CTF Connection Youth Editor, Lee Wilkins, while vacationing in Aruba recently had the opportunity to visit Eagle Bowling Center in Aruba and came across a member of Team Aruba preparing for the upcoming Pan Am Games in Toronto. She submitted the following story:

**Aruba, Jamaica, ooh I wanna take ya….. 3,571 KM from Eagle Bowling Centre, Aruba to Planet Bowl, Etobicoke, Canada**

Meet **Jason Odor** of Team Aruba --

"I'm excited to represent Team Aruba in the Pan American Games," said Jason, who will be competing for the first time. "It’s definitely been a tournament that I have always wanted to be able to compete in. Having the chance to bowl against some of the best bowlers in the world is an amazing opportunity," Odor said. "At the same time, it is also an honor and a privilege to be able to bowl and represent Team Aruba. Being in the PAN AM Games is like bowling in the Olympics, I’m very excited!".

Grinning from ear-to-ear, Jason quips “Like me, my teammates Bryan Helmeyer, Kamilah Dammers & Thashaina Seraus are so very excited about coming to Canada.”

Odor, who has been bowling for 20 years, graduated from the youth program. In 2000 he represented Aruba in PABCON and again as an adult in the World Cup in Russia in 2007. Jason, a left-hander, practices five times a week with coaches Jim Porter & Rita Lopez-Henriques. His current league average is 216.

The team will be departing Aruba July 14th en route to the Kegel Training Center where they will receive additional training. Under the guidance of head coach, Jim Porter, the athletes will be working on aspects of consistency, versatility, lane play, ball movements, mental training and team bonding. They arrive in Canada July 18th.
And now the coach, Jim Porter (shown here with Lee). Jim is a well-renowned coach and has coached in Puerto Rico, Malaysia, Thailand, Curacao Island, Chile, Ecuador, Hong Kong, India, El Salvador and currently in Aruba.

Aruba has yet to win a medal at a Pan Am games and Head Coach Jim Porter anticipates that the women this year have a good chance of medalling. In their last international event, the women placed second to Team USA, which is a huge accomplishment. “Our teams are extremely competitive this year. It is the first time in 16 years that Aruba has sent a men’s team. As elite bowlers, they have worked hard to achieve their dreams. They’ve lived and breathed the game, and now at the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games, they get to enjoy the results of their hard work and dedication.” says Porter. Fully funded by their government, bowling is the number one sport in Aruba. With support of China, Jim is very confident that we will see bowling in the 2020 Olympics.

Rita Lopez-Henriques (shown at left with Lee) is a former Team Aruba athlete who is now involved with coaching, but will not be traveling with the team next month.

Rita has extensive experience both as an international competitor and as a coach.

The Pan American Games are America’s version of the Olympic Games which includes the Olympic Program sports and others that are not part of the Olympics. The Games will run July 10-25 in Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada. The bowling competition, consisting of singles and doubles events, is scheduled for July 23-26 at Planet Bowl. Sixteen countries will participate in the Pan Am Games in two divisions - men and women.

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Request for Older Youth Team Canada Pictures

The CTF Connection has a special request that some of our readers may be able to help us with. We are looking for pictures of Youth Team Canada (teams and/or bowlers) from years prior to 2004 - we have discovered that we have very few of these in our archives. And we'd like more!

If you have any of these older pictures, please contact Sandy Lowe - mailto:srlowe001@msn.com .

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Manitoba News
Submitted by Dan Tereck

Manitoba Ladies Are Victorious!

Bowl Canada conducted their National Classified Championships on June 20-21 in Toronto. The Manitoba Ladies team came out on top. After a poor start in the first 4 games, they put it all together and at the end of the first day, were in first place! They continued their success on Day 2, ending up in a tie for 1st place with the New Brunswick team. In a tie-breaker match, the Manitoba team sealed the deal, winning the match, and the title. The proud members of the team are, from left to right, Terri Dueck, Marion Marko, Cynthia Kasprick, and Rachel Magdaluyo.

When asked about the weekend, Marko said "I've never been on a team that bonded so quickly, and so well. It was an amazing experience - one that I'll never forget.". An interesting side note: Dueck bowled a new career high game in their 5th game - a 290! This could have been the spark they needed, because the team was almost untouchable for the rest of the competition!

If you want to see all the scoring details of the competition, go to http://www.bowlcanada.ca/

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Eight Junior Team Canada members are headed to Panama to compete in the 2015 Pan American Bowling Confederation Youth Championships. **AND FOUR OF THEM ARE FROM MANITOBA !!**

The tournament, which features countries from the American Zone competing in Singles, Doubles, Trios, Team, All-Events and match-play Masters, runs from June 27 through July 3 and will take place at Bolera Sede in Panama City.

**Mitch Hupé** of Winnipeg, Manitoba, **Sean Coutts** of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Josh Brant-Parkin of Deseronto, Ontario and Cederick Ruet Lajoie of Cabano, Quebec will represent Canada in the boys division. In the girls division **Mykaela Mitchell** of London, Ontario, **Shawne Pine** of Aweres Township, Ontario, **Stephanie Adams** of Souris, Manitoba, and **Leigha Carnevale** of Winnipeg, Manitoba will represent Junior Team Canada.

Coaches Mike Boroskæ of Manitoba and David Poupart of Quebec will accompany the teams.

The CTF web site will have daily updates at [http://gotenpinbowling.ca/EN/pabcon-youth-2015/](http://gotenpinbowling.ca/EN/pabcon-youth-2015/)
Southern Ontario News

Windsor Essex Chatham-Kent Bowling Association
Submitted by Catherine Wilbur

We are sending out a FINAL REMINDER to all Ontario C.T.F. Adult members to think about coming out to bowl in the 3rd Annual CITY OF ROSES Bowling Tournament. Come out and participate in the tournament. It will be a great way to help get ready for the upcoming bowling season.

This year the tournament will be offering events for Teams, Doubles, and Singles with Men’s, Women’s and Mixed divisions. The tournament is scheduled to run August 8 thru August 9, 2015. Bowlers must be at least 19 years of age to participate. It is C.T.F. sanctioned. The tournament is 100% handicap. Revs Rose Bowl on 2482 Dougall Avenue, in Windsor Ontario, is the bowling centre hosting the event. Entries will close ½ hour before each squad. The entry fee is Teams - $80, Doubles - $50, and Singles - $25. Tournament will be holding brackets, 50/50 draw, and ball raffle. You can mail, email, or fill in an on-line entry form.

In the TEAM EVENT, the low individual combined score (scratch and handicap) will be eliminated each game. In the DOUBLES EVENT, you bowl 4 games eliminating the lowest combined score (scratch and handicap). In the SINGLES EVENT, you bowl 4 games eliminating the lowest scratch game and handicap. In Teams, Doubles, and Singles events, three games total with handicap determines the winners.

You can reach the Tournament Directors using the following contact information:
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E-mail: wayne.dubs@aol.com
Web Site: www.weckba.com
Phone: 519-944-7311

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Hamilton News
Submitted by Jim Margueratt

Shawn Anderson’s record of four perfect games in a season was tied by Art Oliver Jr. & Travis Cauley until the last week of the season when Oliver notched his fifth for the new record. In the process he almost beat Bill Rowe Jr.’s 15-year-old record 852 triple as he came up four pins short at 848 (279,269,300). A 246 fourth game for 1094 left him six pins short of our record 1100 (255,278,289,278) set by Steve Smith in April.
Oliver now has 21 perfect games in Hamilton, along with seven 299 games, a pair of 298’s and 10 triples of 800 or better for 40 honour scores.

