Challenge roll-off and have 6 bowlers and 2 Coaches eager to show their skills in Calgary.

Our OPEN Zone roll-offs are extremely competitive once again and it appears that this will be our largest list of competitors in quite some time. This is positive for our Sport, however, our growth seems to only be with the higher average competitors.

We had a lower number of entries in our Hi-Low Doubles tournament again this year and the response to our Provincial Pins Over Average tournament has dwindled the past couple of years.

Overall, 2006 was positive for our Association and we look forward to even better in 2007!

Mel Osmond

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