

## Red Rock, Ontario



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Red Rock is a vibrant community located 100 km east of Thunder Bay in Northwestern Ontario. Named for the large red cuesta between Red Rock and Nipigon, Red Rock offers breathtaking scenery including rugged cliffs, verdant forests and sparkling rivers.

During the Second World War a POW camp was established here housing primarily German prisoners. Many men returned to work in the mill or surrounding woods after the war.

Red Rock's main source of employment is a Kraft paper mill owned by Norampac. The mill originally consisted of two Kraft paper machines but in late 2005 was reduced to running one machine.

The [Red Rock Folk Festival](#), held by the Live From the Rock Folk & Blues Society, is held each year.

### Fun Time Lanes

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
236	249	227	712




Another beautiful day and a great drive in Northern Ontario, I hope this weather sticks around. Fun Time Lanes is a 4-lane centre located in the Recreation Centre of Red Rock. Wood lanes with old wooden ball returns, very similar to the set-up in Rodney. I like bowling on these type of lanes and had a very nice set. The local bowlers who came out were friendly and bowled well also with Trish tossing a nice game,

almost 100 pins over her average. Thanks George for having me at this interesting centre I enjoyed playing with you.



## Thunder Bay, Ontario

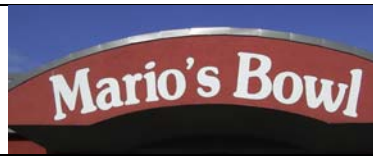


Thunder Bay has a monument dedicated to Terry Fox, one of the greatest Canadians of all time, it marks a location near where he ended his marathon of hope.

The night before his right leg was amputated, Terry Fox read about an amputee who ran the New York City Marathon. The article inspired Terry's Marathon of Hope, an incredible cross-Canada run on an artificial leg to raise money for cancer research. Terry was forced to end his run when his cancer returned. He died on June 28, 1981, but his legacy lives on in the annual Terry Fox Run.

## Mario Bowl

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
243	213	216	672



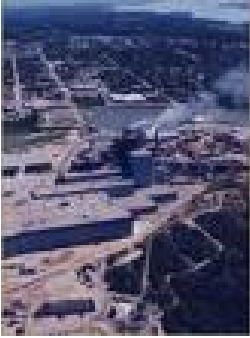
Another fantastic day of weather I have hit a very good period of time for travel in Northern Ontario. Mario's Bowl is a split centre with 24 10-pin lanes and 12 5-pin lanes. A number of local bowlers came out to say hi to me and bowl a game. We had a little party with the rock n

glow lights and some pizza. I finally got my tour average over 200 and maybe I do bowl better in the dark light conditions. Thanks to Ann and Barb for making this stop memorable.



## Dryden, Ontario

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In 1896, the Hon. John Dryden, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, arranged for the founding of a pioneer farm within Dryden's present townsite, and from this developed an agricultural community supplying the mining and logging camps in its hinterland. The transportation links by rail and water, and the water power from the river encouraged the communities' development as a service centre and forest products manufacturer. The opening of the Trans Canada Highway in 1935 boosted tourism to an important part of the economy.

The town of Dryden was incorporated in 1910, and expanded its boundaries several times before amalgamating with the neighbouring municipality, the Township of Barclay, to form the new "City of Dryden" on January 1, 1998.

### Timber Lanes

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
170	219	184	573



It was raining and cold on my drive to Dryden, but I was warmed, by the greeting I got at the lanes. There are 14-lanes with Pro Score computers, the last 4 were separated from the original 10 by a brick wall which has since been moved. I bowled with the oldest and youngest bowlers in the area Joe and Walker.



However it was Larry the up and comer that threw the big 393 beside me. Thanks, Arnie for having me at your centre, it was a pleasure throwing there.



## Winnipeg, Manitoba



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Winnipeg grew to become the greatest grain centre on the American continent. Because of its excellent rail connections to the US as well as to eastern Canada it also became the financial, commercial, wholesale and manufacturing centre of the new West.

The town was incorporated in 1873 (after some rebellious townspeople gave the Manitoba Legislature's Speaker a tar bath). A flood of immigrants, high wheat prices, plentiful capital, and improved farming techniques contributed to making Winnipeg the largest city of western Canada. Following World War I, however, economic stagnation was caused by low wheat prices, followed by the Great Depression that lasted until 1940.

