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### 2012 - 2013 Season

#### Open National Championships

- Victor Fobert wins Singles Crown
  - Alberta team wins Aggregate Championship
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#### Interprovincial Canadian Nationals

Heritage Lanes team wins bronze



Ty Frank, Connor Odenbach, Julia Stadelman, Terra Nystrom and coach Donna Smith

Ty Frank received the Canadian 5 Pin the Most Sportsmanlike Bowler Award for the Interprovincial Nationals!! Not only did he show sportsmanship on the lanes, but he also purchased two carts full of food for the Charlottetown Food Bank! Frank also set a new Canadian record for the event with 369 pins over average for the eight-game round-robin, beating the previous high by 96 pins. His 1,865 total also was high scratch pinfall for the tournament.

## Ty Frank Nets Special Recognition

This year we have a special award that has only been presented once before and that was at the Youth Challenge.

This is a special recognition of true sportsmanship, friendship and what bowling should be for all of us. What makes it truly special is that it comes from your peers, fellow bowlers who believe that this individual has stood out in the crowd.



Ty Frank from Alberta

We have a young man here this weekend who made a point of meeting everyone he could and saying hello. Watching him on the lanes, you know that he has a love and passion for our game and encourages teammates and opponents alike. On behalf of all the bowlers at the 2013 Inter-Provincial Na-

tional Championship, we would like to present a Sportsmanship award to Ty Frank of Alberta.

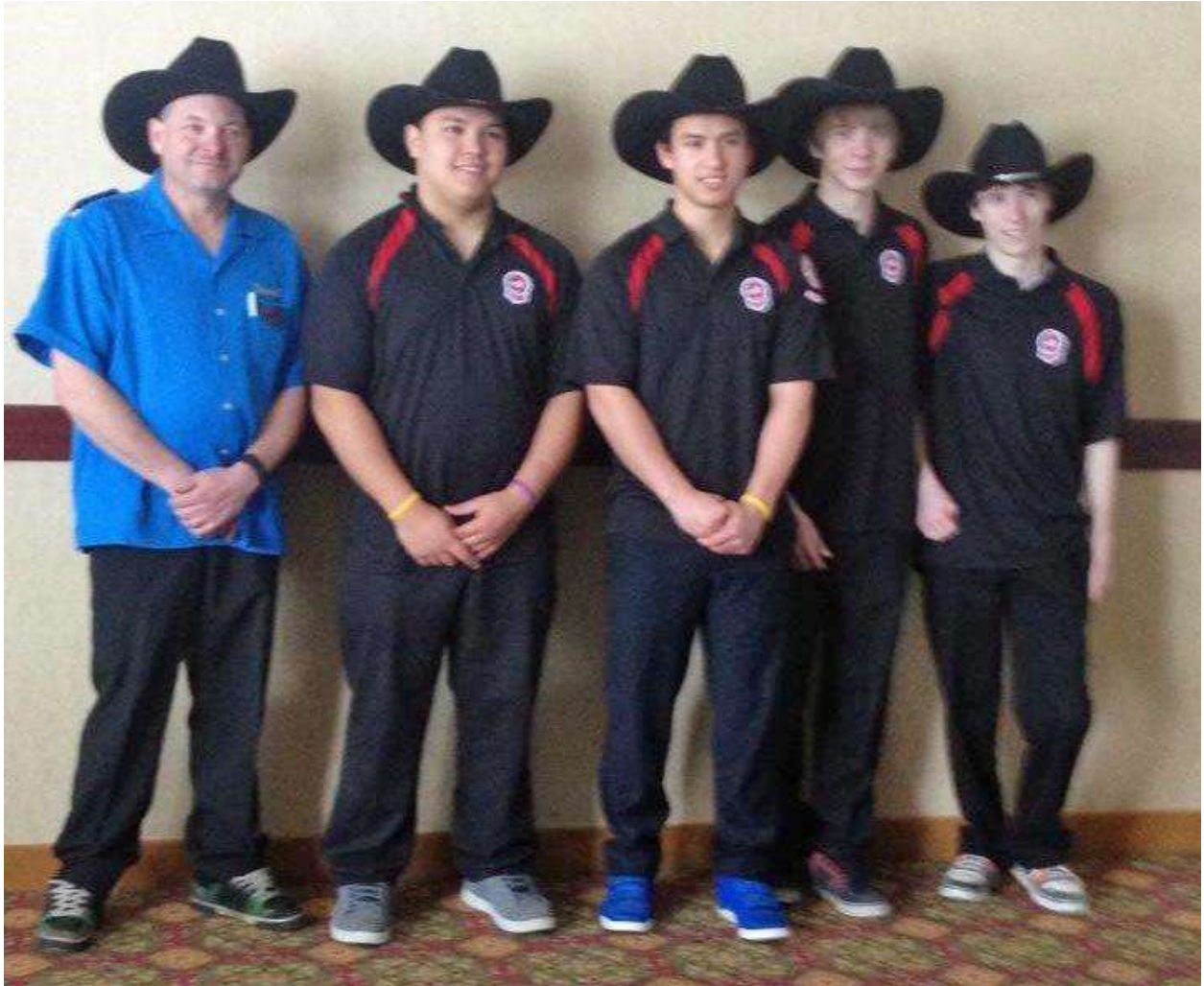
For those of you who may not know, while we were at the pub on Thursday night and at Karaoke on Friday night, Ty went shopping for groceries and donated \$200 worth of groceries each night to the Charlottetown food bank.

