



CTF CONNECTION

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The CTF Connection takes on new look!

Starting in 2004 Hazel McLeary became the “Media Director and CTF Public Relations Coordinator” and at that time took on the responsibility of editor for the “CTF Connection”. Hazel was always reporting on Team Canada’s activities, in her travels, she would brag about bowling and Canadians whenever she had the opportunity; it was fitting that she report about bowling in Canada and the best way to express her Canadian Pride was by writing!

Since Hazel’s retirement the CTF Connection has been looking for a person to take on the responsibility that one person did in the past. No one person will ever be able to duplicate or accomplish the expertise and love Hazel extended into the work of the CTF Connection.

With that said myself (Sandy Lowe) and Dan Tereck have agreed to be Co-Editors for the overall publication of the CTF Connection. Lee Wilkins has joined the team to work on the CTF Connection as Youth Editor. Lee will be covering coast to coast news and special events of our youth in Canada.

The next time you are in the bowling centre don’t be surprised if someone comes up to you with pen and pad in hand asking questions. The CTF Connection is in the process of networking reporters coast to coast. *We still have several areas of the country where we need people who can send in news.*

“Keeping our bowlers connected Coast to Coast”!

“Our mission is to publish “coast to coast” bowling related news and to keep our readers updated on international events.”



WORLD CUP PROVINCIAL RESULTS

Champions vs Champions at this year's Canadian National World Cup Finals



The Provincial rounds of the World Cup have just concluded and this year's National Championships have shaped up to be a very exciting venue. All the action will take place in Woodstock, Ontario at C & D Lanes.

C & D Lanes is located at 265 Main St. (519) 539-9631 ...Anyone in the area of Woodstock will witness some great bowling on March 23rd and 24th, 2013.

For the women, former World Champions **Kerrie Ryan-Ciach** and **Caroline Lagrange-Buffera** will both be competing for the opportunity to represent Canada. Kerrie won the World Cup in Tegucigalpa, Honduras in 2003, and finished second in Singapore in 2004. Caroline won the World Cup in Melaka, Malaysia in 2009. Another bowler who has represented Canada at the World Cup is **Monique Belanger** who competed in St. Petersburg, Russia in 2007. Also bowling are current and former Team Canada members **Lynne Gauthier** and **Kim Green**.

On the men's side, the first bowler to ever bowl a 300 game at the World Cup was **Jack Guay** in Mexico in 1994. Jack has represented Canada six times at the World Cup (1993, 94, 95, 98, 2004, 08). Team Canada's **Mark Buffera**, who is no stranger to the International scene, with several podium finishes, will be competing for the right to represent Canada at this year's World Cup. Also in the men's field competing will be former Team Canada member **Ryan Reid**.

Last year's champions **Felicia Wong** and **Michael Schmidt** are seeded into the National Championships. Felicia has represented Canada twice at the World Cup 2005 in Toulon, France and 2012 in Wroclaw, Poland. Michael is a two time World Cup Champion - 2005 Ljubljana, Slovenia and 2010 Toulon, France. Michael has a flare for making history; he will be looking to create more.

List of Provincial Winners:

- New Brunswick ---- Denise Lanteigne & Eric Albert**
- Quebec --- Caroline Lagrange-Buffera & Mark Buffera**
- N. Ontario --- Nicole Walker & Brad Denning**
- S. Ontario --- Kerrie Ryan-Ciach & Larry Salvati**
- Manitoba --- Lynne Gauthier & Sean Coutts***
- Alberta --- Summar Farhat & Jack Guay**
- Saskatchewan --- Monique Belanger & Levi Rosenbaum**
- British Columbia -- Kim Green & Ryan Reid**

*** Youth bowler**

GOOD LUCK TO ALL! CANADA WILL BE WELL-REPRESNTED!



Spotlight

Gus Badali --- Nominated for the 2013 Ontario Coaching Excellence Award

Gus is a mentor, friend and coach to many athletes, from beginner to professional. His goal has always been to help the athlete achieve their personal and professional goals.

Ultimately for the athlete to become the very best they can be!

- **In 1990, Gus founded the Youth Bowling Tour. This event is hosted monthly across Southern Ontario and averages approximately 75 athletes per event. Bowlers have come as far as Manitoba and Quebec to compete. An exceptional event that Gus created whereby all the awards provided to the athletes are in the form of scholarships. The Tour still runs today!**
- **Gus initiated the first Canadian tour stop of the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) broadcast live on ABC Sports at Club 300 Bowl –Toronto.**
- **Level 3 Coach (3m program) to the Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA) and Canadian Tenpin Federation (CTF)**

Sonia Mitchell, “From the minute we met Gus, he has treated us like family. All the families who have come to know Gus, have formed a bowling family and it is in large part because of Gus and his efforts for the game and for the youth.”

Lee Wilkins, “We are a sports family at the elite level and no one compares to the knowledge and wisdom Coach Gus has. He was born to coach!”

Definition of a GREAT COACH: (by Sandy Lowe)

1. Communication... “The Coaching Conversation”
2. One on One...Personalize the conversation to meet each athlete’s unique needs
3. Focus Is on the...Performance
4. Provides Positive Feedback... for athlete to development
5. Listens ... in order to ask the right questions
6. Team Development... “Common Goal”

Sandy Lowe, “Gus had a significant impact in my bowling career! It was with his help, and my family’s, that inspired me to become a member of Team Canada.”

Coaching Workshops

Dan Rose and Tyrel Rose are preparing a Learning Facilitator (LF) and Evaluator Training workshop for CTF Competition Introduction. The workshop will be in Kingston, Ontario. The tentative date is scheduled for March 8th, 9th, and 10th.

For further information contact either Dan or Tyrel at; danrose1963@yahoo.ca or tyrel_rose@hotmail.com

Technology for Coaches! Did you know there is an APP for that?



Today’s coaches have new technology at their finger tips when it comes to reviewing physical movements within an athlete’s game. There are coaching analysis apps available for your iPad, iPhone, or Android devices. “Quick on-the-spot analysis for any coach to use with their bowlers”

Apps that are available include: “**Coach’s Eye**” - this app has instant video analysis and a slow-motion review function; “**CoachMyVideo**” with anytime, anywhere Video Analysis™ along with frame capture; and the **Ubersense** app has side by side comparison functions and screen drawing.

Canadian Sports Hall of Fame



Bill Rowe has been nominated to the ballot for the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame. The last time a bowler in Canada was inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame was 36 years ago and that was **Cathy Townsend**.

Bill has an arm length of accomplishments. To recap:

- **National Team member from 1992-1998, winning Canadian bowler of the year 5 consecutive years from 1994-98**
- **15 medals in international competition representing Canada, including 4 gold medals**
- **International titles in Asia, Europe, North and South America**
- **Multiple major Canadian and US Titles**
- **PBA Exempt Pro for the 2004 and 2005 seasons**

Congratulations Bill! A well-deserved nomination and the best of luck!

London is a Bowling Town (Submitted by Sonia Mitchell)



Everyone knows that London is a hockey town, why wouldn't it be with a team to cheer on like the London Knights. What everyone doesn't know is that London is also a bowling town and we have a special group of people, all ages and all skill levels. We are a little quieter about our sport but we are very proud of our community.

Whether you are age three or 100, a beginner or a champion, looking for a recreational sport or a challenge, bowling is a sport that accommodates it all. London & District 10 Pin Bowling Association is very proud of our bowling community which includes bowlers from Woodstock, St. Thomas and London.

The 2012-13 season which started in September is off to a great start. Congratulations on the following honour scores to date:

Perfect 300 games: **Mark Decman, Ben Gripp, Jill Friis, Aaron Wilcox**

11 Strikes in a row: **Lee Restorick, Wes Giem, Jim Martin Jr. Tom Childs**

Youth 700 3 Game Series: **Justin Mitchell (3), Robbie Chaplin (2), Mykaela Mitchell**

London and District has been fortunate to have the opportunity to cheer on some of our bowlers in provincial, national and international tournaments. Bowlers such as **Jill Friis, Mark Decman, Fred Phillips, Ryan Trussler, Carrie Hopkinson, Marcus Dottermann** and **Mykaela Mitchell** to name a few, have made us so proud as we watched them compete on television or online. It is so exciting to watch someone you know from your community representing London and accomplishing so much.

We are also very proud of our very own **Carrie Hopkinson**. Carrie grew up in the youth program at C&D lanes in Woodstock, Ontario. Because of her bowling accomplishments, Carrie is attending Florida A&M University on a bowling scholarship. She currently holds the top average on their women's team.

Bowling as a youth brings many scholarship opportunities. Colleges and universities in the USA scout our youth at tournaments and as well our youth bowlers have the opportunity to win scholarship funds, they can use at any college or university, through league bowling and tournaments.

If you are interested in finding out how you can get involved in our bowling community, contact us at ladtpba@rogers.com. We can point you to a league that fits your needs.

Hamilton News (submitted by **Jim Margueratt**)

For the seventh time **Scott Grunau** started with 11 strikes and for the seventh time he missed perfection. At Skyway Lanes a split left him with his third career 297 game. He also has a 295, a 298, and a pair of 299's. His stepfather, **Bill Lohnes** also has the rare 295 game.

- Reaching 300 this season are **Travis Cauley, Len Garinger, Richard Parker, Mick Anderer, Chris King, William Russell, Kevin Lenko**, and **Jeff Easton** with a pair at *Star Lanes*.
- **Russell Dee** has a 299 and **Mick Anderer** a 298 along with his 300.
- With 290's are **Travis Cauley, John Stenekes, Deric Curley, Amanda Lupton & Matthew Lewis**.

After 16 triples of 800 or better in the last two seasons, none have been rolled this season. Highest this season is **Jeff Easton's 795** series.

- **Travis Cauley** missed our all-time high four game series of 1090 by only 19 pins with a 1071, which included a trio of 279's and a 234.
- CTF Hall of Fame **Al Tone** proved he still has it with a 1008 series with games of 279 & 277.
- Hamilton Association manager **Barb Holland** surprised herself by sparing the "Big Four" split.
- After a 300 game last March, **Ed Margueratt** threw "11 in a row" for a 279 game.
- *Skyway Lanes* co-founder **Stan Dumala** celebrated birthday number 89 last month. Skyway has hosted local, Provincial & National tournaments.

Bowlers who have started their careers at *Skyway* have been **Al Tone, Bill Rowe Jr., Lionel Lewis Jr., George Lambert IV, Linda Higenell, Wendy Zielonka, Connie Ward, Joyce Campbell, Art Oliver Jr., & others**.

- *Skyway* has been in the **Nalborczyk** family (Emil, Carol, Ed and now Helen) ever since it opened in 1957.
- At *Woodlawn Bowl* in Guelph, **Nick Murphy** won his first adult tournament by defeating **Joe Ciach** 256 to 225. Joe's younger sister, **Valerie Ciach-Link** fired triples of 725 & 704 at *Bowlerama Stoney Creek*.
- **George Lambert IV** made the long drive up from Texas with his 10 month old son for the Christmas holidays. His wife Samantha joined him later.

Joyce Campbell, one of only 14 Hamilton women with a perfect game, has passed away at age 74. At *Hamilton Mountain Bowl* in 1989, one day before her birthday, she became only the second Hamilton woman to bowl a 300 game. She was inducted into our Hall of Fame in 1983.

