



President's Message

John Cresswell

Where did the summer go? Welcome back to another exciting year of 5-Pin Bowling. Your Board of Directors and Office Staff have been working very hard to prepare for the upcoming 2015-2016 bowling season. Hopefully you have re-energized your batteries over the summer and are ready to tackle the tasks at hand for the upcoming season.

A special thank you to Rhonda Gifford and Jackie Henriques for the duties they perform on behalf of all members of the O5PBA, as well as keeping the Board of Directors updated on any issues or concerns that anyone in the field may have.

When we came together at Convention this past June, the delegates voted and accepted a motion to implement a participation fee for all members who participate at Provincial Championships this upcoming season. In implementing this we are able to start the season with a budget that shows a small surplus.

Volunteers are the backbone of the O5PBA, and there is no other sports organization that can boast the same level of volunteerism that we have in 5-Pin Bowling. Each and every one of you is to be commended for the role you play in keeping this great sport of ours alive and well.

Base grant funding from the Government of Ontario continues to be an important part of this Association. The funding was changed to a 4-year cycle this past season, and as such we will be receiving the same level of funding this year as we did last season. Our next submission is due March 2016, once the Government finalizes the guidelines.

As mentioned in last year's welcome message, meetings continue to take place with the other provincial organizations, namely Bowl Ontario (5 & 10) and the Ontario Ten-Pin Association, with the possibility of forming a new Bowling Federation for Ontario. We will bring you up to date on how we are progressing with these meetings and our next steps at the Semi-Annual General Meeting in Hamilton this November.

Ontario looks forward to hosting the Inter-Provincial National Championships in Hamilton at Sherwood Centre this season, and indeed we are very excited to be showcasing our Province for the second year in a row to the rest of Canada.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony takes place in November 2015 at the Hamilton Convention Centre, by Carmen's. A total of 9 members will be inducted; 3 Builders – Glen McGhie – Kingston, Tom England – Oshawa and Mike Kyte – Richmond Hill; 4 Players – Geoff Stevens – Newmarket, Steve Greensides – Bradford, Jim Thorpe – St. Thomas and Sandy Lyons – Oakville; Legend – George Boxwell – Burnaby, B.C. and 2 Dual Inductions into the Builder's Division -- Ian Cameron – London and Irene Witley – Hamilton (dec.).

I look forward to seeing many of you take your volunteer hats off, as you progress through the qualifying rounds of our programs this season – progressing to the Provincials and hopefully on to the National Championships.

Have an enjoyable 2015-2016, may all your strike-outs be on the lanes.



Tournaments

Executive's 5 Pin Championships

Average Date – October 11, 2015

Entry Deadline – October 25, 2015

Zone/DC Finals End November 15, 2015

High-Low Doubles / Inter-Provincial Championships

Average Date – October 18, 2015

Entry Deadline – October 18, 2015

League Rounds – October 19 – November 15, 2015

Zone/DC Finals: On or before January 3, 2016

Youth Challenge

Average Date – November 1, 2015

Entry Deadline – November 8, 2015

Zone finals end November 29, 2015

Zone & DC Financial Agreements

All Zones and DC's **MUST** register a copy of their Financial Agreements with the Provincial Office. These Agreements are a condition under which local Zone and Decentralized Associations maintain their charter as members of the Ontario and Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers' Associations.

Copies forwarded to the Provincial Office **MUST BE DATED** and provide the names of both the Zone and DC Associations which are parties to the Agreement. They must be legibly signed by the Presidents of all Associations, which are parties to the Agreement. **(Members of the same family cannot sign both sides of the Agreement).**

Incentive points will be awarded to those Associations who submit their Banking / Insurance Forms on or before October 9, 2015. A loss of voting privileges will result if the form is not received by November 9, 2015.



Incentive Awards

Again this year, the Incentive Awards program forms will be submitted to O5 electronically. This initiative will still keep the flow of information coming into the office, but will save processing time and will also be good for the environment.

Details and forms for the Incentive Awards have been e-mailed to all Zone and DC Presidents. The incentive forms will also be available for downloading from the O5 website. Please make sure your respective chairs in all Zones and DC's review the incentive program. If there are any questions regarding the incentive program, please contact the O5 office for clarification.

Electronic submission email addresses:

minutes@o5pba.ca

Meeting minutes and Agendas

results@o5pba.ca

Zone/DC round tournament winners

incentive@o5pba.ca

Any other items not covered above.

Grass Roots & Elite Coaches

The "**Ernie Roggie Grass Roots Coach of the Year**" should come from those individuals who work directly with, and have a positive influence on, our youth bowlers. They should be nominated for their efforts up to and including the 2013/2014 bowling season.

