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Weekly Highlights

Apter rolls first 700 series:



Makayla Apter rolled 705 (241 – 63 pins over average – 231 - 53 pins over average – 233 – 55 pins over average – 171 pins over average for three games) in the Mulder Financial Fun League (MFFL) on lanes 25 & 26 at Marcin Bowl in the Lambton County Tenpin Association (LCTA) this past week to record her career first 700 series. Her previous high triple was 650 and her high single is 267. She tied with Jason Lapointe for the sixth high triple of the week. Makayla started bowling at age 8 in the Marcin Bowl Youth Bowling Program and participated in the program until age 13. Eleven years later Makayla is back into bowling in the MFFL and looks forward

each week meeting her fellow friends. She is now averaging 180 for 81 games in the MFFL this year. Last year she finished with a 173 average for 84 games in the MFFL.



Shura almost perfect:



Joshua Shura had the first eleven strikes in his first game of the night. His body emotions were kicking into high gear as the noise in the bowling house came to a lull and Joshua could feel the tons of eyes glued on him. This writer asked Shura how he felt getting ready for his final shot. Joshua replied "As I was standing at the ball return with 11 in a row I felt quite anxious. I know when you're on the approach you're supposed to stop thinking about what happens next, but in all honesty I don't think most people can. The next shot is either good or it isn't and really after

you let go of the ball there's not much you can do". When asked about his eleven strikes Shura replied "the entire first game I threw the ball in the pocket, and though the ball did hit the pocket a little high a few times, they were all pretty normal strikes. My last shot hit the pocket a little light and left the 10 pin." Shura ended up with 299 (119 pins over average) and his career new high single. He turned around with disappointment on his face to the appreciative hand clapping and congratulatory handshakes waiting for him for his great effort. He was bowling in the Mulder Financial Fun League (MFFL) on lanes 21 & 22 at Marcin Bowl in LCTA bowling action this past week finishing the night with a 678 triple. His previous high single was 279 and his career high triple is 685. Shura is averaging 182 for 65 games in the MFFL this year.



Hoadley fires new high scores:



Tyler Hoadley's game is getting progressively stronger this year as he has increased his high triple four times this bowling season. He started with 634 (180-257-197), then tossed 654 (169-237-248), then rolled 672 (225-243-204) and now 682 (186-229-267 – 87 pins over average – 142 pins over average for three games). He was bowling in the Mulder Financial Fun League (MFFL) on lanes 21 & 22 at Marcin Bowl in the LCTA this past week establishing another new high triple and new high single topping his previous sanctioned high

single of 257. Hoadley is averaging 182 after 69 games in the MFFL this year.

Moorey posts career high triple and single:



Danny Moorey wheeled 646 (245 – 98 pins over average – 210 – 63 pins over average – 191 – 205 pins over average for three games) in the Mulder Financial Fun league (MFFL) on lanes 33 & 34 at Marcin Bowl to record his career high scores. He was also high over average for three games in the LCTA this week. Moorey is now averaging 150 for 66 games in the MFFL this year. Moorey said he bowled 5 pin as a kid but not in a league and only tried 10 pin at age 17. He usually bowled only a couple times

a year and this year is the first time that he is bowling in organized league bowling. He always enjoyed bowling but really got interested in the sport after watching it on U-tube and TV. Danny's other sporting interests are soccer, baseball, hockey and volleyball. His hobbies are fishing and collecting sports cards.



McKinnon tops her high single:



Ryan McKinnon tossed 193 (55 pins over average) in her third game of the day to record her new high single topping her previous 190. She was bowling in the Phantom Youth League (PYL) on lanes 13 & 14 at Marcin Bowl ending the day with a 482 triple. Her career high triple is 485. Ryan is averaging 138 after 26 weeks in the PYL this year.

Book is youth high over average:

Killian Book rolled 213 (96 pins over average) in his last game of the day to be the youth high over average for a single game in LCTA bowling action this past week. It was his personal highest single

game beating his previous high game of 162. He was bowling in the Phantom Youth League (PYL) on lanes 17 & 18 at Marcin Bowl finishing the day with a 431 triple. His high triple is 442. Killian is averaging 117 after 26 weeks in the PYL this year.

