



Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

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To: All Qualifiers

From: Rhonda Gifford
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Subject: HIGH-LOW DOUBLES 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dear Bowler:

Congratulations on having qualified for the Provincial Championships of the HighLow Doubles 5 Pin Championships to be held on **Saturday, February 28th, 2004** at Sherwood Centre in Hamilton.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been arranged at the Sheraton Hotel, 116 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario. Their telephone number is (905) 5295515.

Rooms are \$73.00 plus \$3.65 PST and \$5.11 GST for a total of \$81.76 per night based on single or double occupancy. For additional persons in a room over two, \$5.60 (taxes included) per person per night will apply. **Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and twenty-four (24) hours notice is required for any room cancellations.** Please be aware that when you check into the hotel you will be asked for a credit card to cover your incidental charges only (e.g. parking, telephone calls, movies etc.).

To receive this rate, all rooms must be booked through the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association by completing the enclosed Bowler's Information Form. The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association will accept payment by cheque, money order or VISA. You must return your completed Bowler's Information Form to reach the Provincial Office no later than **Monday, January 26th, 2004.** After this date, we will not be able to guarantee that any rooms will be available. Please return your Bowler's Information Form along with your payment prior to the deadline date to avoid disappointment. **POST-DATED CHEQUES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

BANQUET INFORMATION

The banquet on **Saturday, February 28th, 2004** will be held at the Hamilton Convention Centre, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton, Ontario in Chedoke Ballrooms A & B. Bowlers are invited to attend the banquet and dance **FREE OF CHARGE.**

Awards will be presented and top winners will be announced at the banquet. If you wish to bring a guest(s) to the banquet, award presentations and dance, the cost will be \$30.00 per ticket (GST included).

Banquet tickets will only be available if ordered on your Bowler's Information Form as all meals have to be **GUARANTEED**. Any tickets you order can be picked up and paid for upon registration at the bowling centre.

COMBINED BANQUET

On **Saturday, February 28th, 2004**, before you have competed in the High/Low Doubles 5 Pin Championships, approximately 162 bowlers will be competing in the League Executive 5 Pin Championships. Prize structures in that event will vary from that of the High/Low Doubles 5 Pin Championships, however both will offer a first prize of a holiday trip for two (2) to a Sun Destination!

The bowlers and guests from that event will join you and your fellow competitors in what promises to be a truly gala banquet.

AVERAGE CLARIFICATION

All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships must have bowled a minimum of twenty one (21) games during the 2003-2004 season up to and including **January 4th, 2004**, and must use the following criteria for determining averages:

Average Book: Bowlers must use their highest league average as recorded in the Average Book, and as established in any league in Ontario.

Non-Average Book: Bowlers with no average in the Average Book must use **the highest of the following as determined by the Provincial Office:**

Use their highest league average up to and including **January 4th, 2004** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues), and as established in any league in Ontario.

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Use their average based on the median between their highest league average up to and including **January 4th, 2004**, and the average based on the twenty-one (21) games (seven weeks) leading up to January 4th, 2004.

All bowlers not in the Average Book must provide the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association with an original or a photocopy of their Individual Average Sheet. The average sheet must be obtained from all leagues they bowl in, and must show scores bowled in all games from the opening of the 2003-2004 season with a minimum of twenty-one (21) games bowled up to and including **January 4th, 2004**. **A hand-copied facsimile of this sheet is not acceptable.** If you cannot get a photocopy, send the original to the office and we will photocopy it and return the original to you immediately.

Please Note: Only bowlers that are not listed in the Average Book are required to send in their Individual Average Sheet(s). The average sheet(s) should be submitted with the Bowler's Information Form.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DRESS CODE FORM

Enclosed with your Bowler's Information Form is an Acknowledgement of Dress Code Form. Each participant **must** complete and sign this form to acknowledge they understand and agree to abide by the dress code as outlined. This form should be returned to the Provincial Office with your Bowler's Information Form. Failure to sign this form may result in not being permitted to compete in the event.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

Also enclosed is an Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability Form. In order to ensure our Association of liability coverage, our insurance company has insisted that an Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability Form be signed by all participants in our Provincial Championships. Please read the form carefully and initial each item. Upon completion of the form please print and sign your name. This form should also be returned to the Provincial Office with your Bowler's Information Form. Bowlers who do not complete and sign the form will not be allowed to bowl. This is an action that may seem drastic but is necessary for the well being of your Association.

You will be competing for merchandise prizes at the Provincial Championships. The Provincial Championships will consist of three (3) games and winners will be declared on a pins-over-average basis. All teams competing in the Provincial Championships shall compete against all other teams for the purpose of determining a Provincial Champion, and the winners of a trip for two (2) to a Sun Destination. The team that finishes in second (2^d) place based on pins-over-average will also win a trip for two (2) to a Sun Destination.

The first (1st) place team overall will be declared Provincial Champions and will also represent Ontario at the National Championships to be held from **April 22nd-25th, 2004**.

We look forward to meeting you in Hamilton, and wish you the best of luck in the Provincial Championships. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Yours truly,

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

Rhonda Gifford
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