

TORONTO HISTORICAL BOWLING SOCIETY

Fostering Friendship, Fellowship, Unity and Sportsmanship since 1983



THBS Season 44 — Welcome Back, Bowlers!

Hard to believe, but **Season 44 of THBS is here!** After a summer of sunshine, patios, vacations, and whatever other excuses we had for not picking up a bowling ball, it's time to lace up our bowling shoes and get back on the lanes.

Whether you're a seasoned veteran, a newcomer, or someone who still wonders which way to throw the ball, we're thrilled to have you for another season of **bowling, friendship, competition, laughter, and just the right amount of chaos.** Of course, there will be plenty of opportunities to celebrate our wins, commiserate our losses, and blame the lanes when things don't go our way. 😊



More Than Just Bowling

It's about the friendships we've made, the people we've met, the traditions we've created and the community we've built together. It's about cheering when someone bowls their personal best, laughing when someone throws a spectacular gutter ball, and ensuring nobody celebrates a good game alone. That spirit is what makes THBS special — and it's something we want to carry forward into Season 44.



Let's Make It a Great Season

I encourage everyone to get involved. Come out to the social events, support our fundraisers, cheer on your fellow bowlers, volunteer when you can, and most importantly — **have fun!** So, dust off those bowling balls, stretch those bowling arms, find your favourite bowling shirt, and prepare for another year of **STRIKES! SPARES! TURKEYS! SPLITS!**

Here's to Season 44! May your strikes be plentiful, your splits be merciful, and your excuses for missing the headpin be dazzling!

Let's get this season rolling!

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Chair

Vacant

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(Non-voting)

Blake Simmons

Social Media

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Emma Surich

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 11th - No bowling.

Oct. 27th - General Membership Meeting (GMM). 7:00 pm via zoom.

December 5th - Holiday Party.

December 20th - Last day of fall bowling.

January 3rd - First day of winter bowling.

February 14th - No bowling.

March 21st - Last day of bowling season 44.

April 11th - Year End Party.

Keeping the League Rolling Along: Introducing your Season 44 Executive

Every successful bowling league needs people willing to step up and pitch in. Each year the THBS members elect an Executive. These people volunteer their time to ensure the league runs smoothly, league money is used appropriately, and the constitution and bylaws are upheld. We're very pleased to introduce your THBS Executive for Season 44 along with a brief synopsis of what they do.

President Patrick Mathieu-Pandel: Keeps the league moving forward, maintains order, chairs meetings, verifies the bank balance. Not responsible for suspiciously bad pin counts!

Vice-President Will Bragg: Steps in when the President is unable, oversees and manages yearly elections, responsible for Constitution and Bylaw amendments.

Treasurer David Wilson: Keeps an eye on all the dollars and cents. Prepares the annual budget and monthly statements, receives all THBS monies, maintains a ledger of expenditures.

Statistician Karen Meisner: Keeps track of the numbers, averages, standings, scores and all the other statistics that we all love to hate.

Secretary Danny McGourty: Prepares meeting minutes, keeps Executive business organized. Essentially records what the Executive is doing.

Session Representative Klaus Mathieu-Pandel: Manages things on bowling days, keeps members informed of events, birthdays and draws. When he has the mic, you need to listen!

Webmaster Blake Simmons (non-voting): Manages the website and keeps it current.

Social Media Director Emma Surich (non-voting): Check us out on Instagram! @thbs1983



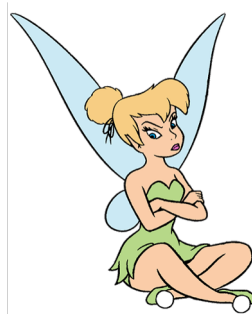
TINK TALKS: TACKLING 200

Happy season 44! Tink is back, all refreshed and ready to roll (well...she is back). Truth be told, Tink hasn't had a 200 game since before the pandemic. It feels like Never-never land.

Keep in mind that the typical average for a recreational bowler falls somewhere between 100-140, with <1% of recreational bowlers achieving an average of 200+. Given the averages from last season, it looks like THBS bowlers are way ahead of the curve! But Tink won't be intimidated. And you shouldn't either! This is the season you and Tink will achieve at least one 200-game. Let's analyze what this takes.

