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## **Weekly Highlights**

### **Mezzatesta is perfect:**



Paul Mezzatesta hurled a perfect game in his first game of the night to record his career 3<sup>rd</sup> 300 and the 12<sup>th</sup> 300 to be posted in the Lambton County Tenpin Association (LCTA) this season. Mezzatesta was bowling in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (FTBMNML) on lanes 25 & 26 at Marcin Bowl, finishing the night with 741 (300 – 94 pins over average – 224-217) which was good for the 5<sup>th</sup> high triple of the week in LCTA bowling competition. He also bowled 749 (234-257 – 48 pins over average – 258 – 49 pins over average – 122 pins over average for three games) in the Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League (SPBCML) on lanes 29 & 30 at Marcin Bowl, to record the 3<sup>rd</sup> high triple of the week. It was his 2<sup>nd</sup> 300 in the FTBMNML this season with his other 300 rolled in the SPBCML last season. They were his 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 700's of the season as he previously bowled 711, 715, 701 and 706. Paul's career high triple is 799 (266–267–266) which he bowled in the FTBMNML last season. Mezzatesta is now averaging 205 for 66 games in the FTBMNML this season bowling on the "S & S Pro Shop" team and 211 for 72 games in the SPBCML bowling on the "Sarnia Produce" team.

### **Reid rolls top triple:**

George Reid has been away from bowling for the last seven years but he is such a great bowler you would never know it because of his performances on the lanes the last two weeks. He recently started sparing in a few leagues and it didn't take him long to get the cobwebs out of his game. Reid took the honours of recording the high triple of the week in the LCTA this past week. He rolled



767 (236-267-264) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (FTBMNML) on lanes 19 & 20 at Marcin Bowl and 716 (255-205-256) in the Mulder Financial Fun League on lanes 29 & 30 both at Marcin Bowl, to register his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 700 of the season. His 716 was the 8<sup>th</sup> high triple of the week. He joined the season's 700 club last week when he tossed 742 (258 - 256 - 228) in the Klean and Brite Thursday Night Mixed League. George is now averaging 242 for 6 games in the FTBMNML. Reid's career sanctioned high triple is 819 (251-300-268) which he bowled in the Tuesday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl in the 2011-2012 season. He has a career sanctioned 8-300's to his credit. Welcome back George !!

### **Grasser posts first 600 series:**



The ice has been broken for this young, up coming, great bowler named Rio Grasser. This writer suspects he will be highlighted many times in the future as his game will only get better, and the 600's will be coming more often. Rio fired 638 (188 - 28 pins over average - 225 - 65 pins over average - 225 - 65 pins over average - 158 pins over average for three games) in the Phantom Youth League (PYL) on lanes 23 & 24 at Marcin Bowl, to register his career first 600 series. His previous high triple was 564 (202 206-156) which he recorded in the PYL this season. Rio's sanctioned high single is 241 which he also bowled in the PYL this season. Rio, a 13 year old right handed bowler, started sanctioned league bowling in the 2022-2023 season at age 9 in the PYL and finished with an 80 average for 39 games. He is averaging 162 after 26 weeks on the lanes this season. This writer suspects that the way Rio's game is gaining momentum, he is getting bowling tips from his cousin Daniel Wright, who is having a super year and rolled his career first 700 series this season.

### **Fortin fires first 600 triple:**

Trevor Fortin had a super night on the lanes that will be etched in his mind for a long time. He recorded new personal high scores, he bowled his first 600 series, he was high over average for a single game and was high over average for three games this past week in the LCTA. Fortin tossed 628 (202 - 63 pins over average - 172 - 33 pins over average - 254 - 114 pins over average - 211 pins over average for three games) in the Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League (SPBCML) on lanes 35 & 36 at Marcin Bowl with his performance. His previous high scores were 489 and 183. Trevor is now averaging 149 for 21 games in the SPBCML this season.



**Watson grabs second place:**

Bryce Watson fired 752 (246 – 34 pins over average – 258 – 46 pins over average – 248 – 36 pins over average – 116 pins over average for three games) in the Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League (SPBCML) on lanes 35 & 36 at Marcin Bowl, to record the 2<sup>nd</sup> high triple of the week in LCTA bowling action. It was his 9<sup>th</sup> 700 in the LCTA this season and his career 24<sup>th</sup> 700. His other 700's this season are 740,703,748, 779 (290-232-257),706,700,758 and 731. Watson is now averaging 217 for 24 games as a spare in the SPBCML this season.

**Youth bowlers record new high scores:**

Davis DaCunha, Kendall Wynne and Maddison Fraser recorded new personal high scores in the Phantom Youth League (PYL) at Marcin Bowl this past week.



Davis fired 378 (180 – 63 pins over average – 102-96) on lanes 23 & 24, to post both a new high triple and high single. His previous high scores were 359 and 167. Davis is averaging 117 after 26 weeks of bowling this year. This is Davis' 4th year in youth organized league bowling. In his first year in the 2022-2023 season he averaged 54 for 93 games.

Kendall rolled 342 (92 – 24 pins over average – 126 – 58 pins over average – 124 – 56 pins over average – 138 pins over average for three games) on lanes 21 & 22, to record both a new high triple and high single. His previous high scores were 270 (86-71-113) and 113. Kendall is bowling in his first year in the PYL and is averaging 70 after 26 weeks on the lanes.



Maddison wheeled 300 (98 – 30 pins over average – 81 – 121 – 53 pins over average) on lanes 21 & 22, to record a new high triple and high single. Her previous high scores were 223 and 90. Maddison is in her second year of bowling in the PYL averaging 69 after 26 weeks of bowling. Last year in the league she averaged 47 for 88 games.



**Lapointe's game is on fire:**

Jim Lapointe hurled 743 (209 – 280 – 71 pins over average – 254 – 45 pins over average – 126 pins over average for three games) in the Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League (SPBCML) on lanes 31 & 32 at Marcin Bowl as a spare to post the 4<sup>th</sup> high triple of the week in the LCTA. He also bowled 718 (233-237-248) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (FTBMNML) on lanes 33 & 34 at Marcin Bowl, to register the 7<sup>th</sup> high triple of the week. They were his 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 700's of the season as he previously bowled 711, 725, 720, 742, 804 (277-258-269), 755 and 709. It was his 4<sup>th</sup> week in a row in which he posted a 700 plus triple. Lapointe is averaging 216 for 72 games in the FTBMNML this season. Jim's career sanctioned high scores are 845 (300-300-245) which he roiled in the Thursday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl in the 2015-2016 season and 300 (10).

**Yap ups his high single:**

Gavin Yap wheeled 279 (96 pins over average) in his first game of the night to register a new personal high single topping his previous 256 which he bowled last week in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (FTBMNML) He was bowling in the FTBMNML on lanes 15 & 16 at Marcin Bowl,, finishing the night with a 685 triple. Yap fired fired 704 (217- 231- 256) in the FTBMNML last week for his career first 700 series. Gavin is participating in an organized sanctioned league for the first time and is averaging 185 after 75 games this season bowling on the "Boulevard Grill" team.

**Leneve notches number two:**

Brian Leneve tossed 720 (257 – 46 pins over average – 206-257 – 46 pins over average) in the Mulder Financial Fun League (MFFL) on lanes 19 & 20 at Marcin Bowl, to register his 2<sup>nd</sup> 700 of the season and the 6<sup>th</sup> high triple of the week in LCTA bowling activity. He fired his first 700 of the season 4 weeks ago in the MFFL when he bowled his career high triple 791 (265-259-267). Leneve's career sanctioned high single is 290. Brian is averaging 211 after 26 weeks on the lanes this season.



**Crowe takes ninth spot:**

Devon Crowe fired 712 (265 – 62 pins over average – 235-212) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (FTBMNML) on lanes 31 & 32 at Marcin Bowl, to post the 9<sup>th</sup> high triple of the week in the LCTA. It was his 3<sup>rd</sup> 700 of the season as he previously bowled 757 (256-279-222) and 706 (246-246-214). Devon is averaging 205 for 63 games in the FTBMNML this season. Crowe's career sanctioned high scores are 759 (256-267-236) which he bowled in the FTBMNML last season and 289.

**Sinclair leads the ladies:**

Dara Sinclair rolled 665 (260 – 76 pins over average – 193 – 212 – 113 pins over average for three games) in the Mulder Financial Fun League (MFFL) on lanes 33 & 34 at Marcin Bowl, to record the ladies high triple of the week in LCTA bowling action. Dara now has 10-600's to her credit this season in the LCTA. Sinclair is averaging 185 after 26 weeks in the MFFL and 183 for 66 games in the Best Wiring Classic League this year.

**Sitter is second best:**

Kelly Sitter wheeled 623 (163-226 – 50 pins over average – 234 – 58 pins over average) in the Mulder Financial Fun League (MFFL) on lanes 13 & 14 at Marcin Bowl, to post the ladies second high triple of the week in the LCTA. It was her 8<sup>th</sup> 600 of the season. Kelly is averaging 177 after 26 weeks on the lanes in the MFFL this season.

**Honourable Mention:**

- Randy McEachern – 674 (258) – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.



- Jason Armitage – 674 (245) – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League.
- Daniel Wright – 672 (232) – Mulder Financial Fun League.
- Brandon Gauthier – 671 (248) – Mulder Financial Fun League.
- Chris Murphy – 670 (257) – Mulder Financial Fun League.
- Dan Cook – 669 – Sarnia Produce Border City Men’s League.
- Jeff Gark – 666 (249) – Mulder Financial Fun League.
- Ben Lapointe – 664 – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League.
- Peter English – 660 (245) – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League.
- Bryce Watson – 659 (257) – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League.
- Jordan Croskery – 654 – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League.
- Rod Honke – 652 – Sarnia Produce Border City Men’s League.
- Ben Lapointe – 647 – Sarnia Produce Border City Men’s League.
- Dean Troiani – 648 (243) – Sarnia Produce Border City Men’s League.
- Patrick Mumby – 643 – Sarnia Produce Border City Men’s League.
- Tim Hutton – 259 – Sarnia Produce Border City Men’s League.
- Chad Cook – 255 – Mulder Financial Fun League.
- Stewart Choptovy – 255 – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League.
- Jeff Gark – 253 – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League.
- Jim Wolfgram – 248 – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League.
- Kurt Cassetta – 247 – Klean and Brite Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Matt Nutt – 246 – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League.
- Ralph MacDuff – 246 – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League.
- Kevin Schofield – 244 – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League.
- Cori Slater – 225 – Mulder Financial Fun League.
- Noah Legault – 210 – Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Zack Sheppard – 220 (+90) – Klean and Brite Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Ryan Nutt – 223 (+77) – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League
- Steve Mezzatesta – 227 (+71) – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League.
- Gerry Landon – 207 (+71) – Mulder Financial Fun League.



- Wes Brown – 225 (+69) – RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League.
- Darcy Paradis – 224 (+67) – Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- Alex Hoskins – 208 (+67) – Mulder Financial Fun League.
- Jamie Barron – 225 (+65) – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Willy Cushman 182 (+65) – Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- Sawyer Utley – 165 (+64) – Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Jessica Gray – 171 (+62) – Klean and Brite Thursday Night Mixed League.
- James Hipple – 220 (+60) – Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- Lisa Pownall – 194 (+60) – Mulder Financial Fun League.
- Kevin Ptolemy – 218 (+59) – Klean and Brite Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Bronwyn Litchfield – 112 (+54) – Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Jeff Wicks – 224 (+53) – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Zyg Mazgaj – 219 (+51) – Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League.
- Kurt Cassetta – 213 (+51) – Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League.
- Jack Allan – 206 (+50) – Klean and Brite Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Tina Sheppard – 184 (+50) – Klean and Brite Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Thomas Wright – 125 (+45) – Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Chet Dupee -120 (+41) – Marcin Phantom Youth league.
- Talia Downey – 139 (+40) – Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Tayllum Taylor – 184 (+39) – Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Kian O'Keefe – 167 (+38) – Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Peyton Moore – 123 (+37) – Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Parker Hubbarth – 125 (+36) – Marcin Phantom Youth League.
- Brayden Moore – 110 (+36) – Marcin Phantom Youth League.

### **Other Men's Notable Scores:**

Kyle Adamson 638 (225), Roy Mezzatesta 637 (221), Matt Nutt 636, Jim Wolfgram 635, Tim Hutton 635, Stewart Choptovy 632, Louie Willemsen 630 (233), George Reid 628 (226), Adam Farrenkopf 626 (237-226), Jamie Culley 626 (223), Jerry Worsley 625 (226), Shawn Burr 621, Connor D.R. Smith 620 (238-223), Patrick Mumby 620 (238), Kevin Schofield 620, Ty Patterson 619 (231), Adam Pinel 235-227, Dan Cook 235-224, Dan Vandermeer 235, Jim Wolfgram 235, Ben Lapointe



234-220, Rob Bonhomme 229, Patrick Mumby 228-226, Ben Lapointe 228, Randy McEachern 227, Jordan Croskery 226, Kyle Adamson 226, Brandon Gauthier 226, Jeff Gark 225, Peter English 224, Jeff Gark 224, Jason Armitage 223, Ralph MacDuff 223, TJ Kinny 223, Rob Bonhomme 222, Rod Honke 222 and Daniel Wright 220-220.

**Other Ladies Notable Scores:**

Anne Strangway 583 (210-205), Marsha Pinel 203, Jo Ellen Beveridge 200, Penny Geerts 195, Nancy Ptolemy 193, Michelle Fraser 192, Melissa Crowe 192-191 and Taelor Koundakjian 190.

**Other Youth Notable Scores:**

Noah Legault 585 (198).



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**Memory Lane:** from January 2003

# Bowling community mourns the death of Sonny Schofield

This past week, Sarnia's bowling community lost perhaps one of the most influential persons involved in our sport. Everyone will remember Sonny Schofield by his tireless dedication to the sport of bowling.

I still remember the day that I met Sonny. I had just finished completing the Certified Lane Inspectors course and was ready to impart all my wisdom on our bowling community. Little did I know that by this time, Sonny had forgotten more about bowling than I would ever be able to learn.

My inspection partner, Louie Willemsen, had tried to warn me about the "Newfie" with the bad temper. While Louie and Sonny finished their coffees, this to me seemed like an opportune moment to get started, right? Wrong! After looking at one lane for ball depressions, Sonny questioned me as to what I was doing. Suffice it to say, he did not like, nor was open to, my explanation. After we both exchanged our pleasantries over this, a new friendship was born. We both formed our boundaries for one another that day.

Sonny's resume would fill pages of any book. He cared a great deal about the Phantom Junior program that HiWay Bowl continues to host to this day.

When Mel Matthews made the announcement this past Saturday that Sonny has left us, even though most people knew already, you could sense a loss of more than just a person. Sonny's tireless efforts for the young bowlers will always be remembered. Just ask some of the old graduates — Steve Lewicki Jr. or Larry Plumb or some of the protégés like Melissa Legault. Sonny used his contacts to gain coaches, like the yearly visit by Dick Ritger to help coach the "kids" of all ages.

Sonny himself was also an accomplished bowler. The three years that I bowled in the HiWay Men's Thursday Night League, I can't recall him averaging under 200. Sonny bowled at all levels in tournament play, winning our City



## On the lanes

JIM LESTER

Championship Team Tournament several times and the Doubles Championship in 1990/91 with his brother Kevin. Sonny also bowled in the National Tournament with bowlers like Conn Casey and Joe Maola. Sonny's teammates benefited from his passion for the game simply by learning how to bowl better and even how to enjoy the game.

One thing I found interesting about Sonny is that he could bowl just as well in street running shoes as he did with bowling shoes.

Just before his retirement from the business of bowling in 2001, he solely owned and operated Hiway Bowl. This is where I truly got to know Sonny. He, on a continuing basis, wanted to improve bowling in his house. If the bowlers in his house were not bowling well, himself included, he wanted to know why.

Louie Willemsen and I spent a lot of hours at Hiway reading the oil pattern on the lanes for Sonny. If we ran into a problem and one of us three could not figure it out, Sonny always knew who to call for help.

To attest to his commitment to the sport of bowling, all you need to do is to look at the "Wall of Fame" which adorns Hiway Bowl. Each person who has their name on that wall, I am sure, in some way, can thank Sonny for what he has done for bowling in our community.

Sonny always had time to talk to anyone, especially to a young association secretary back in 1994. Whenever I needed some help, I would go see Sonny, since he was so well respected. While we feel the loss of Sonny, we all are, in part, better for having known him.

Jim Lester is a member of the Sarnia and District 10-Pin Bowling Association.



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Longtime HiWay Bowl owner Sonny Schofield was active in all aspects of promoting the game of bowling, especially for the youth.

