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SPOOKY SEASON IS UPON US!



HOW'S YOUR GAME?

October means Halloween and we all know that bowling can be a frightening experience. A split you thought you could pick up? **Terrifying!** A 7–10? **Horrifying!** Watching your average disappear after one disastrous game? **Absolutely chilling!**



Are you on fire?

Are you having a career year?



Or are you quietly hoping nobody notices your score sheet?

Remember: **every frame counts.** Those seemingly insignificant spares can make a huge difference by the end of the season. If you're struggling with your game, don't be afraid to ask one of your fellow bowlers for advice. THBS has plenty of experienced bowlers who are always happy to share a tip—or two. And sometimes the best advice is simply **"Aim for the middle"!**

LEAGUE REMINDERS



A few friendly reminders as we settle into the season:

- Please arrive early enough to get your shoes and equipment ready before bowling begins.
- Make sure your scores are entered correctly.
- If you know you're going to miss a Sunday, declare a score or do a bowl-off.
- Bowling etiquette- if you don't know ask!
- Please remember that good sportsmanship is always in fashion—even when your teammate just stole your spare.

One of the best things about THBS isn't just the bowling—it's the people. May your balls be straight, your pins be plentiful, and your splits be someone else's problem!

HAPPY BOWLING!
Patrick Mathieu-Pandel
President
The Toronto Historical Bowling Society



TINK TALKS TERROR: THE SCARIEST THINGS ABOUT BOWLING

Our amazing President thinks one of the most horrifying things at bowling is the 7-10 split. Tink agrees this is indeed traumatic. But with all due respect to Patrick, here are Tink's top 10 scariest things about bowling:

1. Finger getting stuck in the ball.
2. Breaking a fingernail.
3. Dropping the ball on yours or worse, someone else's foot.
4. Having your strike pot ticket pulled and then getting a gutter ball.
5. Guttering on a spare.
6. Getting a gutter ball on the lane beside you.
7. Losing your grip at the peak of your backswing and having the ball fly away behind you.
8. Finally getting a strike, but you stepped over the foul line.
9. It's your turn to bowl and the bowler on each side of you has a split.
10. Hearing Sanaa curse the pins in 7 different languages.



BOWLING TURKEYS

Do you know why bowling three strikes in a row is called a turkey? Bowling alleys in the late 1800s literally gave turkeys away during the holidays (Christmas & Thanksgiving) to anyone who bowled three strikes in a row. It was a rare feat back then because lanes were rough, scratched, and uneven. They were not shellacked let alone oiled. The pins were placed by hand, so they were often not evenly spaced. Here are a few THBS turkeys:

















SEPTEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

40 Over Average Games

Date	Bowler Name	Average	Game	Pins Over Average
Sep-13-2026	Ken Bratby	194	258	64
Sep-13-2026	Burger	133	176	43
Sep-20-2026	Ed Baker	114	164	50
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Sep-20-2026	Andrew Chang	170	211	41
Sep-20-2026	Andrew Chang	170	214	44
Sep-20-2026	Justin King	210	278	68
Sep-20-2026	Miss-Jean LaLonde	102	149	47
Sep-20-2026	Patrick Mathieu-Pandel	163	223	60
Sep-20-2026	Christin Milloy	115	156	41
Sep-20-2026	Alan Peterson	125	177	52
Sep-20-2026	Annette Pivnick	93	149	56
Sep-20-2026	David Wilson	132	198	66
Sep-27-2026	Danny Agro	125	166	41
Sep-27-2026	Paul Chartrand	130	171	41
Sep-27-2026	Karen Hurley	145	206	61
Sep-27-2026	Linnette Reynolds	118	181	63
Sep-27-2026	Linnette Reynolds	118	204	86
Sep-27-2026	Lance Sibley	160	231	71
Sep-27-2026	Rick Sleaver	136	181	45
Sep-27-2026	River Valade	125	167	42
Sep-27-2026	River Valade	125	211	86

