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Weekly Highlights

Lapointe secures 800 but one pin short of perfection:



Jim Lapointe crushed the pins in his first eleven strikes in his final game of the night, only to be disappointed on his last shot when he left a solid, diehard stubborn 10 pin after another solid pocket hit. Lapointe finished with a 299 and an 800 (254-247-299 - 88 pins over average – 167 pins over average for three games) triple to record both the high single and triple of the week in the closing week of bowling in the Lambton County Tenpin Association (LCTA). It was his 10th 700 of the season. Lapointe had 27 out of a possible 36 strikes to record his career 5th 800. His other 800's are 812, 802, 845 and 835. It was the 4th 800 in the

LCTA this season with Mike Shephard (804), Kole Parkkila (819) and Connor D.R. Smith (801) owning the other ones. Lapointe was bowling in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (FTBMNML) on lanes 23 & 24 at Marcin Bowl. It is interesting to note that Lapointe opened the season with a Honour Score (300) and closed the season with two Honour Scores (800-299). Jim has a career 10 sanctioned 300's and 4-299's to his credit in the LCTA.

Lapointe Junior is King of the Lanes:

Ben Lapointe rolled 760 (279 - 58 pins over average - 227-254) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (FTBMNML) on lanes 23 & 24 at Marcin Bowl, to register the second high triple of the week in LCTA bowling competition. It was his 28^{th} 700 of the season



and his career 142nd 700. Ben officially becomes the "King of the Lanes" of the 2024-2025 LCTA bowling season. Lapointe and Mike Shephard were tied at 27-700's each, going into the final night of league bowling and Shephard failed to match Lapointe on the 700. It appears Shephard's game might have been off a bit on Monday night after bowling 13 games on Sunday in the Marcin Big Money Bowl Tournament and taking third spot in the tournament. It was the second year in a row that Lapointe was the King as last year he had 36-700's. His closest competitor last year was his dad "Jim" with 17-700's. Ben and Mike each bowled full time in three leagues this year.

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LCTA team record scratch score ???:



The "Lambton Metal Services" team consisting of Shane Chipman, Connor D.R. Smith, Jim Lapointe and Ben Lapointe had a super night in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League as they fired 2956 (680-716-800-760) scratch for an average of 739 per bowler. Their first game they had 989 scratch for an average of 247 bowler and their second game they had 982 for 245 per bowler. This writer was unable to find out what the LCTA team scratch total

record is, but I would think this might be a record. I also believe that the 1560 recorded by Jim and Ben Lapointe is probably a LCTA 2-man record. The Canadian Tenpin Federation 2-man record is 1598 owned by Mario Proulx (836) and David Wiskowski (762) which they posted at McArthur Lanes in Ottawa.



Skinner good for third spot:



Kyle Skinner tossed 729 (223-275- 68 pins over average - 231) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League FTBMNML) on lanes 27 & 28 at Marcin Bowl, to post the third high triple in the LCTA this past week. It was his 2nd 700 of the season as he previously bowled 746 (257-245-244) also in the FTBMNML. Skinner's career high triple is 807 (290-299 - stubborn 7 pin - 218) which he posted in the 2014-2015 season. He also rolled a 299 (bad attitude 7 pin) in the 2018-2019 season. Skinner finished with a 209 average for 54 games in the FTBMNML this year.

Smith notches number five:



Connor D.R. Smith wheeled 716 (193 - 277 – 60 pins over average – 246) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (FTBMNML) on lanes 23 &24 at Marcin Bowl, to record the 4^{th} high triple of the week in the LCTA . It was his 5^{th} 700 of the season as he previously bowled 711, 721, 725 and 801. Smith's career high scores are 815 (258-279-278) which he bowled in the RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League at Hi-Way Bowl in the 2017 – 2018 season and 300. Smith finished with a 217 average

for 81 games in the FTBMNML this year.

Watson holds down fifth place:



Brian Watson fired 703 (224-237-242) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (FTBMNML) on lanes 31 & 32 at Marcin Bowl, to register the 5th high triple of the week in LCTA bowling action. It was his 5th 700 of the season as he previously bowled 702, 767, 717 and 742. Watson's career high scores are 785 and 300 (3). Watson finished with a 212 average for 93 games in the FTBMNML this year



Gonzalez is last in the race:



Gonzalez rolled 702 (228-237-237) in the Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League (FTBMNML) on lanes 27 & 28 at Marcin Bowl, to record the low 700 of the week in LCTA bowling activity. It was his 2nd 700 of the season as he previously bowled 716 (202-245-269). Gonzalez's career high scores are 777 and 299. Gonzalez finished with a 198 average for 54 games in the FTBMNML this year. It is really heartwarming for this writer to see Nathan back on the lanes again enjoying his favourite sport after a very serious car accident two years ago.

