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Manitoba News Submitted by Dan Tereck

Marissa Naylor - Youth Team Canada

Posted by Chateau Lanes:



Breaking News!

Marissa, Senior youth bowler, is a member of CTF's Youth Team Canada!

After 4 days of competition against the best youth bowlers in Canada, Marissa earned a Bronze Medal and secured her spot on the team. She also finished 11th out of all 58 women bowlers who competed in the tournament.

This is Marissa's first time attending Team Trials and it is obvious she belongs in the winner's circle. Marissa has been an inspiration and role model to our youth bowlers and they will follow and cheer for her as she embarks on this new adventure.

Congratulations on this amazing accomplishment and all the best as you compete internationally and represent our country!

FTA (Foothills Tenpin Association) - Calgary



Dave Lewis & Dave Kist (aka T.O.D. – The Other Dave)

Each year at Bowl Canada's AGM, the coveted Proprietor of the Year awards are handed out for 10 pin, 5 pin and split 5/10 pin centres.

This year, two Alberta centres have received the coveted titles:

- St. Albert for split centres
- Let's Bowl for 10 pin centres

This is the second consecutive year that Calgary's Let's Bowl has been named 10 pin Proprietor of the Year.









The Canadian Youth Championships were held in Kelowna, BC June 1st to 5th and Alberta was well represented this year by:

- Bantam Alexa Hauser & Tommy Ho
- Junior Molly Nimchuk & Dawson Daley
- Intermediate Kaytlynn Insko & Austyn Ducharme
- Senior Gemma Oxley & David Sanchez
- Coaches Ted Bailey, Richard Rogers & Sean Scofield
- Team Manager Carla Bilyea

Congratulations, you all did Alberta proud and brought home an amazing 9 medals and 2 scholarships. Medaling was:

Bronze – Boys Team (Tommy, Dawson, Austyn & David)

Bronze – Junior Girls Singles (Molly)

Bronze – Senior Boys Singles (David)

Bronze – Bantam Boys All Events (Tommy)

Silver – Intermediate Doubles (Kaytlynn & Austyn)

Silver – Bantam Boys Singles (Tommy)

Gold – Intermediate Boys Singles (Austyn)

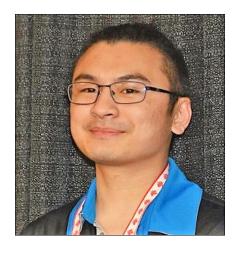
Gold – Junior Girls All Events (Molly)

Gold – Intermediate Boys All Events (Austyn)

Scholarship – Junior Girls (Molly)

Scholarship – Intermediate Boys (Austyn)

Here are a few pictures of our medalists proudly sporting their winning smiles......





















Well, perhaps not all winning smiles – Austyn still has his game face on in this one









Good luck to **Lauraine Fast**, **Lynn Kist**, **Kelly Kruschel** and **Liz Wong** who are headed to Baton Rouge and the 2017 USBC Women's championships in Baton Rouge. The 2018 event is scheduled for Reno



Lynn, Liz, Alleycat, Lauraine & Kelly

News from around the city:

- Canadian Team Trials **Felicia Wong** earned a spot on Team Canada placing 5th this year and just missing out (by 45 pins) of the step ladder to take a run at the championship title.
- The hottest league this year is the "Travel League". It travels amongst 4 different bowling centres and the centres pick the patterns so every week is at a different centre and on a different pattern. The 30 bowler (10 team league) was sold out 2 weeks prior to its start and has continued to receive rave reviews and positive feedback from the participants
- Century Bowl is all set to replace their 30 lanes, approaches and pin decks, with work scheduled to start June 26. FTA has been in touch with the installation crew and will be working alongside them to check and sanction the lanes. In honor of the wood disappearing, Century hosted the Endof-the-wood tournament for its dedicated league members. This 12-game marathon (two patterns and lunch) was won by **Aaron Ahlstrom**

0	1^{st}	Aaron Ahlstrom	5 th	David Sanchez
0	2^{nd}	Tim Williams	6^{th}	Lauraine Fast
0	3^{rd}	Curtis Kruschel	7^{th}	Todd Thull
0	4^{th}	TJ Howard	8^{th}	Mark Daley / Bill Kinnunen (Tie)









