

CTF CONNECTION

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From the Desk of the President

We started this season off on the wrong foot - as most of you know. The change in our awards program was done very late, and because forms had already been sent out it caused a bit of confusion. We stand by our decision of change, but trust me, we have put in place procedures to ensure this will never happen again. We the associations to support us and to have that support we must support them by providing information and communication in a timely manner. AND WE WILL!

When I look back, it is hard to believe that we are attending our fourth AGM as our own Canadian organization. I think back to the AGM in London, Ontario when we voted on our first board of directors. Most of the directors are still on the board from that first election, but some have moved on. For those directors that will not be running again, I say 'thank you' for your hard work and dedication. I know you will continue to promote CTF at the local or provincial level so I feel very lucky to know we have great leaders all over the nation.

When I think back to our first meetings, I must ask? Have we progressed? Are we meeting our goals? I think we have and we are. Sometimes I get very frustrated because I have great aspirations for our Canadian organization, and sometimes it just does not feel like we are getting there fast enough. But reality kicks in and I see where we are today and I know we are doing what most critics did not believe we could do. We are succeeding and years from now we: (this current board, and all the volunteers across this country)

will know that we had a hand at creating our own organization for Canadian bowlers to deal with our own issues for Canada, to ultimately grow this sport in Canada.

Yes, our membership is not where we need it to be, but we must begin to free up membership monies to start promoting and marketing our sport to our youth, to new members, to non-sanctioned league bowlers, to our seniors. Perhaps we must start looking outside of the box, and provide different forms of memberships, such as open play memberships, string machine memberships and perhaps senior memberships.

We are making changes to our awards program for the 2008-09 season, which will give us an opportunity to supply more awards to more members. We do not see these changes as taking away, we see them as giving more to our membership. The awards program is a very passionate item on our agenda at every board meeting. Every decision we make is never taken lightly as our goal is to provide a fair awards package that is suitable for all bowlers, no matter what their average.

We need to market our sport especially to the youth as a viable and exciting sport. We need to market our Canadian Team and use them as mentors. I believe for any sport to grow we must have mentors. If we truly are a sport then why do we not brag about our teams and promote them to our youth, by using them to do training camps for youth bowlers across the country. Youth need to aspire to someone so they can set goals to become better and make "Team Canada". Look what Tiger

Woods did for golf. All sports have heroes as it helps the sport grow. We must start supporting our Youth, Adult, and Senior teams as they are an important part of the growth of our sport. I am not saying that we must throw money at the teams, but our membership must stand behind the teams by supporting through membership monies. I have had the opportunity to attend many youth and adult Championships and I do not want to see talented bowlers not trying out for our teams because they cannot afford it. We also need to support them with training camps. How can our teams go to World Championships with no training? Perhaps we cannot start today, but we must start soon before Canada starts losing ground in the international arena.

To Quote Martin Luther King: All progress is precarious as the solution of one problem brings us face to face with another problem...

Cathy Innes, President
Canadian Tenpin Federation Inc

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77 YEAR OLD JULES SOETAERT IS OLDEST TO BOWL BACK-TO-BACK 300 GAMES

Jules Soetaert of Edmonton, Alberta became the oldest bowler in North America to bowl back-to-back 300 games on January 28th. The 77 year old **Soetaert**, was bowling in a mixed league at Ed's in the Edmonton Mall. **Soetaert**, surpassed former pro bowler **Bill Bunetta** of Fresno, California who bowled back-to-back perfect games in 1995 at the age of 76. He followed the 300s with a 205 game for

a 805 series. **Soetaert** is a former member of Team Canada and represented Canada at the 1971 FIQ Championships in Milwaukee. He also won a gold medal in his age group at the 2005 World Masters Games hosted by Edmonton and silver in the doubles event in the 35-44 age group. **Curtis Stock** of the Edmonton Journal covered the story that appeared in many papers and was heard on radio stations across Canada.

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CTF WILL CONDUCT TWO CERTIFICATION COURSES ON AGM WEEKEND

CTF will conduct two courses to certify Lane Inspectors. They will be held Thursday, April 17th and Friday, April 18th, prior to the CTF Annual General Meeting on April 19th. **Ron Jones**, Chairman of CTF's Equipment Specifications Committee, will conduct the courses. These courses will address the shortage of association Lane Inspectors. Please visit the CTF website www.gotenpinbowling for more information and registration.

