



April 2021

# ARE YOU BOWLING?

*This is the exact same question we asked in our last CTF Connection, which was way back in October, 2020!*

*Well, COVID19 is STILL here (and all over the world), and for many of us, it has prevented us from taking part in our sport for some time. Because of the many lockdowns in our country since November'ish, many of our bowling centres haven't been able to open up since then.*

*But more recently, there has been some relaxation of the restrictions in areas of the country. But we, the editors, are unsure of the status of bowling across Canada, so we asked our "reporters" to try and give us/you the lay of the land in their geography for this April issue. We have included those reports in our Cross Country Canadian News section. Please note that the local government restrictions are a moving target due to the unpredictability of the COVID19 situations across the country. Some of these reports may be out-of-date due to the fast-changing landscape.*

*There are also some updates from a few of our CTF Directors regarding some of their projects and committees. Even though bowling had been suspended for the most part, there are some initiatives and duties that were still moving forward.*

*Enjoy! ...And stay safe!*



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**Manitoba News**  
**Submitted by Dan Tereck**

Although we had quite a few leagues start up in September and October, there were others who decided not to, taking a “wait-and-see” approach to the bowling season. Unfortunately, in mid-November, our province went to a “Code Red” restriction level, closing up all bowling centres. As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, we are still in a Code Red situation, however some of the restrictions have been eased over the past months. In late February, bowling was allowed, but only for one-on-one coaching/training sessions – one coach and one athlete. Not ideal for many situations, and certainly not ideal for bowling centre business. Then, in early March, the province further eased the restrictions to allow open bowling with some restrictions, such as wearing masks, social distancing except when on the lanes, no intermingling between different groups, etc. League/team play is still not allowed, but at least it’s a step forward. Our current lockdown rules are expected to remain in place until April 15<sup>th</sup>, when the Public Health Orders COULD be changed.

One of the hopes here is that IF leagues are allowed to resume in April, some of those leagues will indeed start up again, and possibly be willing to extend their season by a month or two, maybe to mid-June or so, in order to get some bowling in, but also to provide some much-needed business to the bowling centres. Heaven knows, they need the business, and most bowlers want to support them as much as possible. The worst case, for all of us, would be that we lose any of our centres!

Update: As of Apr 8<sup>th</sup>, it was announced that our Public Health Orders re indoor sports would remain unchanged until at least April 30<sup>th</sup>. So, we are still “stuck” in the situation where we cannot restart any of our leagues. I expect this means that very few, if any, leagues would elect to restart their 2020-21 season, because IF the rules are relaxed at the end of April, we wouldn’t be able to start our leagues until probably the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May. Many leagues will say that is too late to resurrect the season.

All of our remaining tournaments for the 2020-21 season, subsequent to November 11<sup>th</sup>, were cancelled. I doubt if there will be much demand to hold any tournaments in May or June, but you never know.

For now, we are crossing our fingers that our COVID numbers in the province continue to improve to a point where we can get back to a more normal environment. However, I expect some changes will be here to stay, such as the wearing of masks when you are ill, a major decrease in “high fives”, and a better general awareness of reducing close contact in indoor environments.

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

I coach here in Estevan. Since we are open to open bowl but not leagues, and kids can't practice with a coach, I decided to run a challenge for the youth. As most of the kids prepaid for the season anyways, I worked with Dave and Levi (Rosenbaum) at the lanes and we came up with a race to the finish with prizes. So kids get a point for every game bowled. And they get an extra point if they post on social media with hashtags #wemissyouthbowling and #Estevanbowl. A mass email was sent out to advertise this locally.

We are running it from March 15<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> in an effort to get the youth out to bowl, and to help the centre get some regulars in to bowl.

As the centre only opened up yesterday (March 15<sup>th</sup>), I was going to check in with the centre regularly to see who booked lanes and it would give me an opportunity to pop in and say hi to the kids. Due to the lockdown restrictions we have not been able to see or talk to them in months, and we want to try and maintain their interest and passion for the sport.