- After an accident, former Team Canada member, **Ed Maurer**, has not bowled this season. Ed & **Crystal Maurer** was the first Hamilton father -daughter duo with 300 games. They were joined in December by **Tom & Christine Johnston**.
- There are seven bowling centers in the Hamilton Association. *Skyway Lanes, Splitsville Centre, Burlington Bowl, Prime Time Bowling, Bowlerama Stoney Creek, Whitehorse Lanes & Star Lanes.*

Hamilton & District Tenpin Trivia:

- *Hamilton Centre Bowl*, the scene of our **first ever 300 game** in 1963, is now home to Wal Mart.
- *Ancaster Country Bowl* is now a banquet centre.
- *Bowlerama Oakville* is now a Home Depot.
- *Grimsbey Bowl* is now part of a parking lot.
- *Skyway Lanes, Star Lanes & Bowlerama Stoney Creek* are going strong after more than 55 years.
- *Burlington Bowl & Splitsville* has been open almost 40 years.
- *Prime Time* is the newest centre at less than 10 years.
- In 1955, thieves stole two bowling balls from Steve Garba's car. Four days later they went back and stole the car.
- Bowling has been around the Hamilton area for a long time as evident by the fact that "*Ball Alley Licenses*" were applied for Sept. 28, 1833 and March 21, 1843.
- In 1918, Fred Cooper was fined \$20 for employing young boys to work as pin-boys.
- Before bowling a frame on the "*alleys*", one man walked down them with a hammer checking for loose boards or protruding nails.

Oshawa & District Assoc.
(submitted by Jack Brace)

The Ladies Classic League at Leisure Lanes produced some great scores February 17th, 2013 with **Julie Ryan** and **Michelle Taylor** bowling scores of **1039** and **1034** for four games. Both are captains in the long running Ladies Classic league. During the Ladies Classic League also this season **Michelle Taylor** and **Cynthia Martineau** have shot games of **289** and **288**.

Bill Temple bowled his first **800 series** this season and followed up the next week with his first **300** game.
Great bowling Bill!

Leisure Lanes in Oshawa has seen (9) 300 games this season. Two by **Larry Salvetti** - Larry was on pace again Sunday Feb. 17th for another 300 game but a pesky 10 pin in the 9th frame brought things to an end, but he shot a nice 1079 series. Other 300 games were bowled by **Bob Brace, Mike Brace, Joe Ciach, Calvin Groff, Chad Seymore, Kevin Arsenault, and Jim Verrall.**

Niagara Tenpin Bowling Association Report
(Submitted by Rolly Aitken)

Association Honour scores for the season:

300 games = 18	7 First career 300 games bowled
299 games = 12	800 Series = 3
11-in-a-row = 16	

Bowl O Rama Lanes, Welland Ont

300 Games: Michael Calvert, Gary Michaud

Cataract Bowl, Niagara Falls

300 Games: Gord Smillie, Chris Racey, Kyle Brown, Robert Pretty, Keith Ryan, Troy Demers,
Wade Patterson, Scott Linwood, Jake Puianno, Jason Lafleur, Tom White

800 Series: Kyle Brown-803 Keith Ryan-802 Chris Racey-825

Fairview Lanes

300 Games: Gord McCormack, Jon Flint

Parkway Lanes, St Catharines

300 Games: Tony Lucciola, Ron Aperocho, Taylor Maxner(x2)

Youth Leagues

300 Games: John French, Zachary French-300-299

700 Series: Miranda Panas, Jordon Klassen, David Giroux-Hough, Zachary French

100 pins over average: Men – 8 Women - 3

Canadian Lakehead Tenpin B.A. – Thunder Bay, Ontario

(Submitted by Brian McLean)

Joe Kolodziejczak, a 200+ average tenpinner in Thunder Bay, traveled to Las Vegas in December where Red Rock Lanes was hosting a new International tournament for senior aged men and women bowlers of World Tenpin Bowling Association (WTBA) member federations. He was the lone Canadian male entered. The **2012 International Senior Open** ran from Dec. 2-8. Although he did not cash, he said it was an amazing tournament and looks forward to the tournament in two years.

Nicole Walker from *Mario's Bowl*, and **Brad Denning** from *Northcrest Lanes* in Sault St. Marie, will be representing Northern Ontario at this years' National World Cup. This will be her third trip to the National World Cup. She participated in 2008 and 2010 representing Northern Ontario. *Mario's Bowl* was last year's National host centre.

Several bowlers rolled honour scores to start 2013 off on the right foot:

- **Luke McMillan** in the Mario's Youth Tenpin League shot Thunder Bay's 1st perfect of the season. This is his second perfect game in two years.
- **Ken Martyn** rolled a 825 on January 3rd that included a 298 game.
- Martyn's teammate, **Mike Makela**, rolled Thunder Bay's high game of the season with a 299.
- On December 19th, the first honour score of the season was a 298, rolled by **Curtis Laye**.

Laye and **Andrew Hill** recently participated in the Holiday Classic in Duluth Minnesota with Hill placing 2nd and Laye 3rd. It should be noted that last season, Andrew set two new association records: most 300's in a season (four), and an association high series of 834. As of February 3rd this season, Hill has Thunder Bay's high average of 225.

Also in Duluth, youth bowler, **Aaron Craig**, who rolled a 299 at last years YBC Nationals, won the youth division of the Subway Classic in Duluth, Minnesota in January.

Weiss and Laprade Collects 2 of 4 Association Crowns

The Canadian Lakehead 10 Pin Association's 49th Annual Championships concluded at *Mario's Bowl* on February 10th. The annual sanctioned handicap Championships are for all members of the Association who have an established CTF average.

- The Marlin Travel team won the team event with a three game total of 2857. Helping the team were **Doug Kukko** with a scratch series of 538; **Lionel Laprade** with a 701; **Rod Boyd** with a 657 and **Gary Weiss** with a 598. Their score included 363 pins handicap.
- The 2013 Doubles champions were **Laprade** and **Weiss** with a 1489 total. **Laprade's** 737, plus **Weiss'** 578 plus their 178 pins handicap gave them the crowns. Four pins behind them were the team of **Marjorie Gottfred** and **Aaron Craig**.
- **Joe Kolodziejczak** won the All-Events crown with a 2203 total (2068 scratch, 229.78 average).
- The singles crown was won by **Dale Cizmar** with a 791 (656+135). Second place in the singles went to **Gottfred** with a 760 (595).

As the All-Events' champion, **Kolodziejczak**'s name will be inscribed on the "*PETER FUCHEK MEMORIAL PLAQUE*" and **Andrew Hill** for having the highest All-Events Scratch score of 2047, will have his name inscribed on the "*GEORGE DRABEK MEMORIAL PLAQUE*".

There were six 700s rolled in the tournament this year. **Andrew Hill** had a 706 in singles and a 745 in doubles. **Kolodziejczak** rolled a 704 in the team as well as **Lionel Laprade** with a 701 and **Ian Nakonechny** with a 730 in team. **Laprade** also had a 737 in doubles, and **Aaron Craig** rolling his first 700 series, a 705 in singles.

Regina News

(Submitted by Dannie Ward)

Tyler Hoyt got his first career 300 game on November 20th at Glencairn Bolodrome. It's hard to believe that this is only his first. Hoyt is a talented bowler and I'm sure this won't be his last one! Congratulations!

Sports Officials Canada announces National Officials Day – April 17, 2013

OTTAWA – It's official! Mark your calendars. Sports Officials Canada is pleased to announce the designation of April 17, 2013 as National Officials Day in Canada. The theme of this - the inaugural event, is "Respect the Official". The aim is to increase the awareness of the importance of officiating to sport and to promote respect of officials.

The estimated number of technical officials in Canada who come under the jurisdiction of our National Sports Organizations technical officiating programs is 250,000, of which 150,000 are registered. These are in addition to the other 650,000 Canadians who perform some sort of officiating duty each year.

Sports officials are the "keepers of the game". It is their role to ensure fair play and safety for all participants. For the majority, it is a volunteer activity – they give up their evenings and weekends to do something that they love. It is their dedication and passion for what they do which makes them an integral part of the sport system.

And it is not just here at home that they contribute to sport. Canada has longed been viewed as a world leader in the world of officiating. This is evidenced by the 144 Canadian technical officials sent to the Beijing, Vancouver and London Olympics and the hundreds of Canadians who referee and judge at World Championships and World Cups each year.

Sports Officials Canada invites all sport organizations and groups to plan an event for April 17th, 2013 to acknowledge their officials. National Officials Day is a chance to thank the men and women who officiate our sports. Take time to recognize their efforts and the tremendous impact they have on the games we love.

“We want to deliver the message to everyone in sport that disrespecting a sports official is never acceptable nor should it ever be considered “part of the game”, said Denise Pittuck, SOC Executive Director.

Visit the Sports Officials Canada website – www.sportsofficials.ca to find out more about National Officials Day and how you and your officials can participate.

Sports Officials Canada is a federally incorporated national organization dedicated to promoting excellence in sports officiating. SOC represents Canadian technical officials as a national voice. For more information about SOC please visit their website at www.sportsofficials.ca or contact them at info@sportsofficials.ca

Players Tour (submitted by Joe Ciach)



Burlington Bowl played host to The Players Tour on February 9th. There were 94 entries for the event with a total cash payout of \$5,770.00.

Tour organizers extend a special “*Thank You*” to **Rob McNaughton** and the staff from Burlington Bowl for hosting the tour. To make the cut bowlers had to score an even thousand for five games (200 average). Scoring conditions were demanding on the 41-foot pattern, and spare shooting paid a high premium. High qualifier from the squads was **Jason Caetano** with a score of 1086.

Travis Cauley won the Burlington stop while **Mark Decman** finished second. **Douglas Yu** and **Lionel Lewis** rounded out the top four positions finishing third and fourth. For complete results and schedule visit: www.playersbowlingtour.com

Brad Angelo Bowling Camp

The camp is open to any bowler, any age (beginner to elite), coaches, mentors, pro shop owners, proprietors and anyone who wants to learn more.

The 6th annual Brad Angelo Bowling Camp will be held August 23-25-26 2013, at Bowlerama Barrie. In this customized training camp you will learn to identify oil patterns, read ball reactions, improve your spare game and much more. **Rick Benoit** (Lead instructor for the BowlU initiative) will join **Brad Angelo** for further instruction (must have 30+ registered by June 30th for Rick to attend). The cost of the camp is \$249.00 USD

A little about **Rick Benoit** & Bowl U (copied from BowlU)

Coaching the Coaches...

The growth of our sport and industry depends on the ability of the Industry Leaders, Proprietors, Coaches, and Pro Shop operators working in a common direction. While all sports have a recreational level at their foundation, there is a staircase that athletes can climb to reach their desired level of participation. While most will never want to pursue participation beyond the recreational level, growth depends on the ability of the industry leaders to build a staircase of development. When looking at the present structure in the sport of bowling there are 2 distinct levels of participation, Recreational and Professional. The challenge is building the staircase between the 2. One of the objectives for BowlU is to help build that staircase. BowlU is based on the theory of building a solid foundation first. We want to offer that same objective to those that we feel are the driving force for the growth of our sport and industry. BowlU is trusting that our focus on a strong foundation will aide all who share the common goal for growth and development to join in the process of a more defined staircase. Together we can build a staircase of knowledge and experience that will provide a successful future for the sport and industry. Structure and proper recognition is the basic fundamentals of the BowlU initiative and with those fundamentals in mind we have created our 3 Training & Certification Programs.

The growth of our sport and development of our athletes is directly related to the coordinated effort of those that are in touch with the everyday bowler. Creating pride, passion, and motivation will nurture the large participation numbers we have in the sport of bowling. The BowlU initiative will build the structure we need to eliminate the confusion that slows the growth of our sport and industry.

