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# WE'VE MISSED YOU!!

Well, I know it is an old excuse, but the pandemic really did throw a monkey wrench into our CTF Connection schedule for the past 2 years. There have been very few issues published since the start of it, and maybe now we can finally start getting back to a more consistent schedule. Our last issue was in May, 2022!

It looks like our bowling season, for most, is now back to normal (or at least close to normal). Unfortunately, we have lost many bowlers, and some leagues of course, from where they were pre-pandemic. Here's hoping that we can work together to get things back to where they were, and even beyond.

There are a number of CTF updates that you will want to take note of in this issue, including some highlights from our Annual Meeting held on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you!





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### Manitoba News Submitted by Dan Tereck

### Tyler Groening – 300 Game Ring

You may remember...

As reported in our last issue, **Tyler Groening**, bowled his first perfect game as a youth back in April, and it happened on his last league session of the season, and on his last time bowling as a Youth, AND, on his very last game of the session....

Tyler is shown here receiving his 300 ring from Cheryl Jobin, the League Administrator for the Laverendrye Youth League (which is the league where he had bowled that perfect game).

Tyler is of course eligible for an Adult 300 ring if he rolls another sanctioned perfecto as an adult. I don't expect we'll be waiting very long!



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#### Jim Dobbin – First career 200 Game!



Congratulations to **Jim Dobbin** on his first career 200 game.

Jim accomplished this while bowling in the Red White & Blue League at Chateau Lanes on Friday, Oct 21, 2022.

You now are an official member of the 200 Club!

See you at the 200 Club Tournament later this season!









#### **Hal Ross Doubles Tournament**



Our annual Hal Ross Doubles Tournament was held on Nov 11, 2022 at Laverendrye Lanes. We had 14 teams competing in the double-knockout format event this year. The winning team went undefeated – no easy task.

Congratulations to **Doug Ross** and **David Hawrysh** (also known locally as "Carwash").

To see all the detailed results, you can visit the Winnipeg/Manitoba Association website. Here's the direct link to the Hal Ross 2022 Results page: https://bowlingmanitoba.ca/hal-ross-doubles-2022/

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#### Winnipeg Senior Men League



We've had two perfect games rolled in this league this season so far. We always consider these to be pretty special, because this league moves lanes after each game and therefore, it creates another level of difficulty for the bowlers.

**Earl Sobotkiewicz** (shown at left) rolled his 300 game on September 20, 2022. It was his 2<sup>nd</sup> game of the series.

**Mike Schmidt** bowled his on November 15, 2022. It was his 1<sup>st</sup> game of the series.



#### Congratulations to both!

And, in addition to these achievements, we also had a rare Big Four split conversion.

On October 4, 2022, **Tyler Krawetz** (shown at right) converted this difficult split, and the league erupted! Of note, he made the spare in the technically perfect way, by sliding the 6-pin over to the left to take out the 4-7. Krawetz, an easygoing, and rather humble nice guy, agreed to have this feat documented here. Rumor has it that he keeps his chevron in his wallet at all times. Thanks Tyler. And well done!

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#### Manitoba Hall of Fame Inductions & 2022 Bowlers of the Year

On October 30, 2022, the Manitoba Tenpin Federation had their Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, and their Provincial Awards event. It was well-attended and some very special people were recognized and honoured.

Our Hall of Fame inductees are: **Wanda Matskiw** – Meritorious Service **Patricia Wight** – Meritorious Service **Peter Wight** – Meritorious Service

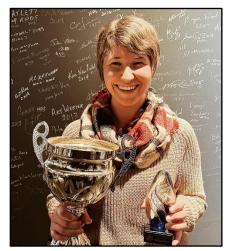
And our 2021-22 Bowlers of the Year are:



Female Youth - Brittney Rocan



Male Youth – **Israel Potter** 



Female Adult - Marissa Naylor

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Male Adult – **Mitch Hupé** 









### 2023 World Police and Fire Games Being Hosted in Winnipeg

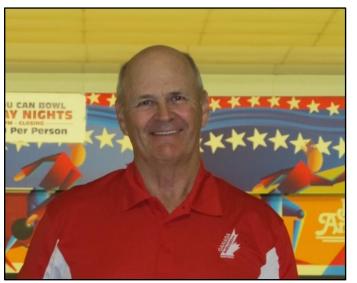
We are pleased to announce that the 2023 World Police and Fire Games (WPFG), purported to be the largest sporting event ever held in Manitoba, will take place from July 28<sup>th</sup> to Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. They are estimating that they will have over 8000 athletes in attendance who will be competing in over 60 sports! And tenpin bowling is one of them!

The bowling events consists of Singles, Doubles, and 4-person Teams, and of course, All-Events. There are 3 different average categories, as well as some Gender divisions, and a Masters category (age 50+) as well. There is no handicapping. The bowling takes place at Chateau Lanes, from July 31<sup>st</sup> – Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are Golf, Silver, and Bronze Medals awarded for each category/event. One of the unique aspects of this tournament is that the Top 5 All-Events scores, regardless of age or gender, are pitted against each other in a TV-style rolloff at the very end of the competitions.

They are looking for volunteers (for all Sports of course), and if you want to find out more about the schedule, and the sporting events, for either volunteering, or just being a spectator, please refer to their website: <a href="https://www.wpfg2023.com">www.wpfg2023.com</a>

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# **Lambton County Tenpin Association News Submitted by Rod Honke**



**CONGRATULATIONS** goes to **Kevin Schofield** for his fantastic bowling in the World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) this year held in August in Rotterdam Netherlands. Schofield, a retired Sarnia police officer, won 5 gold medals at the tournament in the 10-pin bowling category. He won the singles, doubles, team championships, all events and capped it all off by winning the step ladder final where the top 5 bowlers participate in man-to-man elimination play. Schofield now has won 28 medals since he first participated in the WPFG in 2001 – 16 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze. Kevin also had a perfect game in his final game in the singles match coming from behind to be victorious. He rolled a total of 17 games averaging a super 221. This was his most successful WPFG tournament ever beating out his 2013 performance in Belfast where he won 4 golds and 1

silver. Schofield has taken part in the WPFG in Indianapolis, Barcelona Spain, Adelaide Australia, Belfast, Ireland, Chengdu China, Quebec City, Vancouver, Los Angeles, New York and Fairfax Virginia. Before this year's tournament started, he was inducted into the WPFG Hall of Fame. His outstanding performance on the lanes this year proved why he was a unanimous choice to enter the prestigious club.









**Mike Mitro** fired a perfect game in the Sunday Morning Classic League at Marcin Bowl in his second game finishing the day with a 609 triple. It was his 2<sup>nd</sup> 300, his first one coming on February 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 in London. Mitro, a right-handed two finger no thumb bowler, was using two different balls on the different lane conditions.



