

Frank Buffa

Frank Buffa graduated from McGill University with a master degree in Physics and then taught Physics for 20 years. But then he discovered tenpin bowling and was hooked. His desire to become an elite level competitor in the sport (which he accomplished), and his understanding of physics, led Frank to create a make-shift pro shop in his garage where he developed techniques of drilling bowling balls that over time became so popular that he had many local bowlers coming to him for his expertise which led him to opening up his own little pro shop, which grew in popularity, and became Buffa Bowling, the first tenpin bowling pro shop in Quebec.

Business grew steadily and by 1995 his Buffa Distribution centre grew to 20,000 square ft. Buffa Distribution is now the largest in Canada and distributes to a dozen countries.

Because of his love for bowling, his knowledge and desire to help others Frank obtained an NCCP Level 3 Tenpin Bowling Coaching degree from CTF. Frank installed a full-size lane in his warehouse where he could give lessons. Dubbed the Studio Buffa Training Centre Frank trained many leading Canadian Bowlers like U.S Open winner Francois Lavoie, Patrick Girard, and two-time World Cup winner Caroline Lagrange. Frank is especially proud of his son (and student) Mark who became a world champion when he won gold in trios at the 2013 World Championships with teammates Francios and Patrick Girard. In 2009 Frank achieved the USBC Coaching Gold Level status – the highest level possible in their structure.

Frank's business became host, supplier and sponsor of the CTF Team Trials and Quebec's Provincial Junior Championships. His continued support for the sport he loves has remained strong.

Frank is a truly dedicated, and passionate proponent and supporter of tenpin bowling in Canada, and is very deserving of the Sherry Hobson Excellence Award.

Congratulations!