

MBAS NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2016

Welcome to the new season of bowling, I am confident that this year will be as successful as our last one.

Congratulations on our national medal winners, Kevin Clark, tournament singles, Gold medal, Jeremy Wetsch, teaching men's singles, Silver medal, and the teaching men's team, Jeremy Wetsch, Walter Fernets, Jamie Didrick, Jason Raschke, Dave Lamarsh , and coach Karin Kirkland, Bronze medal.

We presented our annual Ellen Griffin Award this spring to Donna Seiferling, our technical director, for her outstanding efforts to bridge the confusion over the coaching certifications.

By the response she received on the announcement, a standing ovation, I think it was the right choice.

At the SAGM, I was reelected as your president, and Don Hedin was elected as a new member to our executive, as Zone 2 rep and I have since appointed Dennis Brooks as the Zone 1 rep. All other positions will remain the same.

Our finances are in good shape and our membership last year increased by 20%, both good signs as we enter into our hosting of nationals year. Numerous clinics were held throughout the year with new ones for this year already held or planned, so the interest in the organization continues, another good sign.

Our organization is not without its difficulties though, because of some lack of communication and apathy towards the rules, we have instituted initiatives to alleviate the issues of membership fees and assessment fees. All membership and entry fees are to be paid before a person can step on the lanes at the first tournament, or they will not be allowed to bowl. We also discussed, that the assessment fee and all fund raising monies will be due and payable at the provincial

practise or you will be removed from your position on the national contingent and the next eligible person will take your spot.

Hopefully this will eliminate the nightmare that the executive was put through this past season.

At the MBAC meetings following the nationals in Surrey, several issues were brought up about objectionable conduct by our contingent, these issues have been addressed and I would not like to see them occur again.

As stated earlier, we are hosting nationals this year, in Regina, the first time ever, and the organizing committee is working hard to showcase our province in the best possible light.

Because it is held at home this year, our assessment will be \$500, whether you utilize all of the services we provide or not.

We also decided that we will be getting new contingent shirts this year, similar to those that Alberta showcased last year, and although their cost is more than we usually pay, the first shirt will be included in your assessment.

Our first tournament weekend is on Nov. 19th and 20th in Regina. Membership and entry forms are or will be online shortly. Hope to see as many of you as possible.

I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year, congratulate the executive on a job well done, thank the national organizing committee for their hard work and dedication, and invite all Master bowlers to be a part of this the 50th Anniversary of the MBAC championships.

MBAS President
Les Wardrop