

CTF CONNECTION

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 2012/2013 season membership as of November is just over 10,000 memberships processed which is on par with previous season numbers. Many associations are still submitting new databases. To date approx. 35% of the centres have submitted their centre certifications.

National Office is testing an internet fax service to determine its functionality and ease of use. Our fax machine has reached the end of its life span and will need replacing. With the fax service all faxes will come by email, which can be stored instead of printed. The cost savings are worthwhile at \$6.00 per month for the service verses the capital cost of a new fax machine, and the ongoing cost of printer cartridges and paper. The service also provides the availability of a 1-800 number.

Once the test period is over National Office will advise all associations of our new 1-800 fax number. Our current fax number will remain in effect as it is forwarded to the new service.

Mid-Season Supply Orders have been processed with our order to our suppliers finalized. There will be no problem shipping supply orders in February.

CNC & CMC posters have been printed and will be mailed shortly to the associations and bowling centres. Each CTF bowling centre will receive posters for each tournament and two sets of tournament rules and entry forms. Additional copies can be obtained from the website.

The Board of Directors have approved the nomination of **Bill Rowe** for induction in to the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame. **Bill** was inducted in to the CTF Hall of Fame in 2005 and is a worthy candidate to the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted

Stan May
CTF Executive Director

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CTF MAKES TEAM SELECTIONS FOR 2013 TEAM CANADA

The CTF Team Selection committee has made their choices for the final 2 men and 2 women who will make up the 2013 Team Canada.

The top men and women who finish in the top 6 positions at the Canadian National Championships plus 2 additional men and 2 women who apply for the positions, will represent Canada at international events in 2013.

The women selected were **Samantha How**, formerly of Calgary, AB and now living in Portland, Oregon and **Alyssa Cicconi** of Lachine, QC.

Patrick Girard, Jonquiere, QC and **Mark Buffa**, St. Leonard, QC were selected for the men.

All those selected are former Team Canada members.

They will join the following who earned their position at the 2012 National Championships:

Women: **Caroline Lagrange**, St. Leonard, QC, **Lynne Gauthier**, Winnipeg, MB, **Jo-Ann Sanesac**, Napierville, QC, **Isabelle Rioux**, Trios Rivieres, QC, **Jennifer Park**, Nanaimo, BC, Val Calberry, Brampton, ON Men: **David Simard**, Grandby, QC, **Dan MacLelland**, St. Laurent, QC, **Art Oliver Jr.**, Hamilton, ON, **Francois Lavoie**, Quebec City, QC, **George Lambert IV**, formerly of Hamilton, ON and now living in Justin, TX and **Joe Ciach**, Mississauga, ON

International competition for 2013 includes: Men and Women's World Championships, Henderson, NV and the Tournament of the Americas, Greater Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

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LUCIEN CASAGRANDE RETIRES FROM CTF COACHING

Lucien Casagrande, Winnipeg, MB is retiring after coaching with Team Canada since 1998.

Lucien started as an assistant to **Craig Woodhouse** who was the women's coach and then took over as coach of the men's team. He will stay involved as Team Manager for the Tournament of Americas teams and use his many years of experience in assisting the teams going to Florida.

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CTF COACHING ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2013

The CTF coaching assignments for 2013 have been announced by International Chairman, **Joe Nunes** as follows:

Adult division:

Men's Head Coach: **Tyrel Rose**, Montreal, QC
Women's Head Coach: **Mike Boroskae**, Winnipeg, MB

Assistant Adult Coach: **Dave Poupart**, Chatequay, QC

Youth Division:

Male Youth Head Coach: **Damien Skelling**, Calgary, AB
Female Youth Head Coach: **Christina Littlejohn**, Richmond, BC

Assistant Youth Coach: **Dan Rose**, Windsor, ON.

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SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA TAKE BOWLING WORLD CUP TITLES

Shayna Ng, Singapore and **Syafiq Rhidwan Abdul Malek**, Malaysia were the champions at the 48th Quibica/AMF Bowling World Cup which took place in Wroclaw, Poland from November 24 – December 1, 2012.

The tournament which is the largest international sports championships in terms of participating countries, was held at Sky Bowl in the new Sky Tower, which is Poland's tallest building. 82 men and 69 women from 84 countries took part.

Team Canada members **Michael Schmidt**, Winnipeg, MB and **Felicia Wong**, Calgary, AB represented Canada. **Mike** and **Felicia** earned the right to represent Canada at the Bowl Canada finals held last March at Mario's Bowl in Thunder Bay, ON.