- FTA Held their AGM, with the board remaining in place and welcomed the addition of **Liz Wong**.
- FTA's tournament is set for Jan 27 & 28, 2018 and will be held at Let's Bowl
- The 2018 PABCON Tournament is coming to Calgary and we are just setting up the various committees needed to make the event a success. FTA has hosted numerous provincial and national championships over the last 5 years. This will be the first international event for Calgary in many years and we are excited to be the host location we will be looking for volunteers and sponsors.
- Six FTA members are going to tie up their laces and don the mighty maple leaf for Canada at the Tournament of the America's in July. We are rooting for you good luck to:
 - Lauraine Fast
 - Miranda Fisher 1st Team Canada international event
 - **Jarrod Henderson** Youth & 1st Team Canada international event
 - Curtis Kruschel
 - **Kelly Kruschel** 1st Team Canada international event
 - Liz Wong
- 10 of Alberta's 11 USBC Senior representatives are from the FTA and will be headed to Las Vegas to compete Aug 8th to 10th in this handicapped singles tournament. They each earned paid entry, bowling shirts and some expense money to help them travel to Vegas. Good luck to:

0	75 & older	Shirley Green & Jack Green
0	70 to 74	Bill Skorenki
0	65 to 69	Dolly Hogan & Lloyd McDonald
0	60 to 64	Barb Deboni
0	55 to 59	Lauraine Fast & John Banks
0	50 to 54	Kelly Kruschel & Glenn Kalyniuk

Jim Coleman (60-64) from Edmonton also qualified during this ATPA Sanctioned event.

Have a safe and happy summer everyone. See you in the Fall.









Windsor-Essex Chatham-Kent Bowling Association

Submitted by Cathy Wilbur



For the past 27 years our Local Association has hosted a tournament for Seniors called the **Adam Armbruster Senior Fun Tournament**. The Tournament was named in honour of Adam Armbruster, inducted into our Hall of Fame in 1985, and a Lifetime member of our association. Adam was also one of the original founders of the Windsor Essex County bowling association (now Windsor Essex Chatham-Kent bowling association) and the longest standing president of that association (16 continuous years). This is a fun handicap event for senior bowlers who are 50 and older who currently bowl in a league in Windsor, Essex County, or Chatham-Kent. All league bowlers sanctioned or not are welcome to participate. The event runs the first Friday in May at 11am with registration starting at 10am. Each year a different bowling centre hosts the event. Although we prefer advance registration, we allow bowlers to sign up the

morning of the tournament. Bowlers use their highest league average and entry fee is just \$15. The tournament is a 3-game event with high single cash awards each game for men and women. The association provides door prizes, free coffee and donuts to all participants. This event promotes a day for our senior bowlers to mingle and bowl with other seniors. A staple for our Senior Bowlers each season.

Our 5th Annual CITY OF ROSES Pre-Season Tournament is not far off. We are extending invitations to all Ontario CTF Adult members to enter and support this event. This year to encourage pre-paid entries the tournament organizers have implemented a pre-paid entry draw to bowlers to register in advance. Having prepaid entries helps the tournament directors better organize the squads. This tournament will be a great way to get ready for the upcoming bowling season. Last year this tournament paid out over \$5,000 in prize money. City of Roses tournament is offering events for Teams, Doubles, and Singles with Men's, Women's and Mixed divisions. The tournament is scheduled for August 12 and August 13, 2017 with squads at 10am, 2pm and 6pm both days. Bowlers must be at least 19 years of age to participate. It is CTF-sanctioned, and 100% handicap. The host centre, Revs Rose Bowl, is located at 2482 Dougall Avenue, Windsor, Ontario. Entries will close ½ hour before each squad and entry fees are as follows: Team – \$100, Doubles – \$50, and Singles – \$25. Bowlers can pay when they check in. The tournament will be running brackets, a 50/50 draw, and ball raffles. You can mail, email, or fill in an on-line entry form from the WECKBA web site. In the TEAM EVENT 4 bowlers bowl 4 games with handicap and the lowest team game score is dropped. In the DOUBLES EVENT, bowlers roll 4 games with the lowest combined score (scratch and handicap) dropped. 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









News from the Lambton County Tenpin Association

Submitted by Rod Honke

Some photos highlighting the end of the LCTA bowling season. Have a GREAT and SAFE summer! **2016-2017 Year End Highlights**

Marcin Sunday Morning Mens League Champions Cabot



Kyle Skinner, Nathan Gonzalez, Rob Ladenchuk Pat Lacasse, Brandon Gauthier

Marcin Bluewater Monday Night Mens League Champions Bains BBQ



Jason Lapointe, Steve Lewicki, Corey Willemsen Ralph MacDuff, Jim Lapointe







Marcin Bluewater Monday Night Mens League Tournament Champions Watch & See



Tyler Robertson, Jordan Miller, Marcel Lajoie, Corey Lefebvre (Gerry Landon standing in for Vic Horvath)