### Billy Mosienko Lanes

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
189	183	296	668




Hockey star Billy Mosienko was born in Winnipeg, most notably scoring three goals within 21 seconds playing for the Chicago Black Hawks against the New York Rangers. He



opened the bowling centre around 1946 but was not the only hockey player to do so. Howie Meeker was also involved in a number of bowling centres in Newfoundland. Now that you know how hockey and bowling can be interconnected let me tell about my trip to the Billy Mosienko Lanes.



The weather was great again today hitting 20 degrees Celsius. That's right 20 degrees in November in Winnipeg, I think Manitoba may be trying to lure to this province. This 20-lane centre has 10 lanes upstairs and another 10 downstairs, computer scoring and rock n glow lights. There was a grand group of bowlers at the centre to meet me, and once again I was challenged by the local talent. I

finally found my game after a very slow start and bowled a respectable game. Thanks Todd and everyone else who came out to watch and bowl with me. I really had a great time and hope to do it all again one day.



## Gimli, Manitoba




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In 1875, when the first Icelandic settlers arrived in the Canadian West, Manitoba was a tiny "postage stamp" province approximately 33,280 square kilometres (13,000 square miles). To the north of Manitoba's boundaries lay the vast unsettled wilderness of the North-West Territories, an area that originally included most of present-day Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Into this area the newcomers from Iceland went on to found a colony on the west shore of Lake Winnipeg. Called "New Iceland", the colony was one of the earliest group settlements in the West. Today, the reserve of land originally homesteaded by the Icelandic pioneers is part of Manitoba's Interlake region.

I arrived in Gimli in the summer of 1968 as my father was posted to the Airforce base there. In 1971, the Canadian Forces Base at Gimli was withdrawn and we moved back to CFB Borden. I still have many fond memories of my years in Gimli.

### Gimli Bowling Centre

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
162	224	312	698




I drove out to Gimli and spent part of the afternoon checking out some of my childhood haunts. I was amazed at how little things had changed in this tourist town. The bowling centre was a new addition to the town in 2002. The 8-lanes have pro score computers and some great murals on the

wall. After some effort, the lanes proved very friendly to me as I managed to throw a game over 300. I enjoyed bowling with John (11 yrs old) and want to thank Debbie and Rena for showing me the centre. It was another wonderful day with great memories.



## Southport, Manitoba

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When looking for a balanced quality of life, Southport is your destination. Rich with aviation heritage, Southport is a former military training base that has expanded to include an airfield, military flight training, education programs, commercial and residential properties and a recreation centre.

Southport is a not-for-profit property management and development company, located 3 km south of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, Canada. For 50 years it was home to the Canadian Air Force, and an integral part of the Central Plains economy.

Our goal is to establish a world-class business centre balanced with lifestyle, wellness, and recreation facilities. Featuring aviation and aerospace training facilities, research and development of new products, light manufacturing, educational institutions, beautiful open spaces, a golf course, and a fitness centre.

### Southport Bowl

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total	
228	208	228	664	



Once again my diet is doing me under, as I headed for Southport feeling slightly under the weather. The 6-lane centre has no computers and is bright and friendly. I have to apologize for my short stay as my stomach is going the way of the weather. I am quite sure I will get over this and for some reason I seem

to bowl fairly well when I am under the weather. Thanks Al for the cake and great time at Southport.



## Carman, Manitoba

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Carman was settled in 1870 when Winnipeg settlers used the Missouri Trail to locate around the Boyne River.

Businesses began to open in 1878 and it was during this period of growth that the settlers became interested in founding and properly naming a village on their Boyne site.

A vote was taken and Carman City was chosen, later shortened to Carman, after Episcopal Methodist Church bishop Rev. Albert Carman.

Located at the junction of 3 and 13 just minutes southwest of Winnipeg, Carman is situated in the heart of a rich prairie agricultural belt and just 100 kilometres

north of the United States border.

Incorporated as a town in 1905, the community served as an agricultural, manufacturing and commercial service centre to the surrounding areas, a role it continues today.

### Southport Bowl

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
210	270	243	723



So winter has finally come to Manitoba and my trip. It was a cold, wet, blistery, icy day as I drove down to Carman. Still feeling under the weather I once again shortened my stay at the lanes. I had a good time throwing this 8-lane free fall centre. I've always liked bowling on free fall and had a good set here. Thanks to Ken and Bob for getting out there and making this a very nice stop on the tour.

## Brandon, Manitoba

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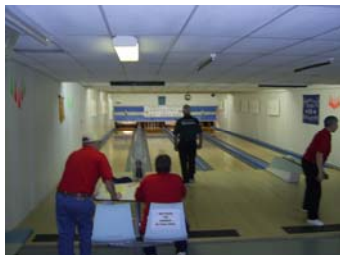
**Brandon** is a city in southwestern Manitoba, Canada. The surrounding area is often referred to as "Westman".