In the women's final, **Shayna**, who was the #3 seed, beat the #2 seed **Kristen Penny**, England 246-215 and 231-191. She went on to beat the #1 seed **Aumi Guerra**, Dominican Republic in 3 games: **Aumi** won the first 269-224. **Shayna** won the next 2 games 267-259 and 247-169, **Aumi**, who is coached by CTF Hall of Famer **Craig Woodhouse** of St. Catharines, ON was trying to win 3 straight championships. She was the women's champion in 2010 and 2011.

Mike, has represented Canada in 7 of the last 8 World Cup events and won in 2005 and 2010. He has finished in the top 10 in each event except 2011.

Mike made the first cut of 24 when he finished 22nd after 20 games. He had a tough job to move to the next cut of 8 and he made a great run with a 1915 eight game block. In the 7th game with 1 game to go and a 15 pin advantage he was being chased by **Chamberlain** of England and **Gruffman** of Sweden. **Gruffman** prevailed. **Mike** finished 10th and did not move on to the match play round robin.

When asked what they liked best about this tournament, this is what Felicia had to say: "The World Cup is such a well-run tournament that there are too many good things to talk about, from the banquet, new facilities, the people, schedules. If I had to pick a favourite, I would say it was the people I met at the event, both participants and organizers, and of course the Canadians."

Canada with 9 champions, is second in the world for the most Bowling World Cup wins behind the USA with 17. Former winners are: **Graydon 'Blondie' Robinson**, Toronto, Ontario, 1969, **Ray Mitchell**, White Rock, British Columbia, 1972, **Cathy Townsend**, Montreal, Quebec, 1975, **Rea Rennox**, Toronto, ON, 1977, **Jean Gordon**, Vancouver, BC., 1980, **Kerrie Ryan-Ciach**, Mississauga, ON., 2003, **Michael Schmidt**, Winnipeg, Manitoba 2005 and 2010 and **Caroline Lagrange**, Montreal, QC in 2009.

Tye Rose, Montreal, QC was the coach for the Canadian representative. **Hazel McLeary**, Victoria, BC attended to report to the Canadian media.

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CANADIANS COMPETE AT INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL SENIOR OPEN

The International Senior Open which took place at Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, NV, December 3 – 8, included 5 Canadians - **Elizabeth Wong** and **Lauraine Fast**, Calgary, AB, **Debbie IP**, Edmonton, AB and **Sherry Hobson**, Winnipeg, MB took part in the women's division and **Joe Kolodziejczak**, Thunder Bay, ON in the men's division.

Here's how they finished:

SINGLES

Sr. Women – 45 – 55

11th **Elizabeth Wong** 535
12th **Lauraine Fast** 525

Super Sr. Women – 56 plus

4th **Debbie Ip** 620 \$200
7th **Sherrie Hobson** 593

All Events – top 6 to Masters

Men 50 – 60

16th **Joe Kolodziejczak** 2402

Sr. Women – 45 – 55

6th **Elizabeth Wong** 2307
7th **Lauraine Fast** 2083

Super Sr. Women – 56 plus

3rd **Debbie Ip** 2476
6th **Sherrie Hobson** 2394

Masters Final

Sr. Women 45 – 55

4th **Elizabeth Wong** \$100

Super Sr. Women – 56 plus

2nd **Sherry Hobson** \$250
3rd **Debbie Ip** \$125

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TEAM CANADA’S ISABELL RIOUX MADE IT TO THE 2ND ROUND OF MATCH PLAY AT THE 1ST WORLD SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Isabelle Rioux, Trios Rivieres, Quebec and **Dan MacLelland**, Montreal, QC represented Canada at the 1st World Singles Championships which was held in Limassol, Cyprus from September 19 – 26, 2012. The 24 lane Galactica Luna Park was the host for the championships with the women competing on one floor and the men on the other floor.

The new championship was created to give smaller countries unable to send a full team of 6 men and 6 women to the regular world championships, the opportunity to compete in a world championship. Each country was allowed to send up to 2 men and 2 women. Canada only sent 1 man and 1 woman. It also enabled small federations the opportunity to host a world event. Cyprus has approximately 1200 members. 56 women and 72 men from 44 countries participated.

12 games of qualifying were played. The top 24 men and women qualified for the match play. **Isa** qualified in 20th position. Unfortunately, **Dan** did not make the match play portion, finishing in 30th place.

Isa met **Jacqueline Sijore** of Malaysia in the 1st match and defeated her in 3 straight games: 203 – 187, 193 – 167 and 204 – 192. In the match play, the first player to win three games in a best of five game match, moves on to the next round.