Along with Oliver’s five 300s and Cauley's four, other perfect games were fired by Dan O’Brien, Aaron Bouchard, Gord Fickley, Ted Rittenhouse, Matt Smith, Ryan Dickenson, Mike Zawhorodny, Dave
Custeau, Tom Johnston, Len Garinger Jr. Mick Anderer, Val Ciach-Link and Jay Jones with a pair for a season total of 23. Just missing with 299’s were Corey Raymer, Dylan Herchenroder, Nick Murphy, Matt Lewis, Mike Zahorodny, Ron VanSickle, Doug Schatz, Travis Cauley and Art Oliver Jr. with a pair. With 298’s were Deric Curley, Matt Lewis, Ted Ranger & Travis Cauley.

Jason Stevens & John Manel rolled 297’s, Bill Lishinski 296 and with 290’s were Crystal Whitfield, Bill Hicks, Mick Anderer, Brent Andrecyk, Shawn Ferguson, Ron Smith, Travis Cauley, Conrad Merkir, Scott Tarbat and 35 years after recording the first 300 at Skyway Lanes, Jim Kompare also threw a 290.

Raising Hamilton’s overall 800 triple total to 96 were Art Oliver Jr. 848, Steve Smith 822, Matt Lewis & Deric Curley 811, Nick Murphy 809, Travis Cauley 807 & 806 and Mike Zahorodny 805.

HAMILTON TENPIN TRIVIA:
- In 1997, Bill Glanville went from 257 to 160 and at the same time his son Steve went from 97 to 250.
- In 1998, Amy Bouchard went from 139 to 300.
- In 1999, Syd Clark went from 145 & 163 to an usual 272 game and David Gauthier went from 156 to 298. Also in 1999, Jayson Legg finished with 23 strikes for games of 190, 191, 290 & 300.
- Andy Toth of Hamilton was on the All Star Team of the Canadian Professional Bowlers Association in 1965.
- Don Watson of Hamilton in 1960 won the 1st. Annual O’Connor 10 Pin Classic in Toronto by 19 pins over Tony Chibi of Lemington.
- In 2004, Matt Lewis, 13 at the time, tripped a 727 triple.

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Saskatchewan News
Submitted by Dannie Ward (Taken from an article by Daniel Nugent-Bowman published in The Star Phoenix)

Local bowler captures Triple Crown

Most teenagers only bowl at social gatherings.
Not Kelsi Beauchamp. To her, bowling is serious business.
“They think it’s kind of different and weird because they never hear about people going to competitions for bowling,” said Beauchamp, 16, of what her friends think of the sport. “They don’t even know that you can travel for it to the U.S. and all over the world.” Beauchamp, a Bethlehem Catholic High School student, has done her share of bowling-related travelling and aims to do plenty more.

She became just the fifth girl since 1971 to win the Youth Bowling Canada Triple Crown — and the first from Saskatchewan — when she competed in the Senior Division of the YBC National Championship in Toronto in May. To win the Triple Crown, a bowler must have won a National Gold Medal in each of the three age divisions. Beauchamp prevailed in the Bantam division in 2011 and in the Junior division last year. And now, in just her first year as a Senior, she completed the third step.

“I got a lot of attention for winning the Triple Crown,” she said. “I didn’t think any of this would happen. I didn’t think I would ever get this far.”

Beauchamp became interested in the sport when her babysitter, Marge Wear, took her to a bowling centre when she was about seven years old. And then she was hooked while watching her older brother, Justin, compete at the Nationals. By 2010 she was on the competitive circuit.

Her mother, Patrice, moved her over from five-pin to ten-pin to better align travel schedules with Justin’s bowling. Patrice joked that her daughter wasn’t pleased when they made the switch, but it certainly worked out for the best. “I like tenpin a lot better,” Beauchamp said. “It’s more exciting.”

Beauchamp trains out of Fairhaven Bowl, practising once a week and playing in two leagues. T.J. Bilan has coached her for four years, helping her pick out targets on the lanes and get more revolutions on her release. But Beauchamp’s outstanding trait is her mental fortitude.

“She’s always had a great head on her shoulders and is always able to listen and try something different,” Bilan said. “That’s important to do because you’re never going to get the same thing twice. She’s really put in the time and the effort. It really shows with her accomplishments.”

Bilan was “blown away” that Beauchamp completed the Triple Crown, only because she was in her first year in the Senior division. Beauchamp is now hoping to attain an NCAA bowling scholarship.

Since rounding out the Triple Crown, Beauchamp has qualified for the Canadian youth team for the Youth World Championships, which take place next year in Lincoln, Nebraska. It will be her second international event after competing in Florida in 2014. “Nebraska will be a lot different bowling against European people,” Beauchamp said. “The level of competition there will be a lot higher than what I would normally expect.”
Calgary News
Submitted by Dave Kist

Another bowling season has come and gone, Spring Leagues are drawing to a close and folks are getting ready for summer vacations. Has everything come to a grinding halt? Not by a long shot! Here are some late season results……

Congratulations to our Calgary men who took it to the rest of the country recently at a Bowl Canada National Tournament.

Yes, this crew of happy, smiling (????) faces from Century Bowl were representing Alberta at Bowlerama Rexdale in Toronto for the June 20-21 Bowl Canada National Classified Championships. The very determined-looking crew took it to the other provinces and after day one, led by a single point with 38.5 points, over second-place Saskatchewan. Day two proved just as close on the competition front and the team finished in a tie with Saskatchewan with 64.5 points each. Saskatchewan went on to eventually defeat our Calgary lads by 17 pins in a tie-breaker game.

Congratulations go out to JD Frost, Jackson Chanthachith, Matt Salmons and David Milne. The 14 game, 2 day tournament saw some great bowling and scoring, with averages of 159.8 by Jackson, 190.5 by David, 197.4 by JD and 200.2 by Matt.

In other news, like the mail delivery slogan goes, neither rain, nor sleet nor darkness of night……we at the Foothills Tenpin Association will not rest until our appointed rounds are complete, so making the ultimate sacrifice and traveling to Reno, Nevada to present Miranda Lacroix her 100 pins over average watch for her career high game of 244 from the April ATPA tournament.
Perhaps a bit of a stretch there…..Recently, I had the honour to join 14 other Calgary bowlers who traveled to Reno, Nevada to compete in both the annual US Women’s Championships and the inaugural US Mixed Championships. While the results are yet to be finalized, we did represent Calgary and Alberta well and currently have the following Top 10 finishes:

**Doubles Division 2 (For bowlers with combined averages of 350-379)**
2. Julie Quach, Calgary, Alberta/ Jim Coleman, Edmonton, Alberta, 1,139
9. April Moyen/Keith McIntyre, Calgary, Alberta 1,105

**Doubles Division 3 (For bowlers with combined averages of 320-349)**
10, Lynn Dorey/Dave Kist, Calgary, Alberta, 1,071

**YOUTH TEAM ALBERTA**

(F) Tyler Quinn & Augusta Bockman-Bantam
(R) Rachelle Ward & Nicholas Doehring-Junior

Chase Fockler (Intermediate), Alex Terakita (Sr.) & Gemma Oxley (Sr.) & Kelsey Pauls (Intermediate)
Remember these rising stars from the last article? Congratulations to National Medalists from the 2015 Canadian Youth Championships held in Winnipeg May 29 to May 31:

Gold in the Bantam All Events – **Augusta Bockman**
Silver in the Bantam Doubles – **Augusta Bockman / Tyler Quinn**
Silver in the Bantam Singles – **Augusta Bockman**
Silver in the Junior Singles – **Nicholas Doehring**
Silver in the Senior Singles – **Alex Terakita**
Scholarship in the Bantams – **Augusta Bockman**

**Canadian Mixed Championships** November 12 to 15, 2015 at Century Bowl in Calgary, AB
Rule revisions were reviewed by the CTF Board of Directors during their June 13 meeting and the website will be updated with the finalized rules and entry forms in the next couple of weeks. The hotel rates and booking information is already available on the web site and we strongly urge everyone to book early to avoid disappointment. The Tournament Manager has been named and will be **Dave Kist**, the Tournament Director will be announced shortly.

From the FTA to all bowlers across the country, we welcome you to the heartbeat of the West and one of the strongest associations across the country. We are anticipating record entry levels and fully expect numerous shifts to be completely sold out. Please do not wait - Make your travel plans early – Don’t be disappointed. Remember, our Local Association tournament had 577 bowlers compete in our January two-day tournament and we expect this to be repeated for the Mixed Championships.

More News from Around the Association…..
Congratulations to **Curtis Kruschel, TJ Howard, Stephen Wong** and **Liz Wong** for being selected to represent Canada at the Tournament of Americas as well as **Lauraine Fast** and **Liz Wong** who will be representing Canada at the PABCON’s. Please help support their fundraising efforts to help defray the estimated $2,200 to $2,700 cost per person.

The first **Swiss Trios** was held at Let’s Bowl on June 6, where 18 teams entered the day with a maximum team average of 580. Congratulations to **Kelly Kruschel, Dave Kist** and **Curtis Kruschel** with their 5-1 record and 3,514 pinfall to claim top spot. **Roger D’Souza, Jed Lawson** and **Jeff Brassard** teamed up with an equal 5-1 record and pinfall of 3,509 to claim second spot.

The annual **Leagh Patterson Memorial** tournament was held May 9 and 10 at Let’s Bowl. This 24-game match play marathon saw **Jack Guay** and **Corey Clayton** facing off for the $1,500 first place prize money. Jack, the top qualifier, had to be beaten twice for Corey to claim the title. Match one went to Corey, but Jack would not be bested this weekend and took game two to claim the title. There was a total prize fund of $7,900 and our congratulations to the top 10 of:

1st - $1500 – **Jack Guay**
2nd - $1200 – **Corey Clayton**
3rd - $1000 – **Jamie Jung**
4th - $900 – **TJ Howard**
5th - $750 – **TJ Calara**
6th - $650 – **Murdoch Lyttle**
7th - $550 – **Jordan Jung**
8th - $450 – **Felicia Wong**
9th - $300 – **Alex Terakita**
10th - $200 – **Johnny Ho**
**Winning Gold and the Singles Title at the YBC National Championships, FTA’s very own Joenica Garcia**

**Tournament Calendar** – known thus far

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Also, add to your list, a squad will be heading to Las Vegas for the US Women’s / US Mixed Championships in 2016 and then to Baton Rouge for the same tournament in 2017.

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2015 Canadian Youth Championships

The 2015 CYCs took place from May 29th to 31st in Winnipeg, Manitoba. And from all reports, it was a huge success!

Darren Naylor, President of the Manitoba Bowling Association (the Host association), was one of the main drivers in trying to create a different, unique, and exciting version of the CYCs. And he had the support and help of the MBA Board, along with many many other volunteers to plan, prepare for, and implement his visions.

In his words, he wanted to make this an "Event" - not just another tournament. I believe most everyone feels that he was successful.

It started on Thursday, with the Opening Ceremonies. Instead of holding them at the bowling centre, they opted to have them in a banquet room at the host hotel - Club Regent Canad Inns. A bowling lane was constructed and set up in the room - really! - and this is what every dignitary, honouree, coach, manager, and athlete used to walk to the front of the room when they were introduced. It was pretty special, and definitely unique!

The theme of the ceremony focused on "Dreams". The athletes' dream of making it to "The Nationals", the athletes' further dreams of becoming a CYC Medalist, of getting a College Bowling Scholarship, of becoming a member Team Canada, or even of becoming a PBA professional! To help show that these dreams are indeed possible, a number of our successful local Manitoba bowlers were introduced - they went from CYC Champions and Medalists, to more bowling successes, including becoming members of Team Canada! Also, as part of the National Anthem, a video was playing that showed many of our Canadian Youth bowlers who went on to bowl at U.S. Colleges and Universities. And of course, that included one, Dan MacLelland, that has made it all the way to the PBA! A song called "Dreams Never Die" was played with an adjoining video presentation. I especially liked the last picture - the five Olympic Rings! You can see these videos if you go to the Facebook page "CYCs Winnipeg 2015".

After the Opening Ceremonies, all of the athletes made the short trip to Chateau Lanes for the official practice. If you want to "get a feel for" the official practice environment, head on over to another Facebook page -
Marissa Naylor Photography - where you will find hundreds of pictures from not only the official practice, but from the whole weekend! Marissa, who has competed in several past CYCs, is also a budding photographer, and did a fabulous job!

Day 1 was the Teams Competition. And Quebec were the big winners, with both the Girls and Boys teams winning Gold!

The girls team was led by their Intermediate bowler, Brittney Turcotte, who knocked down a total of 1497 pins for her 7 games (724 for her first 3 games of the day)! Turcotte was feeling very good about her game, after finishing in 12th place overall, and qualifying for Team Canada's 2016 Youth Girls team at the Canadian Team Trials held two weeks earlier. Of course, one person doesn't make a team - the other athletes joined in and together, the girls went undefeated through the round-robin competition. From Left to Right... Courtney Troli, Jade Cote, Brittney Turcotte, and Malia Messier.

The Silver Medal went to Southern Ontario - Sierra Baltzer, Rebekah Loker, Mykaela Mitchell, and Miranda Panas. And the Bronze medal went to Saskatchewan - Emily Gooding, Abby Bauer, Kelsi Beauchamp, and Brandi Collinge.

In the Boy's Division, the Quebec team won 6 of their 7 matches to clinch the Gold Medal.
Their Intermediate bowler, Marc-Antoine Caron, was outstanding, throwing a perfect 300 in his 5th game, and ending up with a 7-game total of 1529 - a 218 average!
Shown from Left to Right... Marc-Antoine Caron, Alexandre Gareau, Kevin Maurice, and Yves Bissonnette.

By way of a tie-breaker match, the Silver Medal went to British Columbia - Mark Rouhana, Kyle Adams, Nathan Nerona, and Chris Gutierrez.
And the Bronze Medal went to Northern Ontario - Matthew Massicotte-Finch, Mason Lagrange, Nathan Woods, and Aaron Craig.

Day 2 was all about Doubles. Each Province formed four doubles teams - a boy and a girl from each of the four Divisions.

And following up on yesterday's strong bowling, two of Quebec's doubles teams took Gold. The Bantam team of Jade Cote and Alexandre Gareau went undefeated, with 6 wins and one tie. Cote averaged 159 for the day, while Gareau's average for this 7 games was a whopping 186. I did say Bantams, right? And the Quebec Seniors, Courtney Troli and Kevin Maurice, also won Gold. Their combined average for the day was just over 200, and they won 6 of their 7 matches.
The other two Doubles Gold Medals were won by Southern Ontario. In the Junior Division, Rebekah Loker and Brayden Vaughan won their medal by winning 6 of their 7 matches. And in the Intermediates Division, the team of Mykaela Mitchell and Riley Pellerito went undefeated - a perfect 7 and 0. Mitchell had to deal with a dilemma when her plastic spare ball became unusable part way through the day, meaning that she had to find "new ways" to make her spares. Obviously, she did it, and did it well!

The other medal winners were...

**Bantam Division:** Silver - Alberta  
Augusta Bockman and Tyler Quinn  
Bronze - S. Ontario  
Sierra Baltzer and Wyatt Scott

**Junior Division:** Silver - N. Ontario  
Madison Bissonette and Mason Lagrange  
Bronze - Quebec  
Malia Messier and Yves Bissonnette

**Intermediate Division:** Silver - Quebec  
Brittney Turcotte and Marc-Antoine Caron  
Bronze - N.Brunswick  
Zoe Albert-Blanchard and Nathan Ruest-Lajoie
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Senior Division: Silver - S. Ontario
                 Bronze - Manitoba
Miranda Panas and Kenny Ho
Sydney Carter-Squire and Sean Coutts

Day 3 was the Singles Competition. Of the 8 Gold Medals, two of them were won in a tie-breaker (N.B. Intermediate Boy - Nathan Ruest-Lajoie, and B.C. Junior Boy - Kyle Adams). And two others went undefeated for their Gold medal (SK Intermediate Girl - Kelsi Beauchamp, and QC Senior Boy, Kevin Maurice).

Here are all the Gold Medal Winners:

Bantam: Sierra Baltzer (SO)  Mark Rouhana (BC)

Junior: Rebekah Loker (SO)  Kyle Adams (BC)
Intermediate: Kelsi Beauchamp (SK)  Nathan Ruest-Lajoie (NB)

Senior: Miranda Panas (SO)  Kevin Maurice (QC)

The other Singles Medal winners were:

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Silver  |  Jade Cote (QC)  |  Mark Rouhana (BC)
Bronze |  Sierra Baltzer (SO)  |  Wyatt Scott (SO)

Junior  |  Rebekah Loker (SO)  |  Mason Lagrange (NO)
Silver  |  Brittney Rocan (MB)  |  Yves Bissonnette (QC)
Bronze |  Annie-Claude Dugas (NB)  |  John Espanol (SK)

Intermediate  |  Mykaela Mitchell (SO)  |  Nathan Ruest-Lajoie (NB)
Silver  |  Brittney Turcotte (QC)  |  Marc-Antoine Caron (QC)
Bronze |  Kelsi Beauchamp (SK)  |  Austyn Ducharme (MB)

Senior  |  Miranda Panas (SO)  |  Kevin Maurice (QC)
Silver  |  Courtney Troli (QC)  |  Sean Coutts (MB)
Bronze |  Haley Stolz (NO)  |  Chris Guttierrez (BC)

And Team All-Events??

Gold  |  Quebec  
Jade Cote  |  Alexandre Gareau  
Malia Messier  |  Yves Bissonnette  
Brittney Turcotte  |  Marc-Antoine Caron  
Courtney Troli  |  Kevin Maurice  

Silver  |  Manitoba  
Jaeda Sylvia  |  Israel Potter  
Brittney Rocan  |  Justin Omaga  
Hannah Keenes  |  Austyn Ducharme  
Sydney Carter-Squire  |  Sean Coutts  

Bronze  |  Br. Columbia  
Amy Buchanan  |  Mark Rouhana  
Meghan Aimoto  |  Kyle Adams  
Celine Choi  |  Nathan Nerona  
Candice Choi  |  Chris Guttierrez  

You must be wondering about the recipients of the Chris Tucker and Ivan Nelson Sportsmanship Awards? Remember, these selections are voted on by the athletes, so it's a big deal if your peers choose you.
Chris Tucker Award:  **Sydney Carter-Squire**, Manitoba Senior Girl.
Ivan Nelson Award:  **Aaron Craig, Northern** Ontario Senior Boy.

For ALL of the detailed results from the tournament, go to CTF's website - [http://www.gotenpinbowling.ca/](http://www.gotenpinbowling.ca/)

On Sunday evening, the CYC Closing Ceremonies took place at the host hotel. There were a number of noteworthy pieces to mention.

From having a local bagpiper lead each team into the banquet room walking on the same bowling lane as was used at the opening ceremonies, to the Morden's Chocolate Bowling Pin and Ball given to each bowler, to the special large prints of Chris Tucker and Ivan Nelson given to CTF to be displayed at all future CYCs, to the centrepiece bowling pins autographed by pro bowlers and "awarded" to one lucky bowler at each team table, to
the introduction of our version of Hockey's Canada Cup competition between the East and the West (the East won it this year), to a great dinner, and much much more, this was a very special edition of the Closing Ceremonies.

Also, a note of appreciation, and thanks, to everyone involved in putting this year's Canadian Youth Championships weekend together. It truly was, as Darren Naylor envisioned it, AN EVENT!!

Next year, Southern Ontario will be hosting the CYCs. The bar has been set very high. Can they reach it? ...or top it? Time will tell...

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**Canadian Youth Championships - The Making Of a Dream**

by Darren Naylor

My family has been very fortunate to attend a number of youth championships, and benefit from the efforts of a number of volunteers to make the experience one that we will remember. A few years ago at our Provincial Annual Awards banquet, I was presented the Volunteer of the Year Award. During the speech I had to make, I shared with the audience my personal creed when it comes to volunteering. Observations, thoughts and ideas. Three simple words but all related. Observations lead to thoughts, thoughts then lead to ideas, and finally ideas leads to planning. So, to any person that has heard me say to them, "I have an idea", it was usually the result of the previous two words and now I wanted to pass my idea by them.

Well a couple of years ago, I was asked if I would remain as President of the Manitoba Bowling Association. I was very hesitant but knew that the final year of my term would be the year that the CYCs would be coming to our city. Now I would be able to give back to the bowling community what was given to us since 2008, but only if we could convince our Board and volunteers to accept a number of changes. We first offered the basis of what the CYCs in Winnipeg would look like when we had to give the welcoming speech at the closing ceremonies of the 2014 CYCs Sault Ste Marie. It was there that I used the word “event” for the first time.
In my eyes, the youth championships could be compared to a circus. They have a lot of similarities. A circus needs a venue, so does bowling. In order for a circus to be exciting, the performers need to perform in front of people. Well our performers are our athletes, and the people would be the parents and spectators. The better the audience is, the better the performers perform. In every circus there is a director- we call them coaches. Finally, each circus has three rings, and our athletes also represent three rings.

In the first ring are the athletes that are attending the CYCs for the first time. Nervous at the start but eager to perform as they finally made the big show - a place they have only heard about from their peers. In the second ring, are the athletes that are returning to the CYCs. These athletes take on many different shapes: some wanting to earn a medal, some wanting to improve on the medal they have earned before, some to defend their championship, and finally, for those that are changing divisions, to serve notice that they are ready. And the third ring includes those athletes that are in their final year. Ready to show the others that they still have game, and also a time to reflect on the years that they have spent in the youth program. When you combine all these three, you will be witness to the “greatest show in town”.

I do not know if the entire Board quite got the idea where we were heading, but they would soon find out as the event drew closer. Throughout the year, I had spoken to a lot of people across this country to get their opinions on what the CYCs were like. I paid particular attention to the youth, or former youth in the program, when developing the theme. I attended a CTF meeting where I heard our High Performance Manager, Cathy Innes, speak. She offered three words, much like I offered three words earlier. Hers were simple, Dream, Dare and Do. I heard her passion for the changing of the High Performance program as we strive to get into the Olympics. I also heard the passion of the planning in the Pan Am Games. Her message was quite clear. If you are not on board, leave the room. I knew from that point on that the word “dream” would be the theme of this years CYCs.

In my observations throughout the years, I noticed one common item. Everything was centered around a tournament, yet there were more people in the venue than the athletes. So how are they entertained? Or since they spend a great deal of money to travel to see their athlete perform, what do they get in return? I had to go back to the Olympics. There are not a lot of people in the world that watch all of the sports, however, the most viewed portion of the Olympics are the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. That was the first place to look!

Traditionally the CYC Opening Ceremonies are held in a bowling centre and there are a lot of speeches. The body language of the athletes usually show that within the first fifteen minutes they are bored. As a coach, I was even on the lanes and witnessed when this was happening, so I can imagine what the feeling was like from a youth’s perspective. How do you change this and at the same time keep the tradition of having it in a bowling centre?