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CTF NAMES ADULT AND YOUTH BOWLERS OF THE YEAR

Sherry Hobson and **Dan Terreck** of Winnipeg, Manitoba have been named 2007 Adult Bowlers of the Year by the Canadian Tenpin Federation. **Kodee Pilling**, Lethbridge, Alberta and **Ryan Setton**, Mississauga, Ontario, have been named in the Youth category.

Hobson finished second in the Senior Women's All Events at the 2007 CTF Mixed Championships and represented Canada in the Senior Division of the 2007 Tournament of the Americas. At the Tournament of the Americas, she earned a gold medal in the Senior women's Singles, silver in Team and All Events and a bronze in the Senior National Team All Events.

Terreck finished first in both the men's and senior men's All Events at the 2007 CTF Mixed Championships and

also represented Canada in the Senior Division of the 2007 Tournament of the Americas. He earned gold in the Senior Men's Singles and Mixed Doubles, silver in Team and All Events and bronze in Senior National Team All Events at the Americas tournament.

Pilling earned first place in Singles and All Events in the Intermediate Girl's Divisions at the 2007 CTF Youth Championships. She also won second in singles at the Youth Bowling Council championships. She finished second in the youth age group at the 2007 CTF National Championships and selected to represent Canada in the youth division at the 2007 Tournament of the Americas. She earned silver in Girl's Singles, bronze in Mixed Doubles and silver in Youth National Team .All Events at the Tournament of the Americas.

Setton was third in Senior All Events at the 2007 Youth Championship and finished seventh in the youth age group at the 2007 National Championships. He also represented Canada at 2007 Tournament of Americas and earned silver medals in Boy's Singles, All Events and Youth National Team All Events and Bronze in Youth Mixed Doubles.

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TEAM CANADA FOR AMERICAN ZONE (PABCON) YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALIZED

The team that will represent Canada at the American Zone (Pan American Bowling Confederation) Youth Championships is finalized with the selection of the final four athletes.

Randy Churchill, Windsor, Ontario, **Jennifer Besena**, Scarborough, Ontario, **Pamela Beaudin**, Henryville, Quebec and **Raymond Lussier**, Montreal, Quebec were selected to the team.

They will join **Brittany Stenberg-Hawkes**, Victoria, British Columbia, **Sabin Leblanc**, Shediac, New Brunswick, **Kodee Pilling**,

Lethbridge, Alberta and **Mathieu Beaudoin**, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Besena, Churchill, Lussier and Beaudin were selected by a committee to join the 2006 and 2007 All Events champions. Here are their bowling credits:

Jennifer Besena:

- Was a member of Southern Ontario team at the 2004 National Youth Championships in Saulte Ste Marie and won four gold medals

Randy Churchill

- Represented Southern Ontario at the 2006 National Youth Championships in Montreal. He was a member of the 2007 National Youth Team

Pamela Beaudin

- 1st in Quebec Provincial finals in 2006. At 2006 CYN she won gold in singles and teams and silver in doubles and all events.

Raymond Lussier

- 17th in 2006 Pepsi Tournament and 8th in the Quebec Provincials. In 2007 Raymond was a member of the National Youth Team.

The team will represent Canada at the 2008 American Zone (PABCON) which is scheduled for Lima, Peru, September 21-27, 2008.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

BCTF Youth Open

Duncan Lanes, Nov. 24 & 25

SINGLES

A Division – 160 +

Adam Cubangbang, Victoria
644 + 126 770

B Division 120-159

Melanie Parent, Nanaimo
616 + 186 802-

C Division – 119 and under

Gregory Sorenson, Nanaimo
454 + 330 784

DOUBLES

A Division – 320 +

Reese Richmond & Adam Cubangbang, Victoria

1271 + 231 1502
B Division 240-318
Nicholas Gins & Riley Holman
929 + 446 1475
C Division – 238 and under
Taira McKenzie & Lance Doucet
792 + 669 1461

TRIOS

A Division – 500 +
Duncan Lanes **Reese Richmond,**
Brad Macdonald, Nathan Lam
1978 + 243 2221
B Division 360-499
Splitsville - Nanaimo
Nathan Gins, Riley Hollman,
Natasha Gins
1548 + 726 2274
C Division 359 & under
Bust Em Up – Nanaimo
Martina Loewen, Alex Loewen,
Gregory Sorenson
887 + 1332 2219

ALL EVENTS

Boys Scratch
Reese Richmond, Victoria
Girls Scratch
Melanie Parent, Nanaimo
Boys Handicap
Nicolas Gins, Nanaimo
Girls Handicap
Elizabeth Creighton, Duncan.