In her second match against the #4 qualifier **Shannon O’Keefe** of the USA, **Shannon** won game #1, 268 – 242 and game #2, 236 – 213. In game #3, **Isa** won 244 – 218 and game #4 she won 205 – 190. In the fifth and

deciding game, she lost 255 – 203 after a split in frame nine, cost her the opportunity to close the deciding game.

Kelly Kullick, USA was the women’s gold medal winner. She defeated **Diane Zavalova**, Latvia in a close final 228 – 226. **Diane** won the silver medal. **Aseret Zetter**, Mexico and **Esther Chea**, Malaysia the losers’ of the first step-ladder match, earned the bronze medals.

The USA’s **Chris Barnes** won gold by defeating **Andres Gomez**, Colombia. **Osku Palermo**, Finland and USA’s **Tommy Jones** earned the men’s bronze medals.

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CANADIANS COMPETE AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING COMPETITION

Four Canadians from Quebec took part in the PBA’s competition at South Point Bowling Centre in Las Vegas.

Included in the World Championships qualifying was the qualifying for four ‘animal pattern’ World Series of Bowling events.

240 bowlers competed in the week long competition. **Dan MacLelland** of Montreal and Quebec bowlers **Patrick Girard**, **Kasey Normand** and **Michael Menard**.

Everyone bowled 8 games and after the 8 games, the top 16 bowlers competed in a further 6 games to decide on the top 4 bowlers for the World Series of Bowling TV finals which will be broadcast at a later date.

The first 8 games bowled were part of the qualification for the World Championships. After the 4 rounds of qualifying for the 4 World Series events, the top 24 players qualified for the match play round robin for the final 5 bowlers who made the finals for the TV show of the World Championships.

Dan MacLelland cashed in all 5 events.

Spoiler Alert - Here are the results – please note the finals will be shown on TV at a later date.

CHEETAH

Dan MacLelland - 24th \$895
Patrick Girard - 36th \$750
Kasey Normandin – 196th
Michael Menard - 201st

FINALS:

First Match: No. 4 **Bill O’Neill** def. No. 3 **Chris Loschetter**, 248-223

Second Match: **O’Neill** def. No. 2 **Jeff Roche**, 246-177

Championship: **O’Neill** def. No. 1 **Mike Wolfe**, 243-192.

TV finals will be December 16th

VIPER

Dan MacLelland was 3rd after 8 games and tied for 6th after the additional 6 games. **Dan** earned \$3450.

Patrick Girard - 102nd
Kasey Normandin - 112th
Michael Menard - 147th

FINALS

First Match: No. 3 **Mika Koivuniemi** def. No. 4 **Michael Fagan**, 214-150

Second Match: **Koivuniemi** def. No. 2 **Sean Rash**, 258-180

Championship: No. 1 **Brad Angelo** def. **Koivuniemi**, 233-232.

CHAMELEON

Dan MacLelland qualified 10th and finished in 13th after final 6 games. Earned \$2100

Patrick Girard - 50th

Kasey Normandin - 167th

Michael Menard - 212nd

FINALS

First Match: No. 3 **Scott Norton** def. No. 4 **Fawaz Abdulla**, 225-194

Second Match: **Norton** def. No. 2 **Walter Ray Williams**, 236-195

Championship: **Norton** def. No. 1 **Jason Belmonte**, 227-223.

SCORPION

Dan MacLelland - 19th \$940

Patrick Girard - 37th

Kasey Normandin - 128th

Michael Menard - 186th

FINALS

First Match: No. 4 **Tom Daugherty** def. No. 3 **Jason Sterner**, 199-177

Second Match: **Daugherty** def. No. 2 **Jason Belmonte**, 256-187 Championship: **Daugherty** def. No. 1 **Osku Palermaa**, 200-182.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dan MacLelland qualified for the PBA World Championships in the #4 position but his bid to become the first Canadian to win a PBA title was denied by the eventual champion **Parker Bohn** who qualified #5. **Parker** overcame **Dan** 226 – 218 in the first match. The PBA Hall of Famer then beat #3 **Rhino Page** 200 – 170 and #2 **Sean Rash** 278 – 231 before meeting the #1 qualifier **Jason Belmonte** who he triumphed 254 – 227 for his 33rd PBA title. **Dan** earned \$10,000.

PBA LEAGUE TEAM DRAFT

Dan MacLelland was **Osku Palermaa**'s 2nd pick in the PBA League draft which was held the week of the World Series and shown on the PBA Extra Frame.

Osku had the 8th pick and **Dan** was his second choice after **Martin Larsen** of Sweden.

Other team members are:

Patrick Allen, USA and **Thomas Larsen**, Denmark. **Anthony LaCaze**, USA was the supplemental pick.

Norm Duke had the 1st pick and he chose **Rhino Page**. The PBA league will be held the week of the Detroit swing – Jan. 19 – 27th, 2013 and will also be shown on Xtra Frame.

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WORLD BOWLING TOUR

Vienna Open – **Dan MacLelland** – 15th – 1100 Euros – led round 1 qualifying

Dan was 7th in the points list for the World Bowling Tour after the Vienna Open.

The next major World Bowling Tour event will be 15 - 19 January 2013: International Bowling Championship 2013 supported by DHC Venue: Inazawa Grand Bowl, Nagoya, Japan - Website: www.jbc-int.jp

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES AND LOCATIONS

April 25 – 28, 2013 - Canadian National Mixed Championships - Chateau Lanes, Winnipeg, MB

April 27, 2013 - CTF Annual General Meeting – Canad Inn Club Regent Casino Hotel, Winnipeg, MB

May 17 – 20, 2013 - Canadian National Championships – Laurentian Lanes, Montreal, QC

May 30 – June 3, 2013 – Canadian Youth Championships – Let’s Bowl, Calgary, AB

Check out the details at www.gotenpinbowling.ca

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL WEBSITES

Here’s a list of the local and provincial website addresses that we have. Check them out and see what is happening across the country! Many of them have the results of 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.

Kelowna Tenpin BA: www.ktbatenpin.ca

Vancouver & District Tenpin BA: www.vdtba.ca

Mid-Vancouver Island Tenpin BA: www.mvitabowling.ca

British Columbia Tenpin Federation: www.bctenpin.com

Alberta Bowling Federation: www.bowlfedab.ca/tenpin

Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan: www.saskbowl.com

Regina Tenpin BA: <http://nonprofits.accesscom.ca/reginatenpin> www.reginatenpin.ca

Manitoba Bowling Association: www.bowlingmanitoba.ca

Winnipeg Tenpin BA: www.bowlingmanitoba.ca

Manitoba Tenpin Federation: www.mbtenpinfed.com

Kingston Tenpin BA: www.kingstontenpin.ca

Ontario Tenpin BA: www.otba.ca

Capital District BA: www.cdtba.com

Canadian Lakehead BA: www.tenpin.org/cltba.html

Greater Toronto BA: www.gttba.ca

London & District BA: www.ladtpba.ca

Niagara Tenpin BA: www.ntba.ca

Windsor Essex BA: www.weckba.ca

Youth Bowling: www.ybowl.com

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL NEWS

HAMILTON/ONTARIO

By **Jim Margueratt**

On the day Toronto was celebrating a Grey Cup win, **Christine Johnston**, 18, was celebrating her own victory with a 300 game at Skyway Lanes. Along with father **Tom's** three 300 games, they are the second Hamilton father – daughter duos with perfect games after **Ed & Crystal Maurer**. Two weeks after **Mick Anderer** fired his second 300 game, he rolled a 298 as the four & eight pins remained defiant. His father **Mike** also has a 300 to his credit.

Also with perfect games are **Travis Cauley**, **Jeff Easton**, **Len Garinger Jr.** and **Richard Parker**. **Cauley** also has a 290 & 1024 series, and just missed Hamilton's oldest record by 19 pins with a 1071 (279,279,234,279) series. With a 299 game is **Russell Dee**. Last year a Skyway man rolled a pair of 300 games, but the league was unsanctioned. Last month he rolled an 821 with a 299, but still unsanctioned. All for the sake of a few dollars - no official recognition.

What do you do if you have the first 11 strikes? Of the many options **Walt Bohaychuk** of Hamilton had over 50 years ago in St. Catharines, Ontario, he went for a walk and a drink of water, before returning and rolling the twelfth strike for the 300. He received a new TV, tires, luggage and milk for a year. Two years later **Harvey Bray** of St. Catharines rolled Hamilton's first ever 300 game and won a new car.

Thank You. It is only two words but it says what I and many Canadian bowlers want to say to **Hazel McLeary** on her retirement from the CTF Connection at the end of 2012. From meeting **Hazel** in cities from Helsinki, Montreal, Vancouver, Reno, Las Vegas, Dallas, Winnipeg, etc., I found out that she knows everyone and everyone knows her. I always look forward to every report on the Canadian team to find out what city **Hazel** is reporting from. This time it is Wroclaw, Poland for the AMF World Cup. Thank you, **Hazel**.

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SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN

By **Dan Tereck**

Congratulations to **Dwight Safroniuk**, who bowled his first sanctioned 300 game on Wed, Oct 24th, bowling in the Super League at Fairhaven bowl in Saskatoon. If you recall, **Dwight** was presented with the new CTF **Hazel McLeary** Award at the Annual General Meeting in April. Thanks to **Tye Rose** for mentioning this on Facebook. When I asked **Dwight** for some of the details, he said- well, let me show you EXACTLY what he said. His own words tell the story better than I could:

"Thank you. It will actually be my second 300 game, but the other 300 game I had was 2 years ago and it wasn't in a sanctioned league. I bowled at Fairhaven Bowl here in Saskatoon on a Wednesday where we have the Super League. A lot of us have high averages and we bowl every Wednesday. I am team captain and there are two other people in my team but there are 6 teams of three people in each team in this league. The ball I actually used is the Virtual Gravity Nano. I like my Storm balls, they perform very well for me.

We play four games and my first score was 228, second was the 300, third was 203 and the last was 215. What happened was I saw that the game was going well, lots of strikes in a row but I just tried to be calm, not look at the scores and just concentrate and kept quiet but as soon as the last frame got a solid strike I yelled and I felt so good! The people in the bowling alley cheered for me, it was a great night!

I just filled out my second CTF ring papers last night - the previous one was at the Canada Deaf Games, a 299 game in Edmonton earlier this year in May at the Gateway Bowling Centre, and earlier this year my first CTF **Hazel McLeary** Award!

Wow what a year so far, I can't wait. I'm also going to Sofia, Bulgaria for the World Canada Deaf Games next year in July."

BC TENPIN FEDERATION

9TH ANNUAL SENIORS TOURNAMENT -October 27-28-29, 2012 Nanaimo, BC

SINGLES - 81 Entries @ \$12.00 = \$972.00 (1 in 7 Paid)

Jamie Yulo	V&DTBA	587+153=740	\$189
Hank Modras	CRBA	558+180=738	\$153
Bobby Celones	V&DTBA	621+105=726	\$132
Shirley Focht	CRBA	530+186=716	\$81
Stella Nickel	CRBA	436+276=712	\$74
Ping Abela	V&DTBA	558+147=705	\$68
Bill Butts	SVITBA	534+168=702	\$62
Len Marshall	CRBA	584+117=701	\$55
Mona Faganello	MVITBA	544+153=697	\$49
Shawne Soles	MVITBA	543+150=693	\$43
Bill Mossey	CRBA	553+132=685	\$33
Miles Nerona	V&DTBA	685+0 =685	\$33

DOUBLES - 52 Entries @ \$24.00 = \$1,248.00 (1 in 7 Paid)

Ivan Pearson & Stan Boughner	MVTBA	541+666=1207+153=	1360	\$319
Marg Hingley & Elsie Robertson	SVITB	461+476=937+420 =	1357	\$264
W. Boughner & Stan Boughner	MVTBA	644 +562=1206 +117 =	1323	\$222
Maureen Cameron & Wanda Boughner	MVTBA	486+605=1091+228 =	1319	\$152
Stella Nickel & Alvin Hobenshield	CRBA	436+423=859+456 =	1315	\$124
Stella Nickel & Sandra Mitchell	CRBA	430+354=784+528 =	1312	\$97
Shirley Focht & Ken Nagata	CRBA	443+472=915+393 =	1308	\$70

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SOUTHERN VANCOUVER ISLAND TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

By MaryAnne Madsen

Southern Vancouver Island Tenpin Bowling Association congratulated the following winners of the local association Annual Awards for bowling season 2011-2012.

Jessica Holley -	Female High Average - 180
Bill Cooper -	Male High Average - 214
Karla Swagar -	Female High Scratch Series - 656
Robin Schuy -	Male High Scratch Series - 738
John Durika -	Male High Scratch Game - 300 Perfect Game
Maria (MaryAnne) Madsen -	Female High Scratch Game - 256
Karen Vantreight -	Female Most Improved Bowler - plus 28 pins
Emmitt Bell -	Male Most Improved Bowler - plus 20 pins

An article and picture was in the local area newspapers and can be viewed on the Goldstream Gazette website:
<http://www.goldstreamgazette.com/sports/174449971.html>

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PLAYERS TOUR

The latest Players Tour was held at Leisure Lanes in Oshawa.