Using strategies based on proper recognition, BowlU is a staircase of learning that allows our members to reach the level they choose at a pace they are comfortable with. While BowlU will do everything it can to help individual bowlers, it is our belief that we can do more for the bowlers, sport, and industry by coaching the coaches.

Buffa Inc. / Rowe Zone Bowling Store - Demo Day Rescheduled

Due to the winter storm that hit southern Ontario the February 8th Demo Day scheduled at Rowe Zone Bowling Store has been **rescheduled for Friday March 8th, 2013 – 5pm to 8pm.**

For further information contact Bill Rowe @ the Pro Shop (905) 268-0117 or visit the web site;
www.rowebowling.com



*** YOUTH BOWLING ***

Introducing Southern Ontario Canadian Youth Provincial Champions

The Ivan Nelson Provincial tournament was held January 26-27 2013 at Classic Bowl. Youth bowlers from across Southern Ontario turned out to compete for the opportunity to represent their Province at the Nationals to be held in June in Calgary, Alberta.

Girls Team

**Sarah Klassen
Karley Foster
Miranda Panas
Samantha Shanley***

Boys Team

**Blake Foster
Gavin Sum
Jordan Klassen
Graham Fach**

* - We have heard that **Samantha Shanley** is pursuing a bowling scholarship to a US College. Good luck Samantha!

World Cup Southern Ontario Provincials - Youth bowlers make Match Play

Four youth bowlers competed at the World Cup Provincial Championships on February 2nd at Bowlerama Barrie. Miranda Panas qualified 2nd and was defeated in her first game of match play leaving Panas to finish in 3rd position.

Taylor Maxner secured the fifth and final spot of qualifying. Maxner won his first match, but lost his second. Taylor finished 4th.

Zach Wilkins qualified 3rd. Wilkins also won his first match but lost by a mere 2 pins in his second match keeping him at 3rd.

Jordan Klassen just missed the cut by qualifying 10th. The youth are on the rise and have certainly made a huge impact with the more veteran bowlers. Congratulations!

South of the Border - Collegiate Bowling

Ranking 12th in the Nation is Graham Fach averaging 210. Francois Lavoie is close behind with a 207 average in 29th and Brock Finch with 206, placing 36th.

Brittany Crawford is 122nd in the Nation with a 181 average and is sitting 31st for Rookie of the year. Carrie Hopkinson & Chelsea King are both averaging 182. King & Hopkinson are yet to be ranked as bowlers must have a minimum of 32 games.

You can follow the Canadian bowlers at www.collegebowling.com or www.ybowl.com.

Scoring Achievements

Aaron Wilcox - London - 12.02.12 - 1st 300 game
Joel Sands - Windsor - 12.01.12 - 1st 300 game
Christine Johnston – Hamilton - 11.27.12 - 1st 300 game

Eleven year old bantam bowler **Will Lyon** bowled his first 600 series Feb. 16th; he had games of **247-186-223** for **656**.

Junior Gold

The North Pointe Junior Gold Championships is an annual national tournament for youth bowlers in the United States and selected countries. The tournament awards \$250,000 in scholarships. The tournament is broken up into 4 divisions - U15 Boys, U15Girls, U20 Boys, and U20 Girls.

Junior Gold qualifying events are held throughout the country and you must be a Junior Gold member to qualify for the national tournament. To be a Junior Gold member, athletes must be a USBC Standard Youth member and purchase a Junior Gold membership prior to participating in Junior Gold qualifying tournaments.

Representing the Canadian girls will be Brittney Barnett, Brittany Crawford, Brittney Turcotte, Maude Demers, Miranda Panas & Mykaela Mitchell. The boys consist of Zachary Wilkins, Mitch Hupé, Jake Bowden, Joshua Bautista, Chris Kurys, Michael Moscon Jr, Joshua Brant-Parkin, Curtis Fach & Riley Pellierto.

If you're looking to bowl in the Junior Gold Championships, the final qualifier will be held March 2 during the YBT at Woodlawn Bowl in Guelph. For more information visit: www.ybowl.com.

Upcoming Events

Qualifiers for Quebec's Canadian Youth Championships to take place February 16th. Manitoba's CYC will be held March 17th. Good Luck to all bowlers

The Southern Ontario YBT (youth bowlers tour), has two tour dates left. Woodlawn Bowl, in Guelph, will host the tour on March 2 2013. The invitational will be held April 16th @ Classic Bowl. Bowlers must have bowled in 3 events to be eligible to compete at the Invitational.

Southern Ontario's YBC Provincial finals will be held at Woodbridge Bowl, February 23rd 2013. If you're around the area, stop by and check out the future generation of bowlers.

Youth at the Masters

The USBC Masters is a major event on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour and will be a part of the World Tenpin Bowling Association World Bowling Tour for the third consecutive season in 2013. Bowling in this year's event at Brunswick Zone Carolier in North Brunswick, N.J. is youth bowler **Zachary Wilkins**, accompanied by Coach **Gus Badali**.

Team Canada and Pro Bowler **Dan MacLelland** will be bowling; Dan has been working through an injury. Also bowling will be **Kevin Magnan** and **Raphael Morin** -- *Best of Luck to Zach, Dan, Kevin and Raphael!*

Xtra Frame, PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, will be onsite at Brunswick Zone Carolier in North Brunswick, N.J., to provide extensive coverage of the **63rd United States Bowling Congress Masters** next week. Xtra Frame will cover all qualifying rounds, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday followed by coverage of the three-game, double-elimination match play rounds Friday and Saturday.

Manitoba Classic Bowlers Association Alternate Frame Doubles Tournament

Mitch Hupé and Sean Coutts were the only two youth entered into the MCBA adult tournament. A 12-game qualifier, Hupé and Coutts led the field, capturing first place by over 150 pins. This is the first time the MCBA has had youth win an event. The Dream Team (yes, that's what they came up with) of Hupé & Coutts earned scholarship awards.

INTERNATIONAL BOWLING

Pan Am Games 2015



During the PASO General Assembly in (Kingston, Jamaica) Mr. Mario Vasquez Rana, President of PASO / ODEPA made an official announcement that (tenpin) Bowling will be on the Official Program for the Pan Am Games being held in Toronto 2015.

PABCON president, Jose Guandique was quoted; "I am pleased with this information because I'm sure this will give us more energy, to continue the daily effort to do bigger and better the bowling in our countries".

The official web site for the Pan Am Games is <http://www.toronto2015.org>

Bowling, which has not been contested at an Olympic Games, became a Pan American sport in 1991. Canada's history at the games has been very successful:

Cuba 1991

- 4th Men's Masters / Ray Vervynck

Mexico 1995

- Gold Women's Singles / Catherine Willis
- Gold Women's Team (1st Team medal for Canada) Ann Saastos, Debbie Ship, Sandy Lowe, Catherine Willis
- Gold Men's Singles / Bill Rowe
- Bronze Men's Doubles / Marc Doi & Bill Rowe
- Bronze Men's Team / Marc Doi, Doug Schatz, Paul Gyarnati, Bill Rowe

Canada 1999

- Bronze Men's Singles / Marc Doi
- Silver Men's Doubles Teams / Mathieu Chouinard, Marc Doi, Jean Sabastian Lessard, Alan Tone
- Bronze Women's Singles / Jennifer Willis

Dominica Republic 2003

- 4th Men's Singles / Danyck Briere
- Silver Men's Doubles / George Lambert IV & Danyck Briere
- 5th Women's Doubles / Jennifer Willis & Robin Crawford

Brazil 2007

- 4th Men's Singles / Jason Kovack
- 6th Women's Doubles / Lynne Gauthier & Kerrie Ryan-Ciach

Mexico 2011

- Silver Women's Singles / Jennifer Park
- Bronze Women's Singles / Caroline Lagrange
- 4th Women's Doubles / Jennifer Park & Caroline Lagrange.
- 5th Men's Doubles / Art Oliver & Mark Buffa

When bowling was first introduced into the Pan Am Games the venue had four disciplines, Singles, Doubles, four person Teams and Masters. Teams were comprised of four women and four men. Today's modern Pan Am Games athletes compete in two disciplines, Singles and Doubles and the teams are comprised of two women and two men.

The Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games sport program includes 52 disciplines within 36 sports, and just over 6,000 athletes.

- Of the 36 sports in total, 28 are the Olympic sports that will be part of the Rio 2016 program and 8 are Pan Am only sports

- Golf and Rugby Sevens are the two new Olympic sports that will join the 26 sports from the London 2012 program
- The Olympic discipline of Canoe/Kayak – Slalom will be held for the first time ever in a Pan Am Games
- The 8 Pan Am only sports include the following – Men’s and Women’s Baseball, Bowling, Karate, Racquetball, Roller Sports (Artistic and Speed), Men’s and Women’s Softball, Squash, and Water Ski & Wakeboard
- Women’s Baseball will be held for the first time ever in a Pan Am Games, while Men’s Softball re-enters the Pan Am Games after last being in the Games in 2003

IOC Making Changes - Could Bowling Benefit?



The International Olympic Committee announced that “wrestling” one of the oldest sports of the games has been removed, many bowlers wonder how this might help bowling. Kevin Dornberger, president of the WTBA is quoted; *“The current IOC shortlist was published in 2011, bowling was in the last cut out. The next short list will be determined in 2015; we hope to be on it. There are 37 other sports that also want in the Olympics who are our competition; this is a process that requires perseverance and patience. I’m not very patient but that’s the way it is.”*

“The good news is that the IOC does appear to be serious about removing some existing sports so that new ones have an opportunity. Without removal there is no opportunity.”

Bowling leaders continue to work at having the largest participated sport in the world included in the Olympic venue.

Kegel's John Davis - The Loss of an Icon



John Davis, the founder of the **Kegel Company**, was an industry icon, a visionary and pioneer in the creation of bowling products and services that promote fair competition on a consistent playing field. He passed away on Friday morning January 25. He was 64. John’s family and the Kegel Company request that in lieu of flowers donations may be made to the *John Davis Historical Preservation Memorial* - a newly created fund benefiting the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame.

One-hundred percent of the proceeds will be applied to the preservation, organization and research of historical bowling documents and artifacts. Please send donations to the IBM/HF, 621 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011, or use the "donation button" at www.bowlingmuseum.com. Note: The donation should be applied to the memorial fund.

“John was an exciting and passionate individual; he loved the game of bowling and dedicated his life to improving the sport of bowling. All who knew him from Canada extend our deepest condolences”

USBC Queens Tournament



The USBC has released Bulletin 1 for the **2013 USBC Queens** tournament, a World Bowling Tour event for female bowlers, which will be held from August 31 to September 5 at Sunset Station's Strike Zone in suburban Las Vegas immediately following the **WTBA World Championships** (August 16-31). Bulletin is



WBT Main Championships Japan January 15 – 19, 2013

(Submitted by Felicia Wong)

From January 15 – 19th, 2013, the Japan Bowling Congress hosted the International Bowling Championships of the World Bowling Tour (WBT). The tournament was held at Inazawa Grand Bowl in Inazawa City, Japan, which is the current Guinness World Records holder for the largest bowling centre in the world.

In hopes of “promot[ing] bowling and making bowlers’ dreams come true” by offering a world-class field, this unique event encompassed a short, exciting format with a talent pool from all over the world. To make up the field, bowlers came from eight different categories: finalists of the previous event, world champions/regional champions of the Asian Championships, seeded bowlers from the Professional Bowlers Association, the Ladies Bowling Organization, the Japan Professional Bowling Association, the Japan National Team and qualifiers from Local Qualifications and an International Qualification. This year the field included world class bowlers such as Shayna Ng, Liz Johnson, Kelly Kulick, Tommy Jones, Michael Fagan, Remy Ong, etc. Amongst the international field was Canada’s own **George Lambert IV**.

