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President's Message *by Mel Osmond*

We are well under way to another successful season and I hope you have achieved some of the goals you have set. As I didn't set very high goals I am pleased to say my year has been better than I was expecting (for those of you who are wondering...no gutter balls yet).

At this time of year everyone is gearing up for the tournament portion of our calendar. The volunteers in Edmonton, Hamilton and Winnipeg are very prepared to host an exciting event for our athletes, coaches and other attendees. On your behalf the C5 thanks them for their dedication and the provision of countless volunteer hours to ensure we leave with fond memories.

In January the C5 held its' AGM and outlined below are the major points of interest:

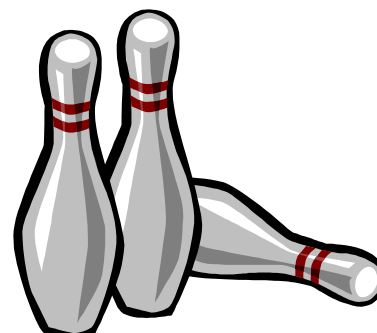
- The functional designs for the Introduction to Competition modules were approved. These apply to the Participant and Coach Development.
- The committee developing the New NCCP program for Introduction to Competition phase of our Coaching program has almost completed its' work and are at a point where they will be seeking approval from the Coaching Association of Canada for this program.
- The Association continues to have a strong financial outlook. No increases in Provincial assessments were introduced for the 2010-11 budget.
- A rule to prohibit the wearing or use of external electronic devices was approved for the Youth

Challenge event beginning with the 2010-11 season. This rule makes us consistent with the YBC event.

- In the 2010-11 season OPEN NATIONALS, Single competitors will no longer be permitted to bowl in the Team and Singles competition. As a result, their qualifying games have been increased to 30.
- The Sponsorship committee is moving forward with its' program to attain sponsors for our events.
- The 2011 Youth Challenge will be held in Regina, Saskatchewan; the Inter-Provincial will be in Edmonton, Alberta and the OPEN will be in Surrey, British Columbia.

I look forward to meeting old and new friends at the upcoming events and hope the remainder of your season is met with much success.

Mel Osmond,
President, C5PBA



A History of 5 Pin Bowling

By Walter Heeney

Our latest look at the beginning of league play has revealed something new. Guess What? The counter pin (4 pin) did not begin at the start of 5 pin bowling as has been previously thought.

I was always told that Tommy Ryan, the inventor of 5 pin bowling was a practical joker – that he might have a buzzer in his hand if he shook yours. He may have been, but the counter pin was introduced to lower the ever increasing averages of the 5 pin bowlers as the pins became more standardized, the band was introduced and, I'll bet, the balls increased in quality as well.

How come you say? Specifically, Tommy Ryan opens the Toronto Bowling Club in 1904 with tenpin bowling. The game is slow and during the next five years, he experiments with both Candlepin and Duckpin, both low scoring games. By 1909, working with his brother, the 5 pin game is developed, but be assured, the other games are still around.

Originally, 5 pin was a low scoring game as well, despite the 4-2-1-3-5 count. However, the band is soon added to the pin to deaden it's action and by 1913, bowlers are averaging over 200.

Specifically in the 1913 yearbook of the Canadian Bowling Association (CBA), it is noted that the Elias Rogers 5 pin Bowling League began in 1913 and several bowlers averaged over 200, and as well, "the new four pin ruling was then unheard of". This can only mean that in 1913, the four pin was not the counter pin and, as scores soared, the "blow" pin was introduced at some future date.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad League began a competition among agents and ticket officers and while they did form a league by 1915, this effort may have been the process that introduced 5 pin bowling to Western Canada.

Moreover, while this growth was in its beginning, the First World War begins in 1914 and worldwide conflict must have surely curtailed any rapid expansion at that time. That being said, the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario 5 Pin Bowling League began in 1916 and on February 6, 1918 (the war continued for nine more months), the Robert Simpson Co 5 Pin Bowling League began and grew to 86 teams comprised of 48 men's and 38 ladies teams.

In addition, leagues also began through the Post Office and the Toronto City Hall. This latter group were called the "Big Ben Bowlers", no doubt tying in the clock tower at the City Hall in Toronto and the clock tower "Big Ben" in London, England to our status as part of the British Empire.

Despite the timing of the introduction of the counter pin and the possibility of receiving "zero" for your frame count, scoring took off. By 1923, there was a three (3) game team score of 4206. Tom Simpson, who would later become president of the CBA rolled a 445 in 1924 and "Red" Wilson bowled a 1043 triple that same year. It is also noted that a Tom Roland rolled a perfect game (450) on January 6, 1931.

Needless to say, our history is evolving and these notes are just a sample of how we arrived at where we are today. Keep digging and we may be able to discover a truer picture of our history.