Hi-Way RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League Champions



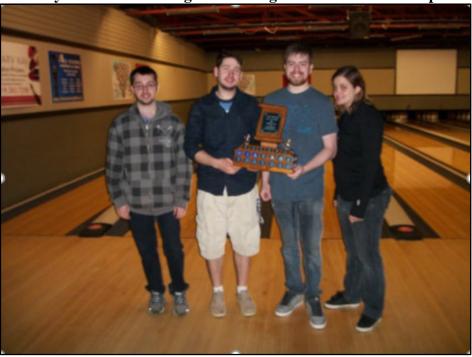
Evelyn White, Cathy Moulon, Andy Luce, Jim Lapointe, Lisa Farrenkopf











Chris Crawley, Brett Zevenbergen, Connor Smith, Colene Koolen

Marcin Border City Mens League Champions TSM Mechanical



Kevin McMillan, Dan Cook, Shane Chipman, Rick Randall









Community Living Sarnia High Rollers League



Front row – Danielle Barnes, Colin George, Kristian Barraclough and Melissa McCaig. These bowlers, who participate in the Community Living Sarnia High Rollers League, received the Doug Reynold's Memorial bowler of the year award. The morning squad winners were Melissa McCaig and Kristian Barraclough and the afternoon squad winners were Danielle Barnes and Colin George. Pictured here with coaches Eleanor Bientema and Sandra Kameka.







Marcin Border City Men's League Tournament Champions Fiddick's Nursing Home



Jim Burgess, Wayne Sarson, Dave Jones, Dan Chopp

Marcin Border City Men's League Awards



High Average Roy Mezzatesta 222



High Series Dan Chopp 781













Sportsman of the Year Dave LeClair

Don't forget the <u>www.lambtoncountytenpinassociation.com</u> has a weekly bowling write up called "Honker's Highlights" found under the box "More"

Hamilton Tenpin News

Submitted by Jim Margueratt

Hamilton area bowlers achieved perfection 18 times in the 2016 - 2017 season with **Lionel Lewis Jr.** dealing three 300 games in less than three weeks. With a pair of 300 games each were **Aaron Bouchard**, **Mick Anderer**, **Ian Colby**, **Ryan Dickenson** and **Travis Cauley**. The five other 300 games were rolled by **Roy Katz**, **Steve Ferguson**, **Steve Smith**, **Bill Lishinski** and the lone woman on the list, **Shawna Prieur**.

Close calls with 299's were Mark Ward, Roy Katz, Travis Cauley, Stephen Born, Kevin Kartonchik, David Novak, Bruce Tyler & Bill Lishinski and with 298 were Kris Berry & Brian DeFrancisco. The magic 800 was rolled five times by Ryan Dickenson 827, Len Garinger Jr. 816, Lionel Lewis Jr. 807, Richard Parker 803 and when Bill Lishinski rolled his 299 he was happy as it gave him an even 800 triple.

The above was the good news in Hamilton & District Tenpin Bowling, but the sad news was Bowlerama Stoney Creek closing their doors for the last times after 58 years with the Lucky Strike Farewell Sweeper. It was held in the memory of the late manager **Bill Ciach** who was in charge from April 8, 1968 until 1992 when **Bruce Cockburn** took over. Ciach rolled a perfect 450 game there on October 24, 1976 and Cockburn tallied a pair of 300 games on those 12 lanes.

Lucky Strike Lanes, as it was known for many years, opened in 1959, and the name changed to Bowlerama Stoney Creek in 1968. Bill Ciach passed away in 1997 and his legacy lives on with son **Joe Ciach**, a renowned national & international bowler, and daughter **Valerie Ciach-Link**, who both have fired perfect 300 games. At









one time this 24-lane split house was located in both Hamilton & Stoney Creek, as the border was between lanes two & three. This leaves University lanes in Dundas as the last split house in the area.

The Sweeper attracted some of the top Southern Ontario bowlers from former manager Bruce Cockburn, who drove in from Chatham, Hall of Famer **Al Tone**, and former A.M.F. World Champion **Kerrie Ryan-Ciach**, wife of co-organizer Joe Ciach, who along with his sister Valerie grew up in the house next door. Val said some nights Joe used to sneak over to bowl in his pajamas. Also in attendance was Joe & Val's mother **Barbara Ciach**. Joe & Kerrie live in Mississauga & Val & Barb in Cayuga.

Taking the first place prize of \$500 was **Jordan Klassen** who fired games of 226, 207, 217,243 & 268 for 1161 to win by 20 pins over Joe Ciach and his games of 197, 258, 242,229 & 215. **Russell Serwetnyk** was third, **Tyler Lee** fourth and **William Russell** was fifth on the strength of a near perfect 298 game. Al Tone averaged 200 with a 235 high and Val Ciach-Link averaged 199 with a 235 & 234.

