

MEMBERSHIP

We appear to be holding our own with our membership numbers, which is very positive in the declining industry. However, the decreasing YBC registrations are a concern for us as we feel that they do impact our membership numbers especially with our teaching division. In particular, our Master Bantam and Junior events have seen members struggle to gather enough team members for masters to compete. As a result, you will see that the board has taken steps to address this situation in order to ensure that all Masters and as many youth as possible can continue to bowl in this great event.

The board also met in the summer to address membership issues and we have reviewed our membership categories, look to offer more coaching courses through our association, link with the coaching coordinator of the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers Association as well as continue to promote our association in various ways. One way we have tried to do this for this season is by offering for the tournament division only, non-members to participate once every 3 years. They are not eligible for a tournament ring but have the opportunity to experience the masters and what we have to offer.

Our 2009-2010 membership and previous statistics are:

DIVISION	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007	2005-2006	2004-2005
Affiliated Teaching Ladies	169	182	216	207	203	214
Teaching Ladies-Unaffiliated	9	6	6	5		
Teaching Men-Affiliated	319	315	340	348	368	388
Teaching Men-Unaffiliated	20	18	17	13		
Tournament Ladies	13	18	15	17	23	24
Tournament Men	33	27	28	26	42	58
Seniors Only	37	36	36	39	31	23
Associate Members	3	3	3	0	2	5
	603	605	661	655	669	712

If you know of someone graduating from YBC, they have free membership their first year they are out. So, why not entice them to join when they do finish YBC as it decreases their costs but also provides us with more members for our various events including the Master Youth ones.

As an Association, we welcome any assistance you can give us to secure just one member (why not the YBC Program Director?) from these centres. If you have any leads, please call the office at (416) 426-7165.