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## ONTARIO BOWLERS NEWEST INDUCTEES INTO CANADIAN TENPIN FEDERATION'S HALL OF FAME

Bill Rowe, Catharine Willis of Hamilton, Ontario and Craig Woodhouse, St. Catharines, Ontario have been named to the Athletes category of the Canadian Tenpin Federation Hall of Fame. They become the 17, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> members in the hall. They join eight athletes, one veteran and seven builders in the national tenpin hall. They will be honoured during the opening ceremonies of the CTF Championships that will take place in the Greater Toronto area, May 19, 2005

An accomplished international player, Rowe was an eight-time Team Canada member and a five-time Canadian Male Bowler of the Year. He won titles in five continents – North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. Rowe earned a gold and bronze medal at the Pan America Games in Argentina in 1995 and four silver and a bronze at the 1997 American Zone Championships in the Dominican Republic. A silver medal in men's singles at the 1995 World Championships was followed by winning the men's championships at the 1996 Atlanta Bowling Challenge where the best in the world played prior to the Olympic Games. He was the top international player at the ABC Masters in 1996 when he finished in the top 10 and he earned \$50,000 as champion at the United Arab Emirates Open. Rowe is one of two Canadians competing on the exempt 2005.

Professional Bowlers Tour.

Catharine Willis climaxed a great local, provincial and national career as a youth and adult bowler when she won the women's masters title by bowling both single and two-game record at the 1991 World Championships in Singapore. She also earned gold in trios – Canada's first gold at the world level - and two silver medals - women's doubles and all events – in Singapore. Willis was named 1991 Woman Bowler of the Year by the World Bowling Writers and is a ninetime British Columbia Woman Bowler of the Year and two-time Canadian Woman Bowler of the Year. Willis was a member of Team Canada eight times and national champion in 1994. She earned gold medals in singles and team at the 1995 Pan American Games and bowled for Canada at two Commonwealth Invitational events where she earned five gold, two silver and two bronze medals Willis was selected as an ambassador for the sport of tenpins at the summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

Craig Woodhouse was a member of Team Canada four times before serving as national coach from 1994 – 2002. Woodhouse won a gold medal in men's singles at the 1989 American Zone Championships as well as two silver and two bronze medals at Zone Championships in 1985 and 1993. He has been the most successful Canadian at the American Bowling Congress Championships. In 1986, he was the first Canadian to bowl a 2000 all events nine game score at the ABC. Woodhouse earned two prestigious 'eagles' signifying an ABC Championships with the Brunswick Rhino's who were team and team all events champions in1990. He held fifth spot in the ABC five year average in 1991 with a 212.8 average and was 10<sup>th</sup> in the 10 year average in 1992 with 210. Woodhouse represented Canada at the 1992 Brunswick World Open where he finished second among foreign invitees. As well as his international career, he was a very successful competitor at the 'mega buck' tournaments. He won \$250,000 at the Lucky Strike

Filter Classic in 1984 and \$5,000 at the Hoinke Classic in 1985. Woodhouse was named CTF Coach of the Year in 1998 and is presently enjoying a successful coaching career as national coach of the Dominican Republic bowling team.

The following are the current members of the CTF Hall of Fame: **Athletes:** Cathy Townsend, Joanne Walker-Keefe, Ron Sarroino (deceased), Montreal, PQ, Jane Vetero, Kitchener-Waterloo, On., Fran Sanderson, Toronto, On, Lorna Pollock, Victoria, BC, Jean Gordon, Burnaby, BC, Frank Boehm, Regina, Sk, **Veteran:** Lil Hilton, Edmonton, Ab. **Builders;** Joan Esary, North Vancouver, BC, John Trager, Winnipeg, Mb, Ray Mitchell, White Rock, BC, Dorothy Nelson, Calgary, Ab., Harry Beatty (deceased), Barrie, On., Hazel McLeary, Victoria, BC, Joyce Woolgar, Norval, On.

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