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**Weekly Highlights**

**Lapointe records week's top triple:**

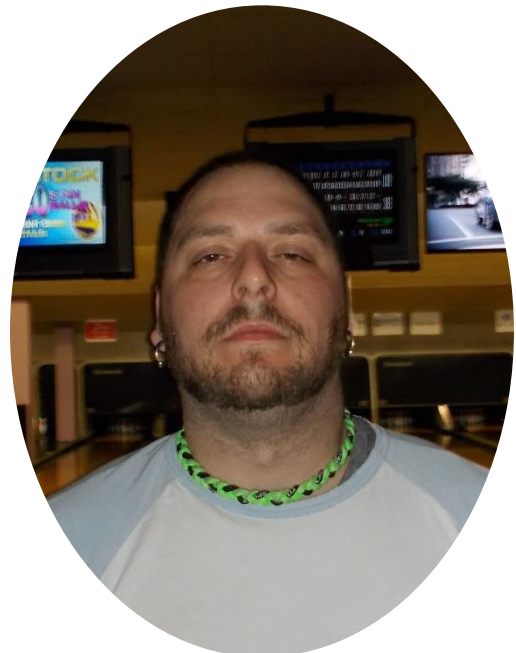


Ben Lapointe fired 703 (226-266-211) on lanes 19 & 20 in the Friday Night Fun Mixed League at Marcin Bowl to record the top triple in Lambton County Tenpin Association (LCTA) bowling action this past week. It was his career 86<sup>th</sup> 700 series triple in the LCTA. Lapointe is bowling full time in the Sunday Morning Classic League and the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League this year and spares in

other leagues as required. He is leading the 700 club race this year with 5-700's.

**Gauthier nipped into second spot:**

Brandon Gauthier hurled 702 (233-214-255) on lanes 27 & 28 in the Border City Men's League (BCML) at Marcin Bowl to post the only other 700 triple this week in LCTA bowling competition. Gauthier, a strong right



handed bowler with a ton of speed, only bowls once a week and is now averaging 217 for 18 games in the BCML.

### **Brain is 100 pins over average:**

Steve Brain rolled 244 (103 pins over average) in his last game of the night on lanes 23 & 24 in the Thursday Night Mixed League at Marcin Bowl to register the high over average for a single game this week in LCTA bowling play. This writer was unable to get more info and a picture of Steve for this report so he will be further highlighted in next week's report.

### **Walker is high over average:**



James Walker tossed 502 (169 – 199 – 89 pins over average – 134 – 172 pins over average for three games) on lanes 19 & 20 in the Friday Night Fun Mixed League at Marcin Bowl to take the honours as the high over average for three games this week in LCTA bowling activity. Walker is 47 years old and has been bowling most of his life but this is the first time he is bowling in an organized sanctioned league. He got interested in league bowling due to the encouragement of his friends. His other sporting interests are

horseshoes, shuffleboard and golf. Walker said for his hobbies he enjoys playing computer games and travelling. The right handed bowler has a career high single game of 220 (unsanctioned) and wasn't sure about his highest triple but thought perhaps his 502 was his highest. This writer says "welcome to 10 pin league bowling James".



### **Beveridge is second high over average:**



Trevor Beveridge fired 276 in his last game of the night to be 94 pins over average and take second place in the high over average for a single game this past week in LCTA bowling play. He was bowling on lanes 21 & 22 in the Friday Night Fun Mixed League at Marcin Bowl finishing with a 630 triple. Beveridge started bowling at age 7 coming up through the Marcin Bowl Youth Bowling Program for 11 years. He got interested in bowling from his step mother who was an avid bowler. Beveridge said he

hadn't bowled for several years but got back into bowling in a Guelph adult league for the last 6 years. Trevor said he doesn't really have any other sporting interests and enjoys spending time with his kids. The right handers career high sanctioned game is 279 and he wasn't really sure of his sanctioned high triple. When this writer asked him if there was anything else he could add to the write up he responded "I'm using the same ball I got when I was 16 years old"

### **Honourable Mention:**

- Shane Chipman – 697 (235-237) – Friday Night fun Mixed League.
- Ben Lapointe – 692 (246) – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- Jason Lapointe – 688 (279) – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- Kyle Adamson – 683 (253) – Border City Men's League.
- Rob Vandermeer – 681 (244) – Border City Men's League.
- Chris Murphy – 670 (244) – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- Roy Mezzatesta – 665 (257) – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- Bill Ridealgh - 651 – Sunday Morning Classic League.



- Mike Shephard – 648 (257) – Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Dave Bruder – 648 – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- Dean Troiani – 254 – Border City Men’s League.
- Ben Lapointe – 247 – Border City Men’s League.
- Jordan Croskery – 246 – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- Jim Lapointe – 245 – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- Ian Fraser – 243 – Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Bryce Watson – 242 – Friday Night Fun Mixed League.
- Bryce Watson – 240 – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- Nancy Ptolemy – 212 (+79) – Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Henri Labelle – 216 (+60) – Target Trios Mixed League.
- Mel Kongus – 235 (+59) – Border City Men’s League.
- Aiden Coleman – 207 (+58) – Border City Men’s League.
- Sarah Ingles – 223 (+52) – Friday Night Fun Mixed League.
- Brad Ferguson – 179 (+52) – Friday Night Fun Mixed League.
- Joshua Shura – 222 (+51) – Friday Night Fun Mixed League.
- Joe Simmons – 205 (+51) – Border City Men’s League.
- Nancy Ptolemy – 184 (+51) – Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Kevin Ptolemy – 204 (+50) – Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Norm Lafreniere – 204 (+50) – Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Rod Honke - spared the 3-7-10 and 2-5-7 splits in the 3<sup>rd</sup> game – Border City Men’s League.

### **Other Men’s Notable Scores:**

Ben Lapointe 645 (232), Bryce Watson 639, Jim Lapointe 634, Ian Fraser 632 (234), Jeff Raymond 237, Rob Vandermeer 235, Ben Lapointe 234, Mike Marciniszyn 232, Ty Patterson 232, Bill Ridealgh 231 and Jay Smith 229.



### **Other Ladies Notable Scores:**

Annette Thompson 213, Deb Archer 192, Brittany Rose 192, Denise Kloczko 190, Patti Wyville 190 and Karen Allen 190.

### **Youth Notable Scores:**

No scores available

### **LCTA Featured Bowler of the Week:**



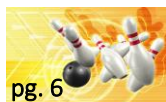
The LCTA featured bowler of the week is Mel Matthews. Mel started bowling 5 pin in a youth league at Northgate Bowl at age 12 and at age 15 he took a hiatus from organized bowling for 5 years. During that time he enjoyed recreational bowling (5 pin and 10 pin) with friends and to make some extra money he took up pin setting at Northgate Bowl (5 and 10 pin). His 10 pin bowling career took off when at age 20 he

returned to organized men's leagues and joined leagues at Northgate Bowl, Marcin Bowl, Hi-Way Bowl, Echo Bowl and Lakeside/Lake Huron lanes. Sixty-two years later since picking up that first bowling ball he is still knocking down the pins. At age 48, Mel fired his only sanctioned 300 game which he shot on December 28, 1997 on lanes 25 & 26 at Marcin Bowl in the Sunday Morning Men's League when local bowlers were still affiliated with the defunct American Bowling Congress (ABC). He also has one Canadian Tenpin Federation (CTF) sanctioned 800 series (813-279-



278-256) which he posted on lanes 21 & 22 at Marcin Bowl on April 2, 2006 in the Sunday Morning Men's League. Mel's other bowling accomplishments include holding the City High Average (209) and the City High Triple (745) in the 1979-1980 Sarnia and District Bowling Association bowling season. In the 1997-1998 bowling season he shared the City High Single (300) with Brian Clarke, Sean Davidson, Pat Lacasse and Chris Luke.

His most memorable bowling moments were participating in the old ABC and the new United States Bowling Congress National Tournaments (scratch bowling) for nineteen years (1994-2012). Those tournaments took him to Mobile Alabama, Huntsville Alabama, Baton Rouge Louisiana, Albuquerque New Mexico, Reno Nevada, Las Vegas Nevada, Corpus Christi Texas, Knoxville Tennessee, Billings Montana, Syracuse New York and Salt Lake City Utah. His best overall performance in these tournaments was in 2006 in Corpus Christi when he rolled 1765 - 589 (team) 559 (doubles) and 616 (singles). His best team score was in Mobile Alabama in 1994 when he posted a 643 triple. His best triple in the single division was 626 at Knoxville in 2003. Matthews has bowled very respectable in the 19 years of this tournament. He has averaged 178.8 for 171 games on extremely difficult lane conditions. He has also attended the Ontario Tenpin Bowling Association Men's Provincial tournaments from 1994 to 2019. Mel said he also took part in many Port Huron Men's City Tournaments and Michigan State Men's Tournaments over the years when he bowled in Port Huron.



Last year Matthews bowled in three leagues with his final averages and games in brackets: The Marcin Sunday Morning Classis League (174-93), the Marcin Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (177-90) and the Hi-Way R. C. A. F. A. 403 Wing Mixed League (164-87). He has bowled in many different leagues over the last 62 years, many which have come and gone: Polysar Mixed, National Mixed, Guys and Dolls Mixed, Hi-Way Sunday Morning Men's Classic (1970's), First Aid and Safety Services Mixed, Hi-Way Men's, Friendship Mixed, Saturday Night Mixed, Port Huron City League, Border City Men's, Marcin Sunday Morning Men's, Lakeside House Men's, Port Huron Men's City League, Independent Mixed, Hi-Way Sunday Morning Men's, Tuesday Night Men's and Marcin House Men's.

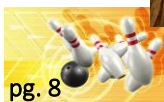
Mel also has been heavily involved in the local 10 pin administration of bowling. He served as a director in the old Sarnia and District Bowling Association; he was on the Interim Lambton County Tenpin Association (LCTA) Board when they established the new Canadian Tenpin Federation local association (LCTA) in the 2004-2005 season; he was elected as a director on the LCTA Board in 2007 and was voted in as the LCTA President in the 2008 -2009 bowling season when the then President Mike Bolton suddenly passed away. He has held this position for the last 15 years. Mel and his wife Shirley have been dedicated instructors to the youth bowlers at Hi-Way Bowl for 35 years until they retired from this position at the end of 2021-2022 season. Many solid competitive bowlers have come up through the Sarnia youth bowling programs



over the years thanks to all the volunteers help. Mel was also a volunteer fireman with Sarnia Township, then Clearwater Township for a total of 10 years (1980-1990). When the city of Sarnia amalgamated with Clearwater Township the volunteers were disbanded as the city had a complete full time fire department. Matthews also volunteered for 30+ years on the All-star Selection Committee for the Sarnia Silver Stick Hockey Tournament. In 2017, Mel and Shirley were inducted into the Mayor of Sarnia Honour List.

Matthews started working at Polymer Rubber Corporation on July 11, 1969 as a draftsman after graduating from Lambton College as a Drafting Technician. He got his certification with the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering and Technologist as a Senior Engineering Technician in 1974. In 1988, he transferred to the Polysar Engineering Department as an estimator. On March 01, 2008 he hung up his work boots after 39 1/2 years' service at the same company that had changed its name to LANXESS.

Memory Lane: (submitted by Roy Mezzatesta)



**LONDON BOWLER**

# Russo rolls perfect game in Sarnia Classic loop

Dan Russo of London had a bowler's dream come true Sunday in Sarnia Classic 10-pin bowling league action at Hi-Way Bowl.

Russo rolled 10 strikes in-a-row in the first game but left a seven-pin in the 11th frame. He finished with a 288.

Undaunted by the miss in the opening contest, Russo proceeded to fire 12 in-a-row for a perfect game. He fired a 225 in his third game for an 813 triple.

Other bowlers also had a shot at a perfect game. Dan Wischniowsky rolled 11 strikes in a row falling

short with a 298. Roy Mezzatesta went into the 10th frame with nine straight strikes. He finished with a 278.

In league play, Marcin Bowl rolled over Queen's Lodge with a convincing 18-7 win. Mezzatesta's 214, 206, 278, 247 and 215 for an 1160 series paced Marcin. Mel Matthews chipped in with a 997. Russo replied with a 288, 300, 225, 225 and 204 for a 1242 series' in a losing effort.

Golden Mile Steak House hammered Lambton Safety Supply 17-8. Tony Spano rolled a 1001 series and Don Hancock a 964 in the

win. John Ewart replied with a 959. Arties Lunch dumped Progress Painting 16-9. George Cabajar's 1052 and Eric Schuman 1033 topped Arties. Jackson Sutton fired a 1036 in a losing effort.

Hi-Way Bowl upset Laurentian Motel 13-12 as Dan Wilkinson led the way with a 1011 and George Higgins a 975 in a losing effort. Courtright Hotel nipped Frank Goddyn Masonry 13-12. Goddyn rolled a 957 and Gord Allen 922 in the win. Kyle Adamson replied with a 942 in the loss.

Zebra Bar and Bridgeview Auto Centre

rolled to a 12.5-12.5 draw. Dan Wischniowsky was tops with games of 189, 298, 215' 210 and 233 for an 1145 series. Ralph Moore added a 918. Vic Donaghy replied with a 1070 series and Jamie Manis a 927 in the tie.

**Standings**

	Pts
Lambton Safety	280.5
Queen's Lodge	266.5
Marcin Bowl	265
Courtright Hotel	260.5
Zebra Bar	255.5
Laurentian Motel	248
Arties Lunch	239.5
Golden Mile	235
Bridgeview Auto	220
Goddyn Masonry	210
Hi-Way Bowl	200.5
Progress Painting	141