Gerry Ross: Still Going Strong at 87

By Gillian Robertson

I am a very proud daughter and would love the opportunity of bringing to your attention the achievements of my father. My Dad has a passion for bowling and has been a true inspiration to me and my siblings.

Gerry Ross may not be a name you recognize, but let me give you some background. He brought his family to Canada from England to start a new life. In 1959 he started bowling in Kitchener at Victoria Bowl for Carling. Early on, he bowled 1448 and to this day is proud of the fact that he matched Don Walker's score, the owner of Victoria Bowl that day. For many years Dad was classified as a 250 average bowler and during the years that followed bowled competitively. He was bowling back in the days when the counter pin was counted and he had a 232 average. He also won the qualifying rounds in K-W to represent the area at the CNE in Toronto which he did along with Gerry Router who was a very young man at the time. In 1974 he bowled a perfect game, and that was a highlight of his career. In 1975 Dad moved to the Goderich area where he bowled for another 20 years. He represented Blue Water in Hamilton dozens of times and used to go each Victoria Day to O'Connor Bowl in Toronto to compete in the Canadian Open. At age 72 he developed prostate problems and later had a stroke and his bowling came to an end or so he thought.....

My mother passed away in March 2009. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June. She suffered from Alzheimer's the last few years of her life, something my father dealt with until she had to be committed to a home. At that point Dad made the decision to move her and himself to Stratford to be closer to his children. As he slowly realized he could do nothing for her sitting there all day he started to take up bowling again and joined a league at Mikes in Stratford. Having suffered a stroke, prostate surgery and my mother's health, he had stopped bowling for a 12 years so he was a bit rusty. He had difficulty holding the ball, and his approach was shaky with the ball at times falling out his hand as his strength and control wasn't there. However, with strong determination he slowly worked at getting his form back and trying to recapture some of his former skill at the game he so loves. Slowly he started to improve and being the eternal optimist he entered a tournament that first year only to end up low man in the event. I think that would have done me in but not my Dad. No, he believed he had improved and was improving. When he moved to London to live with me in the fall of 2009 we immediately went to Fleetway to check out the leagues. I was thinking the senior league would be the way to go but not my father. With great spirit he joined the Monday night regular league and away he goes every Monday night with his bowling shoes that are worn out by years of wear but I'm sure are like an old friend to him and hold memories of his many nights bowling with his friends.

Bowling has been an important part of his life and he has provided his six children with a wonderful example of commitment, loyalty and passion for a sport. As a child, my siblings and I would spend our Saturday afternoons watching Dad bowl at the Strand in K-W. My younger brother was a "pin boy" and at an early age we were all on the lanes with the added benefit of Dad working in a math lesson, without us realizing it, as we learned how to count and keep score.

When Gerry Router recognized him last year in Kitchener, he was thrilled but this is a rarity now as time has a way of erasing people and achievements. He'll never have another perfect game but he is having 200 games again which, at his age and recovering from a stroke and prostate surgery he's happy with, and so am I.

I am obviously incredibly proud of my father. The man gets such pleasure in being on the lanes and being able to compete. He is a wonderful example of how to grow old gracefully while retaining a love and passion for life and never giving up. He has shown us that as we get older we have to accept the fact that we are not going to have the same ability or achieve what we were able to do when we were younger but to accept our limitations and not resent them. And finally ... to smile. My father always has a smile on his face and a pleasant word to say. He has taught me sportsmanship, he has taught me commitment and he has shown me how a positive outlook and a smile on your face can only make your life better.

At 87 things can change quickly but I'm hopeful he will be able to enjoy bowling for a few more years as he loves it so very much. This Sunday he'll be at Arcade Eastown Bowling Centre bowling in the Middlesex Elgin Holiday Classic. I and my sister will be there cheering him on as he bowls his heart out and works to get that high score, trying to prove to himself and others that great bowlers never die, they just keep bowling along.

1st Vice President

We are well into our progress from the Strategic Planning session from a couple of years ago and I am happy to report that we are well on track. The association continues to move forward in various areas of communication and are well situated to examine any possible idea for membership growth and retention.

The Marketing Committee is hard at work developing a marketing strategy that will assist our organization as we move into the future. This strategy will encompass a wide range of influences in the sporting industry, as well as bringing professional knowledge to the table to help us head in the right direction. I am excited to see the work of Daryl Bradley and his group in the coming months.

Current struggles still exist in gathering information for our quarterly newsletter Coast to Coast but some last minute hard work of our Publisher, Mary-Ann McNeil, has ensured we remain on schedule with a viable product. Providing a document to our membership such as this newsletter is another value added service that we can provide. With this in mind, we need to continue to stay the course and ensure we have information of value that our members will read. The best way to provide this information is to ensure the ideas and happenings within the bowling world across the country are shared across the country. ***Coast to Coast – the best news, travels the best, in the best publication.***

Regards,
Len Isleifson
1st Vice-President

Manitoba Report

Things are certainly busy here in Manitoba and while the temperature outside has been mighty cold, the actions on the lanes has been hot. Fresh off the heels of the Inter-Provincial Provincial Championships this past weekend, final arrangements are being made to send our provincial champions from Central Manitoba, and our second place qualifiers from Winnipeg, to the National Championships in Hamilton. A hearty congratulations to all competitors across Manitoba as this event saw some excellent scores.

Plans are currently being finalized for the upcoming Open Provincials being held in Winnipeg on April 2 and 3rd, 2010. Using a different qualifying format this year, has everyone, including the organizing committee, extremely interested in seeing the results.

As we continue through the season, plans are nearing completion for the host committee of the Hi-Lo Double Provincial Championships being held in Brandon. Without the advancement of a national event, we are very pleased to offer each provincial winner of this event, a trip for two to Las Vegas. This is sure to once again be a well attended event.

On a final note, with everything going on, the host committee for the 2010 National Open Championships are extremely busy. Meeting in-person on a monthly basis and communicating by phone or email on a daily basis, things are starting to come together. The entire province of Manitoba is rolling out the red carpet this year as 2010 is designated province wide as Manitoba Homecoming. Starting with a good ole fashioned Manitoba Social on day one to well planned closing ceremony, you are sure to walk away knowing more about Manitoba than you did when you arrived.

Keep on rolling as I am sure we will meet again at the Youth Challenge, Inter-Provincial and/or the Open Nationals before the season ends.

Regards,
Len Isleifson
President, M5PBA



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Rule Book Changes

With the latest rule book printing, the following items were added:

Item (e) under rule 24,

(e) Bowlers are prohibited from moving house bowling balls from lane to lane during league play or tournament play.

Item (a) under rule 25

(a) Bowling shoes must be worn during league and tournament play.

Item (a) under rule 26

(a) C5PBA approved Bowling Cues may be used in league and tournament play so long as they abide by all C5PBA rules. A Bowling Cue is an extension of ones arm and any contact with the lane bed past the foul line shall be considered a foul.

Coaching Program

The C5PBA is currently in the process of completing the next steps in the new coaching programs for Competitive Coach. This will replace our old Level 2 Technical/Practical program. As of this writing, we are awaiting conditional approval of the Competitive Coach program from the Coaching Association of Canada. Once this conditional approval is received, we will begin training Learning Facilitators and Evaluators across Canada. Training session dates and Learning Facilitator/Evaluator applications will be forwarded to the Provincial Associations once everything has been set.

Saskatchewan

While there is very little at this time to report from here, we would like to pass on some great news. On January 31st, 2010, while bowling in the Youth Challenge, Jordan Rachar bowled a perfect game. Jordan is now on his way to the Nationals in Edmonton.

Joe Yuhasz
President

Alberta

Greetings from Alberta.

With any luck, the beautiful weather we are having right now will be around when you join us here for the Youth Challenge Nationals. Representing Alberta will be Jennifer Baker, Parker Anderson, Jessica Radu, Shelby Clarkson, Mark Polivchuk, Jeremy Harasymchuk and Coaches Lori Gamble and Bob Stirling. Good Luck to all in this event! We have had 2 perfect games thrown here in the last little while. At Leduc Lanes on January 24th, Karie Kurtz threw a perfect game during Open Zone qualifying. One of our youth bowlers, Francis Licup, had a perfect game on January 10th at Bonnie Doon Lanes in Edmonton. Congratulations to you both!

Annette Bruneau
Alberta

*OLYMPICS
2010*

*CANADA
GOLD – 14
SILVER – 7
BRONZE – 5*

*TOTAL MEDALS
26*

Nova Scotia

Where has the winter gone? It seems like just yesterday that it was September and we were dusting off our bowling shoes and beginning a new season. Now we're more than halfway through it and spring is almost upon us. I guess it's true...time flies when you're having fun, especially out on the lanes!

Our young men and women are very excited about their upcoming trip to Edmonton for the National Youth Challenge. We're still trying to figure out if they're more excited about visiting the West Edmonton Mall or the actual bowling tournament...we hope it's the latter! Congratulations to our team of Josh Crawford, Brandon Madden, Tyler Thibodeau, Jessica Madden, Ronna Ryer and Cassidy Cormier who will be representing Nova Scotia at the Nationals. Along with their coaches Synthia Schofield and Marc Rapitta, we know that they are looking forward to the competition as well as catching up with old friends and making new ones. Good luck in Edmonton!

We held our Open Provincials in January at CFB Shearwater and had an excellent turnout for this event. Our partnership with our friends in New Brunswick continues to be strong and two teams from CFB Gaagetown made their way to Halifax in the snow to compete. It was wonderful to see some familiar, as well as some new faces out on the lanes. Our Tournament Director, Steve Feltham and our Treasurer, Joanne Blades did a wonderful job of hosting all of the bowlers and running a smooth tournament. Results are as follows:

Mens Single – Calvin Locke

Mens Team – Mitch Seary, Ashley Gavel, Mark O'Laughlin, Freddie Tofflemire, Chuck Ranni and Julien Chiasson

Ladies Single – Joanne Blades

Ladies Team – Joanne Blades, Debby Purdy, Rejane Flynn, Claudette Gavel, Catherine Dugas and Jennifer Brown

Congratulations to our winners and best of luck to you in Winnipeg where we know you will represent us well! We are now looking forward to our Provincial Hi-Lo Doubles event for cash coming up in March prior to us winding down for another bowling season.

Please visit our website at www.bowling.com for a glimpse into the 5 pin bowling world in Nova Scotia. Our webmaster, Darrell Baily does a fantastic job of keeping our site updated and most importantly, keeping it very user-friendly and eye appealing! I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable spring and for those of you travelling to warmer climates to escape the cold and snow, safe travels to you!

Yours in Bowling,
Trevor Stevenson
President – NS5PBA

Southern Ontario

As we recover from our Olympics hangover the bowling season is in full swing. Our first provincial tournament goes the end of February as we will be selecting our Inter Provincial teams. The first week of March our youth bowlers head to Sudbury and our Winter Games where we will be selecting our Youth Challenge team. The end of March our Open bowlers will descend on Hamilton where our Open Championships will be held.

We are looking forward to all our National Championships and we wish everyone good luck and most importantly have fun

Dave Post
O5PBA

British Columbia

Greetings from the Olympic Province!

It's nice to see our country banded together and are making the best of each situation. The weather has been unbelievable. We have broken a 114 year record for temperatures. Eight "GOLD" medals ! "GO CANADA GO. It makes you proud to be a "CANADIAN".

Congratulations to Dustin Valin, Juniper Lanes – Cranbrook, Ben Barnes, Scottsdale Lanes – Surrey and Victoria Dacosta, Willowbrook Lanes - Langley who all have thrown perfect "450" games this season. Our Provincial Youth Challenge Tournament was held November 21, 2009 at Grandview Lanes. The Team is comprised of Tyler Desabrais, Sun Country Bowl – Penticton (270.63); Tyler Ford, Port Coquitlam Bowl - Port Coquitlam (263.75); Kane Ackeral, Lincoln Lanes – Vernon (256.13); Brittany Atkinson, Port Coquitlam Bowl – Port Coquitlam (264.13); Brittany Dacosta, Willowbrook Lanes – Langley (236.25) and Cassidy Buckman, Scottsdale Lanes – Surrey (231.00). The Team will be coached by Kim Williams (Port Coquitlam Bowl) & Scott Hawerlak (Scottsdale Lanes). Our team is very exciting about competing in Edmonton.

All our Zones have completed their trials for the Open and teams are getting ready to embark on the Provincial Open Championships In Kamloops on April 2 – 4, 2010. Good Luck to all competitors. This past weekend of February 20th, we completed our Provincials for the Inter-Provincial Team Challenge at Kobau Lanes in Osoyoos. It was our inaugural event for this tournament. Special thanks to Anette Tarasewich and the staff at Kobau for their wonderful hospitality. Thanks to Bonny-Lynn & Slim Sarrazin as our Judge of Plays. Representing our Province will be Travis Dicks, Port Coquitlam Bowl- Port Coquitlam - +215, Liz Theobald, Miracle Lanes – Sydney - +125, Lynn Pachkowsky, Glenmerry Bowl – Trail - +119 and Jarett Loehr, Falcon Lanes – Kamloops - +97. Due to previous commitments Jarett Loehner will be unable to participate and will be replaced by Kathy Compston, Glenmerry Bowl – Trail - +87. We had several positive responses from the participants. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and for most of them it'll be their first National. Congratulations to all competitors for making our inaugural tournament so successful. Good luck in Hamilton, Ontario on April 22-25.

Also, Lynn Pachkowsky and Kathy Compston won the Hawaiian Pick-a-Partner Tournament with a +206. They won a trip for 4 to Hawaii or \$1,250 each. I believe they are taking the trip. Way to go ladies. That's it from the sunshine belt of Canada....stay warm and dry! Until we see you all at the upcoming events, keep bowling well.

Ken Chamber Jr.
President, BC5PBA

**Wishing everyone well in your
Final Provincial and National Tournaments
for 2009-2010.**
