



# THBS Monthly

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## A Few Bowling Tips!

Continued from our November Newsletter:

6) Knees Bent: Stay down at the foul line with knees bent.

You must bend your knees as far as possible (and comfortably can!) as you release the ball.

7) Follow Through: This is probably the single largest contributor to poor releases.

Freeze your arm after you release and check its position.

Your hand should be about head high, & thumb should be pointing over your shoulder.

8) Watch the ball cross your mark: It does not matter whether you focus on a mark or on an area of the lane; as long as you focus on something. "Hold that pose" until your ball crosses over that mark. This will ensure that you

are not rushing out of your approach.

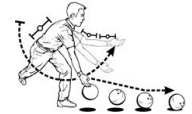
9) Second Ball & Corner Pins: While many folks aim for the arrows with the first ball, they may aim for the actual pin(s) with the second ball, when attempting to convert your spare.

If you do this, do not take your eyes off the pin(s) from the beginning to the release of the ball. Chances are your ball will follow your eyes.

If you have left just ONE corner pin, and you are a novice bowler, you may have a tendency to throw the ball straight down the lane.

Unfortunately, this will not help to convert spares.

Your ball will either drop in the gutter or curve slightly; thus turning away from the pin and missing it completely.



Instead, learn to hit these corner pins by sending the ball diagonally across the lane. To do this, stand either on the extreme left or right side of the approach (diagonally to the object corner pin) and aim your ball toward the middle, using the arrows as your mark.

With a little practice, you will be hitting those corner pins almost every time.

10) HAVE FUN:

This step is entered just in case the other nine tips don't work.

Remember, you don't need a 200 average to have a great time!

Relax and have fun!

## Christmas Break!

This year, THBS will not be bowling on the following dates:

### Wednesday Sessions:

Dec 24th & Dec 31st

### Friday Sessions:

Dec 26th & Jan 2nd

### Sunday Sessions:

Dec 28th & Jan 4th

Bowling resumes Wednesday Jan 7th; Friday, January 9th and Sunday January 11th.

With the potential for bad weather upon us, we would like to remind bowlers to ensure they have a declared score in the bank in case you are unable to make it to bowling. Bowling will not be

canceled due to bad weather conditions.

We would like to wish all of you a very Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Warmly Yours,

The THBS Executive

CHRISTMAS BREAK!





# The THBS Game: Results!

## “The High Bowling Score (THBS) Game”.

We’ve hosted our third monthly THBS Games and the winners are in! Congratulations to the following bowlers:

Wednesday: Gerry Boucher (286), Matthew Beeson (283), Jerri Aldred (271) Marc Allen (264) and

Joy Patterson (260).

Friday: Gary Lisiak (263) and Stephen Park (252).

Sunday: Alan Bates (262), Bill MacCormick (254), David Beauchamp & Patrick Mathieu (252)

For the cost of \$5.00 to enter, your best score with handicap out of the three

games you bowl will be the one used to determine who has won. For each five entries, we will pay out one winner.

December dates are the 10th, 12th and 14th!

“Getting to know you!”

## Featured Bowlers— Flamming Mo’s

Each month we will feature one or more of our bowlers and ask them to answer a few questions.

This month we are featuring a Wednesday Team—The Flamming Mo’s; Jim Foley, Kevin Matchett, Eugene Palermo, Francisco Ricord and Ryan Curzon.

### When did you first join THBS and what prompted you to join?

Jim: 2 Years ago

Kevin: 2005

Eugene: 20 years ago

Fran: 2011

Ryan: 2012

### What is your favourite memory (ies) of the THBS?

Jim: The Bar Staff

Kevin: Still working on it

Eugene: Watching Jim get drunk.

Fran: What was his name?

Ryan: Jim throwing the ball when the gate was legitimately down.

### What advice would you give to new bowlers?

Jim: Tip well

Kevin: Step into the bathroom with me so I can show you how the game is played.

Eugene: Learn to drink beer.

Fran: Come see me!