The city started as a major junction on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the Assiniboine River and was then incorporated in 1882.

Brandon, the second largest city and service centre in Manitoba after Winnipeg, is a major hub for the surrounding agricultural area. The population of its trading area is between 70,000 and 100,000 people, and the city proper has a population of 41,511. Brandon's industry reflects its agricultural history; its major industries are related to agriculture and include fertilizer and hog processing plants, as well as retail and government services for the surrounding area of Westman. Brandon is also home to Brandon University and Assiniboine Community College.

### Carberry Lanes

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
170	187	246	603

After a horrific drive down the Trans Canada, I made a stop in Carberry to check out the lanes. I was slightly surprised at the size of the crowd there, as I was about 1 hour late thanks to the road conditions. The bowling centre is part of the recreation centre, the 4 string lanes with no computers (they hope to have some in the future) can be found downstairs. I



want to thank Sylvia for asking me to stop by and easing my concerns about the rest of my drive to Brandon.

### Thunderbird Bowl

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
198	227	247	672




The drive from Carberry was a lot better and I arrived in Brandon without any concerns. Thunderbird Bowl is a split house with 12 10-pin lanes and 8 5-pin lanes. Qubica scoring is on hand as is rock n glow lights and music. This centre is very family friendly and I bowled with the youngest and oldest bowlers in the area, Nicholas and Glen. The mayor was also there, he's a very able bowler so I had to be on my game. Thanks to Trevor and Len for having me at the centre it was great fun and I had a blast.

## Swan River, Manitoba

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Swan River was founded in 1900 and officially incorporated as a Town in 1908. Today it is a bustling trading centre of charm, affordable living and friendly people. With a population of over 3800, it is the hub of the Swan Valley region and offers a variety of goods and services to it's trading market of over 30,000 people.

The first permanent settlement dates back to 1770 when fur traders from both the Hudson Bay Company and the Northwest Company bought and sold goods by way of birch bark canoes. Occasionally, wild swans were seen on nearby Thunder Hill and thus the Swan Valley was named. The first pioneers arrived in the Valley through the Duck Mountains in 1897. Recognizing the agricultural potential of the area, land was cleared to expose the fertile soils and the strong history of agriculture began. The profitable farming opportunities began luring new settlers from Southern Manitoba and the Town steadily grew.

### Up Your Alley Bowling Centre

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
259	245	176	680



I started off with a late start it was hard to get up as I was having a good sleep. Then a small detour was required as route 10 was closed at the park and I had to backtrack to another route. In all though, it was a fine day for driving and the scenery was lovely. I arrived in Swan River and found a very modern and up to date 4-lane centre with Qubica scoring.

Kevin and Des have done a wonderful job with their new centre and are very busy with all the customers. Keep up the good work and thanks for having me, it was a great centre.

## Flin Flon, Manitoba

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**The Flin Flon area** is located in the Flin Flon Belt, a Precambrian volcanic belt that was an element of the Trans-Hudson Orogen. The majority of the belt was formed approximately 1.9 billion years ago by aquatic volcanic eruptions; these intense eruptions and multiple episodes of glaciation left us the present unique landscape. The belt is the source of our vast mineral deposits, which are primarily zinc, copper, silver and gold. Flin Flon is in close proximity with the Saskatchewan communities of Creighton and Denare Beach, all of which

are located within a 20 km area.

**Tom Creighton and David Collins** discovered the main lens of the Flin Flon volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) deposit in 1914. Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company quickly established a fully-functional mine with one of the largest smelters in Canada. This investment by HBM&S quickly developed Flin Flon into a thriving community.

**Today, Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company** is still the major employer in the area, and mining is at the heart of the economy. Flin Flon has an above-average household income, making it possible to sustain a healthy retail sector. We have a prosperous business area with a number of stores, hotels, restaurants, and services.

**Flin Flon is Manitoba's ninth largest community**, with approximately 6200 people. Flin Flon is a border community there is approximately 300 people in Flin Flon Saskatchewan making Flin Flon one of two border communities in Canada the other being Lloydminster on the Saskatchewan/Alberta border. We share the same latitude as Belfast, Copenhagen and Moscow, and are just over 740 km north-northwest of Manitoba's capital city of Winnipeg.

