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## Weekly Highlights

### Shephard and Mitro are perfect:

The pins were really rocking and rolling at Marcin Bowl in week two for two bowlers as they experienced the excitement of achieving perfection by rolling the first two perfect games in the Lambton County Tenpin Association (LCTA) 2022-2023 bowling season.



Mike Shephard hurled a perfect game in the Marcin Sunday Morning Classic League on lanes 21 & 22 in his last game finishing the day with a 687 triple. It was his career sanctioned 13<sup>th</sup> 300. He also has 6 sanctioned 800's to his credit with his highest being 827. Shephard also had a solid night in the Border City Men's League at Marcin Bowl with 716 (214-244-256) which was good for the week's fourth high triple. Shephard, a strong right handed bowler, usually plays between the 5 and 10 boards and with his speed is able to throw a ton of strikes.

Mike started bowling at age 5 in the SOCOMO (Sombra – Courtright – Mooretown) youth league at the defunct Airey Lanes and has been hammering the pins for 40 years. Shephard got interested in bowling because he said there was nothing else to do in Courtright. Besides bowling, his other sports interests are football and baseball and he dabbles in aquariums as a hobby.





Mike Mitro fired a perfect game in the Marcin Sunday Morning Classic League on lanes 23 & 24 in his second game finishing the day with a 609 triple. It was his 2<sup>nd</sup> 300, his first one coming on February 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 in London. Mitro, a right handed two finger no thumb bowler, said he was using two different bowling balls for his latest 300 and gives a lot of credit to team mate Jordan Croskery for helping him out during the game with some bowling tips. Mike wasn't sure about his highest triple but said it was in the high 600's last year. When this writer checked past bowling reports, it turned out to be 676 which he rolled in the SMCL at Hi-Way Bowl. Mitro started bowling 5-pin at a very early age in Welland Ontario but didn't start 10-pin bowling until his late twenties in Tennessee. Baseball has been a big part

of his life as he attended college in Tennessee under a baseball (pitcher) scholarship from 1999 to 2003. This eventually led him to London, Ontario where he played baseball for the London Majors. Mitro presently plays baseball and pitches in two different leagues for the Tillsonburg Old Sox and Lakeside. The Tillsonburg team played in the Canadian National Old-timers Baseball Tournament this year in Halifax losing the final game to a Halifax team.

**Dufault is one pin shy of perfection:**



Pete Dufault was 'oh so close' being one pin short of a perfect game on lanes 21 & 22 in his first game of the night. Dufault had the first 9 strikes entering the 10<sup>th</sup> frame as lane 21 broke down. When the lane was repaired, he delivered strike number 10 only to have the lane break down again. When the lane was repaired, he tossed strike number 11. As the right

hander got on the approach for his final shot with everybody in the bowling alley watching him, he set himself up and delivered his final shot. The ball was a perfect pocket hit but the stubborn 10-pin refused to fall as his face displayed disappointment as his fellow bowlers clapped their hands in appreciation for his great effort with a



299. Dufault was bowling in the Bluewater Monday Night Men's League at Marcin Bowl finishing the night with a 662 triple.

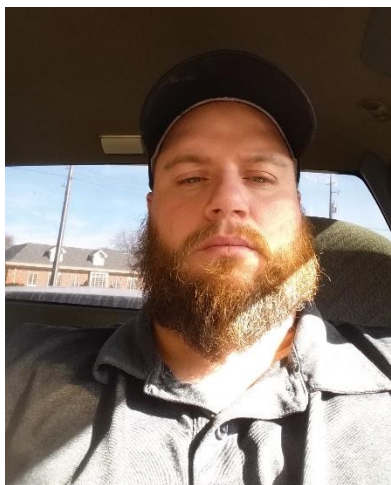
### **Ingles rolls personal high single:**



Sarah Ingles wheeled 247 in the Friday Night Mixed League at Marcin Bowl to post her career personal highest single game. Sarah started bowling 5-pin at age 3 and continued the 5-pin till age 20. She then switched to 10-pin and has been enjoying the great sport of 10-pin bowling for 9 years. She got interested in bowling at an early age as her mom, dad and sister bowled 5-pin and she really enjoyed the sport. Her husband's family all bowled 10-pin so she decided to take the journey to 10 -pin. All of Sarah's children also bowl 10 -pin. Her other sports interests are watching basketball and hockey. Sarah says she has a very busy life but when time permits she likes to crochet or do puzzles. Sarah wasn't sure about her career high triple but thinks the 561 she

bowled on Friday night might be her highest.

### **Armstrong is king of the lanes:**



John Armstrong tossed 750 (235-259-256) on lanes 17 & 18 in the Sunday Morning Classic League (SMCL) at Marcin Bowl to record the top triple in LCTA bowling action this past week. Armstrong started bowling 10 - pin at age 20 and has been enjoying his passion on the lanes for 25 years. He has 2- 300's (sanctioned), his first one coming in 2009 in Ruthven near Kingsville. He rolled his second perfect game in December, 2018 at



Chatham Bowlerama. His career highest sanctioned triple is 792. John commutes from Chatham to take part in the SMCL.