**Mike Shephard** hurled a perfect game in the Sunday Morning Classic League at Marcin Bowl in his last game finishing the day with a 687 triple. It was his career sanctioned 13<sup>th</sup> 300. He also has 6 sanctioned 800's to his credit with his highest being 827.



**Mel Kongus** rolled a rare triplicate in the Border City Men's League at Marcin Bowl as he posted a 549 (183-183-183).



**Pete Dufault** rolled 299 in his first game of the night in the Bluewater Monday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl finishing the night with a 662 triple. The lane broke down twice in the last frame but he struck 10 and 11 only to leave a solid 10 –pin in his final shot.



**Sarah Ingles** tossed 247 in the Friday Night Mixed League at Marcin Bowl to post her career personal highest single game



**Joel Clarke** wheeled a 256 (100 pins over average) in his second game of the night in the Bluewater Monday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl. He finished the night with a 651 (213-256-182 -183 pins over average for three games).



**Crystal Dunn** rolled 206 – 106 pins over average to record the high over average for a single game in LCTA bowling play this week. She was bowling in her second game of the night in the Thursday Night Mixed League at Marcin Bowl.









**Rob Winder Jr.** had an exciting day in the Sunday Morning Classic League (SMCL) as he rolled his career first perfect game ending the day with 760 (276 - 300 - 184). It was the 3rd perfect game posted in the 2022 - 2023 bowling season in the LCTA. Winder's previous sanctioned high single was 279 and his highest sanctioned triple is 781. He is now averaging 214 for 18 games in the SMCL this season.



**John Armstrong** tossed 741 (247-247) in the Border City Men's League at Marcin Bowl to post a unique triplicate. Strange as it is, triplicates tend to be few and far in between in bowling but this is the second one in the LCTA this year.



**Bryce Watson** rolled 698 (244-257-75 pins over average -197 – 152 pins over average for three games.) in the Friday Night Fun Mixed League at Marcin Bowl to register his career personal high triple. Watson is now averaging 190 for 18 games in the league. Watson came up through the Hi-Way Bowl Phantoms Junior Bowlers Program.



**Brandon Gauthier** hurled 841 (268-297-97 pins over average -276-241 pins over average for three games) in the Friday Night Fun Mixed League at Marci Bowl. He rolled 30 out of a possible 36 strikes to record the first 800 triple in the 2022-2023 bowling season in the Lambton County Tenpin Association. He also has sanctioned scores of 803 and 7-300's to his credit.



Walter Amyotte rolled 717 (283 – 101 pins over average) in the Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (BMNML) at Marcin Bowl. Amyotte has been bowling for 25 years and his personal sanctioned highest scores are 290 and 729. He is averaging 191 for 18 games in the BMNML this year.



**Dara Sinclair** tossed 289 – 111 pins over average in the Friday Night Fun Mixed League (FNFML) at Marcin Bowl. Dara started bowling 10-pin at age 5 and her personal sanctioned highest scores are 300 (2) and 781. She is currently averaging 185 for 21 games in the FNFML.









**Dave LeClair** fired 277 – 109 pins over average in his last game of the night in the Border City Men's League (BCML) at Marcin Bowl. Dave, who will be celebrating his 75th birthday this coming Christmas day, has been bowling for 63 years and has been Secretary/Treasurer in the BCML for 54 years. He has 43-700's in league play and 1 in the Ontario Seniors Tournament to his credit. His career sanctioned highest scores are 767 and 300. Dave, who is a once a week bowler recovering from a stroke he suffered last year, is averaging 177 for 18 games this year in the BCML. LeClair does a great job looking after the Lambton County Tenpin Association web site.



**Cody Wilson** tossed 778 (245-254-279) in the Friday Night Fun Mixed League at Marcin Bowl to register his career highest triple.



Owen Allison wheeled 601 (230 - 96 pins over average - 218 - 84 pins over average - 153 - 199 pins over average for three games) in the Border City Men's League (BCML) at Marcin Bowl to record his career personal highest single game and triple. He is now averaging 142 for 24 games in the BCML this year.



**Pat Legault** fired 780 (259-256-265) in the Friday Night Fun Mixed League (FNFML) at Marcin Bowl. This is Legault's 4th 700 plus triple in the FNFML this year in the first nine weeks of bowling as previously he posted 715 (242-265-208), 704 (236-243-225) and 700 (219-214- 267). Legault is now averaging 220 for 27 games in the league.



**Steve Lewicki** has been really hot in the in the Sunday Morning Classic League at Marcin Bowl this year. He fired another 700 this week giving him 5 in his 8 weeks of bowling. His 700's were 722 (256-246-220) – 743 (259-247-237) – 708 (236-239-233) – 711 (257-222-232) and 733 (256-267-210). The lefty is averaging 228 for 24 games.



**Connor Smith** tossed 769 (224-259-286) in the Friday Night Fun Mixed League at Marcin Bowl. His sanctioned high triple is 815 (258-279-278) which he bowled in the RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League at Hi-Way Bowl on December 22, 2017. His sanctioned high single game is 286.



**Drew Bestard** fired the first eleven strikes in his first game of the night with solid pocket hits. On his final delivery the lefty came a bit high on the headpin leaving the 7-9 split and finishing with a 298. He was bowling in the Border City Men's League finishing the night with a 744 (298- 224- 224) triple. Bestard, a once a week bowler, is averaging 212 for 21 games in the league. His career sanctioned high scores are 786 and 300 (2). He also has a 299 to his credit.









**Kerry Friis** fired a 300 game in his last game of the day in the Sunday Morning Classic League (SMCL) at Marcin Bowl. It was his career sanctioned 7<sup>th</sup> 300 and the 4<sup>th</sup> in the Lambton County Tenpin Association this season. Kerry and his wife Jill commute from Mount Bridges near London to bowl in the SMCL.

And additionally, from a previous note that Rod had sent to me back in the Summer...

Hi EVERYONE.... If you missed attending the Marcin Bowl Shoot Out, a write up can be found under Honker's Highlights. Just double click on the Marcin Bowl Shoot Out logo by the bowling balls. Also below I have included a link of video coverage of the shootout done by Kurt Ridgewell of Windsor. You will see some of the out-of-town bowlers including a few local bowlers. I think you will enjoy the video. Have a GREAT summer.....

