MEMBERSHIP

The Master Bowlers Association is committed to conducting tournament events that are managed and well organized so that our members can participate, have fun and enjoy the best competitions spread over an entire season, ending with our National Championships. We are the association for bowlers who enjoy tournament events, and provide competition for every skill level.

Each year we see additional closings of bowling centres and this year was no exception. Dickson Bowl in Cambridge, Bowlerama Stoney Creek, Georgetown Bowl and this January we will see Bowlerama West close. These closings continue to concern us, however our members remain dedicated to participating in the many events that we offer and we truly appreciate the support.

Our 2017-2018 membership and previous statistics are:

DIVISION	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-2011
Affliated Teaching Ladies	104	123	128	117	126	125	137	149
Teaching Ladies-Unaffiliated	19	12	17	17	15	13	13	11
Teaching Men-Affiliated	181	205	203	216	226	264	274	303
Teaching Men-Unaffiliated	18	23	27	20	19	19	31	27
Tournament Ladies	12	10	17	19	13	14	15	11
Tournament Men	21	20	34	29	31	25	23	27
Seniors Only	50	45	36	51	45	32	45	46
Associate / Life Members	9	7	6	8	8	5	5	4
	414	**445**	**468**	**477**	**483**	**497**	**543**	**578**

In 2016 we introduced a referral incentive. Members who refer a new member can receive a $25.00 credit towards next year's renewal fee. You may also refer a former member who has been away for at least 3 years. Conditions apply to this offer. This season, seven returning members received this credit for their referrals from last year. We are happy to make this offer again this season.

We also have seen 47 new members join our association this season and we welcome them to our friendly group of bowlers. We hope you enjoy the events we offer and encourage you to participate in as many as you can, to experience the camaraderie of our members. We are always welcoming new players. Please consider referring someone to our Association.