

MEMBERSHIP

Once again this year our association and our membership numbers continue to stay very close to our current levels. This is very positive in the declining bowling industry and while you will see that our current membership numbers are at 578 members the difference between this year and last year is our YBC Graduates. Normally we have 20 or more YBC graduates joining our association annually, this year due to the Bowl Canada decision to increase the YBC age by one year, our YBC Graduates who joined the MBO this year is down to only 2. We are confident that had this age change not occurred we would once again be over 600 members. The new format for our Master Youth events seems to have been a positive move in many areas of the province. Overall team entries for the Fall event were down and we are concerned that with the increase in Bowling Centres not joining Bowl Ontario, we may need to make further changes to these events. Our Seniors Division and those playing in the Sidney L. Morris Seniors Tour continues to grow with over 70 players attending each of our first two events. Participation at most of our Tournament Events is up over last year which tells us that you are enjoying these events and we strive to ensure that they are delivered in a professional manner so that you the Bowler, need only to worry about your performance and enjoyment.

Our 2010-2011 membership and previous statistics are:

DIVISION	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007	2005-2006
Affiliated Teaching Ladies	149	169	182	216	207	203
Teaching Ladies-Unaffiliated	11	9	6	6	5	
Teaching Men-Affiliated	303	319	315	340	348	368
Teaching Men-Unaffiliated	27	20	18	17	13	
Tournament Ladies	11	13	18	15	17	23
Tournament Men	27	33	27	28	26	42
Seniors Only	46	37	36	36	39	31
Associate Members	4	3	3	3	0	2
	578	603	605	661	655	669

If you know someone who will be graduating from YBC, we offer free membership their first year after they graduate. 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 Tournaments.

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. The Board is currently looking into offering an incentive for members who bring new masters in or back. If you have any leads, please call the office at (416) 426-7165.