



THBS Monthly

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Survey Results & 2015/2016 Registrations

Your Executive has reviewed the survey results. Of the membership surveyed; 60% was in favor, 30% against and 10% undecided with about 25 members that did not get a chance to complete the survey. We discussed these results, and in the best interest of the league, we have decided to remain at Thorncliffe Bowlerama. We feel that a drop in membership of approximately 40% is not sustainable for our league.

We will continue to work with the management at Thorncliffe to ensure that our concerns and issues are addressed. Please continue to share these with your executive members.

Some technical issues are currently being experienced with the new monitors which are being addressed with the vendor, once this has been resolved, we have been advised that the older monitors will be replaced.

Early Registrations will begin the week of February 18th. The first 2 weeks of registration will be open to returning members / teams of the current session ONLY. Afterwards, registration is open to all members, teams and the general public.

The membership fee helps subsidize the cost of the year end banquet food as well as other expenses. With a reduction in yearly memberships; our operating costs continually increase which makes it more difficult for us to provide a memorable and enjoyable year end event. We truly have no other alternative but to increase our membership fees for the 2015/2016 Season.

Early Registration fees for current members for the 2015/2016 season will be \$35 if you register prior or on March 22nd. Bowling fees for new Bowlers or returning members that did not meet the

early registration deadline will be \$50.

The Registration Fee must accompany the Registration Form. Please fill out the forms accurately and completely. This ensures we understand your wishes as to which session, team, etc., you wish to be part of.

Your support of the league's mystery score, 50/50 and our social events (Burger's Bingo, PINT, etc) also contributes to reducing costs. Thank you for your continued support.

Our goal is to continue growing our league so we ask all of you to be THBS Ambassadors and to promote THBS to your friends and co-workers! The more the merrier!

LET'S DO THIS!

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YEAR END MEGA RAFFLE!

It's that time of the year again! Mega Raffle Tickets are available now!

Ticket cost is \$2.00 and you do not need to be present to win.

Our prize structure remains unchanged with 50% of funds collected going to 1st place, 25% going to second and 15% going to 3rd. THBS keeps 10% of funds collected

to offset the cost of printing the tickets.

\$2.00 each week will give you 8 chances to win the big prize!

Last year's winner walked away with **\$1400**

GET YOURS NOW!

See Patrick.





“We LOVE our Bowlers!”

Featured Bowlers— Witches & Britches

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

This month we are featuring Witches & Britches from Friday Members are Joyce Frost, Claire Davey, Brian Kirby, David Abramowitz & Matthew Beeson.

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

JF: 10 Years ago

CD: According to Pamela, we joined in 2003 and it was because we wanted to bowl with our “own kind”.

BK & DA: We joined in 1994 after winning a THBS Summer League Championship. We left Judy Garland with our former team and joined THBS.

MB: I joined in 2005. I knew some bowlers and thought it would be fun to meet people, socialize and be part of a team.

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

JF: My first Birthday Cake with Joy & Bev.

CD: At one of the banquets, Hollywood did the impersonation of the Queen. I hadn't laughed that much in ages!

BK & DA: At the annual closing banquet when we won the President's Award in 2005.

MB: There are many fond memories – in fact too many to put down. Every season – new memories are created, and old memories fade. I

guess that is what makes THBS so special.

What advice would you give to new bowlers?

JF: None!

CD: Have fun, the scores will come.

BK: Try different techniques and approaches until you find what works for you. Also, due to the changes in oil in the lanes, what worked in Frame 1 of Game 1 will stop working around Frame 5 of Game 2.

DA: Participate with enthusiasm and in the special events which increase the opportunity to make new friends.

MB: The advice I would give to new bowlers is to have a great time. Just be the person you can be and let your true colors shine. THBS is all about meeting people, bowling and having a good time. Read the Constitution and By-Laws. Ask questions if you do not understand and be sure to have declared scores in the bank if possible.

What's your favourite THBS Event and why?

JF: Being entertained by Miss Hollywood.

CD: Not sure!

BK: The Annual Year End Banquet in a hotel with lovely food and great entertainment.

DA: I enjoy the annual banquet and celebrating every-

one's awards; and on occasions my own and ones for Brian and me.

MB: I have no particular favourite THBS event, I believe that every THBS event has something great to offer, and I have fun at all.

What's your most embarrassing THBS Moment?

JF: Played with the wrong team!

CD: Luckily, I haven't had any but scoring less than 300 on 3 games comes quite close.

