



Welcome back everyone to another season of 5 pin bowling. We hope your summer was a safe and happy one. We had another busy season last year. Our organization continues to evolve and grow, as we work to make the sport of 5 pin bowling stronger in our zone, across the province, and across Canada.

Sadly, last year, we lost a long time executive of our organization, Mickey McNeil. Mickey committed much of her life to bowling, both as a fierce competitor on the lanes, as well as a dedicated volunteer at all levels of the sport. We honored Mickey at our Hall of Fame event by inducting her in as a Legend. She will be missed.

At our Annual General Meeting, there were more changes to our board of directors. We would like to thank Kevin Jepson and Connie Hannah for their many years of service to our board. Newly elected to the board are Natalie Laporte and Pam Wiebe, welcome to them. Also, Maria Istvanic was elected to a full position, she had temporarily replaced Mickey partway through last season. Also re-elected for a new term were Bob Beaucage and Rheal Champagne. Brenda Hamilton stepped down as Secretary, and will be replaced by Melissa Llewellyn. Brenda continues her role as Hall of Fame chair and Bingo Coordinator.

Our 3rd Annual charity golf event in support of Special Olympics Canada took place on July 28th, 2019, once again at Royal Ontario Golf and Country Club in Milton. Our fundraising chair, Ian Gawel, and the rest of his committee put on a fabulous tournament. This was the best year yet, with 25 teams, a new Hole in One contest, and lots of fun and prizes. We are still finalizing the numbers, but it will definitely be our most successful event so far. A very big thank you to everyone who sponsored and supported this great cause!

We now have a new logo! After 50 years, we felt it needed refreshing, and would like to thank Michael Iannozzi, who won our logo contest, and a new jacket with the new logo.

We introduced a new Hybrid Doubles tournament, and had 51 teams entered, held in February at Streetsville Bowl. We are very pleased with the results, and will be expanding this event in the coming season. We are also planning a new Tournament of Champions, so stay tuned for more details on both of these events.

On the lanes, Aaron Glover from Streetsville Bowl YBC qualified for the Youth Challenge National team, quite an accomplishment for the 14 year old. At the Open Championships, our Ladies' team were Provincial Champions! The team was comprised of Melissa Llewellyn, Charlotte Warrander, Stacey Clark, Madison Bishop, Reilly Cameron, Brittany Hole, and coach Bruce Whidden. With such a young team, we should see them competing for Provincial Gold for many years to come.

Congratulations to Melissa Llewellyn for winning Coaching Coordinator of the Year for the second consecutive year.

Membership costs will increase by \$2.00 per member this season. Central Ontario, through its fundraising efforts, still subsidizes the membership cost for this zone. As a result, regular membership is only \$10 (instead of \$15), and a tournament card (with participation in High Low Doubles, Holiday Classic and Provincial Triples) stays at \$40 (instead of \$45).

We must thank all of the bowling proprietors in our zone for their continued support, and we look forward to working with them for our mutual success. You can visit <http://www.coba5pin.ca/coba-leagues.html> to get more information for our member centers.

We always welcome new ideas and helping hands, so if you would like to volunteer some time and help our organization, please reach out to any member of our board of directors.

Stay in tune with all that is going on in the zone – through the monthly newsletter distributed to the leagues, through our website at www.coba5pin.ca, and through Facebook (our page www.facebook.com/coba5pin and group www.facebook.com/groups/coba5pin). You can also follow us on Twitter - @coba5pin.

Good luck to everyone for the season ahead, and best wishes both on and off the lanes!

Yours truly,

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