



## Hall of Fame Inductees Class of 2024



### Back Row:

Robert McGregor – Toronto, **Players' Division**,  
Gail Matis – Windsor, **Players' Division**

Linda MacLean – Bowmanville, **Players' Division**  
Elizabeth Nicoll – Sauble Beach, **Players' Division**  
Denis St-Onge – Ottawa, **Builders' Division**

### Front Row:

\*Ralph Pittaro – London, **Legends' Division**  
John Cresswell – Richmond Hill, **Builders' Division**

Bill Williams – Stevensville, **Legends' Division**  
Claudina Sula – Mississauga, **Dual Inductee (Builder)**

*\*Ralph Pittaro's award was accepted by his wife Terry.*

The above individuals were inducted into the O5PBA Hall of Fame at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Awards Dinner on November 2, 2024 at the Sheraton Hotel in Hamilton. The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association congratulates our latest inductees into our Hall of Fame.

## Ontario Open / Senior Open Declaration of Intent Rule Change

As voted on at the 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM), there has been some changes to the Declaration of Intent rule for the Ontario Open / Senior Open. As this is a change to what is stated in the 2024-2025 Green Book, we wanted to highlight the following:

1. For those bowlers who reside in your zone, there is no change they can play in your local roll-off.
2. For those bowlers who reside in a different zone, and have the intention of playing in your local roll-off, they need to meet the following criteria:

Bowlers will need to have an established average in the association to which they will be playing. Bowlers will need to have a minimum of 50 games played over the 3-year rolling average in the Association. Note: League play games, zone sanctioned tournament games all count towards the 50 games played, however, any games played at the O5PBA provincial level are not included.

Each Tournament Director will need to ensure they have registered an account on the O5PBA Website to verify each bowler playing in the zone roll-off, as this is not indicated in your zone average book. You will need to ensure when you are referencing each bowler, that the games played at provincial events are not counted.

As announced at the 2024 Semi-Annual General Meeting held on November 3, 2024, you must submit your zones roll-off scores from both week one and week two of the Open and Senior Open within 2 days of the zone roll-off to [results@o5pba.ca](mailto:results@o5pba.ca).

Should you have any questions pertaining to a bowler's eligibility or how to determine that, please contact [sarahgorman@o5pba.ca](mailto:sarahgorman@o5pba.ca)

## Elite Coach of the Year



The Dave Post Elite Coach of the Year Award was awarded to **Tracey Miller** of the Middlesex Elgin 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.

The Ernie Roggie Grass Roots Coach of the Year will be announced in a later newsletter.

**The O5PBA congratulates Tracey for her excellent coaching performance during the 2023-2024 bowling season.**

## Upcoming Tournament & Events

### Youth Challenge

*\*Regional Finals – November 24, 2024*  
*Provincial Championships – January 12, 2025*  
**Echo Bowl, Brantford**  
**National Championships – Calgary, Alberta**  
**March 26 – 29, 2025**

### Executives 5 Pin Provincial Championships

*Zone/DC Finals on or before November 17, 2024*  
*Provincial Championships - February 22, 2025*  
**Strike Point, Lindsay**

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

*Zone/DC Finals: On or before January 12, 2025*  
*Provincial Championships – February 23, 2025*  
**Lakeview Bowl, Peterborough**

### Ontario Open & Senior Open

*Zone finals begin November 3, 2024 to January 26, 2025*  
*Provincial Championships - April 16-18, 2025*  
Echo Bowl, Brantford & C&D Lanes, Woodstock  
Singles, Men's/Ladies/Mixed Teams  
Mike's Lanes, Stratford – Senior Open Teams  
(Stepladder for all Teams & Singles)  
**Echo Bowl – April 19, 2025**

### Booster Club Championships

*Zone/DC Finals: On or before March 30 2025*  
*Provincial Championships – April 26,, 2025*  
**Waterdown Lanes, Waterdown**

### Holiday Classic Provincial Championships

*League Rounds – January 6-19, 2025*  
*Zone/DC Finals: On or before March 9, 2025*  
*Provincial Championships – May 10, 2025*  
**NEB's Fun World – Oshawa**

### Ontario Senior Citizens Tournament

*Average Date & Entry Deadline – February 16, 2025*  
*Zone/DC Finals: On or before March 16, 2025*  
*Provincial Championships – May 14, 2025*  
**NEB's Fun World – Oshawa**

### Provincial Triples Championships

*Average Date & Entry Deadline – February 2, 2025*  
*League Rounds February 3 – March 9, 2025*  
*Zone/DC Finals: On or before April 6, 2025*  
*Provincial Championships – May 31, 2025*  
**Northshore Lanes – Cobourg**



## All Zone & Decentralized Tournament Directors

As previewed at the SAGM the new tournament results spreadsheet has now been posted to the website under forms.

Here is the link :

<https://o5pba.ca/forms/?show=2024-25-average-book-tournament-submission-form>

The one Excel file will be used for all O5PBA tournaments; there will be a second spreadsheet uploaded soon that will be used for the other sanctioned events.

As well they can be found under what's new and the tournament page itself.

Should you have any questions or issues please reach out to Sarah Gorman at [sarahgorman@o5pba.ca](mailto:sarahgorman@o5pba.ca)

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## New Bronze Sponsor

At the Semi-Annual General Meeting on November 3, 2024, the following individual came forward wanting to become a Bronze Sponsor of the O5PBA for the 2024/2025.

**WELCOME:**

**RON BROWN**

from the  
York Simcoe 5 Pin Bowlers'  
Association

The O5PBA appreciates this sponsorship very much. It is not too late for anyone to become a sponsor for the 2024/2025 bowling season. Please contact [brendahamilton@o5pba.ca](mailto:brendahamilton@o5pba.ca) for further information on our sponsorship program.

## Field Volunteers for O5PBA Events

The O5PBA is reaching out to zones who are located in the Provincial Tournament locations for volunteers to help out at the upcoming Provincial tournaments.

If you are available to assist at any of these events, please contact [Mikekyte@o5pba.ca](mailto:Mikekyte@o5pba.ca) and let him know you are available to help.

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## Youth Challenge Provincial Championship re Coaches

At the O5PBA Semi-Annual meeting, held on Sunday November 6, 2022, it was agreed upon that teams who have a combination of winners from the Regions that have multiple Zones, will be allowed to have an Assistant Coach accompany their players in the playing area.

All Coaches and Assistant Coaches must be **COMPETITIVE COACH CERTIFIED** on or before **DECEMBER 31 OF THE CURRENT BOWLING SEASON** and must be a member in good standing of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association.

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## Learning Facilitators

The O5PBA is currently looking for coaches who may be interested in becoming a Learning Facilitator for the Introduction to Competition course. This means that you are interested in becoming the person who delivers the course and teaches upcoming coaches.

The process to become a Learning Facilitator involves four parts. The first being an NCCP Core Training for Learning Facilitator course.

These courses are currently being scheduled through the Coaches Association of Ontario in different locations at a cost of \$144.00 - \$150.00.

Alternatively, if we can get enough interest we will schedule our own course, which will cost anywhere from \$110.00 - \$130.00.

If you have coaches interested in becoming a Learning Facilitator, please reach out to [meghanblewitt@o5pba.ca](mailto:meghanblewitt@o5pba.ca) as we need to ensure that we have enough interest before we proceed to booking a course.

Should you have any questions, please contact Meghan Blewitt directly.