In 58 years these lanes have seen eight perfect 300 games by **Bruce Cockburn** & **Roy Katz** with a pair, and single 300's by **Phil Morris**, **Gord Howarth**, **Al Tone** & **Val Ciach-Link**. There has never been an 800 triple by a local bowler with **Corey Raymer** high at 791 followed by a pair of 783's and a 781 by others. There was an 800 bowled there by **Rory Kalanquin**, 18, of Michigan in a Youth Tournament in 1998.

A few days after Bowlerama closed, **Joe Ciach** competed in the CTF Senior Championships in Montreal. And for the 15th, time has made the Canadian adult or senior team and will be heading to the World Senior Championships in Munich Germany in August. **Val Ciach-Link** had the honour of throwing the last balls down the lanes and threw three solid strikes. Now this popular Stoney Creek venue sits empty, waiting to be levelled so condos can take over. At one time there were three bowling houses in Stoney Creek. Now there are none.

HAMILTON TENPIN TRIVIA:

- With Bowlerama Stoney Creek closing, the remaining Hamilton & District Tenpin lanes still operating are Skyway Lanes, Splitsville Hamilton, Splitsville Burlington, Burlington Bowl, Star Lanes and University Lanes. Five pin lanes are University Lanes, Martins, Mountain and Sherwood Centre.
- These Lucky Strike lanes are not the first in Hamilton. In the early 1900's there were Lucky Strikes Lanes in downtown Hamilton. Other lanes from many years ago are Arrow, Crown, Albertonian, Bar Ott, Beach Road, Brant, Bulmers, Central, Commercial Club, Dundas, Midtown, Co-Op, Dofasco, Grand, Iron Duke, Kenilworth, MacDonalds, Mohwak, Olympia, Ottawa, Pla-Mor, Queenston, Park Lanes, Roberts, Robinson, Strand, Tivoli, Y.M.C.A., Winston Hall and Winter Gardens.
- The first 300 in the world as recognized by the USBC and CTF was rolled by **Frank Young** on February 1, 1881 in Hamilton. According to a local paper from later in 1881, a Frank Young died as a result of an accident. The same, Frank Young? Maybe.

To all ten pin bowlers in Canada, have a happy 150th. birthday party, a safe & happy summer and see you on the lanes in September.









Northern Ontario News

Submitted by Brian McLean

Two Provincial Championships Conclude at Mario's

Finishing a fantastic weekend of bowling at Mario's on Sunday April 30th, the annual Northern Ontario 10 Pin World Cup Provincials was rolled with 15 men and four women taking to the lanes.



Lyndzie Dawson-Guay came out on top for the women with an 8-game total of 1700 for a 36-pin win over **Nicole Walker** who has been at the World Cup five times, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2015 and is the 2016 defending champion. Guay represented Northern Ontario at two other Nationals, 2006 and 2012. Wlaker had the high game for the ladies with a 257.

On the mens side, **Mike Makela**, who last week won the 2017 Northern Ontario Open, ran the stepladder finals from the third spot with a 1779 eight-game qualifying score for his first Provincial World Cup Championship and will now join Dawson-Guay in Winnipeg in July.

In the first game, Makela and **Chris Barbini**, (1797) both started the match with eight strikes when Barbini followed with two splits. Makela threw the ninth strike then split in the tenth for a 265-244 win. In the semi-final match against the top qualifier, **Aaron Craig**, who shot a 1802 total, Makela's 256 to 233 win set up the final game. As the top qualifier, Craig had to be beaten twice. Makela continued to strike for a 242 to 236 win and the title. Craig was the provincial champion in 2014. The high game was rolled by **Joe Kolodziejczak** in the last game but was still 23 pins shy of the third spot.









Saturday was the first of two Northern Ontario Provincial Championships. The four bowler team of **Derek Scaffer, Mitch Parker, Tera Henry** and **Shannon Nakonechny** will travel to Winnipeg in July for the Bowl Canada Team Cup. Parker led the team with a five game total of 1196, that included a 279 in game five. Scaffer was on his heels with a 1116 that also included a 279 in game four.



Three of the four bowlers have been to the Nationals before, when it was called the National Classified Championships. Shannon Murray Nakonechny won a National Bronze in 2012. Derek Shaffer has two National medals; a bronze in 2012 and a silver in 2013 with current teammate Mitch Parker.