*Editor's Note: What a great idea! A creative way to get the youth to come out and bowl/practice at the lanes. And prizes are always a good incentive – they have several lined up, such as bowling balls, shoes, t-shirts, coupons, and more. This could be an idea worth copying at other locations!*

Mar 25<sup>th</sup> update: Monique showed an example of their plan starting to make a difference. Here's a social media post (including some pics) that she shared with us:

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From Facebook:

Got the boys out for some bowling. We didn't do too bad for not bowling for awhile #wemissyouthbowling #EstevanBowl



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**Lambton Country Tenpin Association News****Submitted by Rod Honke**

It has been a difficult bowling season for sure. The two Sarnia bowling houses were fortunate to have bowling leagues from September to Christmas (with Covid restrictions in place) but have been dead in the water for leagues since. Presently our area is partially locked down again due to our COVID numbers increasing. Thus the bowling houses are closed. We have been somewhat lucky, as other areas I believe have not even opened bowling houses this season. The Sarnia Covid numbers are climbing pretty much every day and I don't see us getting any league bowling in until September. We would have to go to the yellow mode for leagues to be able to bowl. The red mode only allows 10 people in the bowling house. This has been really tough on the bowling houses. There has never been a Covid case tracked back to our bowling houses as far as I know. Nothing else going on in regards to bowling that I am aware of.

I wasn't planning on doing bowling reports this year but it's hard to throw in the towel when you love bowling and you're trying to get more people into the sport. Therefore, I've included the highlights from the LCTA for the four months we were able to bowl.



**Brandon Gauthier** started the COVID -19 – 2020-2021 bowling season with a super series, 8 pins shy of an 800 series. He rolled 792 (268-268-256 – 150 pins over average for three games) in the Marcin Bluewater Monday Night Men's League. Brandon has 1-800 (803) to his credit. The powerful right handed bowler has a career 7 sanctioned 300's under his belt.



**Ryan Pinel** (Youth bowler) started getting a taste of the adult leagues this bowling season and fired the top triple for the night in the league. He posted 673 (257) in the Marcin Thursday Night Mixed League. Ryan also had 231 in the Marcin Bowl Youth League in the Intermediate Division in the first week of youth bowling. Ryan's personal highest scores are 679 and single game 276.





**Mike Marciniszyn** is off to a fantastic start this new bowling season. He rolled his third consecutive 700 series in the Sunday Morning Men's League at Marcin Bowl firing 775 (280-249-246). His previous 2-700's were 732 and 779. The low key right handed bowler is averaging a super 243 after four weeks on the lanes.



**Mike Shephard** hurled 815 (258-290-267) in the Sunday Morning Men's League at Marcin Bowl to record the high triple in Lambton County Tenpin Association bowling action this past week. The powerful right handed bowler now has a career sanctioned 6 -800's to his credit. His other 800 triples include 827 – 804 – 805 – 802 and 814.



**Kyle Adamson** registered the high single in LCTA bowling competition this past week. After eleven canonizing strikes in his second game, he came up shy to the head pin leaving four pins to post 296. He was bowling in the Marcin Border City Men's League finishing the night with 674. Adamson has a career sanctioned 7-300's and 6-800's to his credit.



**Brandon Gauthier** hurled a rare triplicate in the Marcin Border City Men's League on Thursday night. He had games of 226-226-226 finishing the night with a 678 triple. This is the first triplicate accomplished in the LCTA in numerous years.



**Mike Shephard** fired 799 (290 – 300 - 91 pins over average – 209 - 172 pins over average for three games) in the Bluewater Monday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl. He also bowled the first perfect game of the LCTA 2020-2021 season in his second game of the night. The powerful right handed bowler now has a career sanctioned 11-300's to his credit. Last week he posted the LCTA's first 800 series of the season with a superb 815 (258- 290 - 267).



**Larry Plumb** hurled 774 (258-268-248 – 135 pins over average for three games) in the Sunday Morning Men's League (SMML) at Marcin Bowl. Plumb is averaging 228 after 9 games in the SMML and has a career sanctioned 7-300's and 6-800's to his credit.



**Stephane Sirois** rolled the first eleven strikes in his second game of the night. On his last delivery of the game, he came up slightly high on the head pin which momentarily looked like a 4-6 split but the pins wobbled in slow motion and fell over in time delayed action. He finished the night with a 761. He has since bowled another 300 for his 4<sup>th</sup> career sanctioned perfect game. Both were posted in the Border City Men's League at Marcin Bowl.



**Dawson Williams** rolled 732 (224-287- 112 pins over average – 221 – 207 pins over average for three games) to record his first ever 700 triple and his highest single game. His previous career high scores were 630 and 245 which he bowled this year. He was taking part in the Marcin Bowl Youth Bowling Program in the Senior Division. This season he is averaging 189 after 15 games. Last season he finished with a 162 average for 72 games.



**Joe Windover** tossed 630 (202-197-231 – 76 pins over average - 165 pins over average for three games) in the Intermediate Division in the Marcin Bowl Youth Bowling Program to register both his highest personal triple and single game. His previous high scores were 568 and 225. He is currently averaging 166 after 15 games this year. Last year Joe finished with a 149 average for 78 games.



**Brian Potvin** wheeled 706 (248-256 – 76 pins over average – 202 – 166 pins over average for three games) in the Border City Men's League (BCML) at Marcin Bowl to record his career personal first 700 series. His previous high triple was 675. Potvin has since beat his 706 with a 707 (258-248) in the BCML. His career highest single game is 277 which he bowled 2 weeks after his 700 series. He is currently averaging 189 after 18 games.



**Kris Mandeville** rolled 684 (278 – 97 pins over average) as a spare in the Thursday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl to record his personal high triple and single game. Mandeville is another bowler who came up through the youth bowling program at the defunct Lake Huron Lanes. This year he is bowling in the Border City Men's League averaging 171 after 24 games.



**Cody Wilson** rolled his career first perfect game in the RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League at Hi-Way Bowl. He finished the night with 709 (228- 300 – 86 pins over average - 181) which is also his career highest triple. Cody started bowling in the Marcin Bowl Youth Bowling Program at the ripe old age of 4 and continued the program until 2010 when he had to take time off from sports due to a shoulder injury. He took the next 10 years off from organized bowling and returned this year in the RCAFA league. He is currently averaging 217 in the league for 21 games.





**Ben Lapointe** tossed 723 (269 - 208 - 246) and 718 (236-258-224) in the Junior Bowlers League Senior Division at Hi-Way Bowl. This great, high revs, right handed, twenty – one year old bowler now has 45-700 plus triples (29 in adult leagues and 16 in youth leagues). He also rolled his second 300 in the RCAFA 403 Mixed League at Hi-Way Bowl and now has 2- 300's, 2-299's and 3-298's with his highest triple at 787 (243-265-279) fired in an adult league.



**Doc Kevin Storozuk** rolled 692 (226-241-225) in the Border City Men's League at Marcin Bowl to record his personal highest triple. Storozuk is a chiropractor, a bone cracking career he has been doing for 27 years. His personal highest game is 268. This year he is averaging 200 after 18 games. Storozuk's other interests include skiing and cycling.



**Hollie-Anne Jean** tossed 626 (257 – 93 pins over average – 134 pins over average for three games) in the Youth Intermediate Division at Marcin Bowl to register both her personal highest triple and single game. Her previous high scores were 625 and 248. Last year she finished with a 172 average for 78 games. This year she is averaging 169 for 24 games.



**McKenna Scott** rolled 565 (219 – 62 pins over average) in the Intermediate Division at Marcin Bowl to beat her previous high triple of 516. Her personal best single game is 231. Last year she averaged 149 for 78 games. This year she is averaging 164 after 24 games. Besides bowling, she also keeps herself busy with school work and school sports (curling and badminton).



**Rob Vandermeer** wheeled 781 (247 – 289 – 72 pins over average -245 - 130 pins over average for three games) in the Border City Men's League (BCML) at Marcin Bowl. He is off to a great year averaging 222 after 27 games. Rob has a career 3-300's, 1-299 with a high triple of 793 in his pocket, all recorded in the BCML.



**Connor A Smith** fired 659 (263 – 94 pins over average - 221 – 152 pins over average for three games) in the Border City Men's League at Marcin Bowl to record his personal highest triple. This is the twenty seven year old second year of organized bowling as he did not come up through a youth bowling. He is presently averaging 174 after 30 games with a personal high 268 single game. His summer activities include lacrosse (playing and coaching), two pitch softball and golf.



**Larry Plumb** rolled eleven consecutive solid pocket hits in his second game of the day coming up a little heavy on the head pin on his last shot leaving the 6-10 pins for a 298. Plumb finished the day with a fine 748 (240-298- 210) triple. He was bowling in the Sunday Morning Men's League at Marcin Bowl. Plumb has a career 7-300's to his credit.



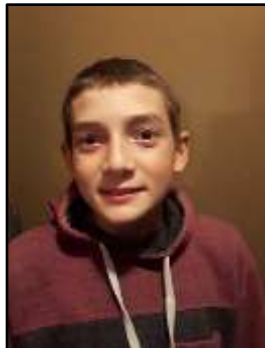
**Dave Duguay** rolled 500 (169-182-149) in the Border City Men's League (BCML) at Marcin Bowl to register his first 500 series. Duguay did not bowl in any organized youth leagues but decided to try 10-pin four years ago when he joined the BCML. He has raised his average from 125 to 140 in his first 3 years. This year he is at 137 for 27 games. Besides bowling, Duguay also keeps himself busy participating in baseball, volleyball and basketball.



**Drew Bestard** fired eleven solid strikes in his last game of the night leaving a solid stubborn 7-pin on his last shot for a 299. Bestard was participating in the Border City Men League (BCML) at Marcin Bowl finishing the night with a 724 (226-299 – 96 pins over average) triple. The lefty returned to the BCML this year after a 6 year absence due to an injury and work commitments. He is averaging 208 after 21 games. Drew has a career 2-300's and another 299 to his credit all rolled in the BCML.



**Jacob Bestard** bowled 709 (280 – 73 pins over average – 225 -204) in the Senior Division in the Youth Bowling Program at Marcin Bowl to post his career personal highest scores. His previous highest scores were 700 and 279. He is presently averaging 210 after 33 games. Last year he finished the season with a 199 average for 78 games.



**Blake Ingles** wheeled 620 (211-190-219) in the Youth Phantoms Senior Division at Hi - Way Bowl to record his personal highest triple. His highest single game is 229. Blake started organized bowling in 2013 at age 9 at Hi-Way Bowl and is in his 8th year. Last year Blake started using the two handed delivery and this year is averaging 172 for 15 games. He keeps himself busy with bowling, school, playing the piano, hanging out with friends, “scootering” at the skate park and has been delivering the Sarnia Journal to 120 houses each week for the past seven years.



**Mike Marciniszyn** fired 812 (268-258-286) in the Sunday Morning Men's League (SMML) at Marcin Bowl in LCTA bowling action this past week. He had 29 strikes out of a possible 36 strikes. It was his first sanctioned 800 rolled in Canada and he has an 804 in Port Huron Michigan. His averages in the SMML for the last 10 years were 218 – 217 – 217 – 217 – 216 – 218 – 223 – 224 – 229 and 223. This year he is having a super year in the SMML averaging 231 after 36 games.



**Bill Cole** fired a perfect game in the Bluewater Monday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl. It was his career 5th 300 and also the 5th recorded in the LCTA this season. He finished the night with a 715 (190-225-300) triple.



**Bill Ridealgh** fired 775 (277-241-257) in the Thursday Night Men's League (TNML) at Marcin Bowl. Ridealgh started bowling at age 6 coming up through the Phantom Youth Bowling Program at Hi-Way Bowl and has been bowling for 35 years. He has career sanctioned high scores 789 and 2-300's in his pocket.

**Jordan Hurst** had a fantastic night this week in the Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (BMNML) at Marcin Bowl. He rolled a 607 (234 – 100 pins over average – 210 – 76 pins over average - 163 - 205 pins over average for three games) to take the honours both for high over average for a single game and high over average for three games. His super scores were also his personal highest accomplishments on the lanes. This is only the second year for Hurst in the BMNML. In his first year in the league, he finished with a 127 average for 33 games. This year in the league he is averaging 145 for 18 games. Hurst bowls on the team "Glory Bowl" with fellow bowlers Dave Melton, Billy O'Mahomy, Bob Stell, Chris VanGrimberghe and Mark Robinson.

**Other Men's Triples Over 725:**

Kyle Adamson 769, Connor Smith 752, Jay Belliveau 748, Stephane Sirois 748, Jordan Croskery 748, Stephan Sirois 745, Neil Sinclair 744, Brad Best 742, Brad Cook 742, Pierre Belliveau 741, John Armstrong 741, Jordan Croskery 740, Jay Belliveau 739, Rob Vandermeer 739, Ben Lapointe 739, Tony Olsen 735, Rob Vandermeer 734, Larry Plumb 732, Jordan Croskery 730, Paul Mezzatesta 728, John Armstrong 725,

**Ladies Triples Over 630:**

Pam Marciniszyn 694, Karyne Legault 688, Jill Friis 687, Jill Friis 681, Melissa Legault 676, Melissa Legault 674, Karyne Legault 669, Melissa Legault 666, Pam Marciniszyn 652, Pam Marciniszyn 641, Karyne Legault 641, Melissa Crowe 631,

**Other Youth Triples Over 600:**

Jacob Bestard 687, Dawson Williams 684, Jacob Bestard 681, Jacob Bestard 656, Ryan Pinel 638, Dawson Williams 630, Hollie-Ann Jean 623, Ryan Pinel 621, Jacob Bestard 617, Tanner Walker-Gray 615, Ryan Pinel 612, Joe Windover 602,

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## **Windsor-Essex-Chatham-Kent Bowling Association** Submitted by Catherine Wilbur

Our centre bowled for 12 weeks – until the end of November and then in December everything shut down. We are still in the colour of red zone, which means only 10 people can be in the bowling centre at one time. The leagues in Chatham and Tilbury are back to bowling, but we are still waiting to open back up.

