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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 7**, **2005** at O'Connor Bowl in Toronto.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

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. 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, 2005.

AVERAGE CLARIFICATION

PLEASE NOTE: All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships MUST provide the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association with copies of their Individual Average Sheets from ALL LEAGUES 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 2004-2005 bowling season with a minimum of twenty-one (21) games bowled up to and including **MARCH 6**, **2005**. **A hand-copied facsimile of these average sheets will not be acceptable**. If you cannot get photocopies, send the originals to the office and we will photocopy them and return the originals to you immediately.

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

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 <u>MARCH 6, 2005</u> (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 6, 2005**, and the average based on the twenty-one (21) games (seven weeks) leading up to **MARCH 6, 2005**.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DRESS CODE FORM

Attached to the Bowler 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 <u>MUST</u> 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

Also enclosed 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. MUST. 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 will be based on a pins-over-average format. At the conclusion of the three (3) games the top three (3) qualifiers shall advance to a Stepladder Final.

The second (2nd) and third (3rd) place qualifiers will bowl a one (1) game match play based on pinsover-average. The bowler that bowls the most pins over or least pins under if both bowlers are below their average, shall advance to the Finals.

The top qualifier and the winner of the second (2nd) and third (3rd) place qualifiers shall bowl a single game 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, 2005.

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: