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To: All Qualifiers
From: Rhonda Gifford
Program Coordinator

SUBJECT: SHARE THE WEALTH TOURNAMENT

Dear Bowler:

Congratulations on having qualified for the Provincial Championships of the Share the Wealth Tournament to be held on **SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2008** at O'Connor Bowl in Toronto.

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| HOTEL ACCOMMODATION |
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Accommodation has been arranged at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Toronto-Markham, 7095 Woodbine Avenue, Markham, Ontario. Their telephone number is (905) 474-0444.

The room rate is \$95.00 plus 3% DMF (\$2.85), 5% PST (\$4.75) and 5% GST (\$4.75) for a total of \$107.35 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 Toronto. This fee will be collected by the hotel on behalf of the City of Toronto and will apply to all guest room rates. PLEASE NOTE – MAXIMUM OF FOUR (4) PEOPLE IN A ROOM.** Please be aware that when you check into the hotel you will be asked for a credit card or refundable cash deposit 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 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**. The hotel has guaranteed us enough rooms to accommodate our tournament. However, we can only guarantee these rooms until **APRIL 23, 2008**. 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.**

FRIDAY NIGHT WELCOME RECEPTION

On **FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2008** there will be a "Welcome Reception" at 8:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Toronto-Markham in the Ballroom for all bowlers and their guests **FREE OF CHARGE** courtesy of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.

There will be a cash bar available. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Office Staff, Board of Directors, the other competitors, and your Metro Toronto Association Hosts.

PLEASE NOTE:

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THERE IS NO BANQUET SCHEDULED FOR THIS EVENT. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED UPON COMPLETION OF THE EVENT AT THE BOWLING CENTRE.

AVERAGE CLARIFICATION

All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships must have bowled a minimum of twenty-one (21) games during the 2007-2008 bowling season up to and including **APRIL 6, 2008**, 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 **APRIL 6, 2008** (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 **APRIL 6, 2008**, and the average based on the twenty-one (21) games (seven weeks) leading up to **APRIL 6, 2008**.

- 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 2007-2008 bowling season with a minimum of twenty-one (21) games bowled up to and including **APRIL 6, 2008**.

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".

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

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 allowed to bowl.** This is an action that may seem drastic but is necessary for the well being of your Association.

The Provincial Championships shall consist of three (3) games. At the conclusion of the three (3) game qualifying round the top five (5) bowlers based on pins-over-average shall advance to bowl in the Stepladder Finals. The Stepladder Finals will be match play based on pins-over-average. Cash prizes will be awarded at the Provincial Championships as determined by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.

We look forward to seeing you in Toronto, 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.

Yours truly,

ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION

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Enclosures: