

Toronto Historical Bowling Society

Friendship, Fellowship, Unity & Sportsmanship



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Have your team captain return it with the regular score sheet at the end of the evening. This will be kept by the statistician until it is needed. We **highly recommend** all bowlers keep **at least one** declared score in the “bank” for any possible unforeseen reason that may prevent you from bowling on an evening / afternoon.

Declaring scores is a great option if you are going on Vacation. This ensures that your team doesn't need to worry about finding someone to cover for you while you are away.

You also have the option to complete a “Bowl-off” at Bowlerama West. You may go to the lanes at any time that is convenient for you and advise the counter staff that you are with THBS and are completing a bowl off. They will charge you a flat bowling fee. At the end of your games bowled, ensure you have the counter staff print your scores for validation purposes. Please pay and return your bowl off sheets to the counter staff . When your Bowl-off is used, when you return to bowling, you will be required to pay a small fee to top up your fees to the \$15.00 charged weekly.

In the event that you do not have a declared score or a bowl-off and you are absent for a session, your team captain may be able to secure a spare for you. A spare bowler is a person that will bowl on an absent individual's behalf. Spares can be recruited from your pool of friends, other bowlers or on the evening of that session via the Vice President. If no spares are available, 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).

Teams without a full roster shall substitute a dummy score of one hundred and forty (140) pins, with a thirty (30) pin handicap for each missing bowler to a maximum of two (2) dummy scores.

What's Bowling Etiquette?
As a courtesy to the other bowlers, we request that you look to both sides of

Feel free to approach any executive member at any time with any questions or suggestions you may have. We will gladly answer your questions or bring forward your suggestions at our monthly meetings.

How much does it cost?
The cost of the yearly membership is \$50 for new members to our league. The cost to renew for the following season at the end of the year is discounted if you wish to continue bowling with us.

Weekly Lane Fees are \$15 per session and if you need to rent shoes, there is an additional cost for this as well of about \$4.00.

Lane fees are due on a weekly basis and each member is responsible to ensure they are kept current. A pay envelope is placed on your respective lanes. In this envelope, you will place your \$15.00 and indicate that you have paid the bowling fees for that week next to your name and the date which is located on the front of the envelope.

Each team must select a Captain who will be responsible for collecting and delivering this envelope to the Treasurer/Designate no later than the 5th frame of the 1st game.

Can't make it to bowling?
Don't worry! We have options available for you! If for any reason you think that you will be unable to bowl on one or more of your upcoming regular sessions; you do have the option to declare your score. To declare a score, prior to beginning bowling during regular session, you must purchase a declared score sheet from Nora, the Statistician at the cost of \$15.00 each.

On this sheet; you will mark your name, the date it is bowled on, and the scores of each game bowled that evening in the spaces provided. You may designate it to be used on a specific night/afternoon, or “bank it” for a later date.

How did we get here?

The Toronto Historical Bowling Society (THBS) started out in 1983 via a small group of local gay people looking to have fun and socialize. We are a fun league and look forward to welcoming you to our family which has grown in leaps and bounds to one of the largest leagues in the world with close to 150 bowlers. The following will provide you some basic information and guidelines pertaining to how we do things.

We are one of the largest sporting organization of its kind in North America. We strive to provide an enjoyable, recreational and social atmosphere for all.

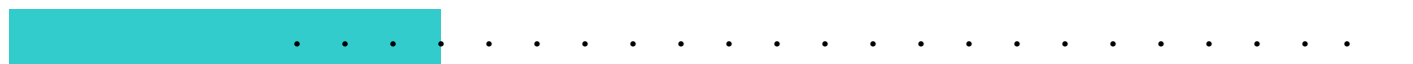
To this end, we must have a set of rules which govern such a large number of folk. We have a Constitution and By-laws document; a copy of which is available from any Executive member upon request or via our web site at www.thbs.ca . All bowlers are expected to review and follow these rules.

The Executive!

Each year, an Executive is elected by the members. The members of the Executive volunteer their time to ensure the league runs as smoothly as possible.

