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*Thank you to all the reporters who sent in articles for this edition of the CTF Connection. I'd be lost without you. Also, if there is anyone across the country that would be interested in sharing any of their local news directly on CTF's Facebook page, please contact Cathy Innes – [ctf@tenpinCanada.com](mailto:ctf@tenpinCanada.com)*

*... Cathy Wilbur*

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CTF Connection takes a relaxed, conversational approach to delivering news. Each episode provides clear and thoughtful coverage of what's happening in Canadian Ten-pin bowling, including national and provincial events, league highlights, organizational updates, and community achievements. The goal is to share meaningful updates while respecting the pace and traditions of the sport.

Canadian Ten-pin bowling is built on strong local communities, long-standing leagues, and passionate competitors. CTF Connection was created to support and spotlight that community by focusing on the stories that matter most to bowlers across Canada. Whether it's a major tournament result, an announcement from a governing body, or a noteworthy performance at the local level, the podcast works to keep those moments connected and recognized. The podcast is designed for competitive athletes, league bowlers, center staff, and fans who want to stay connected to Canadian Ten-pin bowling. It fits naturally into everyday routines—on the way to league night, during practice, or while relaxing at home—making it easy to stay informed without feeling rushed.

The mission of CTF Connection is simple: to strengthen communication and connection within Canadian Ten-pin bowling. By sharing reliable updates and allowing space for the stories behind the sport, the podcast aims to become a trusted source of information and a familiar voice within the community. As CTF Connection grows, listeners can look forward to expanded coverage, deeper conversations, and continued dedication to Canadian Ten-pin bowling. CTF Connection—connecting Canadian Ten-pin Bowlers, one frame at a time. 🤝

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**CBC Guest Article**  
**Submitted by CBC news reporter Pratyush Dayal**

CTF Connection would like to thank CBC news reporter Pratyush Dayal for allowing us to share his news article published on April 29<sup>th</sup> in CTF Connection.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/local-bowling-girl-heads-to-nationals-9.7180294>

**How bowling helps this girl with cerebral palsy defy the odds**

**The family and a local coach say bowling needs to grow as a sport in Canada**



Zoey Merkestyn, 14, says bowling has helped her out with her cerebral palsy. Now, she is heading to two national tournaments to tell the world anything is possible, even with a disability. (Pratyush Dayal/CBC)

For Zoey Merkestyn, bowling has been therapeutic and a great help when it comes to coping with her cerebral palsy. Now, she is heading to national tournaments to tell the world anything is possible, if you put your mind to it.

“I want to show people that a disability doesn't stop you. You can still go forward in life,” said the Windsor, Ont., resident.

“Bowling has just helped me out with my life.”

In early May, 14-year-old Merkestyn will head to the Youth Bowl Canada nationals in Winnipeg and then in July to the Junior Gold Championship, in Minneapolis.

Merkestyn said she has been putting in at least four hours per week to prepare for the tournaments and is “excited, scared, nervous, but ready”.

Zoey Merkestyn says “multiple times” people picked on her for her condition, including making fun of the way she walked which is a symptom of her cerebral palsy. But over the years, she says she has found a great sense of community and many friends through bowling. (Pratyush Dayal/CBC)

She said she has learnt many life lessons in the lanes and found a community, but it didn't begin that way. She says she was often picked on for her condition. Just last year, she says, a bunch of girls made fun of her gait at a tournament she took part in.

“They were making fun of the way I was walking,” she said. “I was hurt but the more it went on, I tried to not let it bother me.”



She said she chose to focus on the pins and learning more about the game rather than the negativity. Through the years, she found friends in these bowling alleys, from across Canada and the U.S.

“That’s really what’s been keeping me going on, the people and the support and just the happiness I get from the sport,” she said. “Even if it gets stressful, it’s fun. If you don’t win, you don’t win. I just remember, ‘you’re here to have fun’”.

### **Bowling made her stronger: Zoey’s father**

Her father, Nathan Merkestyn, says he is proud of Zoey as this is the second time she is heading to a tournament of that size. In 2024, Zoey also won gold, silver, and bronze medals at a Canadian Tenpin Federation (CTF) tournament.

Nathan said Zoey heading to the American tournament, which attracts over 3,000 kids from around the world, is “thrilling”.

He says when Zoey went to her first tournament, she was “really quiet and shy” but now has grown.

“I think bowling has made her physically, mentally and emotionally stronger and given a huge confidence boost.”



Nathan Merkestyn says he is very proud of his daughter and her accomplishments so far and wants to see her go farther and grow further. (Pratyush Dayal/CBC)

It’s a lot of travelling and costs, but the single father says it’s worth it. The process has also taught him a lot about bowling.

“There’s a lot more to bowl in than just grab the ball and toss it down, hoping you knock down some pins,” he said.

Nathan said it all started with Zoey’s grandmother suggesting she bowl at a young age to help her cope with her disability. When she was a child, Nathan said Zoey was in a walker but after years of therapy and a tendon surgery, she was able to walk better.

“She’s overcome it. She’s there to prove to everyone that ‘hey, it doesn’t matter, you can still do it,’” he said.

Zoey agrees, saying she wants to continue to pursue bowling and that she would pursue a bowling scholarship.

### **Wants to see bowling grow in Canada**



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Chris Woolcock, the coach of the Southern Ontario CTF team, says only American universities offer that scholarship route.

“They don't have any university or college bowling programs up here in Canada,” he said.

“I obviously would love to see more programs here in Canada where we could keep our bowlers. Athletes just don't get scholarships much up here in Canada, they're more for academics.”



Chris Woolcock, the coach of the Southern Ontario CTF team, says he wants to see the bowling community grow in Canada like it is in the U.S. (Pratyush Dayal/CBC)

He said he is also one of the coaches at Unifor 444 youth league – the largest one in Canada — and wants to pass his knowledge to the next generation.

“You really are not coaching just bowlers. These are the youth of tomorrow, our leaders to come.”

Woolcock said many have gone on to win bowling scholarships. He wants to see that in Canada and the community around it like in the States “where every small town has a bowling alley”.

“In Canada, there are a lot of other competing sports, whether it be indoor soccer or hockey or things like that. So there's a lot of sports competing for time.”

He urges other parents to consider bowling as it's a great social sport for kids, especially those on the spectrum, where they can do their own thing and yet be part of a team.

“I hope bowling will continue to grow as a sport in Canada.”



**ABOUT THE AUTHOR**



Pratyush Dayal - Video journalist

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**Manitoba News**  
Submitted by Michael Schmidt



***J.J. Moorehead 300 Game!!!***

On **Tuesday, November 18th, 2025**, **J.J. Moorehead** of Brandon, MB achieved another career highlight! During the Tuesday “Mix and Match” League at **T-Birds** on lanes 9 & 10, the local legend rolled games of **189, 236 & 300!!!** This is J.J.’s 4th career perfect game, all of which have been bowled in 4 different leagues, and his first since October 2015. J.J. currently bowls in two leagues in Brandon where he holds spectacular averages of 221 & 227!!! ***Very Impressive J.J.!!!***



***Jolly Shoots First Perfect Game!!!***

On **Tuesday November 18th, 2025**, during the Winnipeg Senior Men’s League at La Verendrye Lanes, **Kristin Jolly** threw her first ever perfect **300 game!!!** With the whole league stopped to watch and cheer her on, Kristen stepped up in the 10th frame and absolutely crushed the pins on all three shots!



Over the course of the evening, Kristen shot games of **221, 207, 300 & 211** for a huge **939 Series** which was accomplished over 4 pairs of lanes, as this particular league changes lanes after each game. ***Congratulations Kristen!!!***



***McVicar Presented with USBC 300 & 800 Rings!!!***

Earlier this fall, **Chase McVicar** was presented his **USBC 300 Game and 800 Series Rings** at a Minnesota Junior Bowling Tour (MJBT) event. Chase rolled these massive scores during MJBT Tournaments in the 2024-25 season.