It has been a crazy year just policing the league to keep everyone safe. We are looking at maybe March 20 or March 27 going back. Not sure how we are going to revise the rest of season. But that is where we are right now. Many leagues here did not even start the season.

Update: As of March 10<sup>th</sup>, due to crazy high COVID19 numbers, the Ontario has gone into a complete lockdown for four weeks. That means there will definitely be no bowling, at least for the next month.

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## **Hamilton News**

*Lionel Lewis, a name many of you will recognize from his time on Team Canada, is in the news. He has “resurrected” Skyway Lanes – now called Skyway Bowl. There was a good article in “The Bay Observer”, a Hamilton-area publication, about this. We’ve included it here...*

### **A Condo King and a Guy with a Dream reopen Skyway Bowl** November 13, 2020 - Story by Kathy Renwald





Any day if the pins align, Skyway Bowl will open again. With new balls and new shoes and new pins, **Lionel Lewis** will be living the dream. He will run the bowling alley on Melvin Avenue that seemed destined for oblivion.

The alley, opened in 1957 as Skyway Lanes. For 62 years it was a beacon for bowling in Hamilton, until the longtime owner decided to retire, sold the property, and the building went black. Bowlers like Lewis, who started work as a pin chaser at Skyway in 1983, felt adrift. “It was one big family here,” Lewis says.



**Lionel Lewis is the force behind the reopening of Skyway Bowl in east Hamilton.**

Skyway Lanes is a flat as a pancake building, sandwiched between six-story apartment buildings on Melvin Avenue in east Hamilton. It looks like a perfect location for a Wes Anderson movie.



To Brad Lamb, it looked like the perfect location for more apartments. Brand Lamb, the developer of groovy condos, the force behind the future Television City, condo towers on the CHCH-TV property, bought Skyway Lanes in 2019.

“I saw it as a future development site,” Lamb said of the location. “But I didn’t intend to head-hunt for a guy to run a bowling alley.”

He put the building up for rent. Then Lionel Lewis leapt into action.

“About six months ago, Lionel started bugging me, he was so persistent he got me excited about bowling, about bringing it back,” Lamb says.

Lionel put together a business plan. Lamb put together a bundle of cash to put a shine back into Skyway.

Lanes were refinished, the snack bar expanded, the parking lot resurfaced, and equipment updated.

“I could have bought a very high-end, luxury sports car for what it costs me,” Lamb says.

But he liked the idea Lewis would be providing jobs, and the bowling family of Skyway would be reunited.

I met Lewis at the renamed Skyway Bowl.

“I bought a new shirt for the interview,” he says while fidgeting with enthusiasm in front of his 24-lane kingdom. To hear Lewis, an ace bowler himself, describe it, Skyway was like the TV show Cheers. Everyone knew your name. It thrived in an era when leagues were popular, and people took bowling seriously.

As a former pin chaser, mechanic and pro shop boss, Lewis knew that Skyway Bowl needed some love.

He ordered new shoes. “People steal them.” He ordered 50 new balls from Brunswick at \$60 a pop. Boxes of new pins arrived, lanes were refinished. His family is helping.







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With the help of condo developer Brad Lamb, Skyway Bowl is shining again.



Direct from Brunswick, new balls have arrived at Skyway Bowl





“We painted the walls with modern colours,” he says. But the wonderful, spacey graphics plastered above the pins remain.

“League bowlers will be happy here,” Lewis says with confidence. “And so will the social bowlers.” After it passes all the city requirements, Skyway will open with COVID precautions. For safe spacing only 12 of the 24 lanes will be in use.

Both Brad Lamb and Lionel Lewis believe bowling can have a good run at Skyway Bowl because there’s not much competition. As for future development of the site? It’s a long way off. “I’m not sure I’ll be alive,” Lamb says.

But he’ll be there for the reopening of Skyway Bowl, expected later this month.

“I never gave up, I knew there was a future,” Lewis says, still throwing strikes after all these years.

Here’s a link to a short youtube video that accompanied the article about the reopening:

<https://youtu.be/OlPscF84V4>

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## Francois Lavoie Wins Another PBA Major



Although there hasn't been any Team Canada international competition for the past year or so because of COVID19, there has been a significant amount of activity, and success, from one of our Team Canada members. **Francois Lavoie**, from our men's team, has been competing in the Professional Bowlers Association events regularly, and having quite a bit of success.

Most notably, he recently won his 3<sup>rd</sup> PBA Major tournament. This time, it was the Tournament of Champions. The finals were telecast on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Lavoie, starting in 5<sup>th</sup> place, ran the stepladder to claim the trophy and \$100,000 first place prize.

Here is a link to a very recent interview that was done with Francois ("Frankie") by the USBC. It is a little over 15 minutes, and shows Frankie's level-headedness, honesty, and insight. He is a great representative of our country. [Frankie's interview](#)

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## **Presidential Ponderings**

**Submitted by Dave Kist**



Wave 2 has come and gone, now wave 3 is fully upon us as we again go into lockdown in various parts of the country. The bowling season has really suffered this time around as in some provinces the 20/21 season leagues have barely gotten in 10 weeks and in other areas less than that. Covid-19 continues to extract a mighty toll on everyone - their health, mental state and pocket book. I ask that you check in on your family, friends and fellow bowlers – check to see how they are doing, reach out and see if they are in need – help if you can. Working together, we can all get to the vaccination stage and a launch of the 21/22 season.

This past year has seen the cancelation of most events coast to coast, but that has not stopped CTF from working hard for you, our members. By now, I'm sure many of you have heard of the C5PBA (Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers Association) and CTF discussions regarding a merger into one organization. I thank the many folks from our national, provincial and local boards for providing their input and giving of their time to attend various electronic sessions. For those that recall and went through the Men's, Women's and Youth 10 pin merger many years ago, this is fairly similar. Two great organizations, rich with history, technical expertise and who are passionate about bowling are discussing and working together to take the best of both to create one world class organization for the sport of bowling in Canada. How will this work? It is still being put together piece by piece, but it could look something like Swimming Canada - one organization overseeing multiple disciplines of the sport (ie backstroke, free style, butterfly etc). There are a number of sports in Canada structured in this way – skiing, curling and wrestling are just a few that come to mind.

So, the big question, “Why merge”? It started with a suggestion from Sport Canada – which was to look at & consider this potential and follow in the steps of a number of other sports. That kick-started some serious discussions regarding the perceived roadblocks and the potential benefits of walking down a road towards merging the 5 pin and 10 pin governing bodies for the sport of bowling. Through all of this, keeping each of our members best interests first and foremost in everything has been the primary goal. We have found the benefits of merging are numerous and will be coming to each of our voting members fairly soon to review where we are at, the work that has been completed and to ask for your support to continue the work to completion with an April 2022 target date as our goal.

With Bowl Canada's withdrawal from BFC (Bowling Federation of Canada) – you will see more on that soon via a separate publication – we can theoretically look at 3 organizations becoming one and here are just some of the benefits to merging:

- One board of directors instead of 3 - Cost savings for travel, meeting rooms, food & hotel rooms
- One annual meeting instead of 3 - Cost savings for travel, meeting rooms, food & hotel rooms
- One set of books - Fiscal reporting, yearend & auditing costs
- One website for all to go to regarding bowling
  - Hosting fees, maintenance costs and updates (FYI-BFC recently spent \$7k to update their website)
  - Streamlined content, speed to update & easier to maintain
- Having 1 lane inspection crew per "area", so split houses only require 1 crew not 2 to inspect lanes



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- Cost savings for locals example Ft Mac is 4 1/2 hrs north of Edm, do we expect a 10 pin crew to go up there to inspect 6 lanes and a 5 pin crew to inspect 4 lanes
- One voice speaking on behalf of 32,000 members versus 2 voices each speaking for 16,000 members

With all of this in mind, merging the two organizations looks to be a very logical step and the benefits / cost savings would have us asking why not merge. Yes, change can be difficult, but change can be positive and help the organization become better and stronger. More merge details will be made available, when the voting members are asked to review and endorse the plan shortly.

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**Youth Report**  
**Submitted by Blaine Boyle**

Hello one and all! Well the 2020 bowling season sure did not go like we had hoped. Some centres were able to open and let leagues in only to shut them down shortly after - all in all not a good year for bowling. This once again makes the reality of the Canadian Youth Championships (CYC) in 2021 nonexistent. Not what I wanted to happen again.