Other Notable Scores from the FTBMNML:

Jeff Rymond 693 (266-238), Shane Chipman 686 (263), Doug Brooks 681 (256-241), Bryce Watson 681 (244-225), Brian Long 679 (258-223), Jamie Ridealgh 674 (231-231), Justin Parkkila 668 (267-230), Roy Mezzatesta 665 (259-248), Mark Robinson 661 (247), Bill Ridealgh 657 (238-235), Kirk Ramsay 647 (222), Mike Shephard 646 (239), Louie Willemsen

635 (247), Ralph MacDuff 632, Dan Vandermeer 630 (236), Jeff Gark 621 (225), Dave Little 245, Kyle Adamson 242, Billy Best 241, Steve Peters 237, Cameron Parkkila 236, Jamie Culley 234, Patrick Mumby 231, Mel Matthews 225, Carl Best 224, Butch Wilson 223, Brad Huggett 210 (+63) and Greg Wright 199 (+53).

Oliver is the champion:

The Marcin Big Money Bowl Tournament was held on Saturday May 3rd and Sunday May 4th with 101 entries bowling 5 qualifying games on different pairs of lanes on Saturday trying to win the top payout of \$20,000.00. The top 20 bowlers on Saturday with their qualifying scratch scores in brackets were Brandon Teddy (1240), Justin Knowles (1203), Jordan Croskery (1181), Lionel



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Lewis Jr. (1179), Brandon Gauthier (1158), Murdoch Lyttle (1153), Bill Ridealgh (1149), Charles Buttery (1142), Michael Raquidan (1140), Ray Beitz (1134), Dan McLelland (1126), Steve Lewicki (1124), Matthew Louis (1121), Brian Stone (1120), Joe Ciach (1115), John Armstrong (1115), Rob Pretty (1115), Darren Alexander (1112), Pierre Belliveau (1108) and Alex Coelho (1106).

On Sunday, the top 51 bowlers from Saturday, rolled another 5 games on different pairs of lanes again to narrow the field down to 17 bowlers. The advancing bowlers with their scratch scores in brackets were Marc Vording (1195), Jordan Croskery (1188), Darren Alexander (1176), Justin Knowles (1167), Matthew Lewis (1152), Mike Shephard (1123), Cliff Bedard (1113), Andy Manasterski (1113), Michael Raquidan (1111), Art Oliver (1103), Ray Beitz (1096), Brian Watson (1095), Joe Ciach (1094), Kevin Schofield (1094), Dan McLelland (1087), Dan Vandermeer (1074) and Steve Lewicki (1072). These 17 bowlers then bowled a 2-game total score eliminating Marc Vording, Dan McLelland, Brian Watson, Cliff Bedard and Jordan Croskery.

The remaining bowlers bowled another 2-game total match play set. The matches were Justin Knowles and Ray Beitz, Andy Manasterski and Matthew Lewis, Art Oliver and Michael Raquidan, Joe Ciach and Dan Vandermeer, Steve Lewicki and Mike Shephard and Darren Alexander and Kevin Schofield. Beitz, Manasterski, Raquidan, Vandermeer, Lewicki and Schofield were eliminated. Note of interest - Schofield was eliminated on an extra 2 frame roll-off.

The next 2 games match play total score were between Justin Knowles and Darren Alexander, Art Oliver and Joe Ciach and Mike Shephard and Matthew Lewis. Alexander, Lewis and Ciach were eliminated leaving Art Oliver, Justin Knowles and Mike Shephard as the number 1, 2 and 3 seeds. Justin Knowles eliminated Mike Shephard in a 2-game total score roll-off and then Art Oliver eliminated Justin Knowles in a 2-game total score roll-off to win the tournament. Oliver and Knowles both bowled 15 games on Sunday and Shephard 13, making it a long day for these three bowlers. Oliver, bowling out of the Hamilton and District Tenpin Bowling Association, took home \$20,000.00. Knowles, from Michigan, took home \$10,000.00 while LCTA bowler Mike Shepard took third place and \$5000.00.

Bowlers from the LCTA taking part in the tournament were Kyle Adamson, John Armstrong, Dan Chopp, Jordan Croskery, Brandon Gauthier, Peter Goodman, Ben Lapointe, Jim Lapointe, Steve Lewicki, Dave Litte, Roy Mezzatesta, Chris Murphy, Aiden Osborn, Justin Parkkila, Kole



Parkkila, Bill Ridealgh, Jamie Ridealgh, Alex Salmons, Kevin Schofield, Roni Shephard, Mike Shephard, Kelly Sitter, Kyle Skinner, Dan Vandermeer, Brian Watson, Bryce Watson and Jeff Wickens.