It is believed that Chase is the first Manitoba Youth Bowler to receive these type of USBC awards. **Amazing Bowling Chase!!!**



***Ducharme Shoots Another 300 Game!!!***

On the night of **Tuesday November 25th, 2025**, during the Winnipeg Senior Men's League at La Verendrye Lanes, **Austyn Ducharme** was busy destroying the pins all night long, but especially in third game where he rolled yet another perfect **300 Game!!!** Austyn had an amazing night, shooting games of **227, 233, 300 & 226** for a mind-blowing **986 series!!!** **Great Bowling Austyn!!!**



### ***Lynne Gauthier & Michael Schmidt Win Hall Ross Doubles!!!***

This year's edition of the **MCBA Hal Ross Doubles** once again took place on November 11th, 2025 at La Verendrye Lanes. The field was loaded with talent as 16 doubles teams competed in the traditional Double-Knockout Format event.

One particular team, ***Lynne Gauthier & Michael Schmidt***, appeared to be rather focused, determined, and dare I say a little intimidating to their opponents. After all, Lynne is a well deserving member of the **Bowling Hall of Fame of Manitoba!**

With the Hall of Famer anchoring the team, ***Gauthier & Schmidt*** managed to go undefeated on the A-Side, guaranteeing they would need to be beaten twice in the Final if another team wanted to claim the Title. They definitely earned their way to the final by defeating teams

like former Youth Team Canada Members ***Brittany Crawford & Brittney Rocan***, former Youth and Adult Team Canada Members ***Joe Franchewski & Austyn Ducharme***, the always dangerous sibling duo of current Adult Team Canada Member ***Marissa Naylor-McCall & Liam Naylor***, and then current Team Canada Member as well as PBA Professional ***Mitch Hupé*** and his partner ***Douglas Wagner***. However, their day of challenging opponents would not end as the sibling duo Marissa & Liam worked their way through the B-Side to meet Gauthier & Schmidt in the Final.

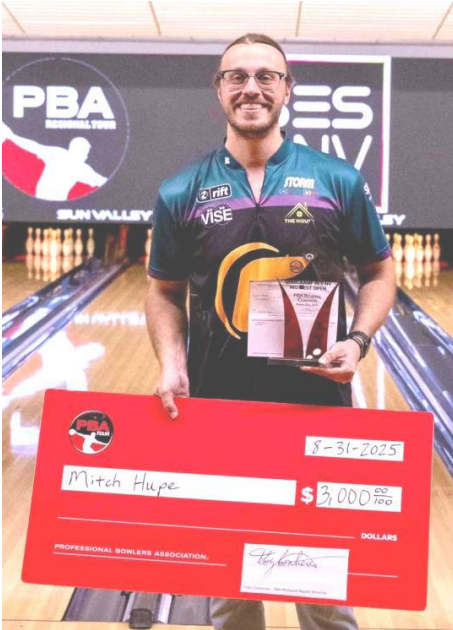
In Game 1 of the Final, Marissa & Liam, fueled by redemption, made quick work of Gauthier & Schmidt by defeating them **481-384**.

Game 2, the deciding Match was a little different. As though Gauthier & Schmidt had been “woken up” by the Game 1 loss, Schmidt put together a respectable score of **244**, but all the attention was on Gauthier as she had the front 10 only to have her quest of a perfect game thwarted by a solid 10 pin in the eleventh shot, resulting in a **289!** Gauthier & Schmidt won the deciding match **533-452** to claim the **2025 Hall Ross Doubles Title!**

To see all of the player stats and full bracket, please go to [www.bowlingmanitoba.ca](http://www.bowlingmanitoba.ca). ***Congratulations Lynne & Michael!!!***



***A Fall To Remember For Mitch Hupé!!!***



*Mitch Hupé after winning the PBA Qubica/AMF BES NV Midwest Open  
Mitch Hupé had an amazing winning streak from the end of August to the beginning of November 2025 earning 3 tournament wins!*

*It all started off with another PBA Regional victory at the PBA Qubica/AMF BES NV Midwest Open which was held in Lincoln, Nebraska during the last weekend in August.*

*Mitch then continued his bowling supremacy by claiming the Coors Light Fall Shootout that was held in Williston, ND in mid-October. Hupé averaged over 260 in the Championship 2-Game total pin fall match which included a crowd pleasing 299!!!*

However Hupé was not finished yet!

He was then off to Sioux Falls, SD for the 14th Annual Great Plains Classic that was held the first weekend of November. Mitch had competed

at this event in the past posting very respectable 2nd and 4th place finishes. But this year was a different story as Hupé dominated the field to claim the Title!

*Mitch Hupé claiming his Titles from the Coors Light Fall Classic Shootout (left) and from the Great Plains Classic*



***Spectacular Bowling Mitch!!!***





***2024 MTBCA Coach Appreciation Award***



***Claire Burton, JOHN SAVAGE, Lyrik Isjford & Brayden Higgins***

*The MTBCA is proud to name John Savage as the 2024 Coach Appreciation Award recipient. John, seen above with 3 youth athletes who each gave touching personal speeches thanking John and expressing their appreciation for him, has been coaching in the Chateau Youth Program since 2014.*

*John has also been a member of the MTF Youth High Performance Program coaching staff for many years. Other highlights in John's coaching career thus far include being part of Youth Provincial Team coaching staffs for the 2024 & 2025 YBC Nationals, where many athletes brought home medals, and as an Apprentice Coach for the 2022 CYC's.*

*Keep Up The Great Work John!!!*



***2024-25 Adult Bowlers of the Year***



***Marissa Naylor-McCall***

The Manitoba Bowling Association proudly award the **2024-25 Adult Bowlers of the Year** Titles to ***Marissa Naylor-McCall*** and ***Mitch Hupé***.

This is both Marissa's and Mitch's 4th Adult Bowler of the Year Title in a row. Mitch has also won this title twice before, for a career total of 6 times.

***Great Job Marissa & Mitch!!!***



***2024-25 Youth Bowlers of the Year***



***Kristen Jolly & Israel Potter***

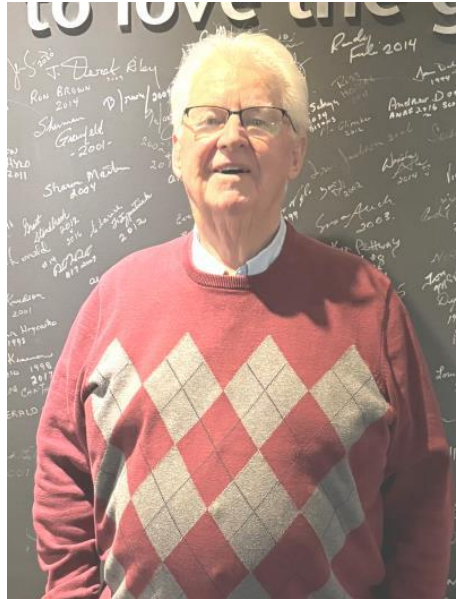
***Kristen Jolly*** and ***Israel Potter*** have yet again captured the **Manitoba Bowling Association Youth Bowlers of the Year** honors for the 2024-25 Season.

This is Kristen's 3rd Youth Bowler of the Year Title in a row, while for Israel this makes it 4 years in a row, and 5th overall.

***Congratulations To Both Of You!!!***



***Bowling Hall of Fame of Manitoba - Class of 2025***



***LYNDA SEEWALD – Builder & Meritorious Service***  
***SYD HEPWORTH – Individual Achievement***

***National High Series for Senior Female***

Well, FINALLY! Terri Dueck came out to the lanes today, so I finally got to present her with her Award of Merit for her 2024-25 Senior Female High Series award. For those of you who don't know, Terri recently had a knee replacement and has not been at the lanes for a month and a half, so it delayed getting this award presented to her.



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**Niagara, Hamilton & District News**  
**Submitted by Karl Born**

NHDTBA had a night on October 21, 2025. Two youth bowlers, in different houses, earned honour score awards. Not in any order, but Rowen Squire threw his first 800 series 265, 279, 268 for 812.

London Lewis threw his second 300 of the year!

Incredible bowling by these young men! The two of them also had high average for boys in the Hamilton district (London Lewis) and Niagara (Rowen Squire). The girls high average went to Alyssa Noble (Niagara Region) and Samantha Stanfield (Hamilton Region). Each high average award received a \$100 scholarship.