BK: Winning the booby prize for worst team in Rochester long ago as well as worst Doubles Partners for Dave and I.

DA: Winning the 2003-2004 Spearhead award. We also won the worst team & doubles in Rochester (twice) and a couple of times in London; so our reputation is known far and wide.

MB: I cannot recall my most embarrassing THBS moment, but having multiple disabilities has made it difficult for me to sometimes communicate effectively and misunderstand what's going on. That can lead to some pretty embarrassing times. Other embarrassing moments is people not understanding my disabilities and taking me the wrong way. I can also be very high energy, and often cause more grief than good at times. One embarrassing moment I do recall is liquid being all over the floor; then realizing a bottle of pop had leaked all over my bag and onto the floor during bowling playoffs.

50/50 Strike Pot and Mystery Score Winners!



Are you feeling lucky?

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

Mystery Score cost is \$2.

Congratulations to the following January

Strike Pot Winner:

Wednesdays:

Burger \$97

Our **Mystery Score** winners have won a range of \$32.00 up to \$74.00.

January winners: Bev Lennox, Michale Newman, Emma Surich, Derek Carkner, Klaus

Pandel, Margi Wallace, Kevin Dennis, Alan Bates, Nora Axbey, Annette Pivnik, Sylvia Vidivik, Jeff Madgett and Stan White.

We'd like to Thank you all for your weekly support and participation in our draws.

We utilize a bulk of these funds to offset the cost of our year end banquet and Awards!

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

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.

The 200 Club & 40 Pins Over!

The following members have joined the 200 Club in January!

Wednesday Session:

Chris Chillman (212), Robert Graham (Burger) (200), Dean Gray (201), James MacDonald (202) and Lawrence Masson (200)

Friday Session:

Bill Patterson (211), Alan Peterson (201) and Michale Newman (200)

Sunday Session:

Adam Driscoll (200)

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

Wednesday:

Stephen Stone, Alice van Oosterwijk and Michael Young.

Friday:

Kerry Johnston and Tracey Shannon

Sunday:

Jamie Meeks, Adam Driscoll, Sam Soukas and Jude Power.

Great bowling!

"Superstars!"



Our February Babies!

Happy Birthday!

Michael Dunne & Steven Ward (Feb 6)

Liat Amitay (Feb 8)

Dan Carter (Feb 11)

Steve Wilson (Feb 16)

Carmen Antler (Feb 20)

Adam Driscoll (Feb 25)

Our apologies to anyone that we may have missed.



The Classic Corner!



On behalf of all the MLC committee, we want to extend a great big THANK YOU again to all of the members of THBS for your continued support of our in-house tournaments.

MLC will hold our next in-house tournaments February 11, 13 and 15, 2015. \$10 per entry and we pay 1 in 5 Entries. Your 3 games with Handicap are used to determine your standing from all entries.

The Winners of the January MLC In house are as follows:

Wednesday Session:

Brian Kirby: 733

Troy Richie: 726

Chuck Nekrasoff: 697

Dean Gray: 687

Friday Session:

Bill Patterson: 814

Patrick Mathieu: 715

Gary Lisiak: 711

Sunday Session:

Michale Newman: 741

Marion Alderdice: 716

David Wilson: 688

We would like to thank Nora for being our independent auditor of the scores submitted!

THANK YOU NORA!

MLC Committee



Oh Dear Gabby!

Dear Gabby,

I am in love!

I've seen him on the Pape bus, he is the spitting image of a guy I knew from Boots, and he looks at least 19.

Next time should I offer him some of my sandwich?

Rocket Rider

Dear Rocket,

If he's an eater, then a sandwich might just be the ticket. But why stop at a bite? Make him his own sandwich, show him you care. Also, you have to be ready for the very realistic possibility that he might be a vegetable person. Do you really want to be cutting the organic quinoa crusts off an arugula and asparagus sandwich.

Dear Gabby,

So my girlfriend said "I want to have a baby!" We were drinking at the bar, and I thought nothing of it.

My kids are in their 20's, and I'm looking at retirement soon. I am worried she was being serious.

Baby mama?

Oh Baby,

You might be entering a very interesting period of your life.

There is a good chance that it was just drunk talk, and that she is as horrified by the idea as you are. She might really want a baby, but may have forgotten she said anything. You bringing it up might restart the conversation. If it does come up again, be supportive, but use nice words that mean no.

Dear Gabby,

I hate Valentines Day. All the pretend happy people, with their pretend love nonsense.

