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2008 - 2009 Season

Top 100 Bowlers of the Century in Canada

see the top 100 bowlers of the century as selected for the 100th anniversary of the sport.

Central Albertan bowlers selected include

Bev Gigliuk	Nancy Gervais	Lawrence Fobert
Greg Gigliuk	Gene Ziebarth	Mark Johnstone

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LADIES

Lynn Allard	Stella Mantach	Bev Gigliuk	Laurie Stefurak
Sandi Anderson	Jennifer Marshall	H��l��ne Godmaire	Lori Stevenson
Gerry Anderson	Gertie Martin	Lynne Gosselin	Doris Stewart
Tracy Anseth	Rose McDole	Jackie Grossart	Terry Stewart
Karen Armstrong	Rhonda McDougall	Michelle Haener	Claudina Sula
Jane Bachman	Mabel McDowell	Dianne Harrison	Anna Swartzman
Shirley Bedell	Barb McLachlan	Penny Hepfner	Sue Topping
Joanne Blades	Mickey McNeil	Tammie Herman	Natalie Trudel
Marg Bratkin	Linda Michano	Traudi Hesp	Dylis Turner
Lyndell Brekko	Pat Miller	Susan Holloway	Leota Valleau
Dot Britton	Laura Mitchell	Michelle Hoyle	Dianne Violini
Annette Bruneau	Chris Monchak	Ollie Hyndiuk	Lillian Vatcher
Kim Chadwick	Donna Monchak	Jennie Irvine	Sandy Waage
Bev Clisby	Norah Oakley	Ann Johnstone	Leslie Walliser
Bernice Cook	Crystal Orenchuk	Betty Jones	Brenda Walters
Mary Currie	Brenda Pankoff	Edna Joy	Sue Wanklin
Christine Danis	Marg Patterson	Janice Lacoursiere	Connie Ward
Cathy Davidson	Louise Paulhus	Doris Luke	Vera Ward
Susan Davies	Robbie Perkins	Sandy Lyons	Shirley Welling
Sandi Dickson	Barb Phelps	Helen MacCallum	Lynne White
Hazel Eccleston	Theda Procher	Sharlene MacCormack	Heather Whitaker
Debbie Ellison	Synthia Schofield	Shelley MacDonald	Pamela Wilson
Millie Evans	Bobbi Sisko	Yvette MacLellan	Gail Wiseman
Marnie Gallawray	Jeanette Smeed	Diane MacLeod	Irene Witley
Nancy Gervais	Tracy Smith	Beverley Magnus	Evelyn Wood

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MEN

Jan Anderson	Ken Kurtz	Kevin Freeland	Ernie Roggie
Len Anseth	Frank Lavigne	Bob Galer	Brian Rossetti
Mark Baily	Holly Leet	Bert Garside	Austin Rossiter
Darrell Baily	Terry Little	Basil Gasdia	Ron Sandnes
Mike Bates	Dave Livingston	Greg Gigliuk	Jerry Sayer
Don Betts	Sandy MacPherson	Maurice Girouard	John Scholes
Stan Black	Marc Madore	Brian Goodhope	Matthew Schultz
Terry Blake	Don Mallette	Dave Gourley	Norman Shanas
Bill Boettger	Dick Maloney	Steve Greensides	Robert Shanas
Dick Borgenstrom	Bob McEachern	Fraser Hambly	Don Sim
Geoff Born	Doug McCaw	Walter Heeney	Norton Sims
Alex Boyle	Bernie Menard	Bob Herman	Jack Smeed
Ian Cameron	Bruce Morter	Gord Hobson	Al Snow
Bruno Cécycy	Doug Mosdell	Tom Horton	Ron Standsfield
Doug Clark	Ken Norris	Bill Hoult	Geoff Stevens
Kevin Clark	Lloyd Omerod	Jim Hoult	Tom Stevenson
Don Clearihue	Bob Osborne	Lynn Howell	Mauno Taus
Roy Cunningham	Nick Pagnello	Russel Hunt	Dennis Umakoshi
Percy Cutting	Chuck Park	Russ Hurcom	Jack Walsh
Wayne Davies	Tom Paterson	Mark Jackson	Mike Warren
Nick Di Virgilio	Mike Penkala	Dale Jensson	Sean Wells
Matt Dragun	Greg Peteraitis	Dave Jorgensen	Vic Williams
Luc Duguay	Mickey Pikor	Cliff Keenan	Doug Wood
Jim Federenko	Larry Richet	Robert King	Gene Ziebarth
Lawrence Fobert	André Rochefort	Joe Kranabetter	John Zivec

Master Bowlers National Results

Congratulations to the following Central Bowlers

Ladies Team National Champions	Men's Team National Champions
Shauna Pirie Laisnez	Gary Baird Gene Ziebarth Karie Kreutz Victor Fobert (formerly Central)

Verna Erickson was on the Teaching Ladies team which finished sixth

UNO CA\$H PROVINCIALS

Lana Clubine of Heritage Lanes wins provincial UNO Ca\$h event and a cheque for \$1,000 at the provincial finals in Calgary.



Provincial Open Championships

Gene Ziebarth wins singles qualifying round, then wins singles final, losing the first game, but winning the second, and is crowned provincial champion.

- Mixed team places 3rd.
 - Ladies team ends in 4th place.
 - Men's team ends in 4th place.
 - Gary Baird bowls a 410 in team competition.
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Central Alberta Captures Provincial High Low Championship

Deb Martens and Bob Gorenko of Rocky Lanes won the Provincial Championship in Calgary on Saturday, April 4th along with a \$1,000 prize.

The team was 440 pins over average for the five games and beat the second-place team by 130 pins.

A National Champion for Central Zone!

Holly Harris, of Olds, bowling on the Alberta team at the Canadian Youth Challenge Nationals in Hamilton won the team championship after Alberta took the round robin portion of the tournament before winning the stepladder final.

Terry Ell of Innisfail was one of the two coaches for the team. Congratulation to Holly and Terry!

Innisfail resident to coach national bowling team

BY MICHAELA LUDWIG

Innisfail Province

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Terry Ell and six Alberta youths are looking for strikes and perfect scores as they head to the Youth Challenge national bowling competition in Hamilton, Ont. March 26, 27 and 28.

Although Ell said he has taken many teams to provincial competitions in the various divisions, this will be his first-time coaching at the nationals. To secure this coaching spot, Ell submitted a resume to the committee that runs the provincial competition.

"It was a shock," he said of being picked as coach. "I feel fairly privileged. It's an honour and I was quite shocked."

For the nationals, one male and one female coach are picked, and then the top three boys and the top three girls from the province are picked to make up the team. Ell and coach Gerri Anderson, from Edmonton, make up the coaching staff.

Under their direction, Halea Desutter-Pederson, from Calgary; Holly Harris, from Olds; Danielle Deblois, from Edmonton; Dylan Descheneaux, from Grande Prairie; Michael Martindale, from Edmonton, and Christopher Curtis, from Calgary will try and bowl their way to a gold medal. And not only do these players get a shot at bringing home a medal for their home province, but each player is awarded with a \$1,000 educational scholarship from the Bowling Federation of Alberta.

Ell, 52, has been bowling for about 40 years. "My grandma got me into bowling," he said. "She managed a bowling alley in Bow Island and I got a job there as a pin-setter." Ell went on to say that he started his bowling career with an adult league and then he and his cousin joined his aunt's bowling team.

"I enjoy the challenge to bowl well," he said of the sport. "It's not easy."

Ell bowls competitively on a professional circuit and this past weekend made the trip to Regina, Sask. to compete against about 150 other players for a spot in the top 32. "I've come in third a few times," he said.

He is also a member of the Master Bowlers Association and has been coaching youth bowlers, ages nine to 19, for several years. "The kids are great," he said. "I get a lot out of coaching the kids."

Ell bowled out of the Innisfail bowling alley for many years, but now coaches out of Heritage Lanes in Red Deer.

Over the years, Ell has won one Master's Tournament, scored a 425 (perfect being 450), and came in third in a Canada-wide bowling tournament. "It's been a real struggle the last year and

a half," he said, adding that he tore the cartilage in his knee and had to have surgery to repair the damage. "It's starting to come back though."

For the future, Ell said he wants to keep bowling and coaching for as long as he can. "I've coached a lot of other sports over the years, but I got into bowling and stayed there."

He said he plans to take more teams to the provincial competition and may even apply to coach another national team.