The "**Dave Post Elite Coach of the Year**" should be recognized for their commitment to skill development of the 5-Pin game, as well as successful coaching experiences in competition. The Elite Coach of the Year nominations should be based on achievements in the 2014/2015 season.

Nomination forms have been sent to all Coaching Coordinators and can also be found on the O5 website. Nominations must be received in the O5 office by the deadline of **October 2, 2015**.

Hotel Accommodations- Semi-Annual

If you require a room please contact the Sheraton Hotel directly at (905) 529-5515 or 1-888-627-8161 and tell them you are booking a room under the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association block **Hall of Fame 2015**.

The hotel will only guarantee the room price until **OCTOBER 16, 2015**. After this date, the hotel will be releasing the balance of rooms under our block. **Please contact the hotel before the deadline date to avoid any disappointment.**

Intro To Competition Coaching MED Upgrade

All Level 2 coaches will have until December 31, 2015 to get their accreditation to upgrade to the Introduction to Competition or lose certification. This can be taken on line with the CAC at a cost of \$85.00.

The other option is to take the MED portion (3 hours) at an Introduction to Competition Coaching course in your area at a cost of \$20.00. Once this has been completed, after the information is sent in by the LF, you need to go on line and take the MED with CAC at no cost. Go to the Locker at www.coach.ca

After that, you must also go online with C5 and complete the Code of Conduct and Sports Specific documents.

Hall of Fame / Semi-Annual Weekend

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015

LEVEL II MED UPGRADE

The O5PBA is conducting an Introduction to Competition Competitive Stream MED course on the Saturday of the Hall of Fame / Semi-Annual week-end in Hamilton, for Level II coaches to take the MED portion

The course will run at the Sheraton Hotel in Hamilton at 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. -- room to be confirmed upon registration. The cost will be \$25.00. **Coffee and muffins will be provided.** Please register with the O5 office by October 30, 2015 with NCCP#.

Once this course has been taken, follow the steps shown above to complete your certification.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION

We will also be conducting a Tournament Director Certification Course on Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, at a cost of \$25.00. Please register for this course with the O5 office by October 30, 2015.

LANE CERTIFICATION COURSE

A Lane Certification Course will also be offered on Saturday at Sherwood Centre. The course will run from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at a cost of \$25.00. Please register for this course with the O5 office by October 30, 2015.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

- Date: Sunday, November 8, 2015
- Time: 9:00 a.m.
- Location: Hamilton Convention Centre

Niagara 5 Pin Bowlers' Association



Niagara is pleased to announce a huge welcome to Jeff's Bowl-O-Rama in Welland. Jeff Ellis is now leasing the bowling alley formerly known as Bowl-O-Rama. Here he is pictured with his Manager, Adam Eckhardt.

It is amazing what a new colour will do to a place. So far cosmetic and staff changes have taken place, with a new computer system on the horizon. Jeff has big plans to promote the centre and the food, so make sure, when you are in Welland, you have to pop by and say hello.

He is hoping to build up his membership and already starting by running the Kids Bowl Free program this summer. From what Adam tells me, we will have more youth in our program, which means more parents to watch and hopefully decide to join a league themselves.

Being as Jeff has owned Mudcat Bowl in Dunnville for the past six years; he knows how to treat the bowlers. He is learning more about 10-Pin as well, being as Jeff's Bowl-O-Rama is a split house with both sports under their roof.

So congratulations to you Jeff and we wish you all the best, and here is to a successful 2015-2016 season.

New Silver Sponsor



We are pleased to announce that the Middlesex-Elgin 5 Pin Bowlers' Association has come on board as a Silver Sponsor of the O5PBA.

Middlesex-Elgin joins a number of Associations who are sponsors of the O5PBA, and we appreciate their generosity and welcome them to our sponsorship program for this coming season.

Sponsorship monies go a long way in helping our Association move forward to enhance our sport and keep it alive and well.



RBC Sports Day in Canada is November 21, 2015. This is a great opportunity for your zone to get involved by running your Youth Challenge zone round on that date.

Introduction to Competition Course

LOCATION: TBD
Mississauga, ON

DATE: November 28 / 29, 2015

TIME: November 28 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
November 29 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

COST: \$175.00 for full course - \$100.00 deposit*
Payable to O5PBA or Kasey Schwemlein

CONTACT: Kasey Schwemlein for further information
kasey@scienceofstaffing.com

***There will be no refund of the \$100.00 deposit unless the course is cancelled.**



Fundraising

As discussed at Convention, should your Zone/DC wish to share their fundraising successes with the field, please send a note to our Fundraising Chair susanburns@o5pba.ca.

Sue would like to have something put together to distribute at the Semi-Annual Meeting in November.

Corporate Sponsor