BC YOUTH COMPETE IN JUNIOR SWISS CLASSIC

Eight youths from B.C. took part in the Junior Swiss Classic at Kenmore Lanes, Kenmore, Washington. Six games of individual and team match play were bowled on each day - Saturday and Sunday January 19th & 20th. One point for an individual win and three for team win were awarded. After 12 games, the BC "A" team - 741 to 840 average - (**Reese Richmond, Nathan Lam and Brad Macdonald** from Duncan via Victoria and **Jordan Jung** from Burnaby) faltered in the last game and dropped from 3rd to 5th out of 10.

In the "B" division - 600-741 (**Adam Cubangbang, Brandon Sam, Darren Lam and Trevor Richardson**) from Victoria via Duncan Lanes, took all their points in the last game and came in second to miss 1st place by 1 point and each earned a \$91.00 USBC Scholarship. **Nathan Lam** and

Jordan Jung came first in the tournament doubles and each received a \$71.00 scholarship.

This is the last year of Youth Bowling for **Nathan Lam, Brad Macdonald** and **Brandon Sam** who have been in the program since bantams. Thanks to **Doug Milne** of Victoria for the information. **Doug** has been taking youth bowlers to this event for many years.

BC SENIORS

The BC Senior tournament qualified four men and four women to participate in the USBC Senior Tournament in Reno in June. They are: Super Seniors :**Fred Kozlo,** Victoria, **Doris Edwards,** Duncan: 70-74: **Harry Uyno** and **Marilyn Frigon,** Vancouver , 65-69 **Keith McDougal** and **Connie Bissett,** Victoria. 60-64, **Vic Galvey** Vancouver and **Vickie Bruce,** Victoria 55-59 – **Lynne Milne,** Victoria and **Gord Reid,** Campbell River.

The top two men and women scratch All Events will compete at the CTF Mixed Championships at Winnipeg in April. They are: **Tom Graham** and **Milt Aylwin** of Vancouver and **Vickie Bruce** and **Lynne Milne** of Victoria.

REGIONAL KINGS AND QUEENS TOURNAMENT

At the regional Kings and Queens tournament held at Splitsville in Nanaimo, **Ryan Reid** started game seven with a 4-6 split and then bowled 11 in a row for 279. In game eight, he started with the first 11 and left an eight count for 298. In the final game, **Miles Nerona** defeated **Ryan** 235 – 227. **Ryan** had 22 strikes in a row for a 804 series, **Ryan's** first. Great bowling.!

Further news of the **Reid** family - **Erin Reid-Duke**, a member of the 2005 Team Canada Youth Team, is now living in St. Louis, Missouri and works with the St. Louis Police department in the crime lab as a forensic scientist. **Erin** is averaging between 205 and 215 in her three leagues in the St. Louis bowling Association.

ALBERTA NEWS

Medicine Hat

Katlynn Insko, niece of well-know competitor, **Colleen Insko**, averaged 133 for six games at Panorama Lanes in the provincial CTF Zones held recently. She is only seven years old and averages only 89. She will represent Alberta in the Bantam division at the CTF Youth Championships in Sault Ste Marie.

Edmonton:

There must be something in the air in Edmonton. **Jules Soetaert** is not the only one with bowling accomplishments in the past few months

Garrett Grams bowled his first 800 Series in November at Ed's Rec Room in the Wednesday Mixed league.

Debra Hilton, daughter of CTF Hall of Famer **Lil Hilton**, bowled her first 300 game at Ed's Rec Room in the Thursday Scratch Classic league, in November. **Debra** is the first female bowler in Edmonton to bowl a perfect game under the CTF umbrella and second women to accomplish this honour in Edmonton. **Debbie Ip** bowled at 300 when Edmonton was under WIBC.

Bill Bailey bowled a 300 game at Ed's Rec Room in the Monday Mixed league.

Dean Carson bowled a 300 game at Gateway Entertainment Centre in the Monday Scratch Classic league.

Thanks to **Kathy Borden**, Association Manager for the Edmonton Tenpin Bowling Association, for the news.

MANITOBA NEWS:

Winnipeg's **Michael Schmidt**, the 2005 AMF/Quibica Bowling World Cup winner, had been invited to compete at the World Tenpin Masters. **Schmidt** will join other world stars such as **Jason Belmonte** Australia, **Osku Palermo**, Finland and **Diandra Asbaty**, USA at Barnsley Metrodome in England from April 18-20. **Schmidt** will be competing for the second time in this invitational event.

ONTARIO NEWS:

Former Team Canada member

Catherine Willis who is back bowling again after the birth of her daughter one year ago, has established a new Hamilton association women's record with a 773 (279,215,279) triple at Burlington Bowl where she is currently averaging 213. She surpassed the 771 bowled by **Sioban Frey** in March 2006.

Bill Rowe of Hamilton rolled a 297 game recently at the High Roller in Las Vegas. Bill earned \$300 in the Red Hot at the High Roller held at Sam's Town in February.

In the Don Johnson Buckeye Classic in Columbus, Ohio, **Rowe** qualified fourth and was the high amateur. He finished 55th and earned \$1800

Aaron Bouchard has moved into first place for Hamilton local perfect games as he fired his ninth at Skyway Lanes in a 790 (268,300,222) series. He was tied at eighth with **Bill Rowe**, **Art Oliver Jr.** and **Troy Demers**.

Four honor scores in one night is a Hamilton record. At Burlington's Prime Time Bowling, **Jeff Lofft** had two a 300 and 800 series with games of 300, 247 and 269 for an 816. **William Russell's** third perfect game of the season was part of a 793 (300, 255, 238) triple, and **Vic Riding** notched the fourth honor score with games of 278, 269 and 257 for an 804 triple.

Ed Maurer, a former Team Canada member and the holder of five perfect games, almost saw his daughter **Chrystal** make Hamilton Association history as the first father-daughter with 300 games. After 10 strikes **Chrystal** left a pair of pins, then a spare, for a 288 game at Hamilton Mountain Bowl. We have had father and sons, and brothers with 300 games, but never father and daughter.

Matthew Lewis, son of former Team Canada member **Lionel Lewis**, bowled 300 in his sixth week of adult competition. **Matthew** was 16 years and 5 months old when he bowled the

perfect game. He had a 914 series with 193, 223, 198 and 300.

Here's an update on Team Canada members who call Hamilton and area home. **Bill Rowe Jr.** operates a pro shop in Mississauga Ontario. **Wendy Zielonka** is still on the injury list and unable to bowl and **Connie Ward** is bowling fivepins only. **Earl Demmery** still lives in Brantford but no longer bowls. Also no longer active on the lanes are **Joyce Campbell** and **Shirley Hofman**.

Thanks again to **Jim Margueratt** for keeping us up-to-date.

QUEBEC NEWS

Mark Buffa has been bowling around the world. He qualified 16th in the Qatar Open in January and finished in the top 24 earning \$1500. At the American Zone PABCON Ranking Tournament in San Salvador, El Salvador in late February, **Buffa** finished fourth and will represent the American Zone at the 2008 World Ranking Masters to be held from April 30 through May 6, 2008 at Senayan Bowling Sportainment Center in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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CANADIANS BOWLING AT USA UNIVERSITIES

Several Canadian bowlers are taking advantage of bowling scholarships at universities in the USA and continue to do well. Here's an update on some of their activity:

George Lambert IV of Hamilton, Ontario and **Felicia Wong**, Calgary, Alberta are attending Wichita State University and bowl with the Wichita Schockers team.

In a Collegiate tournament in Las Vegas in December the men's team bowled a Schocker's team record game of 1285. **Lambert** led the team with a 280 game. At the Collegiate Shootout at Sam's Town, **Lambert** made the All Tournament team with a 218.5 average. At the Blue and Gold Classic in South Bend, Indiana in January, **Felicia Wong** made the All tournament team

with a 195.8 average. The women Schockers won the event.

The Saginaw Cardinals won the men's event led by Windsor's **Dan MacLelland** who destroyed the field with a 230.6 average in nine games. His brother, **Steve**, also on the team, was second with a 217.2 average. The men's Schockers finished second and **Lambert** led them and made the All Tournament Team with a 214.2 average.