Sarnia Produce Border City Men's League:

Closing Tournament Results:

1)	Britney Spares	-
2)	Marcin Bowl	-
3)	Twisted Arm	-
4)	Bluewater Plumbing	-
5)	Tuckin Tenpins	-
6)	Gutter Gang	-
7)	Fiddick's Nursing Home	-
8)	Lambton Chiropractic Kingpins	-
9)	Up Rite Doors	-
10)	Lambton Metal Services	-
11)	Sarnia Produce	-



League Champions: Mike Marciniszyn Memorial Trophy

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Bluewater Plumbing – Dave LeClair, Dennis Jenken, Rob Vandermeer, Bryce Watson and Mark Brooker.

Closing Tournament Champions: Ace Truckin Trophy

Britney Spares — Chris Murphy, Brandon Gauthier, Jay Smith, Brad Best and John Armstrong.

High Average: Jim Nicolson Memorial Trophy

Ben Lapointe -215.68 nipping Roy Mezzatesta at 215.16



12) Marcin Bowl Two

High Triple: Harry Dunlop Trophy

Brandon Gauthier - 776

High Single: Matheson Insurance Trophy

Paul Mezzatesta - 300

League Sportsmanship: Paul Champagne Trophy

Mike Rogers

Most improved Bowler:

Kevin Storozuk +14.57

Best Wiring Classic League:

League Champions:

Brian Watson, Kerry Friis and Bill Ridealgh.

High Average:

Ben Lapointe - 223

High Triple:

Roy Mezzatesta - 793

High Single:

Jim Lapoine, Ben Lapointe & Shane Chipman - 300

Most Improved Bowler:

Kerry Friis +19



Fabbri Tile Bluewater Monday Night Men's League:

Closing Tournament Results:

	Team	
1	Lambton Metal	3069
2	True Colours Tattoo	2990
3	GJS Contracting	2894
4	Glory Bowl	2874
5	Boulevard Grille	2859
6	Dirty Dogs	2819
7	The Incredibowls	2776
8	Black Sheep	2745
9	Napa	2740
10	Wine Well	2729
11	Progressive Auto Sales	2711
12	Tallkirk Financial	2707
13	The 4	2698
14	King Pins	2647
15	Mr Chip	2645
16	Nortgate Home Hardware	2640
17	Murphy's	2613
18	Parkkila plus Bryce	2593
19	Pin-Pricks	2579
20	Marcin Maulers	2541
21	Bedrock Bowlers	2533
22	Fabbri Tile	2529
23	Crossroads C&I	2493
24	Tream 24	2492

League Champions:

Parkkila Plus Watson

Bryce Watson, Cameron Parkkila, Kole Parkkila, Justin Parkkila and Logan Klampstra.



Tournament Champions:

Lambton Metal Services:

Jim Lapointe, Ben Lapointe, Shane Chipman and Connor D.R. Smith

High Average:

Kirk Ramsay - 224

High Triple:

First – Kole Parkkila – 819

Second - Connor D.R. Smith - 801

Third – Jim Lapointe - 800

High Single:

Jamie Ridealgh, Billy Best, Kyle Adamson and Brandon Gauthier – 300

Most Improved Bowler:

Zachary Visser

League Highlights - From Kyle Adamson

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The League average was 180.25

The high average was 224.35 and the low was 82.41

26 averages in total over 200

There were 276 games with a score of 250 or better. 772 games between 225 and 249

Three 300 games (Bill Best, Jamie Ridealgh, Kyle Adamson)

Two 299 games (Mike Shephard and Jim Lapointe)

Three 800 series (Kole Parkkila, Connor Smith and Jim Lapointe)

Paul Mezzatesta rolled a 799 and Jim Creasor a 793

97 other series that were over 700.

1 bowler with a 100 pins over average score (Dave Aitkens, 124 pins over) 9 others had more than 90 pins over average just missing the mark.

Zac Visser increased his average from 120 to 139

13 bowlers increased their averages by at least 10 pins. Only 28 bowlers dropped their averages, the greatest drop was under 10 pins.

Mulder Financial Fun League

League Champions:

Three Girls and a Guy

Katie Woolaver, Marianne Woolaver, Linda Worsley and Jerry Worsley

Playoff Champions:

Still Not Luck

Gerry Landon, Dave Slater, Cori Slater and Chris Murphy.

