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Manitoba News  
Submitted by Dan Tereck

Brad Halama – 1st Career 200 Game



Congratulations to **Brad Halama** on bowling his first career 200 game!

On Monday, Feb 27th, in the Laverendrye #2 League at Laverendrye Lanes, Brad accomplished this in his 2nd game of the night – It was a 208 game.

And, as an added bonus, he also rolled his first-ever clean game!!

Well done Brad!

Doug Ross Shoots 300 Game and 800 Series

On Sunday, Feb 24th, in the Sunday Nite Mixed League at Laverendrye Lanes, **Doug Ross** rolled an 810 series, along with a 300 game in the mix. His games were 266, 244, and 300.

Ross mentioned that he was on lanes 3 & 4, and used a Hammer Black Widow Gold ball.

Wow!! Congratulations Doug !!





## Helen Fenk – First Career 300 Game



Congratulations to **Helen Fenk**, who rolled her first-ever 300 game !!

It happened on Monday, Feb 11th, in the Laverendrye II League at Laverendrye Lanes.

The picture shows that it was her first game of the night. What a start!

Enjoy the ride Helen!!

## Manitoba Masters Tournament – 2019

By Johnathan Domingo

The 2019 Manitoba Masters has come and gone.

First off, thank you to Laverendrye Lanes and staff for all of your support! Thank you to Jason Borle and Wheel Fix it for sponsoring a free entry into next year's tournament for the highest non-cashing spot.

Today was filled with a lot of excitement and a sold-out field. We had 25% of our field as first-timers, which is always awesome! They all bowled 4 games on the USBC Blue 3 pattern. Leading the way was Liam Naylor who finished with a 949 total after 4. The 16th spot went to Sean Coutts who finished with a 779.

All advancers bowled two-game total pinfall matches in a bracket style format. There were a variety of scores and they provided a lot of excitement.

In our first semi-final finish, Dan Tereck struck on all three balls in the tenth to beat Liam Naylor by 2 pins. In our second semi-final match, Danielle Lemoine needed the last strike of the match to force a tie against Jason Borle. Unfortunately she got nine and came up 1 pin short.





This set up a Jason vs Dan final. It also set up a chance for Dan to continue his streak of being undefeated in this tournament and the only champion. Dan took the lead after the first game. But a key ball change allowed Jason Borle to start striking. Jason ended up bowling a 229 in game 2 to Dan's 178 giving Jason a 402-372 victory over Dan.

Congratulations to **Jason Borle** (picture shows Mike Schmidt presenting Jason with his 1<sup>st</sup> place prize) on becoming the 2019 Manitoba Master and 2<sup>nd</sup>-ever champion of the event.

We thank you all for your support of this event. Myself and Michael Schmidt want to make it better each and every year. We look forward to a hopefully bigger and better version of the masters in 2020!



To see a complete detailed listing of all of the scoring of this event, it is available on the WTBA/MBA Website. Here's a shortlink to the appropriate page: <https://wp.me/P80NLQ-kl>

### 61<sup>st</sup> Marinelli Singles Tournament



The 61<sup>st</sup> edition of this prestigious tournament was held on March 16-17, 2019. This two-day scratch event starts with 8 games of qualifying to determine the top 16 who will advance to the match-play finals on Day 2. As always, this event is held at two separate bowling centres.

This year, Day 1 qualifying took place at Chateau Lanes. After the dust settled, it was Mike Schmidt who qualified in 1<sup>st</sup> place, with a total pinfall of 1834. The "cut" (16<sup>th</sup> place) was "Plus 2" (1602 total pinfall).

Day 2 was held at Laverendrye Lanes. There is no carryover of pinfall from Day 1. There are two Divisions, with each Division having a round-robin of 7 games of match-play, and then the 8<sup>th</sup> game is a position round of all the bowlers. It is match-play – for every game won, the bowler receives 20 bonus pins. At this point, the top 5 advance to the Stepladder Finals.

This year's Marinelli Champion is **Earl Sobotkiewicz**. He was seeded 1<sup>st</sup> in the stepladder and defeated Jason Borle in an exciting title match, 213 to 197.

To see all of the details of the tournament, visit the WTBA/MBA website. Here is a shortlink to the appropriate page: <https://wp.me/P80NLQ-kl>



## Manitoba Provincial Youth Team

Here are the Gold Medal winners from our CTF Youth Provincials held on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at Chateau Lanes. They will represent Manitoba at the Canadian Youth Championships being held in Edmonton, Alberta from May 30 to June 4, 2019.



Front Row L-R: Bantam Girl – **Grace Burton**, Junior Girl – **Rhea Amante**, Senior Boy – **Tyler Groening**, Junior Boy – **Preston Molinski**, Bantam Boy - **John de Leon**  
Back Row L-R: Senior Girl – **Marissa Naylor**, Intermediate Boy – **Evan Gauthier**, Intermediate Girl – **Kristen Jolly**.

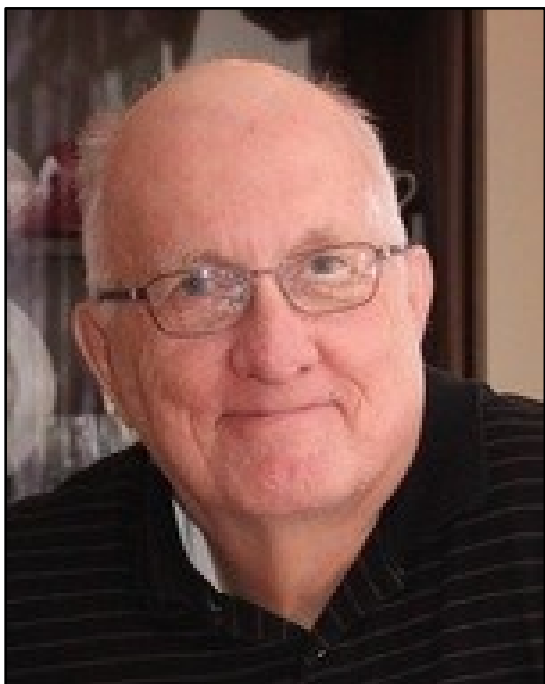
Congratulations to everyone and best of luck at the 2019 Canadian Youth Championships.

**Late-breaking news:** Due to a scheduling conflict, Marissa Naylor is unable to attend the CYC. The Silver Medal winner, **Brittney Rocan**, will be taking her place.

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## Hamilton News



For those of you who may not have heard, **Jim Margueratt**, who faithfully reported on Hamilton bowling news in each issue of the CTF Connection, passed away suddenly on Feb 3, 2019. Jim was known as “Mr. Bowling” in the Hamilton area (everybody knew Jim). Not only was he a bowler, but he made sure that everything that happened in the Hamilton bowling community was documented and reported on. He was a bowling historian, especially for the Hamilton / Ontario region, and seemed to revel in remembering bits of trivia as it related to Hamilton bowling. Every one of his reports in the CTF Connection over the past 8 or 9 years concluded with a few fun trivia facts! Jim was friendly, outgoing, and easy-to-like. I first met Jim at one of the CTF Annual General Meetings held out East, and immediately felt a connection to him. Although most of our communication was via email, his personality came through loud and clear. Most of our discussions centred around bowling, but he had a love of the Hamilton Tiger Cats, and the Toronto Maple Leafs, and a good-natured rivalry developed between us as I always rooted for the Bombers and the Jets – and let him know that! I will miss our discussions.

Jim also supplied us with a lot of material for the Throwback section of the CTF Connection – only a small portion of which we have used so far. We plan on continuing to use that material for many issues to come – in Jim’s honour.

I have included Jim’s obituary here as a tribute to him, and following that, to show how far-reaching his reputation had extended, I also included two items from a US-based international newsletter where Jim’s passing was mentioned.

Rest in Peace Jim !

### **MARGUERATT, Robert James “Jim” (17 October 1943 – 3 February 2019)**

Robert James “Jim” Margueratt passed away suddenly on Sunday, February 3, 2019, in his 76<sup>th</sup> year. He was pre-deceased by his parents Allan and Bernice, and is survived by his brother and best friend, Edward. He will be missed by his sister-in-law Sandra, her mother Norma, his two nieces, Denise and Jeanette (Wade) and very special grand nieces Ava and Paige. He loved his family, 10 pin bowling and was a Ticat season ticket holder for almost 40 years. Jim went to work for Hoover Canada on a part-time basis and retired almost 40 years later. He was a member of the Warplane Heritage Museum and was hoping to get his flight in the Lancaster bomber this year. Jim was Publicity Director for the Hamilton and District Ten Pin Association for many years, and was a proud member of the Association’s Hall of Fame. He knew almost everything there was to know about the history of 10 pin bowling in Hamilton. Often referred to as ‘Mr. Bowling’ in the Hamilton area, he was the





contributor in the Hamilton Spectator's "On the Lanes" Amateur Scene feature. As per his wishes, private cremation has taken place. A visitation will be held at SMITH'S FUNERAL HOME, 1167 Guelph Line (one stoplight north of QEW), BURLINGTON, 905-632-3333, on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 from 3-5pm and 7-9pm. A Service of Remembrance will be held at Fifty United Church (1455 Highway 8, Winona, ON), on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 11:00am. Interment at Fifty Cemetery (Winona Fifty), followed by a Reception in the Church Hall. As an expression of sympathy, donations in memory of Jim to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

And here are the articles from the other publication I referred to.

From BJI Cyber Report #1042, published Feb 8/19:

\* Jim Margueratt, an International Bowling Media Association member from Canada, passed away suddenly last week. Margueratt regularly attended International Bowl Expo and the USBC Convention, and was something of a historian on Canadian bowling. "Jim has always been an involved and active member of the IBMA, and along the way I grew to value him as a friend," said IBMA President Keith Hamilton. "I will miss seeing him at our meetings, where his ensemble seemed to always included little more than a pair of shorts, a baseball cap and anything that promoted Canada. He will be missed."

