

Welcome back to the start of the 2015 season. I hope you've had the time to relax over the Festive season and either enjoyed the break from league for a few weeks or perhaps you've used the time to get in some extra practice in readiness for the year ahead.

One person who most certainly hasn't taken a break is our own [Jason Belmonte](#) who continues to create history winning the United States Bowling Congress for a 3rd consecutive year and shortly thereafter won the PBA Tournament of Champions. He is the first bowler to win back to back titles in both these events. It's hard to fathom the significance of this achievement and dare I say something that we are not likely to see for many years if ever, unless of course Belmo can somehow do it again! In recent weeks Belmo has had plenty of coverage in the media appearing on Channel 10's The Project, Fox Sports and multiple radio stations. Jason is undoubtedly one of Australia's greatest athletes and we must continue to promote his wonderful achievements and highlight to the public that bowling is a highly competitive sport as well as a wonderful recreation.

One of the exciting opportunities to continue to promote our sport is tenpin bowling's inclusion in the new **Sporting Schools Program** which kicks off in July. One of 34 sports, tenpin bowling will be offered to primary school aged children all over the country as part of the government's initiative to get more children playing sport. Read [here](#) to find out more.

Now let's talk about the changes to membership. We have certainly fielded a lot of enquiries about what's changed for 2015 and yes I am the first to admit in many ways the changes are more complex than in previous years particularly if you bowl league in more than one centre. I hope you will take time to [read the background](#) behind what prompted the change and where things are heading. You may still prefer the old membership model but it will at least provide you with some answers as to why we have made these changes!

Still on membership let's talk about some of the exciting changes coming your way in 2015. Some are here already whilst others are still a work in progress. By the middle of the year the technology we have developed and are continuing to refine will provide some innovative and exciting features.

To begin with over the next few weeks you will receive your [TBA membership card](#) which will be sent to your centre for you to collect. Your new look membership card also provides you with access to the [SportsPass program](#) which contains hundreds of discounts, 2 for 1 offers, upgrades and other offers from over 100 national retailers. When you receive your card simply head to the SportsPass website at www.sportspass.com.au to activate your card and start saving! We'd love to know what you think of the new card design and the SportsPass offers. If you have any questions about membership please be sure to visit our [FAQ's page](#).

As a TBA member you will also have access to your own electronic portal and if you bowl league in one of the many centres using our new technology there is a whole new world of information waiting for you. In such centres, your portal will contain detailed personal statistics such as the average number of strikes per game, open frames, spare percentage and many more. Not only that, you will be automatically notified by email when you become eligible to win an award and you have the choice of whether to redeem this or not.

We appreciate there is a lot of change and ask for your patience over the coming weeks as we distribute over 30,000 cards to 120 registered bowling centres. Thank you for your support by being a registered member.

Yours in Bowling,

Cara Honeychurch
Chief Executive Officer – Tenpin Bowling Australia



Why the Change to TBA Membership?

Are you confused about some of the changes to TBA membership for 2015 and want to know the background behind the reasons for the change?

If so, read the full article [here >>](#)



Frequently Asked Questions

Have a specific question about the new membership process?

Click [here](#) for the most commonly asked questions about membership.



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The SportsPass program which contains hundreds of discounts, 2 for 1 offers, upgrades and other offers from over 100 national retailers is now live and ready for you to use.

Find out more [here >>](#)



Belmonte Rules Supreme

Another historic, action-packed stepladder final propelled Australian bowling star, Jason Belmonte into the top echelon of bowling champions with a spectacular victory in the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions.

Read [more >>](#)



Warm Up Exercises for Bowling

Ever wondered what warm up exercises you should be doing before you bowl? In this short video, Team USA Sports Performance Specialist Nick Bohanan talks with professional bowler Chris Barnes to learn how he physically prepares to bowl.

Check it out [here >>](#)



Countdown to Australian Junior Championship

The clock is ticking to the start of the 2015 Australian Junior Championship, the pinnacle national competition for under 18 year-old bowlers.

Read [more >>](#)



Tenpin Bowling Joins New Sporting Schools Program

Tenpin bowling is one of 34 sports children will be able to access under a new government initiative designed to get more children involved in sport.

Read [more >>](#)



Langford Wins 2015 Kegel Qld Open

18 year old Jarrod Langford from Far North Queensland won his first Open Ranked event, capturing the prestigious Kegel Open.

Read more [here >>](#)



George Frilingos Wins Back to Back Titles in Perth

Congratulations to Queenslander, George Frilingos for winning back to back titles in Perth at the fourth running of the Joondalup Cup.

Read more [here >>](#)



Fishing and Outdoor World Ladies Classic

Congratulations to Victoria's Bec Warren, who won the 2015 Fishing and Outdoor World Ladies Classic.

Read more [here >>](#)



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'Peninsula Daisies' Celebrate 50 Years of League Bowling

The Peninsula Daisies tenpin bowling league first started bowling at Clayfield Bowl in 1965.

Read more about their history [here >>](#)



Announcement of 2015 National Training Squad

TBA is pleased to announce the 2015 Adult and Youth NTS which is the available pool of athletes from which all National teams travelling in 2015 will be selected.*

Read [more here >>](#)



2015 World Senior Championship Team Decided

TBA Hall of Famer Jeanette Baker and National Coach Andrew Frawley led the way in the selection roll-off to determine the 4 person teams to represent Australia in Las Vegas in August.

Find out who made the team [here >>](#).



Announcement of Asian Youth and Asian Schools Teams

As our team of 8 athletes prepares to head off to Macau in a couple of weeks for the Asian Youth Championship, the Asian Schools team is busily preparing for their event in Hong Kong in July. Find out who made the teams [here >>](#)



2015 [Ranked Events](#)

14 - 15 March [Seniors Australian Open](#) & [Werribee Youth Cup](#)

3 - 5 April [Australian Open](#) & [Vic 150](#)

18 - 19 April [South Aust Seniors Classic](#)



Current Recognised High Games

Check out the latest recognised high games from around the country [here](#).

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