

2025 - WECKBA – Youth Program – 60th Anniversary

2024-2025 season was supposed to be a celebration of the 60th Year of our Youth Bowling Program.

Unfortunately, the season started with a major tragedy that devastated our youth bowling community.



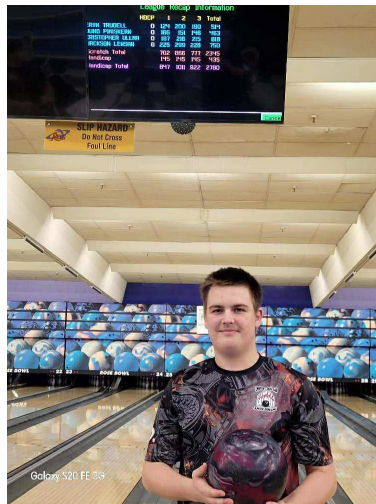
We lost our long-time Program Chairperson Dan Dumouchelle to a serious truck accident which impacted all of us. He spent the majority of his life devoted to the success of the Local Youth Bowling program. Youth Bowling Program was his passion. At first without him we struggled to take over and run the Youth program, but we eventually gained momentum and continued building the strong youth bowling legacy that he instilled in all of us.



Untimely death of youth bowler Sebastian Belliveau January 2025. This is a picture taken of Sebastian just after he bowled a 300 game on Saturday Feb. 17, 2024. Tilbury's Belliveau, 17, also set a new Bowlerama Chatham youth house series record of 749.



Ellie Caille represented team Southern Ontario at Canadian youth championships in Quebec City in May in the bantam girl division



Congrats **Lewsaw brothers** of Windsor Ontario. Jackson Lewsaw proudly received his 299 game plaque from CTF — a well-deserved recognition for his near-perfect game! Then, like clockwork, Saturday night, his brother Jared Lewsaw matched the magic with a 299 of his own during league play at Super Bowl Lanes! Talk about timing! Jackson joked he'll share his plaque until Jared gets his own... which shouldn't be long at this rate.



Luca Formosa (youth bowler on left) bowled a 298 game
Luke Gates (youth bowler on right) bowled a 300 game (Apr. 13, 2024) and his first 723 series (Feb. 24, 2024)

Third game of the doubles event these 2 youth bowlers (Matt McGuin-left and Luke Gates-right) went strike for strike with Matt bowling 290 and Luke bowling a 288. They were bowling next to each other on separate pairs.

We run 9 tournaments locally, one being Youth Scholarship Tournament. There are also 4 Provincial Youth Tournaments. \$8800 in scholarship money was given out for tournament winners only. This does not include the money given out for the Youth Scholarship Tournament.

The Rose Bowl youth program and the Super Bowl youth programs each have their own additional scholarship money that they give out for their individual youth bowling programs.

Youth program within the Local Bowling Association runs at 4 bowling centres: Alley Pub & Grill (Tilbury), Chatham Bowlerama (Chatham), Revs Rose Bowl (Windsor), Super Bowl (Windsor). Total youth bowlers in our association totaled 268 bowlers for 2024-2025 season.

Revs Rose Bowl had two separate youth programs Club 240 youth bowling and Unifor 444 youth bowling. Club 240 youth bowling and Unifor 444 youth bowling combined to make one league at the same house to have it as one universal league. We stayed under the Unifor 444 banner and dropped the Club 240 name.



The Youth Banners were made because a parent approached Dan and Scott a few years ago with the idea of not having a bunch of trophies or plaques because they end up in a box. With the banner a bowler could hang them up in their house or room and they don't take up a lot of space. Scott Gates came up with these small banners.