Sleeman Traditional Tournament

Gary Baird captures the 2nd annual Sleeman Traditional tournament with 326-314 win over Martin Talbot of Hamilton

Central Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers Association - 2009 Annual Raffle

Draw at Edmonton Delta South, Saturday, April 11th

Prize	Winner
\$1,500.00	Blair Foster
\$250.00	Emily Grant
\$100.00	John Jardine
\$75.00	Terisa Matejka
\$25.00	Juel Pedersen
\$25.00	Katherine Steblyk
\$25.00	Jim Woolridge

Youth Challenge Results

Congratulations to Holly Harris of Olds who makes the National Championship with a 236 average, and to Terry Ell named coach for the Nationals.

The Central Boys Black team of Kent Gigliuk, Russell Murray, Eric Kjos, Tim Pratt, Paul Waisman and coach Greg Gigliuk fell a single point short of capturing the gold medal at the Youth Challenge, ending in a second-place tie with Calgary. The boys defeated Edmonton 5-3 in final match of the tournament to just miss the title.

Team Silver, the second boys team finished eighth in the ten-team competition.

The team Black girls team finished in fifth place, with the silver team in ninth.

In the mixed event the Silver team finished sixth with the Black team in eighth place.

Thanks to the coaches and managers of the team for accepting the responsibility of guiding the Youth bowlers.

Team Black		Team Silver	
Team	Coach	Team	Coach
Ladies	Kerry Fincaryk	Ladies	Linda Seitz
Men's	Greg Gigliuk	Men's	Eric Andersen
Mixed	Terry Ell	Mixed	Brian Anderson
Manager	Waneta Armstrong	Manager	Rob Armstrong

Open Bowling Championship

Marking the 100th anniversary of the invention of 5 pin bowling, the Central Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers held the annual Open Zone Championships at Heritage Lanes with Eric Andersen of Ponoka and Nancy Gervais of Red Deer capturing the men's and lady's crowns.

Andersen busted out of the starting gate with a first game and tournament high 380 score and never relinquished the top spot while recording a 278 average over the 20-game event.

Gervais en-route to her 12th singles title since 1986 averaged 252 but didn't assume a permanent lead until game 13. Nancy also recorded the women's top score with a 352.

The provincial championships will take place in Edmonton, April 8th to 11th.

Joining Gervais and bowling singles at the provincials are Shantelle Szuch of Red Deer (243 average) and Linda Seitz of Ponoka (234). In addition to singles, the ladies will bowl in the team event with Jenne Campbell of Olds (231), Red Deer's Rhonda Barber (229) and Geraldine Parsons of Wainwright (226). Coaching the ladies will be Nicole Corbett

Andersen bowls in the singles competition with Blair Pizzey of Wainwright (272) and Gene Ziebarth of Millet (266). Other members of the men's team are Red Deer's Gary Baird (265) and Mike Tweedy (263) and Lacombe's Lawrence Fobert (263). Tweedy also bagged a tournament high 380 matching winner Eric Andersen. The men's coach is Kerry Fincaryk.

Andrea Leavitt of Drumheller had to defeat Bonnie Clermont of Red Deer in a one game sudden death roll off when they tied with a 217.2 average for the last spot on the mixed team. Other ladies on the team are Carol Van Eaton of Lacombe (221) and Deb Holfeld of Camrose (217.7). Clermont will assume the manager's position on the contingent.

The men on the mixed team are Karie Kreutz of Wetaskiwin (260), Todd Hvamb of Ponoka (259) and Darby Chrest of Red Deer (258) who beat his brother Shelby by 26 to grab the last spot. The coach will be Dale Holfeld.

Provincial Cash Singles

PLACEMENT FOR CENTRAL AREA BOWLERS

7	BJ DeMarco	Heartland
13	Neils Damgaard	Innisfail
16	Shawn Shwartz	Heartland
17	Sheryl Ashley	Rocky
18	Pat O'Callaghan	Heritage
23	Bev Morin	Rocky
26	Denise Hitschke	Heartland
27	Reiner Smith	Rocky
28	Tami Black	Rocky
31	Kevin Hamilton	Innisfail
34	Bruce Hicks	Heritage
36	Patrick Michalko	Riverside
37	Jon Leard	Heartland
38	Louis Gendre	Heartland
40	Nick Burlo	Heritage
43	Jacques Roussel	Innisfail