

CTF Pilot Project Group Receive First CTF Merit Award

The Regina, SK group that led the Pilot Project for the Canadian Tenpin Federation becoming a full membership organization received the first CTF Merit Award.

The Regina group made up of **Dale and Gail Montgomery, Brian Martens, and Sue Leslie**, with the assistance of then CTF President **Adrienne Bride**, Winnipeg, MB started it all. They were formed in the summer of 2000.

A number of factors were involved – Sport Canada was urging all sports to be fully autonomous; the Women's International Bowling Congress and American Bowling Congress (now United States Bowling Congress) who supplied membership services to Canadian bowlers, no longer wanted the responsibility for Canada because of the extra work involved with French translation. CTF was basically responsible for Team Canada.

The Pilot Project group had to come up with by-laws, award systems, lane certification, membership cards and everything needed to become an independent National Sports Organization. In order for averages to be reciprocal across the borders, all playing rules had to be identical.

In the fall of 2000, the group had their first annual meeting to go over the proposals and elect the executive. **Sue Leslie**, now CTF's Administrative Assistant, was elected President.

Other groups were added over the next few years with everything being administrated by the pilot group in Regina.

The Single Membership Proposal was discussed at the AGM in 2002 and it was voted on and approved at the 2003 annual meeting. The Proposal created the current CTF which went into operation August 1, 2004.

There has been "growing pains" as expected, but without the efforts of these dedicated individuals – **Dale and Gail Montgomery, Brian Martens, and Sue Leslie**, there would not be the Canadian Tenpin Federation serving the membership need of Canadian tenpin bowlers.