High Average:

Ladies – Dara Sinclair -189 Men – Shane Chipman - 215

High Triple:

Ladies - Cori Slater - 659 Men - Brian Leneve - 760



High Single:

Ladies - Sharon Lewicki - 235 Men - Tyler Hoadley - 289

Most Improved Bowler:

Ladies – Becky Adams +8 Men – Stacy Matthews +16

Most Sportsmanlike Person:

Rudi Mulder

Mike Guzik Realty Re/Max RCAFA 403 Wing Mixed League

League and Tournament Champions:

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Lesley Medeiros, Brittany Belan, Brandon Smith and Paul Medeiros

High Average:

Ladies - Kelly Sitter - 185 Men – Adam Farrenkopf - 194

High Triple:

Ladies – Sabrina Rankin- 624 Men – Brett Zevenbergen 729

High Single:

Ladies – Jo Ellen Beveridge - 214 Men – Jim Barber - 260

Most Improved Bowler:

Ladies – Deanna Slim +14 Men – Will Greenway +22

Most Math Points:

Ladies - Sabrina Rankin - 117 Men - Mel Matthews - 115

Most Devoted and Dedicated Person of the Year:

Jim Barber

Best Sports Person of the Year: Fred Foulis Memorial Trophy

Ladies – Janet Vanderwal Men – Dave Hibbard

Kleen and Brite Thursday Night Mixed League:

League Champions:

Show Me The Mauni

Manisha Rana, Denise Dunn, Nancy Ptolemy, Nick Breuer and Justin Romanik

Tournament Champions:

Trust Me

Jo-Anne VanEkeren, Betty Baldwin, Deb Archer, Al McChesney and Rob Whitsitt.

High Average:

Ladies – Roni Shephard – 181.9 Men – Mike Shephard - 225

High Triple:

Ladies – Anne Strangway - 662 Men – Kevin Dunn - 683

High Single:

Ladies – Laurie Bogaert – 244 Men - Ian Fraser - 290



Most Improved Bowler:

Ladies – Kathy Durley +12 Men – Rick Kloczko +14

Memory Lane:

Border City Men's League

When the doors to Marcin Bowl first opened, the original configuration was twelve 5-pin lanes with a small snack bar. Over the years, additions were added. In the mid-1960s, twelve lanes of 10-pin were added, followed by another twelve lanes in 1976.

The Border City Men's League was one of the first leagues to begin bowling at Marcin's when it opened in 1957. The league was organized by Tony Serratore. According to one of the original bowlers it was started as a shift workers league and they were allowed to have bowl-offs. Once the tenpin side was completed in 1961/62 they moved the league to become one of the first tenpin leagues at Marcin's. Most of the information about this league was provided by one of the original bowlers, Valdo Pennesi. He said that from the very start of the league they had 12 five-man teams. He doesn't remember any of the organizing executive except for Tony as he was more interested in just showing up to bowl. He continued to bowl in the league until the end of the 2010/2011 season. The league was one of the only late start time leagues in the city for the last 35 years and in it's long run they had as many as 20 five-man teams. He also remembers that there was never any problem getting spares as bowlers who wanted to spare would show up early and let the desk know that they were available to spare. At times there were as many as 20 guys wanting to spare on any given night.

Prior to 1998 the league secretary/treasurer was Harry Dunlop and when he retired the team he bowled for donated the Harry Dunlop High Series Trophy.

The Matheson Insurance Trophy was originally awarded to the league champions from 1961 to 1983. It was then renamed the Mike Marciniszyn Memorial Trophy in remembrance of Mike who died in an accident. The Matheson Insurance Trophy was then awarded to the holder of the league High Single of the year



In 1973 the Ace Trucking Trophy was established by Ace Concordia to be awarded to the winners of the league year end tournament. Then in 1998/99 the Jim Nicholson Trophy was established By TSM Mechanical to honour one of their bowlers who was killed while trimming a tree for his daughter, which is awarded to the holder of the league High Average. And last but not least in 1981 the Paul Champagne Memorial Trophy was established by his teammates to recognize the Most Sportsmanlike Bowler in the league because that is what Paul was like.

The league celebrated it's 50th year as a sanctioned league in 2011 and received a certificate and a letter commemorating this achievement. During all those years many bowlers have come and gone but the league still continues to keep filling it's rosters. Some of the bowlers who have bowled in this league at one time or another during those 50 years are: Mike Marciniszyn, Steve Marciniszyn Jr., Yaris Kohut, Bob Yates, Dan Mandeville, Mel Matthews, Mike Jones, Doug Snelgrove, George Rogers, Roger Winter, Ron Langille, Earl Wolfgram, Rick Birmingham, Tom Manis(who bowled the 1st 300 in the league), Jim Lapointe, Roy Mezzatesta, Edgar Haddon, Steve Lewicki Sr., Steve Lewicki Jr., and Ron Kloske just to name a few of the more well known Sarnia bowlers. If you are interested in seeing more on the past champions and other award winners search on google "Border City Mens League' and go to their website. Congratulations on such a long history and keep on bowling.