From BJI Cyber Report #1047, published Mar 13/19.

#### **Canadian Writer Jim Margueratt Dies**

IBMA members also are mourning the death of Jim Margueratt, a writer from Canada whose specialty was bowling history.

Often referred to as "Mr. Bowling" in Hamilton, Ontario, Margueratt was the long-time publicity director for the Hamilton and District Ten Pin Association, and was a member of that association's Hall of Fame.

The Hamilton Spectator's "On the Lanes" feature was one of his many writing assignments, and as was noted in his obituary, "he knew almost everything there was to know about the history of tenpin bowling in Hamilton." Margueratt was 75.

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[Editor's Note: Thank you to Ed Margueratt, Jim's brother, for sending me the following article, written by Jim for the Burlington Post]

## Burlington resident won't soon forget chat with Mr. Hockey

Opinion Jun 17, 2016 Burlington Post



Gordie "Mr. Hockey" Howe and Jim Margueratt share memories at Burlington Mall in 2010

On Oct. 29, 2010 I had the pleasure of meeting Gordie Howe at a Helix Hearing Care event at Burlington Mall. As he showed up early, I had the unbelievable chance to talk hockey with Mr. Hockey for 10 minutes before the crowd arrived. I showed him two 1971 hockey programs from Maple Leaf Gardens and the Hamilton Red Wings.

He signed both "Mr. Hockey, Gordie Howe" and under a picture of Detroit General Manager Sid Abel, he signed "Sid Abel". Gordie told me that Sid and himself often sign for each other. I therefore have a Hamilton Red Wing program signed Gordie Howe and Sid Abel, which was signed only by Howe.

I asked if he remembered the now long-gone Hamilton Forum from the 1960s, when the Detroit Red Wings made its annual visit to play the Hamilton Red Wings. He said yes and described it as an awful place to play due to the small ice surface.

The *Burlington Post* ran a picture of me and Mr. Howe under the caption: Sound advice from Mr. Hockey.

Gordie Howe may be gone but the memories of that visit will last forever.

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## Windsor-Essex Chatham-Kent Bowling Association Submitted by Cathy Wilbur



WECKBA would like to congratulate 2019 Molson Masters Champions, **Dylin Hunter** (OPEN Division) and **Mark Morand** (SENIORS Division). This year's tournament was the 64th and was completed on Sat. Feb. 16, 2019.

This Molson Masters is a tournament with a very long, rich history. It has been hosted at Palace Recreation, Crescent Lanes, Revs Bowlero, and now at Revs Rose Bowl. It is important that the local bowling community thank Nick Stein (Tournament Director), Wendy Aqwa (Tournament Coordinator), and Tournament Sponsors (Molson's, Revs Rose Bowl, Storm Bowling) for all their hard work in hosting this tournament.

Fred Phillips led the Open Finalists. Gary Hooper, the defending champion, was seeking his 4th title but needed to win four matches as the number five seed. Joining Phillips and Hooper in the finals was Ryan Boismier, the number two seed (2<sup>nd</sup> time to finals), Dylin Hunter, the number three seed (1<sup>st</sup> time in finals), and Shawn Legge the number four seed (1<sup>st</sup> time to finals).

The Senior finalists featured two former champs, one seeking his 3<sup>rd</sup> title and another bowler his 2<sup>nd</sup> title. David Forfitt (2013) was number one seed, Marc Pouget (2014, 2018) was the defending champion and the number two seed, Mark Morand was the number three seed, and Marc Hall was the number four seed.

The Molson Masters runs over 4 weekends. There is a Senior Division (55+) and an Open Division. The tournament starts with 2 weeks of qualifying, followed by one week of Match Play, then the fourth week is the TV Step Ladder Finals. To qualify in the Senior Division bowlers bowl 4 games over 4 pairs of lanes while the Open Division participants complete 5 games over 5 pairs of lanes.

This year the Senior Division and the Open Division alternated the bowling match-play in the step-ladder finals. Since average bowlers want to better understand the minds and the process of elite bowlers, as they prepare for competitive events, I decided to change the interview questions in hope that the regular bowler might learn something from them.

1. How do you prepare yourself for tournament competition (mental process and physically)?
2. What aspect of your game is the most difficult to master and what do you think is your greatest strength?
3. How would you best sum up the Molson Masters tournament – What did you learn about yourself competing in this tournament?
4. What has bowling taught you that carries to other areas of your life?
5. Is there anything else you would like to add?

**SENIOR DIVISION** - For Match Play - the top 15 Senior bowlers, plus last year's Senior Champion, are divided into 4 groups of 4 bowlers each. They bowl each bowler once in their division. Then they bowl a final position round within their own group. Each time a bowler wins their match he earns a 30 pin bonus added to their score. They move over to a new pair of lanes for each new game bowled. The top Senior bowler from each of the 4 Senior Division groups advance to the TV step ladder finals.



Senior Division – Match Play – Final Results

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
1 MARC POUGET 902	1 DAVE FORFITT 948	1 MARK MORAND 895	1 MARC HALL 839
2 MIKE VOLIGNY 810	2 BOB DROUILLARD 844	2 MIKE SNOW 890	2 CHARLIE YOTT 823
3 JIM HUSSEY 757	3 RICK VITTONÉ 810	3 NORM WILSON 810	3 LARRY DUPUIS 818
4 MARIO FORMOSA 655	4 RICK GOYEAU 707	4 DAVE MASSEY 709	4 AL KRANACHER 728

Senior Division – Step-Ladder - TV Finals



David Forfitt



Marc Pouget



Mark Morand



Marc Hall

In the Senior step ladder finals, the results were as follows:

Marc Hall (168) vs Mark Morand (182) - Mark Morand advanced

Mark Morand (199) vs Marc Pouget (155) - Mark Morand advanced

Mark Morand (201) vs Dave Forfitt (180) - Mark Morand is **2019 Senior Molson Masters Champion**

**Marc Hall** prepares for a tournament by arriving early, sticking to the same routine and stretching his muscles. Hall finds the most difficult aspect of his game is trying to stay consistent and his timing. His greatest strength is his attitude (Never Say Die). The Molson Masters tournament was the first time Marc ever competed in the event. He indicated that he learned that he belongs here, but he just needs to fight his nerves for next time around. He found the Molson Masters to be a great learning experience. What bowling taught him, that carries through to his life, is the need to have patience and it is never too late to excel. His match play record was 3-1. He qualified 11<sup>th</sup> with 774 series and this was his 1<sup>st</sup> time in the TV Finals. He averaged 187 in Match Play.

**Mark Morand** prepares for tournament competition by using a tube of Voltaren, a knee brace, and elbow support. Morand indicated that the two things he found the most difficult is making a ten pin spare and using proper speed to control accuracy and consistency. The Molson Masters tournament requires adjustment on



difficult oil patterns. Mark has learned to respect other bowlers and the importance of team togetherness. He enjoys the competition. His match play record was 3-1. He qualified 6<sup>th</sup> with 789 series and this was his 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the TV Finals. He averaged 201 in Match Play.

**Marc Pouget** indicated that he starts thinking about the Molson Masters at the beginning of the bowling season. He prepares for a tournament by going over bowling equipment and working out three days a week at the gym. He works on different exercises to strengthen his bowling. About a month before he starts to focus on the tournament. Pouget stated that "Staying focused is the hardest for me because I am still trying to enjoy myself and have fun at the same time. Also blocking out distractions is difficult as there are many along the way." The Molson Masters is what he bowls for all year and it is one of his greatest challenges for which he is proud to say he has made six TV Finals in a row. Hard work and dedication have allowed him to get to this point. What Marc has learned that carries him through life, is that you need to be humble, learn patience, enjoy life, and the moment of success. Marc relies on family support, especially from his wife of 40 years. He loves being part of this bowling community. His match play record was 3-1. Pouget was Defending Champ and was in the TV Finals for a record 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive time. He averaged 203 in Match Play.

**Dave Forfitt** practices as much as possible. He revealed that it is important to stay open minded to deal with things while competing. Lane transition is hardest especially on patterns you know nothing about (tournament shots). His greatest strength he feels are his luck, timing, and accuracy. Dave feels that the Molson Masters is a fun tournament that allows him to compete with league friends in a tournament setting that not many of them do often. Dave indicated "Bowling has taught me that you should only worry about things that you can control, and outside of that just be yourself." Dave was Senior Champ in 2013 and Runner-up in 2014. His match play record was 3-1. He qualified 1<sup>st</sup> with 854 series and this was his 3<sup>rd</sup> time in the TV Finals. He averaged 215 in Match Play.

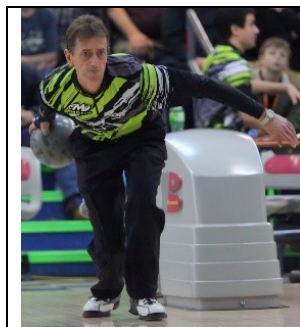
**OPEN DIVISION** - For Match Play - the top 39 Open bowlers, plus last year's Open Champion, are divided into five groups of eight bowlers each. They bowl each bowler once in their division. Then they bowl a final position round within their own group. Each time a bowler wins their match they get a 30 pin bonus added to their score. You move over to a new pair of lanes for each new game bowled. The top Open bowler from each of the 5 Open Division groups advance to the TV step ladder finals.