Amalgamation is running smoothly. The association is polling bowlers for local awards to supplement CTF awards based upon performance. We have been giving out branded pens as local awards, but now we are asking the bowlers what they would like to get as an award. Once the polling is complete, we will have a blueprint to move forward with in regards to local awards.

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

*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 "Honker's Highlights". The reports can be found on the Lambton County website. Here's the link to Rod's reports: <https://www.lambtoncountytentpinassociation.com/weekly-results>*

**Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League**



**League Champions – Lambton Metal Service**

Vince Savo, Ben Lapointe, Jason Lucas,  
Franco Gabriele (absent Franco Savo)

**Year-end Tournament Champions Up-Rite Doors Ltd.**

Dave Hearn, Steve Mitro, Joe Simmons  
(absent Brian Potvin, Denis Jubenville)



**League High Average**  
Ben Lapointe - 225



**League High Single**  
Kris Mandeville - 300



**League High Series**  
Chris Murphy - 775



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**League Most Improved**  
**Brad Best – 9.59**



**League Sportsman Award**  
**Zygmunt Mazga**

## Target Trios Mixed League



### League Champions

L to R – Derek Hannah, Kaye Brander and Eric Zevenhuizen.



### Individual Award Winners

Rob Bonhomme High Game – 267

Melissa Crowe – High Game 258, High Average 178 and High Triple 626.

Ty Patterson – High Triple 662, High Average 195

Rob Bonhomme, Melissa Crowe and Ty Patterson.



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## Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League



### League Champions - CMcD Construction

Chad Kitchen, Peter English, Brian Long, Doug Brooks



### League Tournament Champions:

Jason Lapointe, Jim Lapointe, Shane Chipman, Ben Lapointe



**High Average & High Series**

Ben Lapointe – 223.43

Ben Lapointe - 812



**Most Improved**

Eric Phillion – +28.89 pins

**High Single: 300's**



Kyle Adamson



Brian Watson



Ben Lapointe



Paul Mezzatesta



Bryce Watson



**Best Wiring Classic League:**

**League Champions:**



Brian Long, Jason Lapointe, Mike Shephard

**High Average:**



Ben Lapointe - 223



**High Series:**



Jamie Ridealgh - 823

**High Single: - 300**



Jason Lapointe



Jim Lapointe



Ben Lapointe



Steve Lewicki



Dave Bruder

**Most Improved:**



Kerry Friis - +12.3 pins



**Mulder Financial Fun League:**

**League Champions:**



Greg Wright, Daniel Wright, Dave Little, Dave Grasser, Jose Ramiriez

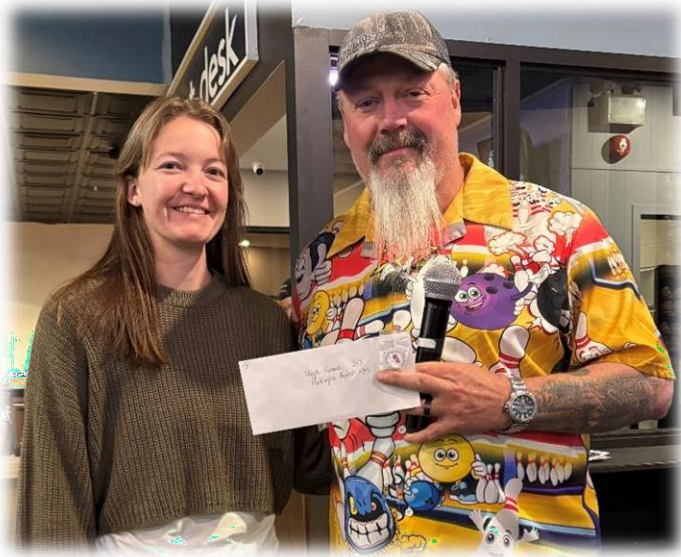
**Women's High Average:**



Dara Sinclair - 187



**Ladies High Single:**



Makayla Apter - 243

Abby Daamen accepting award for Makayla

**Ladies High Series:**



Cori Slater - 696



**Men's High Average:**



Shane Chipman - 218

**Men's High Series:**



Brian Leneve - 791

**Men's High Single:**



Daniel Wright - 300



## RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League

### League Champions:



Lisa Pownall, Chantelle Steele, Sarah Meere, Kelly Sitter, Chris Murphy

### Tournament Champions:



Fred Bowman, Crystal Patterson, Donna Fortin, Carol Laroque



**League High Averages:**



Kelly Sitter – 190

Chris Murphy - 213

**League High Singles:**



Kylee Kilner – 208

Wes Brown – 248 (Absent)



**League High Series:**



Janet Vanderwall – 517

Jim Barber - 674

**Fred Foulis Memorial Award – Best Sports Person of the Year:**



Lorrie Sheehy

Chris Murphy



**Milt Salmons Memorial Award – Most dedicated and devoted person of the year**



Lisa Pownall

**League Most Points winners:**



Joseph Short – 115

Jessica McPhail - 125



**League Most Improved:**



Jessica McPhail - +22

Wes Brown - +28

(Absent)

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**Windsor-Essex-Chatham-Kent Bowling Association**

Submitted by Catherine Wilbur

**February 14, 2026 - Molson Masters Tournament**

**WECKBA** would like to congratulate 2026 Molson Masters Champions, Mike Snow (OPEN Division) and Mark Morand (SENIOR Division). This year's tournament, the 70<sup>th</sup> was completed on Saturday, February 14, 2026.

The Molson Masters has a very long, rich history. It has been hosted at Palace Recreation, Crescent Lanes, Revs Bowlero, and now at Revs Rose Bowl. Tournament Director Nick Stein deserves much credit for this year's tournament success, along with Jeremy Bas, Tournament Coordinator, and Tournament Sponsors Molson Coors Breweries, Reaume Chevy-Buick-GMC and Revs Rose Bowl. Cogeco Cable is now in its thirty-ninth year hosting the Molson Masters TV telecast.

Prize money totaled \$17,850 for the 2026 tournament including \$9,700 for the TV finals. The winner of the Open section earned \$2,000 and Senior winner received \$1,200. This year is the first time rings will be awarded to winners in the Open and

Senior divisions. This year we are dedicating the tournament to Mark Labord and Jim Hussey.

In the Open Division, Jeff Kovack was the #5 seed and as a lefty had the left side all to himself, recently bowled his 1<sup>st</sup> 800 series and is making it for the first time to the TV finals. The #4 seed, Mike Snow, has 43 straight Molson appearances; has many 300 games and 800 series, member of Windsor Bowling Hall of Fame, member of Detroit Senior Bowling Hall of Fame, member of Canadian Senior Team for consecutive years, and will need to run the table for his first Molson's Masters title. Dylin Hunter, the #3 seed, is already a two-time champion (2019 & 2022), and is trying to join a select group as a 3-time champion. The #2 seed, Steve Kubis, just missed being the top seed by 10 pins and is no stranger to the TV finals. Ryan Boismier, the #1 seed, is an outstanding bowler for a long time with a 200+ average, has bowled in the finals before, and needs just one game to become a Molson Masters champion.

For the Seniors, Dan Aqwa was the #1 seed, who normally bowls in the Open Division, but injury has forced him to bowl in Seniors to bowl 4 games versus 8 games. Dan has one dozen TV appearances winning as Open Champion in 2016. This time he just needs to win 1 game to become Senior Champion. The #2 seed, Mark Morand, a 70+ year old bowler from McGregor, won in 2019 so he is no stranger to the TV finals. The #3 seed, Chris Moxley is a former Team Canada Senior Member, from the Kitchener area but originally from Tilbury, who always supported this tournament. Richard McCloskey, the #4 seed, was the 2011 champion at age 63. This year at 78 years old, he is the oldest bowler to make the TV finals, coming from 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the last game of matchplay to make TV finals.

The **Molson Masters** runs over 4 weekends. It features a **Senior Division** (55+) and an **Open Division**. The tournament starts with two weeks of **Qualifying**, followed by one week of **Matchplay**, and the fourth week is the **TV Step Ladder Finals**. To qualify in the Senior Division, you bowl 4 games over 4 pairs of lanes while the Open Division participants complete 5 games over 5 pairs of lanes.