Ryan: Drink a lot and stay away from Jim and Fran

### What’s your favorite THBS Event and why?

Jim: Year End Banquet with the Bar Staff

Kevin: Naked Bear Bowling... in the future.

Eugene: Joining Flamming Mo’s

Fran: Banquet with the Kitchen Boy

Ryan: The Banquet when you are getting money.

### What’s your most embarrassing THBS Moment?

Jim: Getting caught with the bar staff.

Kevin: I thought it was a man!

Eugene: Still working on it!

Fran: Being with the Kitchen Boy’s girlfriend

Ryan: Three fingers don’t just go in the ball...



# 50/50 Strike Pot and Mystery Score Winners!



**Strike Pot of \$1376 won by Brian!**

drawn and you bowl a strike, you win 50% of the pot.

Mystery Score cost is \$2.

Scores are pulled randomly at intermission. If the score of your first game matches the score that is selected, you win 50% of the funds collected unless there is multiple winners.

You can't win if you don't participate!

50/50 Strike Pot costs \$2 for a small strip and \$5.00 for a large strip. If your ticket is

Congratulations to the following November Strike Pot Winners:

**Wednesdays:**

Dean Gray—Over \$550

**Fridays:**

Joyce Frost—Over \$100

**Sundays:**

Brian Chan-Chue—\$1376

Our Mystery Score winners have won a range of \$19.00 up to \$78. November winners: Al Hirjee, Bev Lennox, Chris Chillman, David Abromowitz, Will Bragg, Tracey Shannon, Patrick Mathieu, Mike Rog, Brian Davis, Geoffrey Brown, Jay Helleman, Alan Bates and Bill MacCormack.

Proceeds from the Strike Pot and Mystery Score help fund the Year End Awards and Banquet.

## The 200 Club & 40 Pins Over!

The following members have joined the 200 Club in November!

**Wednesday Session:**

Jerry Aldred (204), Will Bragg (228), Lynn Lehmann (211), Kevin Matchett (206), Michael Newman (203), Alan Norman (205), Ralph O'Neil (208), Greg Powers (213), Rick Sleaver (213), Steven Ward (200), John Barnes (213)

**Friday Session:**

Nora Axbey (203), Patrick Mathieu (204), Liz Perry (206), John Barnes (210).

**Sunday Session:**

Johan Barnes (209), Brian Chan-Chue (208), Gary Hesselwood (219), Michael Newman (212), David Wilson (204).

The following members have achieved at least 40 pins over their averages:

**Wednesday:** Jerri Aldred, Marc Allen, Bev Belanger, Gerry Boucher, Will Bragg, Terry Christiansen, Ryan Curzon, Nelson Leon, Mario Mathieu, Doug Mercer, William McManus, Michael Newman, Alan Norman, Ralph O'Neil, Chris Siems, Ian Sinclair, Steven Ward, John Barnes, Matthew Beeson, Sam Soukas. **Friday:** Nora Axbey, Alan Bates, Matthew Beeson, Giles Borland, Bill Downey, Scott Duggan, Alan Gatschene, Dave Harris, Liz Perry, Mike Rog. **Sunday:** John Barnes, Geoffrey Brown, Brian Chan-Chue, Don Cherry, Gary Hesselwood, Jennifer Kean, Sylvia Videvik, David Wilson. Great bowling!

**“Superstars!”**

## Our December Babies!

**Happy Birthday!**

- Dino Bavaro (Dec 2)
- Sandra Lieberman (Dec 6)
- Ali Hirjee (Dec 8)
- Russ Ruiz (Dec 10)
- Sean Finan, Kim Newman (Dec 11)

- Anton de la Riviere (Dec 17)
- Geoffrey Brown (Dec 19)
- Alan Norman (Dec 21)
- Bill Patterson (Dec 25)
- Sanaa Elkhatabi (Dec 27)
- Howard Goldman, Mario Mathieu (Dec 31)

Our apologies to anyone that we may have missed. This list is compiled with info from the registrations forms.