Open Division – Match Play – Finals

GROUP "A"	GROUP "B"	GROUP "C"	GROUP "D"	GROUP "E"
GARY HOOPER 1875	RYAN BOISMIER 1948	BYLIN HUNTER 1935	FRED PHILLIPS 2021	SHAWN LEGGE 1917
MARTY SANDERS 1819	JOSEPH PETTINATO 1793	ALEX FORMOSA 1725	DARREN ALEXANDER 1833	STEVE WALLS 1798
RYAN TRUSSLER 1808	JENNIFER YOUNG 1714	JASON GREENING 1717	RANDY CHURCHILL 1726	DYLAN HALL 1740
DAN AQWA 1764	BRIAN CINAT 1672	STEVE MACLELLAND 1585	JAY GENDREAU 1583	MARC RENAUD 1727
JOEL LEWSAW 1598	MARC DECMAN 1597	JAMIE CHARLES 1551	JAY KRUTSCH 1539	RYAN MILLER 1697
TREVOR MARTIN 1527	CHRIS LEMMON 1585	HALEY LUNDY 1547	STEVEN BAS 1486	PIERRE BELLIVEAU 1640
STEVE KUBIS 1520	BRAD CLARKE 1511	MATT CHICK 1525	RENE KELICH 1439	TIM JOHNSTON 1560
JASON HERON 1501	JAY BELLIVEAU 1438	JEREMY ADAM 1424	MARK LABORD 1438	DAVE SHANBAUM 1418

Open Division – Step-Ladder - TV Finals





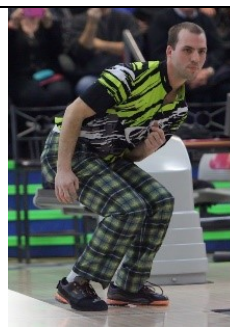
Fred Phillips



Ryan Boismier



Dylin Hunter



Shawn Legge



Gary Hooper Jr

In the Open step ladder finals, the results were as follows:

Gary Hooper Jr (237) vs Shawn Legge (180) - Gary Hooper Jr advanced

Gary Hooper Jr (203) vs Dylin Hunter (287) - Dylin Hunter advanced

Dylin Hunter (268) vs Ryan Boismier (186) - Dylin Hunter advanced

Dylin Hunter (206) vs Fred Phillips (201) - Dylin Hunter is **2019 Open Molson Masters Champion**

**Gary Hooper JR** mentally pictures himself losing, which takes the pressure off and helps him to focus on winning. Gary tries to do proper stretching to warm up. Hooper finds it most difficult to keep his cool when bowling bad. His greatest strengths are versatility and a willingness to keep learning to improve. The Molson Masters Tournament is just a fun local tournament to be a participant. Gary maintains that “bowling has taught me to treat people with respect.” His match play record was 7-1. Gary was Open Champ 2014, 2017, and 2018. He was Defending Champion and this was his 8<sup>th</sup> time in the TV Finals – attempting to become 3<sup>rd</sup> male bowler to win 3 consecutive titles and only the 2<sup>nd</sup> male bowler with more than 3 championships. He averaged 208 in Match Play.

**Shawn Legge** mentally tries to treat each game and each shot individually. Legge tries to stay focused on ball reaction so he can make the appropriate adjustments. Physically, he just tries to do some targeted stretching to keep his body loose. Shawn indicated “The part of my game I’m trying to master happens to be a straighter line, up the boards, and keeping my angles in front of me which is what I’ve been playing on this shot so far.” He feels his greatest strength is his spare game. Legge tries to take something away from every tournament. He said the Molson Master’s gave him the opportunity to play a part of the lane that he struggles with and does not get to see that often. Bowling has taught him to never give up. He admitted that, “You learn patience, and to never stop fighting even when it’s over. You learn something about yourself on the lane that you can make use of next time.” Shawn wanted to thank everyone that has ever helped him to get where he is today. He also wanted to thank those who have doubted him, for they have pushed him to become better, practice harder, and always try to improve himself as a person and a bowler. His match play record was 5-3. He qualified 9<sup>th</sup> with 1052 series and this was his 1<sup>st</sup> time in the TV Finals. He averaged 221 in Match Play.

**Dylin Hunter** indicated that he physically just does stretching before the event. To prepare mentally he listens to music, talks to family and has fun. Dylin said keeping his feet slow, because he is a shorter person, allows him to create momentum with his legs so it helps keep the physical game in check. Hunter thinks he has the ability to play deep inside angles with his slower ball speed. He does not have to worry about blowing through the break point unless he misses right. He indicated, “The Molson Master’s tournament does live up to its name with its long format and difficult conditions, but it can always be harder so that it can put even more prestige in



becoming a Molson Champion.” What he learned about himself is that don’t ever give up because you’re in it until the final shot is thrown. Dylin thinks bowling has taught him that consistency rewards and hard work pays off, just as it does in life. He would like to see some tweaking the match play or qualifying round of the tournament with the addition of more games Another possibility would be to keep everything the same but adding more oil or even less pattern so it can change the dynamic of the scoring pace. His match play record was 7-1. He qualified 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1104 series and this was his 1<sup>st</sup> time in the TV Finals. He averaged 216 in Match Play.

**Ryan Boismier** tries to treat the tournament like a normal league night and stay focused and relaxed and just have fun. Ryan said his strength would be the ability to bowl on multiple lane conditions. Ryan believes that the Molson Master’s is the bowling tournament that everyone wants to win. What bowling has taught him, that carries through his life is “If you make a bad shot, it’s OK, you’ll get it back next shot or next time, it’s OK.” Ryan wanted to give thanks for the support of his family, friends, wife, and his kids. His match play record was 7-1. He qualified 1<sup>st</sup> with a 1121 series and this was his 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the TV Finals. He averaged 217 in Match Play.

**Fred Phillips** prepares for tournament competition by practicing. He sets up routines and goals, then slowly works through the routines to achieve those goals. He focuses on the goals and routines during his practice sessions. Fred said it helps to listen to some motivational videos. Since he is a member of Good Life, he goes to the gym 3-4 times a week and body pumps, does squats working legs, and doing some upper body training. Phillips says, “The hardest thing to do in tournament competition is staying in the moment, focusing on what is in front of you and doing your best.” Fred feels that “The Molson Masters is a great Tournament, one of the best in Ontario” and something he looks forward to every year. “The Molson Masters is very professionally run and has a long history which is something Windsor should be proud of.” Bowling has been a part of his life for a long time. Bowling has given Fred the chance to learn from a challenging sport, similar to all the highs and lows in your life. Phillips has had the chance to bowl all over the world, meet so many people, and experience so many different cultures so it has truly been awesome. Fred wanted to thank the Rose Bowl Staff, Nick, his bowling sponsor, Storm Bowling and all the other sponsors of this great event. Phillips spoke positively about the tournament, “Keep up the good work, you truly have something special here.” His match play record was 8-0. He qualified 8<sup>th</sup> with 1054 series and this was his 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the TV Finals. He averaged 223 in Match Play. This year’s tournament did not disappoint as we had a mix of some prior defending champions and some relatively new bowlers to the step-ladder final. Was almost like a changing of the guard. Mixing up the match-play between Senior and Open Divisions proved to be a wise decision. Would like to give credit to Molson Masters for the pictures used in this article. The Cogeco step-ladder final TV telecast is being broadcast on both Windsor/Leamington and Chatham Cogeco stations on numerous occasions over the next year. It is important that we congratulate all the step-ladder final tournament participants. It was a great honour for each of these bowlers to make it to the finals. They experienced nervousness and had trouble reading the lanes just like the rest of us. Each of these competitors reached a major milestone. It was fun to watch TV finals as each of these competitors has a very unique bowling style.

**Latest News:** Cogeco tells us that they have sent the 2019 Molson Masters to their Video On Demand Channel 602 and it should appear in the next couple of weeks. Anyone with Cogeco cable service will be able to view the show in Ontario.

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## Lambton County Tenpin Association

Submitted by Rod Honke



**Mike Nimmo** tossed 639 (229 – 79 pins over average – 200 -210 – 189 pins over average for three games – on lanes 25 & 26) in the Thursday Night Men's League (TNML) at Marcin Bowl to post his personal highest triple and also the week's high over average.

Mike did not come up through a youth bowling program but started bowling in the TNML last year and is hooked on the great sport. He is a once a week league bowler averaging 155 after 78 games. Last year he finished the season with a 151 average. His highest single game is 246.



**Joshua Trott** mowed down the first nine strikes but left an 8 count on his tenth delivery in his first game of the day this past Saturday. He made the spare and followed with another strike to finish with an honourable 278 – 95 pins over average.

He was participating in the Marcin Bowl Youth Tenpin League (MBYTL) in the Senior Division finishing the day with a 648 triple.

His previous sanctioned high single game was 275 and his career sanctioned high triple is 715. Joshua followed with a 702 two weeks later. His present average is 192 after 75 games.



**Brian Potvin** wheeled 675 (228-232) in the Border City Men's League at Marcin Bowl to record his career personal highest triple edging out his previous 674.

Brian is another 10-pin bowler who started out on the lanes bowling 5- pin for 12 years then switched to 10-pin at age 18.

He has been enjoying the fun and friendship ever since with fellow bowlers for thirty years. His career highest single game is 256. He is currently averaging 189 after 60 games.

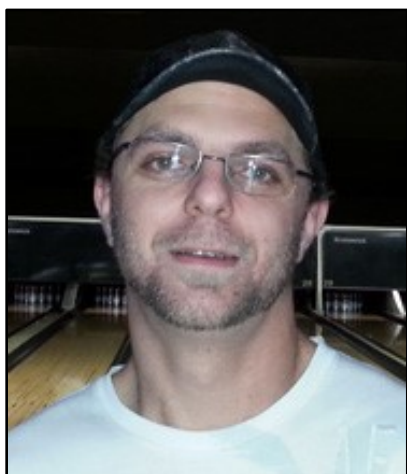




**Domenic Cocozzoli** struck his first frame, spared the second and then finished off his second game with 10 strikes in a row on lanes 11 & 12 to post a 280 this past Saturday at Hi-Way Bowl.

His accomplishment was his personal highest single game edging out his previous 279. He ended the day with 700 (280- 91 pins over average – 228 – 133 pins over average for three games) in the Youth Phantoms Senior Division.