What is there for someone like me to do, I am so lonely?

Single on Sherbourne

Dear Sherbourne,

Being single is great, it's something you can't do when there is someone else cluttering up your life. Embrace the single, and go do things that couple people can't do.

Take the single line at amusement parks, sit in traffic while the HOV lane is speeding by, order pizza with what you want on it and have some left overs or rent a Smart car and have space for your stuff.

I salute you single person, see you on Tinder.

PWA Love Bowl!

PWA and THBS are partnering up again to bring you a new and improved LOVE BOWL!

Registration Fee: \$25 per person
Recommended Fundraising Minimum: \$100
Date: Saturday March 28th
Theme: 80's

The new team at PWA has some great ideas that should make this annual 9 Pin No-Tap fundraising event a very memorable one!

Prizes for:

Top Fundraiser (Individual & Team)
Bowling Score (Individual & Team)
Best 80's Outfit (Individual)
Best 80's Team Name (Team)

As more of the fantabulous details are finalized, we will share them with you all!

New PWA Team - New Date - New Theme!

Are You A One Strike Wonder?

An 80's LOVE BOWL

SAVE THE DATE!
SAT MARCH 28

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 2

www.lovebowl.org

BOWLERAMA WEST
5429 DUNDAS ST. W.
1:00PM TO 4:30PM

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PINT! It's COMING! February 21st!

You've been reading the newsletters and one of the favorite events from our featured bowlers has been the **P.I.N.T.**! The President's **Invitational No-Tap**

How many times have you been so frustrated by always getting only 9 pins on your first ball! Our No-Tap tournament will alleviate that frustration for you. If you knock 9 pins down on your first ball, it will count as a strike! This may be your opportunity to bowl over 200! The tournament date is Saturday, February 21st at Thorncliffe Bowlerama. Registrations will start at 12:00pm and bowling will start at 1:00pm.

We will invite our friends from the Kitchener and Hamilton Bowling leagues again this year!

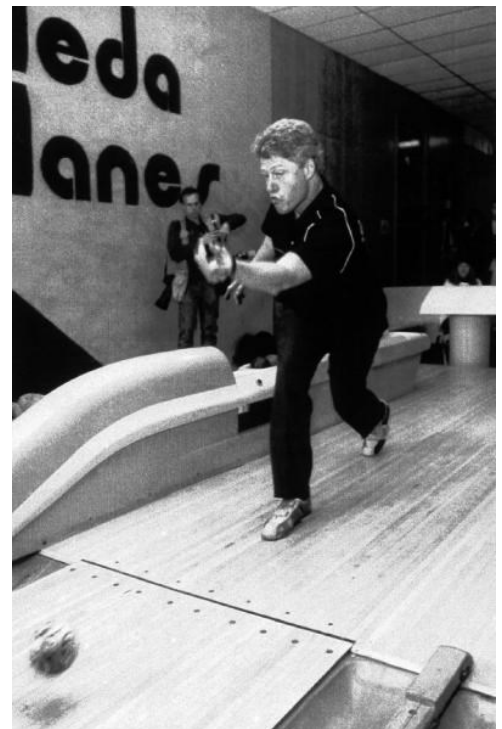
Find yourself a partner, this can be a friend, a co-worker or any member of the league! What a

great way to introduce new bowlers to our league! For the cost of \$20.00 each, you'll get to participate in a very fun Cosmic No-Tap Tournament. Cash Prizes will be awarded to the best teams.

We will also do optional Cross Overs for the cost of \$5.00. This means that you can have your score added with that of another bowler that is not on your team. The paired bowlers with the highest scores will win some cash prizes as well. Mystery score for all three games at the cost of \$5.00 will also be available.

Once we are done bowling, we will head over to the Churchmouse for a couple of drinks while our statisticians tally up all the results for the day and determine who our lucky winners will be! If you sucked at bowling, you can always try your luck at our 50/50 draw!

You really don't want to miss out on this fun day! JOIN US!





The THBS Game: Results!

"The High Bowling Score (THBS) Game".

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

Wednesday: Bev Lennox (280), Burger (271), Kevin Matchett (263), Greg Powers (260), Jerri Aldred (258), Barb Cadotte (253)

Friday: Patrick Mathieu (266), Ron McGee (257)

Sunday: Alan Bates & Jude Power (272), Jay Hellemann (264) Burger (254)

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.

February dates are the 18th, 20th and 22nd!

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