Submitted: Sheila Carr

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[Youth Bowlers Win Silver Medal at Nationals](#)



**Heritage YBC Senior Boys team in Vancouver**

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## Raffle Winners

Name	Prize
G. Baird	\$ 2,000.00
S. O'Brien	\$ 250.00
T. Talbott	\$ 150.00
M. Pregitzer	\$ 100.00

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## High Low Elimination Draw Winners

Drawn	Winner	Prize
Last Out	Marilyn Ouderkirk	\$ 624.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Last	North Zone	\$ 468.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Last	Darryl Belder	\$ 312.00
First Out	Jenny Lee	\$ 156.00

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## High Low Provincials



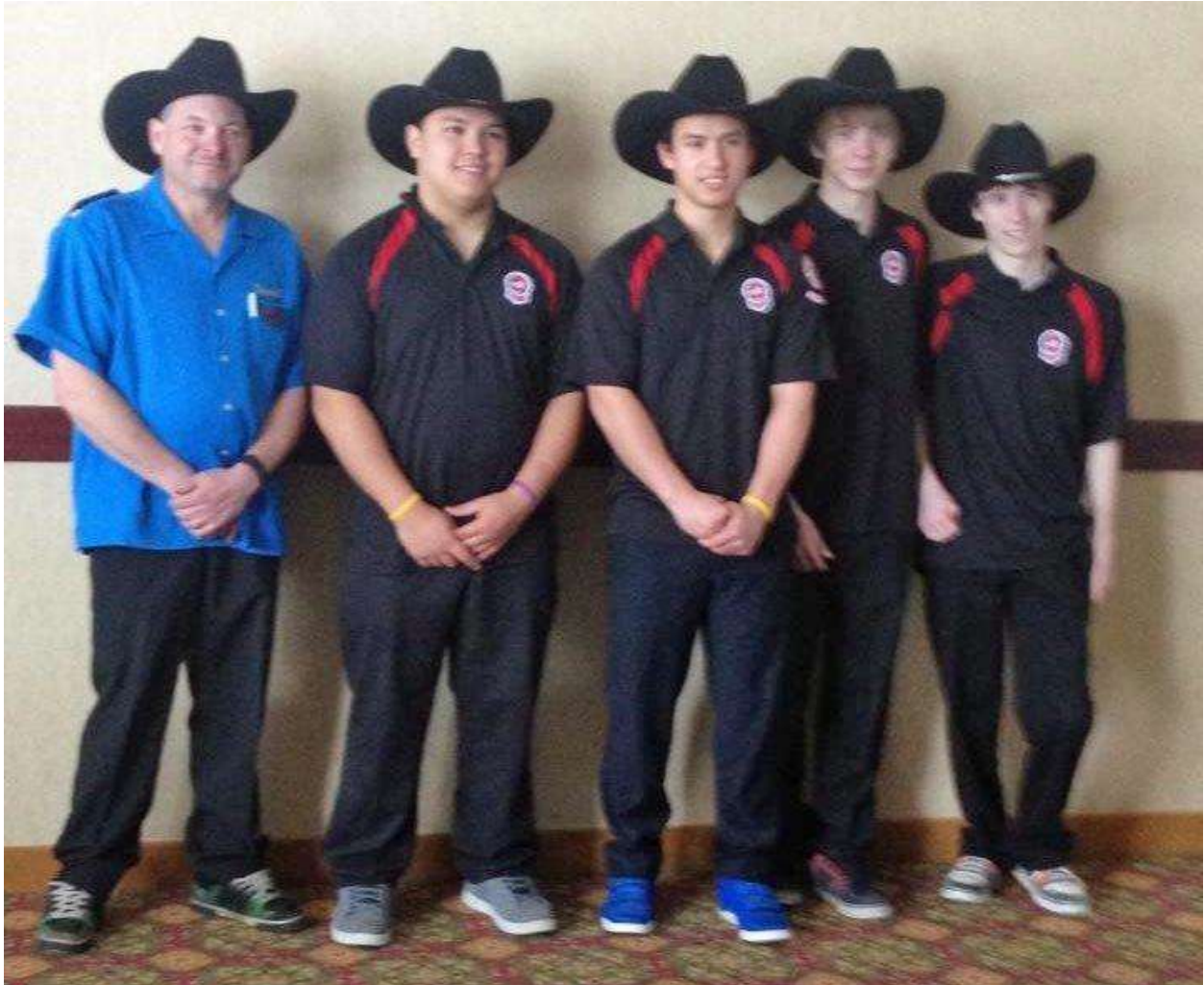
Brandon Debler/Erik McCullough, Heritage, +360

