36th Edition - 04/15/05

**Tournament Dates High-Low Doubles National Championships** Gatineau, Que. Apr.21-24/05 TruCa\$h Holiday Classic **Provincial Championships** Cobourg, Ont. April 23/05 Ontario \$10,000 Shoot-Out **Provincial Championships** Toronto, Ont. May 07/05 **Ontario Senior Citizens Provincial Championships** Oshawa, Ont. May 11/05 Strike It Big Tournament **Provincial Championships** Toronto, Ont. May 07/05

Ontario Open Tournament

Once again Easter weekend found so many of us at Sherwood Centre in Hamilton either participating in or watching some of our best bowlers competing for the honour of representing Ontario at the Nationals in Edmonton. We would like to congratulate those who were successful and wish them the very best of luck in Edmonton. The Ladies Stepladder proved to be quite an exceptional event this year. The final match found Bonnie Dale of the Bay of Quinte up against Stacey Clarke of Central Ontario. The ladies bowled to a 239 tie and for the first time since many can remember, a rubber game was needed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> match also proved to be a nail biter, with Bonnie winning it in the 10<sup>th</sup> frame with a 256 over Stacey's 253.

**Ontario Open Contingent** Our contingent is as follows: Single Rep - Men Wade Thompson-Central Ont. Single Rep - Ladies **Bonnie Dale-Bay of Quinte** Ladies Team – Hamilton Barb McLachlan **Connie Ward Kelly Martin Brenda Campbell** Sandy Lyons Shannon Glover **Coach – Martin Talbot** Men's Team - Grand River Steve Bleizeffer Steve Hinz **Kevin Berg** Josh Koehn Rob Himburg Scott Miller Coach - Steve MacDowall Mixed Team - Ottawa Valley **Matthew Wallace Roy Brooks** Philip Laprade Karen Larose Mylene Villeneuve **Anik Menard** Coach - Steve Patterson Congratulations to all of the above and we wish you well in Edmonton. Congratulations also to our 2004-2005 Zone Aggregate winners: **Central Ontario** 

**Smart Cop** 

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He said, "Call for backup."

Ont. Open Sr. Championship Once again, this new addition proved to be a crowd pleaser. Huronia moved all the way up in the stepladder to meet the place finishers, York Simcoe. Huronia won the 1st match but York Simcoe was not to be denied and came back to win the 2<sup>nd</sup> match and the Gold Medal. Our congrats to the following members of the 2005 Senior Team Winners Roy Barr, Wayne Murphy, **Bruce** Bursey, Thelma Stevens, Kushal Murphy and Coach - Sid Morris.

Strike-It-Big Early Bird Draw The third Early Bird draw took place on Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> at the Ontario Sports Centre. Congrats to the following winners: **Personal Bowling Ball Brandon Woods - Newmarket Bowling Bag** F. Thomson – Toronto **Bowling Towel** Bev Winn - Oshawa Reminder Final draw to take place on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005. ALL BOOKS ARE DUE BY THAT DATE!



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Preparations for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention are well under way. A number of changes are taking place this year as well as the roll-out of a new membership program. One of the major changes to this year's agenda is the addition on Thursday afternoon of two workshops. These workshops will include Membership / Volunteer Recruitment and Tournament / Coaching.

## Membership & Volunteer Recruitment:

- Maximize your time and resources to recruit and maintain members
- " Accentuate the Positive"
- · Two new Membership Programs
- · Building your Membership Sales Kit
- Newsletter/Website for Recruitment & Retention
- Volunteer Training
- Getting our Youth involved
- Utilizing Community resources

## **Tournament & Coaching**

In this workshop we will be looking at your suggestions and recommendations on how we can make your tournaments more attractive. In round table discussions we will be looking at new ideas on average calculations and how we can make your programs easier on you are volunteers.

In the coaching portion we will be looking at:

- · Recruitment of Coach's
- · Mentoring Program for new Coach's
- New guidelines for Assistant Coach's

Due to time restraints these workshops will be run opposite each other on Thursday afternoon at 1:45. We hope each and every Zone and Decentralized Associations can participate in these workshops. By working together our goal this week is to "keep 5-pin bowling alive and well in Ontario

Dave Post President O5PBA