### Pinheads Bowling Centre

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
185	224	251	660



The drive up to Flin Flon was long and lonely but not uneventful. I was lucky enough to avoid a head on collision when a vehicle passing a semi in the oncoming lane, drove off the road and onto the shoulder on my side of the highway. It was a reminder to always stay awake and aware when driving. The 10-lane centre in Flin Flon has no computer scoring and is located downstairs in the downtown area of the city. Old wood lanes with many structural poles separating them, makes it look smaller than it really is. Thanks to Nick for showing me around the centre it was a nice way to end my time in Manitoba.

## Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

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Prince Albert celebrated its one-hundredth birthday in 2004. As one of the oldest settlements in the province, this city has enjoyed a rich and celebrated history. Settled in 1866 by **Reverend James Nisbet**, our area seemed like the ideal spot to build a life on the Prairies. In the broad valley of the North Saskatchewan River that divides the rich agricultural land of the south, from the broad band of mixed forest to the north, the possibilities seemed endless. Nisbet named his new settlement **Prince Albert**, in honour of the Prince Consort to England's Queen Victoria.

### Minto Recreation Centre

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
230	231	218	679



I left Manitoba in the early morning and had a lovely drive into Saskatchewan. There were birds and deer to see on the side of the highway one of the most relaxing and enjoyable days of driving I have had to date. There are 20 lanes with Brunswick computer scoring and many other activities available such as bumper cars and video games at the Minto Recreation Centre. It's a great family fun centre with something for everyone. I plan on coming back again for some more fun; Bumper Cars anyone? Thanks Don Jr and Shauna for showing me around.

## Spiritwood, Saskatchewan

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It has a population of 907 and is located 125 km W of [Prince Albert](#) and about 110 km NE of [North Battleford](#) at the junction of Hwys 3, 24, and 378.

As the largest community in the region, the community functions as the major supply, service, and administrative centre for a trading area population of several thousand including four First Nations communities. Mixed Farming predominates and consists primarily of grain production. A Spiritwood company that focuses on pig genetics, producing breeding stock and commercial swine, has roughly 50 employees. There is some forestry in the region north

of Spiritwood. The town has a complete range of recreational facilities and, additionally, there are six golf courses in the district, six Regional Parks, and about 35 lakes within an hour's drive.

The district began to be settled around 1911–12; however, growth in the area was slow until the coming of the railway in the late 1920s. The first settlers primarily engaged in ranching. The Spiritwood post office, which had been established in 1923, was named after [Spiritwood Lake, North Dakota](#), the hometown of the first postmaster, Rupert J. Dumond. After the railway arrived, settlers of diverse origins poured into the district and many businesses were established.

On October 1, 1935, Spiritwood was incorporated as a village and, by September 1, 1965, the community had grown large enough to attain town status.

This was the scene of the two deaths of RCMP officers in 2006, where after a 12 day manhunt, the suspect surrendered without incident

### Spiritwood Bowling Centre

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
198	201	215	614



There was a light snowfall and the roads were not in great shape as I left Prince Albert for Spiritwood. The drive proved uneventful but I arrived well ahead of my scheduled time. I found Hank outside the lanes shovelling the walk, and after a quick chat we decided it would be a safer plan if I bowled earlier and drove to my hotel in the daylight. A few phone calls later and a crew of avid bowlers were on hand giving me tips on how to bowl. This 6-lane centre has AMF scoring, a type I had not seen before. There were also some amusing graphics around the bowling centre which I enjoyed. I bowled with Noah and Irene the youngest and oldest bowlers at the centre. It was fun time and meeting up with Hank after 30 years was a pleasant surprise. Thanks for bringing back some memories and showing me these friendly lanes it was extremely enjoyable.



## Maidstone, Saskatchewan

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Maidstone – The Canola Capital of Canada


*Maidstone is located on the TransCanada Yellowhead Hwy, 55 kms East of Lloydminster.*

Rich in both the agricultural tradition, and oil and gas, Maidstone currently boasts a population of around 1,200 people and a trading population of over 7,500. The community offers a

friendly small-town atmosphere with the convenience of being located in the heart of oil country.

### Pins and Cues

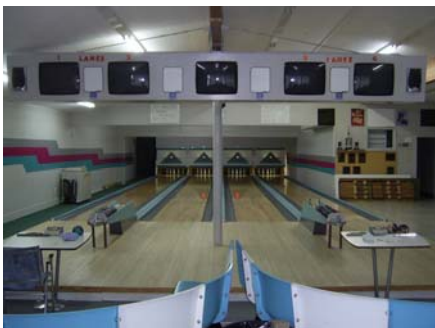
Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
175	160	210	545




It was a lovely drive to the lanes in Maidstone where I got to bowl with the Senior's League. Pat Foley showed me around the 4-lane centre with Brunswick scoring. The bowling centre includes pool tables and video games so that anyone in the family can find something to do. It was a great start to day even if my bowling was a little off. Thanks to all the people at the lanes who made me feel very welcomed and showed me a good time.