It was his career second 700 series. His highest is 714.

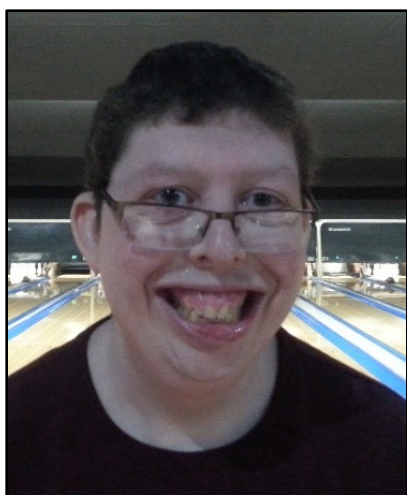


**Kevin Dunn** tossed the first 11 strikes and on his last delivery he came light to leave the 2-5 pins to end up with a 298 – 128 pins over average.

It was his career personal highest game and his highest sanctioned triple is 710. He has 1-300 (non sanctioned). He was bowling on lanes 17 & 18 in the Thursday Night Mixed League at Marcin Bowl.

Kevin bowled 5-pin for 16 years before switching to 10-pin at age 28 and has been enjoying the sport for 12 years.

He is one of a few local bowlers who do not use the thumb hole when rolling the ball.



**Nic Breuer** rolled 649 (193-232 - 77 pins over average - 224 – 184 pins over average for three games) in the Marcin Thursday Night Mixed League (MTNML) to walk off the lanes with his career highest triple. His personal highest game is 243.

The 29 year old, who has “Williams Syndrome”, bowls twice a week in the MTNML and the Marcin Community Living Bowling League. He is currently averaging 161 after 72 games in the MTNML.

SUPER bowling Nic!



**Steve Miller** was the winner in the men's division of the LCTA Scholarship Handicap Tournament. There were 177 men's entries.

The top nine paid positions in the men's division with their total score with games over 235 and scratch scores in brackets were **Steve Miller** 899 (683 -235), **Fred Harris** 889 (724-245-247), **Jason Lapointe** 866 (707-248-242), **Len Lemire** 849 (618), **Kyle Bogaert** 845 (599-247), **Werner Koundakjian** 839 (497), **Kirk Pretty** 822 (549), **Curtis Geauvreau** 815 (671) and **Ray Kraeft** 812 (461).



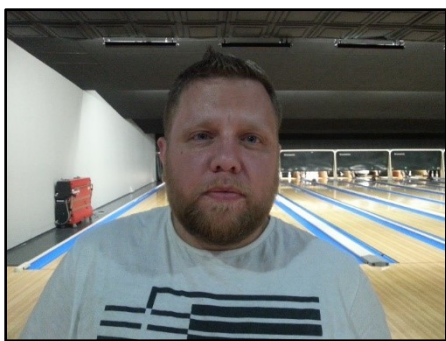
**Melissa Crowe** won the ladies side of the LCTA Scholarship Handicap Tournament. There were 106 entries in the ladies division.

The top six paid positions with their total score with games over 200 and scratch scores in brackets were **Melissa Crowe** 887 (692-217-258-217), **Taelor Koundakjian** 848 (608-214-207), **Meghan Monk** 821 (476), **Lynne Hood** 807 (501), **Sara Ingles** 796 (541) and **Christine Mayberry** 796 (454).



**Ben Lapointe** rolled 12 solid strikes to record his career first 300 – 89 pins over average. He was bowling in the LCTA Junior Bowlers Youth League in the Senior Division at Hi-Way Bowl.

He accomplished the feat on lanes 9 & 10 in his second game ending the day with a 740 (268) triple. In his third game he mowed down the pins the first eight frames only to be beat by the right-ander's dreaded 10-pin, stopping his string of 20 consecutive strikes. The twenty year old has a career sanctioned 26-700's (15 in Adult leagues and 11 in Youth leagues) in his young bowling life. His highest sanctioned triple is 775. Congratulations Ben from the LCTA on your first 300.



**Lewis Collins** tossed 266 (116 pins over average) in his last game on lanes 21 & 22 in the Border City Men's League at Marcin Bowl.

He passed his previous high single which was 257. He finished the night with a fine 617 (167 pins over average for three games). His career high triple is 625.

The thirty year old right hander started bowling in Chatham in the Youth Bowl Canada program. The once a week bowler is currently averaging 154 after 75 games.



**Tom Stokes** tossed 708 (226-244-238 – 168 pins over average for three games) in the Marcin Sunday Morning Men's League to record his first 700 series.

Tom has been hitting the lanes for 50 years in several different leagues. He bowls once a week with this year's average being 184 after 78 games.

When asked about achievements, the lefty said "just getting the 7-pin can be an achievement". His highest single is 277.



Youth bowler **Morgan Pelkie** fired 754 (269 – 67 pins over average – 229 -256 – 148 pins over average for three games) in the Intermediate Division on lanes 23 & 24 at Marcin Bowl to record the high triple in Lambton County Tenpin Association (LCTA) bowling action this past week. Morgan is strengthening her game week after week as she prepares to attend the Oklahoma Christian University to further her education with her scholarship and participate with the University "Eagles" bowling team. She is having a solid year averaging 207 after 78 games. Her career sanctioned high scores are 297 and 780. SUPER bowling Morgan.



Lefty **Ralph MacDuff** cleared the pin deck with his first ball eleven times in a row only to pull his 12th delivery ever so slightly to leave the unapologetic 7-pin. He finished the game with 299 - 88 pins over average to post the week's high single in LCTA bowling action.

He was bowling in his second game on lanes 23 & 24 in the Sunday Morning Men's League (SMML) at Marcin Bowl.

Ralph finished the day with a 712 triple. He has a career sanctioned 4-300's.

Ralph is averaging 214 in the SMML.





**Mark Brooker** tossed 652 (223-234- 127 pins over average for three games) in the Border City Men's League (BCML) at Marcin Bowl to record his personal best high triple.

Mark started bowling at age 25 and has been bowling off and on for 10 years. He is a once a week bowler carrying a consistent average in the BCML the last four years (173-179-176-175) and this year he is averaging 178 after 84 games. His personal highest single game is 255. Mark is a retired police officer.



**Scott Mezzatesta** wheeled 668 (267 – 81 pins over average – 246) in the Border City Men's League (BCML) on lanes 13 & 14 at Marcin Bowl to record his personal best single game.

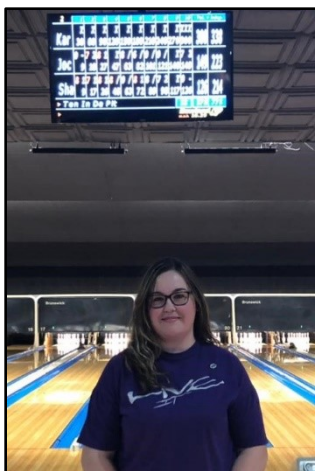
His previous high single game was 249 and his highest triple is 669.



**Jason Lucas** rolled 649 (245 – 75 pins over average – 139 pins over average for three games) in the Border City Men's League (BCML) at Marcin Bowl to post his career highest triple.

The once a week right handed bowler is in his 5th year in the BCML.

His highest single game is 255. He is currently averaging 170 after 81 games.



**Karyne Legault** experienced the excitement of bowling her first perfect game in Lambton County Tenpin Association (LCTA) bowling action this past week.

She performed the feat on lanes 19 & 20 in her second game in the Tuesday Night Ladies League at Marcin Bowl ending the night with a 706 (203-300 - 98 pins over average -203). Her highest single game was 297 and her highest triple is 797.

Karyne's bowling accomplishments include victories in the 2002 YBC Nationals in New Brunswick, 2005 CYC (Christian Youth Camps) Nationals in British Columbia, 2009 CYC Nationals In Winnipeg and 2010 Team Canada in Finland.



**Other men 725+ triples:**

Neil Sinclair 788, Marc Renaud 780, Louie Willemsen 762, Mike Marciniszyn 762, Mike Marciniszyn 755, Ben Lapointe 754, Kyle Adamson 752, John Armstrong 752, Mark Renaud 752, Jordan Croskery 751, Marc Renaud 749, Steve Lewicki 748, Roy Mezzatesta 745, Matt Salmons 739, Ben Lapointe 737, Peter MacRae 736, Steve Lewicki 736, Glenn Crowe 734, Dan Chopp 734, Mike Marciniszyn 733, Rob Vandermeer 733, Shane Chipman 730, Mike Shephard 729, Mike Marciniszyn 729, Scott Salmons 729, Dan Cook 726, Dennis Ramsay 725 and Larry Plumb 725.

**Other men 3 game series 140+ pins over average:**

Neil Sinclair 788 (+188), Len Duister 654 (+177), Bill Bennett 695 (+171), Mike Jones 672 (+171), Fred Harris 724 (+169), Joe Borody 721 (+169), Corey Lefebvre 681 (+165), Rob Stonehouse 644 (+164), Scott David 638 (+161), Corey Lefebvre 670 (+157), Mel Matthews 693 (+153), Mac Haddon 566 (+152), Kris Knowles 582 (+150), Chris Sesterak 592 (+148), Jeff Chortos 722 (+143) and Walter Amyotte 702 (+141).

**Other men single game 85+ pins over average:**

Lewis Collins 256 (+104), Chris Sesterak 246 (+98), Len Duister 256 (+97), Dave Bruder 290 (+96), Roger Croteau 266 (+96), Steve Mitro 255 (+95), Rob Gennoe 247 (+95), Shane Chipman 298 (+94), Dan Cook 290 (+94), Jason Lapointe 289 (+94), Aaron Johnson 246 (+94), Gerry Cossette 245 (+94), Rob Stonehouse 253 (+93), Fred Harris 277 (+92), Joe Borody 276 (+92), Kyle Adamson 289 (+91), Scott David 247 (+88), Scott Salmons 288 (+87), Fred Harris 279 (+87), Craig Cooledge 259 (+86), Craig Cooledge 258 (+86), Mike Maxwell 258 (+86), Adam Pinel 290 (+85), Curtis Geauvreau 279 (+85), Jordan Croskery 276 (+85), Corey Lefebvre 256 (+85), Al McChesney 255 (+85), Fred Cole 248 (+85), Brad Best 241 (+85), Aaron Johnson 232 (+85) and Ryan Pitre 222 (+85).

