



# Jack Fine President's Award

## Fran Clarke 2014

Fran Clarke is a unique individual whose passion for bowling began as a child, registering in the Youth Bowling Council program at Gibson's Lanes in Calgary. Her tendency to become involved can be traced back to her graduation from the Youth Bowling program, as shortly afterwards she took her Master Instructor's Course and began coaching in the Gibson's YBC program. By 1983 she was their Program Director, and later that same year she coached the Ladies team to a Silver Medal at the Canada Winter Games.

The following year, 1984, she was coaching her first High School Team, which was the start of a life-long relationship with the Calgary 5-Pin Bowlers Association, an organization she went on to serve for 30 consecutive years.

She has gone on to participate in 14 Provincial Open events, 6 as a member of the team, the remainder as coach. 3 of those years brought success at the national level as well.

At the 1982 National Open she captured a National Title on the ladies team, and earned 2 medals as coach of the mixed team.... a Bronze in 1984 followed by Gold in 2000.

Her efforts and dedication to 5-pin bowling have been recognized on several occasions.... She is the proud recipient of the 1999 "Millie Scott" award for contributions to her Calgary Zone. She is a two time recipient of the C5PBA's Coach of the Year award for 1988 and 1995. In 2000, and again in 2004, she was named the Alberta 5 Pin Open Provincial's All Star Coach. And in 2009 she was recognized with Life Membership in the Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers Association.

Going back to her role in the centre, she became the Manager of Calgary's Chinook Bowladrome in 1992 and remained in that position for 20 years, only to step it up a notch and become the co-owner and general manager of Chinook in 2003, a position she has held until her recent decision to retire.



Bowl Canada President Kyle Harre presents the Jack Fine President's Award to Fran Clarke  
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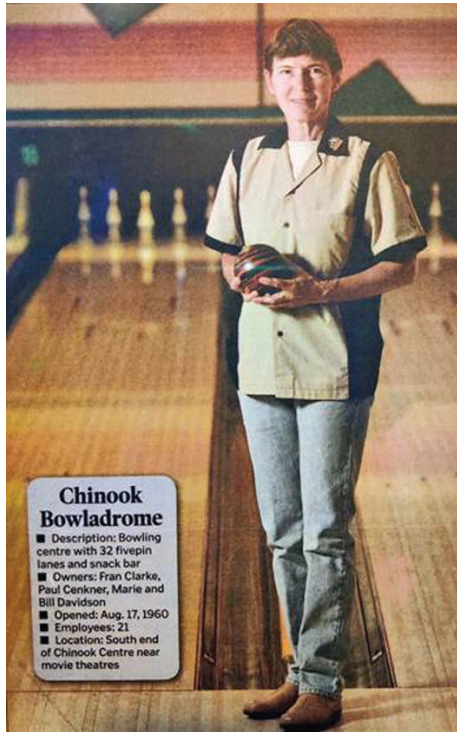


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Fran has been a National Technical Committee member for C5 as well as the Technical Director for the Alberta 5pin Bowlers Association from 1985-96.

She served the A5 as a Board member for 17 years... Bowl Alberta as a Zone Director for 9... and the Bowling Federation of Alberta for 8 years. She is, and/or has been, a Master Learning Facilitator, National Course Conductor, and Lane Inspection Agent.

She has Conducted over 100 technical and officials seminars, contributed to the revision of the NCCP Level 1 & 2 Technical seminars, played a role in the development of what would have been Level 3 Technical. And more recently



we were in sudden need of a new Judge of Play for our television series on TSN (Pins Game) Fran was the only call we had to make.

It is no wonder that the C5PBA recently awarded her the C5PBA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Incredibly enough, there are many other accomplishments and contributions to mention, but beyond all the bowling.... as a golfer she's also had a hole in one!

Fran is a very organized person, one who gives her all to a project she believes in, and one that always leaves people impressed by the quality and care of work she provides. I can honestly say that after working with her on the hosting of a couple of National Championships that I have, and always will, hold her in high regard.

Fran Clarke deserves the respect of her peers, and this is why she is the recipient of the Bowl Canada President's Award. Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in congratulating our 2014 recipient. From Calgary, Alberta....



she's contributed to the current "Community Sport" Program and even brought the concepts of Long Term Athlete Development to the Bowl Canada membership in the early days of LTAD.

Fran has hosted several National Championships including the YBC Nationals in 2001, the 1998 Masters Nationals, and the Dairy Queen Kids & Golden Agers Nationals in 1993. And when

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