



Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

Welcome to the 2006 – 2007 Bowling Season

On behalf of your Board of Directors, please accept our appreciation for your dedicated time and effort to what we hope will be another successful and exciting bowling season for all our members.

As communicated previously, regrettably last year showed another decline in membership and a number of Zones and DC's in financial trouble. To help address these issues and obviously as a concerned Board, we decided a seminar be held entitled "Survival of O5PBA". This seminar was the best attended seminar ever conducted and it showed everyone that 5-pin bowling still has a future and we all want it to survive. As membership representatives, you told us what is needed to keep 5-pin bowling alive and communicated a number of your concerns as well as some excellent ideas.

Jennifer Guay and Jackie Hawkins took these ideas and at this year's AGM a new Strategic Plan was formulated. At our SAGM in November, a new Strategic Plan will be introduced for your approval. Your Board of Directors held a caucus meeting in July and a number of your ideas are already being implemented.

Membership decline has been our number one priority for a long time and the continued reducing numbers has caused our membership criteria to be a burden on a number of Zones and DC's. At our SAGM we will be recommending new criteria based on actual membership and a new tournament and fundraising formula.

Our annual convention was another concern for a number of Zones and at this year's SAGM we will be recommending dramatic changes for our 2007 AGM. As someone said in their convention questionnaire... "it is time to quit talking and start doing". As your elected Board of Directors we are committed to stop talking and start doing and this will be evident at our SAGM. Keep in mind though that we all must start doing as a "TEAM" - we all must work together to keep this sport both viable and fun.

Dave Post
President O5PBA