Well hopefully 2022 will be the year everything is back to normal and with that, we have a location and a new date for the CYC. They will take place in Winnipeg, Manitoba from May 19<sup>th</sup> to May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and I look forward to all the youth that qualify and make this the best National Tournament in the country.

There will be a couple of changes to the tournament this year and I am sure all our youth are patiently waiting to get to the sport they love. Hopefully, we will see you soon as I always look forward to the competition and friendly rivalries the tournament brings each year.

Rules for the CYC will be posted on the website shortly and just a quick reminder as always, oil patterns will not be posted until May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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

Stay safe and well everyone!

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**Coach Development Report**  
**Submitted by Blaine Boyle**

Well, another year hasn't gone as planned for bowling but as always, we have still been hard at work upgrading and redeveloping our coaching programs to meet with the ever-changing criteria set forth from the Coaching Association of Canada as well as Sport Canada. We are firm believers in that a properly trained coach is a safe coach.





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This means there will be new coaching standards that will be required for coaches in CTF Youth Programs. For all coaches Locally, Provincially and Nationally, there are a couple of new courses in the Locker that you will be required to take in order to keep your certification current. These courses are Safe Sport and Making Headway. They are both free and are sponsored by the CAC.

I suggest that all coaches should take these courses as they will find them very knowledgeable. If you have any issues getting into the Locker at Coach.ca please contact me and I will help you get logged in.

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

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**Regulatory Report**  
**Submitted by Charlotte Konkle**

**CTF Director Nominations Wanted!**

CTF will be holding its Annual Meeting in November 2021. At that meeting, there will be an election to fill three Director positions that will be from Jan. 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024 - a 3-year term.

There are a total of 9 elected directors and 1 appointed by the Athletes Council. Each province is allowed up to 3 elected directors and the current breakdown is as follows:

AB – 2	ON - 3
BC – 0	QC - 0
MB – 3	SK - 1
NB - 0	

If you are interested in becoming a CTF Director, please fill out the Director Nomination form which is available for viewing and downloading on the CTF website ([tenpincanada.com](http://tenpincanada.com)) under Association Resources and then Other Association Forms.

Please send it as soon as possible.

The deadline for all nominations is twenty-four hours prior to the start of the CTF Annual Meeting and they must be in the hands of the Nominating Chairperson at [ckonkle@tenpincanada.com](mailto:ckonkle@tenpincanada.com) by that time.

Don't miss out on a chance to make a difference!

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

### **Flipgive - A Simple way for us to help fund CTF!**

When you shop, dine out, book hotels, go to entertainment activities, or even just purchase some gift cards, by using Flipgive, a commission on every purchase goes towards our Team Canada. As long as you are registered with our unique **CTF Code – IRFPW9**

If you Drink Coffee, buy Gas, Shop at The Bay, Amazon, or Even Marks Work Wearhouse, you can support CTF.

Below is a list of the companies you can purchase gift cards or top ups on apps, and contribute to CTF without changing your habits.

I encourage you to sign up on at [FlipGive.com/Join](https://FlipGive.com/Join) – Also, download the App for your phone. If you are topping up your Tim Hortons, or Starbucks cards automatically, I encourage you to adjust your habits slightly, so you get the gift cards sent to you by email through FlipGive.

I use the App regularly, so if you have questions about “The Hows” etc, by all means, send me an email, and I will help with your questions. In the meantime, based on your location in Canada, please stay safe, and enjoy your gradual openings as they are occurring in your Province!! Hopefully, we will be bowling soon.

**\*\*\* Esso Speed Pass – Mobil Stations, Superstore, etc. Now has an Auto Re-loading gift card that continually donates to CTF with no FLIP GIVE interaction \*\*\* So cool**



Below is a list of Common gift cards, and the percentage that is donated to CTF.



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HOME HARDWARE  
Gives 2%



TIM HORTONS  
Gives 1%



STARBUCKS CARD  
Gives 3%



CINEPLEX  
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THE ULTIMATE DINING CARD  
Gives 7%

Here are some of the Dining Out options available – Remember, you can order Take-Out and pick up at most locations. Gift Cards typically need to be used in Store, unless they are linked to an APP.



