



## Jack Fine President's Award

# Paul & Monique Godmaire - 2017

The common ground for all President's Award recipients to date is a lifelong passion for the sport of bowling. Our 2017 recipients are no exception.

Together they are the dynamic duo who have organized, managed and supported the YBC fivepin program in the province of Quebec.... Paul & Monique Godmaire.

The program's humble beginnings in Quebec saw its bowlers compete as an extension of the Southern Ontario program and contingent. The Godmaires saw a better future for their community than that. Fiercely proud of their heritage and province, they worked together to unite the limited resources of Quebec fivepin, which is virtually only found along the Gatineau/Ottawa border, and created the mass required for a dedicated provincial contingent on the national stage.

It's been said that the gift of time is priceless. But even time alone is not



Bowl Canada President Todd Britton presents the Jack Fine President's Award to Paul & Monique Godmaire May, 2017 - Gatineau, QC

enough. To truly excel at anything requires passion, and passion needs heart. In this case there are two of them... beating to the same rhythm and with the same intensity, sharing successes and challenges over a volunteer career of 35 years, with a constant drive to provide a wonderful sporting experience for several generations of youth bowlers in Quebec.

Time after time we've seen their experience solve potential problems before they arise, and their dedication work to

resolve issues quickly, fairly and efficiently for all concerned.

I'm honoured to know and have worked with Monique and Paul for over 25 years. While



Paul Godmaire with fellow YBC Provincial Chairs from across Canada (May, 2004)

Monique preferred to shun the limelight and leave Paul to be the public face of the CQjQQ (Conseil Québécois des Jeunes Quilleurs et Quilleuses), watching them work it was immediately apparent that they were a team

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through and through.

Together they were ambassadors for their group and fought for the rights of Quebec bowlers and coaches on the national stage. They worked incredible hours to ensure the YBC experience in their community was flawless and professional at all times.

They carried the torch in lobbying English Canada to provide



the YBC experience in both official languages (as best as possible), and worked diligently

with the many great volunteers in the area to welcome all of Canada to their turf, proudly hosting the country, not once but twice, for its National Championships under their care and guidance.

As the Provincial Administrator for Quebec's YBC Fivepin program, Paul also liaised with provincial counterparts across the country, bringing the needs and concerns of his group to the National Board for resolution, and sharing and bringing home ideas to continue growth for YBC in their region.

The gift of time IS priceless. I believe their passion shines as bright as their hearts of gold. In return we can only offer back two things that



are suitable for people who freely give this much of themselves.... Respect and Admiration. I assure you all that they have mine completely, and I know they also carry the respect and admiration of the entire bowling industry, and the youth bowling community across Canada.

Paul and Monique...Bowl Canada is delighted to present you with it's highest honour... The Jack Fine President's Award.

Your lifetime of service and support to youth bowling demands nothing less.



**Congratulations and thank you both!**