### Country Lanes

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
204	195	209	608

I made a phone call when I left Maidstone and arranged to bowl in Cutknife home to the largest Tomahawk. Tracy Anseth and her husband Len are two of the best bowlers in the country and they also run the lanes in Cutknife, so I decided to drive on over and throw a few games at their centre. A nice 4-lane centre with Pro Score computers and a great group of youth bowlers. This is a centre

that I enjoy playing in and I plan to come back again sometime. Thanks Tracy for opening the lanes for me.



## Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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The Saskatoon area has been inhabited for some 6,000 years; however, it was not until the summer of 1883 that the first settlers began to arrive and subsequently in 1903 that the town charter was obtained. "Saskatoon" is derived from 'mis-sask-quah-toomina', the Cree Indian name for a local indigenous berry. Saskatoon was incorporated as a city on May 26, 1906, and celebrated its 100th birthday in 2006.

**Saskatoon became the central city of central Saskatchewan because a small group of pioneer businessmen tirelessly lobbied to make sure the railways came to their town. By 1908 three railway bridges and a traffic bridge crossed the South Saskatchewan and Saskatoon was the hub of a transportation network. Today five of the city's seven bridges are motor vehicle bridges and only two carry rail traffic. But Saskatoon remains the place where many trails cross**

### Rak's Pin House

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
151	194	225	570



This 20-Lane centre has Brunswick scoring and rock and glow bowling. I was bowling with the major league and replaced a different bowler in each of 5 games (last 2 games were 219, 187). My games were not up to standard and I want to apologize for all the matches I lost.

Although inconsistent I did enjoy my time at this centre, there was cake and the bowlers were very friendly and encouraging. Thanks Marj and Larry for having me at your centre it was grand.



## Yorkton, Saskatchewan

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A group of settlers from York County, Ontario, established a settlement in 1882. They had been recruited by the York Farmers Colonization Company, and originally founded York Colony about two miles north of the site of the modern city, on the banks of a small river.

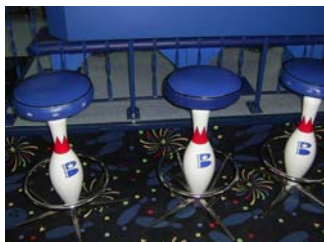
The York Farmers Colonization Company, with Ontario Member of Parliament N. Clark Wallace as president, and a capital shareholders' investment of \$300,000 was incorporated May 12, 1882. Earlier in the year, a group of Toronto businessmen had met to discuss a plan to invest in the opening of lands for homesteading in Western Canada, specifically in the newly created Provisional Assiniboia, North West Territories.

During the Second World War, an airport was built north of the city for the RCAF's No. 11 Service Flying Training School, now operated as the Yorkton Municipal Airport.

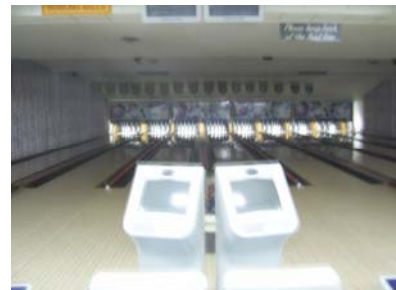
Yorkton is the site of the Yorkton Western Development Museum, which houses a number of exhibits depicting pioneer life in the town and on the surrounding prairie. The museum includes an early pioneer log home and an extensive outdoor exhibit of agricultural machinery, including early tractors and steam engines.

### Yorkton Bowling Arena

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
255	205	137	597



It was a quite drive down the highway and I found the Yorkton Bowl Arena. A pleasant 8-lane centre with Brunswick Scoring and a great crowd out to greet me. I was overwhelmed by the media presence as they asked me questions and took pictures of the bowling centre. Once again I bowled with the newest and most experienced bowlers. The crowd was cheering for everyone as we bowled our games. It was an exciting time and I had a fantastic time. Thanks to Dan and Colleen for setting up a great time in Yorkton.



## Estevan, Saskatchewan

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**Estevan** is the eighth largest city in Saskatchewan, Canada. It is located at [49°08′N 103°01′W](#)[49.14, -103.01](#), which is near the southeastern corner of the province. The Souris River runs by the city.

The first settlers in what was to become Estevan arrived in 1892, along with the expansion of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It was incorporated as a village in 1899, and later became a town in 1906. On March 1, 1957, **Estevan** acquired the status of a city, which, in Saskatchewan terms, is any community of 5,000 or more.

The name origin is attributed to George Stephen's Registered Telegraphic Address, *Estevan*.<sup>[1]</sup> George Stephen was the first President of the Canadian Pacific Railway from 1881 to 1888.

The major industries in Estevan are coal mining, power generation and oil and gas. Estevan's current population is 11,242.

### Estevan Bowl

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total	
185	145	198	528	



I had envisioned Estevan as a slow laid back prairie town but upon arrival, I found a bustling, boom, town. Oil and gas has this town bucking the trend of the current economy. The bowling centre is a split house with 6 10-pin lanes and 4 5-pin lanes, sporting AMF Accru Score computers. I ran into a case of headpinitis with 6 punches in the second game and at least 2 in each of the other games. Thanks Dave for letting me toss, a few balls at your centre.

## Regina, Saskatchewan

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Long ago huge herds of bison roamed the plains. The Plains Indians and Metis people hunted the animals for food and clothing. They camped on the banks of a creek where they killed many of the bison. The bones were laid in a large pile. So the site became known as Pile O' Bones.

In the late 1800s a railroad was built across Canada so the country could be connected from east to west. The first train came to Pile O' Bones in 1882. The site was just a tiny village. It was renamed Regina in honor of Queen Victoria. Regina means "queen".

People came to Regina from England, France, Germany, the Ukraine and many other countries. Regina was surrounded by very good farmland . Homesteaders claimed land nearby for farming. More people arrived and started businesses. At first they had to live in tents, sod houses or little shacks. In 1882 The North West Mounted Police also came to Regina. The city became the home of their training centre.

By 1903 there were 3000 people living in Regina and it officially became a city. In 1905 the province of Saskatchewan was formed and Regina was named the capital city. A beautiful Legislative building was constructed as the home for the provincial government. A man-made lake and a park (Wascana Park) were built around the Legislative Building. Over 350,000 trees were planted in the city.

### Golden Mile Bowl

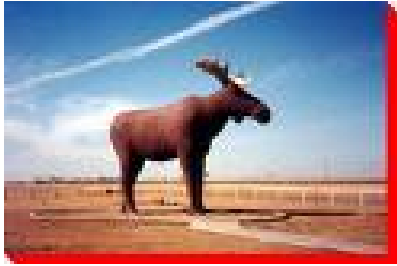
Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
228	207	193	628



The Golden Mile is a 16-lane centre with Qubica scoring located in the Golden Mile Mall. I was greeted by a friendly and enthusiastic group of bowlers, friends and family. It was nice to bowl with my friends and family as well as the other young and old bowlers. Once again I was thrilled at the good conversation and great time I had. Dave was right I bowled better in the Rock n Glow condition should have kept the lights off. Thanks to Rick, Tom and Joe for putting on a great show, I had a wonderful time.

## Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

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*Moose Jaw* was originally settled as a traditional Indian fur traders camp. A narrow crossing of the river, with plenty of water and game for food made this an ideal place for settlement. It was a winter encampment for both Cree and Assiniboine Nations, and there is said to be burial grounds in the vicinity. The natural protection of the Coteau Range, provided the valley with many a "warm breeze". The Cree word Moosegaw with a "g" meaning "Warm Breezes" is translated to our city's name Moose Jaw .

By 1914, Moose Jaw was realizing an unpredictable boom, the city boasted electricity, paved streets, and a street railway. Moose Javians view their history with a mixture of pride, amusement and ambivalence. The Roaring Twenties brought a measure of notoriety to the city, with "celebrities" like Al Capone rumored to have stayed in downtown hotels. Getaway tunnels are said to exist under many of the downtown buildings. While the tunnels, of which only a few have been found, are generally associated with those heady days, they were actually built decades earlier for the Chinese railroad workers avoiding the "head tax" of the time

### South Hill Bowl

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
192	221	216	629



It was another beautiful day in Saskatchewan and a few great surprises. I finally got a moose, Ok so it was a stuffed moose from the bowlers in Moose Jaw but still it's a moose. Oh and I saw a really big moose at the tourist stop just off the highway. I had a great time at the 16-lane South Hill Bowl. They use ProScore computers and I saw some good scores being

bowled by the youth bowlers and the blind bowlers. There was a huge crowd and the moose made my day. Thanks to Jeanette, Debbie and Frank for showing me the lanes and making great memories for this stop.