Here are the links:

 $\frac{https://www.lambtoncountytenpinassociation.com/weekly-results}{https://youtube.com/channel/UCJ5zDIPfmIYfpuRpslSvY2A}$ 

Editor's Note: For your information, and for your entertainment, Rod regularly reports on the Lambton County tenpin community achievements and highlights on a weekly basis. It is called "Honder's Highlights". The reports can be found on the Lambton County website. Here's the link to Rod's reports: https://www.lambtoncountytenpinassociation.com/weekly-results

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



I asked all the youth bowling programs to give me an update on their bowling seasons to date. I asked if they would do a short summary of last season and give another brief update for the start of the current season. Some of these bowling programs there has been a changing of the guard because the previous people running the programs stepped down. With the Covid pandemic some programs needed to almost be rebuilt from scratch because there was no program last season, or they lost many prior bowlers. I asked the bowling programs to give me a short synopsis of each of their bowling programs. We have not followed up on our youth bowling programs for a while so I thought I would contact each program to find out what each program was doing. These bowlers are our future, so we need to ensure that these programs are successful and slowly build from year to year. Each youth program has excellent program directors, so each program is successful in their own unique format used to run their programs.







#### **Chatham Youth**

When **Stacie and Ian Formosa** took over the program there were only 12 registered bowlers. In under 2 years, while fighting Covid shutdowns, there are now 21 regular weekly bowlers. At one point during the season, they had 28 bowlers, but some bowlers were lost to hockey and other sports.

Stacie indicated "We saw every single bowler's average increase. 11 of our 21 have improved 10 pins or more." Leading the way is **Ethan Vethaak** +33, **Yvan Morin** +30 and **Caleb Rahn** +21.

They have handed out 3 watches last season to Luca Formosa 237, Morgan Mallette 249, Ethan Vethaak 252. They had 10 different bowlers break 200. Six of those broke 225 (Joseph Carter, Robert Bondy, Morgan Mallette, Grady Marvin, Luca Formosa, Ethan Vethaak). They had 2 bowlers break 600 series (Grady Marvin, Colin Houweling).

Stacie indicated "We have been well represented at local tournaments at end of last season."

#### Youth Doubles March 20th

Ethan Vethaak/Joseph Carter placed 1<sup>st</sup> in division B Luca Formosa/Yvan Morin placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in division C Arjen Beaman/Patrick Goodyear placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in division C (Arjen is the youngest bowler at 6 yrs old)

#### **Annual Team Event**

Class B – Ethan Vethaak, Joseph Carter, Luca Formosa and Yvan Morin placed 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Annual Doubles Event**

Class B – Luca Formosa/Yvan Morin placed 1<sup>st</sup> (They finished 192 pins ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> place)

After getting Provincial results, the Chatham program had bowlers bring home scholarship money, \$845 in total.

- Team Event: Luca Formosa, Yvan Morin, Colin Houweling, Benjamin Bondy finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division C
- Doubles Event: Luca Formosa and Colin Houweling finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division B
- Singles Event: **Grady Marvin** was the winner of Division B, **Grayson Widenmaier** finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division D

This season is further building on last season. They have grown to 30 bowlers, up from 21 last season. Stacie indicated "In the short season as it stands to date we currently have seen Prep bowler **Tristan Godreau** shoot his first ever 200 (451 series). Junior **Luca Formosa** shot his personal best of 248 (596 series). Seniors **Colin Houweling** shot 244 (610 series) and **Morgan Mallette** shot a 250 (565 Series)."

#### Scratch Singles tournament

**Tristan Godreau** finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division C **Yvan Morin** finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division D **Luca Formosa** won division E







#### Joseph Carter won Division F

#### **Tilbury Youth**

**Mike Ouellette** indicated, after being idled for the 2021-22 season, The Tilbury Youth Bowling League (TYBL) has emerged at the Alley Bar and Grill (formerly J&D Lanes).

Currently there are 14 bowlers in the league. Eight of the participants were previously involved before the Covid stoppage. The young bowlers' range in age from 8 to 17 years old.

**Ryan Hill** has replaced Joe Cartier as Chief Adult and Mike is Secretary-Treasurer. Both of us coach. Three Moms, **Amy Bellaire**, **Shelley Mackay** and **Sarah McLeod** are great helpers. Two of the older bowlers, **Karissa Wray** and **Jonah Bellaire** assist in recording scores and providing leadership for the younger ones.

Having missed a year the current group is not yet tournament ready, but we are hopeful that some will have progressed sufficiently to do so in early 2023.

#### Revs Rose Bowl - Club 240

**Jordan Smith**, who used to bowl in the program from 1995-2008, took over the program that was previously run by **Bob and Virginia Oliver** for 50 years. Jordan Smith works together with **Scott Gates**, **Andrea Gates**, and his wife **Maddy** to run the program as a cohesive team. Jordan said when he first aged out of the Club 240 program, he coached for six years. When Bob and Virginia stepped away, he joined together with friends and his wife to jointly take over running the program.

At the start of the current season the program only had 22 bowlers. Within approximately 3 weeks they have since grown to 56 youth bowlers. Jordan indicated "We put an advertisement on Facebook which was a huge success."

After the first scratch singles tournament of the season, the program directors were very proud to mention that they had four bowlers place  $2^{nd}$  in their respective Classes, and two bowlers placed 3rd in another. The scratch singles places youth bowlers in different classes according to their average. The program youth coordinators would like to recognize the success of the following youth bowlers in the Scratch Singles Tournament from their bowling program.

- **Skylar Poisson** finished 3rd in Division A
- Anthony Casey finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division B
- Savy Walls finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division B
- Andrej Musialowicz finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division C
- **Alyssa Batson** finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division E
- Luke Gates finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division F

#### Revs Rose Bowl - Unifor 444

**Dan Dumouchelle** is the program coordinator for this youth program. In 1991 Unifor had 320 youth bowlers. This year they have 62 bowlers in the program. Youth programs are way down from what they were years ago,







but the program is slowly starting to rebuild. The first week of bowling they charge the youth bowlers \$40 for bowling and sanctioning. They run weekly raffles to help raise money for their program. Any youth bowler from the program that enters an end of year local or provincial tournament, the program helps that bowler with some money towards the tournament entry fee.

Dan said "It is all about the kids – their success is your success. You need to love the sport of bowling and enjoy working with kids to make the program successful." Trophies handed out in the past have been eliminated because they are too expensive. This program makes an emphasis to give each child in the program scholarship money. Over the past 20 years the program has awarded \$100,000 in total scholarship money. On a yearly basis the kids come and make requests for \$3000-\$4000 per year to be paid out towards post-secondary education. Some kids in this program have earned \$3,000 in scholarship money.

The first year a youth bowler joins the program they get a plaque. Each year following the bowler gets a chevron that contains all their accomplishments for that season to be placed on the plaque. The plaque has enough space to include chevrons for 9 years. After 9 years, if the bowler is still in the program, then they are provided with another plaque to collect their bowling achievements in the way of chevrons over the next additional nine years.

