



## President's Message

John Cresswell

Hopefully everyone has enjoyed their summer with the fantastic weather we had, and you are ready to take on the tasks at hand this coming bowling season. Here we are in September 2021. Who would have thought that we would still be battling the COVID-19 virus 18+ months since this pandemic first shut us down. With the development of the COVID vaccines in late 2020, Bowling centres have been allowed to reopen with numerous restrictions in place like 50% capacity, patrons fully vaccinated and always wearing a mask indoors to name a few. Physical distancing still applies as well as ongoing cleaning and sanitizing. For more information on public health measures, you can visit the Ontario.ca website <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/public-health-measures> and/or consult your local bowling centre on the current local regulations in effect.

Unfortunately, along the way we have lost several bowling centres due to the hardship the shutdowns have wreaked on their businesses. O5PBA along with the Edmonton 5 Pin Bowlers' Association created the "Let's Go 5 Pin Bowling" [www.letsgo5pinbowling.ca](http://www.letsgo5pinbowling.ca), campaign to promote getting people back into bowling centres. Going forward, we must all do our part to support our Proprietors, in getting back to a viable business model once again, so we can all continue to enjoy the sport of 5 pin bowling, that we all love.

Beginning of season supplies have been sent out to all Zones and DCs who submitted the appropriate forms and paperwork. If you have not received your supplies, or if you require additional supplies or information, please contact Rhonda Gifford via email at [rhondagifford@o5pba.ca](mailto:rhondagifford@o5pba.ca).

Following discussions at our June AGM virtual Zoom meeting about moving provincial events around the province, we contacted all centres across the province with 12 or more lanes and based on replies we have moved forward on scheduling our event locations for the 2021/2022 season. Almost all our Provincial Championships are moving to different centres for the 2021/2022 season and we are in the process of having contracts signed with the different bowling facilities. Information for all O5PBA events and tournament posters will be forthcoming soon with all of the pertinent information your bowlers will need as to dates, locations, and times.

With O5PBA Provincial Tournaments and all the C5PBA National Championships being cancelled for the 2020/2021 season, we look forward to once again, offering provincial and national tournaments for you to participate in.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all our volunteers. You are second to none for all sports in this province, and without you and the great work that you do this Association would not exist and succeed. As well, thank you to Rhonda Gifford and Jackie Henriques for the work they performed on behalf of all of us this past season, especially while working from home, due to the office being closed since March 2020. Thank you all, for your time and dedication in continuing to help grow this great sport of 5 pin bowling.

For leagues starting up, please ensure your bowlers fill in the Membership form completely, as failure to do so will result in delays in becoming a member of our Association. Be sure to work with your local bowling facility, as they are the most knowledgeable on what requirements are in place locally to ensure all of us can safely return to the lanes and participate in the sport of 5 pin bowling.

Stay safe everyone and take the necessary steps to ensure those around you are safe as well. Have an enjoyable and successful 2021/2022 bowling season and I hope to personally see many of you on the lanes at our Provincial Tournaments.

We recently completed a Let's Go 5 Pin Bowling "ad blast" on our Facebook page with an 11 second snippet from the original 30 second video. Our first promotion was very successful reaching 10,000 people. We are currently working on producing further videos in collaboration with the Edmonton 5 Pin Bowlers' Association, one of which we hope to roll out prior to Thanksgiving.

You can reach the "Lets Go 5 Pin Bowling" website and Facebook page at the following links:

[www.letsgo5pinbowling.ca](http://www.letsgo5pinbowling.ca) and  
[www.facebook.com/Letsgo5pinbowling](https://www.facebook.com/Letsgo5pinbowling)





## Welcome Back Everyone

From the Editor

I hope you were able to enjoy the great weather we had this summer with your loved ones. The leaves are starting to change and Fall is just around the corner and it's time for us to get back on the lanes and play our great sport of 5 pin bowling.

Remember, this is your newsletter, so I encourage all Zones and DCs to send in articles you would like to have included. There are incentive points awarded for articles sent in and they should arrive in my inbox by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to ensure placement in that month's newsletter. Send all submissions to [brendahamilton@o5pba.ca](mailto:brendahamilton@o5pba.ca).

The O5PBA reserves the right to review all items received before publishing. If it is determined that an article should not appear in the newsletter, you will be advised of this decision and the reasons why.

### Membership

The 2021/2022 Membership Package has been posted to the website which you can access at [www.o5pba.ca](http://www.o5pba.ca) and then click on News. It is our plan to make all report forms PDF fillable. As they are done we will replace the forms posted to the website with the fillable forms.

Membership lists were e-mailed under separate cover to each membership chair.

### Incentive Program

The 2021/2022 Incentive Program will run for the period: October 1, 2021 through to May 15, 2022 (unless otherwise stated).

We will only be allocating points for items sent electronically in either word, excel, or PDF of:

- [incentive@o5pba.ca](mailto:incentive@o5pba.ca)
- [results@o5pba.ca](mailto:results@o5pba.ca)
- [minutes@o5pba.ca](mailto:minutes@o5pba.ca)
- [entries@o5pba.ca](mailto:entries@o5pba.ca)
- [financials@o5pba.ca](mailto:financials@o5pba.ca)

The Incentive Program has been posted on our website with the forms available at [www.o5pba.ca/forms](http://www.o5pba.ca/forms).

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### Upcoming Events

#### Executives 5 Pin Championships

Average Date – October 24, 2021  
Entry Deadline – October 24, 2021  
Zone/DC Finals – One day roll-off before  
November 21, 2021

#### High-Low Doubles / Inter-Provincial Championships

Average Date – October 24, 2021  
Entry Deadline – October 24, 2021  
League Rounds – October 25 – November 28, 2021  
Zone/DC Finals: On or before January 9, 2021

#### Youth Challenge

Entry Deadline – November 14, 2021  
Zone Finals end – November 28, 21

### O5PBA Marketing Sponsors

We would like to acknowledge our great sponsors that have been sponsoring the O5PBA for a number of years. Be it, Corporate, Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze, you all have contributed to the success of the tournaments and events run by the O5PBA.

We wanted to show our appreciation by extending your sponsorship from last year into 2021/2022 at no cost to you. Depending on your level of sponsorship, you will continue to be included in our calendar of events, this newsletter, on our sponsorship poster, on our lane sheets and in announcements at our events, etc.

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