I remember our first planning meeting when I suggested we take the Opening Ceremonies out of the centre and put them in a hotel ballroom. Once you change the venue, now you change the environment and the climate of the ceremonies. I was asked constantly on what would be done and I stated we would have a Powerpoint presentation, but could not really go into details. As an employee of True North Sports and Entertainment, I have been privy to a lot of meetings on opening ceremonies for a Winnipeg Jets first home game. We were shown what the video was like, and security is very tight so no one takes videos of this presentation and leaks it to the public. That is what I offered to our committee - if you have been to a Winnipeg Jets game and seen the opening before the team comes on to the ice, then you have an idea where I wanted to take the CYC opening.
I also got some of the best advice from Kevin Donnelly, the person responsible for booking all the concerts into the MTS Centre arena. It was easily the best twenty minutes I have spent with somebody regarding this. His advice on brainstorming was simple. All ideas come out regardless of whether they are, good or bad, and then you discuss the merits of each of them. There is to be no discussion on cost.

Well, I can honestly say that this did not go quite as planned. The ideas were there, but after each idea was the aspect of "How much is this going to cost?". The usual answer was "No clue!! Because it was never done before". And quite often, the ideas never made it any further. An example of such an item that DID make it through this process, was one of the most talked about thing at the event. This was the bowling lane that was laid out on the hotel ballroom floor. At first, a carpet lane was offered (would be easier and cheaper), but I suggested that this would not have the same impact as a normal lane. Then a volunteer talked to a person she worked with about donating the wood for the lane and we were underway. The most costly item ended up being actually free because of the generous donation from a company who had the vision of making this event special for the youth. So how do you build it? I had no clue, but I did know a few people who we could ask, but they all came up blanks. Then it was in a casual conversation with Mike Schmidt, that he suggested Marc Rioux, whose daughter competed in the national championships years ago. He agreed, and we were off and running.

Now it is time to go back to the planning of other aspects of the Opening Ceremonies. So who do you talk to when you want to get a visual on something that has never been done in terms of opening and closing ceremonies? In my case, I asked two people that have represented our country on the international stage; Mike Schmidt and Lynne Gauthier. In Mike’s case, at home he is simply Mike. However, when he leaves the country to represent Canada across the pond, he is treated much differently. To use a word, he is a celebrity, and so he should be, based on his accomplishments.

That became the next part of the “dream”. How do you show our youngest athletes what you can become in bowling? And for the youth athletes that have represented our country internationally, how do you give them "celebrity status" at home? Here is where another source from outside the province came into play. Brian Mclean has kept the statistics for this tournament since 1983. There is a wealth of information that should be used at these events. In our case we noticed that Mike Schmidt appeared as a bantam in 1992. What a great thought, what if the bantams today saw the bantam from years ago, who is now a two-time world champion?

We found the other members of that team and asked them what they thought about a reunion. To say they were excited is an understatement. One of the team members, Jason Borle, who is a bowling history nut, was extremely excited. I will never forget the photo-shoot day and excitement over one game. The topics that were discussed went from haircuts, to team jackets, to team jerseys (which Mike brought), to Jason trying to look as close to what he looked like in 1992. And they were directing the photographer too: "Get me at the top of my high backswing!", and "Make sure you capture my eye focus during the shot!" It was really too funny and at the same time, enjoyable. So we were close to being finished, when Jason showed me the picture of the 1992 team he has on his wall at work. And we found the original 1992 Program Book and with today's technology, the 1992 team, “Hold on Tight to Your Dreams” by the Electric Light Orchestra, was born. Quote of the session: "Who knew this would happen 23 years later?"

On to the next project in the Making of a Dream. During our years of attending the CYCs, the sportsmanship award was given out to athletes in the memory of Chris Tucker and Ivan Nelson. Usually there was a short intro on who these people were and their contributions to the sport. I was reading Chris Tucker’s biography, and the...
words “my hope” popped out. There was another indication of a “dream” This had to be the feature attraction of the opening ceremonies. No words, but video and song so that all can see, and once they are posted on the internet, see for years to come. So what song do you choose? I honestly cannot recall where I heard the song but knew that it was going to be the one to use. That song was “The Dream Never Dies” by the Cooper Brothers. When we saw the lyrics, the story was set. Now we had to match the words to the athletes. Again, we had to refer back to Brian McLean's statistics. One very interesting point popped out immediately. Four of our most prominent athletes were athletes that did not win the most medals as a youth. These people were: world champions Caroline Lagrange, Mike Schmidt, PBA member Dan McLelland and Masters Champion Lynne Gauthier. In fact, Lynne never appeared in a Canadian Youth Championships!

What a great story to tell our youth! You do not have to win the most medals to reach your dream!

Then we came to the second part of the song and when I heard and read the lyrics, there was only one person that matched this and it was our National Coach, Tyrel Rose. I remembered when he was in Winnipeg earlier this year, and his words to me were simple but painted the picture perfectly. “I loved to bowl competitively but my passion is in coaching”. Finding the various video clips of these people took awhile but with help from others, it came together. And it was a fitting tribute. During the middle of the video is a tribute to Chris and Ivan. We asked for pictures and used what we could. Now the youth could put a picture to the name. We hope we were able to honour their contributions in this manner.

As the video nears the end, it shows the next two dreams for our country; the Pan Am Games and the athletes representing our country in that event; and finally, the Olympics, or as I like to quote, “a blue moment”.

Another point during our brainstorming sessions was that the youth in attendance want to see people they can relate to. Also, there was a discussion on how bowling could lead to post-secondary education. So how do you marry these two thoughts in a proper manner? I recalled seeing a video of our national anthem last year at the CYCs and it featured athletes of Team Canada. So we thought we could do the same thing - only tweak it to highlight our youth athletes and post-secondary education. Well, if it was not for two people, again outside of Manitoba, this would not happen. Thanks to Sandy Lowe and Lee Wilkins. Finally, how do you deliver the national anthem in a manner fitting to all in attendance? Well we called in a Winnipeg recording artist to do just that. It just happens she was related to Jason Borle, his sister Jodie.

So now, after many hours of research and editing, we were able to convey all of the above information in three separate videos, but at the same time, could not show anyone until Opening Ceremonies.

As we now moved closer to the Opening Ceremonies, the name of the hall, “The Blue Lagoon” did not have that bowling feel. So we renamed the hall to “The Approach - the place where it all starts” All of our guests were welcomed into the hall like the opening of a theatre and seated in theatre seating. The people who have been to previous CYCs knew that this was going to be different. We also felt it important that we invite as many bowlers in our local youth leagues to participate so that they can see the bigger picture and so that their parents can see what bowling has to offer.

Finally, we got down to the introductions of the athletes. In previous years, this was the longest part of the program and usually the most feared. So how do we change that? What was important, what was not? There was a wealth of information on the bowler information sheets. So how do you make this special? Well for this, we turned to a bowler for advice. Perfect games and 800 series are special, and recognize the current or previous
members of Team Canada was also important. What city are they from? Who is making their CYC debut and who has been there before, referring back to the rings of the circus mentioned at the beginning. Finally, how do you get the youth to participate in their opening? Well we offered each province the option to select the song they would like to enter on. After taking all this information and again using Brian McLean's statistics to confirm how many years they have been to the CYCs (provided they medalled) we had an intro. Something would previously take an hour, we got down to twenty minutes.

So finally we were able to put all of this together with an Opening Ceremony that took 45 minutes. One of the most interesting comments came from a parent who was there for the first time, talking to a parent who has been there many times.

“Wow, are Opening Ceremonies always like this?” said the new parent.

“No, Opening Ceremonies are never like this!” replies the experienced parent.

So we continued with this process to make changes to the way things have been done in the past. Every committee lead was challenged to consider: “Can we change anything, or at least one thing, that would make it special?” Well, when you leave that with people and let their creativity come out, the results are outstanding. Here are some examples.

In Transportation, we were dealt with a very sad blow. The person who was responsible for getting school buses suddenly passed away. So now that committee had some challenges. What they came up with was the use of vans instead of school buses. This was not just for transporting people back and forth from the hotel or airport, but also out for lunches or if an errand had to be run. An example of this was a ride to the mall to get a battery for their camera.

In Meals, we were able to serve every athlete in under twenty minutes. Also one of the hits of the event was "taco-in-a-bag". This item almost didn't make it to the menu, but after much discussion, it was agreed to include it. If it is the number one selling item at Winnipeg Jets games and at youth sports tournaments, why could we not have it?

In Photography, we added one thing to the team pictures. We had all the athletes that were competing in the same division have a picture taken together before the event. Usually this is an impossible struggle to get after the banquet.

Part of our approach was to give responsibility for certain tasks to those people who had the best experience and expertise for that task. That is where they excel. Bowling is left to bowlers, Lane operations, is left to lane operations.

As for the Closing Ceremonies, it was not much different from the Opening Ceremonies. The lane was laid down the middle of the hall. The tribute to the sportsmanship awards was in full view at the entrance to the banquet hall. However, once you came into the room and sat at the table, the first item of note to the athletes were the bowling pin centerpieces. Simply amazing! During the ceremony, all of the medal winners would have their names displayed on the four screens, one in each corner of the room. Each team was escorted in by a bagpiper. The perfect game award was awarded to an athlete from Quebec, to the theme song “Mr Perfect”. As for the other athletes, there were t-shirts given out, custom-made Morden chocolates for each athlete. Also, each athlete was given an “uncirculated Lucky Loonie” from 2012. Again, this had an Olympic feel. When Canada had won the gold medal in hockey, there was a loonie buried at centre ice. After the win, it was taken out and
put into the Hockey Hall of Fame. These loonies were placed in special matted cases for each athlete to carry with them as they go from tournament to tournament as a token of these Championships. Finally, there were four athletes who were leaving the youth program because of their age. They, along with their parents, were recognized for the time spent in the youth program.

As all of this concludes, it is extremely important to note and make one last observation. On social media, when our athletes compete, they usually mention the equipment that they use, or the grips that use, clothing sponsorship and more. I would like to first offer a big "Thank You" to the volunteers at league level or any event that the youth participate in, and also to the bowling proprietors. For it was not for them, you could not thank the others.

That being said, to Ats (co-chair) Elaine, Lynne, Shauna, Cathy, Barb, Richard, Eleanor, Peter, Pat, Danielle, Joe and Marissa, the countless number of volunteers, the sponsors (and there were a lot), you have made a difference in this event. Thank you for all of your efforts. The country appreciates it!

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The CYCs - Through My Eyes
by Miranda Panas

When asked to write a short story on the Canadian Youth Championships (CYCs) from an athlete’s perspective, the first theme that came to my mind was ‘friendship.’ Then, after some more thought, I realized that friendship was not a strong enough term to describe what I have felt, as an athlete, over the past few years at CYCs. A more appropriate term would be ‘family.’

This tournament has been one of the most influential tournaments that I have bowled throughout my youth career. Even during my first appearance as a Bantam in 2007, I did not feel unwelcome or out of place. The bowling community has opened a very special place in my heart, filled with some of my best memories. And this year at CYCs was no different; it was filled with good competition, a few hiccups, and new-forming friendships.

As a bowler from Southern Ontario, I am used to a feeling of being welcome in a bowling centre. Our programs are amazingly run and especially in the youth community, we have formed what most of us like to call ‘a bowling family.’

Our team for CYCs was filled with mostly newcomers this year, but that didn’t stop us from bonding right away. As one of the two players returning to the CYCs from our team, I felt responsible for making sure that everyone on my team had a great first experience, just like I did.

We did however, run into a few hiccups along the way. One in particular that stands out was when our Junior boy, Brayden, collapsed during the Doubles event on day 2. This was a fairly traumatizing event for our team and everyone participating in the tournament. As we took a break waiting for the ambulance, we gathered as a
team and worked together to keep our heads up. This was where the friendship and kindness from the bowling community really came into play. I couldn’t count on two hands the number of athletes and parents who came over to our team to ask if we were okay, or if we needed anything. This is an example of why I love this sport so much, because it isn’t just about what happens on the lanes, it’s about the togetherness created between every athlete. Brayden ended up being okay and came back to cheer us on for the rest of Doubles and all of Singles. On a side note, I would just like to add how proud I am of him for sticking that out and still being there to support the team, as not many would have the guts to do that.

On a lighter note, there were also some funny/interesting mishaps and events that took place during this years CYCs. On our team, our main source of entertainment and humour came from our Bantams. As the Senior on our team, I loved seeing our Bantams come out of their shells and interact with not only our team, but with the other bowlers as well. It’s rather difficult to just pick specific moments that were funniest or most entertaining. Speaking for many athletes who attended the CYCs, I would have to say there were memorable events almost every time we were all together - whether it was at the Opening Ceremonies, on the lanes, hanging out in the game room at the hotel, or just hanging out with your team.

To me, youth bowling is something that is seriously underrated. Especially with tournaments such as this one, because it allows bowlers to experience team work in new ways, and allows you to learn more about a team dynamic and about yourself individually as well. It also gives young athletes the opportunity to work with, and learn from, other athletes and coaches.

If I had to pick out my favourite part about the CYCs, I would definitely say the friendships that you form with your fellow competitors. There are many bowlers that I have gotten the opportunity to become very close with because of CYCs, and I am forever grateful for that. Bowling is pretty amazing if you break it down. Athletes
come from all over Canada to toss a ball down 60 feet of synthetic wood at 10 sticks, and have copious amounts of fun while doing it. Although I must admit it’s not always fun and games… There is a lot of competitive spirit, frustration, and sometimes even smacking of ball returns, but despite the frustration, everyone still tries to make the best of the experience and really enjoy themselves (at least I hope they do).

To wrap up, we have a saying here for team Southern Ontario - we are “one team, one family, one goal,” and everyone should be very proud of their hard work and dedication put forward to achieve that goal.

And finally, from all the athletes to the parents, coaches, volunteers, and organizations such as CTF, and Sport Canada who allow these events to happen, we thank you!

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CYC Results Book - Errors/Corrections

At the Awards Banquet, all of the CYC competitors, coaches, and managers were given a USB Flash Drive which contained a PDF file - it was the CYC 2015 Results Book.

We discovered that a number of the flash drives ended up with an unreadable Results Book file. We apologize for that. As well, we also discovered that one of the results pages was missing from that file.

So, if you want a complete, updated Results Book PDF file, you can download it from the CTF website. Here is the link: http://gotenpinbowling.ca/EN/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/2015-CYC-Results-Book2.pdf
YBOWL is going into its 8th camp season. Joining Pro Bowler, Brad Angelo, this year, will be Team Canada’s Head Coach, Tyrel Rose. Each are BOWLU-certified and will bring the fundamental structure of Rick Benoit’s BOWLU philosophy. Don’t miss out on this “outside of the lane” thinking. Camp Dates are August 7 ~ 9th at Bowlerama Barrie.

Friday, August 7th will be a social evening where there is one-on-one time with your BOWLU instructors.

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Here are several recent World Bowling Press Releases that will help to bring you up to date...

**World Bowling Submits Bid for Inclusion in 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games**

*PBA continues long-standing support to win a place in Olympic program*

**CHICAGO (June 11, 2015)** – World Bowling, assisted by the Japan Bowling Congress and the National Bowling Federation of Japan, has filed an official application with the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Organizing Committee to include bowling as a medal sport, and the Professional Bowlers Association will continue to offer its long-standing support to accomplish that goal, Commissioner Tom Clark said Thursday.

World Bowling confirmed Monday that it has completed its formal application to be included in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Bowling is one of 33 sports the Tokyo committee invited to submit applications.

Along with the application form, the Japanese federations collected nearly one million signatures they collected from Japanese bowlers in support of the bid.

“The great international flavor of top players competing today at the highest levels of professional bowling with the PBA, and the PBA’s success as a televised sport on major networks for decades, are two of the best examples of why bowling should be in the Olympic Games,” Clark said.