**Other women 625+ triples:**

Karyne Legault 726, Karyne Legault 714, Melissa Legault 688, Melissa Legault 682, Karyne Legault 667, Marsha Pinel 659, Dawn Williams 650, Ann Strangway 639, Melissa Crowe 635 and Melissa Crowe 625.

**Other women 3 game series 125+ pins over average:**

Ann Strangway 639 (+147), Marsha Pinel 659 (+134), Karyne Legault 726 (+132) and Karyne Legault 714 (+126).

**Other women single game 70+ pins over average:**

Melissa Crowe 270 (+88), Barbara Heckley 234 (+88), Marsha Pinel 257 (+82), Karyne Legault 277 (+79), Evelyn Taylor 227 (+79), Ann Strangway 240 (+77), Carol Miller 218 (+77), Kate Phillips 195 (+77), Anne Strangway 245 (+76), Nadine Wickens 231 (+76), Ann Strangway 237 (+73), Karyne Legault 268 (+72), Melissa Crowe 252 (+72), Sarah Ingles 230 (+70), Denise Kloczko 218 (+70), Barb Montgomery 215 (+70) and Denise Dunn 202 (+70).

**11 strikes in a row:**

Ralph MacDuff 299, Shane Chipman 298, Kevin Dunn 298, Dave Bruder 290, Adam Pinel 290, Dennis Ramsay 290, Dan Cook 290, Peter MacRae 290 and Ben Lapointe 290.

**Other Junior bowlers 600+ triples:**

Joshua Trott 702, Joshua Trott 694, Morgan Pelkie 682, Joshua Trott 671, Ryan Pinel 649, Joshua Trott 648, Cameron Parkkila 635, Jacob Bestard 628, Ben Lapointe 623, Morgan Pelkie 618 and Morgan Pelkie 612.

**Other Junior bowlers single game 50+ pins over average:**

Jarod Pelkie 247 (+91), Devon Crowe 257 (+84), Dalton Crowe 247 (+83), Dalton Crowe 238 (+79), Joshua Shura 233 (+77), Cameron Parkkila 233 (+77), Jacob Bestard 246 (+71), Joshua Shura 224 (+69), Zachary Ingles 177 (+69), McKenna Scott 200 (+67), Cam Parkkila 217 (+66), Jacob Bestard 235 (+65), Terrell Walker-Gray 217 (+65), Joshua Trott 253 (+62), Joshua Trott 247 (+62), McKenna Scott 196 (+62), Derek Loker 235 (+61), Tanner Walker-Gray 225 (+61), Hollie-Anne Jean 221 (+60), Jacob Bestard 234 (+58), Kole Parkkila 225 (+58),



Craig Machan 203 (+58), Joshua Trott 245 (+57), Ryan Pinel 233 (+57), Ryan Bois 142 (+57), Ryan Pinel 234 (+56), Kole Parkkila 222 (+56), Cam Parkkila 212 (+56), Kole Parkkila 220 (+55), Cam Parkkila 208 (+55), Preston Murphy 142 (+55), Paige Skinner 125 (+54), Brodie McKinley 190 (+53), Brianna Sharp 190 (+53), McKenna Scott 190 (+53), Tyler Hoadley 220 (+52), Gabrielle Rottman 106 (+52), Ryan Pinel 229 (+51), Preston Murphy 139 (+51), Olivia Mundy 181 (+50), Novah Langille 145 (+50) and Callum Downton 130 (+50).

Other Junior bowlers 3 game series 100+ pins over average:

Cameron Parkkila 635 (+167), Joshua Trott 702 (+146), Joshua Trott 694 (+130), Ryan Pinel 649 (+120), Brianna Sharp 530 (+119), Novah Langille 386 (+111), Preston Murphy 372 (+111), Lily Beveridge 216 (+108), Blake Ingles 495 (+105), Mekka Kennedy 359 (+104), Preston Murphy 365 (+101) and Lily Beveridge 236 (+101).

*Editor's Note: Rod Honke produces a fabulous weekly write-up of local scoring achievements and results and posts them up on the LCTA website. If you want to see more of Rod's write-ups, go to:*

<https://www.lambtoncountytentpinassociation.com/weekly-results>

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### **Saskatchewan News** **Submitted by Monique Ley**

Saskatchewan has been a busy province with some awesome bowling of late!

#### **From Fairhaven Bowl in Saskatoon:**

Several 300 games and an 800 series...



Feb 6<sup>th</sup> – **TJ Bilan** - 300 Game

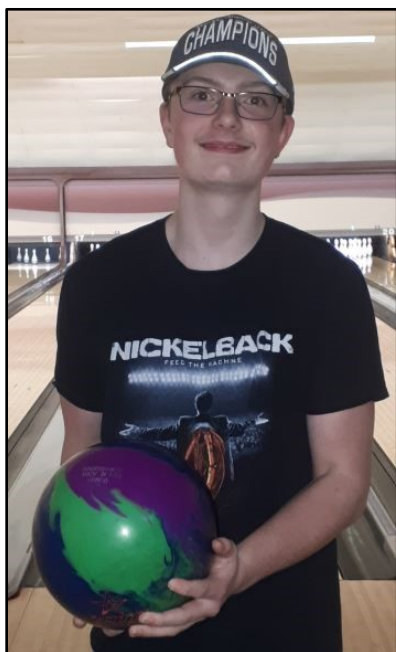


Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – **Stace Popoff** – 300 Game  
Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – **Stace Popoff** – 801 Series (279, 299, 223)  
March 17<sup>th</sup> – **Stace Popoff** – 300 Game





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**(L) Brayden Kennedy (Youth)**  
Average 152 bowled a 265 on Feb 23, 2019 earning his 100 pins Above Average watch.



**(R) Reanna Lafferty (Intermediate Youth)** Average 154 bowled a 256 on March 23, 2019 earning her 100 pins Above Average watch. She also had a 630 Triple (203, 256, 171)

**From Estevan Bowl:**

**Monique Ley** rolled 257-224-280 for a 761 series on February 28th (Estevan Bowl)  
**Jeremy Godfrey** bowled a 289 game with a 731 series

**YBC Team**

The youth team that is representing Saskatchewan at the YBC National taking place in Laval, Quebec from May 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>:

Bantams

**Makayla Trithardt , Sam Emerson Tam**

Juniors

**Samantha Bloos, Andre Odpaga**

Seniors

**Amellia Campbell, Joren Raccio**

Coaches

**TJ Bilan and Jayden Wear**



### CTF Youth Team

Here is the Saskatchewan team earning their right to represent their province at the 2019 CTF Canadian Youth Championships taking place from May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Edmonton, Alberta.

Bantams- **Kaysie Reimer, Chase Bunick**  
Juniors- **Samantha Bloos, Andre Odpaga**  
Intermediates- **Reanna Lafferty, Dalton Hellebrand**  
Seniors- **Morgan Materna, Aaron Doherty**



(L-R): Chase Bunick, Andre Odpaga, Dalton Hellebrand, Aaron Doherty, Morgan Materna, Reanna Lafferty, Samantha Bloos, Kaysie Reimer  
Front Row: Coaches TJ Bilan, Monique Ley, and Dannie Ward

### Upcoming Events

Bowl Canada Cup Provincials April 14th  
World Cup Provincials April 20th Regina.

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**British Columbia News**  
**Submitted by Chris Westerberg**

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to Campbell River from November 14 – 22, 2019 for the CTF Canadian Mixed Championships and Annual General Meeting.

The BC Tenpin Federation Provincial Tournament will take place from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in Campbell River. Their AGM will take place on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at the Coast Hotel. Tournament information is available on the BCTF Facebook page.

The British Columbia Tenpin Federation hosted the Youth Championships on March 9<sup>th</sup> at Sandcastle and Lucky 9 Lanes and the finals took place on March 10<sup>th</sup> at Zone Coquitlam. Congratulations to all the bowlers who participated in the Tournament.

Representing BC at the CYC's in Edmonton from May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be:

Bantams	<b>Cooper Vogt</b>	Kelowna
	<b>Brianna Robbins</b>	Nanaimo
Juniors	<b>Jacob Imoo</b>	Richmond
	<b>Jordan Singer</b>	Nanaimo
Intermediate	<b>Maroun Rouhana</b>	Surrey
	<b>Meghan Aimoto</b>	Kelowna
Senior	<b>Graeme McDonald</b>	Kelowna
	<b>Brooke Rodgers</b>	Campbell River
Coaches	<b>Thomas Brock</b>	New Westminster
	<b>Katie Panganiban</b>	New Westminster
Manager	<b>Ryan Bell</b>	Vancouver

Congratulations and Good Luck to all the Bowlers

Bowl BC held the YBC Provincial Championship on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Lucky 9 Lanes. Representing BC at the YBC Tenpin Championships from May 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> in Laval, Quebec will be:

Bantams	<b>Aethan Balance</b>	Surrey
	<b>Brianna Robbins</b>	Nanaimo
Juniors	<b>Jacob Imoo</b>	Richmond
	<b>Jordan Singer</b>	Nanaimo
Seniors	<b>Simon Dyck</b>	Tsawwassen
	<b>Courtney Hamann</b>	Kelowna

Congratulations and Good Luck to all the Bowlers





The BC Tenpin Federation Annual Seniors Tournament was held on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Lucky 9 Lanes. The following will represent BC at the USBC Seniors Tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio from August 6-9, 2019

75+	<b>Al Tehrani</b>	Burnaby	<b>Hilda Leveringron</b>	Duncan
70-74	No Rep		<b>Karen Smith</b>	Lake Cowichan
65-69	<b>Don Moffatt</b>	Crofton	<b>Sandra Marshall</b>	North Vancouver
60-64	<b>Jack Walker</b>	Youbou	<b>Christine Westerberg</b>	North Vancouver
55-59	<b>Eric Arkoncel</b>	North Vancouver	<b>Amy Nerona</b>	Vancouver
50-54	<b>Freddie De Guzman</b>	Surrey	<b>Christina Wong</b>	Vancouver

Congratulations and Good Luck Bowlers!