The TV format is set up so that the Open Division and the Senior Division alternate bowling matchplay in the stepladder finals. The Open Division bowls the first match then the Senior Division bowls their first match. The wait between matches is very challenging because it makes it harder to stay consistent because lanes can



change between the starting and stopping. Sometimes the #1 seeds might see this as an advantage because they do not have to bowl then sit and wait to bowl again.

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

**Senior Division – Match-play – Final Results**

| PEVS    |                  | MOLSON MASTERS |                      |         |                   |         |                  |
|---------|------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| GROUP A |                  | GROUP B        |                      | GROUP C |                   | GROUP D |                  |
| 1       | MARK MORAND 905  | 1              | RICHARD MCKOSKEY 815 | 1       | DAN AQWA 926      | 1       | CHRIS MOXLEY 872 |
| 2       | JOHN FAIRLIE 850 | 2              | GERALD TRAYNER 778   | 2       | CHRIS WOODMAN 847 | 2       | LES ROSS 820     |
| 3       | JOE AMAREL 801   | 3              | KEN PINKOWSKI 765    | 3       | TODD THIBERT 764  | 3       | ED STAUDT 769    |
| 4       | ROGER COTE 777   | 4              | CHARLIE YOTT 679     | 4       | PAUL VOTTO 736    | 4       | GARY CORBETT 745 |

**Senior Division – Step Ladder- TV Finals**

In the Senior Division Step Ladder finals, the results were as follows:

Richard McKoskey (175) vs. Chris Moxley (192)

Chris Moxley (160) vs. Mark Morand (236)

Mark Morand (211) vs. Dan Aqwa (177) – Mark Morand is **2026 Senior Molson Masters Champion**

**Richard McKoskey** (4<sup>th</sup> seed) Averaged 188 with his match-play record being 2-2 (815). He qualified 5<sup>th</sup> in the senior division with a total of 838 when he bowled to get into matchplay. McKoskey bowled good in TV finals but consistently making spares proved to be costly. Richard started bowling at age 40. He indicated that his greatest accomplishments were serving his country and winning the Molson's Senior Division in 2011. Richard stated that the hardest thing to learn in his bowling career was to learn how to compete when bowling in tournaments. He was excited to be back in the TV finals because his last time bowling in the finals was back in 2011. As indicated, he is the oldest competitor in the finals at age 78 – quite an accomplishment.

**Chris Moxley** (3<sup>rd</sup> seed) He averaged 195 in matchplay and posted a 3-1 (872) record. He qualified eleventh for matchplay with a 4-game series of 811. Chris bowled well against his first opponent in the TV finals, but in the second match he was unable to convert two spares, a few splits, and match his opponent's strike for strike which proved to be costly. Moxley indicated he has been bowling for 53 years. His greatest accomplishment two years ago was bowling in the Canadian Senior Team Championships at Fredrick Lanes in Kitchener to make the Team Canada Senior Team. People would be surprised that when he still lived in Tilbury that he would ride his bike to Tilbury to Windsor then back to Tilbury once a week for three straight years. Something he had to learn the hard way in bowling was changing the way he threw the bowling ball. Over the years he



slowly improved his wrist angle when throwing the bowling ball. Moxley said second thing in bowling he found extremely tough was trying not to be upset when he threw a bad game. Chris said this would be his first time making the TV finals, so it was quite an accomplishment and a new experience for him.



**Mark Morand** (2nd seed) Morand averaged 211 in matchplay and was 2-2 (905). He qualified fourth for matchplay with a series of 862. He was a Senior Molson's Champ in 2019. Mark bowled very strong in his first TV match, stringing strikes together to move to the final match. He came up in the final match against seasoned veteran Dan Aqwa and was able to continue his consistency stringing strikes to **become the Molson Masters Seniors Champion for a second time**. Mark started bowling at the age of 11. He lived just down from the McGregor bowling alley, so he set pins at the bowling centre for years. He would set pins with a friend so they would take turns setting pins then they could bowl for free. Morand's greatest accomplishment was bowling an 837 series (248, 300, 289). He said he is quite easy going, loves to bowl because it is so much fun, the Monday and Wednesday leagues are like a big family. He said what he learned about bowling is that he is self-taught, he learned to bowl all on his own just by going out and bowling and bowling. "Bowling in the TV finals was not a problem because I was not nervous since I had won a prior Senior title years ago so I knew what

to expect."

**Dan Aqwa** (1<sup>st</sup> seed) His match-play record was 4-0 (926) and averaged 201 in matchplay. He qualified 6<sup>th</sup> for matchplay with a series of 828. Dan was the Molson's Open Champion in 2016. Dan only needed to bowl one game in the TV finals, but he was unable to consistently put strikes together, to win the match. Aqwa was trying to become the 4<sup>th</sup> bowler to win both the Open and Senior divisions. Dan started to bowl at age 5. His greatest bowling accomplishment in the Molson's was bowling a 5-game block of 1319 which was a 5-game Canadian record back in 1991 with a Blue Hammer. People might be surprised to learn that he has been battling a hip injury for the last 4-5 years. Dan indicated "I made the TV show 3 of last 5 years. It's tough to bowl with no balance. In Seniors division you only need to bowl 4 games, so it helps." Aqwa indicated that the hardest thing for him to learn was that when you make a bad shot try and pick up the pins and leave that bad frame behind you, then start over for the next shot. He mentioned that "this is my 13<sup>th</sup> time on TV, so it is fun to compete on TV and just have the crowd behind me supporting you."

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



Open Division – Match-play – Final Results

| GROUP "A"        |      | GROUP "B"        |      | GROUP "C"        |      | GROUP "D"           |      | GROUP "E"         |      |
|------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|---------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| STEVE KUBIS      | 1985 | DYLIN HUNTER     | 1958 | MIKE SNOW        | 1932 | JEFF KOVACK         | 1877 | RYAN BOISMIER     | 1995 |
| DARREN ALEXANDER | 1944 | MYKAELA HUNTER   | 1796 | MICHAEL VITALE   | 1688 | NICHOLAS BLAGOJEVIC | 1871 | SHAWN LEGGE       | 1939 |
| JASON GREENING   | 1873 | STEVE MACLELLAND | 1775 | PIERRE BELLIVEAU | 1583 | CHRIS BEAULIEU      | 1856 | ANDREW BLAGOJEVIC | 1849 |
| JORDAN CROSKERY  | 1830 | MATT WOOD        | 1753 | BEN LAPOINTE     | 1564 | CHUCK MENARD        | 1760 | BRENT RANKIN      | 1814 |
| STEVE WALLS JR   | 1790 | BRAD WALTON      | 1668 | ADAM GRIMMELL    | 1521 | ROBERT BOZULIK      | 1685 | MARC RENAUD       | 1755 |
| TIM JOHNSTON     | 1687 | TREVOR MARTIN    | 1663 | DEREK BUCHAN     | 1493 | STEVE BLAKE         | 1585 | RYAN TRUSSLER     | 1720 |
| JORDAN SMITH     | 1661 | RICHARD GIROUX   | 1656 | KYLE JONES       | 1470 | TODD SIM            | 1562 | SCOTT ILES        | 1586 |
| TYLER DUPUIS     | 1578 | RENE KELICH      | 1519 | ROD MAYEA        | 1221 | BRAD CLARKE         | 1534 | STEVE HUNTER      | 1561 |

Open Division – Step Ladder - TV Finals

In the Open Step Ladder finals, the results were as follows:

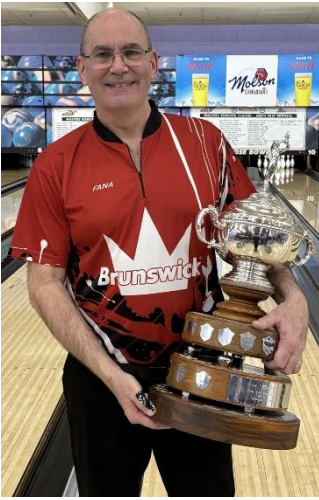
Jeff Kovack (197) vs. Mike Snow (227)

Mike Snow (224) vs. Dylin Hunter (181)

Mike Snow (224) vs. Steve Kubis (210)

Mike Snow (225) vs. Ryan Boismier (206) – Mike Snow is **2026 Open Molson Masters Champion**

**Jeff Kovack** (fifth seed) In matchplay he averaged 215 and had a 5-3 (1877) record. He qualified 24th for matchplay with a 5-game total of 1020. He was attempting to win his 1<sup>st</sup> championship as the only left-hander in the field but would have to run the table to win. Jeff bowled a very tight match in the TV finals but just came up a little short, unable to string strikes together like his opponent to make it to the second round. Jeff started bowling at about 5 years old and took off maybe one year during Covid. Kovack's greatest accomplishment was bowling his first 800 series in December. He has just one perfect game bowled back in 2011. Some people might be surprised to hear that Jeff is not naturally left-handed because when he first started bowling he bowled two handed and the coach told him he had to pick a hand to bowl so his dad made him bowl left handed. Kovack said the hardest thing he had to learn in bowling was to come back from a bad game or missing spares. Jeff indicated he was nervous about being on TV finals bowling behind a crowd and the silence while bowling.



