

# TORONTO HISTORICAL BOWLING SOCIETY

Fostering Friendship, Fellowship, Unity and Sportsmanship since 1983

## GUTTER NEWS

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2025-2026

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### WELCOME TO SEASON 43

*Patrick Mathieu-Pandel -President*

Here we are again! It's the beginning of our 43<sup>rd</sup> season. Another summer has just zoomed by!

We hope that you've all had a great break and got to spend time with your loved ones creating fabulous memories.

**"Fostering Friendships, Fellowship, Unity and Sportsmanship"**. Our motto.

Take some time to think about these values and what they mean to you. We encourage you to bring your best self to the lanes on a weekly basis, leaving what troubles you at the door, and get ready for Sunday Funday. Foster and nurture your existing *friendships* and don't be afraid to create new ones. We've already got the *fellowship* with our common interest in bowling and being part of the community. We can continue to form even more meaningful bonds amongst ourselves and within the community. *Unity* is all of us being together on Sundays, at our events and in the community. We are part of the THBS family. It's what keeps our members coming back and us welcoming new ones. Lastly, *sportsmanship*. We are here to have fun no matter what your skill level is. Let's treat each other with respect and kindness. Don't be afraid to kindly share some bowling tips with your teammates and opponents.

With that being said, have a fantastic season! Here's to many 200's, strikes and spares and of course, we can't forget those darn gutter balls! All the best!

**Burgers Bingo-The Swimsuit Edition July 19 2025**

Jackpot winner

Kevin Dennis

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**October 5th - No bowling**

**October 12th -No bowling**

**October 21st-** General Members Meeting via Zoom

**October 25th -** Burgers Bingo

**December 6th -**Holiday Party

**December 14th -**Last day of fall bowling

**January 4th -**First day of winter bowling

**January 24th -** Burgers Bingo

**February 15th - No bowling**

**March 21 -**Burgers Bingo

**March 29th -** Last day of bowling season 43

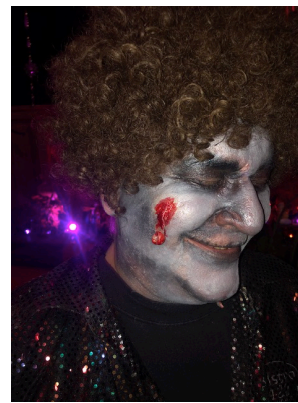
**April 11th -** Year End Party



**SAVE THE DATE**

The Halloween edition

**Burgers Bingo**



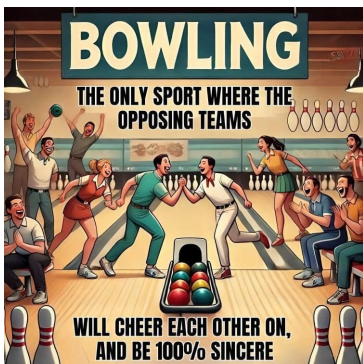
*October 25th 2:00 pm*

*Doors open 1:00 PM*

Flash on Church

\$20 for 4 cards 50/50 and door prizes

Guaranteed Jackpot



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## Is Bigger Better?

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Jo DeLuzio

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As September is here bringing with it a new and exciting bowling season, I cannot help but wonder if I need to put my 8-lb Tinkerbell ball to rest. She has been loyal to me over the years, although if I am being completely honest, she is a bit of a ho and sometimes finds herself in the gutter. The maximum allowable ball weight by any of the professional bowling associations is 16 pounds. 16 pounds???? Seriously? I have difficulty lifting a basket of peaches.

So, the age-old question arises. Is bigger actually better?

It seems to be agreed upon that people should use a bowling ball of 10% of their body weight up to the maximum of 16 pounds. However, people with physical limitations (and dare I suggest people who are older), might want to consider using a lighter ball to avoid injury. The ball you use should allow for a comfortable swing of your arm without causing any strain. Heavier isn't better if it causes discomfort/pain, or compromises control.

Heavier balls may allow for more power, and generally they knock down more pins. (For all physics' nerds out there, the impact of the bowling ball depends on speed times mass.) Heavier balls have more momentum, which allow more force transferred onto the pins resulting in better pin action. However, using a heavier ball won't help if it is too heavy for you because your form and accuracy will be reduced.

Lighter balls may encourage better maneuverability and precision. More control means greater accuracy.

Under about 14-pounds, you do start to lose pin carry, which might be a good topic for our next newsletter. I did find one study that determined 9 to 12-pound balls knocked down the most pins, while 6-pound balls knocked down the least. So where does that leave my little Tinkerbell? Good thing she is pretty!

Ultimately, skill is more important than weight of the ball. Without proper form, speed, and control, you won't hit those coveted strikes and spares. The best bowlers can adapt their technique to accommodate different ball weights and lane conditions.

In the end, only you can decide whether you think bigger is better.

# August 23rd 2025 - P.I.N.T

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported!



