





PINBOARD

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2008 Sport Award	Motions	Tournaments
<p>Congratulations to Brenda Hamilton our newest O5PBA Board member for being awarded the <i>Syl Apps Special Achievement Award</i> and to Reward Feedback for receiving the <i>Corporate Sport Citation</i>. Rewarding Feedback is owned and operated by Terri Hitchcock, one of bowling's dedicated sponsors.</p>	<p>Please be advised, as per request, this is your third notification regarding motions for the Annual Convention in June 2009. All motions are to be submitted to the O5PBA office, in writing, by the 15th of April, 2009. For further information, please contact the O5PBA office.</p>	<p>High Low Doubles 5 Pin Championships Provincial Championship Feb. 28th, 2009</p> <p>Executives' 5 Pin Championship Provincial Championship Feb. 28th, 2009</p>
<h2>Marketing Committee</h2>		
<p>Written by Heather Cresswell</p> <p>At the SAGM, the Marketing Committee showed a PowerPoint presentation, outlining our goals for the next few years. During the conclusion, we put forth a challenge to all Zones and DC's to bring in new sponsors, and in turn those names would be put into a draw for a gift basket worth \$200. To date, we have not heard from anyone, nor have any new sponsors been recruited.</p> <p>We all know the difficulty we face in obtaining new sponsorship, surely there is somebody that someone knows who would even be able to come on board for \$100. Perhaps even two individuals who could put forth \$50 each. In these uncertain times, we must still strive to recruit new sponsors, and what better way to do this than through word of mouth, by you our fellow bowlers. Let's pool our resources, and all work together to help support our sport.</p> <p>Lastly, a \$100 gift basket was raffled off at the meeting. It was mentioned it was a new innovative idea for Zones and DC's to make some extra cash and not have to prepare the baskets. Once the dollar denomination was determined, these would be prepared and be ready to go. These would be done by Heather Cresswell, and for clarification purposes, no proceeds go to York Simcoe but rather to the Zone or DC. There was some misunderstandings after the meeting, and hopefully this will clear up any questions or concerns. If your interested in any of the above, please contact Heather at 905-884-0793 or mahm4x@rogers.com or you can contact Brenda Hamilton at 289-562-2246 or brenda.hamilton@kaobrand.com</p> <div data-bbox="1214 1213 1455 1409"> </div>		
<h3>Senior Open-Special Notice</h3>	<h3>Zone Meetings</h3>	<h2>STW</h2>
<p>All Senior Open bowlers please note the following:</p> <p>Games 1 & 2 will start at 1:00 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.</p> <p>Games 3 to 5 will start at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Zones please advise your teams.</p>	<p>The O5PBA will be holding Zone/DC meetings to help everyone understand the new financial system that was set up at Convention. They will be geared for all who do not understand the way the system works, and to answer your questions and concerns. Dates. Times and places will be forthcoming.</p>	<p>Just a gentle nudge to all Zones and DC's regarding the Share the Wealth tickets. It is still not too late to get involved and purchase a kit of the tickets for your association to sell. Please contact Rhonda at the office for more details and to obtain your kits.</p>
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A Special Day in Niagara

Brenda Fraser
Publicity Chair
Niagara Peninsula 5 Pin Bowers' Association

Some of you that keep up with news across our Province and country know that one bowler has decided to drive across the country and bowl in 100 bowling centres in 100 days to help promote our sport. His name is Terry Burns and I had the pleasure of introducing him to some of our bowlers and Board members. He bowled at Bowl-O-Rama in Welland October 16, 2008 as his one and only stop in Niagara. I will share a couple of pictures of him while he was here. We presented him with one of Niagara's Zone shirts and a Niagara bowling pin. The Source presented by TV Cogeco ran the event a few times over the following week. Steve was great and set up a chat with our President Virginia Labenski and our friend Dot Britton as well as Terry pictured below.



Dot Terry Virginia



Shown below is the pin Niagara presented to Terry alongside the special bowling ball that he had made for the event.



Our thanks to Brenda Fraser for sharing the above article with us.

Five Pin Challenge—Right Up Their Alley

One man's mission—how he made it possible.



From October to May, Jack Spence has devoted his Saturday afternoons to teaching adults with developmental disabilities how to bowl.

Jack Spence was told he would never be able to teach adults with developmental disabilities to bowl. That was more than 50 years ago. Today, the remarkable 86 year old retired printer is still proving that the person who made that remark completely missed the headpin.

Each Saturday afternoon, from October to May, more than 100 men and women with developmental disabilities assemble to knock down pins at the Parkway Mall Bowl in Scarborough. Participants range in age from early 20s to late 60s. Spence and his son Jim are there each week with a large number of volunteers to organize the games, keep score and, generally, make sure that “fun” remains the optimum word.

In 1958, during a meeting where members discussed what sports program might be suitable for their children, Spence, whose oldest son John was born with Down syndrome, was nominated to organize a 5 pin bowling league. Someone commented to Spence “Good luck, but you’ll never do it, they’re too dumb.” Spence was shocked by the remark and he has never looked back. Jim Spence now 50, has been helping his dad run the program for the past 40 years and says the “dumb” remark was typical of the time.

In the fall of 1958, Spence began the league with 9 bowlers. By the 1980s it had grown to 140 and today it has leveled out at 120. While he hasn’t bowled now for a couple of years, Jack Spence, who carded a career average score of 226, beams with pride as he watches his charges. “Anything with activity helps these people with challenges,” he says. “Whether it’s bowling, skiing, skating...it keeps their mind activated. They have to start thinking.”



“I’m a good bowler,” says Leslie Waites, one of the 120 adults with developmental disabilities who are members of the league run by Jack Spence. Now 36, Leslie started bowling at 18. Waites mother Doreen says she and her husband rarely see their daughter during bowling season. Leslie is so engrossed with the game that they have difficulty convincing her to visit. Christopher Welsh, 36, is considered one of the league’s top bowlers. His father John, says the program has been a huge benefit. “Like almost everyone else here, Christopher has a very limited social life and exercise.” “It is an excellent way for him to get to know people and be involved in a large group. His self-esteem is way up.” Like other parents of bowlers, the Welsh’s praise the time and devotion Jack Spence has given to the project.

Jack Spence’s son Jim says he will carry on after his father passes on. But according to Jim, his father has promised his grandchildren that he is going to live to be 100, so he’s going to be around for a while yet.