Fourth seed **Mike Snow** averaged 211 and his match-play record was 8-0 (1932). He qualified third for matchplay with a 5-game series of 1160. Mike is a long-time member of Team Canada Senior team and is appearing in his 43<sup>rd</sup> straight Molson's. This time around Mike needed to win 4 matches in TV finals to become Open Champion. The first two matches for Snow were not as close. The second two games were very tight matches, but Mike made the most of it largely because he was able to consistently put strikes together to win each match. Mike Snow has become **Molson Masters Open Champion** for the first time. Snow said he wished Jean Deslippe was here to watch him win for the first time. Joel Lewsaw indicated that the two of them (Mike & Jean) were known as the dynamic duo coaching team.

Mike has been bowling for about 60 years, starting at Crescent and Bowlero. He indicated that his bowling career has been consistent in that he has longevity in his bowling career and now bowling with Team Canada and the World Senior Championships. He said he learned to be stoic and in control most of the time. Snow indicated that "he learned the ability to take the ups and downs and stay even keeled during the highs and lows. This is my 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> time in the TV finals. Most I have won in the past TV finals is one game so I am hoping to go much further this time around."

**Dylin Hunter** (third seed) His match-play record was 6-2 (1958) while averaging 222. He qualified second for matchplay with a five-game total of 1182. Dylin won the Open Championship in 2019 & 2022 and was trying to join a select few to have won 3 titles. During his match against Mike Snow, he had a split and an open frame which proved to be costly, but he will be in the TV finals for many years into the future because he is such an exceptional bowler. Hunter has been bowling for 21 years. His greatest accomplishment was in college when he made the CTCBA All American Team and the Youth National Team. Dylin said most of his bowling career he has been a quiet kid, but he has started to open up a little more. The hardest thing that Dylin had to learn in his bowling career was to get out of his own way, do not be so hardheaded and be open to everything. He was hoping in the TV finals to win another Open Championship – it has been a long time, so he hopes it happens again.

**Steve Kubis**, the second seed, averaged 229 and had a 5-3 (1985) matchplay record. He qualified 36<sup>th</sup> for matchplay with a total of 1020. Steve has been on TV before, but he is still looking for his first title. Steve started out with 5 strikes against Mike Snow which gave him a large lead, but then he had a split and an open frame in the second half of the game that ended up costing Kubis the match. Mike went on a run stringing strikes during the second half of the match to move ahead and eventually win the game. Steve will be bowling in the TV finals again since he is such a very skilled bowler. Kubis has been bowling for 30 years. His greatest accomplishment was bowling a 279 triplicate which is the WECKBA record and tied the CTF record. People might be surprised to learn that Steve and his buddy have opened the Pro-Shop at Super Bowl and have been drilling balls for the last 2-3 years. Kubis stated that "the hardest thing I had to learn about the game of bowling was not to worry about what other people are doing and just to focus on myself and my game and how I am doing. You cannot control breaks other people get, so there is no point getting frustrated with it. Just keep grinding and hope the result is in my favour in the end." Steve has been to the TV finals 3 times now. First time he was nervous, second time after first few frames he said he found the zone, and the third time after practice I should be good to go.



**Ryan Boismier**, the first seed, averaged 225 and had a 6.5/1.5 (1995) matchplay record. He qualified 20th for matchplay with a series of 1063. Boismier as the number one seed, had to bowl just one game to win the open title but was unable to string consecutive strikes like his opponent. The match was still quite close down to the final 3 frames. Ryan has been bowling for 41 years. His two greatest bowling accomplishments are his 845 series and making it to the Molson's TV finals as the #1 seed. Some people may be surprised to know that he has triplets plus an older son so with 4 kids it is quite busy. "Something I had to learn in bowling the hard way was to deal with failure, learn to adjust, overcome my stubbornness, need to be able to try and grind it out, and learn to switch balls and not to be afraid." Boismier looked at the TV finals as being excited and ready for it. Ryan indicated "I have been in TV finals a few times before so I hope I can rely on past experience."

## 2025 - WECKBA – Youth Program – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

2024-2025 season was supposed to be a celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Year of our Youth Bowling Program.

Unfortunately, the season started with a major tragedy that devastated our youth bowling community.



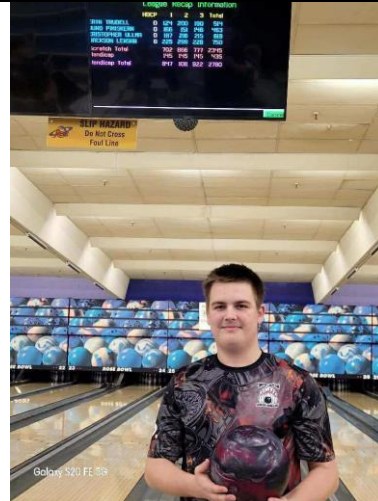
We lost our long-time Program Chairperson Dan Dumouchelle to a serious truck accident which impacted all of us. He spent the majority of his life devoted to the success of the Local Youth Bowling program. Youth Bowling Program was his passion. At first without him we struggled to take over and run the Youth program, but we eventually gained momentum and continued building the strong youth bowling legacy that he instilled in all of us.



Untimely death of youth bowler Sebastian Belliveau January 2025. This is a picture taken of Sebastian just after he bowled a 300 game on Saturday Feb. 17, 2024. Tilbury's Belliveau, 17, also set a new Bowlerama Chatham youth house series record of 749.



Ellie Caille represented team Southern Ontario at Canadian youth championships in Quebec City in May in the bantam girl division



Congrats **Lewsaw brothers** of Windsor Ontario. Jackson Lewsaw proudly received his 299 game plaque from CTF — a well-deserved recognition for his near-perfect game! Then, like clockwork, Saturday night, his brother Jared Lewsaw matched the magic with a 299 of his own during league play at Super Bowl Lanes! Talk about timing! Jackson joked he'll share his plaque until Jared gets his own... which shouldn't be long at this rate.



**Luca Formosa** (youth bowler on left) bowled a 298 game  
**Luke Gates** (youth bowler on right) bowled a 300 game (Apr. 13, 2024) and his first 723 series (Feb. 24, 2024)

Third game of the doubles event these 2 youth bowlers (Matt McGuin-left and Luke Gates-right) went strike for strike with Matt bowling 290 and Luke bowling a 288. They were bowling next to each other on separate pairs.

We run 9 tournaments locally, one being Youth Scholarship Tournament. There are also 4 Provincial Youth Tournaments. \$8800 in scholarship money was given out for tournament winners only. This does not include the money given out for the Youth Scholarship Tournament.

The Rose Bowl youth program and the Super Bowl youth programs each have their own additional scholarship money that they give out for their individual youth bowling programs.

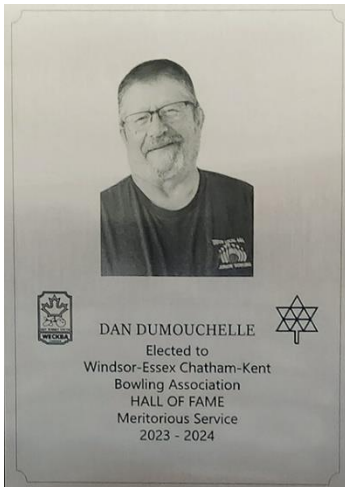
Youth program within the Local Bowling Association runs at 4 bowling centres: Alley Pub & Grill (Tilbury), Chatham Bowlerama (Chatham), Revs Rose Bowl (Windsor), Super Bowl (Windsor). Total youth bowlers in our association totaled 268 bowlers for 2024-2025 season.