When Dan said it is all about the kids, he means what he says. Dumouchelle has had individuals donate about 10-12 bowling balls yearly. Some also donate bowling shoes and bowling bags. He gives these kids a donated bowling ball, bag, or shoes. If they need a ball, then they just pay to replug, then redrill the ball. When the child outgrows the bowling ball, they return the bowling ball then he checks to see if he has a heavier weight bowling ball in exchange for the ball they just returned. Dan said new bowling equipment is expensive. People are always getting rid of equipment, so he encourages them to donate old equipment to the youth program. Anything to help youth bowlers is his number one goal.

The program used to pay for a formal banquet, but banquets became too costly. He replaced the banquet with a two-hour Rock N Bowl Pizza and Pasta party at the bowling centre, where they give out scholarship awards in the league. He indicated "I can save money and pay out much more scholarship money to the bowlers if I eliminate the formal banquet."

Dan told me advertising does not work that well for youth bowling, it just costs more money than it is worth. The program tried many different advertising options, but he found that word of mouth works best. The league has their own Facebook page (Unifor Program) and email address. He has pens he hands out that advertise the Facebook page and the email address. People, generally the parents, want information readily available or need a mechanism to send a request for information so this is his way to get the information out there. Dan indicated it would be nice if we could go through the school board to inform parents about our youth bowling programs. Most school boards have these online portals accessed by parents. We could let parents know that we offer a sports bowling program that enables their children to earn scholarship money while they are learning to bowl. Dan is not just the coordinator of this youth bowling program, he is the Youth Chairperson of the Youth Committee for the Local Bowling Association, he sits on the Local Bowling Association Board, and he is also a member of the Provincial Board. He said he fits these additional duties along with a 16-hour workday. Trying to keep all this information organized can be difficult at times, but while he is driving, he is thinking and dictating ideas to his phone.







Dan has a large backdrop he ordered that will be used for taking bowling pictures. He indicated people will see this backdrop at all youth tournaments. The backdrop will make the organization look more professional. He said usually people running a tournament will be in a back office. He wants these people to be more up-front with the backdrop behind them, so they are more accessible to people. He set up another Facebook page and an email address for the Essex County Youth. He has special pens advertising this Facebook page and email address as well. Dan said social media helps get information out to people and the email address helps solicit feedback.

As Chairperson of the Youth Committee, he is trying to arrange one tournament a month. Kids seem to want more tournaments in both scratch and handicap format tournaments. Tournament awards that used to be trophies are being replaced by medals and a bowling towel. Dan indicated "We need to find a way to bring these kids back. In the past proprietors used to think about the kids and give them rebates whenever possible in reduced lineage for tournaments or reduced bowling fees to pay for practice time. Bowling centres in Windsor Essex County help with lower lineage fees for youth programs and tournaments, but out of town youth tournaments are getting more expensive."

He said in the end it is all about the kids – they are our number one priority if we are going to keep youth bowling successful. Dan is just as hard working as everyone else in these diverse youth bowling programs. He just wears many hats dealing with youth bowlers on multiple different levels.

#### **Super Bowl – Youth bowling**

**Richard Taylor**, one of the individuals that helps run the program, indicated that "It is never too late to join a youth bowling program." Our program now has 66 bowlers total between the Saturday and Sunday Programs combined. They do a few in-house tournaments and give out scholarships to winners. The weekly bowling fees cover sanctioning, bowling, trophies, banquet, and scholarships. Richard indicated "Weekly they enlist the parents to help on a weekly basis."

Currently they are preparing to host the Super 5 Tournament which is open to all houses wanting to participate. The entry fee is \$25 per person (\$19.00 scholarship, \$5.00 linage \$1.00 expenses). The Super 5 Tournament groups four sanctioned youth bowlers in a team format with a bowling coach (captain). Photos of team captains are posted on a wall. Under the picture of each captain is space for four names. All a youth bowler needs to do is pick a captain (coach) you wish to bowl with, fill in an entry form, pay your entry fee then show up to bowl. This is a Bakers style tournament format that allows each team member to bowl two frames per game. First Bowler bowls 1<sup>st</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> frames, then the second bowler bowls 2<sup>nd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> frames and so on. After completing 10 games the top four teams move onto the stepladder finals. It may sound like a huge number of games but remember each bowler just bowls 2 frames per game. The guaranteed payout for the event is \$400 for 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100 each), \$300 for 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$75 each), \$200 for 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$50 each), and \$100 for 4<sup>th</sup> (\$25 each) all paid out in scholarship money.

I asked Richard who has run his program jointly with **Guy Taylor**, no relation, for years how we go about further building on our youth bowling programs across the city. I asked him if he has been in contact with the schools. What I found out is that the schools used to have bowling programs within their schools but busing and liability insurance became issues. We need to find a way to get our bowling programs to be broadcast to all our schools through our school boards to hopefully rebuild the youth bowler base. Other sports like soccer and







hockey seem to be taking a larger youth base, so I think we need to try to work with the school boards to advertise youth bowling to parents.

Editor's Note: This was a terrific idea for an article in the CTF Connection. Hopefully, besides giving recognition to some very deserving individuals, it can possibly spark some new and innovative ideas to help promote and improve our Youth Programs across the country!

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### Niagara Tenpin Bowling Association Submitted By Karl Born

Niagara has been busy this new season, with the association sending our best to International Tournaments. We were represented by **Lisa Morabito** at the 2022 Masters Team Canada in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and **Codi McMaster**, **Miranda Panas** and **Sarah Klassen** at the PanAm Women's Championships in Lima, Peru. These ladies did Niagara Tenpin Bowling Association proud.

Lisa Morabito won a Gold Medal in the Ladies Doubles at the Masters, Silver in the Ladies Baker Team event and Bronze in the Ladies Singles. At the PanAm Tournament, Sarah Klassen won a Bronze Medal in the Trio's competition.

In other news, **John French** had a hot weekend towards the end of October with a 300 thrown on his Sunday league and a 298 the following day. This is his 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult 300 game to go along with a Youth 300 Game.

We ran our annual NTBA Seniors tournament on November  $5^{th}$ . Turnout was good, and good competition ensued with **Brian Levesque** shooting the front 9 strikes in the  $2^{nd}$  game.

Our association is growing after the Covid shutdowns. We have had a number of bowlers that sat out during the last couple of years and have returned to bowl in their sanction leagues.

Many thanks to the centres for adapting to the restrictions that were placed by the governments. We haven't reached the same number of sanctioned bowlers as we had prior to the pandemic, but we have increased from the previous year – so things are indeed looking up!







# Campbell River News Taken from their Facebook Group Page

A big congratulations to **Ayden Belanko** for shooting a 299 in Youth League on Nov 21<sup>st</sup>!! You know the saying about that darn 10-pin, don't you?



And... **Mile T Nerona** shot a 299 game in league on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Yup, it was another pesky 10-pin! To see a video of his last two shots of the game, go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/117960788903339">https://www.facebook.com/groups/117960788903339</a>

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### Canadian Lakehead News Submitted By Brian McLean



Tenpin Perfection - Bill Graham

Congratulations to Mario's **Bill Graham** who rolled his second sanctioned perfect game in his career, at Mario's on November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022, in the Mario's Open Singles' League.







This was the first 300 for the new season. He rolled a 682 series with the 300 sandwiched in the middle, on lanes 5 & 6. His first perfecto came at a National Championship held in Alberta on May 29<sup>th</sup> 2010. This one is on the General Manager's home lanes.

This is also the second perfect game since tenpin bowling has emerged from a lockdown. The last time perfection was obtained was in 2021 by Michael Makela's  $4^{th}$  300.

Thirty-three bowlers in Thunder Bay have rolled perfect games, including one woman, Nicole Walker.

SHANE ZELLWEGER	SANTO DEL BEN	KEN MARTYN(2)
JOHN SAASTO	BILL GRAHAM (AB) (2)	MITCH PARKER(2)
PETER HENRY	LUKE McMILLAN (2)	STEPHANE LAROCQUE
PHILIP HENRY	ANDREW HILL(13)	NICOLE WALKER
TONY RUSSO (2)	BRIAN McLEAN	JOEL MEEHAN
GORDON BEGIN JR.	ANDREW	DEREK SHAFFER
TERRY CLINTON (3)	WOJCIECHOWSKI(3)	TYLER CARUSO
JAYSON CURRIE	IAN NAKONECHNY(4)	JOE KOLODZIEJCZAK
KEN CHEPESIUK (3)	MIKE MAKELA(4)	CHRIS BARBINI
BRIAN LEBLANC	JAMES SHPERUK(2)	JOEY NUMMELIN
RILEY FORTIER	AARON CRAIG(4)	PHILLIP TRANMER
LIONEL LAPRADE	CURTIS LAYE	







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### Mitch Hupé Article



# THE EFFORTLESS POWER OF MITCH HUPÉ JULY 19, 2022 NOLAN HUGHES

During Anthony Division qualifying, bowling balls destroyed pins like wildebeests in a stampede. The decimated racks at Bayside Bowl could be heard miles off the Portland, Maine coast.

This was the PBA League's strongest division, featuring Jason Belmonte, EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Kyle Troup, Kris Prather and Sean Rash, among other PBA stars – balls wrecking pins was not surprising.

What may be surprising, perhaps, was the player who delivered the most thunderous blasts was not among that list of PBA luminaries. In fact, he doesn't even have a PBA title.

Mitch Hupé, a 27-year-old native of Winnipeg, Canada, led the Motown Muscle and all of Anthony Division qualifying with 1,380 for six games. The only person capable of out-banging Hupé's strikes was Mike Breen during the NBA Finals.

Hupé made his presence felt right away, firing a <u>perfect 300</u> in the first game. Dominance on fresh oil is typical for Hupé; he has very low tilt, which creates heavy ball roll; prefers throwing stronger equipment and likes to play straighter angles.







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"His super heavy ball roll controls most patterns really well," said François Lavoie, a teammate of Hupé's at Wichita State and on the Canadian national team. "A lot of times people struggle if their ball shape is too smooth, but he's got that big hand, revs it up and it goes through the pins just fine."

Given Hupé's immense power, his effortless release is hard to fathom, even in slow motion. He applies so much torque to the ball, you can hear it hiss as it rolls down the lane. His rev rate compares favorably to the tour's most powerful players, including Muscle teammates Tackett and Simonsen.

While Hupé believes he has one of the best physical games on tour, he said that doesn't always equate to winning. "I definitely don't throw it like many other people, which can be good or bad," Hupé said. "I don't know if my game and what I do unique to a ball is as beneficial in today's current game."

He often finds himself atop the standings early in tournaments, then falls as expert boomerang throwers wrap around him. While his A-game often matches up on fresh oil, he hasn't been able to parlay that roll into success on transition. The right-hander knows what to do in those situations — play left with steeper angles — and how to do it, but he struggles to replicate the consistency of craftsmen like Prather and Tackett.

"A guy like Simo or EJ or Prather, they feel like they can probably bowl mediocre and still make a top-10," he said. "Those guys can get so many pins later on in the day, where what I do naturally doesn't match up and what they do naturally does. I feel like it's a lot easier to stay safe on the fresh and then gain a lot of pins, versus the other way around."

The main flaw that has prevented Hupé from entering the tour's upper echelon isn't fatal. He said he would need to learn to raise his axis tilt from about five degrees to 15 degrees. That would help him match up better later in blocks, when he needs the ball to skid further downlane and create more angle.



HUPÉ STRUCK ON FOUR OF SIX SHOTS DURING THE ANTHONY DIVISION FINALS

That's easier said than done, of course. Altering tilt is among the most difficult physical changes in bowling. It would require Hupé to take a few steps back to take more steps forward.







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"It's hard for a professional especially to make adjustments to their game," he said. "For us to take steps back, we have to sacrifice potential income, potential results, potential sponsorships. It's not like we're on an NBA team or MLB team where you can make adjustments and maybe you just don't play for a few games." Hupé is unsure if he's willing to make that sacrifice. While he wants to win a title and believes he's good enough to win on tour, he's also happy with his relationship with bowling.

"You're out here for so long and if you don't win, that can weigh down a lot of people," Hupé said. "I don't want to reach that point where it's like, 'is this fun anymore?' It gets frustrating, don't get me wrong, but it's not frustrating to the point where I'm questioning why I'm still here." Even though he hasn't broken through into the PBA's elite class, Hupé has earned his share of accolades on the lanes.

He particularly thrives in team competition. At Wichita State University, he won the Intercollegiate Team Championships title in 2015. During his PBA League debut in 2019, he helped Portland capture their first of three straight Elias Cups. Manager Tim Mack wanted to bring him back this year, too.

Individually, Hupé won the men's master's gold medal at the 2018 World Championships, defeating Troup in the gold medal match. He also made the USBC Masters show in 2019, finishing fifth.

But you don't need to look at a résumé to discover Hupé's talent. All you have to do is watch him throw a ball.

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### 2022 Canadian Youth Championships







The 2022 Canadian Youth Championships, after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, returned with the competition taking place at Chateau Lanes in Winnipeg, Manitoba from May 20-23. It was fantastic to see all of the Youth Champions competing together and representing their provinces.

