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To: BPAO Bowling Centres (Attention: Proprietor/Manager)

O5PBA Zone/Decentralized Association Tournament Directors

From: Rhonda Gifford

Program Coordinator

Subject: ONTARIO SENIOR CITIZENS' (Senior and Junior-Senior Divisions)

SINGLES AND MIXED DOUBLES 5 PIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dear Proprietor/Manager:

It's time again to invite your bowling centre's participation in this year's Ontario Senior Citizens' (Senior and Junior-Senior Divisions) Singles and Mixed Doubles 5 Pin Championships.

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to all bowlers 55 years of age and over as of <u>DECEMBER 31^{ST} , 2003</u>, and who are members of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association. Bowlers age 55 to 64 will bowl in the Junior-Senior Division. Bowlers age 65 and over will bowl in the Senior Division.

Please register your bowling centre by returning the enclosed Entry Form with your cheque or money order in the amount of \$100.00 (GST included)per bowling centre/league and per division. Please make your cheque payable to the "Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association".

The Provincial Championships are scheduled for <u>WEDNESDAY</u>, <u>MAY 12TH</u>, <u>2004</u> at North End Bowl in Oshawa. This is a 52 lane centre and therefore we invite you to enter as many teams as you wish provided we receive the \$100.00 entry fee for each team that is entered.

In return, for your entry, you will receive:

- No lineage charge for competitors in the Provincial Championships
- Provide a complimentary night's accommodation (IF THEY QUALIFY) for bowlers travelling more than 240 kilometres one-way
- Provide a free banquet (luncheon) for all competitors immediately following the Provincial Championships
- Present singles and doubles winners (in both divisions) in the Provincial Championships along with merchandise prizes

Without the proceeds of our Strike It Big Promotion and our Local Association Booster Clubs sanctioned by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association, we could not afford to do all of the above. This Senior Citizens' program is just one way in which we can say thank you to all those Proprietors and Managers who support and assist our Local Association volunteers with those fund-raising programs.

You may choose any of three (3) suggested methods to select the bowlers (one man and one woman) who will advance to represent your bowling centre in the Provincial Champiorships.

- 1) Select any man and woman you wish from among the league bowlers bowling in your centre who are eligible. Their entry may become an award from you for high average, services rendered, or whatever you decide.
- 2) Hold a roll-off during regular league play to declare one man and one woman as House Champions to advance from your bowling centre to the Provincial Champonships.
- 3) Begin immediately to announce each day for one week that all league bowlers in your bowling centre who are eligible to bowl in the House Qualifying Round which you will schedule no later than **MARCH** 7TH, **2004**.

Winners should be declared on a pins-over-average basis.

All bowlers who compete in the House Round must usetheir highest league average in that Zore, as recorded in the Zone Average Book. Bowlers with no average recorded in the Zone Average Book, must use their highest league average from the House in which they are competing up to and including **JANUARY 11**TH, **2004** (highest average if a bowler bowlsin two (2) or more leagues) with a minimum of twelve (12) games having been bowled.

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Average Date: January 11th, 2004

Entry Deadline: January 11th, 2004

House Rounds: January 19th to March 7th, 2004

House Round

Winners Report Form Deadline: March 28th, 2004

Provincial Championships

Average Date: March 7th, 2004

Provincial Championships May 12th, 2004

Please note that you have until <u>MARCH 7TH, 2004</u> to select the man and woman who will advance to the Provincial Championships, but your entry form with the \$100.00 entry fee per bowling centre/league and per division must be received no later than <u>JANUARY 11TH, 2004</u>. We also ask that you observe the <u>MARCH 28TH, 2004</u> deadline date for reporting the names, addresses and averages of the bowlers from your bowling centre.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the office.