Revs Rose Bowl had two separate youth programs Club 240 youth bowling and Unifor 444 youth bowling. Club 240 youth bowling and Unifor 444 youth bowling combined to make one league at the same house to have it as one universal league. We stayed under the Unifor 444 banner and dropped the Club 240 name.



The Youth Banners were made because a parent approached Dan and Scott a few years ago with the idea of not having a bunch of trophies or plaques because they end up in a box. With the banner a bowler could hang them up in their house or room and they don't take up a lot of space. Scott Gates came up with these small banners.

## 2025 – Hall of Fame Inductees



**Dan Dumouchelle (Meritorious Service)** It's an Honor to stand here today on behalf of someone who meant so much to so many – Dan Dumouchelle. As we celebrate his induction into the Hall of Fame we're not just recognizing a great bowling coach and program director – we're honoring a man whose life was defined by leadership, unwavering support and commitment. Dan never sought the spotlight, he just showed up day after day, year after year with the same love for the sport and the youth bowlers.

If Dan were standing here today, the very first thing he would do is turn the spotlight away from himself and toward the devoted team that stood beside him. Dan knew that nothing great was achieved alone, and he would want to thank his dedicated, hardworking team - those he relied on, the ones who shared in every success. He often said he couldn't do it without them. People like Melissa Beaton, Brent Rankin, Dana Hitchcock, Jon and Dawn McQuin, and many others - you were invaluable to him. Together, you made his vision a reality.

Two names that must be recognized tonight are **Ken Brown** and **Bruno Lamarzi**—his partners since the very beginning. Your 30-plus years of unwavering dedication to the Unifor 444 organization are nothing short of remarkable. On behalf of all of us, thank you for your loyalty, your perseverance, and your commitment to the sport and its youth. You deserve this community's deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks.

It was 33 years ago that Ken Brown approached Dan and suggested he'd make a good coach for the junior bowling program. It didn't take long before Ken saw something even more: a future Program Director. And that's exactly what Dan became—a passionate, forward-thinking leader who shaped junior bowling in ways we still benefit from today.

Dan wasn't just involved—he was *immersed* in every level of the sport. He served as President of WECKBA, 2nd Vice President of the Ontario Tenpin Association, Chairperson of the WECKBA Youth Committee, and Tournament Director. He created the Thursday Night Junior Practice sessions to help eager bowlers improve and introduced the Junior Summer League to keep the spark alive in the off-season. For Dan, Junior Bowling wasn't a task - it was a calling. It lived in his heart.



There has never been anyone more dedicated to the youth, to growing the program, or to lifting up every single bowler who needed support. Dan's focus was always on doing *more* - more members, more scholarships, more awareness. He did things that had never been done before. He arranged advertising at the school board level, secured corporate sponsors for scholarship funds, and increased community visibility through banners, posters, and calendars.

If you needed a ball, he found you one. A bag? He had one. You needed teammate? He'd make arrangements. And if all you needed was a pen – well, Dan had a few of those.

When we suddenly lost this great leader, we did our best to carry on—to maintain the high standard our parents and youth had come to expect. This first season without him, we quickly realized just how much time, attention, and pure effort Dan had given. It now takes more than four people to do what Dan once did on his own. And even with all of us, we struggled. Again and again, we found ourselves asking, **“How did Dan do all of this?”** And just as often, we told each other, **“We'll do better next year.”**

Dan wasn't just a coach, or a director, - he was the heart and soul of this program. Tonight, we honor that heart. We recognize not just the decades of service, but the legacy of kindness, leadership, and tireless dedication that Dan Dumouchelle leaves behind. His spirit will live on through every young bowler who finds joy in this game, every teammate who finds support, and every volunteer who follows in his footsteps.

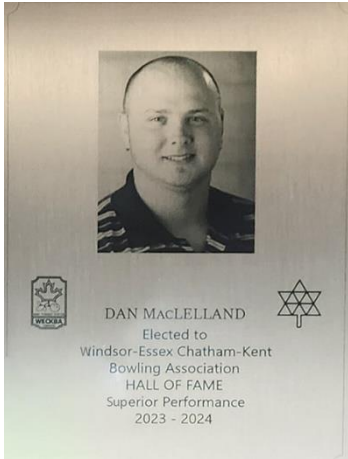
If you truly want to honor his memory, then honor his vision for improving the program. Keep making changes, because with change comes growth and improvement. Provide opportunities to award more Scholarship funds. Encourage your junior bowlers to always do their best but above all else, have fun.

This Hall of Fame recognition is richly deserved. It serves as a reminder to acknowledge those who dedicate their time and passion to this sport—and to thank them, every single day.

On behalf of Dan, our family, and all who had the honor of knowing him, thank you for this induction. He would have been humbled. He would have been proud. But most of all, he would have been deeply and sincerely grateful.

Thank you, Dan. You've made this organization, and all that benefit from it, better.

As we heard him every Saturday morning, Good Luck and Good Bowling.



**Dan MacLelland and Steven MacLelland (Superior Performance)**

Good afternoon, allow me to introduce myself. Some of you may know me as Ann Bogl, most know me as Ann MacLelland the BETTER bowler of us 3. All jokes aside, everyone really knows me as “DAN & STEVE’s sister, again my name is Ann.

I am here to talk to you about the amazing accomplishments of my brothers Dan & Steven MacLelland.

Their biggest accomplishments to date, is their beautiful families, so please allow me to introduce you to them.

With Steven is his Oldest, Noah, followed by Brooklyn, Glacie, & Emma. Steven also has his significant other, Christian with him today to celebrate.

With Dan is his wife and my sister from another mister, Kristy and their girls, Harper and Addy.

We also have my Uncle Bill & Aunt Margie and last but not most of all not least our beautiful Mother Michelle. And my biggest supporter, my son Aaron and my daughter Leah.

Today Dan & Steven are being inducted to the hall of Fame for Superior Performance. Our father Leonard was also inducted in 1995 for Superior Performance. For those of you who know my Mom & Dad, know how proud they are and would be, of what my brothers have accomplished in their almost 40 years of bowling.

To everyone’s surprise we were ACTUALLY born in a hospital not in a bowling alley, but from the time we could walk we had a ball in our hands. While mom was working, we were at the bowling alley while Dad ran the pro-shop out of Super Bowl Lanes, we were always there, after school, weekends and summers.

Early on the boys showed that bowling ran in our blood. Entering the Junior Program at the tender age of 4 it didn’t take long before the accomplishments started rolling in. Bowler of the Year, High Averages, earning scholarships, tournament and most of all breaking records. These two were and still are a force to be reckoned with.

Back when we were kids, articles used to be posted in the Windsor Star, and often there was an article recognizing another accomplishment of the boys.

Dan & Steven were both Bowlers of the YEAR throughout their Junior Bowling Career. Both held positions on the All Star Teams through 1999 – 2005.

Dan & Steve had Multiple 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> places through tournaments ranging from Singles, Doubles, Team and All Events. They both also won a multitude of Scholarships throughout the Junior Program.

At the age of 5 Steven was averaging 47 & Dan was 58. When they finished their Junior Careers in 2004 at the age of 19, Steven’s high finish of 227 & Dan’s of a high of 231.

**Honor Scores through Junior:**Steven accomplished:

2 – 300 games  
1 – 800 series  
2 – 299 games

Dan accomplished:

8 – 800 series  
8 – 300 games  
1 – 299 game  
1 – 298 game

**Junior Team Canada**

In 2002 Steven competed for Junior Team Canada and made the team taking him to Thailand to compete.

In 2004 Dan competed for Team Canada and made the team taking him to Guatemala, where he won 1 gold and 2 bronze medals.

In 2006, again taking him to Berlin, Germany, where he won 1 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medal.

After smashing records in the junior program the boys didn't stop and moved into their College and Adult Accomplishments. The boys can't count on 2 hands their honor scores, but neither can I, well that's because I don't have any, so moving on. LOL. But please allow me to go through their milestones with you.