In support of the World Bowling/Japan effort, Clark said the PBA will provide data regarding its extensive international television exposure and several of the PBA’s most talented players will physically support the venture by participating in a new Round1 World Open July 9-12 in Tokyo. The Round1 tournament will be a showcase for Olympic observers and will feature men’s and women’s singles along with an international mixed doubles event. PBA players who are already committed to the tournament include a distinct international array of talent:

The PBA and Japan bowling community have a cooperative relationship extending back 30 years to the creation of the Japan Cup in 1985, Clark noted. In 2014, the PBA and Japanese bowling leaders created the PBA’s first international regional tournament program and early in 2015, PBA’s Xtra Frame online bowling channel provided its first live international video-streaming coverage of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational.

PBA has provided bowling with a consistent presence on network television since 1962, including packages with ABC, NBC, CBS and CBS Sports Networks, and a continuous relationship with ESPN since 1979. Over the past five years, ESPN has provided 135 hours of PBA programming, including 20 telecasts that reached more than one million viewers. In the past year, ESPN viewership has been up more than 20 percent over the previous year, averaging more than 800,000 viewers per telecast, in part because of growing participation by international players.

In the past two years, the PBA World Series of Bowling has included players from more than 20 different countries. Since the creation of the World Series of Bowling in 2009 and the World Bowling-PBA International Tour in 2012, players from Australia, Colombia, Korea, Finland, Japan, Sweden, England, Venezuela and Denmark have won PBA Tour titles.

ESPN, which is available in 94 million homes in the United States, has expanded bowling’s international exposure throughout the Caribbean, Africa, the Middle East and South America. PBA events aired by Eurosport’s international network have been accessible by 137 million households in 54 countries in 20 languages. The PBA Network’s extensive multi-media distribution system has further improved the sport’s global reach through video-streaming and an array of social media platforms.

“Our application highlights the different elements that make the sport of bowling a great match for the Olympic Games,” World Bowling President Kevin Dornberger said. “Bowling combines top athletic ability with broad accessibility and high participation, for men and women. It’s a lifetime sport that attracts people of all backgrounds and provides long-lasting health benefits.

“Bowling is truly a global sport. Japan boasts a huge bowling community. We have their full support as we enter this pursuit. This is bowling’s time.”

The Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee’s decision is expected in September.

HISTORIC DAY FOR WORLD BOWLING

LAUSANNE, June 22 – Today World Bowling is delighted to count itself among the eight candidate sports on the shortlist to be included in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Already very popular in Japan, with millions of people bowling every year, the inclusion of Bowling in the Tokyo Olympic Games would bring a great added value to the event. The sport of bowling is universal, has an international appeal and is practiced everywhere in the world. As a sport that can be played at all levels, it is a
lifetime sport that relates to a large part of society. Moreover, Bowling has been a unique catalyst to inspire millions of young players and female participation in countries and regions around the world where athletic involvement is limited.

World Bowling are even more eager to showcase their sport after this morning’s decision. From July 9-12, 2015 Tokyo will hold the World Bowling Open, an event that will showcase many of bowling’s best. The event features players from 70 different countries, a combined male and female event and a site-built arena for the finals.

World Bowling’s President Mr. Kevin Dornberger said, “Today is an historic day for our sport. It is an honor to be included on the first shortlist and we look forward to showcasing the best of bowling in the next phases. Bowling encompasses all the core values of the Olympic Movement and the Olympic Games, as a global sport we have the ability to engage with fans and supporters on all levels.”

**Vote for bowling**
The Wall Street Journal-Asia has instituted a poll through its blog section, allowing one to vote for one of the 8 Tokyo shortlist sports. We will send it out to all our global members. Any efforts on your part to get your customers and members to vote for bowling would be greatly appreciated. Visit [http://www.wsj.com/articles/BL-JRTB-20215](http://www.wsj.com/articles/BL-JRTB-20215) and vote for bowling in 2020 Olympics.

For further information, please contact:
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And one more related news item...

Eight sports have been shortlisted to be added for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, Games organizers announced on Monday. Baseball and bowling are among the sports being considered by the Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games in five years.

The eight International Olympic Committee (IOC)-recognized International Federation events were unveiled on Monday, with baseball and softball - which are combined in the nomination list - topping the possible inclusions. Bowling, karate, roller sports, sporting climbing, squash, surfing and martial arts (wushu) have all been shortlisted ahead of September's presentations.

A final decision will be made at the 129th IOC Session in Rio in August 2016.

Air sports, bowls, bridge, chess, dance sport, floorball, flying disc, football, korfball, netball, orienteering, polo, racquetball, sumo, tug of war, underwater sports and waterski and wakeboard failed to make the finalist list.
What Is Tye Up To Now?

Tyrel Rose, CTF's National Head Coach, has a busy schedule, as usual. As you know, he travels a lot, devoting his time not only to our National Teams, but also working toward his quest to develop more coaches and coaching skills across our country. He gave us his schedule for the next several months:

June 27-July 4: Youth PABCON - Panama - Coaches Michael Boroskae and David Poupart attending
July 2-5: NCCP Competition Introduction Course - Chatham, ON (With coach evaluation opportunities available in surrounding areas TBA, prior to course)
July 17-27: Pan Am Games - Mississauga, ON
August 14-16: Team Canada Training Camp - Ladies' Team - Montreal, QC

And in late August and/or early September...
- A week of lessons/clinics in Ontario - dates/locations TBA
- A week of lessons/clinics in Alberta - dates/locations TBA

And in addition to all of the above:
- Revisions to the NCCP Introduction to Competition Course content, in both French and English
- Training and preparation of athletes for upcoming events.

And one last tip from Tye...
- Don't forget to subscribe to Bowling This Month to read monthly articles from me, and other great coaches to improve your game.

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An Update From the Coaching Development Committee

First we reach out to all bowlers across the country to "Like" our Facebook Page - www.facebook.com/ctfcoachdevelopment - where you can find all kinds of insightful posts, tips and videos in regards to coaching, as well as dates of upcoming coaching courses. And we welcome all comments on any of the posts, and hope that you share them with their fellow friends and bowlers.
Six new Professional Development courses are being created over the next 24 months full of content in demand from coaches and athletes alike. They are:

1.) Effective Communication  
2.) Common Technical Corrections  
3.) Understanding the Environment  
4.) Effective Mental Strategies  
5.) Practice vs Competition Coaching  
6.) Two-Handed Bowling  

The first course, Effective Communication, should be ready in early fall of 2015.

**Do you Love the Game? Become a Certified Coach!**  
Remember the youth we inspire today will keep our Legacy alive tomorrow!!

**Blaine Boyle**  
**CTF Director**  
**Coaching Development**  
[blaine.boyle@customtruck.ca](mailto:blaine.boyle@customtruck.ca)

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The Canadian coaching certification model is considered one of the best in the world. Our National Coaching Certification Program encompasses both sport-specific and multi-sport training, which means for bowling coaches, that we learn more than just how to train bowlers to throw the bowling ball better.

Go like CTF’s Facebook page for coach training:  
[www.facebook.com/CTFCoachDevelopment](http://www.facebook.com/CTFCoachDevelopment)

For more information on the NCCP check out their site [www.coach.ca](http://www.coach.ca)

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Letter from a Volunteer Coach

"Today I heard a comment made about me behind my back. I started to turn around and look, but then decided better of it and kept my eyes on the field.

My wife hears things like this more often than I do, because many of you don’t know who she is. She tells me what you say. I have received… angry emails, full of “suggestions,” about who should be playing where and how I… lost that day’s game for the kids. I thought I’d write an open letter to all of you parents, even though I might never send it. I’ll start it this way: “I am a volunteer.”

