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February 15th, 2004

To: All Qualifiers

From: Rhonda Gifford

Program Coordinator

Subject: ONTARIO \$10,000 SHOOT-OUT

Dear Bowler:

Congratulations on having qualified for the Provincial Championships of the Ontario \$10,000 Shoot-Out to be held on **SATURDAY**, **MAY 8**TH, **2004** at Stellar Lanes in Newmarket.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been arranged at the Comfort Inn, 1230 Journey's End Circle, Newmarket, Ontario. Their telephone number is (905) 895-3355.

Rooms are \$80.00 plus \$4.00 PST and \$5.60 GST for a total of \$89.60 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, APRIL 5TH, 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.

PLEASE NOTE:

THERE IS NO BANQUET SCHEDULED FOR THIS EVENT. RUNNER-UP PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED UPON COMPLETION OF THE EVENT AT THE BOWLING CENTRE. THE OVERALL WINNER WILL BE PRESENTED WITH THEIR \$10,000 CHEQUE AT THE ONTARIO 5 PIN BOWLERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION IN JUNE.

AVERAGE CLARIFICATION

All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships of the Ontario \$10,000 Shoot-Out <u>MUST</u> provide the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association with copies of their Individual Average Sheets from <u>ALL LEAGUES</u> they bowl in regardless if they are listed in the Average Book or not.

The average sheets 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 **MARCH 7**TH, **2004**.

A hand-copied facsimile of these average sheets will not be acceptable. If you cannot get photocopies, send the originals to the Provincial Office and we will photocopy them and return the originals to you.

The following criteria will be used for determining averages for the Provincial Championships:

<u>Average Book</u>: 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 **MARCH 7TH, 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 **MARCH 7**TH, **2004**, and the average based on the twenty-one (21) games (seven weeks) leading up to March **7**th, 2004.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DRESS CODE FORM

Attached to your Bowler's Information Form is an Acknowledgement of Dress Code Form. Each participant <u>MUST</u> 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.

All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships shall bowl three (3) games to qualify for the Stepladder Finals. All games in the qualifying round will be based on a pins-over-average format.

At the conclusion of the three (3) game qualifying round, the top three (3) qualifiers shall advance to a Stepladder Final. The third (3rd) place qualifier will play the second (2nd) place qualifier, based on pins-over-average. The bowler that bowls the most pins over or least pins under if both bowlers are below their average, shall advance to the Championship Finals.

The top qualifier and the winner of the second (2nd) and third (3rd) place qualifiers, shall bowl a single game Stepladder Final, based on pins-over average. The bowler that bowls the most pins over or least pins under if both bowlers are below their average, shall be declared the Provincial Champion and the winner of \$10,000.00. Please Note: The winner's cheque will be presented at the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association Convention in June.

We look forward to meeting you in Newmarket, 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 Program Coordinator

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