132 entries

Adam Rancourt was the qualifying leader

John Szczerbinski was the winner - \$1750

Mike Rose Jr. was runner-up and won \$875

Pat Desjardins is leading the Buffa Player of the Year points race.

The next Players Tour events are:

JANUARY 12TH, 2013 - Woodlawn Bowl (GUELPH)

FEBRUARY 9th, 2013 - Burlington Bowl (BURLINGTON)

MARCH 23RD, 2013 - Woodbridge Bowl (WOODBRIIDGE)

APRIL 6TH, 2013 - Classic Bowl (MISSISSAUGA)

Check out their website: <http://www.playersbowlingtour.com/>

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CTF DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

Do you want to get involved? Why not consider submitting an application to be on the election slate for a CTF Director position?

Every year, three CTF Director positions are up for election at our Annual General Meeting in April. To be eligible for the election, CTF must receive your application more than 24 hours before the AGM, but we'd much prefer to receive it much earlier than that - by Jan 31, 2013 is a good target.

The application is available on the CTF website - www.gotenpinbowling.ca - in the "Forms" section. And if you know of someone who may be interested, encourage them to submit an application too!

Thanks! We'd love to hear from you!

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THIS 'N THAT

- Vancouver & District area bowler **Jordan Jung** was the winner of the Western Canada Bowling Open held at Ed's Rec Room in Edmonton, AB in October.
- Team Canada members **Caroline Lagrange** and **Mark Buffa** were married on October 27th in a lovely wedding ceremony in Montreal attended by many Team Canada members,
- Another Team Canada member is making wedding plans. **Dan MacLelland**, will marry **Kristy James** in the Montreal area in June 2013,
- **Jill Friis**, a former Team Canada member, was inducted into the London & District Tenpin Bowling Hall of Fame in November. **Jill** is one of 3 women to bowl a perfect 300 game in the AMF Bowling World Cup.
- **Corey Clayton** won the Dick Wolff Memorial held at Let's Bowl in Calgary, AB, Nov. 3-4. **Jack Guay** was runner-up.

- **Francois Lavoie**, Quebec City, QC a member of the 2013 Team Canada Youth team was awarded Exempt Status at the tryouts for the Wichita State bowling team and became a full-time member of their men's team for the 2012-13 season.
Lavoie also did very well while participating in his first PBA Regional tournament in Ft. Smith, Arkansas in September. He was the qualifying leader but lost in the finals to **Nathan Bohr**. He won \$1750.
- **Will Lyon**, who won the Bantam gold All Events medal at the 2012 Canadian Youth Championships, did a class project on 'famous Canadians'. **Will** chose as his 'famous Canadian' **Dan MacLelland**. I'm sure **Dan** was pretty pleased when he found out!!
- **Dan Tereck**, who is a current Director on the CTF Board, was inducted into the Manitoba Tenpin Bowling Hall of Fame on Nov 4th.
- **Lee Wilkins**, mother of Youth Team Canada member **Zach Wilkins**, has a website dedicated to Youth bowling- www.ybowl.com. If you have any Youth news, please send it **Lee** buds_10@sympatico.ca.

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LAST EDITION OF CTF CONNECTION BY HAZEL MCLEARY

As I am retiring on December 31st, this is my last edition of the CTF Connection. Please indulge me as I reminisce on my 45-year history with the Canadian Tenpin Federation (CTF), Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC), American Zone (PABCON), Bowling Inc. (BI), World Tenpin Bowling Association (WTBA), Federation International des Quilleurs (FIQ), World Bowling Writers (WBW) and Bowling Writers Association of America (BWAA).

ABC and WIBC decided in 1966 that Canada should have an organization to qualify bowlers for international competition. This came about when a team from Sault Ste. Marie, ON won the ABC Championships – ABC at that time had a policy that the winner of their championships would represent the USA at FIQ championships.

An organizational meeting was called for January 1967 in Winnipeg, MB. Each province that had a provincial association elected a representative to attend. ABC and WIBC appointed someone if there was no provincial association.

As I was in the process of organizing a provincial association in BC, WIBC President **Alberta Crowe** appointed me to represent the BC women.

Milt Webber, Toronto, ON the ABC Director at that time, chaired the meeting. **Ken Hurley**, ABC Rules Dept. manager attended to assist.

I represented the BC women on the CTF Board until my election to the WIBC board in 1970 and served from that time as the WIBC rep until CTF became a full memberships organization in 2004. Since that time, I have served as the 'Media Director and CTF Public Relations Coordinator' and have continued as editor of the CTF Connection and reporting on Team Canada's activities – which I was doing for most of the years I served on the board.