CTF - CANADIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS



Canadian Youth Championships

The Canadian Youth Championships (CYC) were held at McCurdy Bowling Centre, in Kelowna, BC, with opening ceremonies on Thursday, June 1st, and the competition taking place from June 2nd-4th. There was some great bowling with a near-record number of tie-breakers needed in order to determine all of the medal winners.

To see all of the results, you can visit the CTF website. Here's the link to take you directly there: http://gotenpinbowling.ca/EN/canadian-youth-championships-results/

And, here are a few pictures from the event:







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US BOWLING TEAMS UP WITH ITALY COMPANY ON STRING MACHINES

A few months after purchasing Murrey International, US Bowling Corporation has become a major shareholder of Power Gamma, SRL in Poviglio, Italy. Power Gamma is a noted electronics and manufacturing company that is bringing 24-volt technology to the bowling business.

Over the last six years, Power Gamma has been developing a state-of-the-art 24-Volt String Machine and a 24-Volt Conversion Kit for AMF 82-70 and 82-90XL machines. The company debuted both the string machine and the conversion kits at the 2016 International Bowl Expo in Las Vegas.

It has been Power Gamma's goal to design electronically controlled 24-volt technology that would provide bowling center owners with substantial savings on their electrical expenses. "After years of development and testing, Power Gamma has created that technology," said David Frewing, President of US Bowling Corporation, "and we are so proud to be a part of it."

Many centers today are being built with fewer lanes and thus do not need a full-time bowling technician, Frewing noted. "Our string machines are now the perfect choice for these centers," he said. "With drastically reduced power consumption and no need for a full-time service technician, US Bowling will put real dollars back into the bowling center's bottom line."

Frewing called the string machine "the safest pinsetting machine in the world. With only 24 volts supplied to the machines, it makes servicing them much safer." It also positions US Bowling as a leader in green technology.

Both 24-volt systems will continue to be manufactured in Poviglio, providing US Bowling and Power Gamma two primary points of distribution for the world market.

Poviglio is located in north-central Italy in the province of Reggio Emilia.

This article Courtesy of Bowlers Journal International Cyber Report.











Canadian Team Trials

The Canadian Team Trials were held from May 19-22, 2017 at Laurentian Lanes in Montreal, QC. And it was quite an affair, with 109 Men and 58 Women competing for a coveted spot on Team Canada.

After 4 days of competition, ending in stepladder finals for both the Adult Men and Women, here are the teams, and the medal winners:

Youth Boys Team
Jakob Bowden - Ontario - GOLD
Samuel Demers - Quebec - SILVER
Gavin Sum - Ontario - BRONZE
Marc-Antoine Caron - Quebec
Austyn Ducharme - Alberta

Senior Men Team
Joe Ciach - Ontario - GOLD
Fred Phillips - Ontario - SILVER
Richard Lafleur - Quebec - BRONZE
Conn Casey - Ontario

Adult Men Team
Francois Lavoie – Quebec – GOLD
David Simard – Quebec – SILVER
Zach Wilkins – Ontario – BRONZE
Dan MacLelland – Ontario
Mitch Hupé – Manitoba
Art Oliver Jr – Ontario

Youth Girls Team Mykaela Mitchell - Ontario - GOLD Dakota Faichnie - Ontario - SILVER Marissa Naylor - Manitoba - BRONZE

Brittney Rocan - Manitoba Tiffany Griffith - Ontario

Isabelle Rioux – Quebec

Senior Women Team
France Joubert - Quebec - GOLD
Sharon Tataryn - Manitoba - SILVER
Jill Clendenning Friis - Ontario - BRONZE
Laurie Griffith - Ontario

Adult Women Team

Valerie Bercier – Ontario – GOLD

Maude Demers – Quebec – SILVER

Andréanne Blouin – Quebec – BRONZE

Miranda Panas – Ontario

Felicia Wong – Alberta

To see all of the results, visit CTF's website. http://gotenpinbowling.ca/EN/ctt-results/

And for those of you who didn't see the press releases regarding the teams, here they are:

Francois Lavoie and Valerie Bercier take GOLD at Canadian Team Trials May 2017













Valerie Bercier - Gold Medal Canadian Champion

Valerie obtained Gold at Team Trials to make the 2018 Team. Valerie is no rookie to the team as this is her 5th time representing Canada. Bercier has several medals representing Canada and was on the 2016 Team to help qualify Canada to the Combined Worlds to be held this November in Las Vegas. Valerie will be representing Canada at World Games in July 2017.

Valerie resides in Derry NH, but is formerly from Brampton, Ontario

Francois Lavoie - Gold Medal Canadian Champion

Francois obtained Gold at Team Trials to make the 2018 Team. Francois has been on the Canadian Team 5 Times. Francois has many medals representing Canada and last year was the first Canadian to win the US Open, with a televised 300 in the Step Ladder. Francois also was named PBA Rookie of the Year. Francois will be representing Canada at World Games in July 2017.

Francois resides in Wichita, KS, but is formerly from Quebec City, QC













<u>Full Results:</u> http://gotenpinbowling.ca/EN/ctt-results/ Check it out! <u>Day 4 Video</u>



Joining Ladies National Champion Valerie Bercier of Derry, NH, Miranda Panas of St. Catharines, Ont, Felicia Wong of Calgary AB, Andreanne Blouin of Montreal QC, Isabelle Rioux of Trois-Rivieries QC, and Maude Demers of Joly QC

Left to right starting in back row



Rounding out the Men's National Team with Francois Lavoie of Wichita, KS, Mitch Hupé of Winnipeg MB, Zach Wilkins of Barrie ON, David Simard of Granby QC, Dan Maclellend of Kitchener ON, Art Oliver Jr. of Hamilton ON Right to Left starting in back row











Jakob Bowden and Mykaela Mitchell take Gold for Team Canada 2018 Youth Team



Mykaela Mitchell Gold Medal Canadian Youth Champion

Mykaela obtained Gold at Team Trials to make the 2018 Youth Team. Mykaela has been on the Youth Team 5 times and is currently on the ladies 2017 Team. She has won several medals while representing Canada and has set the bar with many Canadian Records. Mykaela was honoured with The Bowler of the Year for Youth Girls for 2016 for the second year in a row.

Mykaela resides in London, Ontario

Jakob Bowden Gold Medal Canadian Youth Champion

Jakob obtained Gold at Team Trials to make the 2018 Youth Team. This is Jakob's 3rd term on the Canadian Team. He has had many successes representing Canada and since switching to a two-handed delivery he is becoming a force to be reckoned with. Jakob was honoured with The Bowler of the Year for youth Boys for 2016 which he shared with fellow teammate Mitch Hupé

Jakob resides in Barrie, Ontario















Joining the Youth National Champion Mykaela Mitchell of London ON, Brittney Rocan of Lorette MB, Dakota Faichnie of Innisfil ON, Marissa Naylor of Winnipeg MB, Tiffany Griffith of Kitchener ON



Rounding out the Youth National Team with Jakob Bowden of Barrie ON, Austyn Ducharme of Winnipeg MB, Samuel Demers of Joly PQ, Gavin Sum of Markham ON, Marc-Antoine Caron of Quebec City PQ













The Senior Women Team: Sharon Tataryn, Laurie Griffith, France Joubert, Jill Clendenning-Friis



The Senior Men Team: Richard LaFleur, Fred Phillips, Joe Ciach, Conn Casey











The World Games

July 20-30, 2017 Wroclaw, Poland

What are The World Games? From their website - www.theworldgames.org

"Competitions at the highest level in a multitude of diverse, popular and spectacular sports make up the mainstay of The World Games. Sports practiced on land, in the air, in and on the water, all concur in the pursuit of "Faster, Higher, Stronger". At quadrennial intervals, in the years following the Games of the Olympiad, the world's best athletes in these sports unite in their common search for excellence during The World Games. As the pinnacle in the competition calendar and as a highly visible stage for top athletes to perform on, The World Games generate worldwide exposure for the participating sports and athletes alike."

And representing Canada in the Bowling competition?

For the Ladies, it is

Valerie Bercier - resides in Derry NH, formerly Toronto, Ontario

Miranda Panas - St. Catharines, Ontario













And for the Men, it is:

Francois Lavoie - resides in Wichita, KS formerly Quebec City, Quebec

Dan Maclland - Kitchener, Ontario



Dan, along with his partner, Lynne Gauthier won a silver medal in the Doubles Event at The World Games held in Cali, Columbia in 2013. Canada has won 11 medals since the beginning of World Games.

We wish them good luck, and good bowling!







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President's Message Brian McMaster

I have been communicating with members throughout the year about big and small issues and I truly believe that this type of communication helps us move forward and lets the members know we care.

I attended the Niagara tenpin bowling association's annual meeting a month ago and received a lot of good information. Niagara has a new president Brian Stanoff replacing Charlotte Konkle who retired as president to concentrate more on the OTBA and CTF. I have noticed since attending local annual meetings that the attendance by it members have been very low. It is hard to get good feed back by your members if they do not attend these meetings. I will be attending the OTBA annual meeting June 18th.