The format for this event was quite unique in that the qualification round consisted of only nine games within three blocks. From there, the semi-finalists would bowl six games in two blocks. Five bowlers proceeded to the televised finals; the four best bowlers and the best local bowler, wherever they were seeded after the semi-finals. With this type of short format and field, it was important that bowlers get off to a quick start and make every shot count.

To say that the scoring pace was high would be an understatement. Scores started off firing with the leading qualifiers after the first block at 792 and 795 for the women and men, respectively. Scores fell slightly after the nine games of qualifying were complete where the leaders were ONLY averaging 240 and 243 for the women and men, respectively. Although, Shayna Ng, leader of the women did have a smaller block on the last qualifying block to tighten the gap to only 12 pins between her and second qualifier, Liz Johnson of USA. Leader of the men's qualifying was Japan's own Saito Shigeo, closely followed by Tommy Jones of USA. The top 24 in both the men's and women's division moved on to the semi-final round. Unfortunately, George was unable to get the scores going and finished in 107th after the 9 game qualifying.

During the semi-finals, the women had an interesting turn of events where one of the local bowlers, Nishimura Miki, who would have qualified 15th, ended up qualifying in the top 5 as the top local, ousting Jazreel Tan of Singapore. She was the only local qualifier to make the semi-finals. Rounding out the women's top 5 was Shayna Ng (SIN), Liz Johnson (USA), Zandra Aziela (MAS) and Kelly Kulick (USA). In the men's division, no local bowlers qualified for the semi-finals and the top 5 qualifiers were Tommy Jones (USA), Rafiq Ismail (MAS), Chris Barnes (USA), Suzuki Hiroki (JPN) and Sean Rash (USA). Both the men’s and women’s top 5 finalists averaged over 233 for the 15 games.

The television finals consisted of the top 5 bowling all together in a one game match, where the two lowest scores were eliminated. The three advancers would bowl another game and the lowest would again be eliminated. The final two remaining would then bowl a single game to determine the winner of the International Bowling Championships.

In the women's division, Liz Johnson led the first elimination round in the top 5 with a 237 while Shayna Ng, Kelly Kulick and Zandra Aziela fought a tight race for the third spot with games of 218, 214 and 212, respectively. Zandra and local Miki were eliminated. Shayna and Kelly proceeded to cruise past Liz Johnson's 201 with games of 252 and 236. Shayna's streak continued through the finals where she defeated Kelly 248 to

201.

In a surprising turn for the men, Chris Barnes and Hiroki Suzuki were eliminated with low games of 180 and 190, compared to Tommy Jones' and Rafiq Ismaili's scores of 261 and 268. Sean Rash bowled a steady 215 to coast into the second elimination round, which Rash lead with a 247 and Jones a 229. The final match between Jones and Rash came down to the tenth but in the end Jones was victorious, beating Rash 209-204.

Shayna Ng and Tommy Jones each took home approximately \$75000 USD and added to their suite world championship titles.

As a bonus, a trios event was held for those who did not qualify for the television finals. Two trios teams made up of the three best local bowlers and the three best international bowlers bowled a one game Baker match. The Baker format consists of each player alternating frames: the first player bowling the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th frame, the second bowls the 2nd, 5th and 8th frame and the third bowler bowls the 3rd, 6th and 9th.

The three best international women, Jazreel Tan (SIN), Jacqueline Sijore (MAS) and Tannya Roumimper (IND), were ousted by top local bowlers Rina Asada, Sinon Izumune and Shima Washizka, 204-170. And the top international men, Mike Fagan (USA), Jang Dong-Chul (KOR) and Ryan Cimenelli (USA) defeated local bowlers Shigeo Saito, Kengo Tagata and Teruyuki Obara 245-193.

Overall it looked like a fun tournament that will hopefully continue to bring the top of the top together and keep promoting bowling all over the world. For full results and televised finals, visit <http://jbc-int.jp/ibc2013/>.



*** TEAM CANADA NEWS ***

Team Canada Bowling Camps



TEAM CANADA "A Step Above"



The Youth Team has confirmed dates for their upcoming camp; the camp is scheduled for March 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Team travel day will be Friday March 22nd. The Youth Team will be holding their Camp at Laurentian Lanes.



Laurentian is located at; 222 Mtée de Liesse, Montreal, QC H4T 1N8 ---
Telephone: (514) 341- 4525.

Team Canada men have also confirmed dates for the first of two camps - the first camp is scheduled for March 1st, 2nd and 3rd also at Laurentian Lanes.

Team Canada ladies are preparing for camp in June 2013 - their dates will be announced at a later date.

Team Canada Schedule for 2013



Youth PABCON – Ponce, Puerto Rico – July 6th to July 13th 2013

World Games – Cali, Colombia – July 27th to August 4th 2013

WTBA Worlds – Las Vegas, Nevada USA – August 18th to Aug.31st 2013

Tournament of the Americas – Florida – Dates to be Announced

World Senior's – Las Vegas, Nevada USA – August 10th to Aug. 16th 2013

Senior's PABCON -- San Jose, Costa Rica – October 20th to Oct. 26th 2013

Team Canada has a full schedule this coming year; all of us from across the country wish our teams the best of luck! "GO CANADA GO"



Executive Directors Report

The 2012/2013 season membership as of January is just under 19,000 memberships processed which is down from previous season numbers. Some associations are still submitting new databases. To date approximately 45% of the centres have submitted their centre certifications.

National Office has completed testing the internet fax service to determine its functionality and ease of use. We are very pleased with the service and have entered into an annual agreement. With the fax service, all faxes will come by email, which can be stored instead of printed. The **NEW** toll free Fax Number is **1-855-654-2346** and is now available for all associations to use. Our current fax number 403-381-6247 will remain in effect as it is forwarded to the new service, but long distance charges will be in effect if you use this number.