To see all of the results, go to <a href="https://bowling.lexerbowling.com/ctf/2022canadianyouthchampionships/">https://bowling.lexerbowling.com/ctf/2022canadianyouthchampionships/</a>







Editor's Note: Most of the Reports below are taken directly from the Delegate's Book for the 2022 CTF Annual Meeting held via Zoom on Nov 20, 2022.

### President's Report Submitted By Blaine Boyle

Welcome everyone to the 2022 Canadian Tenpin Federation Annual Meeting. First off, I would like to thank everyone who has made the time to attend our Annual Meeting. After 2 years of uncertainty it is great to see everything up and running again. A lot has happened over the past 10 and a half months since I took over as President in January of this year.

Bowling centres were able to open or stay open in some provinces, allowing leagues to run with few restrictions. Bowlers were able to get back to close to normal again and enjoy the sport they love. Our Team Canada bowlers did us proud in many events this year and we were able to run our Canadian Team Trials qualifying tournament as well as our Canadian Youth Championships.

The Canadian Tenpin Federation and Canadian 5-pin Federations were in talks to merge both respective organizations into one. While this had some good ideas there were too many unanswered questions and with a deadline of April 2022, we, CTF, decided against merging with C5. As president of CTF I could not willingly allow us to merge when I felt we were too far apart and too different as entities to form into one. Our heritage as a sport was at stake as well as the lack of respect by C5 Executive for our Team Canada members and High-Performance program. The merger is officially dead, and there will be no talks of merger in the foreseeable future. I wholly believe this is the best for our sport and we can only get stronger moving forward.

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### From the Desk of the Executive Director Submitted by Cathy Innes

Welcome to all delegates and guests to our 2022 Annual Meeting. I hope that next year we can get back to a face-to-face Annual Meeting. I miss all the hugs and side conversations.

During the meeting all delegates and guests will be muted. For questions, please use the chat as we will be allocating the questions to the board member best suited to answer. If a question cannot be answered, you will be emailed.

Covid hit our sport dramatically as it did many sports. <u>It is predicted from sport experts in Canada that it will take over 10 years for many sports to recover and some may never.</u>

Pre-pandemic we had 16,374 paid participants. Last Season we ended the season with 9,479 participants! Although we budgeted for 8000 and happy we exceeded our budget, it still is a huge concern. As of November 11, 2022, we have 7,576 paid participants with many locals just beginning the entry process. (Note: as of Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, we were over 8.000)







All temporary rules that we put in place in March 2020 are still valid, please see website for full list of these rules. We felt there were still some unknowns going into the fall therefore these rules remain. Next season I am confident that they will be removed.

A few changes in ORS, but nothing really drastic. I have asked three managers to help me with future changes Ron Molinski – Winnipeg, Anne Marie Cole – South Central, and Maria Madson from Victoria. Reminder – Your CTF number is like your SIN, it never changes! No matter where you live, your number follows you. Our ORS is our bible, and it is so important for all of us to be following the same rules and processes. We have some challenges, and we are going to get started in December or January. Please send in wish lists. I am hoping with the help of a committee, we will make improvements every year. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please email me. I would like to keep this committee to 5 or less.

Reminder that all bowling lanes (string lanes also) are considered certified at no expense. All tenpin bowling centres should have received a decal and certificate in the summer. If you know of a centre that did not receive their package, please let me know asap. More updates are in a report from our chair of Lane Certification

No Cost Insurance Benefit Cards were sent out – this package is \$3,500 Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance for all members. We elected to send out to pre-pandemic members and this did cause some confusion. All pre and current members are covered if they received information. No need to send the beneficiary card back, but if you wish the extra benefits you must. Your only obligation will be a short meeting with an insurance representative.

Very soon, Theresa will be contacting you asking for your year-end pins requirements. We ask you to respect the deadline as shipping and purchasing may be challenging. It seems nothing is fast these days.

On our website we now have a full list of SAFE Scholarship Monies. Every quarter it will be posted. Our website is going to be getting a refresh next spring, look out for that!

Our National Events are scheduled for 2023, Canadian Team Trials in Montreal in January 2023, Canadian Mixed Championships is being brought back and will be held in Calgary in April 2023, Canadian Youth Championships in Sault Ste Marie in April 2023. You will hear later in the meeting about our Mixed Championships, I hope you support this tournament as Calgary is working hard to host this event.

To end, I hope you have a great season. "We are in this together"

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

The Regulatory Committee is responsible to annually review CTF By-laws, Playing Rules and Policies and recommend suggested changes to the CTF Board of Directors for approval or not. At the present time, Equipment Specifications, Lane Certifications and Tournament Sanctions are included in this committee.







Any registered participant who would like to see a by-law or playing rule change can send an amendment to the Regulatory Chair for discussion with the committee and the Board of Directors for approval or not. Amendment forms can be found on the CTF website - www.tenpincanada.com.

The Regulatory Committee is also the Appeals Committee who responds to any appeals done by a registered participant who has followed all of the procedures in Rule #119 for leagues and Rule #106c for tournaments.

As Canada has a reciprocal average agreement with USBC, any changes that they make to their playing rules that can impact a bowler's average must be adopted by CTF. At the USBC convention last April, there were no playing rule changes that would affect the agreement.

All information is available under the CTF website - www.tenpincanada.com

### **CTF Equipment Specifications Committee**

November 2022 Report – Submitted by Dan Tereck

Hi everyone! It has been relatively quiet from the Equipment and Specifications Committee's perspective for the past year. But a few reminders and one update are included below.

**Balance Holes**: Just a reminder - balance holes in bowling balls <u>are not allowed</u>. This also means that all gripping holes that are drilled must be used on every delivery, as an unused gripping hole would then be considered a balance hole, and render the delivery illegal. One clarification: House balls (true House Balls) are exempt from this rule. Refer to Chapter VII of the CTF rulebook for the details.

String Pins: As you have heard before, CTF, as well as the International Bowling Federation (IBF), and several other countries have sanctioned string pinsetters. The USBC as of yet have not. However, the USBC have continued their testing of stringpins and have even come up with some preliminary specifications for stringpin environments, including string length, pin cushion placements, and ball stop cushion placement. All of their research and findings have been published, with the latest updates being from Dec, 2021. If you are interested, go to the USBC website for much more information including a very informative 15-minute video - BOWL.com | String Pinsetter Research The USBC expects to make decisions in 2022. In the meantime, in order to maintain our reciprocal average agreement with USBC, CTF is identifying those averages (in our average yearbook) which have been created in a string pin centre.