200 Plus Games

Date	Bowler Name	Games
Sep-13-2026	Ken Bratby	258
Sep-13-2026	Justin King	201, 204, 227
Sep-20-2026	Ken Bratby	201, 201
Sep-20-2026	Andrew Chang	211, 214
Sep-20-2026	Justin King	207, 278
Sep-20-2026	Patrick Mathieu-Pandel	223
Sep-27-2026	Ken Bratby	211
Sep-27-2026	Karen Hurley	206
Sep-27-2026	Justin King	209, 226, 205
Sep-27-2026	Jeff Madgett	209, 202
Sep-27-2026	Linnette Reynolds	204
Sep-27-2026	Lance Sibley	231
Sep-27-2026	River Valade	211

IGBO Pin Awards

75 pins over Average in a Game

Date	Bowler Name	Average	Game	Pins Over Average
Sep-27-2026	Linnette Reynolds	118	204	86
Sep-27-2026	River Valade	125	211	86

50 pins over Average in a Game with ≤ 140 Averages

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Sep-20-2026	Ed Baker	114	164	50
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Sep-27-2026	River Valade	125	211	86

500 Series with ≤ 140 Average

Date	Bowler Name	Average	Games	Series
Sep-27-2026	Linnette Reynolds	118	138, 181, 204	523
Sep-27-2026	Rick Sleaver	136	181, 170, 170	521
Sep-27-2026	River Valade	125	163, 167, 211	541

Mystery Winners

Sept. 13 Miss-Jean Lalonde
Sept. 20 Mark Fleury
Sept. 27 Burger



Season 44
First Strike Pot Winner
Ken Bratby
(with Treasurer David Wilson)



A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

THBS General Membership Meeting!!

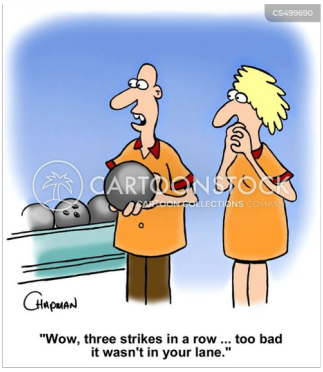
Hello bowlers! As per the THBS Constitution, the league must hold a General Membership Meeting (GMM) within eight weeks from the commencement of the new Fall/Winter season. This year's GMM will be held on Tuesday October 27, 2026, at 7:00 pm. This meeting provides members with an update of the new season including a look at the budget with expenses and revenues, and activities planned. Any proposed changes to the By-Laws and/or Constitution are reviewed and voted on. This is your opportunity to understand the behind-the-scenes work involved in running our league.

The **Constitution** and **By-Laws** are important documents that govern the league purpose and operation and protect all members. They are reviewed annually by the Executive, and all members are encouraged to read them. You have already seen some proposed changes circulating on the lanes. Per the Constitution, a member can submit any proposed changes to the Executive fifteen days prior to the GMM. If you have any suggested changes, email them to vicepresident@thbs.ca by Monday October 12, 2026. Any proposed changes will be reviewed and voted on at the GMM. Any member of the bowling league may attend this meeting. If you wish to attend, please send an email to info@thbs.ca. The day of the meeting, you will receive a ZOOM invite to attend a virtual meeting. We value all input and recommendations and look forward to another successful year ahead!

Will Bragg
Vice President
2026-2027 Season

IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct. 11 – No bowling.
Oct. 27 – General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm via zoom.
Dec. 5. – Holiday Party.
Dec. 20 – Last day of fall bowling.
Jan. 3 – First day of winter bowling.
Feb. 14 – No bowling.
Mar. 21 – Last day of bowling season 44.
Apr. 11 – Year End Party.



October Babies

Oct. 1 Bob Clemens
Oct. 4 Ricky Yorke & Faith McGregor
Oct. 16 Emma Higginson
Oct. 17 Steven Fehrie
Oct. 22 Dean Gray & Tyler Bratby
Oct. 26 Ken Bratby



In-House Tournaments

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

BURGER'S BARNYARD BINGO!

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Saturday, October 24

The big event this month is **Burger's Barnyard Bingo!** Get ready to **cluck, moo, squeal and scream** because Burger is bringing the barnyard to THBS! Come out for a day of bingo, prizes, laughs, cocktails, costumes and plenty of barnyard nonsense. Mark your calendars, bring your lucky bingo mojo, and get ready for an afternoon that promises to be **udderly fabulous!**



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