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CANADIAN CENTRE FOR ETHICS IN SPORT (CCES)

CCES has adopted the newly revised World Anti-Doping Code established by Wada the World Anti-Doping Agency. Agency (Wada)

Major shifts include:

- Mandatory education;
- More focus on investigations to catch doping activity; proof of doping expanded to include testimony, evidence, or sample profiling;
- Stronger sanctions for certain kinds of doping based on aggravated circumstances;
- Prohibited List emphasizes steroids, hormones, and some stimulants; most other substances become "specified substances" which are generally available in medicinal products or are less likely to be abused as doping agents.

"The Government of Canada is dedicated to protecting the integrity and spirit of sport to ensure that athletes at all levels compete on a fair and level playing field," said the Honourable Helena Guergis, Secretary of State (Foreign Affairs and International Trade) (Sport

There will be an adoption phase during the last three months of 2008, during which time all funded and recognized National Sport Organizations will be required to adopt the new CADP before it officially comes into force on January 1, 2009.

Thanks to **Gus Badali**, CTF Domestic Team Manager, for providing this information.

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TOURNAMENT OF THE AMERICAS TO FOLLOW WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2008 Tournament of the Americas will be conducted at Boardwalk Bowl the 80-lane center that will host the World Youth Championships in Orlando, Florida. Competition will follow the world event and will save the countries of the American Zone travel costs. Competition will begin on Monday and end on Saturday. There will no longer be a day off during the middle of the week.

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OLDEST OPERATIONAL BOWLING CENTER TO BE RESTORED.

The Brunswick Foundation and Georgian Court University in Lakewood, New Jersey, have partnered to restore the late 19th century bowling alley located on the university campus and bring it back to life in 2008. They sought the expert opinion of **Chuck Pezzano**, long time historian and bowling journalist to confirm the historical importance of the bowling alley built in 1899. "It's like walking through a door back into bowling's past of more than 100 years ago and finding it part of the "Gilded Age," Pezzano said. "This is a rare opportunity to link the past, present and future of bowling. Bowling was one of the sports of the social elite during the end of the 19th century and now ranks as a leading participatory sport and the fastest-growing high school sport in the United States.

'With 108 years of history behind it, this will be the oldest known operational bowling center of a truly American sport. With the formation of the American Bowling Congress in 1895, playing rules and equipment specifications were standardized, so the lanes at Georgian Court have the same measurements as today's lanes.'

Pezzano said that too often, bowling has been portrayed as a back-of-bar activity for men only in a smoke-filled atmosphere of drinking and gambling.

"The alley at Georgian Court does much to debunk such thinking because it was used in the late 1800s and through the early 1900s by the family and guests of George Jay Gould, son of railroad tycoon and famed financier Jay Gould, which included the industry leaders of the world, plus the leaders of society, the arts and other professions."

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NEW CANADIAN RECORDS

Several new Canadian Records have been reported recently. The records have been updated on the CTF website www.gotenpinbowling.ca so check out the record scores on the Home Page to see who is breaking records.

Please note – some of these scores were bowled some time ago, but just recently reported.

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THIS 'N THAT

- Former CTF Vice President and Ontario Provincial President, **Nick Pisciotto** of London, Ontario passed away in early December. A long-time leader, he will be missed.
- Our apologies to **Ryan McPherson** for our omission in the December Connection. In credits for the BC Youth Bowler of the Year story we missed **Ryan's** gold medal in the Singles event of the 2007 Canadian Youth Championships as well as silver in the team event.
- Canada's national coach **Sandy Lowe**, Lindsay, Ont. was one of 21 coaches from 14 countries who attended the International Coaches Seminar conducted by USBC in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in February

- Canadians who received pay cheques at the High Roller in Las Vegas in early February are **TJ Calara**, Calgary, Alberta, **Bill Rowe**, Hamilton, Ont., **Jason Dee**, Mississauga, Ont. and **Dan MacLelland**, Windsor, Ont.
- Two Edmonton bowlers competed at the Denny's PBA World Championships held in Indianapolis in February. **Daniel Skitt** and **Matt Dammon** were among 228 competitors.

That's a wrap for this edition. Please share with your bowling friends. Check out the CTF website www.gotenpinbowling.ca for ongoing activities

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