Mid-Season Supply Orders have been processed and shipped to all associations.

CNC & CMC posters have been mailed to the 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. Entry Forms and Hotel Reservation information is available on our website. Reservation deadlines for the CMCs is March 15, 2013 and for the CNCs is April 12, 2013.

Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) is becoming a backbone of our sport, where all areas of Sport Canada funding, athlete development, coaching and high performance programs are linked to the Long Term Athlete Development Plan for Bowling. Copies of the LTAD Plan for Bowling are available from National Office or from our website www.gotenpinbowling.ca under the Coaching Tab.

The Bowling Federation of Canada (BFC) has appointed a Working Group consisting of 3 members from each discipline - Bowl Canada, Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers Association and Canadian Tenpin Federation - to complete a Competition Review.

The Competition Review will consist of the Creation of a competition structure developmentally appropriate for bowling in Canada aligned with the LTAD Plan For Bowling. The Working Group will be accessing and evaluating these categories regarding our competition structure: Athlete Performance Data, Developmentally Appropriate Competition, Meaningful Competition, Quality Events, Clear Development Pathway, Calendar Planning/Periodization and Affordable and Accessible Competition.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan May
CTF Executive Director

Great news for Seniors

2013 will be a great year for all CTF Senior bowlers! We now have confirmed 3 events that seniors can qualify for.

Tournament of the Americas, taking place **July 28th – August 3rd** at Strikers Lanes in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. 2 Senior Men and 2 Senior Women and 2 Super Senior Men and 2 Super Senior Women will qualify for this event out of the Canadian Mixed Championship, taking place in Winnipeg from April 25th until April 28th. Senior men are ages 50 to 59 and Super Senior Men are ages 60+. Senior women are ages 45 – 54 and Super Senior women are 55+.

The World Seniors event is being held in at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas, Nevada. The dates for the tournament are **August 10th – August 16th**. This event is for both senior men and senior women (50+). The qualifiers for this event will come from the Canadian National Championship being held in Montreal from May 17th until May 20th. The top 4 men and the top 4 women will make up the team to represent Canada at this World event.

In addition the **PABCON Seniors** have also been added to the slate of events for 2013. The dates and location of the venue are; San Jose, Costa Rica – **October 20th to Oct. 26th 2013**. The qualifiers for this event will also come from the Canadian National Championships. Those men and women seniors that finish in the 5th – 8th spots respectively will qualify for this event.

CTF will pay for entry fees into each of these events as well as provide team uniforms as per CTF uniform policy. T of A does not require a Team Canada uniform as they have their own requirements. The athletes are required to pay their own transportation, hotel and any other expenses associated with travel and participation in this event. Those expenses can be claimed to CTF and they will issue tax receipts for all of those expenses. In all cases a portion of the monies collected from entries will be divided amongst the Senior Team Members. Monies collected for the T of A will be divided amongst the T of A qualifiers. Monies collected for the CNC Senior event will be divided amongst the 8 team members.



***DID YOU KNOW? ***

Facts from the Bowlerama Times:

- January 6th 1964, 20-year old, Bob Moore, bowled the first sanctioned 300 in the Toronto Tenpin Association
- Bowling for Dollars debuted in 1959
- 1950: Hoge Lumber Company entered the bowling business as the sole manufacturer. Most of the bowling lane pine came from the Carolinas and Arkansas areas. It had to be free of knots and have just the right density. The maple was used for approaches, headers and decks. To achieve perfect coloring, it had to be sawn in the winter when the sap was not running. The lanes were 2 3/4 inches thick.
- 1983: Bowlerama would pay \$10.00 to anyone who sent in a bowling cartoon that was published in the Bowlerama Times
- Disney's 1998 Whitehouse bowling scene in "Mail to the Chief" starring Randy Quaid was filmed at Royal York Bowl in Etobicoke, Ontario on convertible lanes.



*** WEBSITES ***

LOCAL/PROVINCIAL WEBSITES

Below is a list of local and provincial websites we have on file. Feel free to check out any of the sites from around the country. Many of the sites post results for all of their local events and tournaments.

*****If your association has a website and it's not listed, please send it to us and we'll add it to the list*****

Alberta Bowling Federation	www.bowlfedab.ca/tenpin
British Columbia Tenpin Federation	www.bctenpin.com
Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan	www.saskbowl.com
Canadian Lakehead BA	www.tenpin.org/cltba.html
Capital District BA	www.cdtba.com
Greater Toronto BA	www.gttba.ca
Kelowna Tenpin BA	www.ktbatenpin.ca
Kingston Tenpin BA	www.kingstontenpin.ca
London & District BA	www.ladtpba.ca
Manitoba Bowling Association	www.bowlingmanitoba.ca
Manitoba Tenpin Federation	www.mbtentpinfed.com
Mid-Vancouver Island Tenpin BA	www.mvitabowling.ca
Niagara Tenpin BA	www.ntba.ca
Ontario Tenpin BA	www.otba.ca
Regina Tenpin BA	www.reginatenpin.ca
Vancouver & District Tenpin BA	www.vdtba.ca
Windsor Essex BA	www.weckba.ca
Winnipeg Tenpin BA	www.bowlingmanitoba.ca



*** CONTACTS ***



Bowling Reporters around the Country

We still have several areas of the country where we need people who can send in news.

“Keeping our bowlers connected coast to coast”!

News Sections of the Connection:

- **Cross Country Canadian News**
- **Youth Bowling**
- **International Bowling**
- **Team Canada Bowling**
- **CTF News**
- **Did You Know**
- **Web Sites**
- **Contacts**

We are a small group in a vast country, we want to provide news of events around the country; we are asking for your help; please feel free to send in news to any of the following reporters or directly to The Connection at srlowe001@msn.com or dtereck@shaw.ca .

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