### **Salmons takes second place:**

Alex Salmons fired 734 (276 – 245- 213) on lanes 13 & 14 in the Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League at Marcin Bowl to take second place in the high triple department in LCTA bowling action. Salmons started bowling at age 4 coming up through the Hi-Way Bowl Phantom Junior Bowling Program under the watchful eyes of Shirley and Mel Matthews. He has continued bowling on and off for the past 30 years. Alex said his whole family bowled 10 – pin but his father ‘Scott’ and brother ‘Matt’ have always been his biggest inspirations. Salmons said he played basketball and wrestled when he was younger but loves all sports. As a hobby he enjoys collecting cards. His career personal sanctioned high scores are 300 (1) and 771.



### **Lapointe slides into third:**



Ben Lapointe tossed 722 (238-267-217) in the Friday Night Mixed League at Marcin Bowl to take ownership of the third high triple of the week in LCTA action. This writer is keeping tabs on this high revs right handed young bowler’s 700 triples and he now has 65 (49 in adult leagues and 16 in past youth leagues). Lapointe’s has 8 Honour scores to his credit consisting of 300 (2) -299 (3) – 298 (3) and his sanctioned high triple is 787.

**Legault takes fifth spot:**

Pat Legault rolled 715 (242-265-208) in the Friday Night Mixed League at Marcin Bowl to record the fifth high triple of the week in LCTA bowling activity. Legault started 10-pin bowling at age 5 coming up through the Hi-Way Bowl Phantom Youth Bowling Program and has been knocking down the pins off and on for 33 year. He got interested in bowling when he watched his sister's bowl and enjoyed it so much that he wanted to join the fun. Besides bowling, he loves playing/watching hockey and baseball. His hobbies include other sports in general, building Legos with his son and going for walks with his daughter. His career sanctioned high scores are 300 and 796.

**Watson grabs last 700 spot:**

Brian Watson wheeled 706 (256-207-243) on lanes 17 & 18 in the Sunday Morning Classic League at Marcin Bowl to fill out the 700's in LCTA bowling this past week. Watson is another bowler who picked up his lane skills from a youth bowling program. He went through the Hi-Way Bowl Phantom Youth Bowling Program becoming a solid rival in league competition. His highest sanctioned scores are 785 with 3-300's and 1-299 under his belt.

**Guthrie one pin shy of ladies top single:**

Amanda Guthrie rolled 246 in her last game of the night in the Friday Night Mixed League at Marcin Bowl to register the ladies second highest game of the week. Amanda started bowling at age 8 in the Lake Huron Lanes Junior Bowlers Program and stayed in the program for a couple years before taking a break from bowling. At age 15, she returned joining the Hi-Way Bowl Phantom Junior Bowling Program where she participated for 7 years. She then moved away from Sarnia and left the lanes for another 10 years before returning to Sarnia. This is her first



year back in sanctioned league bowling except for last year when she spared two times. Amanda said she got interested in bowling because her parents were avid bowlers so she grew up in bowling alleys where she also worked at times. Her career high sanctioned scores are 746 (257-234-255) and 257.

### **Honourable Mention:**

- . Brad Best - 696 (258-258) – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- . Ryan Skinner – 691 (288) – Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League.
- . Ben Lapointe – 687 (268) – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- . Shane Chipman – 685 (247-233) – Friday Night Mixed League.
- . Brad Geerts – 684 (247-245) – Thursday Night Mixed League.
- . Rob Vandermeer 684 (275) – Border City Men’s League.
- . Nathan Atchison – 678 (256) – Friday Night Mixed League.
- . Dan Chopp – 676 (241-256) – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- . Dan Vandermeer – 670 (230-236) – Border City Men’s League.
- . Brett Zevenbergen – 660 – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- . Ian Fraser – 659 (267) – Thursday Night Mixed League.
- . Adam Pinel – 653 (244) – Thursday Night Mixed League.
- . Dennis Ramsay -267 – Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League.
- . Dan Cook – 263 – Border City Men’s League.
- . Roy Mezzatesta – 257 – Bluewater Monday Night Men’s League.
- . Rod Honke – 256 – Border City Men’s League.
- . Franco Savo – 254 – Border City Men’s League.



## Other Men's Notable Scores:

Dan Cook 642 (234), Jim Lapointe 640 (235), Larry Plumb 637 (245), Tom Ladanchuck 635 (233), Jordan Croskery 633, Alex Salmons 631 (243), Brian Leneve 631 (235), Chris Murphy 247, Jamie Culley 247, Ralph MacDuff 246, Jim Barber 244, Neil Sinclair 242, Kevin Dunn 240, Bill Cole 236, Mike Marciniszyn 235, Jason Lucas 234, Joe Simmons 233, Cody Wilson 232, William Laframboise 232 and Kevin Lyon 231.

## Other Ladies Notable Scores:

Jo Ellen Beveridge 222, Annette Thompson 219, Pam Marciniszyn 212, Colleen Baldwin 211 and Laura Robertson 200.

