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To: BPAO Bowling Centres **ATTENTION: PROPRIETOR OR MANAGER**

Copies: Zone/Decentralized Association Tournament Directors

From: Rhonda Gifford

Program Coordinator

SUBJECT: ONTARIO SENIOR CITIZENS' (Senior and Junior-Senior Divisions)

SINGLES & MIXED DOUBLES 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dear Proprietor or Manager:

It's time again to invite your bowling centre's participation in this year's Ontario Senior Citizens' (Senior and Junior-Senior Divisions) Singles and Mixed Doubles 5 Pin Championships.

This tournament is open to all bowlers 55 years of age and over as of **DECEMBER 31, 2007** and who are members of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. Bowlers age 55 to 64 will bowl in the Junior-Senior Division. Bowlers age 65 and over will bowl in the Senior Division.

You can register your bowling centre by returning the enclosed "**ENTRY FORM**" along with your cheque or money order in the amount of \$100.00 (GST included) per bowling centre/league and per division. Please make your cheque payable to the "Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association".

The Provincial Championships are scheduled for <u>WEDNESDAY</u>, <u>MAY 14</u>, <u>2008</u> at NEB's Fun World (North End Bowl) in Oshawa. This is a 52 lane centre and therefore we invite you to enter as many teams as you wish provided we receive the \$100.00 entry fee for each team that is entered.

In return for your entry, you will receive:

- NO LINEAGE CHARGE FOR COMPETITORS AT THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
- > PROVIDE A COMPLIMENTARY NIGHT ACCOMMODATION (IF THEY QUALIFY) FOR COMPETITORS WHO TRAVEL MORE THAN 240 KM. ONE-WAY
- > PROVIDE A FREE LUNCHEON FOR ALL COMPETITORS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
- > PRESENT MERCHANDISE PRIZES TO SINGLES AND DOUBLES WINNERS (IN BOTH DIVISIONS) AT THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Without the proceeds of our Share The Wealth and our Local Association Booster Clubs sanctioned by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association, we could not afford to do all of the above. This Senior Citizens' program is just one way in which we can say thank you to all those Proprietors and Managers who support and assist our Local Association volunteers with those fund-raising programs.

You may choose any of three (3) suggested methods to select the bowlers (one man and one woman) who will advance to represent your bowling centre in the Provincial Championships.

- 1) Select any man and woman you wish from among the league bowlers bowling in your centre who are eligible. Their entry may become an award from you for high average, services rendered, or whatever you decide.
- 2) Hold a roll-off during regular league play to declare one man and one woman as House Champions to advance from your bowling centre to the Provincial Championships. Winners should be declared on a pins-over-average basis.
- 3) Begin immediately to announce each day for one week that all league bowlers in your bowling centre who are eligible to bowl in the House Qualifying Round which you will schedule no later than **MARCH 9, 2008**.

All bowlers who compete in the House Round must use their highest league average in that Zone, as recorded in the Zone Average Book. Bowlers with no average recorded in the Zone Average Book, must use their highest league average from the House in which they are competing up to and including **JANUARY 6, 2008** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues) with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note you have until <u>MARCH 9, 2008</u> to select the man and woman who will advance to the Provincial Championships, but your entry form with the \$100.00 entry fee per bowling centre/league and per division must be received no later than <u>JANUARY 6, 2008</u>. We also ask that you observe the <u>MARCH 23, 2008</u> deadline date for reporting the names, addresses and averages of the bowlers from your bowling centre.

We thank you for your continued support of our organization. If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the Provincial Office at (416) 426-7167.