### Zone Coquitlam Saturday Juniors



#### \*\*\*Perfect Game\*\*\*

**Adam Jodoin**

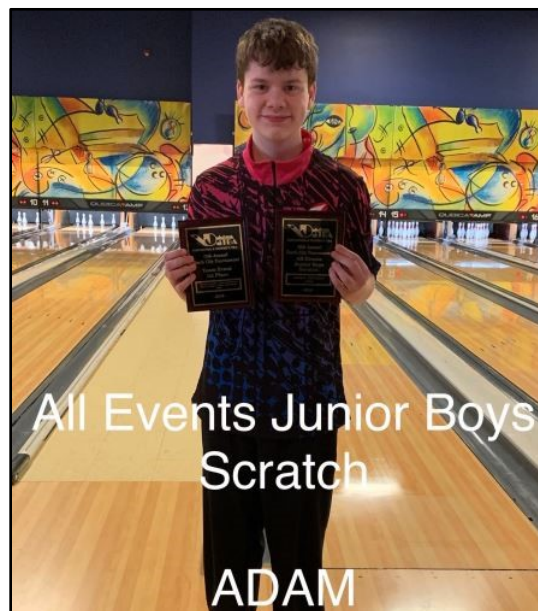
Hometown: Surrey, BC

Age 13

Adam bowled his first Perfect Game on Saturday December 15, 2018 during the Zone Coquitlam Saturday Juniors program. Series for the day was 656 using his Storm Pitch Blue Bowling Ball.

Adam's first year of bowling was during the 2015-2016 season where he ended the season with an average of 88.

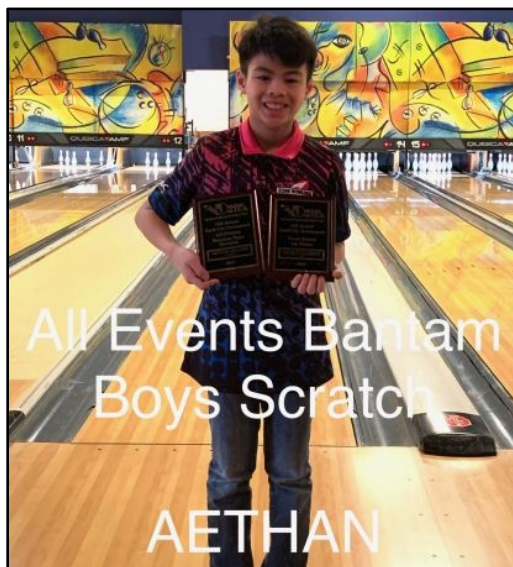
Congratulations Adam!



At the Vancouver and District Youth City Tournament held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Zone Coquitlam, the following bowlers won medals:

First place in the Team Event: L-R **Adam Jodoin, Aethan Balane, Dyan Rodriguez, Reman Rodriguez**

First Place in Scratch All Events: Bantam Boy **Aethan Balane**, Junior Girl **Dyan Rodriguez**, Junior Boy **Adam Jodoin**



Bowl BC held their Youth Provincial Championship on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Lucky 9 Lanes. Representing BC at the YBC Tenpin Championships from May 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> in Laval, Quebec will be Zone Coquitlam Saturday Junior **Aethan Balane** in the Bantam Boys Division.

At the BC Tenpin Federation Provincial Tournament held March 9 at Lucky 9 in Richmond and Sandcastle in Surrey, with the finals on March 10<sup>th</sup> at Zone Coquitlam, we saw some fantastic bowling and some very close scores with the lead going back and forth in several of the divisions. Congratulations to all the youth bowlers.

Zone Saturday Junior **Adam Jodoin** placed third in the Junior Boys Division.

The Saturday Juniors will soon be finishing up their first year at the Zone Coquitlam. Although we are a small group we have had some memorable moments to mark our first year.

See you on the lanes

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## Ontario News Submitted by Erin McMaster



I am pleased to inform you of an incredible accomplishment by youth bowler **Joshua Custers** from Niagara Falls.

Josh is 15 years old, has a 180 average and bowls at Cataract Lanes in their Saturday morning youth league.

Frame	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Player	JOSHUA										449
Score	170	200	230	260	290						341
Player	TRAVIS										508
Score	90	119	138	147	157						234
Player	R										0
Score	260	319	368	407	447						710

On February 16, 2019, after bowling a spare in the 1st frame, Josh ran 11 strikes in a row to finish the game with 290.

The pressure was on as the entire centre gathered to watch Josh bowl the 10th frame.

Congratulations Joshua !

Thank you to Curtis Custers for supplying the information and photos.

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## Team Canada – Who Are They? Let's Meet Them!

The CTF High-Performance Committee has decided that the CTF Connection would be a good medium to help our Canadian bowlers learn something more about our athletes who represent our sport and our country in international competitions. In that vein, they asked Team Canada members to submit a brief bio that helps you understand more about each of them – what drives them, how they got to where they are, what are their priorities, and more. This will be a part of each issue of the CTF Connection for the next while. We thank everyone involved for taking this initiative. We had four in the January issue. Here are the next six submissions.

### Darren Alexander

Hey everyone! My name is Darren Alexander. I'm 28 years old and have been bowling for 24 years. I started bowling at a small 12-lane centre outside of Essex, Ontario when I was 4 years old; however I think my love for the game started even before that. My grandparents and mom all bowled and I remember being told stories that when I was a baby and at the alley, I would just stare at the ball rolling down the lane and completely ignore any attention people were trying to give me. There are also countless home movies of me bowling with those colorful plastic pins everyone had, yet I would do it for hours and not get bored. So I guess you could say I can't remember a time that I wasn't in love with bowling.

This is my first year on Team Canada and I am beyond excited to be able to represent our country. I've been so close to making the team so many times that finally being able to do it means more to me than I know how to describe. The next few months I will be traveling to Peru with the team, and competing in many other tournaments across Canada and the United States, as well as Canadian Team Trials again in May in Montreal.

When I'm not bowling I love to get out on the golf course as much as I can. I played competitively for St. Clair College for two seasons and still like to compete in golf when my schedule allows. When I am not playing the sports I love, you can catch me watching them on TV. Outside of sports I also love country music, singing and hanging out with my friends, though most times that is in a bowling centre or relates back to bowling somehow.





## Zach Wilkins



I started out bowling like so many kids with the plastic bowling set. The pins would be set up in the hall and like many of us we would knock the pins over only to have to stand them back up again. What many of you do not know I started bowling 5-pin for the first 13 years and then converted to 10-pin! I have been on two Youth Teams and this is my 4<sup>th</sup> time on the Adult Team.

I have two memorable moments that stick out. The first one is making my very first PBA tv show. As a bowler, this is everyone's dream. Being under the lights and competing for a PBA title. It's surreal. The talent at this level, everyone's goals, commitment, passion. It's hard to make it on TV. So, this moment will be something I hold onto dearly.

The other one would be setting the PABCON and Canadian record in Cali, Columbia for the All-Events division. And it's not so much the record, it's the

feeling of standing on the podium being able to hear your national anthem. It's such a cool feeling representing your country. And to win GOLD for your country. It's an amazing feeling!

What most people don't know about me is when I'm not bowling, I'm usually working as a house painter. It was a job that gave me a lot of leisure time when it came to bowling. Over time I started to really enjoy it. Also, when I'm not painting you can find me either on the golf course or at a baseball diamond. during the summer I do golf a lot and play in a competitive softball league.





## Valerie Bercier



John and Valerie Bercier

I have been bowling for 25 years. As many others I started because my parents bowled. My parents started bowling when they were newlyweds and as I got older, I wanted to participate in a league and here I am today.

I have been on Team Canada for 10 years, which is made up of 3 years on the Youth Team and 7 on the Adult Team.

My most memorable moment is building life-long relationships with my Team Canada teammates. We consider our team a family and I'm super-grateful to have the opportunity to learn, grow, and compete with such an incredible and inspiring bunch of ladies. This year I am hoping to represent Canada at the Pam Am Games in July and the World Championships in August. I will be competing at the USBC Queens this year and planning on a couple PWBA tour stops leading up to the Queens.

What most people do not know about me is that I am a Registered Dietitian and Certified Health Coach. I help people lose weight and transform their lives into healthier versions of themselves! I also enjoy reading, lifting weights, practicing yoga, hiking, and traveling!

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## Jennifer Besana

My name is Jennifer Besana and I have been bowling for 24 years. I come from a family of bowlers so it was only natural for my younger sister and I to pick up the sport. I was 8 years old when my parents put me into a youth program which would later catapult me into competitive bowling.

I had won several Provincial and National titles during my youth career. I was fortunate enough to represent Canada on three separate occasions before taking a long break from competitive bowling.

During my break from the competitive scene, my father and I started up our family business (Besana Tree Expert Inc.) in 2008. Our company specializes in everything from removals, tree protection, tree risk assessments, and overall tree care. With the addition of my sister and my fiancé, we have become a successful company with customers all over the Greater Toronto Area as well as “Cottage Country”. One of the best things about my job is that I get to be outdoors and enjoy nature everyday.