I’m the one who answered the call when the league said they didn’t have enough coaches. I understand that you were too busy. I have some news for you. I’m not retired. I’m busy too. I have other children and a job, just like you do. Not only do I not get paid to do this – it costs me money. I see you walk up to the game 15 minutes after it started, still dressed for work. Do you know I’ve already been here over an hour? Imagine if you had to leave work early nearly every day. I’ve never seen you at a practice. I’m sure you’re plugging away at the office. But I’m out here, on the field, trying my best to teach these children how to play a sport they love, while my bank account suffers.

I know. I make mistakes. In fact, maybe I’m not even that great of a coach. But I treat the kids fairly and with respect. I am pretty sure they like coming to my practices and games, and without me or someone like me, there’d be no team for them to play on. I’m part of this community too and it’s no picnic being out here on this stage like this. It’s a lot easier back there with the other parents where no one is second-guessing you.

And I also know you think I give my son or daughter unfair advantages. I try not to. In fact, have you ever considered that maybe I’m harder on him than on the others? I’m sure he hears plenty of criticism at school from classmates, who hear it from you at home, about what a lame coach I am. And if, even unconsciously, my kids are getting a slight advantage because I know them better and trust their abilities, is that the worst thing in the world, considering the sacrifice I’m making? Trust me, I want to win too. And if your son or daughter could guarantee we’d do that, I’d give them the chance.

After this game is over, I’ll be the last one to leave. I have to break down the field, put away all the equipment and make sure everyone has had a parent arrive to pick them up. There have been evenings when my son and I waited with a player until after dark before someone came to get them. Many nights I’m sure you’ve already had dinner and are relaxing on the couch by the time I finally kick the mud off my shoes and climb into my car, which hasn’t been washed or vacuumed for weeks. Why bother cleaning it during the season? Do you know how nice it would be if, just once, after a game one of you offered to carry the heavy gear bag to my car or help straighten up the field?

If I sound angry, I’m not. I do this because I love it and I love being around the kids. There are plenty of rewards and I remind myself that while you’re at the office working, your kid is saying something that makes us all laugh or brings a tear to my eye. The positives outweigh the negatives. I just wish sometime those who don’t choose to volunteer their time would leave the coaching to the few of us who do."
Hello everyone. This spring I attended the Canadian Team Trials in Oshawa, Ontario and saw a terrific team put together. The host centre, Leisure Lanes, did a fantastic job. Many thanks to Bob Brace, his family, and an army of volunteers. Also thanks to Cathy Innes, High Performance volunteers, Stan May and Sue Leslie for their efforts in making this year’s tournament a success.

After a short visit with family, I travelled on to Winnipeg, Manitoba for the Canadian Youth Championships. When Darren Naylor proclaimed Winnipeg was going to put on "an event", he wasn’t kidding! The opening ceremonies were fantastic with a bowling lane in the banquet hall instead of a red carpet. The youth bowlers were great and I hope they had as much fun as I did. Thanks to the Tournament Director, Elaine Yamron, they had lots of volunteers and the food was fun (one of the lunches was Tacos-in-a-Bag). Again I would like to thank Jim Lester (Youth Manager) and Stan May (National Office) for their help with the tournament.

The next tournament is another one I am really looking forward to - The Pan Am Games in Toronto. I will be cheering on the 2014 world champion Dan MacLelland, 2014 USBC Intercollegiate Champion Francois Lavoie, 2013 World Championship medalist Isabelle Rioux and Robin Orlikowski who returns after representing Canada at the 2003 Pan Am Games in the Dominican Republic. Good luck Canada (I will have my Lucky Loonie - given to me by the Winnipeg CYC Organizing Committee - in my pocket.)

Our next tournament is our Canadian Mixed Championship tournament in November to be held in Calgary (in conjunction with our Annual Meeting of the Members). This tournament is a fun tournament and I encourage you all to try to make it for our last National tournament this year.

Results can be obtained for any of our tournaments by visiting our website at http://www.gotenpinbowling.ca/
IT'S THE RULE!

Here are some very important issues that have come up recently:

1) **ARTICLE IV - REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS**

Registered Participants are individuals who are engaged in activities that are provided, sponsored, supported or sanctioned by an Association Member and may include, but are not limited to including, recreational and competitive athletes, members of national teams, coaches, officials, event organizers, administrators of provincial/territorial and local associations, and volunteers who serve on club executives, committees and boards of directors.

These volunteers don't have to bowl but they need to be sanctioned.

2) **SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS FOR SANCTIONED BOWLERS**

Submit a completed application to CTF National Office at least three weeks prior to the start of the tournament. Remember, sanction coverage will be granted only if the application is received before the start of the tournament. This process takes approximately seven (7) working days. However, this may take longer in the peak season.

3) For questions regarding any rules, please contact the National Office at ctf@gotenpinbowling.ca.

Also, there have been several questions of late regarding CTF's position on USBC's recent changes to their Sport League rules. As USBC and CTF have a reciprocal agreement regarding averages, CTF will be updating the rules for Sport/Challenge bowling for next season to conform with their rules. Chapter V, CTF Sport Bowling will be revised in the 2015-2016 Playing Rules.

More information to follow.

Charlotte Konkle
CTF Director
Regulatory Chair

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Once again the Canadian Tenpin Federation supports its Youth Bowlers.

For the second year, CTF has awarded two deserving Youth Bowlers each a $1000 scholarship to aid in Post-Secondary education. There were no male applicants this year, so the National Youth Committee decided to award the scholarships to two female athletes.

Presenting the award to Mykaela Mitchell (London Ontario) and Kyra Lester (Sarnia Ontario) is Jim Lester, CTF’s National Youth Director.

Mykaela is a current member of the Canadian Youth Team and has a few Canadian records in her resume. She was the youngest girl to bowl a perfect game at the at the age of 14, she has the highest Junior girl 4-game series of 946, in 2012 at the National Youth Singles event established a 7-game average of 206. She started bowling at the grand old age of 3 and has been bowling in tournaments all over Canada, the United States and Central America.

Kyra got a late start at bowling tenpin, at the age of 4. She has been bowling in Sarnia at Hiway Bowl her entire 14-year career while entering many tournaments in Ontario. In her resume is a 252 game and a couple of 700 series’. Also, she was presented the opportunity to become a Youth Coach during the past season, which she greeted openly, giving back to the program that she had gained so much from. In her own words about coaching: "the gleam in a youth bowler’s eye and wide smile when they make a strike cannot compare to anything".
From the Desk of the High Performance Manager, Cathy Innes

Follow the Canadian Tenpin Federation on Twitter @bowling_news.

The High Performance Unit is looking for a volunteer to lead a committee to handle such things as marketing, promotions, and sponsorship letters for High Performance and Team Canada.

For more info contact: cathyinnes@hotmail.com

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Applications Being Accepted for CTF Director

Do you want to make a difference? Do you want to help guide CTF towards its goals?

If your answer is yes to these questions, we encourage you to consider applying for one of the three CTF Director positions up for election at the CTF Annual Meeting this November. The form and instructions are available on CTF’s website - http://gotenpinbowling.ca/EN/forms-2/ - in the Miscellaneous Forms section.

If being a Director is more than you want to commit to at this time, why not consider being a member of one of CTF’s committees? There are a number of opportunities to get involved at this level. You can contact any CTF Director or Officer, and they will help get you started. Go to the "Contacts" section of CTF’s website for contact information.

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Joanne Walker Keefe and Bob Puttick, former Team Canada members in 1981, will reunite as team members once again after 34 years at this year's PABCON Championships. Rounding out the Super Senior Team will be Hall-of-Famer Jack Brace and Vernie Hilton.
CTF Executives & Coaches 1983

Team Canada 1983
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**

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“Keeping our bowlers connected coast to coast”!

Contact us on Facebook, send us an e-mail, or contact any of our reporters. Be a part of keeping our bowling communities updated on events around the country.

We extend an invitation to all the Local Associations to contact us with news and events from your areas.

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PLEASE NOTE: Our deadline for submission of articles is August 23rd.

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