It has been a wonderful journey and the following are some of my wonderful memories:

1970 - Elected to the WIBC board of directors in Tulsa, OK. During my service on the WIBC board, I represented them at many annual meetings, jamborees and workshops. I've visited every state in the US except Arkansas and every province in Canada except Newfoundland. Bowling has taken me to 63 countries around the world.

1971 – travelled to Milwaukee and took in a few days of my first FIQ World Championships.

1979 –my first experience to travel outside of Canada and US when I went with Team Canada to the World Championships in Manila, Philippines. We traveled with the US team and stopped in Hawaii for a couple of days of practice. The headquarters hotel was the beautiful Peninsula Hotel. The travel to the bowling centre – the first stadium type centre – took over an hour with traffic you wouldn't believe. Served as the press officer for Canada and veteran media types **Mort Luby Jr.** and **Gosta Zellen**, who showed me the ropes including 'how to use the fax machine! After the championships I travelled with WIBC President **Alberta Crowe** and a group of ladies to Hong Kong. Because of **Mrs. Crowe**, we were hosted by Brunswick Asia and treated 'royally' the entire Hong Kong stay!!

1980-81 - CTF conducted its first Autonomy Vote and I chaired the committee. A majority was received in 4 of the 6 provinces but did not receive the 2/3 majority that CTF had agreed was necessary to proceed.

1981 - CTF hosted the American Zone Championships in Winnipeg. I worked in the media room. CTF hosted a dinner to honour WIBC President **Alberta Crowe** who was retiring and I was the MC. It was attended by officials from all the countries attending the championships. I was also able to coordinate a 'river cruise' for the competitors sponsored by AMF and Brunswick.

Bob Puttick won the Men's match play title against the 'odds on' favourite from the US, **Steve Fehr**. **Frank Sisson** brought **Bob's** wife **Karen** in for the banquet to surprise him and it was a great finale to a very successful tournament. In addition to **Bob's** gold, Canada won 1 gold medal, 1 silver and 1 bronze.

Nov, 1981 – attended my 1st Bowling World Cup in New York City. The closing banquet was held at the top of the World Trade Center which was later destroyed on 9/11. My attendance at the 2012 edition in Poland was the 18th BWC I've attended. Canada, with 9 champions, has the second most champions next to the US and it's been very exciting to be present for many of them.

1984– **Ray Mitchell** and I chaired the bowling event at the 1st Masters Games which was held in Toronto.

1987 - the World Championships were held in Helsinki, Finland and I watched a 17 year old **Rick Steelsmith** bowl the 'first ever' 300 game at a World Championships.

1988 - the WIBC appointed the first women to the Joint ABC/WIBC Equipment Specifications Committee and I was one of them. What a learning experience – it opened up a whole new world for me and resulted in me becoming a CLIW Instructor and travelling all over the US and Canada (as well as US military bases overseas that had bowling lanes) giving courses and being appointed to many Zone and World Technical committees.

1991 - the World Championships were held in Singapore and what a thrill to be present for Canada's first gold medal at a World Championships. The women won not one, but two gold medals!! **Catharine Willis/Rowe**, **Jane Amlinger/Vetero** and **Anne Saasto** won gold in trios and **Catharine** won gold in the Individual (Masters).

1994 - was elected a director of the American Zone. **Joyce Deitch**, WIBC President nominated me to replace her when she was elected WIBC President. I represented the American Zone (now PABCON) on the WTBA and FIQ Presidiums along with then AZ President **Alberto Ferrer**. Proudly, I was able to bring several improvements to the AZ because of my experience and connections at WIBC and Bowling Inc. At that time, the lane conditions for the championships were put down by the local proprietor. DBA's **Remo Pichetti** agreed to condition the lanes for AZ championships. **Remo** and later Brunswick, also agreed to condition the lanes for the CTF Team Trials (National Championships).

As a result of my training as a CLIW instructor, I was the Chairman of the Technical Committee for the AZ and served as Technical Delegate for most of the championships in the American Zone in the years that I served on the Presidium. Other accomplishments for the American Zone:

- Was successful in obtaining lanes donated by Brunswick and AMF for the Training Center that was built in Bogota, Colombia for the American Zone.
- Developed a manual for AZ Tournament Hosting Committees.
- Conducted many seminars on running an AZ Championships tournament.