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## YBC Provincial Champions

The Heritage Lanes boys team coached by Darrell Smith won the Senior Boys event and are headed to Vancouver for Nationals



**The Bantam Boys team won the silver medal.**

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## Pins Over Average Provincial Champions

Central Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers Association wins provincials

Heritage Lanes team wins the provincial championship and are going to Nationals in Prince Edward Island.



Ty Frank, Connor Odenbach, Julia Stadelman, Terra Nystrom and coach Donna Smith

The second Heritage team finished in 4th Place.

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## **Innisfail Cash Tournament**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Darrell and Donna Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trevor and Roger Lawrence
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ty Frank and Terra Nystrom
4 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Smith and Cynthia Goorts
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cassidy Davison and Donna Lessard
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila Lashmore and June Hopley

High Scratch	Shelby Chrest – 324
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## **Regina Classic Tournament**

Top Central finisher was Greg Gigliuk, losing in the 'A' Side fours. Gene Ziebarth and Karie Kreutz also bowled in the round of 32 finals.

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## **Open Zone Finals**

- Lawrence Fobert averages 278 to win the men's event.
  - Jenne Campbell throws 232 average to win the Ladies
  - Shaua Pirie-Laisnez has a 390 for high score
  - Geno Ziebarth has high men's single with a 361
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## **High Low Zone Final Winners**

The High Low zone finals took place Sunday, January 20th at Riverside Bowl

The team of Brandon Debler & Erik McCullough of Heritage Lanes won the event with 196 pins over average, including a 361 game by Brandon in the final game.



## Youth Challenge Provincials

Central Girls and Mixed teams take bronze medals while Boys end fourth

Alex Mantai averages 213 for girl's singles, and Jason Smith averages 230 for the top zone finishers.

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## Youth Challenge Zones

Winners of the zone roll off for the Youth Challenge were Lacy Hahn of Provost and Brendan Innes of Red Deer.



## Innisfail No Tap Results

At the tournament held on November 24th the following people were winners at the no tap tournament.

Place	Name	Score
1st.	Christine Jasper	294
2nd.	Chuckie Hagel	251
3rd.	Maaike Van Soeren	248
4th.	Terry Smith	233
5th.	Cynthia Goorts	227
High Scratch	Christine Jasper	363

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## Newly Certified Coaches

Congratulations to the following who have completed their Community Sports Initiation (Coaching) course.

Teresa Kutynec	Tina Noyes	Violet Wallace
Richard Fancey	Erik Kjos	Kelsey Kreutz

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## Rolling With The Holy Bowlers

With permission of the Globe and Mail and Leigh Natereace Friday, February 22, 2013

The singing swells as everyone joins in the Happy Birthday song. I cautiously sing too, quietly, so no one can pick out my voice.

I am standing in the mustard yellow, bare-walled party room of the Etobicoke Balarama, surrounded by people I have only recently met and who are on average three decades older than me.

I take a closer look at the giant slab of cake on the table.