A score of 200 requires a minimum of 2 strikes in a row (no-tap doesn't count) combined with no open frames (that doesn't sound so bad), or about 5 to 6 strikes with a couple of minor open frames (as if!). Let's examine some of the "scientifically proven" reasons why we may not achieve this goal:

- approach too sticky
- floor too slippery
- rental shoes don't fit well
- own shoes tied too tight
- own shoes tied too loose
- shoelaces kept coming undone.
- too much oil on the lanes
- too little oil on the lanes
- wrong oil pattern
- thumb keeps getting stuck
- pins won't carry
- had to pee.



A quick AI search reveals that the trick to a 200 game is focusing on **spare conversion** and aiming for the **pocket** instead of the headpin. Consistency in footwork, targeting lane arrows instead of the far-off pins, and letting a relaxed pendulum swing do the work are the keys. Easy peasy lemon squeezy.

In the words of Peter Pan. The moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease for ever to be able to do it. All it takes is faith, trust, and pixie dust.

September Babies

Sept. 4 th	Karen Hurley
Sept. 24 th	Scott Duggan
Sept. 26 th	Rick Sleaver



Bowlers on the Lanes: PINT Tournament Aug. 29th, 2026

Check out Instagram for more photos! @thbs1983

PINT Individual Winners

- 1st Justin King
- 2nd Lance Sibley
- 3rd Danny Agro
- 4th Dean Gray
- 5th Jules Stoneburrowes
- 6th Ryan Ahrens
- 7th Christin Milloy

PINT Mystery Doubles Winners

- 1st Justin King & Lance Sibley
- 2nd Danny Agro & Karen Meisner
- 3rd Mike Rook-Green & Danny McGourty

Justin and Lance

Patrick (THBS President) with Justin



Feeling Lucky? Optional lane games

Mystery Draw: Once bowling has begun, tickets for the *Mystery Draw* may be purchased for \$2.00. Buy as many as you'd like. No ticket limit! The winning ticket holder receives half the money collected.

Strike Pot: Tickets are \$2.00 per small strip and \$5.00 per large strip. At intermission a ticket is drawn. The bowler with the first drawn ticket must attempt to bowl a strike to win 50% of the funds taken in. If the bowler misses the strike, they may attempt a spare for a consolation prize of \$30.00. If no spare is bowled, the lane fee of \$25.00 is reimbursed and the remainder of funds carries over to the following week. With each \$200.00 increment of funds, an additional draw will be completed, and another bowler attempts to strike and win. This time, there will be no second chance! Members must be present to bowl when their ticket is drawn. Watch for your team's turn to sell tickets!

In-House Tournaments

Sept. 27	Jan. 31
Oct. 25	Feb. 28
Nov. 29	
Dec. 13	

Rules and Etiquette. It gets easier!

- Each team selects a captain who is responsible to deliver the pay envelope to the Treasurer by the 5th frame of the 1st game.
- Lane fees of \$25.00 are due each week. Place the money in your team's pay envelope and indicate you have paid next to your name and date located on the front of the envelope.
- As a courtesy to other bowlers, look to both sides when you step on the lane approach. If two bowlers are ready to bowl at the same time, the bowler on the right has the option to go first. **Never** bowl at the exact same time as another bowler on either side of you.
- Lockers are available for an annual fee due in September. Check with house staff for details.

Can't make it to bowling? Don't worry! Declare your scores, do a "bowl-off" or arrange for a spare to take your place.

- To declare scores for use on another day, prior to the start of play, purchase a declared score sheet (\$25.00) from the Statistician. Complete the form and record the scores of your three games. Your team captain returns it with the regular score sheet at the day's end. This is filed by the statistician until needed. We recommend bowlers keep at least one declared score in the "bank" for any unforeseen circumstances.
- To do a bowl-off: go to Rexdale Bowlerama on any day and tell the counter staff that you are with THBS and want to do bowl-off. They will charge a flat bowling fee for your three games. Once your bowl-off is used, upon your return to bowling, you will be required to pay a top-up fee to bring your total to the \$25.00 charged weekly.
- You can arrange a spare by recruiting someone you know to bowl on your behalf. We currently have three registered spares Alex, Jenny, and Elisabeth who are willing to cover an absent bowler given enough notice. See your session rep. If you do not have a declared score, bowl-off or spare, you will be marked as absent on the Pay Envelope and will be required to pay for 2 sessions upon your return (1 for the week you were absent, 1 for the current week). A "dummy" score will be used in your place.
- Inform your team captain if you will be away. They can assist you in finding a spare.



Come and socialize!
Burger's Barnyard Bingo
Oct. 24th, 2026



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