

## Ontario Open Provincial 5 Pin Bowling Championships

Easter weekend will see most of Southern Ontario's elite 5 pin bowlers come together to compete in the biggest event on the 5 pin bowling calendar, the 59<sup>th</sup> Ontario Open Provincial 5 Pin Bowling Championships.

The event will be held in 2 bowling centres again this year, Echo Bowl in Brantford and C&D Lanes in Woodstock. The Singles qualifying will commence at Echo Bowl on Wednesday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. followed by the Opening Ceremonies at 4:00 p.m.

The Men's, Ladies' and Mixed team qualifying rounds, will be held at Echo Bowl and C&D Lanes commencing at 5:00 p.m. The stepladder finals for all teams and singles will be at Echo Bowl on Saturday, April 19. Teams at 8:30 a.m. and singles 1:30 p.m.

At the completion of the stepladder finals, the gold medal champions will be revealed and we will know who will be representing Southern Ontario at the National Championships May 19–23 in Regina, Saskatchewan.

**Come on out and catch the action!**

## Coaches Meeting Open & Senior Open

There will be a Coaches Meeting for the Open & Senior Open via ZOOM on **Sunday April 6 or Monday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m.** You may chose the day that is best for you.

Coaches and Judges of Play, please ensure you are in attendance at one of these meetings.

## Ontario Open & Senior Open Designated Spares

All Zones have been sent an Emergency Spare Designation Form to complete ahead of time to alleviate alternates being excluded as emergency spares of the event if they are not present. The completed forms should be e-mailed to [rhondagifford@o5pba.ca](mailto:rhondagifford@o5pba.ca) no later than **APRIL 4, 2025.**

Any submissions not received by this date will be dealt with at the Coaches' ZOOM Meeting. Coaches will have one last opportunity, prior to the start of team competition, to submit their Emergency Spare Designation Form to the tournament director where they are bowling.

## Ontario Senior Open 5 Pin Provincial Bowling Championships

Easter weekend will also see Southern Ontario's finest Senior 5 pin bowlers come together to compete in the 21st Ontario Senior Open Provincial 5 Pin Bowling Championships.

Mike's Lanes in Stratford, will be hosting the qualifying rounds for the Senior Open Championships again this year. The top 5 singles and the top 3 teams will compete in the stepladder finals at Echo Bowl in Brantford on Saturday, April 19 at 8:30 a.m. The gold medal team champions, along with the coach and the men's and ladies' singles will be awarded \$500.00 each.

## Open & Senior Open Saturday Evening, April 19, 2025

We will be hosting a Victory Dance and Awards Ceremony at the Best Western hotel in Brantford, commencing at 8:30 p.m.

Further details will be communicated as we get closer to the event in April 2025.

## Advertising in the 2025 Ontario Open Program Book

There is still an opportunity to place an ad in the Ontario Open & Senior Open Souvenir program book. The cost to publish an ad in the program book is as follows:

- Full Page Cover (inside or back) - \$350
- Full Page - \$300
- ½ Page - \$150
- ¼ Page - \$100

There is also an opportunity for Zones and DC's to participate in a group ad for \$25.00. Contact Rhonda Gifford at the O5PBA office at 416-426-7167 or [rhondagifford@o5pba.ca](mailto:rhondagifford@o5pba.ca)

The deadline date to submit artwork is **March 21, 2025.** Please contact Brenda Hamilton at [brendahamilton@o5pba.ca](mailto:brendahamilton@o5pba.ca) for further inquiries or call Rhonda Gifford at 416-426-7167.

## ATTENTION!!! ALL VOLUNTEERS

We are still looking for volunteers to assist at the Open & Senior Open. With these events being held in three locations again this year, the O5 is looking for volunteers to help out at the Provincials. We need people to sell Cash Draw tickets, runners to pick up the Lane Sheets and Judges of Play. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Mike Kyte at [mikekyte@o5pba.ca](mailto:mikekyte@o5pba.ca) as soon as possible.



**Answer to January's Newsletter  
Trivia Question is "Jet Taylor"**

**Q:** Who was the YBC bowler who was on the mixed team who qualified for Team Ontario and went on to win gold at the Nationals? They were also the only Ontario bowler who went on to compete on national TV on Amazing Race.

**A:** He bowled on the 1999 Middlesex Elgin mixed team and won a gold medal at Nationals in Edmonton. Also won a scholarship at Nationals. Appeared in the Amazing Race Canada 10 years ago.

**If anyone else would like to submit a trivia question for the March newsletter, please do. Let's carry this on. This one was submitted by Dave Post.**

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## Upcoming Tournaments & Events

### **Ontario Open Championships**

*Provincial Championships - April 16-18, 2025*  
Echo Bowl, Brantford & C&D Lanes, Woodstock  
Singles, Men's/Ladies/Mixed Teams  
(Stepladder for all Teams & Singles)  
**Echo Bowl – April 19, 2025**

### **Ontario Senior Open Championships**

*Provincial Championships - April 17-18, 2025*  
Mike's Lanes, Stratford  
(Stepladder for all Teams & Singles)  
**Echo Bowl – April 19, 2025**

### **Booster Club Championships**

*Provincial Championships – April 26, 2025*  
**Waterdown Lanes, Waterdown**

### **Holiday Classic Provincial Championships**

*Provincial Championships – May 10, 2025*  
**NEB's Fun World – Oshawa**

### **Ontario Senior Citizens Tournament**

*Provincial Championships – May 14, 2025*  
**NEB's Fun World – Oshawa**

### **Provincial Triples Championships**

*Provincial Championships – May 31, 2025*  
**Northshore Lanes – Cobourg**

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