I was in Montreal in May for the Canadian Team Trials at Laurentian Lanes. I also attended the Canadian Youth Championships in June at McCurdy Bowl in Kelowna. This year, for the first time, both tournaments were live-streamed and the bowlers loved it because it allowed family and friends who could not attend, to watch the competition on their computers. These tournaments did not disappoint. There was a lot of excitement at the CTT where our Adult, Youth, and Senior teams were decided for the 2018 season. The CYC had 8 provinces and 64 youth bowlers in all age divisions bowling on 3 difficult oil patterns. This tournament is great for our youth bowlers because it will make them better bowlers and give them a better understanding on what to expect when they go to the Canadian Team Trials to compete for a spot on the team in the future. There were lots of tie-breakers to determine champions. But in my mind, all of these youth are champions and it was great to see everyone having a good time. If you would like to know more information about all the medal winners go to our website, www.gotenbowling.ca

This year our Annual meeting will be held in Windsor, Ontario on Saturday, Nov 18th. The Open Forum takes place on the evening of Friday, Nov 17th. The Canadian National Championships tournament that we run in conjunction with the Annual Meeting starts Thursday, Nov 16 and runs through to Sunday, Nov 19. Entry forms are available on our website.

CTF had an electronic Directors Meeting in June to discuss the strategic plan and where we are at through our committees. Our Awards Committee believes that it is time for change and we are looking at different options for awards because the chevrons are out-dated and many people really do not want them. We do have a lot of different types of awards and this is going to take time but this is important to our members and we will be meeting again to discuss new award ideas.

There is one person to be inducted into the Hall of Fame but because it has not been announced you will have to wait and see who that person is. The 2018 Canadian National Championships and our Annual Meeting will be held in November in Winnipeg.

Cathy Innes has been working very hard in High Performance. We are thrilled to announce that CTF has been chosen to host the 2018 PABCON Seniors Tournament which will be held in Calgary, Aug 17-27 2018. Cathy has also picked up some new sponsors for CTF. **FlipGive** is one of those - go to our website, click on the FlipGive fundraiser, and it will give you all the information. When you buy online, we get a small percentage from the sale. **Entripyshops** is another new sponsor. You can purchase all kinds of different things with the CTF logo including tee-shirts, hoodies, and so on. Again, just go to our website, and click on the Entripyshops







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fundraiser. Last, but certainly not least, **Expedia** will be sponsoring CTF. We look forward to working with all of our new sponsors.

And finally, last year CTF did a pilot project for String-pin. CTF is very excited to announce that this year we have approved string-pin bowling from coast to coast. Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article by Dave Kist, who headed up the string-pin project. His article will give you a lot more information about this.

Thankyou everyone, for your continued support of CTF!

String-Pin Centres/Bowlers To Be Sanctioned Submitted by Dave Kist

We have our first full season in the books for the string pin pilot program and are pleased to report that there were no major challenges or issues regarding averages or scores.

The key issue / concern with string pin sanctioning has been a "fear" that averages and scores will be considerably higher, creating a number of fall out concerns:

- Honour score awards become devalued as it is easy to obtain one
- CTF award costs would sky rocket, as the number of awards would significantly increase
- Average integrity concerns for handicap tournaments

It has becoming evident that today's string pin bowler in todays' bowling centres are actually at no advantage or disadvantage when competing against free-fall machine bowlers. No different than any other bowling centre in the world, the bowlers' ability to score is driven largely by:

- the centre maintenance program
- the mechanic's ability to maintain the machines according to manufacture & association specs
- lane pattern / oiling machine

We all know and experience variations in bowlers' averages and scoring between centres today – in some cases as much as 20 pins is common. Why is this? It's plain and simple, it is how the centre maintains its operations:

- Are the pins 2 or 3 years old?
- Do they oil just before a league or first thing in the morning?
- Are leagues double shifted on the same pattern?
- Are centres utilizing an easy rec shot or perhaps a more difficult one? (Example USBC has 9 levels of rec patterns red, white and blue, with 3 in each and each pattern is progressively harder.
- Are the pins being set on spot & in accordance with the rules of bowling / manufacturers specs
- Are the lanes within proper specs

So what is the bottom line?