When I am not bowling or working, I am usually spending time with my fiancé Tyler and our son Koa. Without the support of my awesome family I wouldn't be out here chasing my dream!



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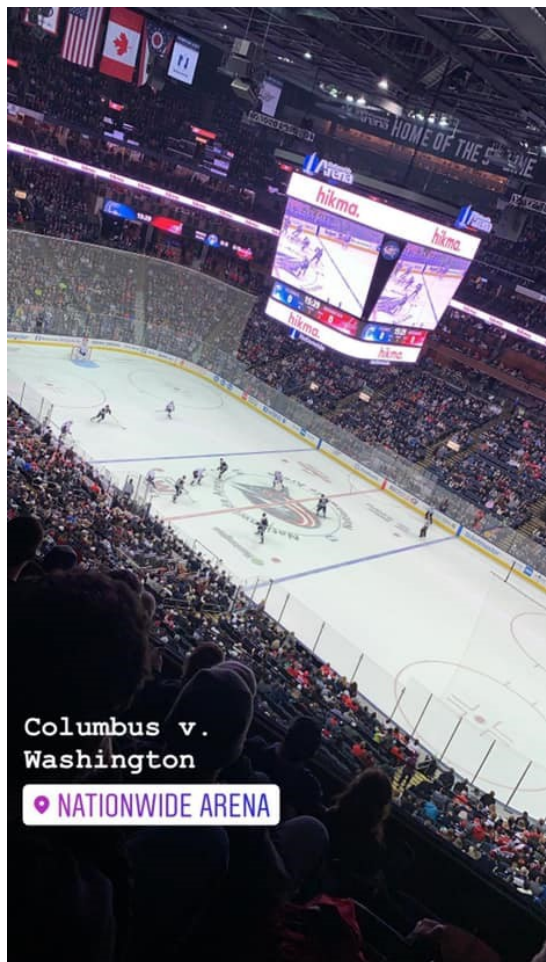
1959-2009 50<sup>th</sup>  
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Columbus v.  
Washington

NATIONWIDE ARENA



I have been bowling since I was 2 years old. Like my teammates, I started bowling because of the influence of a parent. Apparently, I was always playing with the house balls, moving them around and rolling them on the carpet. Eventually the natural thing to do was to move onto an actual lane.

I have been a part of Team Canada since 2010. I have been on four Youth Teams and currently on seven Adult Teams.

My most memorable moment was bowling 300 on TV and winning the US Open. The memory will last a lifetime. I will be competing on Tour in the World Series of Bowling, then the USBC Masters and near the end of April I will be off to Lima, Peru with Team Canada to bowl in the PABCON Men's Championships.

When I'm not bowling, I like to play and watch sports. My favorite sports are hockey, tennis and soccer. I'm also a big music fan, and I spend too much time watching Netflix and Hulu. My bucket list consists of seeing a hockey game in every NHL arena. Above are pictures from the Columbus and Detroit arenas.

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**Canada**







## Miranda Panas

My name is Miranda Panas and I have been bowling for 19 years. I started off bowling five-pin from ages 4-7 and started tenpin when I was 8. I got into bowling because my entire family bowled, and I started tenpin because my brother bowled tenpin and of course I wanted to do whatever my big brother was doing as a kid. I'm a very competitive person, so I really fell in love with the sport when I competed at my first Nationals at age 11.

As for my Team Canada career, I was a member of youth Team Canada for 5 years and have now been a member of the women's team for the last 6 years.

I'm grateful for every memory I've made in my career thus far, but one of my greatest memories was winning a silver medal in the team event at the Women's PABCON Championships in my rookie year (2014). It was a feat that I will never forget.



Coming up for myself this summer are some PWBA stops and the Canadian Team Trials.

When I'm not bowling, I also enjoy playing other sports and being physically active - particularly with softball. Softball is another sport that my entire family played, and it was the first sport I fell in love with. I played competitively on travel teams throughout my youth until I was about 16. In the picture above, that's me sliding into the base. I now just occasionally play slo-pitch in the summers to keep myself involved because I still love the game, but my priority is bowling so most of my "free" time is spent training and practicing for events.

Keep working hard, everyone.

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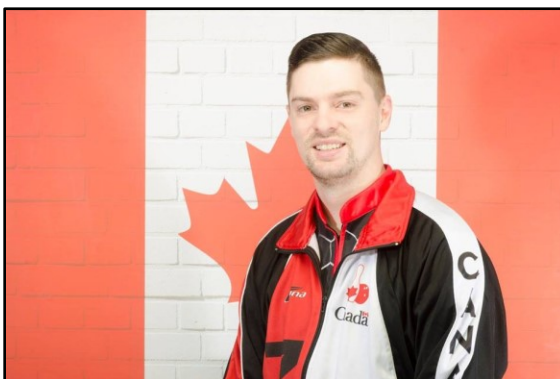


## PABCON Men's Championships

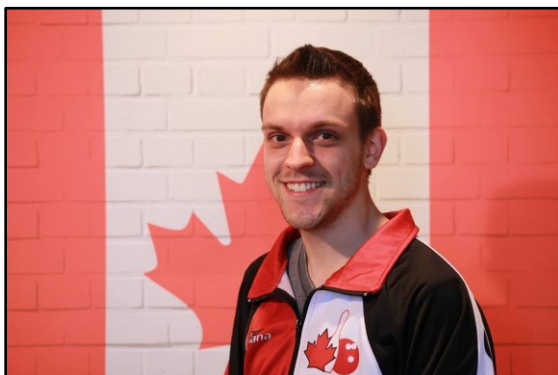
Canada's Men's Team will be representing our country at the PABCON Men's Championships in Lima, Peru from April 22 to 28, 2019. The team consists of experience and youth. Leading the Men's team is reigning 2018 World Masters Champion **Mitch Hupé**, along with World team mates **Francois Lavoie**, **Zachary Wilkins** and **Dan MacLelland**. Rounding out the Men's Team will be a pair of rookies, **Darren Alexander** and **Nathan Ruest-Lajoie**. Lima, Peru will also be hosting the Pan Am Games in July 2019.



Dan MacLelland



Darren Alexander



Francois Lavoie



Mitch Hupé



Nathan Ruest-Lajoie



Zach Wilkins



## Youth Report Submitted by Blaine Boyle

Well its almost time. Are you getting excited yet? The 2019 Canadian Youth Championships will soon be here!!! With most of the provinces having already completed their Provincial Qualifiers we will soon have a list of all the competitors and coaches attending. It will be another exciting event with the Provinces' best bowlers attending to see who can claim they are the best in the country. The Alberta Tenpin Federation along with CTF and the CTF Youth Committee have been hard at work to make this a very memorable experience for all involved and we hope to see you there at Ed's Rec Room in the West Edmonton Mall from May 30th to June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We have some great news as well for the bowlers and coaches, as The Coast Plaza Hotel will now be providing breakfast for the Bowlers and Coaches free of charge!!

Also, don't forget about the National Youth Scholarships for Boys and Girls. There is still time to apply as the deadline has been changed to Sept 1<sup>st</sup> to give you more time to apply.

As always, feel free to contact me with any comments, feedback, questions, or suggestions in regards to CTF's Youth bowling programs. My email address is [bboyle@tenpincanada.com](mailto:bboyle@tenpincanada.com)

Good luck and great Bowling to all of our youth

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## Safe Sport – A Federal Initiative

In case you haven't yet heard about the Safe Sport government initiative, you should be aware of it, as it will be more and more visible in our sport, as well as every other sport body in Canada.

This is an excerpt from the March 13, 2019 announcement:

*Sport helps millions of Canadians across the country make new friends, stay physically and mentally fit, and express themselves. There is absolutely no place in sport for harassment, abuse and discrimination. That is why the Government of Canada is putting in place a series of measures that will help keep athletes and youth in sport safe and free to enjoy it to its fullest.*

*Today, the Honourable Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science and Sport, announced two new important initiatives to address harassment, abuse and discrimination in sport:*

- *An investigation unit for national sport organizations, multisport service organizations and Canadian sport centres to call in to have access to independent investigators for alleged incidents of harassment, abuse and discrimination; and*
- *A national toll-free confidential helpline for victims and witnesses of harassment, abuse and discrimination in sport.*



*The third-party Investigation Unit has been set up through the established Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC), an independent centre that serves members of the national sport community in helping resolve sport disputes. This new pilot service is key as it ensures that sport organizations are not investigating their own members.*

*The Canadian Sport Helpline was launched earlier this week and provides a safe place for victims and witnesses of harassment, abuse and discrimination, or simply to speak in confidence to a neutral third party to get the help they need. It serves as a professional listening and referral service.*

*These initiatives build on measures announced by Minister Duncan last June for federally funded national sport organizations. She made it clear that funding would be withheld if they fail to:*

- take all necessary measures to create a workplace free from harassment, abuse and discrimination of any kind;*
- immediately disclose any incident of harassment, abuse and discrimination that could compromise the project or programming;*
- make provisions-within their governance framework-for access to an independent third party to address harassment and abuse cases; and*
- provide mandatory training on harassment and abuse to their members by April 1, 2020.*

*As well, Minister Duncan recently announced the development of a Code of Conduct for all sports at all levels, from national sport organizations to community teams. This Code will serve as a basis for the management of harassment, abuse and discrimination cases and as a model for common sanctioning for those who breach the Code.*

So, you will be seeing more and more references to the Safe Sport Initiative and our role in implementing it within our organization. For instance, you will be seeing it clearly identified on our website, our Provincial and Local Associations will be receiving instructions and guidance in implementing the associated policies and related education, and of course, our coaching ranks will be heavily involved as well.