1994 – Organized an invitational tournament at the end of the Commonwealth Games held in Victoria, BC – Australia, England, Wales, N. Ireland, Scotland, Bahamas, Team Canada and Team Victoria participated – wonderful time had by all and many new friends made.

1996 – Was appointed as Deputy Secretary/General of FIQ. Served for 2 years and was involved with the running of the Atlanta Bowling Challenge prior to Olympic Games in Atlantic City in July.

Was Co- Tournament Director when Canada hosted the World Tenpin Team Cup in Calgary in August – September – both experiences were something for my memory book!!

May 1997 – was Tournament Director for bowling competition which was an exhibition sport at the East Asian Games in Pusan, Korea. Met IOC President **Juan Antonio Samaranch** when he attended the televised final.

1997 Bowling World Cup, Egypt was something I'll never forget – the finals were bowled on specially installed lanes on the desert with the pyramids and sphinx in the background.

Bowling Inc. was formed and I was one of 2 representatives for WIBC. It was a great experience to work with the representatives in the industry: Brunswick, AMF, BPAA, PBA, etc. I served as Chairman of the Board and 2 different terms as Secretary-Treasurer. I worked closely with staff at Bowling Headquarters. It was a very pleasant surprise when WIBC asked me to stay on as their representative when I retired from WIBC in 2000 and I served until Bowling Inc (later named National Bowling Forum) was disbanded when USBC was formed in 2004.

1998 - I was appointed to the Technical Committee for the Commonwealth Games held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. One of the thrills for me was to sit next to Prince Edward and chat with him during one of the final matches. Canada won 3 silver and 2 bronze medals

1999 – Canada hosted Pan Am Games in Winnipeg and I served as the Tournament Director. I've worked on Pan Am Game's committee every year since – Caracas, Dominican Republic, Rio de Janeiro and 2010 in Guadalajara.

2000 – Retired from the WIBC Board and was inducted into the WIBC Hall of Fame. My friends at the Eldorado Hotel in Reno held a wonderful reception for me on top of the hotel – was really spoiled. I still represented WIBC on the CTF board and was there until the CTF full membership organization was formed.

I was also still on several WIBC committees and their representative on the BI board and a member of WTBA presidium. I spent a lot of time in Milwaukee working on the History of WIBC project.

2001 Worked on Appeals Committee for World Games in Yokote, Japan. **Jennifer Willis/Park** and **George Lambert IV** were Canada's representatives.

2002 - As a member of the Olympic Effort Committee, attended the Salt Lake City Olympics as bowling did some work trying to get the IOC members interested in bowling as one of their sports.

2004 – Was Tournament Director for last World Tenpin Team Cup held in Denmark.

2007 – Elected President of the Bowling Writers' Association of America. The National Women Bowling Writers and BWAA were merging and they changed the constitution so I could continue as President for 2008. Presidents had always served for 1 year only. Challenging to say the least!!

2010 - Attended the World Youth Championships at Tali Bowl in Helsinki, the same bowling center where I had attended the 1987 World Championships. I spent an additional week in Helsinki and got to visit my long-time friend **Seija Lankinen** who I have sat next to in Press Rooms all over the world and also visited with **Heikki Saarso** former President of WTBA. What a wonderful city!

2012 - The men and women's PABCON championships in Las Vegas was the last PABCON championships that I would do Press Releases for Team Canada. What a finale – Canada's men won 2 gold medals and to be able to report that **George Lambert IV**, who I've watched compete since he was a member of the Youth Team Canada, bowled a perfect 300 game and won the gold medal in the men's masters, was one of my greatest thrills.

I've been inducted into 4 bowling Halls of Fame and the Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame and received many awards. Perhaps the greatest was CTF naming the new Leadership Award after me – what a wonderful honour.

My travels with Team Canada have been a great experience. I've watched them work so very hard to improve their games and earn medals for Canada and many of them have become good friends.

Attending the Canadian National Championships (Team Trials) each year has been such a great experience. It always fell on my birthday and my good friend **Joe Ciach** and several others, arranged a wonderful birthday gift which he presented to me on my 75th birthday. **Joe** and other Team Canada members also presented me with a lovely parting gift at my last National Championships in Burlington in 2012.

I've been so fortunate to be involved with bowling and the great bowlers all over the world. The game has given me so many experiences that would not have happened if I was not involved with tenpin bowling. I consider myself 'one of the luckiest people in the world'

Thank you all for your friendships and support over the years.

Continue to enjoy the greatest game on earth!!

I wish all of you 'good bowling' and wish President **Cathy Innes** and the board of directors continued success with the Canadian Tenpin Federation.

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