# The Classic Corner!



The MLC Committee wishes all the members a safe and Merry Christmas. We also want to Thank YOU all for your continued support. Our annual Christmas Cookie Tin sale will be held on Wednesday December 3, Friday

December 5 and Sunday December 7. Cost is \$10.00 per tin and \$5.00 for a mini loaf of Banana Bread while supplies last. Thank you to all the Fabulous Bakers we greatly appreciate it.

As promised, the results from the MLC In House for October are in. Congrats to the winners:

### Wednesday Session:

Chuck N. 881  
Joy P. 736  
Brian K. 717  
Steve N. 693

### Friday Session:

Bill P. 737  
Bill D. 728

### Sunday Session:

Patrick M. 752  
Adam D. 719

Thank you for your support and all the best of the Season to everyone.....

The MLC Committee

## The X-Mas Brunch | PWA Fundraiser!

The X-Mas Brunch and Show was a great success!

The Churchmouse delivered yet another great brunch!

The Entertainment provided much enjoyment! A job well done by all!

Santa was the one that needed to be placed on the naughty list! Bad Santa! If you wish to have a print of your photo with Santa, please let Patrick know.

Our photographer captured some great shots which are posted on our Facebook page (Toronto Historical Bowling Society).

Our mega raffle winners cashed in BIG! Congrats to Bill

Downey (\$800), Alan Norman (\$400) and Gerry Boucher (\$240)!

Our Food Drive was a great success! Many Food donations were brought in at the door and we raised over \$780 dollars in cash via the Photos with Santa, the Drag Dollars and the generosity at the door via coat check tips and suggested show fee contributions.

Ian Sinclair did a stellar job volunteering to keep our coats safe and secure! We greatly appreciate you helping us out with this every year! MWUAH!

We had great door prizes including CASH this year!

The Elves were busy keeping

things on schedule as best as they could! You rocked! Thanks for EVERYTHING!

And finally a huge **THANK YOU** goes out to all of you that were able to attend our yearly X-Mas Brunch and PWA Food Drive event! Your overwhelming generosity is greatly appreciated by PWA and the entire Executive!

Until next year....



## Your 2014-2015 Executive

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## Oh Dear Gabby!

Dear Gabby,

Sometimes my ball disappears in the back, and doesn't return. Suddenly legs appear behind the frame setter, and like magic my ball returns. The first time I saw this, I was so startled, I ran away. What am I seeing?

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Dear I Ran,

You have stumbled upon a great mystery of bowling. Who are these creatures that live on the lanes, and what do they want?

In German bowling lore, they are called Ent Bestien. These shy beings are found in authentic "Kegelbahnen" (German), to help unwary bowlers find their balls. Kind guardians of back alleys, they were once thought to feed on pins, but will enjoy any of the fine dining at the alley.

So feel lucky, regular Ent Bestien sightings are rare.

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Dear Gabby,

I've always been a little shy of my ample bosoms, and I constantly hear my teammates complain about bad racks. I feel I should confront them about their insensitive approach to body issues.

Don't Spy My Rack

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Dear My Rack,

Worry not, you just don't know bowling jargon as well as your mates (but that is why I am here, to help).

A Bad Rack is when pins aren't set properly, for instance, a pin might be missing, or one might fall over. While there are many types of bad racks, they are very rare, so I am surprised your teammates mention them at all.

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Dear Gabby,

Sometimes I feel a presence on the

lanes; the score screens go dark and the machine miscounts pin fall. There are times when this happens all night long. I feel like I'm going crazy.

Is it real?

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Dear Is Real,

In the Annual Black Forest Novemberfest Bowl-Off, a young maiden went insane when her lover was caught in the embrace of another maidens Zuckerdose. She threw herself down the lanes, never to be seen again.

Some time later the Böse Hacke Tasche was first recorded. She passes over the lanes, blackening out televisions, changing scores and causing misery.

You know those scratch marks on your ball... claw marks!

Do you have questions for Gabby?

Send them to [info@thbs.ca](mailto:info@thbs.ca)