



# PINBOARD

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Convention Motions	Open Accommodations	Tournaments
<p>Notice to all Zone and Decentralized Associations. As per the motion passed at our Convention in 2009, all motions for this year's convention must be in the office by March 15th, 2010. Please ensure that all your board members are aware of this. All motions will be posted to the website by the first week in April.</p>	<p>Please be advised that the Sheraton Hamilton is presently undergoing renovations. It is expected they will continue into the Provincial Open tournament and we will not be able to acquire our usual compliment of rooms. Anyone or any Zone wishing to acquire accommodations at the hotel should get their information into the office ASAP.</p>	<p><b>High-Low Doubles</b> Prov. Championships Hamilton, Ont. February 27/10 Afternoon</p> <p><b>Exec. Championships</b> Hamilton, Ont. February 27/10 Morning</p> <p><b>Youth Challenge</b> <b>Ontario Winter Games</b> Prov. Championships Sudbury, Ont. March 3-5, 2010</p> <p><b>Provincial Triples</b> Zone/DC Finals On or Before Mar. 21/10</p> <p><b>Ontario Sr. Citizens'</b> <b>(Senior &amp; Jr. Senior Div.)</b> <b>Singles &amp; Mixed Doubles</b> Zone/DC Finals On or Before Mar. 14/10</p>
Government Award	Hall of Fame Game	
<p>On April 15th, the 2009 Ontario Sport Awards Ceremony will take place. The presentations will be held at the Atlantis Pavilion at Ontario Place. Please join with us in congratulating the following recipients.</p> <p><b>Mr. Bob Coulter</b> will be receiving a Syl Apps Special Achievement Award for his contribution to sport in Ontario</p> <p><b>Nith Valley Construction</b> will be receiving a Corporate Sport Citation for their contribution to sport in Ontario.</p> <p>Our congratulations to both recipients.</p>	<p>The 22nd Annual Hall of Fame Game-Courtesy of Bowl Ontario and Fraser Hambly will take place on Wednesday, March 31st, 2010 at Sherwood Centre in Hamilton. The game is scheduled to begin at 4:45 p.m.. If you can make it, come on out and watch some of the older generation Pros strut their stuff. It will also give you an opportunity to say hello to some bowlers you may not have seen in some time.</p>	
Ageless Bowlers		
<p>On page two (2) of this month's edition, you will see an article on Mr. Gerry Ross. We believe there are many more bowlers out there very similar to this noted gentleman. These are the unsung heroes of our sport and we would like to see them highlighted for their continued participation in bowling. If you know of someone that you feel is worthy of recognition for their years of participation in bowling, please forward written details of them, and we will endeavor to bring them to the attention of all our readers.</p>	<div> <div> <b>MARKETING MINUTE</b> <p>It's that time of the year, when we start seeking sponsorship for the upcoming season.</p> <p>As a new Marketing initiative, this space will be for rent, to advertise your business.</p> <p>Renting this space will cost \$25 for black and white and \$50 for color.</p> <p>What a terrific way to promote your business to the bowling community.</p> <p>If the spot is not rented for a newsletter, a current sponsor will be highlighted here.</p> <p>Contact <a href="mailto:ads@o5pba.ca">ads@o5pba.ca</a> to book your advertising space.</p> </div> </div>	
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## Gerry Ross

Gerry Ross may not be a name you recognize, however let us give you some background. Gerry brought his family to Canada from England to start a new life and in 1959 he started bowling in Kitchener at Victoria Bowl. Very early on he bowled a 1448 for five games and to this day is proud of the fact that he matched Don Walker's score, the owner of Victoria Bowl, that day. For many years he was classified as a 250 average bowler, and during the years that followed, he bowled competitively. He was bowling back in the day when the counter pin was counted and held a 232 average. He was particularly proud of his High Single, High Five and High Average trophies. He won the qualifying round in K-W to represent the area at the CNE along with Gerry Router who was a very young man then. In 1974 he bowled a perfect game and that was of course the hi-lite of his career. In 1975 he moved to the Goderich area where he continued to bowl for another twenty (20) years. He represented Blue Water many times in Hamilton and he would go each year to O'Connor Bowl in Toronto to compete in the Canadian Open. At age 72, he developed prostate problems and later suffered a stroke and his bowling career came to an end, or so he thought....

