



Jack Fine President's Award

Jamie Newton

2023

The Jack Fine President's Award was instituted in 2012 to recognize member proprietors who have made meaningful contributions to the sport and/or industry of bowling in a number of ways. Tonight we acknowledge an individual who has much in common with the past recipients of this prestigious award.

JAMIE NEWTON joined the YBC program back in 1976 at the age of 6 and found a passion for fivepin bowling awaiting him on the lanes. Through his YBC career he rose through the YBC ranks and managed to represent his home province of Manitoba at the YBC Nationals on 4 occasions, competing in the 1984, 1985, 1989 and 1990 Nationals, and proudly claiming the Silver medal on the Junior Boys Team in 1985.

In 1986 he expanded his passion for bowling and began working at Rossmere Lanes part time. By 1996 he had a full time position as Manager of the bowling centre.

Having graduated from YBC, Jamie (as you would expect if you know Jamie) was quick to give back to the program by lending his knowledge and experience to the next crop of YBC enthusiasts at Rossmere Lanes through coaching. He and his bowlers have claimed success over the years at YBC Nationals, including earning the Senior Boys Team Bronze medal in 2001, the Bantam Boys Team Gold in 2014,



Bowl Canada President Ray Brittain presents the Jack Fine President's Award to Jamie Newton
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and in 2022 he and his team, which included his son Logan, earned both the Junior Boys Team Silver and the Junior Mixed Team Silver.

Backing up a little, in 2013 he decided he was ready to invest in the bowling business, purchasing Rossmere Lanes and never looking back. As manager before, and then as proprietor, he stepped up to volunteer on the Bowl Manitoba Board of Directors, giving over 20 years to the association as Treasurer and also as the Provincial YBC Chair for 4 seasons.

As the Provincial YBC Chair, he held a seat on the Bowl Canada Delegates' Council from 2016-17 to 2021.

As a member of the Delegates' Council his calm demeanor and ability to work with people towards better outcomes was noticed, and it wasn't long before he was tapped to contribute on some key committees for Bowl Canada, including the Covid Relaunch Committee and the YBC Nationals Format Committee.

At Rossmere, he has been a Host Proprietor for YBC Nationals on multiple occasions, and together with Todd Britton was Co-Host Coordinator of the 2014 Nationals, which was a special one... our 50th Anniversary Nationals. They put on a very memorable event, complete with celebratory fireworks, etc.

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Through Jamie, Manitoba YBC was the first to adopt the YBC Express Singles Provincials, and seeing an opportunity to expose newer bowlers to the excitement of competition, Jamie tied the YBC Provincial Finals in with a POA provincial so that bowlers of all ability got to experience the energy of the scratch event and therefore get more involved in competition.

He's always got ideas, and a recent one was to create a rotation schedule of host centres at YBC Nationals, which we aimed to do for the 2021 Nationals which, except for Covid, would have been held in Winnipeg. But one should never save a good idea.... so I stole it and suggested it to the Regina proprietors for this year's nationals... they loved it and it proved a success. Thanks again Jamie!

A few years back he approached us with an event he had developed for his province, which he had tentatively named March Madness. It was an online tournament to keep kids across the province competitively engaged in the sport throughout the season without need to travel. His initial run was a success and he saw that it would be easily up-scaled to a national event for all of YBC. This was the inception of what we now know as the YBC Shootout.

The Shootout was launched nationally in 2020 just before Covid kicked in. We were down to the final 4 when closures were announced nation-wide, and were forced to declare co-champions. Throughout Covid the YBC Shoot-

out was a godsend, allowing for athletes to get in some competition when face to face events were banned. The Shootout has grown every year since, and the 2023 edition boasted 3,269 entries (up 19% over last season) and a prize pool of \$16,425. To date, with only a few years under our belts, over \$35,000 has been awarded to YBC members, boy and girls in every age division, across the country. A true success that is here to stay and may be the pre-cursor to more online competition.

The thing about Jamie is not just the endless ideas (and these are only some of them). It's that he's keen to share and help grow the sport and business he loves wherever he can. For development of the YBC Shootout and much more, we are pleased to present the Jack Fine President's Award to our 2023 recipient.....

Winnipeg, Manitoba's **JAMIE NEWTON**.

