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To: All Qualifiers  
From: Rhonda Gifford  
Program Coordinator

**Subject: STRIKE IT BIG TOURNAMENT**

Dear Bowler:

Congratulations on having qualified for the Provincial Championships of the Strike It Big Tournament to be held on **SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2005** at O'Connor Bowl in Toronto.

<b>HOTEL ACCOMMODATION</b>
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Accommodation has been arranged at the Radisson Hotel Toronto East, 55 Hallcrown Place, Toronto, Ontario. Their telephone number is (416) 493-7000.

The room rate is \$84.00 plus 3% DMF (\$2.52), 5% PST (\$4.20) and 7% GST (\$5.88) for a total of \$96.60 per night, based on single or double occupancy. **The 3% DMF (Destination Marketing Fee) is a fee implemented by the City of Toronto. This fee will be collected by the hotel on behalf of the City of Toronto.** For additional persons in a room over two, \$5.60 (taxes included) per person per night will apply. **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.**

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 **MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2005**. 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.**

**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 2004-2005 bowling season up to and including **MARCH 27, 2005**, and must use the following criteria for determining averages:

**Average Book:** 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 27, 2005** (highest average if a bowler bowls in two (2) or more leagues), and as established in any league in Ontario.

**- OR -**

Use their average based on the median between their highest league average up to and including **MARCH 27, 2005**, and the average based on the twenty-one (21) games (seven weeks) leading up to **MARCH 27, 2005**.

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 2004-2005 bowling season with a minimum of twenty-one (21) games bowled up to and including **MARCH 27, 2005**.

**A hand-copied facsimile of this average sheet will not be acceptable.** If you cannot get photocopy, send the original to the office and we will photocopy it and return the original to you immediately.

**Please Note:** Only bowlers that are not listed in the Average Book are required to send in their Individual Average Sheet(s). The average sheet(s) must be submitted with the Bowler Information Form.

<b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DRESS CODE FORM</b>
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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 shirt.

<b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM</b>
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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 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, and the winner will be declared on a total pins-over-average basis.

We look forward to meeting 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

Rhonda Gifford  
Program Coordinator

Enclosures: