



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 High-Low Doubles 5 Pin Championships to be held on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009** 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) 529-5515.

The room rate is \$85.00 plus 3% DMF (\$2.55), 5% PST (\$4.25) and 5% GST (\$4.25) for a total of \$96.05 per night, based on single, double, triple or quad occupancy. **The 3% DMF (Destination Marketing Fee) is a fee that has been implemented by the City of Hamilton. This fee will be collected by the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel on behalf of Tourism Hamilton and will apply to all guest room rates.**

NO ROOMS WILL BE BOOKED FOR MORE THAN FOUR (4) PEOPLE IN A ROOM. If you are not willing to share a double bed then I would suggest that you book your own room. There will be a very limited number of cots available at a cost of \$28.00 (taxes included) per cot per night.

When you check into the hotel you will be asked for a credit card or refundable cash deposit to cover your incidental charges (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 Information Form. The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association will accept payment by cheque, money order, VISA or Mastercard. If you are paying by cheque or money order, please make it payable to the "Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association". **POST-DATED CHEQUES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please Note: If you are paying by credit card, your payment will be processed to your credit card on the date we receive your Bowler Information Form.**

Reservations will be accepted on a **first-come first-served basis**. Please complete the enclosed Bowler Information Form and return it, together with the appropriate payment to reach the Provincial Office no later than **JANUARY 26, 2009**. After this date, the hotel will be releasing the balance of our rooms. **Please get your reservations in before the deadline date to avoid any disappointment.**

We would also like to point out that check-in at the hotel is 3:00 p.m. All rooms have been guaranteed by our Association. As we do guarantee all rooms with the hotel, we must pay for them whether they are occupied or not. **In order for you to cancel your hotel accommodation, we must have twenty-four (24) hours notice, otherwise you will be charged for the room.**

BANQUET INFORMATION

The banquet will be held on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009** at the Hamilton Convention Centre, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton, Ontario in Chedoke Ballrooms A & B. Bowlers are invited to attend the banquet, entertainment and dance **FREE OF CHARGE**. Awards for the top winners will also be announced and presented at the banquet.

If you wish to bring a guest(s) to the banquet, entertainment, 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 Information Form. **In addition, all guest banquet tickets must be pre-paid as all meals have to be GUARANTEED by our Association.**

PLEASE NOTE: AS WAS PASSED AT OUR 2004 ANNUAL CONVENTION, ANY BOWLER INDICATING THEY WILL BE ATTENDING THE BANQUET ON THEIR BOWLER INFORMATION FORM AND DO NOT ATTEND, WILL BE PERSONALLY INVOICED FOR THE COST OF THE DINNER.

COMBINED BANQUET

On **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009**, before you have competed in the High-Low Doubles 5 Pin Championships, bowlers will be competing in the Executives' 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 2008-2009 bowling season up to and including **JANUARY 4, 2009**, and must use the following criteria for determining averages:

- a) **Average Book:** Bowlers must use their highest league average as recorded in the Average Book, and as established in any league in Ontario.
- b) **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 4, 2009** (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 4, 2009** and the average based on the twenty-one (21) games (seven weeks) leading up to **JANUARY 4, 2009**.

- c) 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 2008-2009 bowling season with a minimum of twenty-one (21) games bowled up to and including **JANUARY 4, 2009**. **A hand-copied facsimile of this average sheet is not acceptable.** If you cannot get a photocopy, send the original to the Provincial Office and we will photocopy it and return the original to you immediately.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY BOWLERS NOT LISTED IN THE AVERAGE BOOK ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT COPIES OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL AVERAGE SHEET(S). THE AVERAGE SHEET(S) MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE "BOWLER INFORMATION FORM".
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DRESS CODE FORM

Attached to the Bowler 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 **MUST** be returned to the Provincial Office as part of your Bowler Information Form. **Failure to sign this form may result in not being permitted to compete in the event.**

Please contact your Local Association to arrange for your bowling shirt.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM
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Also attached to the Bowler Information Form 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 the box after reading and understanding the statements and conditions. Upon completion of the form please print and sign your name. This form **MUST** be returned to the Provincial Office as part of your Bowler Information Form. **Participants who do not complete and sign the form will not be permitted 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 shall consist of three (3) games. Winners will be declared on a pins-over-average basis. All teams competing in the Provincial Championships shall compete against all other teams. The teams that finishes in first (1st) and second (2nd) place based on pins-over-average will each win a trip for two (2) to a Sun Destination. **Trips have no cash value and must be taken as awarded.** The first (1st) and second (2nd) place teams overall will also represent Ontario at the Inter-Provincial National Championships to be held from **APRIL 23-26, 2009** in Regina, Saskatchewan.

We look forward to seeing 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 Provincial Office at (416) 426-7167.