Lapointe adds to his total:



Ben Lapointe fired 763 (242-266-255) in the RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League on lanes 13 & 14 at Marcin Bowl to record the high triple of the week in LCTA bowling action. He also rolled 727 (269-238-220) on lanes 25 & 26 in the Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League (SPBCML) to also record the third high triple of the week. Lapointe is having an incredible year as it was his 28th and 29th 700 plus series in the LCTA this season and he now has a career 109-700's (93 in adult leagues and 16 in youth



leagues). Lapointe is bowling full time or sparing in five leagues this year spreading out his 700 plus triples. The leagues he is bowling in and the number of 700's (in brackets) in that league are as the following: Mulder Financial Fun League (9), SPBCML (9), Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (5), Best Wiring Classic League (4) and RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League (2).

Chipman is second best:



Shane Chipman tossed 730 (214-246-270 – 66 pins over average) in the Best Wiring Classic League (BWCL) on lanes 27 & 28 at Marcin Bowl to register the second high triple of the week in LCTA bowling activity. It was his 5th 700 in the LCTA this season as he previously bowled 787-708-726-722. Chipman is averaging 205 for 75 games in the BWCL this year bowling with team mates Mike Jones and Mike Shephard.

Chopp's game is picking up:

Dan Chopp rolled 725 (248-

237-240) in the Best Wiring Classic League (BWCL) on lanes 27 & 28 at Marcin Bowl as a spare to take fourth place in the 700 race this past week in the LCTA. It was his 3rd 700 this season as he previously bowled 727 (278-236-213) and 747 (202-245-300). Chopper has been struggling on the lanes this year but his game is picking up. He only bowls full time in the Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League and is averaging 205 for 75 games, down 14 pins from last year in the league when he averaged 219 for 93 games. In the



BWCL he is averaging 214 for 6 games while last year he averaged 214 for 45 games. Chopp has one of the 9-300's posted in the LCTA this year. He has a career

sanctioned 7-300's to his credit. Dan might be a little edgy these days as he has quit smoking as this writer finally convinced him that was one of the best things he could do.

Lapointe Senior slides into fifth:



Jim Lapointe hurled 721 (256-219-246) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (FTBMNML) on lanes 25 & 26 at Marcin Bowl to take fifth place in the high triple department this past week in LCTA bowling competition. It was his 13th 700 this season as he previously recorded 715-700-761-812-708-725-754-720-701-706-725-725. Jim is averaging 216 for 72 games in the FTBMNML this year.

Lapointe good for sixth spot:

Jason Lapointe rolled 705 (258-201-246) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (FTBMNML) on lanes 27 & 28 at Marcin Bowl to tie for the sixth high triple of the week in LCTA bowling action. It was his 9th 700 this season as he previously rolled 725-750- 704-731-763-703-792-707. Jason is averaging 216 for 57 games in the FTBMNML this year.



Honourable Mention:

- Jordan Croskery 767 (278-243-246) bowl off Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Franco Gabriele 712 (279-227-206) bowl off Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- TJ Kinny 699 (279-247) Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.

- Pat Legault 699 (258) Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Roy Mezzatesta 697 (234-237) Best Wiring Classic League.
- Jason Lapointe 686 (243) Bar 10 Thursday Night Mixed League.
- David Paquette 681 (257) Best Wiring Classic League.
- Brian Leneve 680 (241) Mulder Financial Fun League.
- Roy Mezzatesta 680 Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Brian Watson 678 Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Connor Smith 677 (269) RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League.
- Louie Willemsen 676 (279) Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Dennis Ramsay 676 (245) Best Wiring Classic League.
- Larry Plumb 675 (247-247) Best Wiring Classic League.
- Ty Patterson 671 (248) Target Trios Mixed League.
- Bryce Watson 670 (245) Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- Kole Parkkila 669 (258) Best Wiring Classic League.
- Kole Parkkila 669 (246) Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Randy McEachern 667 (256) Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Bryce Watson 660 (245) Best Wiring Classic League.
- Carl Best 660 Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Connor Smith 658 Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Mike Marciniszyn 656 (246) Best Wiring Classic League.
- Matt Salmons 656 (245) Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.