**Bowling Ball Cleaning Rules**: There has been some confusion regarding when and how you can clean your bowling balls during bowling.

For league play: CTF Rule 18 prohibits altering the surface of a bowling ball once scoring has started. This rule is in effect for the entire league session/series. Cleaning your bowling ball is considered altering the surface, so it is prohibited as well (except for special circumstances such as foreign material being deposited on the bowling ball - it can be cleaned with League approval).

There is a temporary exception to be aware of. CTF implemented a temporary rule change for Rule 18, due to Covid. The use of isopropyl (rubbing alcohol) to clean your bowling ball is allowed at any time before, after, or during a game. This was put in place to allow for "sanitization". This temporary rule is still in place.







For tournament play: Rule 331 allows the alteration of ball surfaces, by hand, between games, for tournaments that have a limitation on the number of bowling balls each competitor is allowed. Also, for other tournaments, Tournament Managers can implement a rule to allow the alteration of bowling ball surfaces between games if they wish. If this "special rule" is <u>not</u> put in place for a tournament, then CTF Rule 18 applies.

**Bowling Ball Approved List**: For those who aren't aware, the USBC has disapproved any **Purple Hammer** manufactured in 2016 or 2017 (these are identified by serial numbers that start with either a "6" or "7"). Also, another bowling ball, the **Storm Spectre**, has been removed from the list. C TF uses this list to determine a ball's eligibility for competition.

### Lane Certification Report Submitted by Ron Jones

CTF again this year, due to the continued Covid-19 virus, has elected to forgo the lane certification process and has issued CTF certification automatically to all Associations and Bowling Centres. This is a decision I support whole-heartedly. We have to-date received one lane certification report, which was not required, but gladly received and reviewed.

I would suggest all Associations take the time to review the lane certification training manual which is on the CTF website. The manual is the most informative document regarding Lane Certification that USBC has ever published. The manual goes through the process and has Youtube videos to show the process.

The Lane Certification team currently consists of Anne-Marie Cole, Dan Tereck and Don Bilyea, all of which have provided valued support on any decisions we have made.

We will be ready and willing to provide Lane Certification Clinics upon request. The costs will be determined by covering the costs of the individual to put on the clinic, which will include travel, lodging and meals.

Thanks to The Board and our Executive Director for their support.

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### High Performance Report Submitted by Jane Vetero

I would like to welcome all delegates, guests, and fellow board members to our 2022 Virtual Annual Meeting.

I would like to thank my National Coaches for their support in 2022. There were still some restrictions in place as far as being vaccinated to attend events.

The rest of my committee that needs thanking are the Administrative Assistant, Elaine Yamron, Selection Committee member David Simard. I assigned, Rob Johnson, one of my National Coaches, to the position of Administrative Coach. Rob does an excellent job researching the countries we are travelling to and also works with all the athletes on equipment selection going to events.







The training camps for 2022 were changed for the Men's Team. The team went to the Kegel Training Center in Lakeland, Florida. They had 3 days on the lanes learning how to improve to get themselves to the next level. What a learning experience for the Team! Del Warren ran an excellent camp for the guys. Since the camp we have Del assisting us in ball selection for events.

The Ladies Camp entailed Physical, Mental Training at the INS Center in Montreal. One of our retired National Coaches whose centre is usually opened up for the Ladies to bowl on Friday and Sunday. Thank you, David Poupart, very much appreciated.

Our Junior Team traveled to Sweden and what an experience for them. Between countless delays, flights canceled, equipment lost in transit, I am sure it is an experience they will never forget. We did qualify for match play in Men's Doubles and Women's Team. Congratulations to the Athletes and Coaches.

Adult Team: the Men had Qualified for the World Games in Birmingham, Alabama. We were able to send Graham Fach and Darren Alexander. In the singles event Graham and Darren bowled against each other for the Bronze Medal. Graham prevailed and it is always difficult to bowl against your countryman for a medal. In the Doubles they managed to win Silver by being defeated by Denmark for the Gold. Congratulations to the Athletes and Coach.

The next event for the Adult Team is Champion of Champions is Brazil. This event was a qualifier for the Pan Am Games in Santiago, Chile in 2023. We sent 2 men (Francois Lavoie & Jordan Jung) and 2 women (Jennifer Besana and Jade Cote). After 24 games (8 doubles and 16 singles) the Men have qualified for Pan Am Games 2023. The Ladies unfortunately fell short, but they have a second chance in October. Congratulations to our Athletes and Coach.

In September the Masters Team attended the Pan Am Championships in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. This team performed exceptionally well. The Ladies Team of Lynne Gauthier, Lisa Morabito, Jill Friis and Cindy Dawson medaled in every event. The charge was led by Lynne, with Gold in Singles, Double, Trios, All Events and a Silver in Teams. Congrats Ladies. The Men's Team of Donald Hogue, Michael Snow, Mario Robataille and Martin Belanger also did well. Donald Hogue led the way for the Men with a Silver in Singles, Gold in Doubles, Trios and All Events and a Silver in Teams. Congrats Guys.

The Ladies are in Lima, Peru. The Trios Team lead by rookie Sarah Klassen, and veterans Felicia Wong and Jennifer Besana did very well finishing with a Bronze Medal. Team Event was exciting with sitting in third after the first 3 games and started game 6 tied for third with Puerto Rico. On this day Puerto Rico was the better team and won the Bronze. It was disappointing to see our Ladies not qualify for the 2023 Pan Am Games. I have heard this analogy used in other sports "Our best were not our best". Congratulations to Sarah Klassen, Marissa Naylor, Codi McMaster, Felicia Wong, Miranda Panas and Jennifer Besana for representing Canada.

Our Men's Team will be in Australia competing in the World Team Cup while the annual meeting is taking place. The Team will be Francois Lavoie, Mitch Hupé, Darren Alexander and Jordan Jung. The Coach will be Earl Sobotkiewicz.

The safety of our athletes and coaches is my number one priority.







### **CTF Youth Report** Submitted by Blaine Boyle

Good day everyone. Sadly this is my last report as National Youth Chair as I have resigned the position to take over as President on the Canadian Tenpin Federation. Over the past few years, I have extremely enjoyed working as the National Youth Chair, and while I will miss the job and responsibilities, I know I am leaving it in the capable hands of Elaine Yamron. Elaine brings into the position a wealth of knowledge, with her past years working on and being part of the Manitoba Tenpin Federation.

2022, the year we were finally able to run Canadian Youth Championships again after 2 years of shutdowns due to the pandemic. What a way to come back, Winnipeg rolled out the red carpet for us and made our first post pandemic CYCs a major success. It was amazing to see all the smiles and excitement from our youth bowlers as they were back doing what they love.

2023 will take the youth to beautiful Sault Ste. Marie where I'm sure the youth will have just as much fun competing against one another.

Thanks for all your patience and support over these last couple of trying years and here's to an even better 2022/23 bowling season

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### Coach Development Submitted by Blaine Boyle

Welcome everyone, this will be my last report as Couch Development Chair, with taking on the responsibilities as President of the Canadian Tenpin Federation I have turned over the Chair duties to the very capable Michelle Konkle. Michelle will be leading the charge going forward and I will still sit on her committee and help wherever I can.

As always, the Coaching Development committee has been hard at work on our coaching programs, and we are happy to inform everyone that we are very close to releasing a new and improved Community Sport Course. Upon approval from the Coaching Association of Canada we will release the new course available in 2 formats, in person and via Zoom. With sports and coaching constantly changing we need to make sure that anyone who works with athletes in our sport has the required knowledge and training.

Thanks for your time and please stay safe and well!!!

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# **Achievement Awards Committee Report Submitted by Elaine Yamron**

We have received several Hall of Fame Applications. The committee has reviewed the applications, and will be inducting the following athletes into the Hall of Fame.

**Caroline Lagrange** will be inducted in Montreal 2023.

Marc Doi will be inducted in the Greater Toronto area, location and date to be confirmed.

The HOF committee is looking to update policies and procedures to keep the integrity of this award.

We have not received any applicants for the Sherry Hobson Excellence Award, or The Hazel Mc Cleary Leadership Award, Just a reminder all Nomination forms are on Website.

#### **BOWLER OF THE YEAR AWARDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Seniors – Valerie Bercier, Francois Lavoie Masters – Deb Lee, Michael Snow Youth – Nicolas Blagojevic, Sarah Klassen

#### NATIONAL AWARDS FOR LEAGUE PARTICIPANTS

National High Average Award and the highest National 3 Game Scratch Series information has been received by National Office and notification will follow as to who will receive the recognition.

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### Nominations Committee Report Submitted by Charlotte Konkle

There are 3 director positions up for election in November 2022 for a 3-year term from Jan.1, 2023 to Dec. 3, 2025. The 3 incumbents are Anne-Marie Cole, Ontario; Wanda Howard, Manitoba and Jody Scott, Manitoba. Credentials are attached.

The breakdown for director positions as of Oct. 31, 2022, is as follows:

AB-0
BC -1 Michelle Konkle
MB-3 Elaine Yamron, Wanda Howard, Jody Scott
NB-0
ON-3 Charlotte Konkle, Jane Vetero, Anne-Marie Cole
QC-0
SK-1 Blaine Boyle
Athlete's Council (appointed) - Valerie Bercier







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There are a total of 9 elected directors and 1 appointed. This is a board total of 10 as per CTF Bylaws. At the present time, there is an open position. Each province is allowed 3 directors on y.

The deadline for written nominations was 24 hours prior to the start of the Annual Meeting and must be in the hands of the Nominating Chair as per CTF Bylaws by that time.

Elections update from the meeting:

Wanda Howard and Jody Scott were elected by acclamation.

There are now two vacant positions which will be filled by appointment.

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### Who attended the Annual Meeting?

Although I don't have the actual list of attendees, we do have a few screenshots from the Zoom call that shows most of the attendees (thank-you to Brian McLean for providing these). Have a peek...

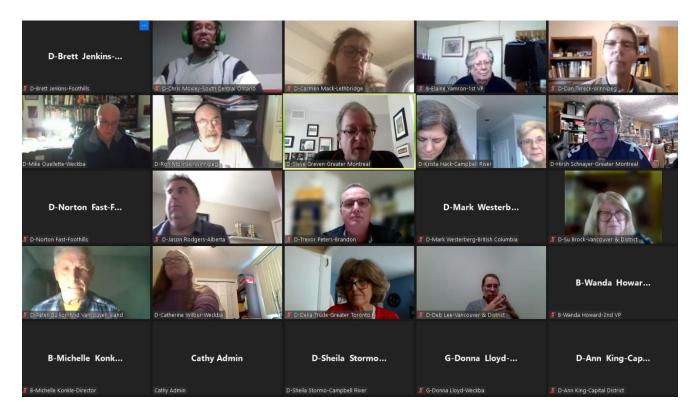








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### **Canadian Mixed Championships is Returning!**



After several years of hiatus due to the pandemic, the Canadian Mixed Championships are returning!

April 21-23, 2023 – Mark this down in your calendar. Those are the dates scheduled for the competition. "Where?", you might ask? In Calgary, at the YYC Entertainment Centre.

CTF spent many years trying to build momentum for this annual national tournament, but the pandemic put a halt to that. Thanks to Calgary for resurrecting this wonderful tournament.

To see all of the details, visit the CTF website. Here's the direct link to the CMC page: <a href="https://tenpincanada.com/home/cdn-mixed/">https://tenpincanada.com/home/cdn-mixed/</a>







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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.

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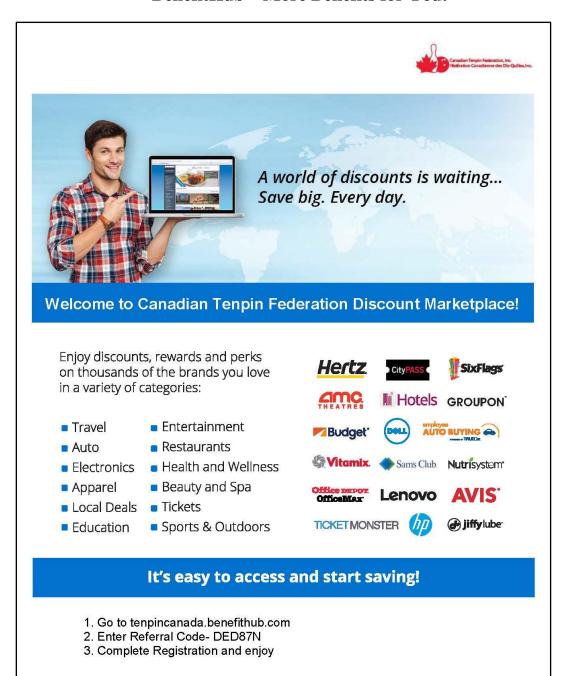
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\*\*If your association has a website and it's not listed, please send it to us and we'll add it to the list\*\*

British Columbia Tenpin Federation	http://www.bctenpin.ca/
<b>Bowling Federation of Saskatchewan</b>	http://www.saskbowl.com/
Canadian Lakehead BA	http://www.tenpin.org/cltba.html
Capital District BA	http://www.cdtba.com/
Greater Montreal Tenpin BA (under	http://www.quillesmontreal.ca/
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