Gerry's wife passed away in March 2009. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June. She had suffered from Alzheimer's for the last few years of her life, something that Gerry had to deal with. When the time came to have her committed to a home, he brought her to Stratford to be closer to their children. Once there, he again joined a bowling league at Mike's in Stratford. After not bowling for twelve years he was of course a little rusty. He had difficulty holding the ball, his approach was shaky and his control and strength just weren't there. However, with determination he slowly worked at getting his form back. Slowly, he started to improve and being the eternal optimist, he entered a tournament that first year only to end up in last spot. When his wife passed away he moved to London to live with his daughter Gillian and they immediately went to Fleetway to check out the leagues. His daughter was thinking he could join a Senior league but not Gerry. With great spirit he joined the Monday Night regular league.

Bowling has been an important part of his life and he has provided his six (6) children with a wonderful example of commitment, loyalty and passion for a sport. He may never have another perfect game but he is having 200 games again which after his prostate surgery and stroke, he is more than happy with. At 87 things can change quickly but hopefully he will be able to enjoy bowling for a few more years as he loves our game so much. In early February, he was at Arcade Eastown Bowling Centre bowling his heart out and working to get that high score, trying to prove to himself and others that great bowlers never die, they just keep bowling along.

The above was sent to us by Gillian Robertson, Gerry's daughter. We would like to thank her for forwarding this wonderful account of her father and our sport. We would also like to quote Gillian on her closing statements regarding her father.

"I am obviously incredibly proud of my father and that is why I have written to you. The man gets such pleasure in being on the lanes and being able to compete. He is a wonderful example of how to grow old gracefully while retaining a love and passion for life and never giving up. He has shown us that as we get older we have to accept the fact that we are not going to have the same ability or achieve what we were able to do when we were younger, but to accept our limitations and not resent them. And finally, to smile. My father always has a smile on his face and a pleasant word to say. He has taught me sportsmanship, he has taught me commitment and he has shown me how a positive outlook and a smile on your face can only make your life better,"

# **Niagara Peninsula 5 Pin Bowlers' Association**

Presents

The 1<sup>st</sup>

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

October 23rd, 2010

Royal Canadian Legion

383 Morningstar Ave.

Welland, Ont.

\$30.00 per person

\$50.00 per couple

Or contact: Brenda Fraser

[bowlingnut@cogeco.ca](mailto:bowlingnut@cogeco.ca)

Tickets are being sold at every bowling centre in Niagara.

Show your support for our builders and bowlers.

## John Martin

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. John Martin of Toronto. A long time Proprietor of O'Connor Bowl, he was also a huge supporter of The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. John passed away on Sunday, February 21st, 2010. Funeral arrangement and details to follow. Our condolences go out to his family.

### Kingston Workshop

Please be advised that a location has been selected for the Kingston Workshop.

Date: March 14th, 2010

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Ambassador Hotel

1550 Princess Street

Kingston, Ontario

Ontario 5 Pin would appreciate all Zones and DC's advising the office if you are planning on attending the workshop.

### Thank You

O5PBA would like to thank the following Zones and Decentralized Associations for attending the first two (2) scheduled workshops.

Bay of Quinte—Huron—Ontario Durham—York Simcoe—Central Ontario—Eastside Bowl—Dickson Bowl—Waterloo Lanes—Nebs—Bradford Bowl

Just a reminder, the Hamilton Workshop goes on Sunday, February 28th, 2010 at the Sheraton Hotel in Hamilton. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am.

## Proprietor of the Month

Effective with the March issue of the newsletter, we will be honoring those Proprietors whom you feel have contributed to your Association and our sport of bowling. The guidelines are simple and few. In your own words, describe what a proprietor has done to help your Association. Whether it be in helping with fundraisers, membership, tournaments, etc. Have they attended your monthly meetings? Have they contributed to your monthly meetings? What do they do to help your Association run smoother and easier.

There are many such proprietors out there but for some reason they remain the unsung heroes and unknown to many of us. Now you have an opportunity to bring them to the forefront so that everyone can be made aware of their involvement with your Association.

Information required:

- Proprietor Name
- Bowling Centre
- Location
- Zone/DC
- One page or less highlighting his/her involvement with Zone
- Must be received by the 15th of the month to be included in that month's newsletter

You can forward the information to the Ontario 5 Pin office or send directly to Mickey McNeil at [senior68@rogers.com](mailto:senior68@rogers.com). If possible, include a snapshot of the individual or the bowling centre.

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