## Swift Current, Saskatchewan

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Swift Current has a long and fascinating history which begins with a creek, and in turn, a railroad. The creek winds its way across a hundred miles of wind-swept prairie until it empties into the mighty South Saskatchewan River. First Nations people knew it well and camped alongside the creek banks for centuries.

The name of the creek has its own history, and over time has evolved into what we know today as Swift Current. The first known name is believed to have come from the Cree, who referred to it as "kisiskâciwan." The word means "it flows swiftly," and is the same word used to describe the Saskatchewan River.

### Frontier Bowling Lanes

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
199	194	141	534



It was another great day and another great bowling centre. A fine crowd was on hand to bowl with me and once again the local talent took pleasure in teaching me a thing or two about bowling. This 12-lane centre has Brunswick scoring and some interesting history. I enjoy finding out about the bowling history of the area and like to pass on the history I have discovered on my tour. Thanks to Judy and Dennis for sitting around and letting me rant and rave about our game of 5-pin it was a great day.

## Medicine Hat, Alberta

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The City of Medicine Hat is a thriving city of approximately 60,426 residents. Located in southeastern Alberta, it is home to the world's tallest Teepee. Medicine Hat is Canada's Sunniest City, making it a desirable all-seasons city. The name "Medicine Hat" is the English translation of 'Saamis' (SA-MUS) - the Blackfoot word for the eagle tail feather headdress worn by medicine men - or 'Medicine Hat'. Several legends are associated with the name from a mythical merman river serpent named Soy-yee-daa-bee, the

creator, who appeared to a hunter and instructed him to sacrifice his wife in order to obtain mystical powers which were manifest in a special hat. Another legend tells of a battle long ago between the Blackfeet and the Cree in which a retreating "Medicine Man" lost his headdress in the South Saskatchewan River.

### Connaught Bowling Centre

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
216	188	178	582




It was a cold windy day as I left Saskatchewan and it only warmed up slightly as I got to Alberta. Connaught Lane is a sleek 16-lane centre with Qubica scoring and a friendly staff. My games do not reflect the play possibility of this centre. Another day of fun gone by, now I start exploring Alberta.

## Lethbridge, Alberta

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Before the 19th century, the Lethbridge area was populated by several First Nations at various times. The Blackfoot referred to the area as *Aksaysim* ("steep banks"), *Mek-kio-towaghs* ("painted rock"), *Assini-etomochi* ("where we slaughtered the Cree") and *Sik-ooh-kotok* ("coal"). The Sarcee referred to it as *Chadish-kashi* ("black/rocks"), the Cree as *Kuskusukisay-guni* ("black/rocks"), and the Nakoda (Stoney) as *Ipubin-saba-akabin* ("digging coal").

After the US Army stopped alcohol trading with the Blackfeet Nation in Montana in 1869, traders John J. Healy and Alfred B. Hamilton started a whiskey trading post at Fort Hamilton, near the future site of Lethbridge. The post's nickname became Fort Whoop-Up. The whiskey trade led to the Cypress Hills massacre of many native Assiniboine in 1873. The North-West Mounted Police, sent to stop the trade and establish order, arrived at Fort Whoop-Up on October 9, 1874. They managed the post for the next 12 years.

### Holiday Bowl

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
209	192	193	594




It was a beautiful sunny day and the drive to Lethbridge was lovely. The casino and the people were friendly and I had no trouble finding the bowling centre. This 20-lane centre with Pro Score computers is home to the best female bowler in Canada, Dianne Violini. I had the privilege of bowling with her Tracy and Bill Anderson, but the big game came from Darren with a 413 way to bowl. I seem to bring out the best in bowlers wherever I go on this trip. Thanks to Julie, Jason and Brad for having me at this lovely bowling centre I had a grand time and hope to come back soon.

# Calgary, Alberta

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Originally established in 1875 as a fort by a contingent of the Northwest Mounted Police, Calgary has grown from a frontier settlement to a world class city. The fort was named Fort Calgary, after Calgary Bay on Scotland's Isle of Mull. When Canadian Pacific Railway arrived in Calgary in 1883, the outlook of the settlement immediately improved. Thousands of settlers, businessmen and tourists flooded into the area. In 1894 Calgary officially became a city. In the following years the population grew from 1,000 to 3,900.

Between 1896 and 1914 settlers from all over the world poured into the area in response to the offer of free "homestead" land. Agriculture and ranching became key components of the local economy, shaping the future of Calgary for years to come. The world famous Calgary Stampede, still held annually in July, grew from a small agricultural show and rodeo started in 1912 by four wealthy ranchers to "the greatest outdoor show on earth."

