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Welcome to the 2005 – 2006 Bowling Season

On behalf of your Board of Directors welcome back to what we hope will be another exciting bowling season. Let us take a brief look back at how 2004/2005 ended and what is in store for 2005-2006 seasons.

2005 Convention:

Although the weather was not the best everyone seemed to enjoy this years Convention. The resurrection of our seminars was a big hit with our delegates and the input we received from everyone was much appreciated. A number of changes were made as a result of your comments. Looking ahead to next year we will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary and plans are now under way for a 1966 revival.

Membership:

Membership will again be front and center on everyone's priority this season. With the loss of the Maple Ridge zone and four Decentralized Associations we all must focus on ways to increase our membership. At this year's Convention we rolled out two new programs that we hope will help you to increase membership. The first being the "Bowling Buddies Program" where if you bring a friend who has not been a member of the O5PBA for the past two years both you and your friend will receive your memberships for \$ 5.00 each. You and your friend will be entitled to all of the benefits of the O5PBA. The second program is entitled "Two for one Membership". This program is for all new leagues that have not been members of our Association for the past two years to become members at the price of \$ 5.00 per bowler.

Tournaments:

This year will see a new Triples Tournament to replace the existing Team Tournament. The format for this tournament is described fully in the Green Book however we hope that with bowlers having the opportunity to enter more than once on different teams this will help us increase our tournament revenue. Another recommendation made by the field and adopted at this year's convention was to bring back the Friday Night Reception at Provincial events, instead of the Victory Banquet. This will be a cost saving to both the Zones/DC's as well as to the bowlers. This idea was discussed at a Board meeting and for the upcoming season we will have a Friday night reception for the new Triples Tournament, the Holiday Classic and this year we will be having a Friday Night Reception at the \$

10,000.00 Shoot Out and the Booster Tournament. The High-Low Doubles and the P.S.T. Tournament as well as the Open will still have the Victory Banquet. This year's \$10,000.00 shootout will feature a first place prize of \$ 6,000.00, with the second place finisher receiving \$ 3,000.00 and third place receiving \$1,000.00.

Finances:

A number of changes were made this year with regards to finances. At our convention this year we adopted our 2006 budget and this was well received. Our second change came in the presentation of our reports. A number of you asked for a simplified reporting system and thanks to Mike Cregan this has been accomplished. There are two reference points that our people can check with ease; one is the budget (have we over spent? And do we have funds available to do things?). The second is comparison with last year at this time (which gives everyone an idea that we are on pace with the same period last year). One of our focuses this year will be with fundraising, which will be discussed at our Semi Annual Meetings

We look forward to another challenging year and with the continued support of all our members we will have another successful bowling season.

**Dave Post
President**