**Moving into adulthood:**

**Steven MacLelland:** Steven was a member of the All Star Teams between the years of 2005 – 2014

Bowler of the Year 2005-2006

In 2006 & 2007 he won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Annual and Provincial Tournaments.

In 2008 Steven attended Saginaw State University on Scholarship. He competed for 1 year, returning to take care of Mom.

In 2011 Steven competed in the Molson Masters where he placed 5<sup>th</sup>. In 2013, He made his comeback where he was High Qualifier and won his title and became the Molson Masters Champion.

He had a High Personal Best Average of 236 in 2014.

Also in 2014 Steve bowled a Personal best and City High Record of 865, shooting 289, 299 & 277. This record still stands today.

Steven has the following honor scores to date as well:

300's – 35

800's – 23

**Dan MacLelland:** In 2005 Dan attended Saginaw State University on Scholarship. During his time there he was bowler of the Year in 2005, took his team to 2 Intercollegiate National Championships, was the National MVP 3 Times, Bowler of the year 3 times, and made the 1<sup>st</sup> All American Team 3 Times. He was also inducted to Saginaw Valley Hall of Fame for his 2006 Team. Also, during his time in Michigan, he won 4 Michigan Junior Masters Association Tournaments

After College Dan followed his dream and became a PBA Member. During his career on the PBA Dan made 9 TV Finals, came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the Shark Championship in 2010 & USBC Masters Tournament in 2016. He was also able to secure spots on all Major Shows.



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Between 2011 & 2023, Dan also competed for Team Canada. He holds the following CTF Records:

- 2011 – 12 Game Series Record, and a 300.
- 2012 – 12 & 18 Game Series Record, and a 300
- 2020 – Team Record and Single Series of 803
- 2023 – Mixed Team Record and Single series Record of 847

Along with those Records Dan was a member of Team Canada and Competed in the following:

- 2011 - Mexico –where he took home, 1 Gold, 3 Silvers, 2 Bronze Medals
- 2012 - Las Vegas
- 2013 - Cali Columbia – where he took home, 1 Silver Medal
- 2014 - Abu Dhabi – where he took home 1 Gold, 2 Silver
- 2015 - Pan Am Games, Toronto – 1 Gold, 1 Bronze, Dan was also the Area’s first double medalist.
- 2016 - Las Vegas
- 2017 - Poland – 1 Gold Medal
- 2017 - Peru
- 2018 - Hong Kong China – 2 Silver, 3 Bronze Medals
- 2019 - Peru

In 2019 Dan was inducted into the Windsor Sports Hall of Fame for Bowling.

Dan also has the following honor scores to date:

- 300’s - 124
- 800’s - 114

These accomplishments are no small feat. They have both worked so hard, have been determined and made us proud. I know Dad is here with us today, and now you get to join him on the wall at Rose Bowl, where your kids get to point you out, your peers will say “hey I know that guy” and we all get to say they deserve this!

Please join me in congratulating your 2025 Hall of Fame Inductees Dan & Steve MacLelland.

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Submitted by Dannie Ward



**GC Classic**

Teams: 1st Lane Legends - Nick Richter, Dannie Ward, Charlie Ward & Neil Cave

Doubles: 1st Lethal Weapon - Jamie Tataryn & Davien Bean

**Singles (Pictured)**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Savoie,
- 1<sup>st</sup> Jamie Tataryn,
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Davien Bean



**Youth High-Low Doubles**

1<sup>st</sup> Jacoby Mahnic & Hailey Materna

2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Lefort-Lynx & Bryson Lefort-Lynx

3<sup>rd</sup> Kallun Materna & Audric Tiszauer



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### **Trios Tournament**

1<sup>st</sup> Peyton Poisson,  
Andrei Ibasco,  
Mishka Lawson

Coach Florence Espanol



### **Adult Youth Doubles Tournament:**

1<sup>st</sup> Quinn Materna & Jacoby  
Mahnic

2<sup>nd</sup> Blaine Boyle & Kaydence  
Kraushaar

3<sup>rd</sup> Louis Ley & Kevin Ley



**8-9 Pin Tap Winner**

Nick Young



**Quinn Materna**

Bowled a 300 Game  
on Sept. 04, 2025

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## 2026 Team Canada - Women



### 2026 Team Canada Selections

The Canadian Tenpin Federation High Performance Committee is pleased to announce the following selections to the 2026 Ladies Team Canada.

Newly selected athletes joining the team:

Mya Conway - Hamilton, Ontario

Christine Johnston - Hamilton, Ontario



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The above athletes join the roster to form the team of 8:

Felicia Wong - Didsbury, Alberta

Jade Cote - Farnham, Quebec

Marrisa Naylor McCall - Winnipeg, Manitoba

Tiffany Griffith - Kitchener, Ontario

Mei Yen-Lachapelle - Montreal, Québec

Kristen Jolly - Winnipeg, Manitoba

These athletes bring strong, recognized team values along with national and/or international experience that will further strengthen the core of the program.

We extend our sincere thanks to all athletes who submitted applications and look forward to seeing many of you at Canadian Team Trials, to be held at Laurentian Lanes, Quebec, January 5–8, 2027.

Congratulations to all selected athletes!

We look forward to an exciting and successful 2026 season representing Canada.

### 2026 Team Canada - Men





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2026 Team Canada Selections 🇨🇦

The Canadian Tenpin Federation High Performance Committee is pleased to announce the following selections to the 2026 Mens Team Canada.

Newly selected athletes joining the team:

Mitch Hupe - Winnipeg, Manitoba

Zach Wilkins - Barrie, Ontario (resides in Kansas City, Kansas)

The above athletes join the roster to form the team of 8:

Francois Lavoie - Quebec City, Quebec (resides in Wichita, Kansas)

Darren Alexander - Essex, Ontario

Graham Fach - Guelph, Ontario (resides in Urbana, Ohio)

Isarel Potter - Winnipeg, Manitoba

Nicholas Blagojevic - Brighton, Ontario

Tyler Lee - Oshawa, Ontario

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## CTF 2025 Adult Female Bowler of the Year



The Canadian Tenpin Federation is proud to announce the recipient of the 2025 Bowler of the Year Award – Women's Adult Division: **Jade Côté** – Farnham, Quebec  
Jade continues to raise the bar for Canadian bowling, delivering outstanding performances on both the national and international stages throughout 2025.

2025 Highlights:

- 5th – Singles – 2025 Canadian Team Trials
- 13th – Singles – USBC Queens
- 2nd – All-Events Team – USBC Women's Championships
- 9th – Singles – PWBA Anniversary Event
- 1st Team All-American – NCAA Collegiate
- National Team Champions – NCAA Collegiate

- MVP – NCAA Collegiate Championships.
- 2025 Adult and Youth Team Canada Member.

Jade is now a three-time recipient of Canada's Bowler of the Year Award and also earned an Honourable Mention as a member of the Gold Medal Girls Team at the Pan American Championships.

Her dedication, consistency, and competitive excellence continue to make Canada proud.

Congratulations, Jade, on an incredible season!

## CTF 2025 Adult Male Bowler of the Year



The Canadian Tenpin Federation is proud to announce the recipient of the 2025 Bowler of the Year Award - Men's Adult Division: **Graham Fach** – Guelph, Ontario

(Currently residing in Urbana, Ohio)

Graham continues to shine on the professional stage, delivering world-class performances and representing Canada with pride across the globe. His 2025 season has been nothing short of outstanding.

2025 Highlights:

- Gold Medal – Singles – Canadian Team Trials
- 5th – USBC Masters
- 3rd – PBA Tournament of Champions
- 9th – U.S. Open
- 1st – PBA Delaware Classic
- 7th – PBA Nevada Classic

- 3rd – PBA Playoffs



- 3rd – PBA Tour Finals
- 1st – PBA Lorain Regional
- 1st – PBA Heath Regional
- 1st – PBA Bluffton Regional
- PBA Central Region Bowler of the Year
- Bowlers Journal – 2nd Team All-American

Graham has represented Canada on multiple national teams and remains one of the country's favourite professionals to watch on television. His consistency, competitiveness, and ability to perform under pressure continue to make Canadians proud.

