

# MBAS PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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Welcome all to another new bowling season.

The 2017-2018 bowling year was another good year for the MBAS. We had a successful nationals in Thunder Bay, winning six medals, one in every division, an unprecedented feat I am told, showing parity in our organization. Well done everyone.

We are financially stable, although our numbers dropped last season, I see a resurgence of interest this year, with numerous coaching clinics having been held and a number of competitors wishing to re-enter our tournaments.

We have instituted a preregister, prepay, non-refundable requirement before scheduling coaching clinics, because of individuals not willing to honor their commitments when signing up for courses. It is expensive and time consuming to conduct courses. We cannot afford to run these events for one or two participants.

The C5 has come to an agreement with the CAC to remove the necessity of accumulating personal development points to retain our coaching certifications. This requirement has been replaced by a Competitive Coach Certification Renewal program, which is a document which must be submitted every five years beginning in 2020- 2021, along with a Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children form to be signed and submitted.

The C5 will be instituting the RiS requirement into the Intro to Competition format and a Commit to Kids requirement into the Community Coaching format across Canada, but because we have been pro-active in our approach by having the RiS compulsory to coach in Saskatchewan, these changes will not affect us. The Commit to Kids program may become mandatory in the future, so I urge all coaches to consider taking this on-line course. I have been told it is a very good course, \$12 to take through the Locker.

Our Ellen Griffin Award presented annually in March actually became two awards as we felt two very deserving members were entitled to be recognized. We presented Sheila Hare and Penny Andersen each an award for their outstanding dedication and volunteerism on behalf of the MBAS.

At the Bowling Federation AGM an Inclusion/Gender Policy was passed, to be instituted by all member organizations. This policy is available for viewing on our website.

The MBAC national championships will be held in Gatineau Que. this year, from June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>. Theme being Star Wars.

Thank you to all the Executive and Officers for their continuing support and dedication to the organization.

MBAS President  
Les Wardrop