## Singles Winners

- 1st -Klaus Mathieu-Pandel
- 2nd - David Wilson
- 3rd - Dean Gray
- 4th(tie)- Lance Sibley/Sylvia Videvik



## Mystery Double Winners

- 1st -David Wilson/Karen Meisner
- 2nd - Lance Sibley/Andrew Chang
- 3rd - Scott McGimpsey/Klaus Mathieu-Pandel



## 50/50 Winners

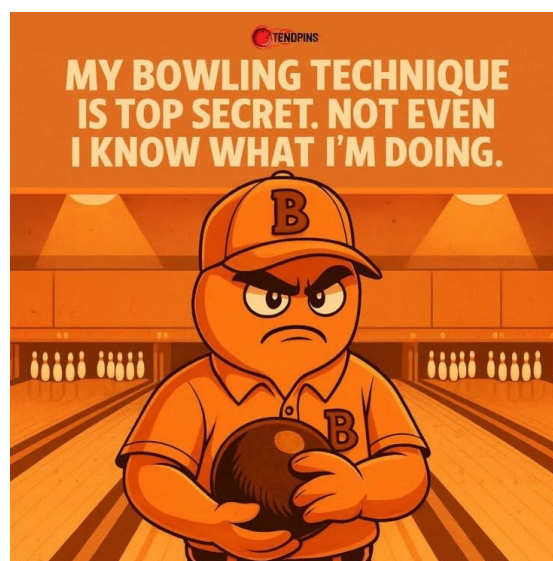
- 1st -Bill Haynes
- 2nd- David Wilson

## PINT 2025 - Singles Event Standings

Rank	Name	Average	HCP	G1	G2	G3	Total Scratch	Total HCP	Grand Total
1	Klaus Mathieu-Pandel	131	69	240	189	142	571	207	778
2	David Wilson	151	49	202	236	192	630	147	777
3	Dean Gray	150	50	200	152	257	609	150	759
4	Lance Sibley	161	39	170	215	254	639	117	756
4	Sylvia Videvik	109	91	139	145	199	483	273	756
6	Karen Meisner	127	73	174	164	196	534	219	753
7	Andrew Chang	177	23	255	219	198	672	69	741
8	Bill Hanes	109	91	117	109	223	449	273	722
9	Scott McGimpsey	163	37	179	175	250	604	111	715
10	Will Bragg	132	68	214	140	151	505	204	709
11	Danny McGourty	130	70	170	201	121	492	210	702
12	Alex Fiscalini	94	106	169	104	99	372	318	690
13	Bob Clemens	170	30	239	178	168	585	90	675
14	Shawn Kirkup	104	96	98	151	135	384	288	672
15	Nicole Bourassa-Burke	111	89	137	102	157	396	267	663
16	Robert (Burger) Graham	130	70	141	142	153	436	210	646
17	Anthony Palmer	152	48	207	126	167	500	144	644
18	Rick Sleaver	166	34	250	148	141	539	102	641
19	Patrick Mathieu- Pandel	167	33	170	184	187	541	99	640
20	James Stoneburrowes	144	56	137	145	188	470	168	638
21	Eric Best	146	54	162	131	173	466	162	628
22	Mike Capacci	158	42	141	203	157	501	126	627
23	Dee Viau	127	73	146	125	129	400	219	619
24	Jude Power	120	80	112	105	122	339	240	579
25	Ricky Yorke	67	133	62	48	62	172	399	571
26	Jean LaLonde	103	97	88	97	78	263	291	554
27	Matt Hastie	120	80	73	111	82	266	240	506

## PINT 2025 - Mystery Doubles Standings

RANK	Partner A	Partner B	Tot A	Tot B	DOUBLES TOTAL
1	David Wilson	Karen Meisner	777	753	1530
2	Lance Sibley	Andrew Chang	756	741	1497
3	Scott McGimpsey	Klaus Mathieu-Pandel	715	778	1493
4	Danny McGourty	Sylvia Videvik	702	756	1458
5	Dean Gray	Bob Clemens	759	675	1434
6	Dee Viau	Alex Fiscalini	619	690	1309
7	Jude Power	Bill Hanes	579	722	1301
8	Nicole Bourassa-Burke	Eric Best	663	628	1291
9	Patrick Mathieu-Pandel	Rick Sleaver	640	641	1281
10	Ricky Yorke	Will Bragg	571	709	1280
11	Anthony Palmer	Mike Capacci	644	627	1271
12	Jean LaLonde	Robert (Burger) Graham	554	646	1200
13	Matt Hastie	James Stoneburrowes	506	638	1144



## **General Membership Meeting October 21 2025**

Our annual general members meeting will be held Tuesday October 21 2025 via zoom. This meeting is for approval of the budget for 2025-2026 and any proposed changes to the constitution and by laws of the Toronto Historical Bowling Society.

### **15. – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY**

1. Within 2 weeks of the start of a new Season an up to date copy of the Constitution and Bylaws document will be made available upon request or copies can be obtained by downloading a copy from the Society website THBS.ca.
2. Any member in good standing may submit a change (s) to the Constitution and or Bylaws, including email submissions. All amendments shall:
  - Be signed and dated by the member submitting the change (s);
  - Be made in a written resolution and presented to the Executive of the Society fifteen (15) days prior to any general meeting.
3. Amendments(s) to be passed require fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) vote.
4. All sessions shall have equal time to submit changes to the Constitution and or Bylaws.
5. All amendments passed at a meeting of the general membership shall be considered in effect as of that date.

All amendments are to be submitted to the VP Will Bragg by September 21/25.

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The Executive is looking for someone to train for the position of Treasurer.

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The person must be bondable and able to work with quickbooks. Training can be provided.

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Our current treasurer, after 15 years will be retiring next year and we have to fill this position to keep the league running smoothly and without interruption.

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If interested, please see the current treasurer David Wilson.

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I'LL PUT A SPELL ON YOU!



BURGERS BEWITCHING BINGO EXTRAVAGANZA

DOOR PRIZES

50/50 DRAW

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GUARANTEED JACKPOT!



4 CARDS  
FOR \$20 DONATION  
THRILLS AND  
CHILLS!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25TH 2025

2 PM

DOORS OPEN 1 PM

FLASH ON CHURCH

463 CHURCH ST MAIN FLOOR

A T.H.B.S. SOCIAL FUN RAISER