- Paul Mezzatesta 652 Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Alex Salmons 648 Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League
- Dean Troiani 648 Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- Dave Bruder 645 (279) Best Wiring Classic League.
- Kirk Ramsay 645 (247) Best Wiring Classic League.
- Brad Best 645 Best Wiring Classic League.
- Jason Armitage 645 Mulder Financial Fun League.
- Patrick Mumby 645 Mulder Financial Fun League.
- Bryce Watson 641 Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Mike Shephard 640 Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Joe Windover 625 (237) Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Billy Ridealgh 256 Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Jamie Ridealgh 255 Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Tim Hutton 253 Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- Jim Barber 249 –RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League.
- Billy Best 247 Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Craig Desmarais 246 RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League.
- Ryan Treulieb 246 Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- Brandon Gauthier 246 Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- Dylon McKinnon 246 Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- Franco Savo 245 Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- Kyle Adamson 244 Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Chris Murphy 241 Best Wiring Classic League.
- Jamie Culley 241 Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.

- Patrick Mumby 240 Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Jay Smith 240 Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- Blake Ingles 218 Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Dave Aiken 569 (+122 for 3 games) Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Pat Hardy 203 (+79) Bar 10 Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Shawn Hill 237 (+74) Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Jack Allen 219 (+69) Mulder Financial Fun League.
- Daniel Wright 215 (+69) Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Scott McCormick 234 (+68) Target Trios Mixed League.
- Dave Aiken 216 (+67) Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Miguel DaCuhna 138 (+67) Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Zachary Ingles 211 (+61) Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Cassandra Tremblay 186 (+61) Mulder Financial Fun League.
- Ken Nimmo 223 (+58) Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- Alex Pak 238 (+57) RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League.
- Deanna Slim 144 (+57) RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League.
- Jim Burgess 219 (+56) Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- Joe Windover 224 (+53) Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Chris Slote 180 (+52) Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Bob Avery 219 (+52) Target Trios Mixed League.
- Chris Courtemanche 170 (+51) Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- Bob Avery 217 (+50) Target Trios Mixed League.

- Wendy Barry-Goodman 187 (+50) Target Trios Mixed League.
- Jack Needham 178 (+50) Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Cathy Moulton 173 (+50) Mulder Financial Fun League.
- Kelly Curlew 150 (+50) RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League.
- Collin Gray 158 (+41) Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Tyler George 158 (+40) Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Miah Mears 126 (+40) Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Thomas Wright 101 (+40) Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- William MacLachlan 93 (+40) Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Ken Nimmo spared 2-4-10 split Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.

Other Men's Notable Scores:

Billy Ridealgh 639, Shane Chipman 638, Brandon Gauthier 637, Billy Best 636, Tyler Hoadley 634, Cam Parkkila 630, Jim Barber 629, Kole Parkkila 628 (233), Matt Salmons 628, Steve Giles 626 (235), Jeremy Landon 625, Steve Peters 625, Ben Lapointe 625, Fred Harris 622, Roy Mezzatesta 621, Tim Hutton 621, Dan Cook 620 (237), Dan Chopp 619 (236), Jamie Ridealgh 619, Brad Best 238, Roy Mezzatesta 238, Dan Beauvais 238, Bryce Watson 238, Patrick Mumby 237 - 237, David Paquette 236, Carl Best 236, Mike Shephard 236, Neil Sinclair 235, Connor Smith 235, Fabio Caporale 235, Brian Leneve 234, Bryce Watson 233, Pete Dufault 233, Brian Watson 232 and Jeff Gark 231.

Other Ladies Notable Scores:

Anne Strangway 565 (192-191), Jo Ellen Beveridge 201, Annette Thompson 200, Dara Sinclair 200, Sarah Ingles 197-193, Carrie Avery 196, Deb Archer 194, Marsha Pinel 192, Crystal Dunn 191, Cori Slater 190, Joan Tuer 190 and Lisa Lapointe 190.



Other Youth Notable Scores:

Blake Ingles 569, Joshua Shura 210 and Joe Windover 206.

Memory Lane: (provided by Rod Honke, USBC Communications & Neil Sinclair)



Neil Sinclair has been а continuous participant in the American **Bowling** Congress (ABC) now called the United States **Bowling** Congress (USBC) Open Championship Tournament pretty much most of his life. This is a prestigious 10-pin tournament held every bowling season running for 5 months (February – June) on very difficult lane conditions held in different cities throughout the USA. The first tournament was held in 1901 when 6 lanes were installed at the Welsback Building in downtown Chicago. The tournament lasted

only 4 days with 41 teams taking part with a total prize fund of \$1592.00. Today's prize fund exceeds 5 million dollars. The tournament has been spread around in the USA to dictate that bowlers' crisscross from Billings Montana to Tampa Florida to Syracuse New York to Corpus Christi Texas. In 2019, Neil bowled in his 49th ABC/USBC Championship in Las Vegas. He was getting really excited about the tournament in 2020 at Reno because that was incredibly his 50th appearance at the tournament. However, Covid entered our world in the 2019- 2020 and 2020 – 2021 bowling seasons that closed the USA/Canada border and Neil had to wait for 2022 to accomplish his feat. This is quite the achievement because as of 2018, only 239 people had achieved this milestone in a tournament that has on average of 50,000 – 70,000 participants each year. Neil said "I have greatly enjoyed bowling in these tournaments as they have



allowed me to see a vast majority of the USA that I might not have a chance to see otherwise". The Lambton County Tenpin Association and this writer congratulates Neil on an incredible achievement.

See the writeup below

ONTARIO BOWLER COMPETES IN 50TH USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LAS VEGAS

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By Nick Bonsanto
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LAS VEGAS - Neil Sinclair of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, became the 20th bowler at the 2022 **United States Bowling Congress Open Championships** to reach 50 years of competition after his appearance Tuesday in Las Vegas.



The 73-year-old right-hander's 50th year of competition was on hold for two years until he was able to arrive at the South Point Bowling Plaza this week.

"This should have been my 53rd year," Sinclair said. "I missed two years due to the pandemic. First, it was canceled, and then last year, I couldn't cross the border to compete."

Many may wonder if it was difficult for Sinclair, a citizen of Canada, to bowl in 50 USBC Open Championships.

"No, it wasn't hard to compete at USBC events," Sinclair said. "There used to be USBC Canada, and I also live on the border of Michigan, so I bowl in Michigan all the time."

Sinclair's journey began at the 1970 event in Knoxville, Tennessee, and he received a plaque, chevron and diamond lapel pin Tuesday at South Point to commemorate the achievement.

Many bowlers also may wonder if they can manage to compete in 50 Open Championships, and even Sinclair wondered if he would get there.

"I really didn't think I would get here," Sinclair went on to say. "Halfway through it, when I hit 25 years, I said I felt pretty good and thought I could do it."

In thinking about hitting 50 years, Sinclair joked, "I looked around at people that had hit 50 years and thought man, I don't look that old."

While Sinclair admits he has never bowled great here, he does boast a 184 average at the Open Championships. His best effort came in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1981, when totaled 1,813 pins.

Like many who return annually to the Open Championships, Sinclair enjoys making the trip each year.

"The biggest part about competing is that I liked to travel to all the different cities," Sinclair said. "I like going places I never thought I would see, like Billings, Montana. I would never have gone there in my life had it not been for bowling in this event."

In his 2022 appearance, Sinclair compiled sets of 591 in singles, 538 in team and 532 in doubles for an allevents total of 1,661. His total pinfall for 50 years now stands at 82,800.

Will there be a 51st year and more for Sinclair?

"Oh yeah," he said. "I'm looking forward to it."