TIM HORTONS  
Gives 1%



BOSTON PIZZA  
Gives 2%



BUFFALO WILD WINGS  
Gives 7.5%



THE ULTIMATE DINING CARD  
Gives 7%



INSPIRED DINING CARD  
Gives 10%

And, here is a list of some Fine Dining options



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Gives 5%



SWISS CHALET  
Gives 7%



EARLS KITCHEN + BAR  
Gives 2%



RED LOBSTER  
Gives 1%



SCADDABUSH ITALIAN KITCHEN & ...  
Gives 10%

To join up, download the Flipgive app, or visit [www.flipgive.com/join](http://www.flipgive.com/join)  
Remember, the CTF Team Canada code is IRFPW9

You can also add Flipgive Max to your browser. This add-on notifies you if you are in an establishment that is registered with Flipgive. <https://flipgive.com/max>

As of May, 2020, we have already raised more than \$1000 through this program!

There are 100's of establishments in the Flipgive family.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US!**

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**Petro Canada is one of our valued sponsors. New promotion information is coming soon!**

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## **ENTRIPLY**

**CTF** spirit wear can be obtained through **Entripy!** Spirit wear can include apparel like shirts and hoodies, accessories such as bags, etc. First time orders receive a 10% discount and shipping is free in Canada.

Bulk orders are available (e.g. proshops, team uniforms, and groups). Bulk orders are invoiced as a shop owner to receive the savings of bulk pricing.

Do you have a special event coming up? Look no further, "Posters" are also available!

Local and Provincial Leaders - if you wish your logo to be added on any product. Please email [cinnes@tenpincanada.com](mailto:cinnes@tenpincanada.com) and we will be happy to start the process for you to add your desired logo.



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Email: [travel@tenpincanada.com](mailto:travel@tenpincanada.com)

*Let Expedia take care of all of your travel needs...we're Expedia!*

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**Westjet is one of our CTF Member's Preferred Travel Partners**

**Welcome Canadian Tenpin Federation Members!**

We are pleased to announce that Westjet is now a preferred travel partner for CTF Members. You receive discounts (different discounts for different flights) by booking your travel through the Westjet Portal.

To Join and Enjoy Discounts please email [travel@tenpincanada.com](mailto:travel@tenpincanada.com) for more information.

Thankyou Westjet !!

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*A world of discounts is waiting...  
Save big. Every day.*

**Welcome to Canadian Tenpin Federation Discount Marketplace!**

Enjoy discounts, rewards and perks on thousands of the brands you love in a variety of categories:

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■ Auto	■ Restaurants
■ Electronics	■ Health and Wellness
■ Apparel	■ Beauty and Spa
■ Local Deals	■ Tickets
■ Education	■ Sports & Outdoors



**It's easy to access and start saving!**

1. Go to [tenpincanada.benefithub.com](https://tenpincanada.benefithub.com/)
2. Enter Referral Code- DED87N
3. Complete Registration and enjoy

Questions? Call 1-866-664-4621 or email [customercare@benefithub.com](mailto:customercare@benefithub.com)

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## CTF is Always Looking for Sponsorship Partners

### Canadian Tenpin Federation Sponsorship Levels

#### **Gold – \$10,000**

Prime Location on Website – Front Page

**Prime location for Logo on Jerseys for 26 Team Canada Members for a total of over 78 jerseys**

Athletes will use company hashtags on all social media posts

Logo on live streaming at events & Recognition

Logo on all Team Canada Correspondence

Live Interviews

Frequent communication on Team Canada Results

Company Tax Receipt

#### **Silver – \$5,000**

Logo on Team Canada Page

Sub Prime Location for Logo on Jerseys for 26 Team Canada Members for a total of over 78 jerseys

Logo on all Team Canada Correspondence

Logo on live streaming at events & Recognition

Frequent communication on Team Canada Results

Company Tax Receipt

#### **Bronze – \$2,500**

Logo on Team Canada Page

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Logo on Selected Team Canada Correspondence

Company Tax Receipt

Event Sponsorship – \$1,000

Pick your event: Canadian Youth Championships, Canadian Mixed Championships, Canadian Team Trials

Recognition on live streaming if available

Logo on all printed material related to event

Company Tax Receipt

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**1974 Ladies Team Canada  
Competing in Caracas, Venezuela**

**Can anyone help with the names?  
Send us an email: [ctfconnection@tenpincanada.com](mailto:ctfconnection@tenpincanada.com)**



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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.lambtoncountyttenpinassociation.com/">http://www.lambtoncountyttenpinassociation.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.

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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@tenpincada.com](mailto:ctfconnection@tenpincada.com)**

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