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To: **ALL ONTARIO OPEN/SENIOR OPEN COACHES**

From: Rhonda Gifford
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SUBJECT: SHERATON HAMILTON HOTEL – PARKING ISSUE

Dear Coach:

As you may have heard, Garth Brooks will be in Hamilton for 5 concerts over 4 days starting March 24-27, 2016 which coincides with our Ontario Open/Senior Open Championships.

On Thursday, March 24 we will be getting back to the hotel as the concert goers are leaving and should be able to park as we have done in the past.

On Saturday, March 26 our schedule would have us arriving back at the hotel around the same time the concert goers will start parking. Therefore we have adjusted our schedule on Saturday to begin bowling at Sherwood Centre an hour earlier. I have attached an updated Schedule of Events for your information. Please make sure you inform your team of these changes.

However on Friday, March 25 there is an issue as bowlers would be returning to the hotel right in the middle of the 2 concerts Garth is doing that evening which means there will be no parking available.

As a result the O5PBA Board of Directors have come up with a possible solution to the parking issue on Friday which would be to offer the bowlers and guests the option of taking a bus to Sherwood Centre and back to the hotel at the end of the day. This should only affect the Men's, Ladies' and Mixed teams as the Seniors will be finished and able to return to the hotel earlier in the day. We are looking to get feedback from the coaches to see if the bowlers and guests on your team would be interested in buying a bus pass for \$10.00 per person to get to and from the bowling centre on Friday. Buses would leave around 7:30 a.m. from the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel to Sherwood Centre and return as soon as bowling is completed at the end of the day.

Please canvas your team immediately and complete the attached Bus Pass Order Form with the number of bus passes your team would require. Please have this order form sent to the O5PBA office on or before **February 25, 2016** in order for us to assess the viability of the buses. Once we have received feedback from all the coaches we will confirm that the buses have been ordered for Friday, March 25. **Please Note: Only those who purchase bus passes will be allowed to board the bus. In the event that there is not enough interest in running the buses, all money collected will be refunded.**

If you have any questions regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact the office.