Two major oil discoveries sealed Calgary's fate as the "oil and gas capital of Canada" and fueled the city's growth

## Chinook Bowladrome

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
152	200	275	627



Sunny day drive up to Calgary and I got the Chinook Mall and the bowling centre. The Bowladrome is located in the basement of a mall and contains 32 Lanes with Brunswick scoring. Calgary really knows how to put on a show presenting me with a Stetson and crying towel, as well as a number of pins. Thanks to the Master Bowler's Association of Alberta and the Local Bowling Associations for welcoming me to Calgary. Special thanks to Fran and Rick for setting everything up at the lanes once again I had a great time.

## Drumheller, Alberta

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Named after an early settler, Samuel Drumheller, the town was incorporated as a village in 1913 and became a city in 1930. Significant growth of the downtown occurred during the two decades following the First World War with the development of the local coal industry. It became known as the "Wonder Town of the West - the Fastest Growing Town in Canada". As oil and gas superseded coal as a source of energy in the 1950s, the

local economy shifted its emphasis to agriculture and tourism. The Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology opened in the valley in 1985 and is a major area attraction.

### Sandstone Lanes

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
185	316	164	665




Welcome to Dinosaur country! The great reptiles of the past run rampant in Drumheller, you can see a different dinosaur on every street corner. There are 8 lanes with Pro Score computers at the bowling centre. I bowled with a group of Youth bowlers and the local Junior Hockey team. Some of them proved to be tough competition but they cheered me on with great enthusiasm. I do believe my

new tour high game (316) only occurred because of the encouragement all these bowlers gave me. Thanks for the support and thanks to Cindy and Ron for putting me into this fun tournament. I'll have to head down to the arena and cheer for the Dragons now. It was a terrific day at the lanes I hope everyone had as much fun as I did.



## Heisler, Alberta

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The Village of Heisler is named after pioneer settler, Martin Heisler Sr., who provided the land which the village sits on. There are still a number of his descendants living in the area. The spirit of these early settlers still survives in the people who live, work, and play in our dynamic Village. The people of

Heisler take responsibility for being community members and are involved in aspects of our growth and development.

Heisler is called the Premier Village because our streets are named for the people who served as Premier of Alberta.

Farming is the main resource in the area with oil and gas wells becoming more common a the time.

### Heisler Recreation Centre

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
306	262	313	881



Well what a day of bowling I had. This four-lane centre with Brunswick scoring was a great place for me, the best scores of the tour so far. I bowled my first 3 games before anyone showed up at the lanes (I was early and got the lanes opened early). I bowled a fourth game of 224 with the local bowlers who were extremely friendly and interested in learning about our game. Thanks to Margaret and Stan for opening the lanes and watching some of the best bowling I have ever done, it was great to finally throw a set worth telling the bowling world about.

## Wainwright, Alberta

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Originally founded as Denwood in 1905 the town was re-located three miles (5 kilometers) to west-north-west where in 1908 the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway had surveyed a new site which was deemed more suitable to their needs. The town was given its new name for General William Wainwright, the second Vice-President of GTPR and served as a western divisional point for the railroad. As a divisional point, it

was intended that branch lines would extend from here to such places as North Battleford, Medicine Hat, Calgary, and the Peace River area. These intentions triggered a quick growth of Wainwright which became a village in 1908 (pop. 450) and was incorporated as a town on August 14, 1910 (pop. 1000). Although the plans of the GTPR did not materialize, Wainwright maintained its position as a railroad center and became the major service center for the surrounding agriculture industry.

In 1908, to preserve the endangered bison, the Canadian Government created the original Buffalo National Park on 234 square miles of land immediately south of the town. Upon possession by the DND, the park was converted to a training establishment for the Canadian army and is now known as Base Wainwright. In 1945-46 the Base was used as a prisoner of war facility where over 1000 German officers were interned. Base Wainwright has been extensively developed over the years and is now one of the primary training areas in Canada, regularly hosting international exercises. The townsite at Base Wainwright, located adjacent to the Town of Wainwright, is named Denwood, after James Dawson's original townsite.

### Wainwright Bowling Centre

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total
247	218	291	756



It was another good day of bowling in a beautiful bowling centre. Wainwright is an 8-lane centre with Qubica scoring and a very nice lounge. I bowled well again for the second day in a row, most likely I was trying to impress Blair Pizzey the only bowler I know who has won televised competitions in both 10-pin and 5-pin bowling. Blair is a proprietor at Wainwright and I want to thank him and Diane for having me at their centre, once again I had a lovely time in Wainwright.