



Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association

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To: All Qualifiers

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**SUBJECT: 35TH ANNUAL ONTARIO SENIOR CITIZENS'
(Senior and Junior-Senior) SINGLES
AND MIXED DOUBLES 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Dear Bowler:

Congratulations on having qualified for the Provincial Championships of the 35th Annual Ontario Senior Citizens' (Senior and Junior-Senior) Singles and Mixed Doubles 5 Pin Championships to be held on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008** at NEB's Fun World in Oshawa.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been arranged at the Durham College Residence & Conference Centre, 1910 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa, Ontario, L1G 4Y3. Their telephone number is (905) 728-8700.

If you are travelling **240 kilometres or more one-way**, free overnight accommodation will be provided for you on **TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008**. **If you are in doubt as to whether or not you qualify for free overnight accommodations call the Provincial Office at (416) 426-7167.**

If you do not qualify for free overnight accommodation but would like to book a room we have obtained a room rate of \$74.95 plus 5% PST (\$3.75) and 5% GST (\$3.75) for a total of \$82.45 per night, based on single or double occupancy. For additional persons in a room over two, \$5.50 (taxes included) per person 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.**

Please Note: If you are paying by credit card, your payment will be processed to your credit card on the date we receive your Bowler Information Form.

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 14, 2008**. 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 time 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 room accommodation, we must have twenty-four (24) hours notice, otherwise you will be charged for the room.**

BANQUET INFORMATION

The banquet on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008** will be held immediately following bowling in the Lounge at NEB's Fun World. Bowlers are invited to attend the banquet **FREE OF CHARGE**. Awards will be presented and top winners will be announced at the banquet.

If you wish to bring a guest(s) to the banquet and awards presentations, the cost will be \$20.00 per ticket (GST included). Banquet tickets will only be available if ordered on your Bowler Information Form. **In addition, all guest banquet tickets must be pre-paid as all meals have to be GUARANTEED by our Association.**

PLEASE NOTE:

AS WAS PASSED AT OUR 2004 ANNUAL CONVENTION, ANY BOWLER INDICATING THEY WILL BE ATTENDING THE BANQUET ON THEIR BOWLER INFORMATION FORM AND DO NOT ATTEND, WILL BE PERSONALLY INVOICED FOR THE COST OF THE DINNER.

AVERAGE CLARIFICATION

All bowlers competing in the Provincial Championships must have bowled a minimum of twenty-one (21) games during the 2007-2008 bowling season up to and including **MARCH 9, 2008**, and must use the following criteria for determining averages:

- a) **AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers must use their highest league average as recorded in the Average Book, and as established in any league in Ontario.
- b) **NON-AVERAGE BOOK:** Bowlers with no average recorded 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 9, 2008** (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 9, 2008**, and the average based on the twenty-one (21) games (seven weeks) leading up to **MARCH 9, 2008**.

- c) 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 2007-2008 bowling season with a minimum of twenty-one (21) games bowled up to and including **MARCH 9, 2008**. **A hand-copied facsimile of this average sheet is not acceptable.** If you cannot get a photocopy, send the original to the Provincial Office and we will photocopy it and return the original to you immediately.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY BOWLERS NOT LISTED IN THE AVERAGE BOOK ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT COPIES OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL AVERAGE SHEET(S). THE AVERAGE SHEET(S) MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE "BOWLER INFORMATION FORM".

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DRESS CODE FORM

Attached to your 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 bowling shirt.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

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** also be returned to the Provincial Office as part of your Bowler 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.

You will be competing for merchandise prizes at the Provincial Championships. The Provincial Championships will consist of three (3) games and will be based on a pins-over-average format. Winners will be declared in Men's and Ladies' Singles for both the Senior and Junior-Senior Division.

We look forward to seeing you in Oshawa, 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,

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