It reminds me of the Safeway birthday cakes I had as a kid, the kind with fluffy white icing adorned with loopy handwriting in green gel and pink roses so sugary you could feel it in your cheekbones when you bit into one.

Now, as then, there are no gluten, dairy, nut or sugar-free options. It's take it or leave it, just like when I was 10.

It is at this moment that I realize how much I miss those cakes and, finally, the name of this group I joined last fall – the Our Lady of Peace Catholic bowling league.

As the only 34-year-old feminist agnostic in the room, it is beginning to dawn on me what this league is coming to mean in my life.

It had been 15 years since I was in a bowling league. I used to be a nationally ranked five-pin youth bowling champion when I lived in Fort Frances, a small mill town in northwestern Ontario.

In my last tournament, I missed the opportunity to appear on TSN's broadcast of The Pins Game by two lousy points. I handled the loss poorly, with a clenched jaw and a tight smile. I still get jaw aches that remind me of how it felt.

Shortly afterward, I moved to Toronto to start university and a new life. I put bowling behind me, but the desire to be a champion never went away. I eventually decided to attempt a comeback to see if I still had what it took. Could I regain my glory?

I needed a bowling alley that was transit-accessible, had a night league, and where no one knew me, so I could focus on my game. Though I live in downtown Toronto, the Etobicoke Balarama was the only one that fit the bill.

In August, they told me to just "show up on the first Wednesday" in September, so I did. I was surprised to find myself surrounded by retirees and a priest.

After the first two Wednesdays, I came home deflated. My game had slipped considerably. I was average. But as the weeks have gone on, I don't mind. My worst fear about no longer being great has been faced with no signs of the old jaw pain. Instead, I have begun to enjoy the similarities in the league to my hometown.

In Fort Frances, I would tune in to the local TV station to play Lions Club bingo on Thursday nights with my Baba. Sometimes, play would be unbearably paused so the host could verify live on air whether Shirley from Third Street had two lines to win a turkey from the Dough 'n Deli.

At bowling now, I wait somewhat more patiently mid-frame so that the league president can announce matters like the turkey roll tournament and the winners of the 50/50 draw.

My old high-school mascot was the muskie. At bowling, my team had to come up with a fish themed name for the year, so I suggested the muskie because I was there to win and the muskie is a predator atop its food chain. Stuart pointed out that the fish also eat garbage. We agreed that though they are an ugly fish, we did want to win. So, we became the Muskies.

My Uncle Kenny lives in Fort Frances, and though we talk on the phone I miss our visits. He has always treated me as an equal and teased me with good-natured ribbing. My new bowling friend Val, 80, reminds me of him in his mannerisms and sharp humour. I missed the Wednesday of Halloween, and when I arrived the next week, Val said: "Where were ya last week, sweetie? Trick-or-treatin' with all your little friends?"

The Fort Frances local radio station had a noon-hour message period in which people "up the lakes" without phones could send on-air messages such as: "For Bill at Woodchuck Island on Rainy Lake, meet me at the landing at 4 instead of 2. That's from Walter." It was like prehistoric Twitter.

At bowling now, Eva is the league telephone caller to share any news that can't wait between Wednesdays.

I worked at a convenience store in high school, which gave me a front seat to local news and gossip. Sitting in the hard-plastic seats in the alley now, I hear all the news from the members' church and community, and about the latest pancake breakfast.

Weekly, my bowling ego takes a clobbering, and yet I hop on the subway to go each Wednesday with the same relish I felt when I got on my banana-seat bike to go bowling as a kid.

I am figuring out that the battle with myself over the past 15 years wasn't about regaining my bowling glory. It was 15 years of growing up to regain the joy of being a kid – and the sense of community I missed after leaving Fort Frances.

In the back room of the Bowlerama, the Happy Birthday song comes to an end, and the two birthday ladies of the month blow out their candles. We all clap and smile. I line up with my plate, and the 10-year-old in me hopes for a corner piece.

*Leigh Naturkach lives in Toronto.*

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### **40th Autumn Classic story by Tom Paterson**

Paradise Lanes, Calgary for the fortieth time this October long weekend most of Western Canada's competitive bowlers converged on Calgary. In their sights was the Chinook Autumn Open championship.

Historically almost half of the forty Chinook championships have been won by an Albertan. Bruce Morter of Edmonton leads that charge with 7 of 10 victories by an Edmonton player. Morter's feat ran between 1984-94.