Your 2016/2017 Executive

President	Gary Hesselwood
VP Tuesday	David Douma
VP Friday	Jo DeLuzio
VP Sunday	Tony Desmond
Secretary	Giles Borland
Statistician	Nora Axbey
Treasurer	Stephen Park
Events & Sponsorship	Bill Downey



you when stepping on the lane approach. If two bowlers are ready to bowl at the same time, either to the left or right of you, the bowler on the right has the option to deliver their ball first. **Never** bowl at the exact same time as another bowler on either side of you on the lanes approach. We know, it sounds complicated, but you'll get the hang of it!

Each bowler should be on time and ready to bowl when it is their turn. Every team member should be able to contact the team Captain when needed. This permits the Captain to try and find a spare bowler if for some unforeseen reason you are unable to make it to bowling and you do not have a declared or bowl off score available to use.

I'm not a good bowler!

That's ok! You are not the only one! We welcome all bowlers, we don't care what your skill set is, we want you to have fun! However, to even out the playing field and to ensure your scores are comparable to the others, we will provide you with a handicap! Once you have bowled three games, you will be given a "handicap". A handicap is determined by your average pin fall on a weekly basis. No need to worry about figuring this out, our Statistician will do all the work for you. All handicaps are based at 90% of the difference between the bowler's average and a flat score of 225.

What's the Mystery Score?

On a weekly basis; once bowling has commenced; the VP or a designate will be around to collect \$2.00 for the "Mystery Draw". This is voluntary but if you select to participate, your entry will be recorded and you could win half of the money collected!

During intermission, the VP will pull tags at random from a bag that contains a score.

This bag includes all scores in the following ranges:

- One tag inclusive of all scores from 84 and under
- An individual tag for each score from 85 to 250

- One tag inclusive of all scores from 251 and higher

If the score you bowled in your very first game matches the score that is pulled, you win half of the money collected. Scores are pulled until we have secured a winner(s). 50% of the money from the Mystery Score helps offset league operating costs; the other 50% is the prize fund.

What's the 50/50 Strike Pot?

Feeling lucky? Each session, a team will sell 50/50 tickets. The cost of the tickets is \$2.00 per small strip (7 tickets in each strip) or \$5.00 per large strip (21 tickets in each strip). This again is something that you can choose to participate in or not. During the intermission a ticket is drawn. You must be present during these draws in order to bowl and claim your prize. The first ticket drawn entitles the bowler to attempt a strike to win 50% of the funds taken in. If the bowler does not bowl a strike they may attempt a spare for a secondary prize of \$20.00. If no spare is bowled, the lane fee for that session will be reimbursed and the remainder of the funds shall be carried over to the following week. With each \$250.00 increment of funds, an additional draw will be completed for the Strike Pot.

Additional draws for prizes are then completed. Money raised from the 50/50 Strike Pot helps offset league operating costs.

THBS In-House Tourney

On a monthly basis, we will host an In-House tournament. The cost to participate is \$10.00. Your participation will be recorded by the individual collecting the fee and your three games with handicap you bowled will be the score that is used to determine the winners! We pay out one in every five participants. We will provide more specific details out on the lanes!

Finally!

We wish you a very warm welcome to our THBS Family and are happy to have you bowling with us. Our members are always happy to help you out with

bowling tips and any questions you may have! Simply ask!

Above all else, have fun and enjoy!

2016/17 Important Dates & Social Events!

September 6th 2016
6:45pm @ Bowlerama West New
Tuesday Season begins

September 9th 2016
6:45pm @ Bowlerama West New
Friday Season begins

September 11th 2016
12:45pm @ Thorncliffe Bowlerama
New Sunday Season begins

October 25th, 28th & 30th 2016
Boo Bags @ Bowlerama West

November 26th, 2016
Noon @ Woody's
The Annual Christmas Brunch

Our Annual Christmas Brunch & Show. Fundraiser | Food Drive.

February 18th 2017
1:00pm @ Bowlerama West
P.I.N.T Tournament
9 Pin No Tap Tournament!

April 22nd 2017
6:30pm @ Marriott Courtyard
Year End Banquet and Awards

You don't want to miss this!