To see the entire announcement:

English: <http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/March2019/13/c5262.html>

French: <http://www.newswire.ca/fr/releases/archive/March2019/13/c2406.html>

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## **Lane Certification News**

**Submitted by Ron Jones – CTF Lane Certification Chair**

The Lane Certification process is slowly coming upon each Association and you will find the new Application form on the CTF website [www.tenpincanada.com](http://www.tenpincanada.com). The new form is an Excel application as well as in a PDF file, which has many new features. Some of the features include fractions being automatically transformed into decimals, readings within specification printout in black and any reading exceeding specifications will automatically printout in red, crosswise and lengthwise tilts have a check box for either the 7 or 10 pin or F for foul line side and or P for the pit side, so you don't have to circle the particular number or letter. We hope you





will take advantage of utilizing your electronic device when submitting your CTF Lane Certification Application.

The CTF Lane Certification Application can be found at the above website under Association, then under the heading Bowling Centre Certification.

As you may be aware CTF has a reciprocal agreement with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and many of our documents are derived from the USBC documents. All Inspectors should acquaint themselves with the USBC Lane Inspection Training Manual, a 103-page excellent document, describing the procedures along with accompanying “YouTube” Videos which can also be found on the above website.

We are pleased to advise Associations for the 2018-2019 seasons, that USBC, after review of thousands of applications, is allowing a “grace period” to all Centres who submitted a completed Centre Inspection Report. CTF is also offering this Certification, because we were aware that this would be the first time we required the head panel to be measured for topography, and that there may be Centres where corrections would be needed that were not noted in previous years. This grace year allowed the Centres to be certified while they begin to make repairs and corrections where needed.

Further to the above, USBC has “extended the grace period” to include the 2019-20 season. This covers all items recorded on the Centre Inspection Report, not just the head panel. CTF will have the same extended grace period.

**NOTE:** For a centre to be certified in the 2019-2020 season, a completed and signed report must be submitted to CTF Headquarters between April 1<sup>st</sup> and August 30<sup>th</sup>. Even if the Centre has items that do not meet specifications, the Centre will receive Certification.

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## Coaching Development Report Submitted by Blaine Boyle

The Canadian Tenpin Federation, along with the Coaching Development Committee, ran a Western Canada Coach Development Summit on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> with the intent of increasing our numbers for Coach Developers in Western Canada and we are happy to say that we had a very successful weekend with 6 very enthusiastic participants attending the course. These 6 individuals dug right in and worked hard and made it an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. The attendees were **Brock Thomas** and **Wayne Bezaire** from BC, **Felicia Wong** and **John Pearson** from Alberta, **Blaine Boyle** from Saskatchewan, and **Mark Decman** from Ontario.

As always, the Coach Development Committee is hard at work keeping up with the requirements set out by the Coaching Association of Canada, and I can tell you there will be some new and exciting changes coming this spring!!

Remember if you would like to become a Certified Coach you can contact me anytime at [bboyle@tenpincanada.com](mailto:bboyle@tenpincanada.com)

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### **IT'S THE RULE!**

**Submitted by Charlotte Konkle, Regulatory Chair**

Here are some of the rules that have come across CTF's desks in the past few months - all of the information regarding rules can be found in the CTF Playing Rules and Bylaws which is available from your league secretary and on the CTF website - [www.tenpincanada.com](http://www.tenpincanada.com) - under Forms and League Kit Forms.

A registered participant (i.e. member) is someone who helps out with any CTF sanctioned association – such as athletes, team members, coaches, officials, event organizers, administrators, club executives, committee members and boards of directors – we all have to be sanctioned through CTF – CTF Bylaws, ARTICLE IV, Section A.

Rule 16a - A registered participant who is bowling in CTF leagues and tournaments is responsible for, but not limited to:

1. Ensuring they have the correct CTF registration to participate
2. Abiding by CTF rules
3. Abiding by league or tournament rules
4. Ensuring their average is correct, prior to participation
5. Reporting any tournament average adjustment/erate in accordance with Rule 319c
6. Reporting prize winnings as stated in the tournament rules and /or Rule 319d
7. Using a national average erate

All registration applications/sanctions and fees must be submitted to the Local Association Manager within 30 days of receipt. The Association Manager will forward payment of the registration fees and a copy of the league sanction to CTF and the provincial associations within 30 days of the receipt of the fees from the league secretary.

Sanctions for all tournaments must be sent to [sanctions@tenpincanada.com](mailto:sanctions@tenpincanada.com) at least 2 weeks prior to the date. The forms are on the website - [www.tenpincanada.com](http://www.tenpincanada.com) - under CTF and then Tournament Sanctions.

If you have any questions after contacting your league executive, your association officers and reading the 2018-2019 Playing Rules, please email me at [ckonkle@tenpincanada.com](mailto:ckonkle@tenpincanada.com).

***Thank you for supporting your association!***

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### **CTF Director Nominations Wanted!**

CTF will be holding its Annual Meeting on November 16, 2019 in Campbell River, BC. At that meeting, there will be an election to fill three Director positions that will be open on Jan. 1, 2020 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 – [www.tenpincanada.com](http://www.tenpincanada.com) . The form is in the Forms section and is called “CTF Director Application”. Please forward it to the Nominating Chairperson, Charlotte Konkle, at [ckonkle@tenpincanada.com](mailto:ckonkle@tenpincanada.com)



## CTF Reminds You About our Sponsors and Opportunities to Save

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**Expedia Cruiseship Centers is CTF's Exclusive Travel Partner.** All of our registered participants and families are eligible for:

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Email Andrea at [CTFbowling@cruiseshipcenters.com](mailto:CTFbowling@cruiseshipcenters.com)

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Simply Visit Flip Give, purchase a card, and 7% of the Card Total will be donated to Team Canada, and CTF. The Card is automatically displayed on your computer after purchase, and you can print and redeem the same day. Click here to check it out... [FLIPGIVE](http://FLIPGIVE)

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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.



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*This new section is for all Association Managers and Tournament Managers. This section will highlight Sanctioned Major Events and Association “All-Event” tournaments. All Events tournaments have different names in every province. Sometimes called; Provincials, Cities, Annual, etc. They are usually comprised of a Team, Doubles, and Singles Event with optional All Events. To have your event advertised, please email [CTFConnection@tenpincanada.com](mailto:CTFConnection@tenpincanada.com)*

**May 18-19, 25-26, 2019 – Ontario Annual Provincial – Leisure Lanes, Oshawa Ontario**

**Entries Close – Midnight, April 28, 2019**

**For complete information, see the poster and rules at:**

**<https://www.otba.ca/adult-tournaments>**





From Montreal, 1990...





*Thank you to Jim Margueratt for the pictures!*

And, I ran across the following. I thought it might interest some of our readers:

New Orleans hosted BPAA's 2019 Bowling Summit, and now the city's Times-Picayune newspaper has published an online gallery of 40 bowling-related pictures from its archives.

The gallery includes shots of old centers, vintage newspaper ads, a PBA tournament promo shot (with Wayne Zahn, Carmen Salvino, Dick Ritger and Bill Johnson), shots of numerous other pro bowlers, a picture of Don Carter signing a bowling pin, an action shot of Glenn Allison before he was known as "Mr. 900," and much more. Check it out.

<https://expo.nola.com/life-and-culture/g66l-2019/03/a952605d064739/new-orleans-bowling-craze-a-visual-history.html>

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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\*\****

<b>British Columbia Tenpin Federation</b>	<a href="http://www.bctenpin.ca/">http://www.bctenpin.ca/</a>
<b>Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan</b>	<a href="http://www.saskbowl.com/">http://www.saskbowl.com/</a>
<b>Canadian Lakehead BA</b>	<a href="http://www.tenpin.org/cltba.html">http://www.tenpin.org/cltba.html</a>
<b>Capital District BA</b>	<a href="http://www.cdtba.com/">http://www.cdtba.com/</a>
<b>Greater Montreal Tenpin BA (under construction)</b>	<a href="http://www.quillesmontreal.ca/">http://www.quillesmontreal.ca/</a>
<b>Greater Toronto BA</b>	<a href="http://www.gttba.ca/">http://www.gttba.ca/</a>
<b>Hamilton District Tenpin BA</b>	<a href="http://www.hamiltonbowling.org/">http://www.hamiltonbowling.org/</a>
<b>Kingston Tenpin BA</b>	<a href="http://www.kingstontenpin.ca/">http://www.kingstontenpin.ca/</a>
<b>Lambton County Tenpin Association</b>	<a href="http://www.lambtoncountytentpinassociation.com/">http://www.lambtoncountytentpinassociation.com/</a>
<b>London &amp; District BA</b>	<a href="http://www.ladtpba.ca/">http://www.ladtpba.ca/</a>
<b>Manitoba Bowling Association</b>	<a href="http://www.bowlingmanitoba.ca/">http://www.bowlingmanitoba.ca/</a>
<b>Manitoba Tenpin Federation</b>	<a href="http://www.mbtenpinfed.com/">http://www.mbtenpinfed.com/</a>
<b>Niagara Tenpin BA</b>	<a href="http://www.ntba.ca/">http://www.ntba.ca/</a>
<b>Ontario Tenpin BA</b>	<a href="http://www.otba.ca/">http://www.otba.ca/</a>
<b>Regina Tenpin BA</b>	<a href="http://www.reginatenpin.ca/">http://www.reginatenpin.ca/</a>
<b>Vancouver &amp; District Tenpin BA</b>	<a href="http://www.vdtba.ca/">http://www.vdtba.ca/</a>
<b>Windsor Essex BA</b>	<a href="http://www.weckba.com/">http://www.weckba.com/</a>
<b>Winnipeg Tenpin BA</b>	<a href="http://www.bowlingmanitoba.ca/">http://www.bowlingmanitoba.ca/</a>

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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. You can 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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**Did you bowl an honour score or have a special achievement? Want to toot your own horn anonymously? Don't be humble... Email us the details and a picture to [ctfconnection@tenpincanada.com](mailto:ctfconnection@tenpincanada.com)**

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