- String pin scoring will be slightly higher due to "string pulls", but it is not significant enough to alter the game
- Centre maintenance will have a more significant impact on scoring than string pin does, no different than the existing environment
- Bowling centres are closing at a very rapid rate 14% in just the last 7 years







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- Centre operating costs are now a MAJOR factor
- Mechanics to fix the free fall machines are nearly impossible to come by
- Centres keeping "break down" lanes for leagues no revenue for these lanes
- Parts continue to climb
- Centres trying to buy machines from centres closing and utilize as many parts from them as possible
- Most maintenance requirements are US\$'s so costs have increased
- US\$ in Sept 2010 = \$1.03, now \$1.35 (Bank of Canada) a 31.1% increase, due to exchange rates data period to line up with centre closing data above

The FACTS:

- CTF needs bowling centres for our members to play in
- Real Estate values climbing
- More profitable to sell now, then to continue operating
- Lease / Rent rates are issues
- Centre operating costs skyrocketing
- CTF needs to work WITH proprietors to do whatever we can to lower costs for centres and ultimately for our members to participate
- The question is not **should** we sanction string pin bowling, it is a question of **when** will we sanction string pin bowling
- From the 16/17 season, with an average of only 4.36 leagues per centre, 34.8 members per league and 148.3 league bowlers per centre

The String Pin Committee recommended and motioned the Board to approve the launch of sanctioning for string pin bowling coast to coast in Canada. We will need to maintain an asterisk for averages (recognized only in Canada) in order to comply with USBC until they also approve sanctioning of string pin pinsetters or we obtain USBC agreement to recognize the string pin averages.

On June 10, 2017 the CTF Board voted unanimously in favour and made history by being the first country in the world to recognize and sanction string pin bowling. We look forward to welcoming the new bowlers to our organization.

Coaching Development Submitted by Blaine Boyle

Just a reminder to all provinces that all Coaches attending the Canadian Youth Championships in 2018 will need to have completed the Introduction to Competition course, <u>and be certified</u>. If you are not sure of your current qualifications, you can contact myself, Blaine Boyle, at <u>blaineb@sasktel.net</u> and I will be able to tell you your current status in regards to the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) and what further training/education may be needed.

The CTF Coaching Development Committee is compiling a list for each province of their coaches and qualifications. If any associations would like a copy please feel free to email me.







CTF Director Nominations Wanted!

CTF will be holding its Annual Meeting on November 18, 2017 in Windsor, ON. At that meeting, there will be an election to fill three Director positions that will be open on Jan. 1, 2018 for a 3-year term.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in making a difference and becoming a Director, please fill out the Director Nomination form. All provincial and local associations will be sent a reminder letter about this and we want all of our registered participants to be aware of this opportunity.

The application form is available for viewing and downloading on the CTF website (gotenpinbowling.ca). The form is in English and French in the Miscellaneous section and is called "CTF Director Application". Please forward it to the Nominating Chairperson.

Charlotte Konkle CTF Nominating Chairperson

CTF Announces New Sponsors and Opportunities to Save

FlipGive is an online shopping site where a portion of purchases is returned to CTF in the form of Donations. For example, purchases from WalMart, Indigo, Amazon, and many others that we use in our daily life. Click on the link below to check it out.









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Entripy is where you purchase CTF spirit wear, including shirts, hoodies, bags, etc. You receive free shipping in Canada, and 10% off your first purchase.

And if anyone is interested in purchasing a bulk order (e.g. proshops, or team uniforms), we can set them up as a shop owner and receive bulk pricing. We can supply posters as well.











What Really Happened?



The Answer for last issue's "What Happenned?"...

** This was Grass Roots Bowling at its finest. A little four-year-old, with a 6-pound ball and a dinosaur ramp... So cute!

By the way, the pins are: 4-5-6-7-10. The parents have requested her picture not be published <smile> **







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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

British Columbia Tenpin Federation	http://www.bctenpin.ca/	
Note: *recently relaunched and renamed*		
Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan	http://www.saskbowl.com/	
Canadian Lakehead BA	http://www.tenpin.org/cltba.html	
Capital District BA	http://www.cdtba.com/	
Greater Montreal Tenpin BA (under	http://www.quillesmontreal.ca/	
construction)		
Greater Toronto BA	http://www.gttba.ca/	
Hamilton District Tenpin BA	http://www.hamiltonbowling.org/	
Kelowna Tenpin BA	http://www.ktbatenpin.ca/	
Kingston Tenpin BA	http://www.kingstontenpin.ca/	
Lambton County Tenpin Association	http://www.lambtoncountytenpinassociation.com/	
London & District BA	http://www.ladtpba.ca/	
Manitoba Bowling Association	http://www.bowlingmanitoba.ca/	
Manitoba Tenpin Federation	http://www.mbtenpinfed.com/	
Niagara Tenpin BA	http://www.ntba.ca/	
Ontario Tenpin BA	http://www.otba.ca/	
Regina Tenpin BA	http://www.reginatenpin.ca/	
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Windsor Essex BA	http://www.weckba.com/	
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YBOWL - Youth Bowling	http://www.ybowl.com/	







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