Calgarian Adam Weber since 2006 has been giving chase to Morter's record. Weber has 4 wins spanning 2006-2011. Calgary contestants have won 8 times with 5 of them being in the last 6 years.

During 1973- 1990 Vancouver bowlers held the trophy and cheques 8 times. Vancouverite, Frank Lavigne accounted for the first 3 championships in 1973, '74, and '75.

Pat Pinko from Prince George holds the distinction of being the only two-time winner 1996 and 1998.

Saskatchewan's single claim to fame comes from Regina's Don Clearihue winning in 2000.

For 2012 the event was shaping up nicely for a Saskatchewan victory. After the first cut Saskatchewan's Len Anseth led all competitors with a 287 average. Close behind were 2 other homegrown bowlers, Lonny Akers, and Kevin Rak.

Four former champions progressed into the 15-game round robin match play finals. Adam Weber, Bruce Morter, Derek Home and Vince Chartier. Weber led the semi final round averaging 298.

Weber continued his leading ways in the match play finals. By the sixth game he had gained a 3-digit lead on the pack of fifteen. By game 10 Weber was averaging 298.

In an event where match wins are worth an additional fifty points added to your pin fall there can be significant back and forth battles. By game twelve of fifteen a switcheroo took place. Weber's brother Rich moved to first. Perennial champion Bruce Morter moved into second, Mark Miller snuck into third and Adam Weber dropped to fourth. With just 3 games to go seventy- five points separated fourth from first. With one game to go Adam Weber had reclaimed first.

When the final pin fell Adam Weber was bounced from first to second by Mark Miller. Weber easily topped the competitor averages with 285 but was unable to make up the 3-match play win deficit given to Miller. Miller finished with 10 wins and a cool 18 points up on Weber. Weber's brother Rich pulled in third in part on his success winning eleven of fifteen matches. Morter snapped up fourth with 10 wins. Fifth place was won by Edmonton's Jennifer Baker. Baker joined Rich Weber as the only players to win eleven matches.

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## 5th Annual Scottsdale, B.C. Classic

On the Pro Tour side Surrey, BC has been adopted as the official start of the Western Canada Pro Tour. This past September long weekend sixty - six players entered Surrey's \$26,000 fifth annual Scottsdale Classic.

Leading into the weekend thirty – five teams participated in the Scottsdale doubles. Prior to the final match of the doubles championship Mike Warren and Darcy Fieldler had been cruising through their matches averaging 300 per game. Unfortunately, the combination of Trish Bodnar and Jordan Schuss were their undoing. Bodnar and Schuss won the doubles event 250 to 190.

In the main championship event Edmonton's Dexter Wiseman was the top qualifier. He averaged 293 easily outdistancing the sixty-five other entries. Twenty of the thirty-two qualifiers averaged over 250. The cut-off for the top 32 entering the championship match play was 239.

Wiseman continued to play well averaging 267 in the match play. Courtesy of his consistent play Wisemen made it to the 4's of the A side before losing to veteran Ron Sandes of Trail, B.C.

Jordan Schuss stamped himself as the guy to beat on the Western tour. February 2012 Schuss toppled the pins at Regina's Coke a Cola Match play championship. Schuss out pinned 176 other qualifiers for the top qualifier spot at the coke event averaging 299.

During the Coke championship matches Schuss won four matches on the A side settling for third and sailed into the final by advancing on the B side. Schuss defeated Nick Utley in the final by a scant 8 pins. The coke championship was worth \$5600 to Schuss.

In Surrey at the Scottsdale classic Schuss moved up the B side of the championship draw. Schuss withstood some very close matches. Of note was the B side final. Schuss got to play rival Nick Utley again. This time Schuss won over Utley by way of a 2-pin margin.

In the final hometown Surrey product Schuss gained a 158-pin advantage after game one and was never threatened by rival Matt Eisenhauer. Schuss's 371 single led to the match being conceded at the midpoint of the third game. Schuss was a 2010 finalist for this event.

Going back 2 years the Richet family has done quite well for themselves Larry Richet won the final of the 2010 event, and son Chris won the show in 2011.

Kyle Fehr of Langley, BC won the consolation match play championship Along the way Fehr defeated Fraser Johnson, Ryan Edwards, Nick Jensen and veteran Ken Blacke of Kelowna.

As a side note, this was the first time Saskatchewan was not represented at the event. The competitor list for 2012 did not go east of Alberta.