Congratulations, Graham, on another incredible season!

### **CTF 2025 Bowlers of the Year – Junior Division**



The Canadian Tenpin Federation is proud to announce the recipients of the 2025 Bowler of the Year Award – Junior Division.

**Mei Yen-Lachapelle** – LaSalle, Quebec

Highlights include:

- Gold Medal – Team Event - Pan Am Championships
- Gold Medal – Team Event – Canadian Youth Championships
- Gold Medal – Team All Events – Canadian Youth Championships
- Silver Medal – Doubles – Canadian Youth Championships
- Silver Medal – Singles – Canadian Youth Championships
- Gold Medal – Canadian Team Trials (Adult & Youth Divisions)
- 2025 Team Canada Member

An incredible season marked by consistency, teamwork, and championship-level performances on the national and international stage. Mei continues to raise the bar and represent her province and Canada with pride.



**Adam Jodoin** – Richmond, British Columbia  
Pan American Championships Highlights:

- Gold Medal – Team
- Bronze Medal – All Events
- Silver Medal – Trios
- 13th Place – Singles
- 2025 Team Canada Member

Adam delivered exceptional performances on the continental stage, contributing to Canada's success with skill, composure, and determination. Competing against the best in the Americas, he showcased the strength and depth of Canadian tenpin bowling.

Congratulations, Adam, on a remarkable year wearing the maple leaf with pride!

### **CTF Bowlers of the Year – Seniors Division**



The Canadian Tenpin Federation is proud to announce the recipients of the 2025 Bowler of the Year Award – Senior Division:

**Lynne Gauthier** – East St. Paul, Manitoba

2025 Highlights:

- Quarterfinals – Masters, International World Championships
- Top 20 – Doubles & All Events, International World Championships
- 3rd – Singles, Canadian Championships
- 2nd – All Events, Canadian Championships
- 1st – Singles, Canadian Championships
- 1st – Masters Team Qualifying
- 1st – Doubles, Hall Ross Doubles
- Quarterfinal – Singles, Manitoba Masters
- 2025 Team Canada Member



- 12-time Team Canada member

Lynne continues to showcase her incredible skill, consistency, and leadership, representing Manitoba and Canada on the national and international stage with pride. Her career-long excellence and dedication to tenpin bowling are truly inspiring!

**Dean Carson** – Edmonton, Alberta

2025 Highlights:

- Top 20 – Team, International World Championships
- 2nd – Doubles, Canadian Championships
- 2nd – Singles, Canadian Championships
- Top 10 – All Events, Mixed Doubles & Team, Canadian Championships
- First-time Team Canada Member

Dean is off to a strong start in his Senior Team career, showing skill, determination, and great potential on both the national and international stage. Excited to watch him continue to rise and make his mark in Canadian tenpin bowling!

## Canadian Tenpin Federation Introduces the 2026 National Coaching Team!



The Canadian Tenpin Federation is proud to announce our 2026 National Coaching Staff, a talented group of leaders dedicated to supporting and developing athletes across Canada.

Head Coach - Tyrel Rose – Montreal, Quebec  
Assistant Coach - Brent Pinnell – Duncan, British Columbia



Associate Coaches

- Felicia Wong – Didsbury, Alberta
- Jennifer Besana – Richmond Hill, Ontario
- Kevin Higgins – Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Sly Yeung – Markham, Ontario
- Francois Lavoie – Wichita, Kansas

This outstanding group brings a wealth of experience, knowledge, and passion for the sport of tenpin bowling. Their commitment will help guide and inspire the next generation of Canadian athletes. Give Back. Share Your Knowledge. Be a Coach.

**RECORDS SHATTERED**



**François Lavoie** just broke the all-time PBA 6-game AND 12-game qualifying scoring records

**6-game total:** 1,691 (290, 226, 300, 299, 299, 277)

**12-game total:** 3,200

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## Know the Rules

Submitted by Dan Tereck

### String-Pin Bowling Rulings

### Frequently Asked Questions

Feb 15, 2026

There can be unusual pinfall situations that arise when bowling in a string-pin centre - many of them different than would be seen with freefall machines. Because string-pin machines have a curtain that drops in front of the pin deck within 3-4 seconds of the bowling ball hitting the pins, it is important for bowlers to remain attentive to the pinfall and pin action during that brief window. Without eyewitness accounts, some situations may arise that are difficult to make a ruling on. Just as with freefall machines, you cannot always rely on the automatic scoring to properly reflect the outcome.

- 1) If a pin(s) is knocked down by the string of another pin, does the pinfall count?

Yes. This is stated in CTF Rule 6a-5.

Note: There also may be cases where the string of a pin “pulls on” the string of another pin enough to make the machine think that pin has been knocked down, but the pin remains standing. The pin is considered still standing. If on a first ball, the pin must be reset. Manual score corrections may be necessary.

- 2) If a pin slides over, but remains standing, and the machine believes it has been knocked down and scores it that way, does the pinfall count?

No. This is handled the same way as with free-fall machines. If it occurs on the first ball, the pin must be respotted (in its original position), and the bowler must throw a second ball at the remaining pin(s). If it occurs on the second ball, then that sliding pin is considered to NOT having been knocked down. Manual score corrections to account for these situations must be made.

Note, if the machine does not believe the pin was knocked down (that is, it didn't slide far enough to trigger the machine into thinking it had been knocked down), the machine will respot that pin in its normal position. That is, it will not be respotted to the spot where it stopped sliding.

- 3) If a pin is leaning over but appears to be “held up” by a string, does it count as a downed pin?

This is NOT considered a downed pin. As per CTF Rule 6a, a pin must be knocked down in order to be considered legal pinfall.

Note, if the pin is in the gutter, it is considered legal pinfall, no matter the amount of lean.

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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](http://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**



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Gives 7%

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Remember, the CTF Team Canada code is IRFPW9

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

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Thank-you Westjet !!

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Frequent communication on Team Canada Results  
Company Tax Receipt

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Logo on all printed material related to event  
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## LOCAL/PROVINCIAL WEBSITES & SOCIAL MEDIA GROUPS

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\*\**

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| <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.gtba.ca/">http://www.gtba.ca/</a>   |
| <b>Hamilton District Tenpin BA</b>                     | <a href="http://www.hamiltonbowling.org/">http://www.hamiltonbowling.org/</a>                                 |
| <b>Kingston Tenpin BA</b>                              | <a href="http://www.kingstontenpin.ca/">http://www.kingstontenpin.ca/</a>                                     |
| <b>Lambton County Tenpin Association</b>               | <a href="http://www.lambtoncountytentpinassociation.com/">http://www.lambtoncountytentpinassociation.com/</a> |
| <b>London &amp; District BA</b>                        | <a href="http://www.ladtpba.ca/">http://www.ladtpba.ca/</a>   |
| <b>Manitoba Bowling Association</b>                    | <a href="http://www.bowlingmanitoba.ca/">http://www.bowlingmanitoba.ca/</a>                                   |
| <b>Manitoba Tenpin Federation</b>                      | <a href="http://www.mbtenpinfed.com/">http://www.mbtenpinfed.com/</a>   |
| <b>Niagara Tenpin BA</b>                               | <a href="http://www.ntba.ca/">http://www.ntba.ca/</a>   |
| <b>Ontario Tenpin BA</b>                               | <a href="http://www.otba.ca/">http://www.otba.ca/</a>   |
| <b>Regina Tenpin BA</b>                                | <a href="http://www.reginatenpin.ca/">http://www.reginatenpin.ca/</a>   |
| <b>Vancouver &amp; District Tenpin BA</b>              | <a href="http://www.vdtba.ca/">http://www.vdtba.ca/</a>   |
| <b>Windsor Essex BA</b>                                | <a href="http://www.weckba.com/">http://www.weckba.com/</a>   |
| <b>Winnipeg Tenpin BA</b>                              | <a href="http://www.bowlingmanitoba.ca/">http://www.bowlingmanitoba.ca/</a>                                   |

### Facebook Groups

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| <b>Campbell River &amp; District Bowling Association</b> |  |
| <b>Winnipeg Tenpin Bowlers</b>                           |  |
| <b>Canadian Tenpin Federation Inc</b>                    |  |

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